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Hart ISD will graduate 36 Wednesday

Hart High School will award diplomas to 36 graduates Wednesday evening during commencement exercises at the school gymnasium.

A special baccalaureate service will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hart. Graduation ceremonies are slated to begin at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Brenda Campbell will perform the processional, then John Emery will give the invocation.

Geneva Finch will offer the salutatorian's address.

After the class history is delivered by John Mark Bennett and Christine Guzman, HHS Principal Digger Elam will present awards to members of the senior class, then Cheryl Upshaw will present scholarships.

Vanessa Chia will deliver her valedictory address following the scholarship presentations.

Elam will present the class for graduation, then diplomas will be awarded by School Board President Harold Bob Bennett and Interim Superintendent Ted Averitt.

The seniors will sing the school song, then Bennett will deliver the benediction. The recessional will be performed

by Brenda and James Campbell.



NEWLY ELECTED members of the Castro County Hospital District board recite their oath of office during a called breakfast meeting last Thursday at Plains Memorial Hospital. From left are Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers, Layne Myatt and

Board Secretary Carolyn Sides. Ramaekers and Sides are incumbents; Myatt succeeds Jerry Annen, who did not seek re-election. These three will serve with Mark Welch and Dr. W. J. Hill on the board during Photo by Don Nelson the coming year.

Extension office A/C is on the blink **Commissioners** seek bids on air conditioning system

Motorcycle-car crash takes life of area man

Nazareth native Philip Brockman, 56, of the Lazbuddie area, died from injuries he received in a car-motorcycle crash Sunday afternoon, according to an article in the May 15 issue of the Amarillo Globe-News.

Brockman died around 9 p.m. Sunday at Muleshoe Area Medical Center, according to Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Beighle, as quoted in the article.

It was reported that the wreck occurred at the intersection of FM 145 and FM 1731 south of Bovina. A 1995 Mercury Cougar driven by Sammy Chavez of Morton was south-bound on FM 1731 and Brockman was eastbound on FM 145 on a 1992 Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, Beighle said.

"Chavez failed to stop at a stop sign and hit the motorcycle on its left side in the intersection," Beighle said. He added that Chavez did not report any injuries.

Funeral Mass for Brockman had been set for Wednesday morning in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina. Burial was to follow in Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona. Brockman was a farmer and manager/salesman at the Lazbuddie plant for Wilbur-Ellis Fertilizer. He had served on the Lazbuddie school board for 12 years.

He is survived by his wife; two sons and a daughter; two sisters and three brothers; and three grandchildren.

Two youths hurt in four-wheeler crash

Two youngsters were hurt in the crash of a four-wheeler Sunday afternoon in the Nazareth area and both were transported by Aeroflight to Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Matthew Birkenfeld, 12, the son of Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld of Nazareth, and his cousin, Danielle Peddy, 11, the daughter of Tim and Karen Peddy of Seminole, suffered injuries in the crash, which happened a short distance from the home of their grandparents, Herman and Marwheeler and was headed back to her grandparents' house.

"Part of the road was washed out and she lost control," Glenda said. "The vehicle shot across the road and into some barbed wire."

Glenda said Matthew told her the vehicle then slung them into the concrete and steel fence of a near-by feed yard.

Glenda said Matthew's mouth hit Danielle's helmet, breaking his nose and cutting his lip bad enough to need stitches. She said he also ended up with a concussion. Danielle suf-

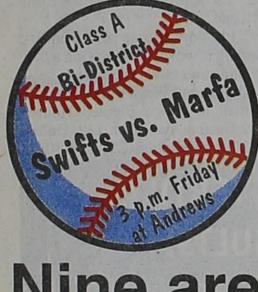


By Don Nelson

The Holy Family Church will hold Baccalaureate for Nazareth's seniors and eighth graders Sunday morning with a mass conducted by Msgr. B. A. Erpen and Deacons Jerome Brockman and Al Maurer. The service will be followed by a breakfast.

No problem is anticipated regarding the separation of school and church.Almost all of the Nazareth students are members of the Holy Family Church anyway.

At Hart, Baccalaureate will be in the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, with the minister, Aaron (Continued on Page 9)



Nine are indicted

Nine people were handed indictments by the May 15 session of the Castro County Grand Jury.

Melvin Eugene Washington, 38, of Olton, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. (Continued on Page 9)

The staff at the Castro County Ex- County Judge Trene Miller told ing as the county's depository. tension Service is sweating it out as Neal to solicit estimates on what a they wait for relief from a malfunc- new system would cost, and report tioning air conditioning system.

with county commissioners in open meeting. forum Monday and informed the court that the air conditioning system

Neal said she had local contractors as the county's depository. inspect the system, which circulates First United Bank and First water and ammonia in a system fu- Bank-Dimmitt Branch had provided 1, and Barnes told commissioners the eled by natural gas.

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back to commissioners Monday when teer Fire Dept. told commissioners his Extension Agent Marilyn Neal met they have scheduled a special called department had recently applied for a

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First Time Home Buyers

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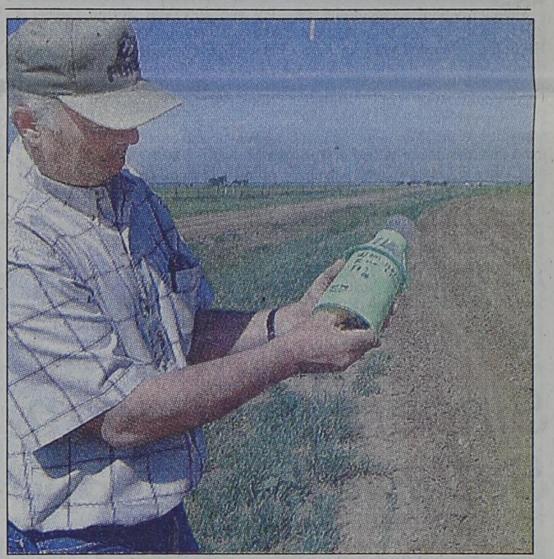
Brad Barnes with the Hart Volun- ilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth. grant from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA), Commissioners agreed Monday to and if the application is approved, the fire truck and Jaws of Life.

The grant application was due May Hart Fire Dept. had requested Neal told commissioners the system The bids were similar in most ar- \$138,000 for a new fire truck and If the department is approved for

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According to Glenda Birkenfeld, Danielle had been driving the four-

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CHECKING FOR WEEVILS-Mark Welch, field unit supervisor for the Dimmitt office of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, shows a boll weevil trap that has been placed in a field just north of Dimmitt. He said the traps will be checked about once a week by trappers looking for signs of infestation severe enough to warrant spraying of the field and surrounding area. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Program available at PCS Lazaro and Adela Bojorquez of two more cases are pending ap- then go to a bank to arrange financ-Dimmitt have lived here for eight proval. ing. years, but this is the first year they "There is over \$200,000 in fund-

will pay property taxes. ing available for this program for this They became homeowners in year," said PCS Center Coordinator

January through the First Time Stella Devers. If someone is interested in applyby Panhandle Community Services. ing for the program, they should choose a house that is for sale and

"If they pre-qualify there (at a bank), the process will be much quicker on our part," Devers said. "Our paperwork is pretty quick. We

will contact the bank and they will (Continued on Page 7)

Schaeffer returned as school board president

David Schaeffer was returned to his position as president of the Dimmitt school board after a unanimous vote at last Thursday's meeting

Board members first convened in a special session to canvass and approved the vote totals from the May 5 election. Then the two who were declared elected were sworn in. Paul Garcia was returned to office for Place 4 with 29 votes to the 11 received by challenger Johnny Gonzales. Rick Wright was declared elected, since he had been unopposed for Place 2.

School board members Chevo Lumbrera and John Nino were absent from the meeting.

In regular session, the board members who were present unanimously selected Schaeffer for presi-

Student holidays are given on teacher in-service and comp days, which will include Nov. 21, Jan. 2, and Feb. 22. Half-day holidays for students will include Oct. 19, Dec. 21, Jan. 24, and May 23.

Following a closed session, the board voted to accept the resignations of Anthony and Renee Howerton. He coaches at high school and teaches social studies, and she coaches at middle school and teaches health. They are moving to Meadow, where he will be head basketball coach. Resignations also were accepted from first grade

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Weevil eradication efforts underway

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has opened a district office in Dimmitt, covering all of Castro County and parts of adjoining counties.

The office is housed in the former E.M. Jones Ditching location on North US 385, and is staffed by Misty Davis, district supervisor; Mark Welch, Charles Axtell, Lynn Sides, and Elaine Heard, field unit supervisors; Raneta Patton, field clerk; Leroy Edwards, mechanic; and 16 seasonal trappers.

along the perimeter of fields.

"It is real important for us to be able to contact growers," Davis said. "We need to know if they are planting cotton or corn, and we haven't been able to get a hold of some. They can contact us at the office at just about anytime. Someone is here many times from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., although the field clerk is here only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m."

She said the office may be reached at 647-0601 or 647-0602 or 647-0605. The FAX number is 647-0607 The operation of the office and the spraying program is covered by check-off funds from cotton producers, in addition to state and federal funds through departments of agriculture. "There were a lot of problems last year," Davis said of the eradication program. "There was no one local to keep an eye on things, but we hope to fix the problems this year." She said they are doing extensive safety training for workers. She also said if growers do not want field trappers in their turn rows they will stay out if the office is notified.

US 385 and SH 86, at the traffic

It's time to clean out the closets and storage rooms, then organize and price those unused items for sale during Dimmitt's annual city-wide garage sale. The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has slated this year's sale for June 2 and bargain hunters from around the area are expected to flock to the city. Since the first event, over 100 families each year have participated in Dimmitt's garage sale by holding sales at their residences or with friends and family members. The chamber expects that tradition to continue this year.

make as much as \$30,950 per year and still qualify for the program. The down payment and closing cost amounts cannot be more than \$7,000 total and must be repaid, but at zero interest and not until the rest of the home loan is paid off, according to Lorena Corrales, employee at

Home Buyers Program administered

ment and closing costs for clients

who qualify according to income

guidelines. A five-person family

such as the Bojorquez family can

The program pays the down pay-

with program applicants. Corrales said the local office has had three successful applicants and

the Dimmitt PCS office, who works

Chamber slates annual garage sale for June 2

come earlier to pick up directories and maps. Maps will be available at the intersection of

of the board.

Sales will start at 8 a.m.; however, shoppers are invited to

light northwest of the Castro County Courthouse. Dimmitt merchants will feature sidewalk sales and garage sale

specials, and vendors are expected to be on the square with assorted merchandise items.

To list a garage sale on the official map, contact Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524. The fee is \$10 for each location listed.

Booth spaces around the courthouse square also will be available for rent, and these may be reserved by contacting Sava.

dent, Rick Wright for vice president and Barbara Bain for secretary.

Board members voted unanimously to approve the proposed calendar for the 2001-2002 school year, with the first day of classes set for Aug. 16, the latest start date in several years. Graduation is set for May 24, 2002.

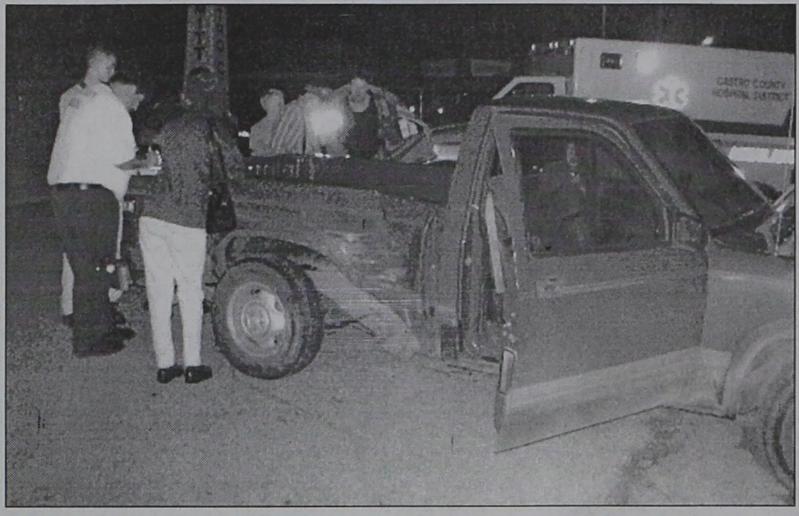
School holidays will include Sept. 3 (Labor Day), Nov. 22-23 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 24-Jan. 1 (Christmas-New Year's), Jan. 25 (Stock Show), March 11-15 (Spring Break), and snow days of March 29 and May 3.

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Davis said the office is busy right now with mapping local cotton fields and placing traps.

"Our strategy is to map it, trap it and control it," Davis said. She said that spraying will not start until the cotton crops reach "pin head square." If a field's traps show a certain number of boll weevils then it would trigger the process for spraying at least 40 acres and the adjoining fields.

Davis said that not all of an infestation could be controlled by aerial spraying, so a mist blower is used



THIS 1991 DODGE PICKUP driven by Tyler Myatt, 15, of Dimmitt, turned left in front of a 1999 Chevrolet Astro van driven by Derrin Ginter, 30, of Hereford, according to police. The collision occurred at the signal light in Dimmitt on Saturday at 10:46 p.m.

Myatt was ticketed for failure to yield right of wayturning left and for no driver's license. An 8-year-old passenger in the van was listed with possible injury. Damage to both vehicles was rated moderate.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



Leonard Gerber, 77, who died at his home on May 8 after a lengthy illness.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated May 11 in Holy Family Church with Father Fern Couture of Dimmitt officiating. Co-celebrant was Father Brendan Sherry of Ireland, former pastor of Holy Family Church.

Survivors include his wife, Alvina: five sons, Mark Gerber, Mick Gerber and Joel Gerber, all of Nazareth. Roger Gerber of Canyon and Paul Gerber of Amarillo; one daughter, Connie Backus of Hereford; a brother, Henry Gerber of Amarillo; a sister, Rosena Albracht of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

Our sympathy to the family of Antonio to compete with the North team at an all-star basketball game. The North team was happy to win. The teams were treated to a lot of fun on Thursday before their game on Friday.

> Jim and Sandee Hoelting, Shawna Gerber and Nichole Huseman drove to San Antonio for the game on Friday, then drove on to Austin.

Jim and Sandee spent Saturday and Sunday with their son, Wade Hoelting, and with the Rick and Robbie Gerber family.

Whitney, Nichole and Shawna

Heck, Ray Schmucker, Brenda Crouse and Art Albracht; and for Danielle Peddy and Matthew Birkenfeld, who were injured in a four-wheeler accident on Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon, Brett Wilhelm, son of Eric and Leona Wilhelm of Amarillo, celebrated his First Holy Communion in Amarillo at St. Thomas Catholic Church.

Those attending were his grandparents, Vincent and Toby Gerber and Francis and Betty Wilhelm; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Following the ceremony a dinner \$10,000 to that person's school.

4-H schedules tentative date for family night The Castro County 4-H has

tentatively scheduled its annual "Family Fun Night" for July 26.

"We plan to go to Hereford for our Family Fun Night," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "The County Council decided on pizza and bowling for our activities and the parent leaders and club managers will meet during the festivities."

For more information contact the Extension Office at 647-4115.

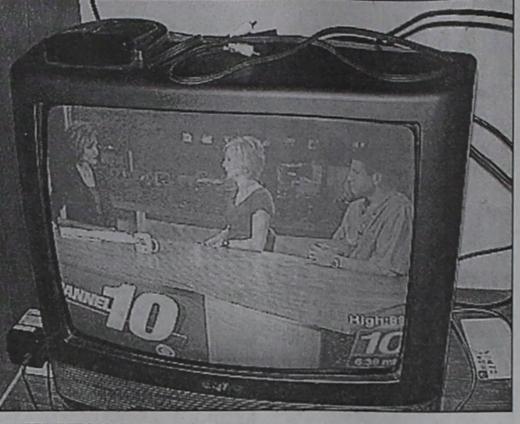
Dickerson nominated

Dimmitt High School teacher and student council sponsor Connie Dickerson has been nominated by a student for Disney's American Teacher Awards, which honors creativity in teaching.

"This nomination demonstrates that this teacher's work has had an impact on your school community," wrote Laurie E. Lang, senior vice president and executive director of the Disney Learning Partnership, in a letter to DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill. "We salute this teacher's talent and impact on students. We also applaud your efforts to create a learning environment that supports innovative teaching.

Disney notified Dickerson that she may submit an application for a chance to be one of 30 selected for the 2001 honors. Each one selected will receive a \$10,000 honorarium and their schools will receive \$5,000 / each. Ten Category Finalists selected from the 30 honorees will receive an additional \$5,000, and the Outstanding Teacher of the Year will receive a total of \$25,000, with another

Honorees will have the opportunity to attend a six-day summer institute to explore innovative practices focused on engaging students in learning and to explore innovate approaches to collaboration and teacher leadership. The objective of the Disney recognition program is to create a cadre of teacher leaders who can effectively teach and mentor colleagues in their own schools and districts, according to Lang. The learning partnership also will collaborate with each Honoree and his or her principal to design a professional development implementation plan for the 2002-2003 school year that will complement local goals in professional development.



ON TELEVISION-Dimmitt High School students Cherie Norman (center) and Jeremy Bishop (right) appeared on KFDA-Channel 10 Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. on the Early Show and spoke with Lisa Rothman about the DHS benefit cookout that will be held Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., with proceeds benefitting the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Bishop told Rothman that Dimmitt has twice as many MS patients than it should have according to population and the average distribution rate of the illness. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Student council year-end cook-out will benefit MS

of-year cook-out is set for Tuesday south practice football field at the Sclerosis Society. high school, and the public is invited to attend.

person for a hamburger, chips, soft drink, and a brownie or rice cereal treat. People who attend the cook-out will receive a lapel ribbon decorated with the NMSS official logo. DHS students who purchase tickets will be released early for lunch and also will be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from Hastings.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the high school office or at an order, call 647-3105.

The Dimmitt High School end- the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The event will benefit the Panhanfrom 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the dle Chapter of the National Multiple

Each year, DHS student clubs organize a benefit cook-out, with The price for the meal is \$3 per proceeds going to the charity chosen by the students. The NMSS was selected this year.

> Local merchants and DHS students are donating most of the items needed for the cookout. Community members have volunteered to cook, and students and teachers will keep the serving line stocked.

For more information or to place

Brockman has another surgery

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care in Dimmitt or to Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo.

Congratulations to Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman who competed at the state tennis tournament last Monday at World of Tennis Center in Lakeway near Austin. They won their first match, 6-2, 6-

1; but lost in the semifinals, 7-5, 6-2.

Stephanie Thiel competed in the 800-meter run Saturday at the Class A state track meet in Austin. She brought home a second-place trophy.

joined with Coach Matt Garrett, their tennis coach, for practice before the tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

Also going to Austin for the tennis tournament were Tricia Rose, Charley and Bev Hill, Karen Gerber, Barry Hoelting, Harold Gerber, Derwin and Vera Huseman, Ed and Leona Ramaekers, Catherine Huseman, Patti Kern and her niece, Brandi of New Braunfels.

Wayne and Sandy Heiman hosted a Mother's Day celebration at their home in Canyon for Pill and Denny Heiman, Ted and Deanna Huseman and family, Rodney and Ramona Schulte and family, and Darrin, Jennifer and Carlie Heiman.

Prayers are asked for Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Alice Palazzini, Lori Whitney Hoelting flew to San Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ann

Singers to perform Saturday, Sunday

The Hereford Chamber singers Jerry and Carolyn Jansa. will present the musical America: A Pilgrim's Prayer, A Patriot's Dream, on Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Hereford.

The public is invited to attend, with a special invitation extended to veterans, active members of the armed forces, and volunteeers from all areas of the community.

Admission to the performances will be free, but a love offering will be taken to defray expenses of the choir.

The choir is composed of singers from Hereford and Dimmitt, including Charles Axtell, Trish Elliott, and

Introducing the performance will be an instrumental section, which will include a performance by the Merry Mixers Square Dance group. Buddy Peeler of Positive KNNK Radio will be the narrator for the

Also included in the selections' will be a salute to the five major branches of the armed services, assisted by Boy Scout Troop 52.

The central part of the production includes "Anthem for our Unsung Heroes," a special tribute to those who give their lives serving the needs of others-America's volunteers.

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was held at the Wilhelm home in Amarillo.

On Saturday Samantha Hooper of Wichita Falls graduated from Midwestern University. That evening, a backyard party was held at Gaylene Wilhelm's house. Those attending were Francis and Betty Wilhelm, Dianne Wilhelm and children, Shelby, Cale and Roxanne, and Ray and Kimmie Huseman and family of Amarillo. Also attending were relatives and friends from Wichita Falls. Everyone enjoyed visiting and good food.

Attending the graduation of Jennifer Sperry from Texas Woman's University in Denton on Saturday were her parents, Ralph and Sharon Brockman; her husband, Craig Sperry; her son, Kirkland Sperry; and her sister, Kristin Moore.

After the ceremony, the family traveled to Dallas to visit Ralph's brother, Virgil Brockman, who was in the intensive care unit after undergoing another surgery on Friday morning. He was looking well and feeling better.

Prom Promise video to be shown at DMS

Friday seventh and eighth grade students at Dimmitt Middle School will view the shortened video version of the Dimmitt High School Student Council's mock crash that was staged last year as part of the Prom Promise 2000 campaign, and the public is invited to attend.

In addition, members of the council's Drug and Alcohol Safety and Health (DASH) Committee will read letters and poems to coincide with the video. One student will read an essay of her thoughts when a close friend was the one who "died" in the staged crash.

The presentation will be held in the DMS auditorium following the faculty-student basketball game.

"Those attending will be amazed at what the students have accomplished," said Connie Dickerson, student council sponsor. "You will be proud of the drug-free/alcohol-free

Team roping school is set

South Plains College in Levelland will host a team roping school for all 4-H'ers from May 31 to June 3.

The school is open to youngsters between the ages of 12 and 18. Cost is \$250 per person and that includes meals, lodging and stall rent for four days and three nights, as well as instruction, insurance and planned activities.

For more information or to register, call the Extension office at 647-4115.

Registration deadline is today (Thursday).

Virgil Brockman of Dimmitt, a strength back. recent lung transplant patient, had an additional surgery Friday but is now doing very well, according to his wife, Shirley.

University Medical Center in Dallas, where he received the transplant April 1. The procedure Friday was between his lungs and chest wall that could not be removed with a chest tube.

'He stayed in the ICU until Sunday," said Shirley. She added that he is "in real good spirits and doing really well."

They had expected Virgil to get April, but he remained, waiting to day and can't talk," she added. see what to do about the fluid.

"We feel he is on the right road now," Shirley said. "He looks good

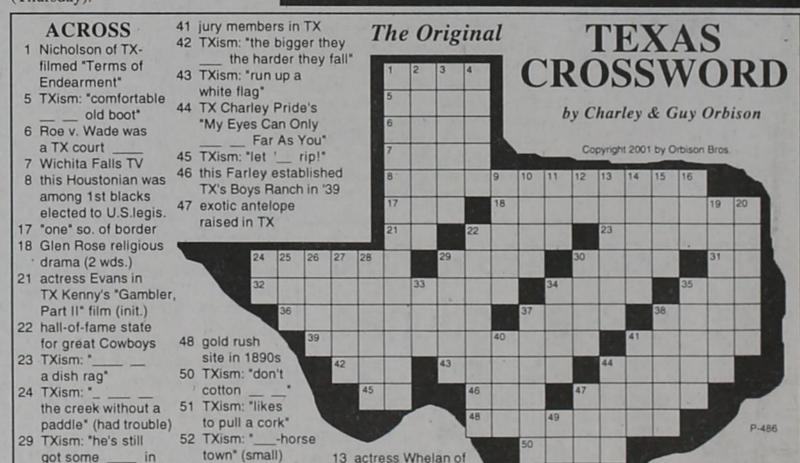
Shirley said the doctors are continuing to encourage Virgil to walk, saying that it will speed his recuperation from the surgery. When he is Brockman remains in the Baylor released from the hospital, he will still be facing the expected 12 weeks of pulmonary rehabilitation.

With all the medications he is done to remove fluid that remained on, for anti-rejection and such, he does have some mood swings," Shirley said. "He says hello to all the folks back home and would like to convey his thanks for all of the cards and phone calls we have been getting. He appreciates hearing from each one.

"I just hope people will be underout of the hospital the third week in standing if we say he is having a bad

Shirley and Virgil can be reached by mail at Twice Blessed House, 2732 Gaston Ave., Apt. 132, Dallas and is feeling good and getting his 75226; or by phone at 214-818-7027.

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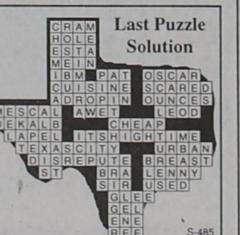


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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Edgar and Leta Dennis drove to Indian Hot Springs, and Edgar rode mules 250 miles back in time. Indian Hot springs is now a privately-owned ranch and an historic battleground. It is 60 miles south of El Paso on the Rio Grande and was the last camp ground of Victorio, the last renegade Indian. Before his surrender, Victorio was responsible for the death of seven Buffalo Cavalry soldiers, a regiment of black soldiers.

Today the Indian Hot Springs is a private ranch owned by Frank and Billie Cray and formerly owned by H.L. Hunt, one of the most wealthy in Texas. The ranch was visited frequently by J. Paul Getty, the world's richest man at the time Hunt owned the ranch.

Edgar met Frank, the present owner, on the Texas Wagon that was a part of our state's sesquicentennial celebration in 1986. There is a vintage hotel that remains on the ranch and houses the springs. Leta Dennis, Billie Cray and the other women

DMS sets assemblies for awards

Dimmitt Middle School will hold end-of-the-year award assemblies on Monday, Tuesday and net Thursday, and parents and the public are invited to attend.

On Monday, students in the seventh grade will receive recognition at 8:30 a.m. The fourth grade students will be honored at 10:30 a.m., and fifth graders at 11:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, sixth graders will receive awards at 10 a.m. Next Thursday, eighth graders will

be honored at 10 a.m. All of the assemblies will be held stayed at the ranch and enjoyed bathing in the hot springs, shopping in El Paso and lounging around the hotel. Meanwhile, Edgar and his mule and wagon became a part of four outriders and a Mexican guide to make up a three-wagon train to trek across the Chihuahua desert.

The men forded the river into Mexico and started their 250-mile round-trip ride back in time. They averaged about 25 miles a day. Edgar rode mule-back and the others were mule-back or driving a wagon.

In this sparsely populated part of Mexico there are no modern conveniences. A typical village consists of four to 10 adobe huts, maybe a trading post, a few adults and even fewer children. Edgar took along a large number of pencils and gave a handful to each child he saw along the way.

Leta and another one of the ladies caught up with the wagon train by modern transportation and camped out with the group one night.

The wagon train camped one night at the ranch of Señor Torres, the mayor of Juarez, Mexico. Mayor Torres rode mule-back with the men for a couple of nights before returning back to his country ranch home. He also has a beautiful home in Juarez.

Edgar said, "We were about 125 miles or so into the trip at the small village of San Antonio when this Mexican man walked over to me, introduced himself and said that he had lived in Texas for several years. When I inquired about the place he'd lived , he said 'Friona, Texas. I worked at the Friona Feed Yard for 20 years.'"

This reunion with a former Texan called for a small celebration. The new-found friend called his wife and children over to meet Edgar from Dimmitt, Texas, and they visited for "a spell."

Two men had chosen to return to

ico. We're glad he shared this adventure with us as he lives out his dream, searching for what it was like to live in the "olden days."

These travelers were a part of the Nazareth senior citizens' trip to Memphis, Tenn., and points east of the Mississippi River: Carolyn Jones, Ruth Jackson, Polly Simpson, Doris Flynt and her sister.

Polly had forewarned everyone that she planned to have more fun than anyone. According to her travelmates, she did just that.

According to Carolyn Jones, an unplanned side trip to the Oklahoma City Memorial was the highlight of the trip. It was a very poignant experience. The building and landscaping are beautiful, but had a very sobering impact on the tourists.

Carolyn Jones attended a Mother's Day brunch at the home of Sue Smith in Hereford. Sue's mother was a Hereford High School classmate of mine. Our class of 1946 will be celebrating our 55th anniversary on Memorial Day weekend.

The senior bridge club was hosted by Dwight Joiner. Carol Lantz had the high score, with Loranell Hamilton second.

John and Elizabeth Berquist traveled to Flemington, N.J., to attend the wedding of their son, Jon, and his bride, Sally Willis-Watkins. The bride and groom are ordained ministers. Sally is the senior minister of a Methodist church and Jon is editor of the Disciple of Christ Press.

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Max and Doris Swinburn had a Mother's Day and birthday (for daughter Carol) cook out on Friday evening before Mother's Day. Their family members present were Kristi and Brad Sadler and their girls, Makencie and Payton, of Mansfield; Carol and Doug Lathem of Dalhart; Jason and Carla Wooten, Kenneth and Mary Nell Malone, and Gary, Linda and Amber Langford of Dimmitt.



PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Auxiliary officers were installed at a meeting last week at Rhoads Memorial Library. Leading the installation ceremony is Mattie Seale (left). Officers are

(continuing from left) Gertie Waggoner, treasurer; Jackie Edwards, secretary; Lucille Drerup, vice president; and Lequetta West, president. Photo by Linda Maxwell



SERVICE AWARDS and membership pins were presented last week to members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Those receiving awards included (from left) Lucille Drerup, 8,750 hours; Carolyn Jones, membership pin; Melody McDougal/ Brooks, membership pin; Mattie Seale, 6,400 hours; Lequetta

West, 2,500 hours; Lois Waggoner, 3,000 hours; Ethel Fry, 3,600 hours; Claudine Langford, 3,800 hours; Irene Carpenter, 2,000 hours; Edna Reinart, service award; and Sandra Bagwell, 500 hours. Not shown is Jackie Edwards who received a service award for 500 hours. Photo by Linda Maxwell

in the DMS auditorium.

Breast cancer screenings set

Breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on June 7 and 8 and appointments are still available.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

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

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

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. the Indian Spring ranch at the point of no return, but Edgar, Frank and their guide completed the 250-mile round trip. The last two days, when Edgar's back began to trouble him, he rode in the wagon.

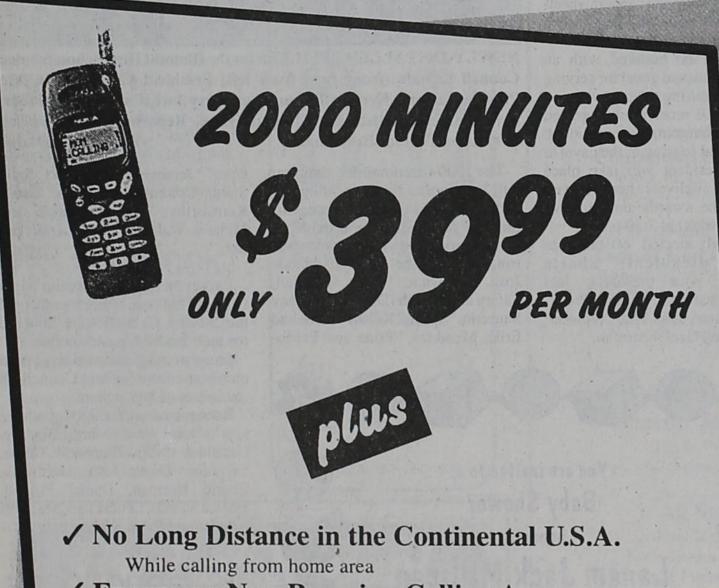
As they crossed the Rio Grande back into Texas, the men seized the opportunity for along overdue bath, but, alas, they were dirtier after the bath than before, according to Edgar.

Edgar and Leta own a wagon, a carriage and a chuck wagon. They travel often to western-type celebrations across America. They can always be counted on as a part of the Castro County Harvest Days Parade with one of their mule-drawn vehicles and some of their five grandchildren who belong to the Danny Underwoods and Coby Gilbreaths.

The Dennis family can be seen during the Christmas season taking a load of Dimmitt children caroling.

Edgar is a history buff and has always been fascinated by old Mex-

This was one of my best Mother's Days! First, we attended church at First Baptist Church in Hereford with our daughter, Susan Owens and her husband, Ronnie; son, James Michael; and her daughter, Carolan Garza, and husband, Charlie, and their children Hunter and Christian, who sang in the children's choir. We had lunch with our friend, Ken, and came home to a message that our granddaughter, Dawn McDaniel, and great-granddaughters, Madison and Mallory of Pattison (the children of our daughter Cindy Lee of Hart and granddaughter Kelly Fry and daughter Taylor of Aubrey) were on their way to Dimmitt. Kelly and Taylor are a part of the family of our son Van and his wife, Carole. Van, Carole, Cory, Cindy, Kaci, V.C. and I all were at the house to greet the visitors when they arrived.



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DHS awards program set Dimmitt High School will hold its

awards program tonight (Thursday), at 7:30 at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

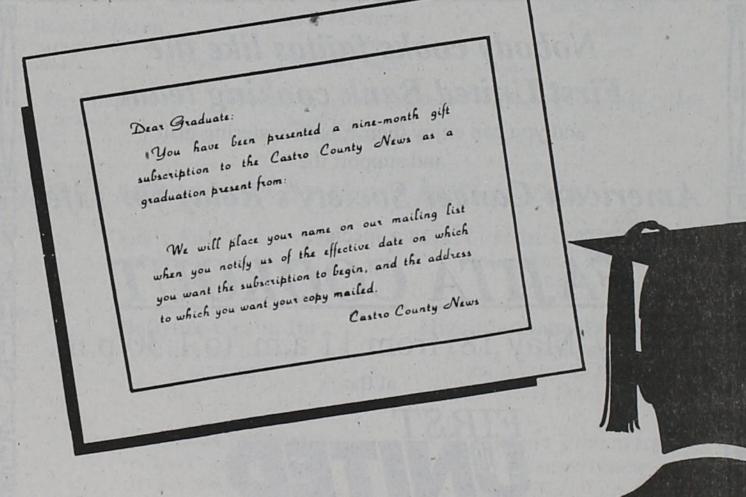
Graduating seniors will be presented with academic awards and scholarship recipients will be named during the banquet.



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Jennifer Sperry

master's degree

Jennifer Brockman Sperry, daugh-

ter of Ralph and Sharon Brockman

of Nazareth, has earned her master's

degree in library science from Texas

She received her degree during

Sperry graduated from West

Texas A&M University in 1994 with

a bachelor of science degree and

continued working for her master's.

Sperry, and their son, Kirkland

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Woman's University in Denton.

exercises at the school.

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DARSPA installs officers; attends leadership training

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association installed officers at their May meeting in Rhoads Memorial Library; and several association members attended a leadership conference May 1 in Amarillo.

At the May meeting of the association, Roy Pennington of Dumas and Stephen Quinn of Lubbock were special guests. Pennington performed the installation of officers. He is president of District XVI of the Texas Retired Teachers Association. Officers who were installed are Barbara Bain, president; Billye Gwynn Davis, first vice president; Joanne Snider, second vice president; and Mary Jo Brown, secretary-trea-

surer. Janet Bain is the historian. The Chapter Scrapbook, which is the project of the historian, was shown, and it was announced that this book was used at the state convention as an example in the session for historians.



It's a boy for Reynaldo and Antonia Beanes of Hart. Their son was born at 10:15 a.m. on May 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt and has been named Maximo David Beanes. He weighed 9.1 pounds and was 20-1/2 inches long. He has three older siblings, 14-year-old Angel, 14-year-old Yvet and 7-year-old Alberto. Paternal grandparents are Jesus and Maria Beanes of Hart. Maternal grandparents are Ramon and Rosalia Mejia of Hart.

Barbara Bain presented Chapter Awards for the past year. They went to Billie Kirby for the most volunteer hours of service to her community, Snider for designing and producing the yearbook and working on programs, Janet Bain for designing and keeping the scrapbook, Ralph Smith for keeping the unit informed on current legislation, and the Castro County News, recipient of the Bell Ringer Award, for its part in publishing education news and for support of the local unit.

Pennington also gave Barbara Bain the District XVI 21st Century Teacher Award for promoting better public relations.

Brown and Barbara Bain reported on the State TRTA Convention, and Brown issued the Challenge 2001 to the group, encouraging them to build their membership.

Quinn of Lubbock spoke to the group about a long-term care program available for TRTA members. He is associated with United Teachers Associates, which is endorsed by TRTA.

At the close of the meeting, refreshments were served by Sandra Bagwell, Lucille Dollar, and Davis. Helen Berryhill drew the door prize. The next meeting of the association will be held at the end of summer when the group will begin their new year.

The District XVI TRTA held its Spring Leadership Training Conference in Amarillo May 1 and six members of DARSPA attended.

The purpose of the conference was to update members on business that was transacted during the 48th annual TRTA State Convention and to train local unit officers for the upcoming 2001-2002 year.

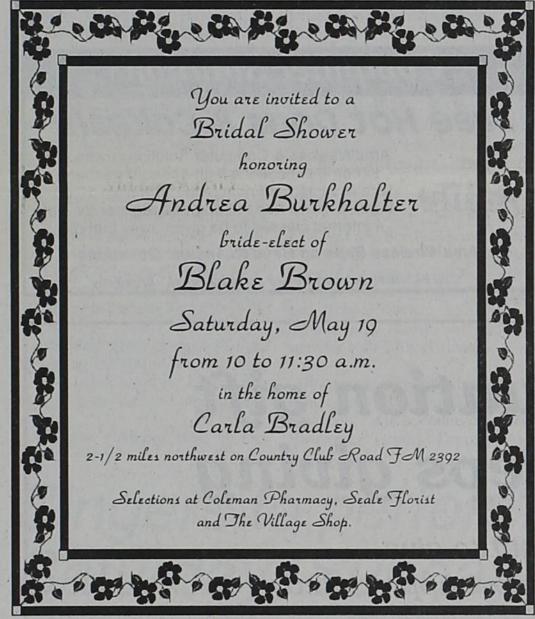


AWARD WINNERS-These officers of the Dimmitt High School Student Council led the organization to receive recognition at the Texas Association of Student Councils annual convention in Austin for "Outstanding Pride and Patriotism" and "Outstanding

Community Service." Officers are (front, from left) president Stephanie Casas, vice president Cliff Wright, and secretary Cherie Norman; and (back, from left) historian Kylie Webb, reporter Mary Bradley, and treasurer Lori Schulte. Staff Photo

DHS Student Council

People



Keynote speakers for the conference were Dr. Myron Koehler, president of TRTA, and Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent of the Pampa schools. Those attending the conference from DARSPA were Barbara Bain, and Dollar.

Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H names new officers

A special meeting of the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club was held last Thursday at the Castro County extension office and new officers were elected.

Thomas Brockman was elected president, with Gabriel Garcia as first vice president, Jaci Bishop as second vice president, Eric Book as third vice president, Holly Lane as council delegate, Elizabeth Hill as secretary, Anna Brockman as treasurer, Brad Lane as reporter, and Jeremy Bishop as parliamentarian.

Lane reported that the club members and their families enjoyed a hamburger meal prior to the meeting. He said that anyone interested in joining the club may call 647-4115.

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ties the council sponsors throughout the year. The reports are then evaluated by a panel of judges.

treasurer; Mary Bradley, reporter; and Kylie Webb, historian.

The Student Council will pin new officers this week at its general meeting and service pins will be awarded to outgoing committee chairmen.

Casas will be honored with an engraved block and gavel for serving as president during the past year.

Wright will receive an engraved clock as the outgoing vice president. The official passing of the gavel to the new president will take place after Casas delivers her farewell speech at the awards assembly tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

The newly-elected officers are Wright, president; Sharla Kenworthy, vice president; Jaci Hardwick, secretary; Thomas Brockman, treasurer; Juan Diaz, reporter; and Morgan Hazel, historian.

> You are invited to a **Baby Shower** honoring Lanam Jack Millican infant son of Pammy & Jill Millican



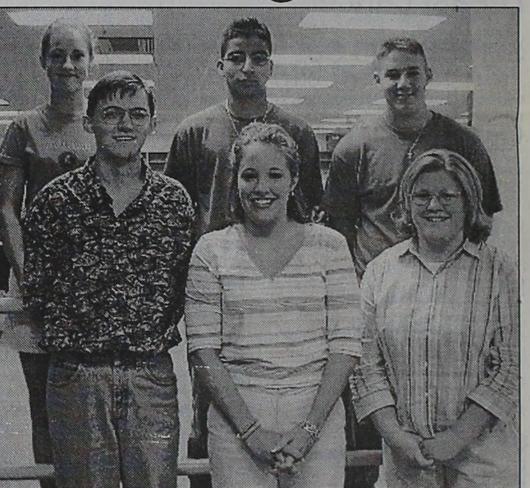
The Dimmitt High School 2000-01 Student Council has received two awards from the Texas Association of Student Councils at the group's Snider, Brown, Davis, Carol Lantz, annual convention in Austin last month.

> The council was honored for "Outstanding Pride and Patriotism" and received recognition for "Outstanding Community Service."

In order to receive these awards, the council is required to submit detailed reports on each of the activi-

Offices of the Student Council are Stephanie Casas, president; Cliff Wright, vice president; Cherie Norman, secretary; Lori Schulte,

Erika Mendoza, "Pride and Patrio-



NEWLY-INSTALLED OFFICERS for the Dimmitt High School Student Council include (front row, from left) President Cliff Wright, Vice President Sharla Kenworthy, and Secretary Jaci Hardwick; and (back row, from left) Historian Morgan Hazel, Reporter Juan Diaz and **Treasurer Thomas Brockman.** Photo by Linda Maxwell

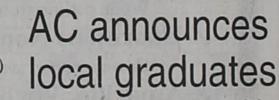
The 2000-01 committee chairmen will be honored for their "diligence and dedication in planning successful projects to benefit the school and community," said a group spokespertion." son. Those to be honored include Josh Hardwick, "Drug, Alcohol, Safety and Health (DASH);" Bianey Saucedo, "Spirit;" Kelsey Welch and

tism;" Jeremy Bishop and Sally Stahl, "Community Service;" Sharla Kenworthy, "Fundraising;" and Melanie Walls, "Teacher Apprecia-

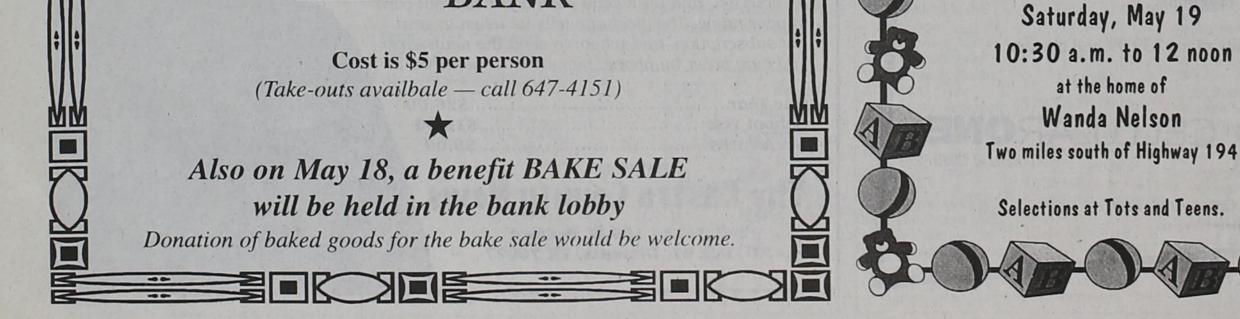
Earlier this month at "Senior Night Out" in Lubbock, senior members of the Student Council were honored for their leadership and service.

'Some of those honored have been members of the Student Council all four years of high school.

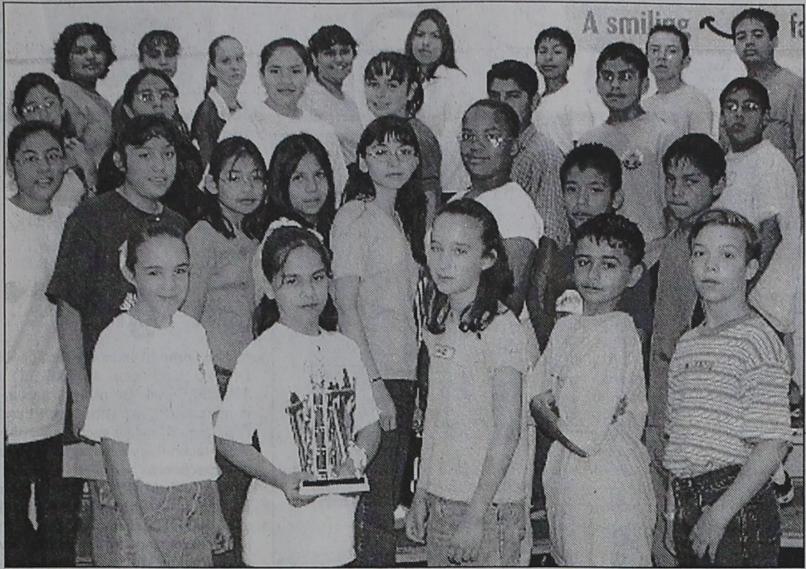
Recognized with a 2001 graduate key chain were Mary Bradley, Casandra Casas, Stephanie Casas, Salvador Diaz, Josh Hardwick, Cherie Norman, Daniel Proffitt, Jessica Salinas, Leticia Sanchez, Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb.



Amarillo College announced that six local residents received degrees or certificates in commencement ceremonies Friday at the Amarillo Civic Center. Four from Dimmitt were among those who were honored. Marlene Martinez received a certificate, Rebecca Casas Rodriguez received an associate in science, and Paul O. Espinosa and Rita D. McDaniel both received associate in applied science. From Hart, Travis R. George received his associate in applied science/instrument and control technology; and Valerie Key received an associate in applied science/photography.



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DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL Sixth Grade Choir won a Division I rating in the "Show Choir" division of the competition at the Greater Southwest Music

Festival in Amarillo May 3. They are conducted by Elaine Hazel. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cancer survivors sought to join 'Survivors' lap at Relay

Anyone who has battled with cancer and survived the fight deserves special recognition, according to the organizers of the Relay for Life event that will be held in Dimmitt June 8.

Cancer survivors are being urged to sign up now to participate in the Cancer Survivors' lap of the relay, also known as "the winners' lap."

"We would like to extend a special invitation for you to participate in this inspiring event by walking in the first lap of the relay," said survivors' co-chairmen Doris Flynt and Jayne Vaughan.

Sign-up forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford, or by calling Flynt at 647-3473 or Vaughan at 647-5213. There is no charge to participate, and each survivor will receive a Relay for Life t-shirt.

by 5 p.m. on June 8 to pick up their t-shirts and pose for an individual may designate them for a cancer photo. They also will be included in survivor or a cancer victim, or somea group photo of all team participants one who is still battling with the in the relay.

p.m., to start off the relay portion of the night of the relay they will be the event.

may be honored is through the purchase of luminarias.

the luminarias for the Relay for Life. She said that the special paper bags

Those purchasing the luminarias disease. The bags may be decorated The Survivors' Lap will begin at 6 before they are turned back in, and placed around the high school track Another way in which survivors and a votive candle will be placed in each. They will be lighted at dusk and the names of those who are be-Karron Smith is the chairman of ing honored will be called out during the relay.

The luminaria kits will be availwill be sold again this year for \$5 able at selected businesses around

Dimmitt sailor supports US Navy's beach assault

By ROLAND ORTIZ Moses Lugo of Dimmitt found out what it takes to treat patients injured in a combat situation when he recently took part in a staged exercise.

The US Navy prepares for conflicts around the world by routinely honing their skills in annual exercises with other nations and branches of the military.

Recently, Navy and Marine Corps forces conducted a large-scale amphibious landing exercise off the cost of Camp Pendleton, Calif., located 45 miles north of San Diego, Calif. The biennial exercise, "Kernel Blitz," is designed to enhance the training of sailors and Marines in a massive amphibious assault operation.

Kernel Blitz, which took place March 20 through April 6, was successful because of sailors like Lugo. Throughout the 17-day event, Navy Hospital Apprentice Lugo, the 20-year-old son of Juan and Oralia

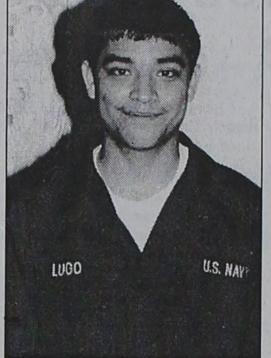
Lugo of Dimmitt, contributed to the exercise as an administrative assistant on board the San Diego-based hospital ship USNS Mercy (T-AH 19).

Lugo works in patient administration making sure each patient is properly checked in.

"Learning the administrative side of medicine is rewarding," said Lugo, a 2000 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

During Kernel Blitz, Mercy personnel provided medical support to the participating ships of the US 3rd Fleet that landed Marines of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade by





Moses Lugo

means of helicopter, hovercraft and conventional landing craft. The landing force then practiced maneuvers while Mercy and other ships concentrated on providing follow-on support from the sea.

Lugo realizes the importance of exercises like Kernel Blitz.

"Exercises like this give us (a taste) of real life of being out to sea and prepare us for the real thing in . time of war," Lugo said.

As one of only two Navy hospital ships, Mercy's primary mission is to provide rapid, flexible and mobile acute medical and surgical services to a variety of military personnel. The majority of the Mercy's medical crew is assigned to military hospitals in the San Diego area. When a crisis

occurs, the Mercy can be fully staffed and loaded in five days.

When it comes to hospitals, Mercy is no small player. With a total patient capacity of 1,000 beds, Mercy is one of the 10 largest hospitals in the country. Designed as a trauma hospital, the Mercy has 12 operating rooms, four intensive care units, a burn center, a dental clinic, an optometry clinic and a pharmacy. At nearly 900 feet long and more than 100 feet wide, Mercy is one of the largest ships in the Navy.

More than 25 ships, 75 aircraft and 15,000 US Marine Corps, Navy, Army and Coast Guard men and women took part in Kernel Blitz. The success of this exercise gave all involved a unique outlook.

"It is important to take care of military personnel in time of war," said Lugo, a one-year Navy veteran.

Amphibious landing operations are considered among the most complex of all naval evolutions. During the exercise, Mercy treated 520 mock casualties that were flown in during the amphibious assault phase. Additional participants in the exercise included military units from Australia, Canada and Great Britain.

Whether ordered to provide humanitarian aid, engage in an actual conflict or evacuate US citizens from a hostile area, training is the key to any mission's success.

The training provided during Kernel Blitz ensured that Lugo and the crew of the Mercy will be ready to face the possibility of casualties during a crisis.



Survivors are requested to arrive at the Dimmitt High School stadium

Golightly is honored

Lacy Golightly, bride-elect of Toby Crow, was honored with a bridal shower May 5 in the home of Kay Rogers.

Brownies, fresh fruit, cheese cubes and punch were served to guests. A fresh floral arrangement decorated the table.

Special guests attending the shower included Belinda Crow of Friona, mother of the prospective groom; Penny Golightly of Floydada, mother of the bride-elect; Jean McClintock of Floydada, grandmother of the bride-elect; Louise Crow of Memphis, grandmother of the prospective groom; and Othelia Cartrite of Sunray, his great-aunt.

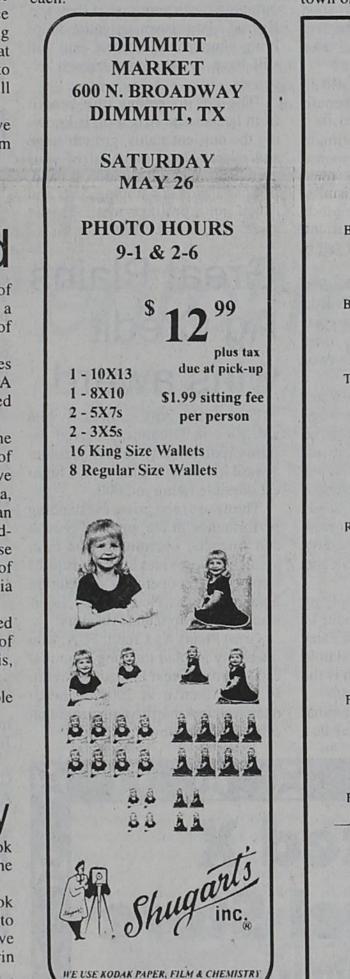
Other out-of-town guests included Michelle Baca of Vega, Julia Baca of Vega, and Carrie Rogers of Clovis, N.M.

The hostesses presented the couple with a Jack Terry print.

NHS yearbook sale day Friday

The annual Nazareth Yearbook Sale Day will be Friday during the school day. The cost is \$25 each.

Those wanting to buy a yearbook should make their checks payable to the Nazareth Yearbook and give them to Megan Hoelting or Erin Jones at Nazareth High School.



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Olvera elected as area FFA reporter

Elizabeth Olvera of Nazareth will be the Area I FFA reporter for the 2001-02 school year

Olvera was elected during the area convention, held Friday and Saturday at Amarillo Tascosa High School.

Area I covers the Texas Panhandle from Texline on the northwest to Childress on the southeast.

Nazareth FFA members attending the area convention were Sage Annen, Rose Wilhelm, Karen Birkenfeld, Nicole Acker, Susan Kern, Ross Schulte and FFA Advisor David Bownds.

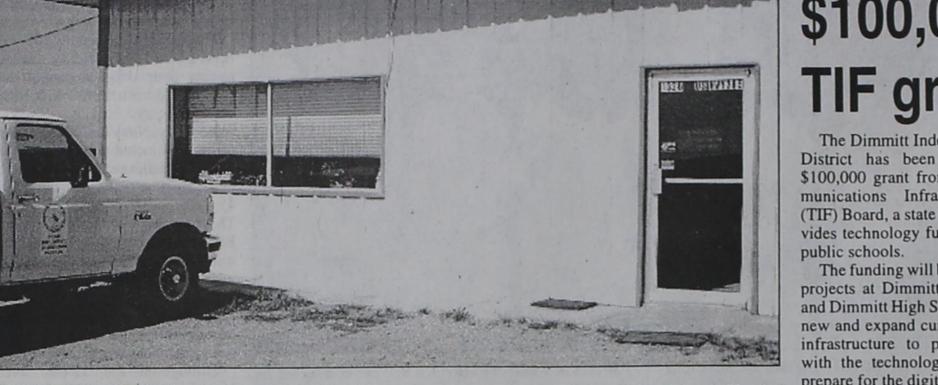
Schulte was recently elected as secretary for the Plainview FFA District.

Olvera will attend the State Lead ership Conference in Brownwood June 1-5.

Other Nazareth FFA members will be attending an FFA Electric Camp sponsored by Southwestern Public Service Co., June 11-14 at Camp Scott Able near Cloudcroft, N.M. Nazareth FFA will also have rep

resentatives at the Area I Leadership Training Conference June 17-21 at Clarendon College.

On July 9, members attending the state FFA convention will be on their way to Houston for the week-long event.



WHERE THE HELP IS-The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation office in Dimmitt is in the former location of E.M. Jones Ditching on North US 385. Personnel at the office include Misty Davis, dis-

trict supervisor; Lynn Sides, Elaine Heard, Charles Axtell and Mark Welch, field unit supervisors; Raneta Patton, field clerk; and Leroy Edwards, mechanic; along with 16 seasonal trappers.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Limited late-season irrigation can help wheat

Many South Plains producers are wondering how much, if any, they should water their wheat crops, and while recent rains have eased their concerns, questions still persist, especially for late-planted wheat with marginal yield potential.

"Whether or not your wheat crop will benefit from late-season irrigation depends on three factors," said Calvin Trostle, Extension agronomist. "How much nitrogen did you put down? What growth stage is it would produce a slight profit.

An accurate estimate of pumping cost helps figure this potential gain or loss, he added. Growers shouldn't wait until they get their energy bill to figure pumping costs. It's best to call your energy supplier and get the cost information necessary to make this economic irrigation decision.

"Producers can gauge the third factor-yield potential-by checking the growth stage of their crop and examining a few flag leaves. A healthy flag leaf is essential to good yield potential," he said. "The flag leaf contains 75% of the leaf area that contributes to grain filing." Trostle said wheat that is still in the boot growth stage can benefit greatly from irrigation. "The boot stage is an optimum time to water wheat. Yield response to timely, limited irrigation often surpasses the three to four-bushel boost expected for each acre-inch irrigation," he said. "Much of the late-planted wheat sowed last fall is now in the boot stage." Recent rains have relieved some moisture stress on wheat, but Trostle suggested that growers with marginal yield potential should limit their down-side expenses by using a twofold irrigation strategy. "Adding about 1.5 inches of water in the mid- to late-boot stage when heads are just starting to emerge should provide a good yield response. Good moisture just before flowering can boost yield potential by increasing the number of seeds per spikelet," Trostle said. "Flowering typically occurs four to five days after heading, on the main stem and on the tillers. "I would also consider applying another 1.5 inches of water about 14 days later. This moisture will carry the crop into grain fill and should help enhance seed size, which is the final component of grain yield."

harder call to make.

"If the crop has already flowered, there is a very narrow window to gain any benefit from a late-season irrigation because grain fill can occur in about 30 days if the crop is stressed," Trostle said. "Once the kernels are past watery ripe, there is little benefit in a late-season irrigation.

"If the crop's yield potential is less than 30 bushels per acre, I would not consider a late-season irrigation with

DISD gets \$100,000 **TIF** grant

The Dimmitt Independent School District has been notified of a \$100,000 grant from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board, a state agency that provides technology funding for Texas

The funding will be earmarked for projects at Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School to develop new and expand current technology infrastructure to provide students with the technology they need to prepare for the digital era. The grant projects officially began Tuesday.

The TIF Non-Competitive Grant for Texas Public Schools was designed to fund up-to-date hardware and connectivity equipment, highspeed workstations, Internet access, and/or distance learning equipment. Additionally, grant funds may be used for technology staff development, including hardware and software training, network training, methodology training, and base level technology training.

"Students are the future of Texas," said Doricell Davis, the project director for this grant. "Today, students are gaining the opportunity to use modern technology for researching via the Internet, word processing and learning.

"We, as educators, want our students to succeed and become more marketable because of the education that they received while in school here. Thanks to TIF, the opportunity to fund this equipment and infrastructure is a reality," Davis said.

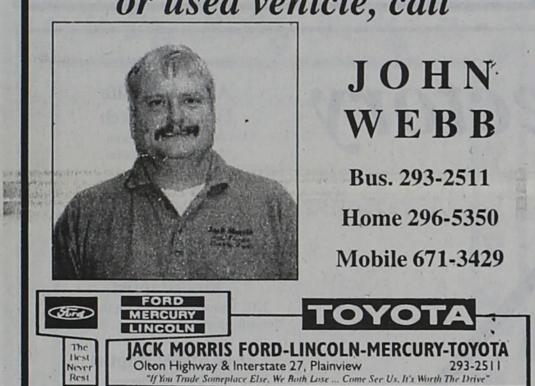
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in? What is the yield potential?

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For season-long irrigation on the Texas South Plains, one acre-inch of water typically adds three to four bushels to a crop's grain yield. But at what cost?

Using a market price of \$2.75 per bushel, a one-inch late season irrigation that adds 3.5 bushels of yield could return \$9.63 per acre, Trostle said. If pumping costs range between \$6.50 and \$8.50 per acre-inch, this

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lanie Ramirez will be the store manager.

pumping costs being what they are. Even if a late-season irrigation helps bring your crop to harvest, you will still have to overcome harvest expenses.

"The key to getting any benefit from late-season irrigation is knowing the nutrient status, growth stage and overall yield potential of your crop. With that information at hand, you can factor in pumping costs and pencil out a profit or loss," Trostle said.

Great Plains Ag Credit wins award

Great Plains Ag Credit, PCA, with an office in Dimmitt, received the farm Credit Bank of Texas Pacesetter Award for receiving the bank's highest possible rating in 2000.

The award recognizes outstanding performance in the areas of growth and financial operations. The farm credit bank provides loan funds to 23 farm credit cooperative agriculture lenders in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama.

Great Plains Ag Credit, PCA, who internally formed the long-term real estate entity, Great Plains Ag Credit, FLCA, effective in 2001, is headquartered in Amarillo with a regional

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office in Plainview.

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Livestock camp planned in July

Castro'County Extension Service will join with Extension offices in Deaf Smith and Oldham counties to present a livestock camp this summer at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn.

The workshops will cover exhibiting of sheep and goats, swine, and heifers and steers, and are planned July 10, 11 and 12.

The July 10 workshop will focus on sheep and goats and speakers will include Storm Gerhart, Kenny Brdecko and the District 1 master sheep volunteers.

July 11 will feature a program on swine, presented by Kyle Stevens, Danny Nusser and Scott Strawn.

Heifers and steers will be the subject for the July 12 workshop. Presenters will be Tracy Haymes, Bryan Martin and Robert Devin.

There will be a cost of \$10 per day for the workshop and this will cover lunch and all handouts and materials. Each workshop will cover daily care, show day preparations,

grooming and showmanship. There will be a character counts

lesson every day.

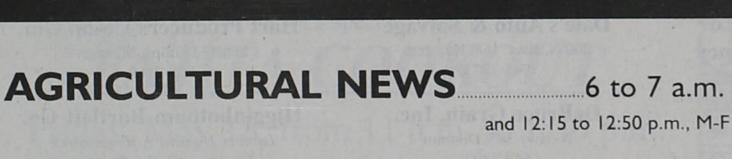
All registration is due in the Castro County Extension office before June 26.

For more information call Castro County Extension Agent Rick Auckerman at 647-4115.

Birkenfeld is honored

Cassie Birkenfeld, a freshman member of the Wayland Baptist University Flying Queens, was named "Newcomer of the Year" at the annual WBU athletic awards banquet last Wednesday evening.

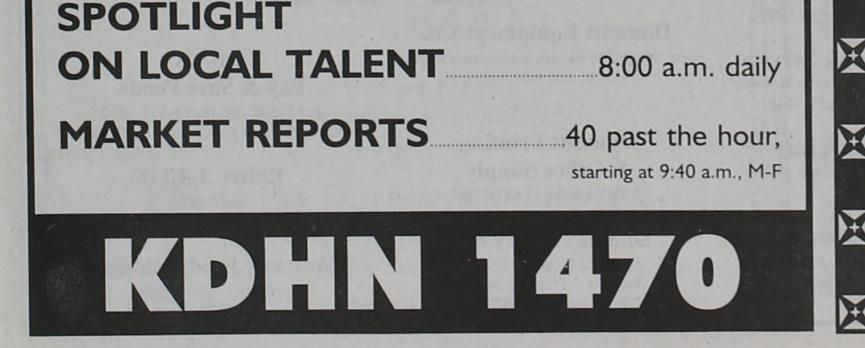
Birkenfeld played in all 32 games for the Queens during the 2000-01 season, averaging almost seven points per game. She was the team leader in three-point and free throw percentage, hitting 41% of her longrange shots and 82.6% of her shots from the charity stripe.



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CLIFF WRIGHT accepts the top individual award, the Star Chapter Farmer plaque, from chapter advisor Jerry Mathis at the Dimmitt FFA Awards Dinner last week. The dinner and program followed a hamburger supper in the DHS vo-ag shop. Photo by Don Nelson

Dimmitt FFA honors top members at banquet

Mary Bradley was named the "Outstanding Senior" last week when the Dimmitt FFA held its annual awards banquet.

Star Chapter Farmer for 2001 was Cliff Wright and Shae Odom was named the Star Greenhand.

Three Dimmitt residents who have been big supporters of the FFA program were presented with Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees. They are Mark Standlee, Donald Wright and Shari Bradley.

New officers for the 2001-02 school year also were named during the May 8 banquet, and installation ceremonies were held.

The new officers who will serve during the next school year are Holly Lane, president; Matthew Wright, vice president; Charley Nutt, secretary; Raynee Bradley, reporter; Shae Odom, treasurer; Adam Wright, sentinel; and Tanner Self, student advisor.

More about County commissioners . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

sons.

Another bonus in home ownership for Adela is that she can paint, decorate and remodel however she

a rent house.

room decorated with pictures of western scenes.

pictures for over a year, wanting to hang them, but not being able to. But now they can.

in the flower beds in the front yard, and Lazaro has planted fruit trees in the back yard.

even attempted to become homeowners before was that they knew they would not be able to come up with a down payment.

First-Time Home Buyers Program

(Continued from Page 1) contact the PCS office in Amarillo to receive confirmation that the down payment and closing will be paid."

Speaking through Corrales, who translated for her, Adela Bojorquez said her family had been paying rent ranging from \$270 to \$290 per month and their house payment is \$302 per month. She said the slightly higher payment is worth it to them, knowing that they now have something to show for the money they are spending.

She also said that her family had moved just about every year they lived here, due to problems with the houses they rented or landlords asking them to move for various rea-

Adela said they now have a very comfortable, three-bedroom home that they are very happy with and they know that they will stay there and not have to be moving around.

wants without waiting for the landlord's permission.

She said she always wanted a pink bedroom for her daughter, 5, and now she has one, complete with frilly curtains on heavy rods that they might not have been able to install in

Her sons, ages 7 and 21/2, have a

Adela said the 7-year-old had the

Adela also enjoys having flowers

The reason the family had not

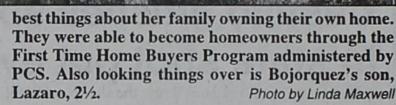
IT'S PINK-Adela Bojorquez (right) of Dimmitt shows her daughter's pink bedroom to Lorena Corrales of the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt. She said being able to paint and decorate the room however she wanted to has been one of the

them in walking them through the application process.

"She's my guardian angel," Adela said of Corrales.

Devers said that she is glad to see people benefitting from the program. She said it is easier to help them to help themselves if they have a permanent location.

She said participants in the program are selected on the basis of the "We are so happy," Adela said income guidelines and whether the bank feels the applicant is a good loan prospect.







the grant, it will have to match 10% of the grant total.

Barnes asked commissioners whether the county would be able to help with the matching funds.

"We've got about \$10,000 saved now, and the City of Hart has agreed to help us," Barnes said.

"I think if we can get that grant, it'd be great," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

Commissioners told Barnes they supported the departments efforts to obtain the new truck and equipment, and agreed to consider his request for help when they draw up the 2001-02 budget.

In a 3-1 vote, commissioners declined to renew a service contract on a printer in the county auditor's office.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson told commissioners the service contract was about to expire, and the renewal premium had increased to \$1,930.50 per year.

The printer is about 10 years old and Smithson said she has had very few problems with the machine.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron made the motion to cancel the contract and Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker offered the second. Rowland joined the two in favor of canceling the service while Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldridge cast the dissenting vote.

Commissioners were unanimous in their decision to prohibit the county's task force officer from setting up his office in the courthouse basement.

The county recently installed a new phone system in the courthouse, and no extensions were installed in the basement because when the Extension Service moved out, commissioners decided no further offices would be set up in the area because it does not meet ADA standards.

"It's still not handicap-accessible and that's why we moved everyone out of there to start with," Damron said.

Miller added that the space is currently being used for storage and there is very little free space. Also, the basement leaked during recent rains.

In other action, commissioners agreed to pay \$599.24 for the new carpet in the district judge's office;

The commissioners scheduled a called meeting on Monday at 10 a.m. to discuss the "fact/order for redistricting of political boundaries."

Community Services.

Since the next regular meeting will fall on Memorial Day, commissioners agreed to move that meeting to Tuesday, May 29, at 10 a.m.

about her and her husband's reactions to the program. "He (Lazaro) even cried when we signed the papers."

all of the help Corrales had given grams, Devers said.

Being accepted for the home buyers program does not affect an Adela expressed appreciation for applicant's eligibility for other pro-

Tomorrow Fund enrollment ending

Another enrollment period for the with applications during the next few Texas Tomorrow Fund is ending May 25 and families must enroll their children in the program by the deadline to take advantage of current contract prices, according to Texas month, the Texas Tomorrow Fund Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

Rylander said the most convenient way to meet the enrollment deadline is to take advantage of the new online enrollment option. About 25% of the applications received during the current enrollment period have been submitted online.

"Parents and grandparents can go to the Texas Tomorrow Fund web site and get answers to their questions about the program, and now they also can fill out an online application and use their Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express card to pay the 450 application fee," Rylander said.

She noted that parents traditionally wait until the final days of each enrollment period to send in applications and this time is no exception. She said the fund will be flooded

days and enrolling online will help ensure that an application arrives on time.

"For just a little bit of money each locks down your child's college tuition and fees at today's prices, and the State of Texas guarantees those expenses will be paid when your child is ready for college, no matter how much costs soar in the future," Rylander said. "Main Street Texans don't have to worry about Wall Street volatility."

She noted that tuition and required fees at Texas colleges and universities are rising about 8% per year and the fund's contract prices also must increase to keep pace.

"There will never be a better time than now to enroll your child in the Texas Tomorrow Fund, lock down tuition and fees, and get peace of mind from knowing those expenses are guaranteed to be covered when your child is ready for college," she

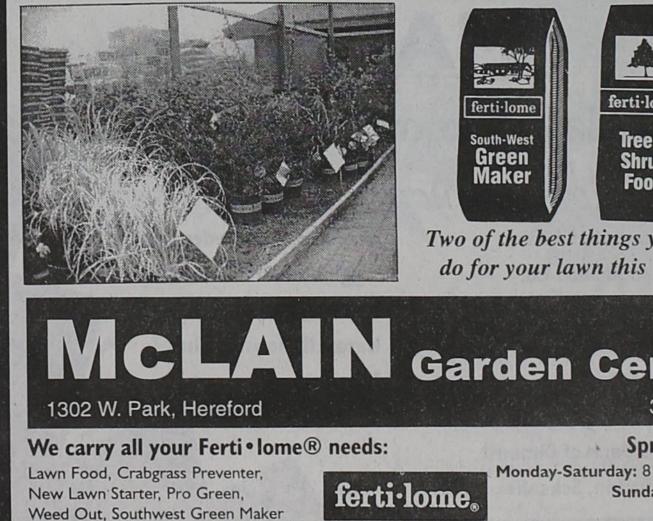
For more details about the program or to enroll online, visit the web site at www.texastomorrowfund. org.

Information also is available by calling 1-800-445-4723.

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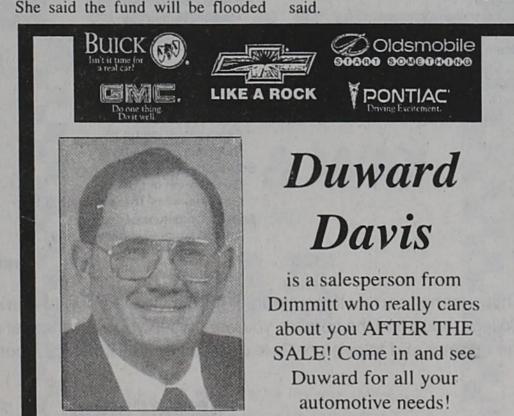
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set the minimum value of items to be included on the county inventory at \$1,000; approved a \$1,000 bond for Deputy Mitch McDonough; approved a contract with the Bill Clayton Detention Center in Littlefield; and declared May as "Community Action Month" after hearing a report from Stella Devers with Panhandle

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Sports

Thiel claims silver medal in 800-meters at state track meet

Nazareth junior Stephanie Thiel posted a personal best time of 2:22.34 in the 800-meter run Saturday, and that earned her a silver medal at the Class A state track meet in Austin.

Thiel finished just a step behind Mary Rogers of Nueces Canyon, who captured the state championship with a time of 2:19.81. In claiming the silver, Thiel knocked five seconds off of her previous personal best of 2:27, achieved during the Region 1-A meet in April.

"She started out in the back of the pack, then made her move near the end of the first lap," said Nazareth Coach Amy Huseman. "She moved into second and she was able to hold that position the rest of the race. Near the end, a girl came up from behind and challenged her, but Stephanie was able to hold her off."

That girl was Lyndi Stuart of Roby, who had beaten Thiel for the Region 1-A championship. Stuart finished third, less than a second behind Thiel. Stuart's bronze medal time was 2:22.55.

"Stephanie was really happy after the race. She only had the seventhfastest time entering the race, but I knew she could do it. She tends to run with her competition and she ran a great race," Huseman said.

Castillo finishes sixth in state shot put event

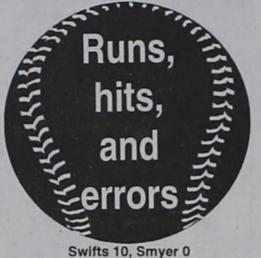
Dan Eric Castillo of Hart threw the shot put 46 feet, 11-1/4 inches on Saturday, but it wasn't far enough to earn him a medal at the Class A state track meet in Austin.

Castillo finished sixth among Class A competitors.

The winning throw was posted by Coleman Vestal of Baird, whose attempt was measured at 52 feet 9-1/2 inches. State runner-up was Tony Tomlinson of Munday, who threw the shot 51 feet, 4-1/4 inches. Capturing the bronze medal was David Garcia of Burton with a throw of 51 feet.

County hoop stars honored

The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal team honor squad.



Smyer 000 000 -0 0 203 32 --- 10 9 Nazareth Ramirez and R. Gutierez for Smyer; Eric Schilling and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth. WP: Schilling (5-2, first career no-hitter). LP: Ramirez. 2B: Adam Acker and Evan Huseman for Nazareth. 3B: Blake Birkenfeld for Nazareth. Record: Nazareth 9-3, 8-2; Smyer 4-6 in district. Overall not reported.

Swifts will meet Marfa in bi-district

Nazareth will travel to Andrews Friday to meet Marfa in a Class A bi-district playoff.

The first pitch is slated to be thrown at 3 p.m. at Andrews.

Nazareth is 9-3 overall and 8-2 in district play. The Swifts finished as the District 2-A runners-up after splitting its games with Crosbyton and Cotton Center during the district series. Crosbyton won the district championship, suffering its lone loss to the Swifts.

Marfa, located 26 miles west of Alpine in the extreme southwestern portion of the state. It's 61 miles from the Texas-Mexico border. The team is the champion from District 1-A, and was the only team in the district, thus guaranteeing the auto-Nazareth Coach Ralph Albracht said he hasn't been able to track down much information on Marfa. but said he visited with the coach a couple of weeks ago and at that Boys on the first-team roster with point, Marfa had played just six at Andrews. games this season. If the Swifts can beat Marfa for the bi-district championship, they ter, Ronald Rose of Hobbs, N.M., will meet either Claude or Shamrock in the area round sometime next



SOPHOMORE HURLER ERIC SCHILLING of Nazareth paralyzed Smyer hitters Friday, pitching a no-hitter in leading his team in a 10-0 District 2-A victory. The win improved Schilling's record to 5-2, while Nazareth jumped to 9-3 overall and 8-2 in district play. The Swifts earned a playoff berth with the win. Schilling fanned seven batters in the fiveinning run-rule game, and only allowed one base runner the entire game.

Schilling hurls no-hitter, leads Swifts into playoffs

Eric Schilling was only one pitch away from having a perfect game Friday, throwing a no-hitter in leading Nazareth to a 10-0 victory over Smyer. The win launched the Swifts into the playoffs as they captured secondplace honors in District 2-A. As the second-seed, Nazareth will face District 1 champion Marfa in a Class A bi-district playoff Friday at 3 p.m.

Nazareth Coach Ralph Albracht.

"He really seemed to have Smyer off-balance. They have some great the third, the Swifts started what hitters, but they couldn't get any- would be a three-run inning when

Swifts to a goose egg.

With one away in the bottom of thing off of him Friday. I thought he Birkenfeld walked. A single by Eric

released its combined all-South Plains Super Team Sunday, and the honor team includes Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel and Eric Schilling among the players, and Nazareth Swiftette Coach Matt Garrett; while Dimmitt's Dee Norman and Heather Black were honorable mention selections.

Thiel was named the overall Player of the Year and Garrett was the Coach of the Year for the 2001 team while Schilling made the first

Other first-team girls' selections matic top seed spot. were Jametra Clark of Hale Center, Brittany Crouch of Slaton, Alesha Robertson and Chelsi Welch of Plainview and Krissy Shipman of Guthrie.

Schilling were Cody Hodges of Hereford, who was Player of the Year; Tyson Johnson of Hale Cen-Eric Sheets of Seminole and Josh Washington of Lubbock Monterey. week.



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Schilling was almost perfect Friday. He faced 16 batters in the regular season finale, and only one reached base. He hit R. Gutierez, the third batter of the game, with a pitch. Gutierez wouldn't advance to second and would be the only base runner Smyer would have.

Schilling struck out seven hitters enroute to his fifth win of the season. Only one Smyer batter hit a pitch past the infield, and that out was recorded by left fielder Chase Schulte for the third out of the fifth inning. Three Smyer hitters ground out to short, two others were thrown out on ground balls to third base, one batter's grounder was fielded cleanly by Schilling and another was an unassisted put-out by Swift first baseman Tyler Ehly.

the five innings to come up with the win. Only three Smyer batters took Schilling to a full 3-2 count, and the sophomore pitcher seldom fell behind in the count.

The no-hitter was the first of Schilling's career, and the first for the Swifts.

"Eric pitched a masterpiece. It (nohitter) was pretty amazing," said threw his fast ball more than he has in the past few games, and that set up his off-speed stuff. His control was good, but it's been super all year long. Maybe he's peaking at the right time, right before we hit the playoffs."

Nazareth picked up nine hits against Smyer's hurler, Ramirez, including a pair of doubles and a triple.

Schilling struck out the lead-off hitter and the second batter grounded out to first base. After walking the next batter, Schilling and the Swifts would be perfect, retiring the next 13 batters for the run-rule win in five innings.

Ramirez walked the Swifts' leadoff hitter, Schulte, in the first, but he would be thrown out while trying to steal second.

Blake Birkenfeld opened up the hitting with a triple to right field, then Daryl Pohlmeier drove him in with a left field single. Pohlmeier didn't stop on first, though. He took second on an error by Smyer's left It took Schilling only 62 pitches in fielder, then advanced to third on an error by the center fielder.

> Nazareth took a 2-0 lead when Ehly nailed a shot into left field that scored Pohlmeier.

Nazareth sent its seventh, eighth and ninth hitters to the plate in the second, but all three were retired by Ramirez and Smyer for a three-up, three-down inning. It would be the only time Smyer's defense held the Schilling fell in the hole in left-center field and Birkenfeld held at second.

An error on Ramirez allowed Ehly to reach, and that scored Birkenfeld.

Justin Kleman picked up a single that scored Adam Acker, (running for Schilling) and Ehly, giving the Swifts a 5-0 lead.

Nazareth extended its lead to 8-0 in the fourth. It all started with a lead-off single by Brock Birkenfeld, who picked up extra bases on a center fielder error.

Schulte put down a sacrifice bunt to score Brock Birkenfeld, giving the Swifts a 6-0 lead.

Several Smyer errors sent Blake Birkenfeld and Schilling to the bases, and both would score as a result of those errors.

Nazareth's 8-0 lead was stretched to 10 in the bottom of the fifth, resulting in the run-rule win.

Ehly grounded out to the pitcher to start the inning, then Evan Huseman was credited with a ground-rule double after a deep shot to left field bounced off a light pole.

Acker scored him on an RBI-double down the left field line.

Shane Kleman drove in Acker for the final run when he pickled up a single that ended the game.

With the win, Nazareth closed out regular season play with a 9-3 overall mark and an 8-2 district record.

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No problem is anticipated there, day and Sunday. either, since virtually all of Hart's students are of the Christian faith. Baccalaureate is considered a community event, and if any student has a problem with it, attendance isn't mandatory.

will honor their own graduating seniors with "Senior Day" services Sunday.

The Dimmitt School Board dispensed with Baccalaureate years ago, endorsing a policy of church-school problems in the future.

Baccalaureate service?

Well, let me tell ya.

weeks, plans were being made in nearby Cobb County for Walton High School's Baccalaureate.

Walton is a large high schoolprobably Class 5A size-and attendance at its commencement service has to be limited. Holding a Baccalaureate service in a large facility offcampus enables many friends and relatives to see the grads march in their caps and gowns.

Baccalaureate isn't an official school function. It is planned and carried out by an independent committee of students, parents and teachers.

Traditionally, Walton High's Baccalaureate is held in the large Mount Bethel United Methodist Church (membership 1,500).

The committee invited Rabbi Steven Lebow of Temple Kol Emeth to deliver the Baccalaureate address. He said he would be honored.

Then the senior pastor of Mount Bethel United Methodist, Rev. Randy Mickler, announced, in effect, Not from my pulpit, he won't. As it turned out, Rev. Mickler had been on vacation and the committee had neglected to ask about his pulpit policy. Although Jews and Methodists worship the same God and use the same Old Testament, Rev. Mickler said that only a minister who believes in Jesus Christ as the son of God would be allowed to speak from his pulpit. He said the same policy would apply to Hindus, Buddhists or Wiccans.

Reed, delivering the Baccalaureate undercurrent in many worship services in the Atlanta area that Satur-

> At Mount Bethel United Methodist, Rev. Mickler strongly defended his stand in his sermon, and refused to budge an inch. And his congregation gave him a standing ovation.

In Dimmitt, the various churches story of that service in Monday's Journal-Constitution, "I had to put the paper down in my lap because I had tears in my eyes," she said. "I was very hurt. I'm a little frightened."

Other Jewish people of the comseparation to avoid any possible munity said they felt "alientated, vulnerable, like an outsider, ostra-You might ask: What kind of prob- cized." Rabbi Alvin Sugarman said lems would you have with a simple it evoked memories of times when Jews were excluded from many social clubs and other institutions.

"Don't forget, my own synagogue While we were in Atlanta for two was bombed in 1958 by a hate a right and a responsibility.

The rift was either the topic or the group," Rabbi Sugarman said. "This particular incident brings up a 2,000year history of anti-Jewish feelings that have led at times to violent anti-Semitism."

And so the argument has raged. Meanwhile, Walton High School's Baccalaureate has been moved from When Frances Jacobson read the Mount Bethel United Methodist Church to the Cobb County Civic Center. Rabbi Lebow will still deliver the Baccalaureate address.

We live in close-knit communities here, and I'm confident that we can carry out our own Baccalaureate customs without any such incidents. I hope we will always bear in mind that whatever our denomination or faith or race or cultural background, we all have the same freedom of thought and worship. And that "respect" is both a noun and a verb,

Police Calls

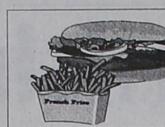
Sunday night, a 67-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for assault/bodily injury/family member. Jack H. Clark of Dimmitt reported to deputies Friday morning that someone had driven his 1996 John Deere 8300 model tractor and caused damage to it. The front metal grill was bent, a mirror on the right side of the cab was broken, and the tractor was covered in mud. However, it was returned close to the spot from which it had been taken.

Deputy Glen Snitker reported that he followed the tracks of where the tractor had been driven and saw where it had gone through several spots with mud and standing water, and where it had been driven over 11 small windbreak trees. Investigation is continuing and neighboring landowners are being asked if they saw or heard anything during the night. Ute Ross of Dimmitt told police Friday that someone had shattered the back window of her Toyota SUV while it was parked at her home on Northwest Fifth. She estimated the damage at \$500. Daniel Rodriguez of Dimmitt told police May 9 that someone took his black pit bull, valued at \$150, from his home on West Estes.

der \$500 out of Hale County; and a Dimmitt woman, 18, minor in consumption, violation of promise to

-Monday, a 56-year-old Tulia woman, theft, Potter County; and a San Antonio man, 33, failure to appear in Abilene and Ozona, no fire extinguisher, disregarding a stop sign, and display of expired annual

May 8 at 4:50 p.m., a 1993 Ford pickup driven by Sara Garcia Salinas, 61, of Dimmitt, backed into a 1991 Cadillac Deville driven by Stan Byrnes, 52, of Dimmitt. Police reported that Salinas had been in the alley in the 300 block of West Bedford and was about to pull out into the street, but then backed up, striking the car that was behind her. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.



May 17-25.

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Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for

the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for

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Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh ba-

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, assorted fruit

MONDAY: Honey bun, assorted fruit juice

TUESDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, pears and

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit,

THURSDAY: Super donuts and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries,

FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, tater

MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni,

TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed

vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno pep-

Second-12th Grade Lunch

chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole;

French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or

refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset

salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls,

arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and choco-

FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger, cheese

enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater

tots, peaches or mixed vegetables; tossed

salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted

muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and

macaroni, bean chalupas or beef taco;

Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or

seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco

condiment salad or applesauce; fideo

Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and

TUESDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chili

Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli with cheese

sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto

beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon;

garlic bread, hot rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs,

MONDAY: Choice of ground beef and

chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

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THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips,

assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.

tots, hamburger salad and milk.

beans, watermelon and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

late milk, white milk or punch.

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potatoes, tossed salad and milk.

Mexicali corn, applesauce and milk.

What's Cooking

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In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Breakfast THURSDAY: Waffles, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash

HART

browns, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk MONDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice,

variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk. TUESDAY: Biscuits, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of

cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk. WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza or chef's salad; toast, salad, corn, carrot sticks, pineapple, gelatin dessert, sliced pickles, chocolate chip cookies and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, submarine sandwich or chicken fajitas; refried beans, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, carrot sticks, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea

MONDAY: Choice of burrito, hamuburger basket or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken strips and nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich with chips or ham sandwich with potato chips; salad, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea. THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

More about Schaeffer.

(Continued from Page 1)

teacher Crystal Littlejohn, who is moving to Lubbock; and Tara Wales, who is the Dimmitt High School esource teacher.

TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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

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

FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strip, tossed salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, fruit cocktail, brownies and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Nachos and corn dogs, Frito salad, peas, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, lettuce, French fries, corn, fruit, orange cake and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken nuggets or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes, fruit, cookies and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: Ham sandwich, potato chips, lettuce, oranges, yogurt and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.

More about Two youths

(Continued from Page 1)

fered numerous bruises and some scrapes.

The two were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

"We couldn't have asked for better personnel who handled them and then made the decision to transfer them to Lubbock," Glenda said. "I am grateful they were willing to send them on, especially with the damage to Matt's face. The doctor (Dr. McGrorey) said they (Covenant) can do a much better job."

Glenda said Matthew was unconscious after the crash, but Danielle was able to get to the end of the feed lot fence and holler toward her grandparents' house. Her mother went out to see if she could see the two coming back and heard Danielle's cries. Matthew was released from the hospital Sunday night and Danielle had been scheduled to be released by Wednesday. "It could have been a lot worse," Glenda said. "It will take some time, but they will heal."

appear, and injury to an elderly.

DOT and defective brakes, Amarillo.

The incident ripped apart Walton High's senior class, the schools and the community. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution had front-page stories daily as the issue grew and festered, and was flooded with letters expressing outrage, sorrow, anger and sadness.

My daughter, Connie, who is a United Methodist minister, was outraged and embarrassed over Rev. Mickler's decision. Other Methodist ministers throughout the Atlanta area publicly expressed similar concern.

When I went with Connie to the morning worship service at Cannon Chapel on the Emory University campus the following Sunday, the pastor announced that, although every Methodist minister has broad powers concerning policy in his or her church, the denomination's Book of Discipline calls on Methodists to respect the dignity of others' faiths and beliefs.

The pastor added that a rabbi would be welcome to speak in the chapel anytime.

The guest minister that morning was from Ireland. He noted that the great American poet, Carl Sandburg, was once asked what he considered to be the ugliest word in the English language.

After thinking for a moment, Sandburg answered, "Exclusion."

More about Indictments

(Continued from Page 1) Charges of aggravated assault/bodily injury/ with deadly weapon were listed against Richard Earl Ewing, 22, of Dimmitt; and also Alan Ward, 28, of Dimmitt.

Jailed during the past week on warrants were:

issuing a bad check for child support, theft by check over \$20 and under year-old passenger in the van was \$500, and a writ of attachment.

man on a capias pro fine for being a minor in consumption of alcohol.

-Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 53, for contempt of child support order from Lubbock.

-Saturday, a 32-year-old Hereford woman on a motion to revoke probation stemming from charges of theft by check over \$20 and under \$500 out of Deaf Smith County.

-Sunday, a Lubbock woman, 26, for theft by check over \$20 and un-

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Saturday at 10:46 p.m. in Dimmitt, a 1991 Dodge pickup driven by Tyler Myatt, 15, of Dimmitt, turned left in front of a 1999 Chevrolet Astro van driven by Derrin Shane Ginter, 30, of Hereford. Police said Myatt had been heading south and stopped at the signal light, waiting to make a left turn. Ginter was heading north. As the van entered the inter--May 8, a Hart man, 34, for section, the pickup turned in front of it and was struck by the van. An 8listed with possible injury. Damage -May 9, a 20-year-old Dimmitt to both vehicles was rated moderate. Myatt was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way-turning left and for no driver's license.

> Sunday at 12:36 p.m., Joann Garcia Herrera, 46, of Rt. 1, Nazareth, backed out of a parking space at Dimmitt Market and struck a parked, unattended 1999 Ford pickup belonging to Arturo Reyes of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported.

southern fried chicken or Chinese plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk

or punch. THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; hot wheat rolls," fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

Teresa Lindsey was hired as the DHS resource teacher and Danny Underwood was assigned as the high school ag teacher.

In other business, the board gave approval for Cornell & Co. to perform the annual audit.

Board members heard department reports on spring sports and other activities.

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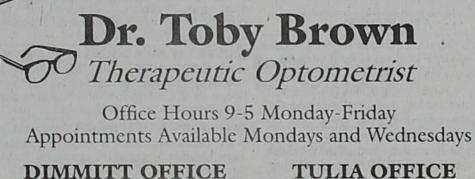
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Theresa Ann Vasquez, 27, of Plainview, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Charges of forgery by making were listed against James E. Wooley, 22, of Roswell, N.M.; Rebecca C. Nieto, 38, of Earth; and also Santiago Rodriguez, 20, of Dimmitt.

Juan Manuel Martinez, 49, of Dimmitt, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

A charge of securing execution of document by deception-welfare was listed against Gloria Lopez, 37, of Dimmitt.

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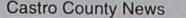
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The choirs are conducted by Elaine Hazel. Three students participated in the solo competition, with Laura Gil, a senior, earning a Division I rating, or superior, while Nicole Swain and Isela Loeza both earned Division II ratings, or excellent. Photos by Linda Maxwell

Letter Mishandling of burial draws criticism from family

Dear Editor:

On April 27, family, relatives and friends gathered at Castro Memorial Garden in Dimmitt to honor and to bid our last farewell to my sister, Teresa Longoria.

She had been diagnosed with cancer about six months ago and after medical intervention proved unsuccessful, she went on with her everyday life as she had always done. At home, it seemed that we all worried more about her fate, while she kept up her daily routines with never a complaint or a regret at what was to come sooner than any of us would wish. She kept at her job at school helping "her kids" as she had done for longer than I can remember, and at home she went on with her household chores.

As time went by and her sickness started taking its toll, she still would not give in to it, and she kept at her daily tasks until the day that she had to go into the hospital. She was very busy dying for the last four weeks of her life.

If she hurt, which is most possible, she never let us see that hurt. Her only voiced regret was that she would be leaving behind her children and her husband. It was an ugly deathwatch, but she turned it into a celebration of life for all of us who witnessed her last days. Her courage and acceptance of her lot was an inspiration, and, to some degree, a consolation to our grief in her passing. She died a dignified death.

And thus, the reason for this letter. As I stated earlier, we gathered to bid farewell to my sister, and we buried her at noon that day. And then we buried her again at 5 that afternoon.

Whether due to shoddy bookkeeping, indifference, negligence or just plain incompetence, an error was made by the person responsible for assigning a burial plot, which impeded the completion of the first burial.

After hours of trying to find someone to correct such a "mistake" and further hours waiting to see if this person (president of the board of directors of the cemetery, no less) would deign to do us the favor of finding a suitable spot, and with family waiting and recriminations

getting harsher, a place was finally located for my sister.

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At sometime during this ordeal, I stated to the president of the board of directors that the family would appreciate and expected a formal apology. He hemmed and hawed as to how it was not completely his fault, and as to how his was a voluntary position, and I would guess, we should just be grateful he actually showed up. As I've mentioned before, with recriminations getting harsher from some members of the family, he finally resorted to pushing and shoving, and "by God, you're not gonna talk to me this way," and generally just washing his hands of the whole mess. He left, leaving another member of the board, who had come out, to see the thing through. J.R. Brown has our thanks for standing by.

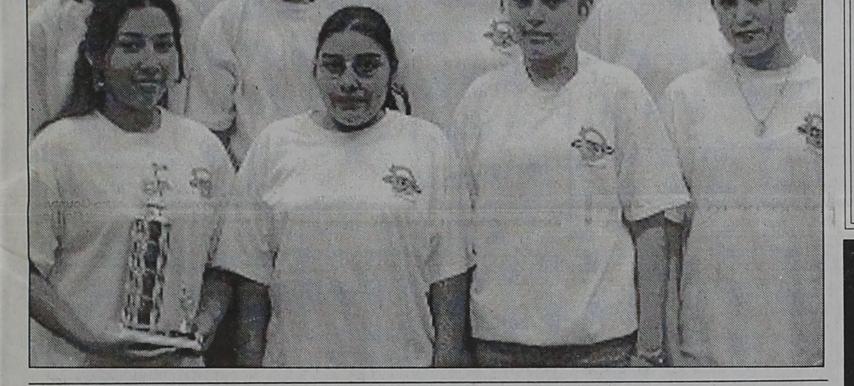
My sister died with courage and dignity, and the dignity in her death was sullied by the circumstances of her burial. It will now be three weeks gone by, and no apology has been issued by the president or the board of directors.

Perhaps an apology is not warranted.

LUIS ACEVEDO







Letter Citizens deserve credit for success of 'Relay'

Dear Editor:

We want to take this opportunity to brag on the citizens of Castro County. As volunteers for the American Cancer Society, we agreed to be the co-chairmen for the second annual Relay for Life. This will be an a.m./p.m. event where community teams solicit donations and then



NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

The Dimmitt Independent School District will receive sealed proposals until 3 p.m. June 6, 2001, for the purchase of the following insurance coverage STUDENT ATHLETE ACCIDENT

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Proposals must be delivered or mailed to the address shown above and to the attention of John Chase. The sealed envelope should be clearly marked, "IN-SURANCE BID-STUDENT ATHLETE ACCIDENT & CATASTROPHE.

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participate in the walking or running, with at least one member from each team on the track at all times. When participants are not walking or running, there will be local entertainment, music, games and food. Tents, lawn chairs, blankets and a festive atmosphere change the football field into a giant community picnic!

We were amazed by the overwhelming support of individuals, companies and civic groups that were ready and willing to donate their time and resources to help "put cancer on the run" during the first Relay for Life in 2000. There were about 300 individuals who participated on 23 teams, more than 250 luminaries were displayed and lit at dusk, and over \$22,000 was raised to be used for patient services, research and education.

The 2001 Relay for Life will be held Friday, June 8, beginning at 6 p.m., with the survivors making the opening lap as the teams line the track to honor and encourage each of those participating. The luminary ceremony at sundown is a very special time that is truly awe-inspiring. The "walk" goes on until midnight, signifying our on-going relay for a victory over cancer. You must have your teams registered with Eddie Sutton at 647-2145 by May 18, with all donations due by May 25. As the race date approaches, the generosity of many who have come forward with donations, support, teams and a genuine desire to be a part of this community effort are greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation, organize a team, walk as a survivor, honor a friend or loved one with a luminary, or support this Relay in any way, call Beth Buckley at 647-2247 or Lori Wilhite at 647-3629 or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524. We have always known this is a great county and community to live in and appreciate your support and

encouragement as we get ready for the second annual Relay for Life. **BETH BUCKLEY** AND LORI WILHITE Relay for Life Co-Chairmen

Relay deadline Friday

Friday is the deadline for teams to sign up for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, which will be held June 8 in Dimmitt. Also, all donations raised by the teams must be turned in by May 25.

Teams may register by contacting team chairman Eddie Sutton at 647-2145. He has team packets available that include information about the relay.

The relay will include activities from 12 noon until 12 midnight, according to Relay Co-Chairmen Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite, with the actual walking/running slated to begin at 6 p.m. with the Survivors's Lap.

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Teams are asked to raise money through donations in the amount of at least \$50 per team member. There must be at least one member of each team walking around the track during the six hours of the relay.

Awards and recognition will be given for best banners, best costumes, best theme, most money raised, most laps walked and lots more.

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Obituaries

Don Annen

A memorial service for Castro County native Don Annen, 71, of Amarillo, was held Friday morning in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo with Msgr. Joe Bixenman officiating.

Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Annen died May 8 in Amarillo.

He was born June 4, 1929, in Castro County and was a businessman in the farm and ranch industry.

He is survived by three daughters, Linda Peters of Sebastian, Fla., Tammy Knowles of Canton, and Candice Annen of Houston; two sons, Craig Annen of Amarillo and Mickey Annen of Canyon; eight grandchildren; and a special friend, Vada McNertney of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 1200 S. Washington, Amarillo 79102.

Phil Brockman

A rosary for Phil Brockman, 56, of Lazbuddie, was recited Tuesday evening at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Bovina.

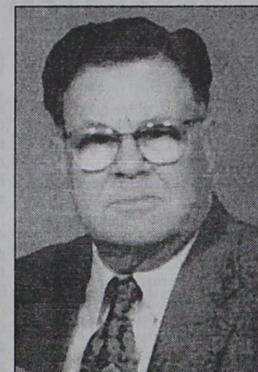
Funeral mass was held Wednesday morning at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Juan Carlos Barragan officiating.

Burial followed at Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Brockman died Sunday in an accident.

He was born Jan. 10, 1945, in Tulia. He married Judy Schulte on June 22, 1965, in Nazareth.

He worked as a manager and salesman for Tide/Wilbur-Ellis for 33 years. He was involved in farming. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church where he served on



Leonard T. Gerber

Funeral Mass for Leonard T. Gerber, 77, of Nazareth was said Friday morning at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Fr. Fern Couture and Fr. Brendan Sherry as celebrants.

Burial was in the Holy Family Catholic Church Cemetery at Nazareth under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Vigil had been held last Thursday in the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Mr. Gerber died May 8 at 4:30 p.m. in Nazareth.

He was born Oct. 8, 1923, in Nazareth, where he was raised and graduated from Nazareth High School in 1941. He married Alvina Schmucker on June 4, 1948, in Nazareth. A member of Holy Family Catholic Church, he had worked for Castro County for about 15 years.

He is survived by his wife; five sons, Mark Gerber of Nazareth, Roger Gerber of Canyon, Mick Gerber of Nazareth, Paul Gerber of Amarillo, and Joel Gerber of Nazareth; a daughter, Connie Backus of Hereford; a brother, Henry Gerber of Amarillo; a sister, Rosena Albracht of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to Hospice Cares, 112 W. Etter Street, Dimmitt 79027; or the Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo 79106.

Jewell Milliken

Funeral services for Jewell Milliken, 86, of Dimmitt were held last Thursday afternoon at Englunds Chapel in Slaton, with Rev. Mark McMillan officiating and Rev. David Fletcher assisting.

Burial was in Englewood Cemetery under direction of Englunds Funeral Service.

She died May 8.

Mrs. Milliken was born Nov. 12, 1914, in Pilot Point, moving to Southland at an early age. A 1932 graduate of Southland High School, she had been a member of the school's basketball team that went to state.

She married Don P. Milliken on March 8, 1934, in Slaton. They farmed in the Morgan community until 1944 when they moved to Wolfforth and retired from farming in 1983.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wolfforth, the Women's Missionary Society, Ladies Bible Studies, and was a Sunday School teacher. She moved to Dimmitt in 1997, then was a resident of King's Manor in Hereford before returning to Dimmitt in January.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 13, 1996.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Norrell of Dimmitt; a brother, Royce Skinner of Lamesa; a sister, Dee Smith of Colleyville; two granddaughters; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 740, Wolfforth 79382; or to the Alzheimer's Disease Education Program, 3601 Fourth St., Rm. 3A116, Lubbock 79430.

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tion at 11 p.m., and live entertain-

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Maybian Rhodes

Maybian "Granny" Rhodes, 86, of Dimmitt, died Tuesday at Parmer County Community Hospital.

Services will be held at 3:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with her son, the Rev. Howard Rhodes, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Charles Broadhurst of Amarillo. Burial followed in Friona Cemetery under the direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Rhodes was born Jan. 16, 1915, in Mountain View, Okla. She married O.C. "Friday" Rhodes on Oct. 29, 1932, in Washita, Okla. He died on July 10, 1987.

She had lived in Dimmitt since 1999. Prior to moving here she had lived in Friona since 1951, moving there from Oklahoma. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. For over 20 years she kept the nursery at the First Baptist Church in Friona.

Survivors include four sons, Gaylon Rhodes of Bovina, Wayne Rhodes of Friona, Cleatus Rhodes of Sayre, Okla., and Howard Rhodes of Dimmitt; four daughters, Betty Smith and Barbara Grimsley, both of Friona, Margaret Coker of Amarillo and Darla Shelton of Suamico, Wisc.; three sisters, Flossie Bales of Amarillo, Ellen Kilday of Chowchilla, Calif., and Coleta Stinson of Fay, Okla.; and two brothers, Augustus "Tyke" Morgan of Cordell, Okla., and Sam Morgan of Whitesboro; 23 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt Memorial Fund or to Hospice Care of Dimmitt.

Melquiarez Sanchez

Melquiarez Sanchez, 74, of Earth, died last Wednesday, Feb. 9, in Lubbock.

A rosary service was held Friday at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth.

Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Mary Magdalen Church with the Rev. Gerard J. Kenney officiating. Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanchez was born Jan. 6, 1927, in Floresville. She married Marcelo R. Sanchez on May 20, 1942, in Beeville. He died in 1989.

She moved to the West Texas area in 1951. She was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church in Earth. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include six sons. Marcela Sanchez and Paul Sanchez. both of Fresno, Calif., Reyes Sanchez of Abilene, Felix Sanchez of Dimmitt, Domingo Sanchez of Moorehead, Minn., and Gilbert Sanchez of Earth; four daughters, Dora D. Velasquez of Colorado Springs, Colo., Diana S. Fuentes of Earth and Cristella S. Flores and Maria Christina S. Lopez, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Jesusa Bosquez and Maria Sanchez, both of Earth; two brothers, Maxima Bosquez of Springlake and Robert "Beto" Munoz of Fresno; 44 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

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N.C. Thrasher

Funeral services for N.C. "Coon" Thrasher, 61, of Amarillo, the brother of former Dimmitt resident Avery Thrasher, were held last Thursday afternoon in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel in Amarillo.

Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon.

Mr. Thrasher died May 7.

He was born in Houston, Miss., and had lived in the Canyon area since 1959. He was a heavy equipment operator, having worked for Howell Sand & Equipment Co.

He is survived by a stepdaughter, Tonja Cargill of Amarillo; four brothers, Charlie Thrasher, Neal Thrasher and Avery Thrasher, all of Amarillo, and Jackie Thrasher of Garden City, Kan.; three grandchildren; 14 nieces and nephews; and longtime companion, Linda Smith of the home.

Quilters selling chances on quilts

The Friendship Quilters' Guild is selling chances on the three quilts that were made of blocks with the names of cancer victims or survivors from last year's Relay for Life.

The proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society. Chances are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets may be purchased from Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or from any guild member.

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the Parish Council and was the CCD coordinator. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a veteran of the US Army, and he served on the Lazbuddie School Board for 12 years.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Guy Brockman of Lazbuddie and Leland Brockman of Aurora, Colo.; a daughter, Launa Gaal of Carrollton; two sisters, Rita Book of Bluffton and Irene C. Wilhelm of Nazareth; three brothers, Jerome Brockman and Cyril Brockman, both of Nazareth, and Tommy Brockman of Friona; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Phil Brockman Scholarship Fund at Lazbuddie High School, c/o First Bank, PO Box 565, Muleshoe TX 79347.

Estelle Davis

Estelle Davis, 83, of Hereford, mother of Mollie Scott of Dimmitt, died last Thursday, May 10, in Dumas.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Parkside Chapel in Hereford with the Rev. Brad Foster officiating. Burial followed in Rest Lawn Memorial Park under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mrs. Davis was born March 21, 1918, in the Oklahoma Territory to William and Vinita McBroom. She married Harley Earl Davis Sr., on Sept. 24, 1939, in Amarillo. He died on Oct. 21, 1975.

Mrs. Davis retired as a seamstress in 1986, having worked for Yocums Appolsitry in Hereford for many years. She had been a midwife for Dr. Edwards at the Hereford Labor Camp. She drove a school bus for the Hereford School District, managed a Circle K Store in Hereford and Dimmitt and was an active partner with her husband in the "Lady Bug Company." She was a member of the Avenue Baptist Church in Hereford, belonged to the Hereford Senior Citizens and loved to do ceramics.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Harley Earl Davis Jr. in 1960; two brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include a son, Gustain Davis of Hereford; four daughters, Eugenia Burnam and Jimmie Middleton, both of Hereford, Mollie Scott of Dimmitt, and Rochelle Hutcherson of Dumas; a brother, Jim

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B. D. Murphy, M.D.

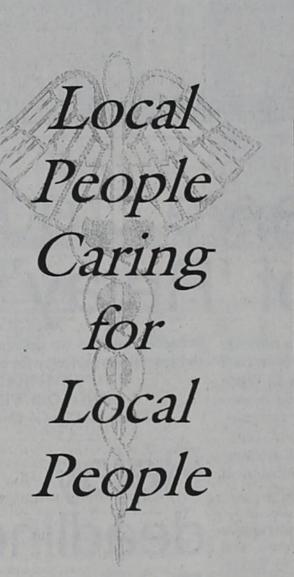
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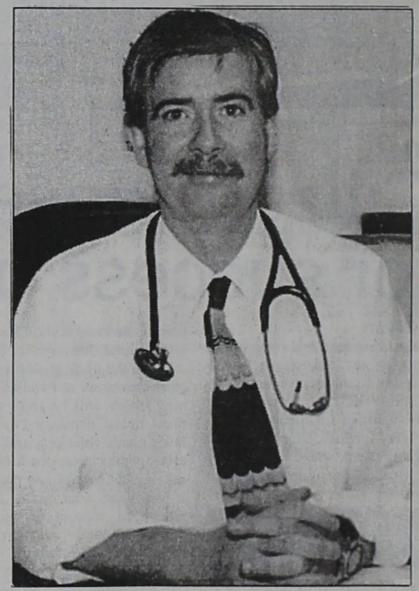
Proceeds from the event will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes from seriously ill children.

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Dr. Donald P. McGrorey

Donald P. McGrorey, M.D., has been serving the people of Castro County for four years at Plains Memorial Hospital and the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Dr. McGrorcy, 39, is primarily a family physician, concentrating on family medicine and obstetrics/gynecology. He also is trained and experienced in emergency medicine, pediatrics, infectious diseases, orthopedic surgery, gastro-intestinal medicine, neurology, psychiatry and other medical disciplines.

"If I had to pick a favorite part of my work, I guess I'd say obstetrics," he said, "but I really enjoy everything, from the elderly patients down to the babies."

He added, "I enjoy my situation here. We

Although he doean't usually have much spare time, he stays active by running a couple of times a week at the high school track.

His favorite pastime, though, is simply spending time with his children-especially attending Patrick's junior league hockey games in Amarillo.

Dr. McGrorey is a native of Canada, but has spent most of his professional career in the US-New York, New Jersey, Nevada and Texas. Before coming to Dimmitt, he was the medical director and acting chief of staff at the Nye Regional Medical Center at Tonopah, Nev.

He makes it a point to get back to Canada to see his family there two or three times a year.

McBroom of Amarillo; a sister, Betty Patton of Amarillo; 17 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Memorial Hospice of Dumas.

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have a good group of doctors here to work with, and the people in general have been very supportive. We like the community, the school system and everything." In addition to his dutics as a family practitioner, Dr. McGrorey is the current Chief of Staff of Plains Memorial Hospital. His wife, Michelle, is a Registered Nurse (BSN) at Plains Memorial, and also serves as

tion. The McGroreys have four children: Erik, 16, Marissa, 14, Patrick, 7, and Donny, 2.

the district's Director of Continuing Educa-

Dr. McGrorey has office hours at the Medical Center of Dimmitt from 8:30 to 5 weekdays.

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