

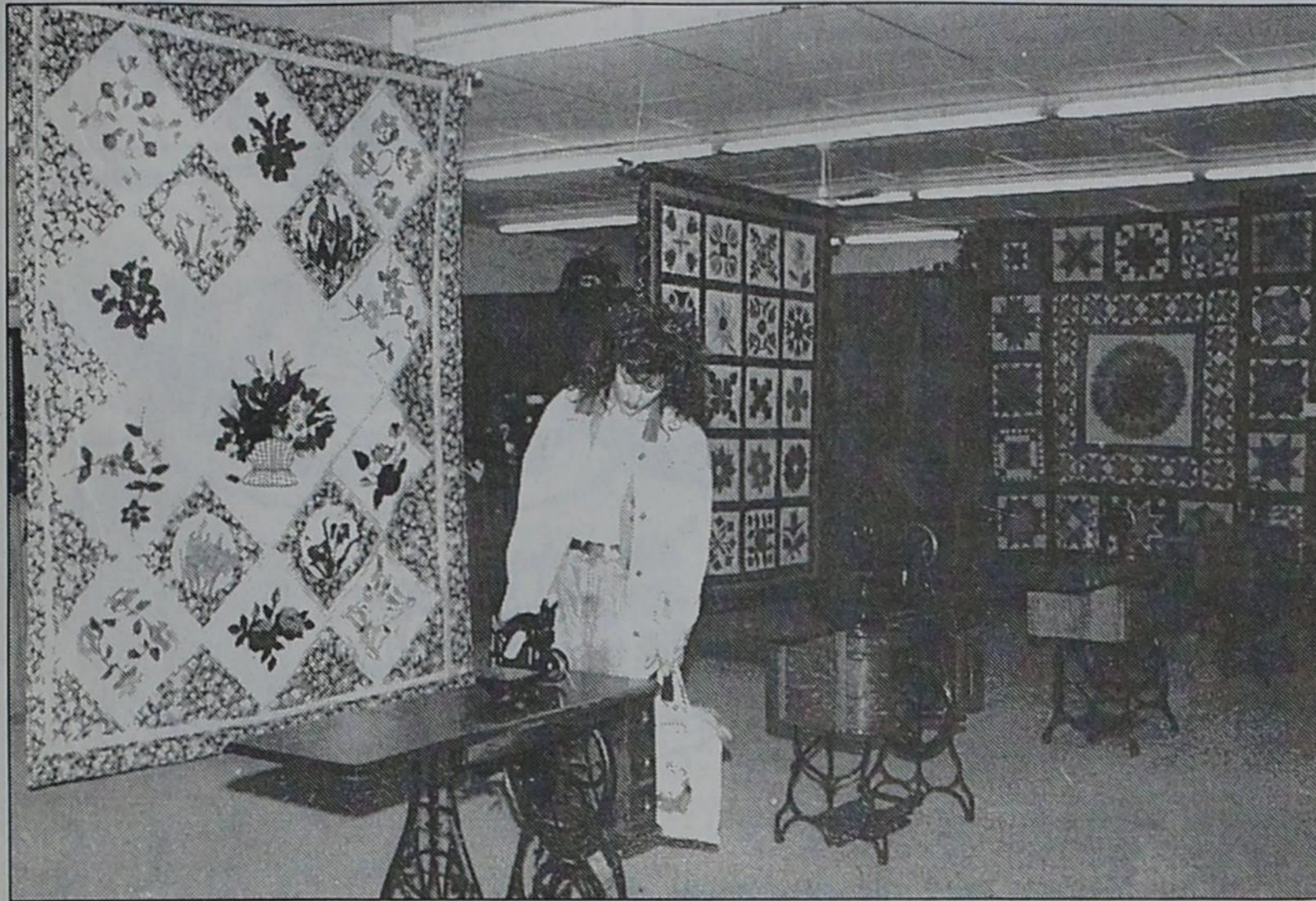
# The Castro County News

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**CAPTIVATING DISPLAY** — Before attending a quilting class at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center Saturday morning, Suzan Collins Headrick of Deddo, Guam, stops to study an antique Willcox & Gibbs sewing machine, first patented in 1871. The antique machines, provided by collector-restorer Lester Battease of Sweetwater, were among many unique displays in the second annual Ogallala Quilt-

ers Festival. The quilts on display in the Senior Citizens Center were all from the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Pampa. Mrs. Headrick, daughter of Ogallala Quilters Guild President Darlene Collins of Dimmitt, came the longest distance to the festival; others registered from Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona, as well as from throughout the Panhandle.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Drug testing policy adopted by DISD

After a failed attempt to delay consideration of the drug and alcohol deterrent policy, the Dimmitt school board voted 6-1 Monday night to adopt the proposed policy with changes specified by the board.

Voting against adoption of the policy was Avery Thrasher. In favor were Debbie Annen, Earl Behrends, Steve Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbra, and John Nino.

Thrasher made a motion to postpone voting on the policy until the May 10 meeting, so that any newly-

elected board members also would have a chance to vote on the measure. The motion was seconded by Earl Behrends, Buckley abstained and the other four voted against the postponement.

Specific provisions included in the proposed policy included that all students participating in extracurricular contests, competitions or elective office in grades 7-12 will be tested for the first mandatory testing time at the first of the 1999-2000 school year. In subsequent years, all seventh grade participants will be tested, along with all students who first become involved in any covered activity.

The screening test will be at least a three-panel test (cocaine, marijuana and amphetamines) plus alcohol testing. A 10-panel test may be considered after reviewing cost estimates from companies bidding on providing the testing service.

The list of activities to be included in the screening program was approved. They are all athletics, cheerleading, student council and other

student elected offices, National Honor Society, Peer Assistance Leadership (PALs), FHA Star event competitors, FFA competition participants, Technology Students Association competitors, UIL One Act Play and Literary event participants, Business Professionals Association, Odyssey of the Mind, and band and choir.

Any violations of the policy by a student will be cumulative for grades 7-12. At the fourth violation of the policy, a student will no longer be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the remainder of his or her school years.

The "reasonable suspicion" guidelines in the policy will be used only for students who are participants in extra curricular activities.

DHS Athletic Coordinator Bruce Dollar, who led the effort to draw up the proposed policy, said he will request that the school policy for "non-tested" drug or alcohol offenses by any student be changed to have the same sanctions as under the deterrent policy. He said that if a student is charged with being a minor in possession, then that student should face the same level of punishment that a student would face who tests positive in the screening program.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that during the budgeting process he will recommend that about \$25,000 be set aside for the testing and counseling expenses of the drug and alcohol deterrent program. Dollar said cost estimates have ranged from \$21.95 per test to over \$40. He estimated

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## Public hearing set on TV tower

The Dimmitt City Council will hold a public hearing Monday night at their regular meeting at 6:30 to gather opinions about the city supplying a television repeater tower for citizens who do not want or cannot afford cable television service.

"We want to find out if people think that would be an appropriate expenditure of city funds," Mayor Wayne Collins said.

Council members discussed the matter at the last council meeting, and decided to call for a public hearing.

City Manager Don Sheffy was asked to obtain a cost estimate and to confer with the City of Tulia, which recently undertook a similar project for the benefit of its citizens.

Council member Trish Elliott told other council members that two citizens of Tulia told her their tower cost about \$40,000, but it was a used tower that was cut down in size for their requirements.

Collins said the presence of the tower in Tulia makes it possible for city residents to get reception of Amarillo stations with only the "rabbit ear" antennae that come with television sets. He said it allows people to have an alternative to cable service.

"It is especially beneficial to the elderly and others on a fixed income," Collins said.

## Three enter plea bargains

Three men entered plea bargain agreements in 242nd District Court, and judgments were filed on Friday.

Two judgments were rendered April 5 by Judge Ed Self.

Ernest Lee Chance entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to third degree felony charges of DWI, third or more offense, in connection with a Sept. 6, 1997 incident. The terms of the agreement included a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, and a \$50 donation to Crime Line, in addition to five years confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice. The confinement was suspended in favor of five years of community supervision. Chance also must submit to treatment in a state substance abuse treatment facility for

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## Summerfield group protests closing of railroad crossing

A delegation from Summerfield and Hereford Grain informed Castro County Commissioners Monday that they were against the closing of a short road that crosses the Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad tracks and bisects Highway 60 in northwestern Castro County.

At the March 22 commissioners' meeting, Jerry Rector with Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad asked if the county would consider closing the road, which is in the Summerfield area. Rector said the railroad's request for the closure is part of its Operation Lifesaver Program.

"Our goal is to remove crossings that are a danger to the public," Rector told commissioners at the March 22 meeting.

The road in question, which is located in Precinct 3, leads from Hereford Grain to Highway 60 and is used frequently during harvest sea-

son, but sees limited traffic otherwise.

Rector asked that the road be closed and that traffic be rerouted along another road to another crossing less than a half a mile away. This crossing is equipped with flashing lights and other warning signs, etc. The road that leads to the alternate safer crossing would be improved with caliche, Rector added.

"It's a lot safer to cross there and that's what we're after," Rector said.

But the road closure isn't something the Summerfield community is backing.

"The people in Summerfield are dead set against this closure," Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige told commissioners Monday. "I understand that everyone who uses this elevator (Hereford Grain) is against the closure."

After meeting with Rector in March, Baldrige investigated the crossing site and spoke with residents in Summerfield and with people at Hereford Grain.

Joe Artho, chief executive officer of Hereford Grain; Dennis Artho, assistant manager of Hereford Grain; and J.B. Toland of Summerfield met with commissioners Monday and presented the court with a petition signed by Summerfield-area residents, asking the county to leave the road open.

"We've been here (at the elevator) for 70 years and we've run a lot of traffic across that crossing," said Joe Artho. "An all-weather road with caliche won't do for us. The trucks would wear holes in that in no time. If they would agree to pave that road, it would help."

"Right now we can cross over to Highway 60 from the elevator. If we had to go .40 of a mile down an alternate caliche road, it'd be a detriment to us," Joe Artho added.

Rector said there is a question as to whether the crossing in question is "public" or "private."

He said if it is private, there is no contract between the railroad and the private owner, but added that there is supposed to be a contract and the private owner is responsible for the crossing.

If the crossing is determined to be public, then the county is responsible.

"If this is a public crossing and there's an accident, is Castro County responsible?" asked County Judge Irene Miller.

Rector said the county would be responsible. He added that the county would also be responsible for the expense of putting up additional warning signs, lights, signals, crossarms, etc., and those costs could run more than \$100,000.

The crossing currently has a crossbar sign, but does not have a stop sign, flashing lights to warn of an approaching train or crossarms.

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## 'Kindergarten' lessons will entertain audience Friday night in Dimmitt

Tickets are still on sale for the musical production of *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, which will be performed Friday at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

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

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

"We haven't really sold many tickets yet, but everybody buys tickets in the last week," said Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. "I'm not concerned (about the slow ticket sales). I think we'll have a very good crowd and they'll see an excellent show."

The Amarillo Little Theatre's *Always Patsy Cline* and *Smoke on the Mountain* played to packed houses throughout the Panhandle last year, said Sava.

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

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

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

Six storytellers take the audience through the entire life-cycle from kindergarten through adolescence to adulthood, old age and even death.

Sometimes whimsical, often poignant and generally hilarious, this play combines some of Fulgham's best stories with innovative staging and a fabulous rhythm and blues score.



THE CAST of the Amarillo Little Theatre's production of "All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten" includes (clockwise, from bottom) Laura Barton, Ken Bender, Cara Johnston Kee, Art Lynch, Treva Bradford and Shawn Walsh. The play will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Dimmitt High School auditorium. Courtesy Photo

The show offers inspiring lessons of love, loss and life.

Sava said he's spoken with someone with Amarillo Little Theater and

has been assured that *Kindergarten* is suitable for all ages, although it's more interesting for those who are at least junior high age.

## Voters may cast early ballots now

Early voting in the May 1 elections started Wednesday and will continue through April 27. Early ballots may be cast at the business office of the governing entities (cities and school districts) that are holding elections.

Registered voters in Dimmitt may consult their voter registration cards to determine which district they should vote in for the school board election.

Terms that are expiring for the various governmental bodies and candidates who have filed are listed below.

### Dimmitt

**City:** The election has been canceled since all candidates are unopposed.

**DISD:** Terms are expiring for Place 3 representative Chevo Lumbra; Place 6, Debbie Annen; and Place 7, Steve Buckley.

In Place 3, Albert Acevedo and incumbent Lumbra have filed. In Place 6, Greg Odom, incumbent Annen, and Robert Wilhite have filed.

In Place 7, Jim Wright, Barbara Bain, and Connie Nutt have filed.

### Hart

**City:** Mayor Tony Leibel's term is expiring, as well as the terms for Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez. All incumbents have filed for re-election, along with challenging mayoral candidate Marguerite McLain.

**HISD:** Those whose terms are expiring are Coy Myrick and Roy Gonzales. Incumbent Myrick has filed, along with challengers Brian Nelson and Danny Rodriguez.

### Nazareth

**City:** Election has been canceled due to no candidates filing for the position of city commissioner. The city commission may appoint someone to serve after May 1.

**NISD:** Terms are up for Rex Ramakers, who had been filling one year of an unexpired term; and Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber. All incumbents have filed, along with challengers Don Schulte and Jeanie Birkenfeld.

### Hospital District

The election has been canceled since all candidates are unopposed.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

I think I've become a quilt junkie. Verbie and I didn't really intend to get so involved with the Ogallala Quilters Festival. But we're glad that we did.

It was like having a major art museum in our town for three days.

We ended up spending six hours Friday afternoon and Saturday morning marveling at these works of folk art at the Expo Building, Senior Citizens' Center, Rhoads Memorial Library and First United Methodist Church.

The talent, imagination, ability, color sense, attention to detail and devotion that obviously went into most of the quilts just staggers my mind.

(This was the second annual Ogallala Festival, but for us it was the first. We didn't get to attend last year's because of a press convention.)

The newspaper donated the money for a "Silver Dollar and Fat Quarter" award again this year.

I was notified that I needed to be at the Expo Building between 4 and 6 last Thursday to pick our winner.

Whoa. I don't know anything about judging quilts.

"Just pick the one you like the best," I was told.

My group included 13 quilts, all in a row. And I liked 'em all.

It was what you could call a delightful dilemma.

After an hour of admiring and agitating, I picked as my winner No. 1012, entitled "Pieced Quilt," entered by Leta Dennis of Dimmitt.

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## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	76	49	
Friday	71	32	
Saturday	82	36	
Sunday	69	30	
Monday	65	34	
Tuesday	67	42	.49
Wednesday	75	41	.30

April Moisture ..... .79  
1999 Moisture ..... 3.72

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

# Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



## Child passenger safety is parents' responsibility

By MARILYN NEAL  
County CEA-FCS

Castro County is a wonderful place for a child to grow up. There are many things to learn and great people to teach a child.

However, Castro County has one danger zone for young children. Like many other places in Texas, our county has too many children who are unrestrained in vehicles. According to the Dept. of Public Safety, 146 children age 12 and under were killed in motor vehicle crashes in Texas in 1997, and over 31,000 were injured.

During Child Passenger Safety Week, Feb. 14-20, information has been made available to let people know that child safety seats really do work. Children, especially those under the age of 5, are vulnerable in collisions because of the size and shape of their bodies. Safety seats are designed to spread the forces of a crash over more of the body for front-facing toddlers, and cradle the fragile neck and back of rear-facing infants.

Child safety seats are the most effective occupant protection devices used in motor vehicles today. If used correctly, they are 71% effective in reducing fatalities in children under the age of 5 and 69% effective in reducing the need for hospitalization. Unfortunately, parents too often do not know the basic who, what, when, where, why and how of child safety seats.

WHO should use a child safety

seat? Texas law requires all children age 2 and under be restrained in a child safety seat. Children ages 2-4 are required to be in a child safety seat or in a seat belt.

A parent may ask WHAT kind of safety seat should be used. All children should be restrained in a safety seat that is appropriate for age and weight, and also meets federal safety standards. Infants should ride facing the rear of the vehicle in an infant-only or rear facing convertible seat until age 1. Children over 1 year of age, who weigh over 22 pounds should ride facing forward in convertible safety seats. Children who have outgrown their convertible seat should ride in a belt positioning booster seat until adult belts fit them properly. Older children wear safety belts and keep the lap belt low and snug across the hips. The belt must not ride up over the abdomen, and the shoulder belt must not cross the face or front of the neck.

WHEN should a child safety seat be used? Use a safety seat every time on every trip. Do not make the deadly mistake of using a car seat only on freeways or for long trips. Most car crashes happen within 25 miles of home. If a child rides with friends, relative or babysitters, be sure they have a correctly installed safety seat and that they properly use it every time the child is in the car. Older children will likely have the habit of buckling up on every ride if this has been expected from birth.

WHERE should a child safety seat

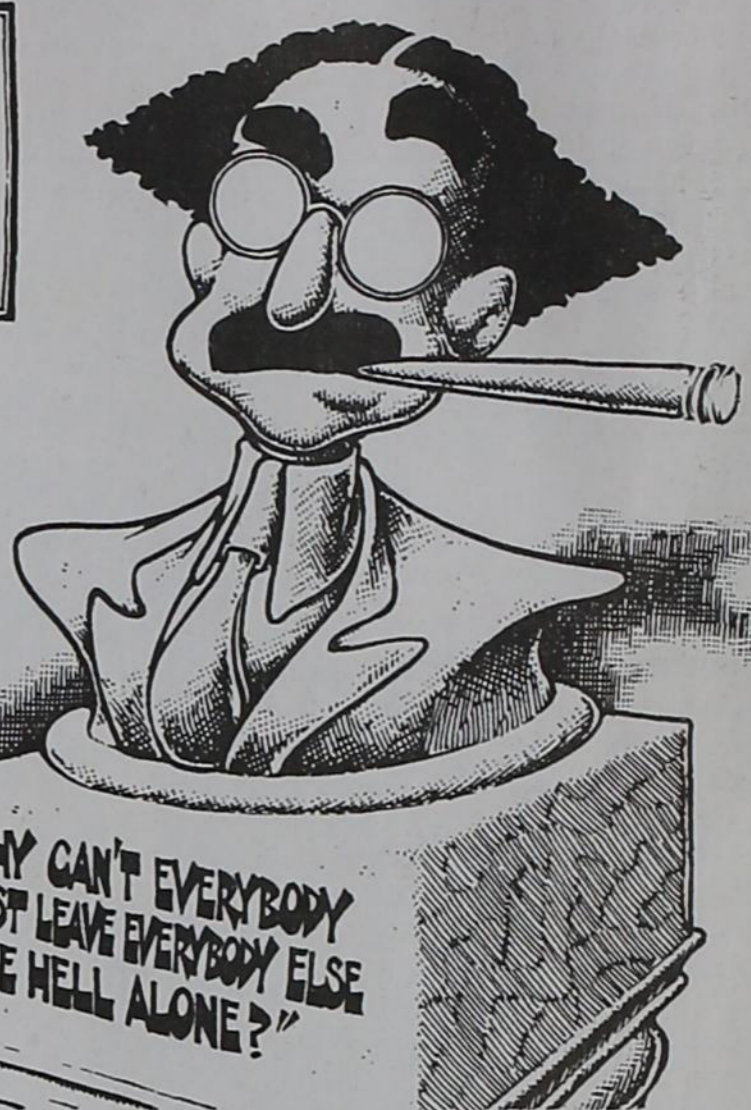
be placed in the car? The back seat is the safest place for all children to ride. Never place a rear-facing infant seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side air bag, which could strike the back of the infant seat and seriously injure or kill a baby. If a toddler convertible seat must be placed in the front seat of a vehicle, move the seat position back as far as possible from the dashboard.

Many parents often ask WHY should safety seats be used. It's the law in Texas for children under 4 to be restrained. Motor vehicle crashes are a leading cause of death and injury for children ages 1-5 in the US. Correct use can save lives and injuries. In a crash or sudden stop, an unbuckled adult holding a baby can crush the child into the windshield or dashboard.

There are many different types of seats and they all seem to install differently. It is important that parents know HOW to properly install child safety seats into motor vehicles. Parents must read their vehicle owner's manual and child safety seat instructions very carefully. A special locking clip may be necessary to hold your vehicle safety belt in place so you can anchor your safety seat properly.

For more information about child safety seats, call Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent, at 647-4115, or stop by the extension office in the basement of the Castro County Courthouse.

KOSMO, 1999  
ONCE AGAIN, GROUCHO MARX  
PROVES HIMSELF THE CENTURY'S  
MOST PROFOUND POLITICAL THINKER...



BEN SARGENT  
Owner of the American Standard  
United Team, Toledo

## More about School board meeting...

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that about 400 students will have to be tested for the initial screening.

The board will look at proposals from different companies interested in providing the screening tests and others that want to provide counseling services.

Dollar said DHS Counselor Sue Summers and Plains Memorial Hospital RN Linda Raso are both contacting agencies that might be able to provide the counseling services. He estimated the cost at \$25 per hour.

In other business, the board authorized the school's engineering firm, Grimes & Associates, to go ahead with the bid process for improvements to the high school facilities.

Joe Grimes gave a very rough estimate of \$600,000 for the total cost of the five proposed projects. Board members asked that he bid each project separately.

The most expensive project will be the construction of an athletic complex in the general area of where the high school tennis courts now stand. The 150'x125' metal building will hold a new weight room, an indoor tennis court and basketball court. Also planned is inclusion of an indoor pole vaulting box and room for a batting cage.

Another project will be three new outdoor tennis courts to the south and east of the complex.

The third project discussed was an addition to the present field house. The addition would be on the east end of the building with two dressing rooms and a coach's office for the girls athletics program.

The fourth project is building an inside curb on the high school track and resurfacing the track. Raising the outfield fence to a height of 10' at the high school baseball field and installing a windbreak in it is the fifth project.

Dollar told the board that the expansion of the field house is needed so that girls in athletics would not be

required to "go back and forth across town." At present, the girls have been going to the middle school gym to change clothes. Dollar noted that having the facility at the high school would free up the middle school gym for use by middle school students, so that athletics could be concentrated in the last two periods of the day.

In other business, the board approved new guidelines for the high school cheerleading program. Cheerleading sponsor Elly Rogers asked that the alternate positions be eliminated, leaving eight cheerleaders and the mascot. She said it wasn't fair to the alternates, because they were not able to attend the cheerleading camp and were not provided with matching uniforms. Rogers also asked permission for the cheerleaders to attend camp in San Angelo this year. She said the program there groups squads according to school size and experience.

Approval was given to hire another Spanish teacher at the high school to help supply all of the Spanish III sections that will be required next year for students wanting to complete the "recommended" program.

The board also approved inclusion of a yearbook class at the middle school as an elective for eighth graders, with students having to meet the same criteria as for an office aide. The class will be taught by Brad Stradley, and will include some computer instruction. He also said he would like for the students to produce a monthly newspaper.

The proposed calendar for the 1999-2000 school year was approved with one change. A snow day set for May 5, 2000 was moved to May 12 to coincide with the state track meet. The first day of classes will be Aug. 12 and graduation will be May 25, 2000. Holidays will be Labor Day, Sept. 6; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24-26; Christmas, Dec. 22-Jan. 4; Stock Show, a half day Jan. 27 and all day

Jan. 28; Spring Break, March 13-17; and Good Friday, April 21. The other snow day will be April 24.

The board set a special meeting for May 7 at noon to canvass the election returns and elect board officers.

After an executive session, the board voted to accept the resignations of Cory Lynch, high school assistant football coach, freshman boys basketball coach, and head tennis coach; and Kyla Lynch, second grade teacher. They are moving to Wheeler.

## More about Three enter...

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no more than one year or less than six months.

Albert Clinton Richards entered a plea of guilty to charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle in connection with a Sept. 26 incident. The terms of the agreement included two years confinement in the TDCJ, suspended in favor of two years of community supervision; a \$1,000 fine, \$242 in court costs, and \$250 in attorney fees; and a \$50 donation to Crime Line.

In a judgment dated Feb. 10, 1998, Judge Jack Miller accepted a plea bargain from Jose Angel Juarez on second degree felony charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury in an Aug. 3, 1997 incident. Terms of the agreement include confinement for two years in the TDCJ, suspended in favor of five years of community supervision; \$1,000 fine, \$236.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, and a \$50 contribution to Crime Line. He also will be required to complete not less than 90 days nor more than one year in a substance abuse program and continue to participate in a drug continuum of care treatment plan, as developed by the Texas Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

## Letter Thus spoke Gore

Dear Editor:

On Jan. 28, you published a few quotes from Dan Quayle in the Castro County News (1:1). My mother read the article to me over the phone, and we had a good laugh remembering some of the silly things that he has said over the years. Sure, Mr. Quayle will be remembered for misspelling potato and saying he should have learned Latin before visiting Latin America, but what quotes will forever be associated with the current White House team? Here are my nominees:

"Who are these people?" (Al Gore while looking at busts of Washington and Franklin during a tour of Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello.)

"They will be the education team that Missouri needs to move into the 21st Century." (Al Gore describing candidates for public office in Minnesota.)

"I tell you that Michael Jackson is just unbelievable, isn't he?" (Al Gore commenting on the NBA basketball star, Michael Jordan.)

"The Pacific Yew can be cut down and processed to produce a potent chemical, taxol, which offers some promise of curing certain forms of lung, breast and ovarian cancer in patients who would otherwise quickly die. It seems an easy choice—sacrifice the tree for a human life—until one learns that three trees must be destroyed for each patient treated." (Al Gore.)

"There was no controlling authority." (Al Gore explaining why he used his office for political fund raising, a practice which is contrary to federal law.)

"The purpose of government is to reign in the rights of the people." (Bill Clinton.)

"You know the one thing that's wrong with this country? Everyone gets a chance to have their fair say." (Bill Clinton.)

"The last time I checked, the Constitution said, 'of the people, by the people, and for the people.' That's what the Declaration of Independence says." (Bill Clinton, quoting the Gettysburg Address.)

"We can't be so fixated on our desire to preserve the rights of ordinary Americans." (Bill Clinton.)

"[I]t depends on how you define 'alone'... there were a lot of times when we were alone, but I never really thought we were alone"; and "It depends on what the meaning of 'is' is." (Mr. Clinton trying to avoid being prosecuted for having oral sex with an employee in his office.)

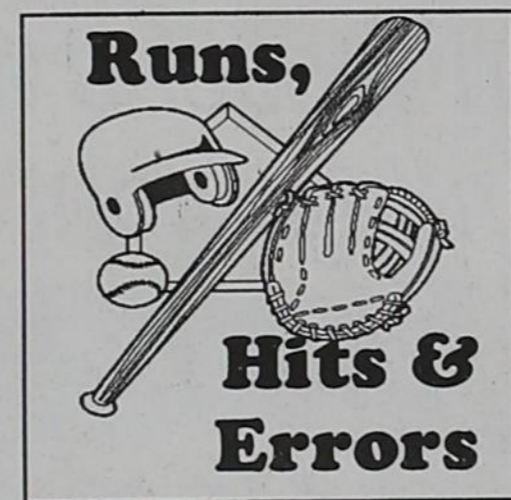
News editors like you will make every effort to cast honorable men like Dan Quayle in a bad light, highlighting his misstatements as if they were somehow injurious to this country. At the very same time, if you do not completely ignore the illegal practices of the Clinton/Gore administration, you claim they are "indefensible," then follow with a defense of their actions. For as long as you and your peers in the news media continue to give this administration a pass, they will continue to behave in an "indefensible" manner, and the freedoms that some of us still consider precious will continue to be abused.

I'm not asking that you or any other media outlet quit laughing at politicians when they say something stupid. I'm not asking that you quit reporting when a politician is caught doing something illegal, or even a little shady. All I am asking for is fairness.

STEPHEN L. WAKEFIELD  
Bedford, TX

(Editor's Note: Hey, I wish I had had your quotes when I was compiling that column. I had read most of them in newspapers and

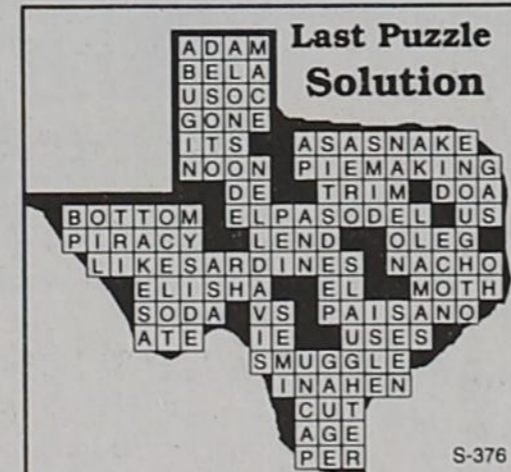
magazines over the years, but I don't collect them. I pulled my list off of the Internet, and it quoted several politicians of all stripes; Quayle only gave me a good hook to hang the list on. As to the news media giving this administration a "pass," stop and think about that accusation for a minute, then tell me—what was it that we all just got sick of seeing and hearing and reading about over the last 13 months? Anyway, thanks for the quotes. I hope our readers enjoy them.)



**SATURDAY**  
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Jones, Cunningham (4) and Vogel; Tanner Griffith and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt. WP: Griffith. LP: Cunningham. 2B: Vogel and Lasley of Dalhart, Derek Buckley of Dimmitt. 3B: Slatton of Dalhart and Robert Sepeda of Dimmitt. HR: Luis Silva and Eric Gamez of Dimmitt. District record: Dimmitt 8-4, 3-2.

**Swifts 21, Hereford 9<sup>th</sup> 11**  
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Nazareth 444 306 21 17 10  
Valdez and N. Pesina for Hereford 9<sup>th</sup>; Blake Birkenfeld and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth. WP: Birkenfeld. LP: Valdez. 2B: N. Pesina, of Hereford; Daryl Pohlmeier, Ky Wilcox, Mitchell Brockman, Matt Olvera and Aaron Kern (2) for Nazareth. HR: E. Pesina for Hereford; Mitchell Brockman and Stanton Wethington for Nazareth.

**MONDAY**  
Swifts 19, Hereford 9<sup>th</sup> 6  
Nazareth 123 616 19 11 2  
Hereford 9<sup>th</sup> 032 001 6 5 4  
Kade Wilcox, Ky Wilcox (4) and Matt Olvera for Nazareth; Nash and Wilcox for Hereford. WP: Kade Wilcox. LP: Nash. 2B: Mitchell Brockman and Stanton Wethington for Nazareth; Cruz and Wilcox for Hereford. 3B: Matt Olvera for Nazareth.



### TEXAS CROSSWORD

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Jack & Jill's bucket
- 5 Valley medicinal plant
- 6 yard
- 7 TXism: "\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)
- 8 Astros headwear
- 9 Spurs org. (abbr.)
- 12 good 'ol boy
- 17 historic Episcopal church in Lockhart State Rec. Area
- 19 tracks in TX proved that sauro pods traveled
- 21 inaugural processions in TX
- 22 TXism: "restless \_\_\_ in church"
- 23 iron deficiency
- 28 Carrizo Springs AM station
- 29 Colorado Indians
- 30 Malaysian skirt
- 31 rodeo riders' bag
- 35 what Texans didn't ask for at Alamo
- 36 TXism: "\_\_\_ a fight"
- 42 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ scum"
- 44 D'\_\_\_ TX
- 46 Ruby's prosecutor
- 48 "\_\_\_ the thought"
- 49 \_\_\_ Jo, TX (abbr.)
- 50 this Barbara was TX Hagman's "Jeannie"
- 51 TXism: "between \_\_\_ and a hard place"
- 52 TX Miller sang, "trailers for sale or \_\_\_"
- 53 TX B.J.'s "Play Another Somebody \_\_\_ Somebody Wrong Song"
- 54 Davy Crockett: "Be sure you're right, then go \_\_\_"
- 56 actress Kim who fell for a TX Ranger in "True Grit"
- 57 TX Lisa Mc \_\_\_ was co-host of "Good Morning America"
- 58 Denison-born president (init.)
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- 39 TX Willie wrote "Hello Walls" for this Young
- 40 TXism: "independent as a dog \_\_\_"
- 41 TXism: "shoot dice over the phone"
- 43 legendary pitcher from Alvin, TX (init.)
- 45 San Jacinto general (init.)
- 47 TX \_\_\_ the Union in 1845
- 48 Texas Tech's \_\_\_ Murphy
- 55 TXism: "got \_\_\_ in her bonnet"

**DOWN**

- 1 Waco's annual "Cotton \_\_\_"
- 2 this college has never beaten a TX school in the Cotton Bowl
- 3 town in central Wichita Co.
- 4 make a loan
- 9 TXism: "nekkid"
- 10 TXism: "\_\_\_ and put up wet"
- 11 Capone & Jolson
- 12 snake you can see at the Houston Zoo
- 13 a Texan not celebrated
- 14 sheep cry
- 15 to cook in an oven
- 16 Bentzen State Park groove-billed birds
- 18 seize
- 20 ex-Ranger outfielder Dascenzo (init.)
- 23 TXism: "fun \_\_\_ feeding monkeys at the zoo"
- 24 TX Stuckey or King Cole
- 25 to be human
- 26 TXism: "have to prime my \_\_\_ to spit" (thirsty)
- 27 Battleship Texas had guns measuring 14 \_\_\_
- 32 "good \_\_\_ boy"
- 33 "yes" south of the border

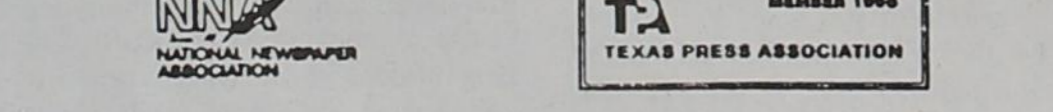
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# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

This has been a very busy week. Connie and I ran into Debbie Hansen Cole and her two sons, Judd, 12, and Dane, 10, while eating at El Chico in Lubbock. Debbie home schools the boys. Judd played the piano recently at the Pastoral Music Festival, earning a superior rating.

Last week, I reported Donny, Janet and Rusty McDaniel went to Roswell, N.M., to visit Janet's sister

and family. I failed to mention that Todd, Dawn and Madison, and Rodney, Mandi and Dylan also went.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the home of Emily Clingsmith, since the Quilters Guild was using the Senior Citizens Building. (There were so many creative and beautiful quilts. There seemed to be a lot of interest from neighboring towns.) Louise Mears was high scorer for the

bridge players. Emily was hostess and served a cabbage slaw, lasagna, and pecan pie topped with ice cream. There were 12 players present.

I kept two of the Quilting Guild members in my home Friday night. They were Jenny Paschal of Lubbock and Billie Hickman of Crosbyton. They both also came last year. Miss Molly helped Greg Odom with the auction. Several of us thought we

recognized Miss Molly, but we could not be sure.

Charlie Wohlgenuth, Dorothy and V.C. Hopson and I played bridge Tuesday night. V.C. was the winner—imagine that.

Carolyn and Don Moke went to the Lake of the Pines over the Easter holiday. They joined Carolyn's brother and wife at Fort Worth. They spent Friday at Canton. Saturday they spent in Tyler. The azaleas were beautiful. The drive to the Lake of the Pines was very pretty, too. The dogwood trees were in full bloom. They all attended a sunrise Easter service at the lake, the drive back was lovely, as the bluebonnets were blooming.

Don and May Hargrove took their grandchildren, Robyn and Dillon Beams to Colorado Springs for Easter to visit their daughter, Laura and family. They had their egg hunt inside, due to the 12 inches of snow!

Brandon Black, son of Byron and Christy Stroud Black, brought his parents to visit his grandmother and granddad. He had never gotten to go to Gene's parents' to have that Easter egg hunt for all the cousins before. I asked Ann how he enjoyed it, but it seems he slept through the hunt. The sand was also blowing, if we remember...

Several people went to Hereford for lunch, and then on to the final presentation of the Hereford Com-

munity Concert Association. Those in attendance were Doris Flynt, Marie Perrin, Mildred Bradford, Houston Lust, Margaret and Percy Parsons, Carolyn Jones, Polly Simpson, George and Carolyn Sides, Waurayne and Van Earl Hughes, Dr. Bill Murphy and Yulia, and I also attended. Mary Siebert was the soprano and Lisa Leonard was the pianist in "Shepherdess to Shrew."

On Saturday afternoon, Aubrie, Leigh and I went out to the home of Sandy Baker and had a tea party with Reagan. We were served tea and cream cheese with marmalade sandwiches. The two girls had a great time playing. We also had a good visit with Sandy.

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Joey and Stephanie Waldo of Bridgeport on the birth of a son, Rylan Daniel, on April 8. He has one sibling, 3½-year-old Spencer. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Glen Waldo Sr. of Wheeler and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryan of Seminole.

Sharon Hampton for Paige and Marty and Tisha Gerber for Brady. Ted and Ethel Averitt of Lubbock and Francis and Betty Wilhelm also attended the baptism.

Brian Nichols of Lubbock and Misty Ball of Nazareth were married Saturday afternoon at Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating. A reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall with many friends and family attending.

Brent Wilhelm went to London, England, from March 31-April 7 with the Futures, Options and Commodity Trading Group of West Texas A&M University.

The first day they went to see Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abby and the Changing of the Guards. They also visited some trade authorities on the trade barriers set on the US on beef, corn and soybeans.

The second day they went to Oxford University and the Cotswolds, which are mostly rolling farmland. They visited Stratford, which is the birthplace of Shakespeare. We also visited the original home of Shakespeare, which has not been changed.

The third day they took a cruise down the River Thames, then visited the National Science Museum. That evening they saw the musical "Miss Saigon."

On Easter they went to St. Paul's Cathedral, then toured Madame Tussoud's Wax Museum. This was one of the most interesting parts of the trip: They went to the Tower of London and visited the place where the Crown Jewels are kept. They also viewed the Tower Bridge.

On the fifth day they went to see the Leeds Castle, which is considered to be the loveliest castle in the world. They were able to tour parts of the

castle. They also visited the Canterbury Cathedral and the White Cliffs of Dover.

They visited the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange on the sixth day.

They returned home on the seventh day, very tired but excited about being able to take such a trip.

A large crowd of senior citizens enjoyed dinner and an evening of games at the Senior Citizens Center Sunday.

Guests of Richard and Patsy Entreklin of Hart were Richard's sister and brother-in-law, Mary Beth and Richard Berquist of Phelan, Calif., who are visiting.

Bert Huseman won the door prize, which was a beautiful bird house made by Gin Huseman.

April birthdays recognized were those of Jerome Brockman, Pet Birkenfeld and Betty Wilhelm.

Prayers are asked for Father Harold Heiman, Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Regina Steffens, Florine Brockman, Deanna Huseman and Patricia Butler.



**QUILTERS' FASHIONS**—What better way to identify the members of a quilters' guild than by their colorful quilted jackets? Here, four Odessa quilters pose in their unique patchwork jackets with teacher Jean Gilles Dean of Midland (center) at the Ogallala

Quilting Festival's Thursday night enchilada dinner in Richardson Elementary cafeteria. The happy jacket-wearers are (from left) D'Anne Martin, Patty Tarver, Gerrie Hollowell and Nita Rice.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Breast cancer screenings slated in May

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics on May 6 and May 27 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

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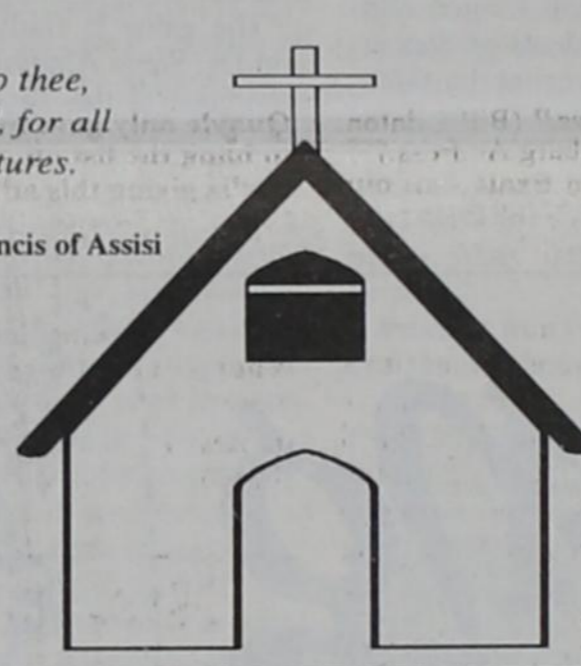
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## TDA issues Furadan exemption for cotton

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs has announced that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency to issue a Section 18 emergency specific exemption to use Flowable carbofuran (Furadan 4F Insecticide) on cotton to control aphids.

Furadan 4F, manufactured by FMC Corp., may be applied following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA

registered product label, as well as restrictions outlined in the specific exemption approval notice. All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any application.

Furadan may not be used until a district Texas Agricultural Extension entomologist certifies in writing that an aphid infestation in four non-adjacent sites within the Extension district has reached the threshold level triggering the emergency situation. These written certifications must be transmitted to TDA and EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs prior to any use of carbofuran.

Applications will be made only by certified applicators, by licensed applicators or by persons under the direct supervision of licensed applicators.

For more information, contact your county Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the EPA approval notice is located on the TDA Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/furadan99.htm](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/furadan99.htm) are reserved.

## Disaster sign-up deadline is Friday

Farmers have until Friday to sign up for the 1998 Disaster Assistance Program thanks to an extended deadline that has been authorized.

Producers are eligible for compensation either for losses suffered in 1998 (single-year), or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998 (multi-year).

Producers need to contact the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at 114 W. Belsher, Suite A, in Dimmitt to apply for the program.

For more information, call Trish Elliott, FSA county executive director, at 647-2153.

## Methodist scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the scholarships offered each year by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The applications may be picked up at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. they must be returned by April 23.

Applicants must write an essay and include three letters of recommendation. Details are included with the application.

The scholarships are available to all students planning to attend college in the coming academic year, not just those who are high school seniors, a church spokeswoman said.

## Tech slates music events

Texas Tech University in Lubbock has slated several upcoming musical events.

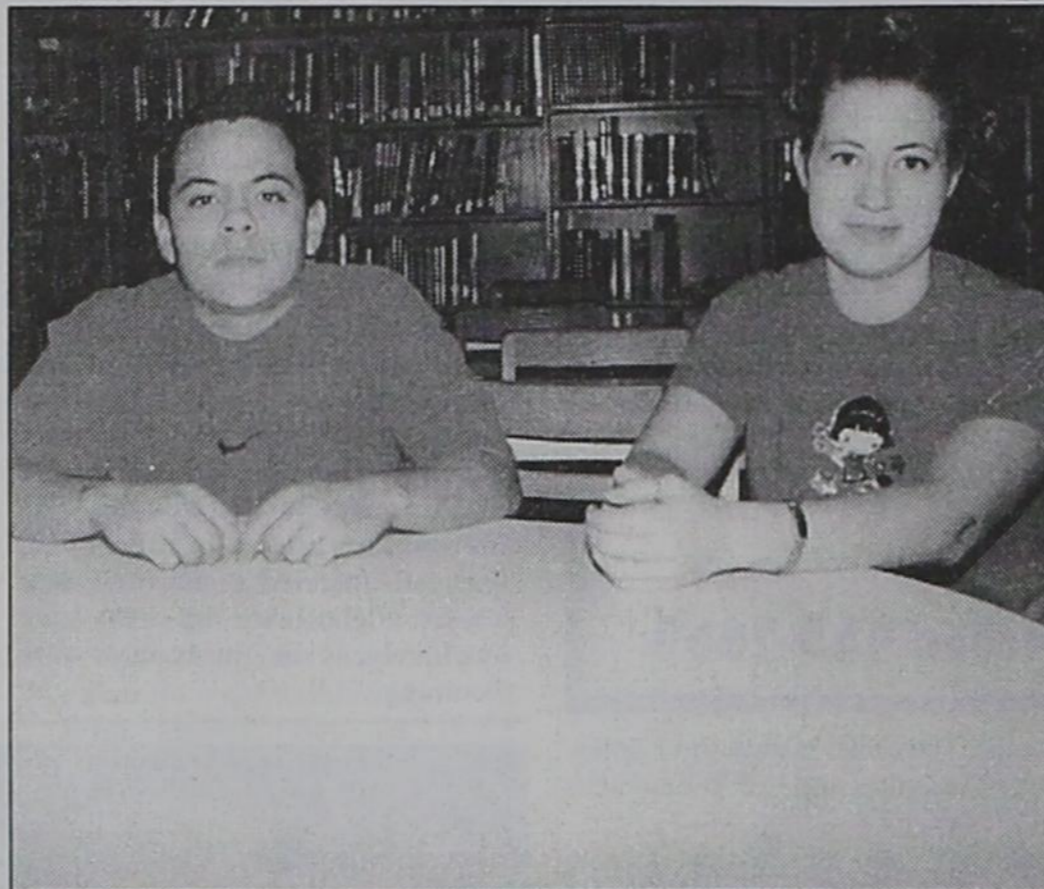
April 23-24 *The Merry Wives of Windsor* will be performed by vocal students from the Tech School of Music. Both performances will be at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and all seats are reserved.

Two free recitals and two free concerts are set for early May.

The Harp Ensemble Concert will be May 2 at 8 p.m., and the Composers' Concert will be May 4 at 5 p.m. Both will be in Hemmle Recital Hall.

The vocal students of Sue Arnold will have a recital May 2 at 3 p.m. in the Goldbold Cultural Center, and the composition students of Steven Paxton will have a recital the same day at 6 p.m. in the choir room in Hemmle Recital Hall.

For more information on any of the events, call 806-742-2270, ext. 233.



**REGIONAL QUALIFIERS**—Hart High School will send two individuals to the Region 1-A Literary meet this year. Efrain Salazar (left) qualified for regional in Number Sense after winning first at district while Rachel Wall placed second in Editorial Writing and second in News Writing, earning two tickets to the regional meet. Photo by Neoma Williams

## Fed cattle marketing seminar set here May 10

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Castro County will be offering a one-day, Fed Cattle Marketing Simulation Seminar on May 10 in the assembly room at the Castro County Courthouse.

This national award-winning workshop involves the simulation of the fed cattle market where participants play the role of the feedlot marketing manager and meat packing plant cattle buyer. A large portion of the game involves interactions among the teams in the trading of cattle.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. and will end at 4 p.m. Registration fee for the event is \$25 per person. Couples are encouraged to attend and will be charged just one registration fee.

"The game is fairly fast-paced," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Extension economist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. He will be leading the seminar.

"It compresses one week's worth of real-time trading into five-

eight-minute trading sessions," Amosson said.

"Participants enter whatever they do, whether it is selling cattle and trading in live cattle futures contracts," he said. "The computer summarizes this information, then takes the combined actions by all players in the fed cattle arena to drive the boxed beef and feeder cattle markets. This is when things can get a little bit dicey. The actions by individual players will determine the profitability of each team, whether they represent a feedlot or packing plant."

The exercise helps participants see how their decisions can directly impact aggregate market movements. The computer program keeps track of the financial performance of all teams (or firms).

"We use the simulator to give participants a different way of observing most aspects of the fed cattle market," said Rebel Royall, Castro County Extension Agent. "It's a great way to learn about cattle marketing in an entertaining and educational setting."

Interested persons should pre-register for the conference by May 6. For more information or to register, call Royall at 647-4115.

## DYF to meet

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will hold a regular meeting Tuesday night at 8 at the Dimmitt Ag Shop. All members are urged to attend.

The custom of decorating engagement and wedding rings with gems began about 1200.

## Minding Your Own Business

### Protecting original property: Patents, trademarks and copyrights



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR  
(Part one of a two-part series)

A common question our clients ask is how they can protect their ideas, inventions and intellectual property. In this and next week's column, I hope to lend some clarity to the subject of patents, trademarks and copyrights.

Let's begin with a brief overview of each. Patents protect an inventor's innovation and discoveries. They are granted in three categories: utility, design and plant. You must have more than a mere idea or suggestion for improving a product or business process.

A trademark protects the goodwill or brand value customers associate with your product, business name or packaging. Trademarks typically cover trade names, logos, artwork, product lines and packages.

A copyright protects authors, writers, designers and artists from unfair use of original work. The work must be demonstrated in a fixed or tangible medium. Books, musical scores, recordings, computer programs and drawings are prime examples.

### Three patent types

Of the three types of patents, the utility patent is the most common. The utility patent covers a lot of innovation territory. A utility patent can fall into any of the following five categories: a machine, a process, a composition of matter, a manufacture or an improvement of an existing idea which fits into one of the first four categories. They must also provide some useful benefit.

Some inventions fit into more than one category. A new widget may be both a machine and a composition of new matter. A software program might be regarded both as a process (steps of operation) and a machine (the instrument that carries information).

Design patents—the second type—are issued for the invention of designs or nonfunctional methods which are new, nonfunctional of themselves and yet are a part of a manufactured item. A new shape for a motorcycle fender or a scoop shovel will have potential for a design patent if it did not qualify for a utility patent because of no increase in functionality or usefulness.

Plant patents are granted for the "green and growing" type of plants, not manufacturing plants. Plant patents can be issued for flowers, crops, grasses, shrubs and trees. A new color for a hybrid rose, a drought-resistant bean or a new apple variety might qualify for plant patent protection.

Applying for a patent is a fairly complicated process. The strongest patents are written in great technical detail, with specific claims that describe the patentable aspects and include drawings of the invention. Most successful inventors agree that you should use a patent agent or attorney.

### Some tips for inventors

- **Keep your cards close to your vest.** Until you file for patent protection or disclosure, keep your ideas to yourself. Don't offer it for sale or discuss it openly.

- **Keep good records.** Keep a log of the ongoing work you're doing. Date these entries in a "running" journal.

- **Don't listen to your family and friends.** You can get objective, non-biased advice from professionals such as attorneys, inventor's organizations, consultants and small business development center counselors.

- **Avoid invention-marketing companies.** Particularly those who advertise that they help you get rich with your invention. I've visited with dozens of inventors who spend their hard-earned dollars and received very little value in return.

- **Network with other inventors.** You can learn a lot from someone who has walked a few miles in the "patent" shoes.

- **Conduct your own patent research at a patent depository library.** If you find that someone has beaten you to the punch, you've saved your money.

Next week I'll discuss trademarks and copyrights. I'll also give you sources for obtaining additional information. Don't miss patents, trademarks and copyrights, part two.

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

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# NCE announces merger

New Century Energies and Northern States Power Co. recently announced that they have entered into a definitive merger agreement.

The merged company will stretch from Mexico to the Canadian border, and also will have a strong global presence, with operations in the United Kingdom, Central Europe, Australia and South America. It will be headquartered in Minneapolis, Minn., and certain key business units or operations will be based in Wisconsin, Denver, Colo., and Amarillo. The company will be named later, according to James J. Howard, president, chairman and CEO of Northern States Power Co.

The merger is expected to be a tax-free, stock-for-stock exchange for shareholders of both companies, and to be accounted for as a pooling of interests. NCE and NSP anticipate that the merger will be accretive in the first full year and thereafter to both sets of shareholders assuming realization of anticipated net cost savings. Upon completion, holder of New Century Energies stock will receive 1.55 shares of the merged company stock for each share of NCE stock. Each share of Northern States Power stock will continue as one share of the combined company.

Bill D. Helton, chairman and CEO of Denver-based NCE, said, "The merger provides both the combined

company and its operating units with the scale necessary to remain competitive in a changing industry marketplace."

The companies said they expect the merger to result in net cost savings of approximately \$1.1 billion in the first 10 years of operations.

Wayne H. Brunetti, vice chairman, president and COO of NCE, said, "We expect significant cost savings from the elimination of duplicate programs, greater purchasing efficiencies and streamlined business processes."

Howard, 63, will serve as chairman of the holding company for the first full year of operations. Brunetti, 56, will be president and CEO upon closing and will assume the responsibilities as chairman upon Howard's retirement. NCE's Helton, 60, will retire at the completion of the merger. The board will consist of an equal number of members from NSP and NCE.

The merger requires the approval by the shareholders of the two existing holding companies, as well as approval or regulatory review by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Dept. of Justice, the Federal Communications Commission, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and state regulators in nine

of the states currently served by the two companies. The merger is expected to take from 12 to 18 months to complete.

It is anticipated the holding company will adopt the NCE dividend payment level, adjusted for the exchange ratio. Based on the exchange ratio of 1.55, the pro forma dividend for the merged company will be \$1.50 per share on an annual basis, following completion of the merger. This maintains the dividend level for NCE shareholders and provides a slight increase for NSP shareholders.

Based on the number of common shares currently outstanding, NCE shareholders will own 54% of the common equity of the combined company and NSP shareholders will own 46%.

NCE serves approximately 1.5 million electricity customers and more than a million natural gas customers in Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, Kansas and Oklahoma. It includes Southwestern Public Service Co.

Northern States Power provides electricity to about 1.5 million customers in portions of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Michigan, and South Dakota. It distributes natural gas to more than 475,000 customers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Michigan and Arizona.



TONYA ROBERTSON (seated, left) signs a national letter of intent to play basketball for Frank Phillips College in Borger next season. Robertson met with Frank Phillips Coach Cherece Monden (seated, right) last Thursday and agreed to play basketball next

season in return for a full scholarship. On hand for the signing were Robertson's parents (standing, from left) Debra and Rodney Robertson, and her Dimmitt coach, Chris Edwards.

Photo by Anne Acker

## SPS expects no customer outages resulting from Y2K computer bug

Southwestern Public Service Co. has announced its plans to have all of its critical computer systems Y2K ready by the end of the summer, and that it expects no customer outages to result from the computer bug.

The Year 2000, or Y2K, bug refers to a problem with older com-

## Sales tax rebates increasing

April sales tax rebates issued to the cities of Hart and Nazareth reflected an increase while Dimmitt's rebate was slightly lower and Castro County's remained unchanged when compared with the same period in 1998.

Castro County collects a one-half percent rate and that earned the county an April rebate of \$8,592.99, just a penny less than the 1998 stipend of \$8,593.

For the year, Castro County is running 7.93% ahead of 1998 totals, having received \$42,979.23 so far, compared with \$39,820.29 through April of 1998.

The city of Dimmitt collects a 1.5% rate and that earned the city a rebate of \$20,478.89 in April. That's 2.99% down from the April 1998 total of \$21,111.32. This month's rebate brings Dimmitt's yearly total to \$98,150.39, which is 4.09% ahead of 1998's \$94,289.80.

Hart's rebate of \$1,390.31 this month is 71.79% higher than the April 1998 payment of \$809.30. For the year, Hart has earned \$5,401.01 in rebates from its 1% sales tax rate. That's 17.69% higher when compared with the \$4,589.02 paid through April 1998.

Nazareth's 1.5% tax rate earned a rebate of \$1,087.44 this month—38.81% higher than the \$783.39 paid in 1998. Nazareth's yearly total of \$4,859.41 in rebates is 13.46% higher than the \$4,282.92 paid a year ago.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February which were reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March.

puter software and microchips, which might not properly recognize dates after rolling over to the year 2000.

"SPS and its parent company, New Century Energies, made this issue a top priority back in 1996," said Bob Ray, Year 2000 program manager for New Century Energies. "We're spending \$25 million updating our computer systems. It's a significant investment, but a necessary and critical one on behalf of our customers."

Because of the large numbers of requests it receives from educational, civic and business organizations for Y2K information, New Century Energies has produced a 12-minute video on its efforts. Groups who would like a copy of the video should contact the New Century Energies Y2K compliance office at (303) 294-2000. There is no charge. SPS customers also will receive a special report on the company's Y2K program with their March bills, in the "UPDATE" customer newsletter.

As of the end of January, Ray said SPS and New Century Energies have achieved the following goals:

- The companies continue to make their way through 20 million lines of computer code being addressed in customer information and various other systems to make them Y2K compliant. Repairs and testing are complete on more than 83% of these systems.

- About 3% of the automated equipment in generation, transmission and electrical distribution systems were found to be at risk. Sixty-two percent of these systems already have been replaced and tested. The remaining critical systems will be replaced and tested by the end of June. The remainder will be replaced and tested by the end of August.

- Working with industry-wide organizations, including the North American Electric Reliability Council, SPS and New Century Energies are keeping in touch with neighboring utilities and key suppliers, including fuel contractors.

- Even though outages are not expected, SPS and New Century Energies are taking nothing for granted. The companies are developing plans to deal with communications outages, outages at other

electric utilities and other potential problems.

- In addition to the video and customer newsletter, SPS and New Century Energies can provide additional information to customers who contact the companies at their Y2K hotline, (303) 294-2000, or visit their web site at [www.nceenergies.com](http://www.nceenergies.com).

## Free trees offered for Arbor Day

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering free trees in honor of the annual Arbor Day observance.

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There is nothing to buy, and participants are not required to pay the \$10 membership fee. Requests will be taken through April 30.

Four varieties of trees are available: spruce, birch, maple and tulip tree. Trees will be distributed according to climate zone. All are quality bare-root seedlings, averaging 10 to 20" tall, and all are USDA certified.

Each person may receive five trees for free. Those living in recovering disaster areas qualify for up to 25 trees per household. Each group of trees comes packaged with planting instructions and a fertilizer sample.

Homeowners living near selected distribution sites can come in person to pick up their seedlings. Those outside of the distribution locations can have their free trees boxed up, root pruned and mailed to them for the cost of shipping and handling, which is less than \$5.

## Cost, return, ingredients, timing are factors in cattle supplement feeding

Feeding supplements to steers and heifers grazing on wheat pasture isn't always a cost-effective way to boost gain-per-head, according to a Texas Agricultural Extension Service beef cattle specialist.

"Supplements for wheat pasture cattle have their place, but supplemental feeding isn't always economical," said Dr. Ted McCollum, Extension beef cattle specialist of Amarillo. "Pencil out your supplement cost and then compare it with the market value of the additional weight gains it may produce."

"As a general rule of thumb, each pound of added weight gain is only worth about 50 cents because of price rollback in the market place. Aside from cost returns, you also need to consider what those cattle really need in a good pasture supplement," McCollum said.

Most cattle grazing wheat pasture have relatively low supplemental mineral requirements. Cattle should feed a mineral supplement calcium. Magnesium is of less concern for stocker cattle, but it is a good idea to feed supplements containing magnesium to mature cows in order to prevent grass tetany.

"If adding weight gain is your goal, and the cost returns are right, your supplement should contain an ionophore such as Rumensin or Bovatec," McCollum said. "Aside from promoting weight gain, experience has shown that Rumensin also helps prevent bloat. Bovatec is a good additive, too, but the cattle will need to ingest at or near the recommended dosage for it to readily enhance gain."

"Just remember that feeds containing ionophores are not cleared for use in self feeders. You have to limit daily intake in some way."

Energy and protein are two other key ingredients to consider, he

added.

"Grain is a good source of energy, but low quality roughage is not. Feeding low quality roughage won't increase gains, but it can help prevent bloat," McCollum said. "A wheat forage-only diet will produce better gains than a wheat forage-roughage diet. Wheat forage plus grain can be even better."

"Grain-based supplements that contain Rumensin or Bovatec are most economical when fed at a relatively low rate—somewhere around two pounds per day, per head, or less."

Feeding silage as a supplement is another option.

"You can stretch the available forage and perhaps use a higher stocking rate by feeding silage," he said. "It's also a good, nutritious food that can help you maintain or boost gains during forage-deficit periods."

Feeding times can be just as important as supplemental ingredients,

McCollum said.

"Don't feed your supplement when the cattle are hungriest (early morning) or when they have already filled up on forage (afternoon). Wheat should be their main course meal. Feed your supplement as a desert—after the cattle have finished their morning grazing."

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# Sports



## Tulia and Borger teams win titles at 1999 Bobcat Relays

Tulia topped the field in Division I (varsity boys) and Division II (junior varsity boys) in the Bobcat Relays Saturday, posting 196 points and 181 points, respectively, to win the two team titles while Borger claimed the girls' crown with 225 points.

The Bobbies finished fourth in the girls' meet, posting 70 points. Friona was second with 112 and Tulia finished third with 71. Lockney was fifth with 49 and Bovina had 43 for sixth place.

The varsity boys' meet saw Tulia win over second-place Muleshoe by a large margin, 196-100. Canyon was third with 84, Littlefield was fourth with 60 and Dimmitt came in fifth with 31. Other teams entered were Friona, 19 points; River Road, seventh, 17 points; Bovina, eighth, 13 points; Nazareth, ninth, 10 points; and Lockney, 10<sup>th</sup>, 2 points.

The JV Bobcats finished fourth in Division II, amassing 56 total points.

Top local finishers were Bo Hunter of Nazareth, who took top honors in the discus with a throw of 155-6. Robert Sepeda of Dimmitt finished sixth with a throw of 126-2.

Justin Sutton won the pole vault after clearing 15-4. He also placed second in the 100-meter dash, posting a time of 11.16, just 14 hundredths of a second off of the winning time posted by Charles Sims of Tulia.

Ivan Flores of Dimmitt came in third in the 800 with a time of 2:06.08.

Kevin Sanders nabbed the fourth spot in the quarter, crossing the finish line in 54.89.

Dimmitt's weight man relay was fourth in 51.19.

A. Saenz was the fifth-fastest runner to complete the mile, running the race in 5:24.60.

Several Bobbies placed in Division III, leading their team to the fourth-place finish.

Jessica Flores was clocked at 14:09.23 in the 3,200-meter run and that was good enough for a fifth-place finish.

Jessica Salinas threw the discus 84-3 feet for a sixth-place ribbon.

Cassandra Casas posted a leap of 31.11 in the triple jump for a bronze medal.

Another bronze was captured by Sadra Daniels, who ran the 800-meter run in 2:46.31.

Dimmitt's 800-meter relay team was second in 1:54.21.

Dimmitt placed two runners in the 400—Cherie Norman was third in 1:07.44 while Morgan Hazel finished sixth in 1:10.93.

Jade Vick captured a silver medal in the 300-meter hurdles, and her time of 51.25 was right on the heels of the winning time of 50.14.

The Bobbies' sprint relay posted a fourth-place time of 54.20.

In the 1,600-meter run, Dimmitt's Jessica Flores and Lindsey Welch finished fifth and sixth, respectively. Flores completed the mile in 6:32.52 while Welch was just behind her.

A time of 4:26.07 posted by the Bobbies in the mile relay was good enough for a third-place finish.

Three JV Bobcats and two of the JV relay teams placed in Division II Saturday.

Ben Ruiz won the pole vault after he cleared 11-0. Emanuel Jaramillo was second in the long jump with a leap of 18-2.

Diaz won the 800, breaking the tape in 2:15.10.

The JV 400 relay was third in 47.36 and the JV 1,600 relay was second in 3:48.99.

### BOBCAT RELAYS at Dimmitt

- Division I**
- Team Totals:** 1. Tulia 196, 2. Muleshoe 100, 3. Canyon 84, 4. Littlefield 60, 5. Dimmitt 31, 6. Friona 19, 7. River Road 17, 8. Bovina 13, 9. Nazareth 10, 10. Lockney 2.
- 3,200:** 1. Atwood, Muleshoe, 10:40.32; 2. Espinoza, Tulia, 10:44.44; 3. Cook, Canyon, 11:07.59.
- Shot Put:** 1. Cuellas, Canyon, 49-7 1/2; 2. Campbell, Canyon, 48-3 1/2; 3. Duran, Littlefield, 45-46.
- Long Jump:** 1. Sims, Tulia, 21-7 1/2; 2. Olivarez, Tulia, 20-4.75; 3. Barrow, Tulia, 19-10.25.
- High Jump:** Marshall, Tulia, 6-0; 2. Daniel, Friona, 5-10; 3. Glover, Muleshoe, 5-8.
- Discus:** 1. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 155-6; 2. Turney, Muleshoe, 145-6; 3. Wiseman, Friona, 144-1; 6. Robert Sepeda, Dimmitt, 126-2.
- Pole Vault:** 1. Justin Sutton, Dimmitt, 15-4; 2. King, Muleshoe, 12-6; 3. Seright, Canyon, 11-0.
- Triple Jump:** 1. Sims, Tulia, 43-10.5; 2. Marshall, Tulia, 42-8; 3. Olivarez, Tulia, 42-8.
- Weight Man Relay:** 1. Canyon, 48.61; 2. Littlefield, 49.89; 3. Muleshoe, 50.27; 4. Dimmitt, 51.19.
- 400 Relay:** 1. Tulia, 43.42; 2. Littlefield, 45.29; 3. Muleshoe, 46.03.
- 800:** 1. Espinoza, Tulia, 1:58.95; 2. Atwood, Muleshoe, 2:00.07; 3. Ivan Flores, Dimmitt, 2:06.08.
- 110 Hurdles:** 1. McCaslin, Tulia, 15.27; 2. Thompson, Canyon, 15.33; 3. Marshall, Tulia, 15.57.
- 100:** 1. Sims, Tulia, 11.02; 2. Justin Sutton, Dimmitt, 11.16; 3. Rosemond, Littlefield, 11.51.
- 400:** 1. Olivarez, Tulia, 50.04; 2. Ramos, Tulia, 52.66; 3. Quintana, Muleshoe, 54.69; 4. Keevin Sanders, Dimmitt, 54.89.
- 300 Hurdles:** 1. Marshall, Tulia, 41.05; 2. Thompson, Canyon, 41.4; 3. Scarbrough, Tulia, 41.7.
- 200:** 1. Barrow, Tulia, 23.52; 2. Rosemond, Littlefield, 23.96; 3. Vela, Muleshoe, 24.2.
- 1,600:** 1. Penn, Canyon, 5:04.00; 2. Mincher, River Road, 5:12.2; 3. Eyhorn, Canyon, 5:16.95; 5. Aaron Saenz, Dimmitt, 5:24.60.
- 1,600 Relay:** 1. Tulia, 3:24.79; 2. Muleshoe, 3:39.49; 3. Littlefield, 3:41.48.
- Division III**
- Team Totals:** 1. Borger 225, 2. Friona 112, 3. Tulia 71, 4. Dimmitt 70, 5. Lockney 49, 6. Bovina 43.
- 3,200:** 1. Conan, Borger, 12:14.81; 2. Grimsley, Friona, 12:23.33; 3. Keeter, Tulia, 13:39.86; 5. Jessica Flores, Dimmitt, 14:09.23.
- Discus:** 1. Morton, Friona, 114-3; 2. File, Friona, 112-6; 3. Hughes, Borger, 87-11; 6. Jessica Salinas, Dimmitt, 84-3.
- High Jump:** 1. Keener, Borger, 5-2; 2. Morrow, Borger, 4-8; 3. Stowers, Bovina, 4-8.



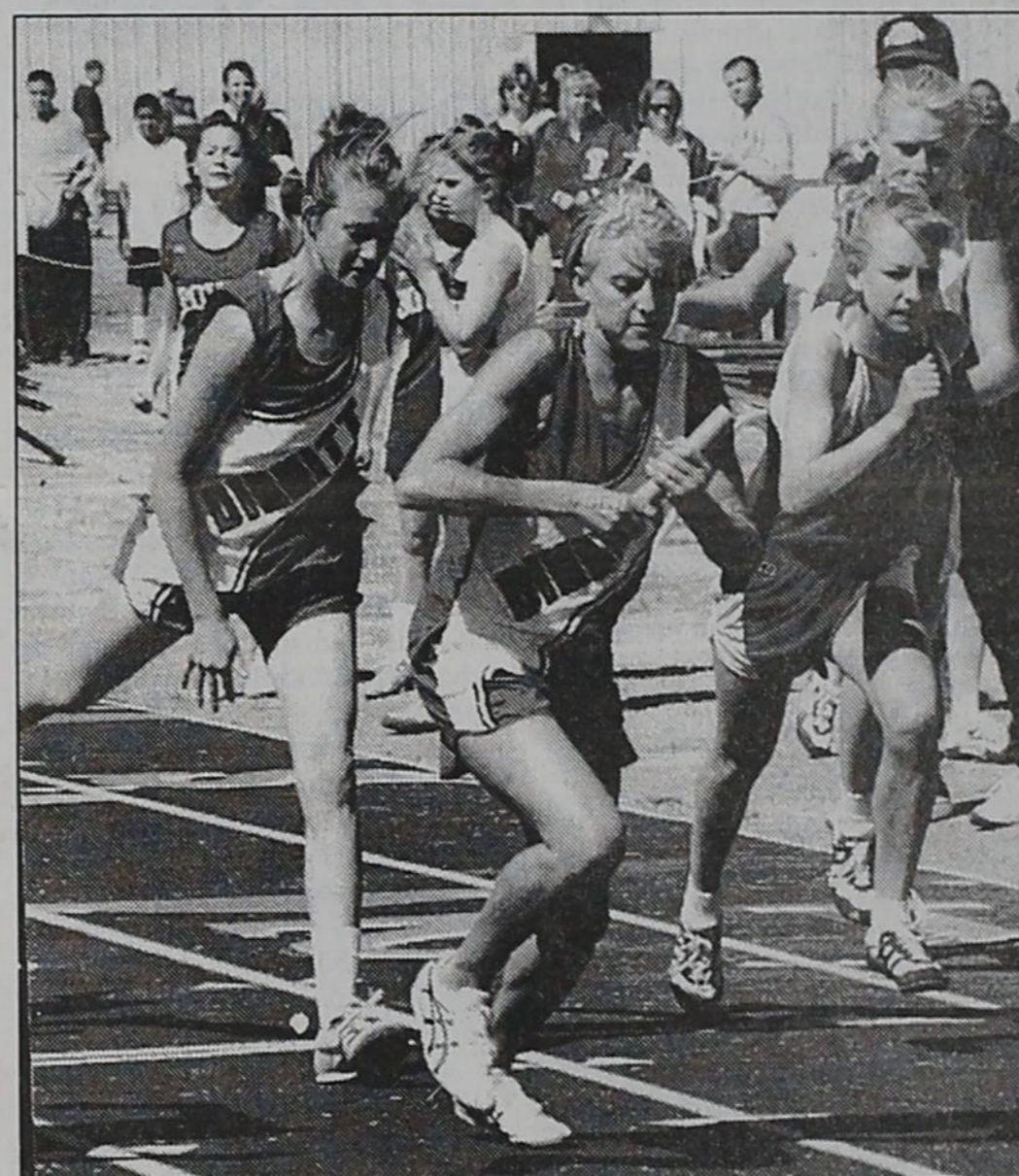
**CLEARING THE TOP**—Dimmitt pole vaulter Justin Sutton gets good height and clears 15-4 with ease in the contest Saturday at the Bobcat Relays in Dimmitt. Sutton's jump was best in the meet, giving him the gold medal. The second-place finisher in the event was only able to clear 12-6. Sutton also placed second in the 100-meter dash Saturday, posting a time of 11.16.

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**THE MILE PACE**—Lindsey Welch (foreground) and Jessica Flores, both of Dimmitt, placed sixth, and fifth, respectively in the 1,600-meter run Saturday at the Bobcat Relays in Dimmitt. Both runners posted times of 6:32.52, with Flores edging Welch by a nose at the finish line.

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**THE HANDOFF**—Carol Summers takes the baton from Morgan Hazel and takes off on her leg of Dimmitt's 1,600-meter relay Saturday afternoon at the Bobcat Relays in Dimmitt. The mile relay team finished third in the meet with a time of 4:26.07.

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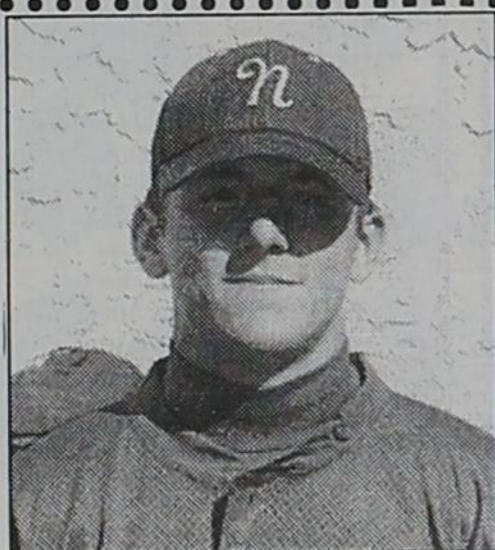
- Triple Jump:** 1. McClellan, Borger, 34-0; 2. Kelley, Borger, 33-8; 3. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 31-11.
- Shot Put:** 1. Hoval, Borger, 11.75; 2. Bolton, Tulia, 35-0.75; 3. Hughes, Borger, 32-08.5.
- Long Jump:** 1. Sauls, Borger, 16-8; 2. McClellan, Borger, 16-0.5; 3. Coffman, Borger, 15-3.
- 400 Relay:** 1. Lockney, 51.87; 2. Borger, 52.11; 3. Friona, 53.71; 4. Dimmitt, 54.20.
- 800:** 1. Vaughn, Tulia, 2:40.04; 2. McClockey, Borger, 2:43.88; 3. Sadra Daniels, Dimmitt, 2:46.31.
- 100 Hurdles:** 1. Wilcox, Friona, 16.54; 2. Cummings, Lockney, 16.94; 3. Scroggins, Bovina, 17.49.
- 100:** 1. Olivarez, Tulia, 13.12; 2. Sauls, Borger, 13.22; 3. Jack, Friona, 13.96.
- 800 Relay:** 1. Friona, 1:54.03; 2. Dimmitt, 1:54.21; 3. Borger, 1:58.17.
- 400:** 1. Cox, Borger, 1:05.02; 2. Coffman, Borger, 1:06.92; 3. Cherie Norman, Dimmitt, 1:07.44; 5. Morgan Hazel, Dimmitt, 1:10.93.
- 300 Hurdles:** 1. Scroggins, Bovina, 50.14; 2. Jade Vick, Dimmitt, 51.25; 3. Wilcox, Friona, 52.84.
- 200:** 1. Olivarez, Tulia, 28.7; 2. Burton, Borger, 28.73; 3. Sauls, Borger, 29.55.
- 1,600:** 1. Grimsley, Friona, 5:35.28; 2. Cowan, Borger, 5:47.11; 3. K. Vaughn, Tulia, 6:10.5; 5. Jessica Flores, Dimmitt, 6:32.52; 6. Lindsey Welch, Dimmitt, 6:32.52.
- 1,600 Relay:** 1. Borger, 4:20.46; 2. Friona, 4:25.85; 3. Dimmitt, 4:26.07.
- Division II (JV Boys)**
- Team Totals:** 1. Tulia 181, 2. Canyon 124, 3. Muleshoe 87, 4. Dimmitt 56, 5. Littlefield 37, 6. Bovina 23, 7. Lockney 18, 8. Friona 1.

## Blood drive, competition set April 26

The Dimmitt High School Student Council is sponsoring a blood drive with Coffee Memorial Blood Center on April 26 from 1 to 7 p.m. in the DHS Band Hall.

Everyone age 17 and above is invited to participate. Free refreshments will be served, and the students will conduct a contest between boys and girls to see who has the most blood donors.

"We felt this would be a good way to get students involved in a worthy cause," a student council spokesperson said.



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## Doss and Ortiz finish third in Amarillo Relays

Kristin Doss and Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt topped teammates Lindsey Welch and Julie Merritt, 6-2, 6-2, to earn a third-place finish in the Silver Division at the Amarillo Relays over the weekend.

Doss and Ortiz had beaten Martin and Gonzales of Dumas in the first round, 6-3, 6-4, before falling to Hicks and Manhkong of Canyon in the semifinals, 5-7, 1-6.

Welch and Merritt posted a first-round win over Wiggins and Kirchgessner of Caprock, 6-0, 6-1; then knocked off Purser and Gerald of Amarillo Tascosa, 6-3, 6-4. They lost to Mitchell and Feuell of Dumas, 4-6, 4-6, to drop to the third-place match against Doss and Ortiz.

The girls' doubles finishes helped boost the Dimmitt tennis team to a fifth place finish in the meet with 65 points. Tascosa won the division with 92 points.

Helping the team with good finishes were singles players Rachel Harman and Raymond Powers, each of whom claimed fifth place honors.

Harman beat Anna Reznick of Dumas, 7-5, 6-4, to open tourney play before losing to Katie David of Tascosa, 4-6, 4-6. She bounced back to down Melissa Reyhar of Canyon, 6-0, 6-1; and Holly Graham of Canyon, 6-0, 6-1, to earn the fifth-place spot.

Powers beat Cody Hess of Amarillo in split sets, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, to start off right, but then fell to Muleshoe's Jeff Bruns, 1-6, 3-6. He drew a bye next round, then topped Ryan Archer of Amarillo High, 6-2, 7-5, for fifth place honors.

Gabriel Garcia and Mark Casares, Dimmitt's top boys' doubles team, earned seventh place honors, despite losing two matches. They drew a bye first round, then lost to Johnson and Schmidt of Amarillo High, 1-6, 0-6; and to Austin and Bernard of

Tascosa, 2-6, 3-6. They finished seventh with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Black and Henry of Muleshoe.

Valerie Gonzales placed 12<sup>th</sup> in the tournament in girls' singles. She lost to Holly Graham of Canyon (3-6, 1-6) and Lindsay Swanson of Amarillo High (3-6, 2-6) before drawing a bye. She also lost to Andrea DeLos Santos of Amarillo Caprock, 6-4, 4-6, 2-6.

Dale West placed 14<sup>th</sup>, dropping three matches. He lost to David Chick of Caprock, 1-6, 5-7; Delwyn Latham of Muleshoe, 0-6, 1-6; and Ryan Hooper of Dumas, 1-6, 1-6.

Jason Riggs and Jeremy Bishop also finished 14<sup>th</sup> after losing three matches. They lost to Klause and Schmidt of Amarillo High (3-6, 5-7), Campbell and Mason of Tascosa (3-6, 6-3, 4-6) and Johnson and Schmidt (6-7, 1-6).

In the Open Division, Ryan Hays of Dimmitt lost to Josh Hall of Muleshoe, 4-6, 2-6; and Sergio Pena of Friona, 1-6, 1-4. He came back to beat a singles player from Palo Duro, 8-5.

## Bobcats enjoy district courses

Brent Josselet and Brandon Allison finished the first round of the District 1-AAA golf tournament with less than 100 strokes in pacing their team to an early eighth-place standing last Wednesday, but the Bobcats couldn't earn a team trip to regional.

First-round action in the district tournament was played at Palo Duro Creek Golf Club in Tulia and Dimmitt finished with 430 points. Dalhart led the district race with 313 strokes after the first 18, but fell in the second round, which was played Monday at Dumas Country Club.

Josselet finished with 93 strokes to pace the Bobcats while Allison finished with 99. Over Monday's second round, Josselet picked up knocked several strokes off of his first-round score, firing an 86 to finish with 179. Allison's second round score of 98 gave him a two-day total of 197. Other members of the team are Cody Laurent, who finished with 107-98-205; Deacon Buckley, 120-127-247; Matthew Sandoval, 109-118-227; Zack McClure, 102-85-187; Jason Harris, 112-98-210; Ben Coleman, 102-0; Jeff Stovall, 95-0 and Jace Weaver, 97-0, Alan Lewter 0-83, Van Jeter 0-88, and James Jackson 0-96.

Over the first round, team members were Josselet, Allison, Laurent, Buckley, Sandoval, McClure and Harris. Individuals playing were Coleman, Stovall and Weaver.

On Monday, Dimmitt fielded two teams for the second round. Members of the A team were Josselet, Allison, Lewter, Jeter and Jackson. B team members included Laurent, Buckley, Sandoval, McClure and Harris.

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## Birkenfeld leads Swiftettes in 4A golf tournament

Paced by Cassie Birkenfeld's 101 in the first round and 108 over the second 18, the Nazareth Swiftettes finished ninth in the District 4-A Golf Tournament at Phillips Golf Course.

The Nazareth A team finished with 983 points in the tournament while the Swiftettes' B team tallied 1,029 strokes for a 10<sup>th</sup>-place berth.

Others joining Birkenfeld on the A team were Mindi Ethridge, 129-131-260; Melanie Book, 123-132-255; Jessica Kern, 131-N/A; and Karen Wilhelm, 134-128-262.

The B team was led by Ann Wilhelm, who finished with 121-129-250. Other team members included Vanessa Wilhelm, 130-130-260; Susan Book, 135-120-255; Lindsey Gerber, 133-131-264; and Susan Kern, 135-118-253.

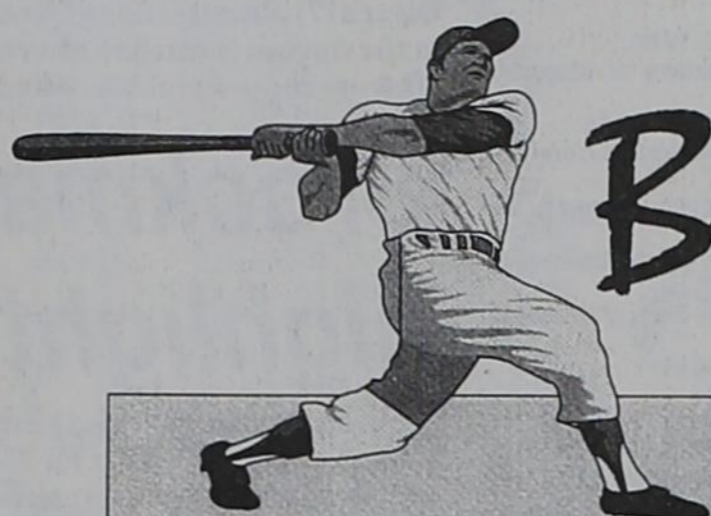
## Harman wins Sundown meet

Rachal Harman of Dimmitt captured the girls' singles title in the Sundown Invitational Tennis Tournament recently, winning three straight matches without losing a set.

Harman knocked off Palmer of Sundown, 6-1, 6-0, in the first round; then topped another Sundown netter in the semifinals, 6-1, 6-0. She won the tournament with a 6-4, 6-1 decision over Oden of Cotton Center.



**WAY TO GO, MITCH!**  
—Nazareth shortstop Mitchell Brockman (8) is congratulated by teammates after he slams a 2-2 pitch 410 yards over the center field fence in Nazareth Saturday afternoon. The two-run shot gave Nazareth a 3-1 lead which the Swifts would build on for an eventual 21-11 win over Hereford Freshmen. Photo by Anne Acker



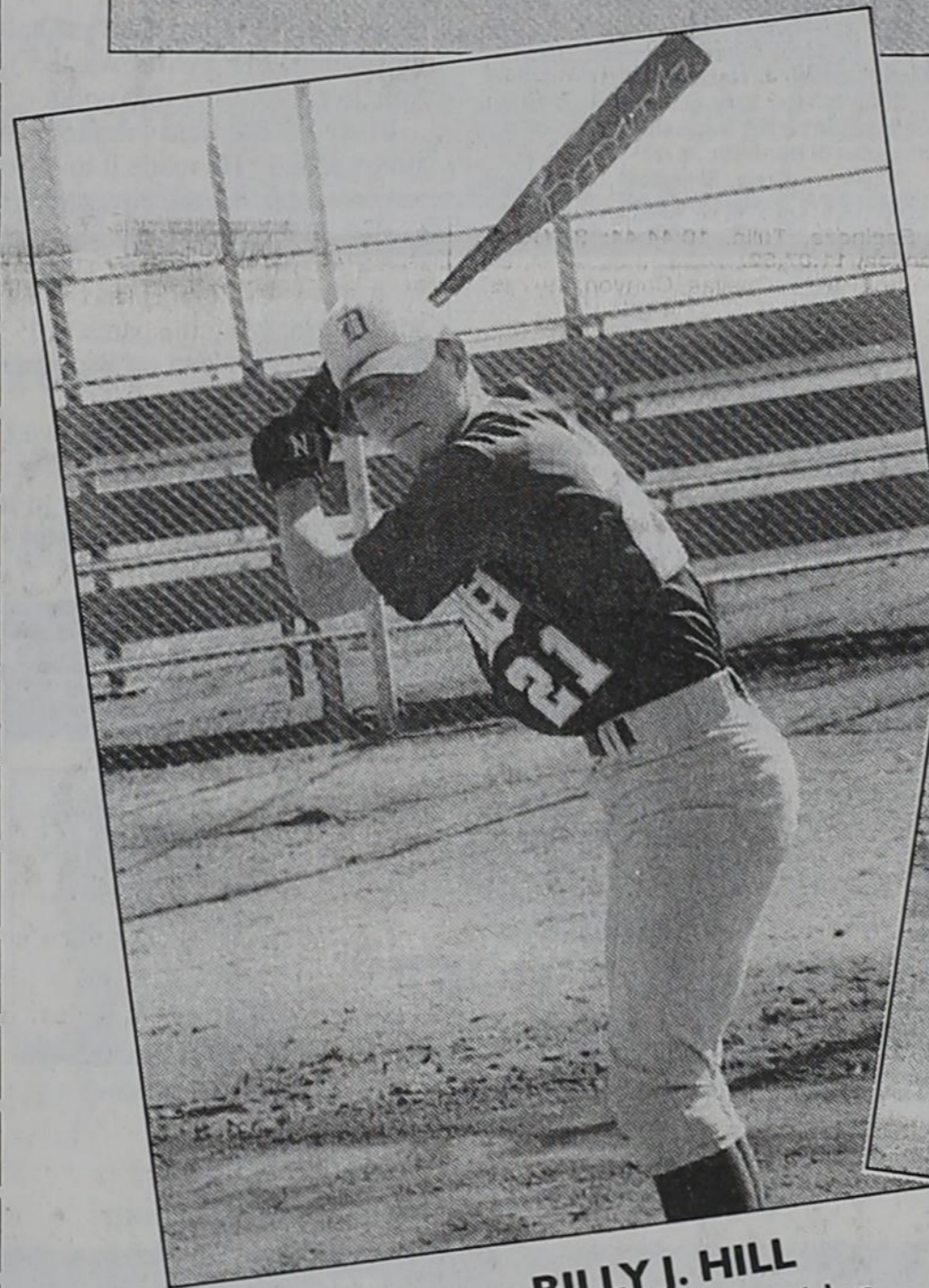
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# Track Results

## TOUCHING THE WORLD FUN RUN at Dimmitt

**Women's 5K**  
16-23 Age Division: 1. Cecilia Rodriguez, 24-30 Age Division: 1. Jodi Walker.

**Men's 5K**  
24-30 Age Division: 1. B.J. Klein, 2. Brian Klein.  
50 and Over: 1. Roger Malone, 2. Jerry Whitten.

**Men's Overall Winner:** B.J. Klein, 21:07.  
**Women's Overall Winner:** Jodi Walker,

32:04.

**Business Walk:** 1. Town and Country Insurance (Cecilia Rodriguez, Jerry Whitten, Avery Thrasher, Curtis House); 2. Beal's (Jeannie Evan, Samantha Sterling, Callie Sterling, Brian Klein); 3. West Texas Gas (Norma Conard, Bill Sava, Dene Schacher, B.J. Klein).

**Men's Walk:** 1. Brian Klein (21-30 Age Division), 1. Mike Frazier (51 and Over); and 1. Jerry Whitten.

**Women's Walk:** 1. Callie Sterling (10 and under), 1. Cecilia Rodriguez (21-30), 1. Dene Schacher (20 and under), 1. Norma Conard (51 and over).

## DISTRICT 4-A JUNIOR HIGH MEET

**7<sup>th</sup> Girls**  
Team Totals: 1. Claude 222, 2. Vega 169, 3. Nazareth 88.

**400 Relay:** 2. Nazareth, 64.00  
800: 1. Lindsey Wood of Nazareth, 3:06.90  
100: 1. Kim Brockman of Nazareth, 14.08.  
800 Relay: 3. Nazareth, 2:21.90.  
1,500 Relay: 3. Nazareth, 5:24.43.  
Shot Put: 1. Rebecca Olvera of Nazareth, 20-3 1/2.  
Long Jump: 3. Lindsey Wood of Nazareth, 12-5 1/2; 5. Kim Brockman of Nazareth, 12-3 1/2.  
Triple Jump: 2. Kim Brockman of Nazareth, 26-5 3/4; 5. Lindsey Wood of Nazareth, 21-6.

**8<sup>th</sup> Girls**  
Team Totals: 1. Claude 125, 2. Kress 113, 3. (Tie) Nazareth and Vega 111, 5. Valley.  
400 Relay: 4. Nazareth, 65.02.  
800: 1. Erica Gerber of Nazareth, 2:46.32, 3. Teri Ramaekers of Nazareth, 2:50.63, 5. Kalissa Robertson of Nazareth, 3:05.47.  
100 Hurdles: 1. Wendy Black of Nazareth, 16.86.  
400: 4. Erica Gerber of Nazareth, 74.25, 6. Megan Schulte of Nazareth, 77.44.  
200 Hurdles: 1. Wendy Black of Nazareth, 32.60.  
800 Relay: Nazareth, 2:19.48  
1,200: 1. Teri Ramaekers of Nazareth, 4:33.44.  
1,600 Relay: 2. Nazareth, 5:01.65.  
Shot Put: 3. Jenna Braddock of Nazareth, 21-8.  
Discus: 4. Jenna Braddock of Nazareth, 60-11.  
Long Jump: 1. Wendy Black of Nazareth, 14-3 3/4.  
Triple Jump: 4. Wendy Black of Nazareth, 31-1.

**7<sup>th</sup> Boys**  
Team Totals: 1. Valley 166, 2. Claude 138, 3. Kress 87, 4. Nazareth 59, 5. Vega 26.  
800: 1. Trey Robb of Nazareth, 2:28.97.  
110 Hurdles: 2. Brock Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 20.27.  
100: 1. Trey Robb of Nazareth, 12.53.  
400: 1. Trey Robb of Nazareth, 61.28.  
200: 6. Brett Hoelting of Nazareth, 35.48.  
1,200: 6. Brock Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 4:30.72.  
High Jump: 3. Trey Robb of Nazareth, 4-6.  
Long Jump: 2. Trey Robb of Nazareth, 15-3.  
Triple Jump: 3. Brock Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 27-4.

**8<sup>th</sup> Boys**  
Team Totals: 1. Nazareth 209.5, 2. Claude 118, 3. Kress 66, 4. Vega 57.5, 5. Valley 39, 6. Wheeler 0.  
400 Relay: 1. Nazareth, 51.98.  
800: 1. Justin Klemm of Nazareth, 2:34.57, 3. Craig Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 2:45.94, 6. Shane Klemm of Nazareth, 2:58.19.  
110 Hurdles: 1. Luke Price of Nazareth, 19.50, 5. Adam Acker of Nazareth, 21.46, 6. Tyler Ehly of Nazareth, 23.77.  
100: 1. Eric Schilling of Nazareth, 12.55, 2. Rey Bermea of Nazareth, 12.89, 3. Chase Schulte of Nazareth, 13.31.  
400: 3. Justin Klemm of Nazareth, 63.75.  
200 Hurdles: 2. Luke Price of Nazareth, 32.31, 5. Adam Acker of Nazareth, 37.76, 6. Evan Huseman of Nazareth, 38.18.  
200: 1. Tyler Ehly of Nazareth, 26.69, 4. Carson Gerber of Nazareth, 33.75, 6. Koly Huseman of Nazareth, 35.02.  
1,200: 1. Craig Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 4:22.69, 2. Shelby Wilhelm of Nazareth, 4:25.46, 4. Shane Klemm of Nazareth, 4:59.38.  
1,600 Relay: 2. Nazareth, 4:21.26.  
High Jump: 2. Justin Klemm of Nazareth 5-2, 5. Tyler Ehly of Nazareth 4-8.  
Shot Put: 3. Reece Hales of Nazareth, 36-8.  
Discus: 3. Reece Hales of Nazareth, 106-2, Ross Schulte, 96-4.  
Long Jump: 2. Tyler Ehly of Nazareth, 16-8, 4. Eric Schilling of Nazareth, 15-11 1/2.  
Triple Jump: 1. Eric Schilling of Nazareth, 35-0 1/2, 2. Justin Klemm of Nazareth, 31-11, 3. Chase Schulte of Nazareth, 31-0.



**OH, SO CLOSE**—Nazareth third baseman Matt Olvera (7) almost sends a Hereford base runner back to the dugout Saturday afternoon. The runner took off from second and was safe after sliding into third

under the throw to Olvera from Swift catcher Daryl Pohlmeier. Nazareth handled the Herford Freshmen in six innings, posting a 21-11 run-rule victory.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Schmuckers, Gerber win tennis tournament titles

Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker added two more girls' doubles crowns to their collection while Shawna Gerber added a pair of singles trophies to hers in tennis tournaments the past two weeks.

The Nazareth netters competed in a tournament at Whiteface before Easter, then played in the Open Division of the Amarillo Relays last weekend.

The Schmucker twins won the tournament championships in each while Gerber took home the first-place trophy in both.

In Whiteface, several other Nazareth tennis players placed, including Cassie Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte, who finished third in girls' doubles; and Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman, who were fourth in the tournament. Nichole Huseman placed third in girls' singles.

Jessica Kern won her first singles match in Whiteface before falling in the second. Matthew Kern also won his first and lost the second match in boys' singles.

Whitney Hoelting and Jill Schulte lost their first match before bouncing back to claim consolation honors in the tournament.

Also competing were Mandy Birkenfeld and Heather Schilling in girls' doubles. They won their first match and lost the second.

The Schmuckers beat Birkenfeld and Schulte for the championship in the Amarillo Relays this weekend. Each team played three matches before reaching the finals.

Gerber captured the singles crown of the Amarillo tournament, beating Huseman in the finals Monday. Gerber played four matches while Huseman faced five opponents.

Tara Klemm finished third in the tournament, winning three matches and losing one.

Jessica Kern, after drawing a first-round bye, lost in the second round.

Matthew Kern topped his first opponent before falling to the eventual tournament champion from Memphis in his second match.

## Brockman, Wethington homers highlight Swift win over Herd 9th

Nazareth hitters pounded Hereford Freshman pitcher Valdez for 17 hits, including two big home runs Saturday afternoon en route to a 21-11 run-rule victory at home.

Highlighting the slugfest was Mitchell Brockman's two-RBI home run that sailed 410 feet over the center field fence in the first inning, and a two-run out-of-the-park shot by Stanton Wethington in the Swifts' big sixth inning.

The Swifts struck for 17 hits, including the two yard balls, six doubles and nine singles.

Swift starter Blake Birkenfeld struck out the first two Whiteface batters to open the game, but the third hitter, Ivan Gutierrez, reached on an error by Nazareth second baseman Mark Birkenfeld. Gutierrez would score before Nazareth got the third out of the inning.

Trailing 1-0 after the first half of the inning, the Swifts wasted little time in recapturing that point.

Blake Birkenfeld walked, then stole second. He made it to third on an error by Hereford catcher N. Pesina.

After Daryl Pohlmeier struck out, Matt Olvera singled to score Blake Birkenfeld, tying the game at 1. The Swifts took the lead on Brockman's home run ball, 3-1.

That long shot was followed by singles by Ky Wilcox and Wethington. Wilcox was ble to steal second, then advanced to third and then home on errors.

Hereford came back to tie the game at four in the second, starting the three-run inning off with a single by Brandon Bigham. Swift errors allowed Lopez first base and Bigam to advance, setting up the offense. A single by Coronado scored Bigham from second. Lopez and Coronado were able to score before Nazareth escaped the inning.

Valdez retired Aaron Kern on strikes to open the bottom of the second, but he followed that by walking Blake Birkenfeld, then giving up a left field double to Pohlmeier and a two-RBI single to Matt Olvera that gave the Swifts a 6-4 lead. A double to center field by Brockman scored Olvera. Brockman crossed the plate before the inning was up, giving the Swifts an 8-4 edge.

Nazareth would allow five runs in the top of the third, hampered by five errors in the inning.

Lead-off hitter E. Pesina advanced to first on an error on third baseman Matt Olvera and things went downhill for Nazareth from there. Hereford would bat through its lineup before Nazareth got the third out, and led 9-8 midway through the third.

Nazareth got those runs back in the bottom of the inning, though, and the Swifts never trailed again.

It all started off with Bo Hunter's single. Then Kern nailed a double that chased Hereford's outfielders to the fence. Blake Birkenfeld hit one deep to left field on a sacrifice that scored Hunter, then Pohlmeier walked to load the bases.

Olvera doubled, scoring Kern and Pohlmeier, but he was tagged out on his way to third on a fielder's choice hit by Brockman. A single by Wilcox scored Brockman before Valdez struck out Wethington to end the inning.

Birkenfeld struck out Hereford's first two hitters in the fourth, then Hunter caught a fly ball at first as he was falling down to retire the side.

Nazareth added three runs to its total in the fourth, using a single by Hunter, double by Kern and errors by the Whiteface players to score Mark Birkenfeld, Hunter and Kern for a 15-9 lead.

Nazareth quickly picked up two outs on Hereford in the top of the fifth, but Blake Birkenfeld had a little trouble after that, allowing the third batter to reach when his throw to first was off the mark. Then he gave up back-to-back singles, one of which scored Valdez. But Hereford

left two on base when Pena grounded out to Blake Birkenfeld for the third out.

Hereford turned a 1-3-5 infield double play on the Swifts in the fifth for outs one and two, but Nazareth would come back to load the bases as Valdez walked three straight hitters—Hunter, Wade Price and Blake Birkenfeld. Valdez escaped the threat by striking out Pohlmeier and left the trio standing.

A home run by E. Pesina started Hereford off in the sixth and made it 15-11, but that was all Nazareth would allow.

Matt Olvera started off the sixth by reaching first on a third baseman's error, and Nazareth wouldn't suffer a single out before winning the game on the run rule.

After Olvera stole second, Brockman made it to first after a Valdez error.

With runners at first and second, Wilcox knocked a double to the fence in left center, scoring both runners for a 17-11 lead. It wasn't long before he was crossing the plate himself after Wethington found the back side of the fence with a two-run shot and a 19-11 lead. A single by Mark Birkenfeld, walk by Kade Wilcox and an error that placed Nick Bermea on first loaded the bags with no outs.

Blake Birkenfeld got the final Swift hit of the game, a single that scored two runners for the 10-run advantage and 21-11 win.

## Gerber named TSWA all-state

Shawna Gerber, a 5-6 sophomore guard from Nazareth, has been named all-state third-team by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA).

Gerber was the Swiftettes' leading scorer this season and also earned all-district honors.

Vega coach Justin Shultz, formerly of Dimmitt, was named the Class A Coach of the Year after leading his team to the Class A state championship.

Also mentioned on the all-state rosters was former Dimmitt player Kimberly Newland, who moved to Plains this year and paced her team to a successful season. This season was Newland's last—she was killed in an automobile accident in March.

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'I'LL CALL IT, UMP!' — As Dimmitt's Derek Buckley slides into third after belting a long flyball to right center field, Bobcat Coach Jesus Quiroz calls him safe, saving the umpires the trouble in the first

inning of the Dimmitt-Dalhart game here Saturday. Buckley drove in two runs with the hit to give Dimmitt a 2-1 lead. The game turned into a slugfest which the Bobcats won, 17-13. Photo by Don Nelson

## Gamez homer lifts Bobcats to 17-13 District 1-AAA win

A three-run home run by Eric Gamez in the bottom of the sixth inning, gave the Bobcats a 17-13 lead over Dalhart and resulted in a District 1-AAA win Saturday afternoon at Dimmitt.

Gamez' homer, along with an earlier one by Luis Silva, lit a fire under the Dimmitt Bobcats, who steadily pulled away from District 1-AAA foe Dalhart Saturday afternoon for a 17-13 win at home.

The Bobcats jumped out to a 4-1 lead after three, then tallied 13 runs over the next three innings to claim the win.

Tanner Griffitt opened on the mound for the Bobcats, and he struck out four batters over the first three innings in holding the Golden Wolves to one run.

Dimmitt errors allowed Dalhart to get back in the game in the fourth. The Wolves picked up five runs in the top of the inning to take a 6-4 lead. Griffitt allowed just two hits in

the inning, both doubles, but Dimmitt was charged with six errors and that proved costly.

The Bobcats answered those five runs in the fourth with four of their own to regain the lead, only to have Dalhart regain control in the top of the fifth with a six-run inning. This time the Wolves did the job with the bats, scoring a pair of triples, a double and three singles to take a 12-8 lead through 4½ innings.

Dimmitt picked up six of its own in the bottom of the fifth to regain the lead, 14-12, and they never trailed again.

Dimmitt added three insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth, then Dimmitt held the Wolves at bay in the top of the seventh for the win.

After giving up a run in the first on a double by Vogel that scored lead-off hitter Carnesella, Griffitt shut down Dalhart at that point.

Bobby Hill started Dimmitt off

with a single before Sammy Prieto grounded out and Gamez struck out. Luis Silva kept the Bobcats alive with a walk, then Derek Buckley picked up two RBIs on his turn at the plate, giving Dimmitt a 2-1 lead.

Griffitt faced six hitters in the top of the second, striking out one, walking two and getting two ground-outs. The Wolves left three standing and ended the inning with nothing.

The Wolves returned the favor in the bottom of the second, holding the Bobcats scoreless.

After giving up a lead-off single in the third, Griffitt forced Fisk to pop up to left for out number one. Then he struck out Jones and Ewing to maintain Dimmitt's 2-1 lead.

Prieto walked to open the bottom of the third, then he took second on a passed ball. He scored on Silva's home run ball for a 4-1 Dimmitt edge.

After Dalhart jumped ahead 6-4 in the top of the fourth, Dimmitt used back-to-back singles, a walk and errors to regain an 8-6 edge as Hill, Prieto, Gamez and Silva all crossed home plate.

Dalhart struck for six straight runs before Dimmitt finally got an out in the fifth inning and the Wolves regained the lead again, 12-8.

A Wesley Wright single started things off in the fifth, then Griffitt reached on an error and Cody Brockman scored Wright with a single. Griffitt scored on a passed ball and Hill reached first thanks to an error. Dimmitt got a single from Prieto that scored one, then Gamez was hit by a pitch before Dimmitt every got an out. A triple by Robert Sepeda cleared the bases, giving Dimmitt a 14-12 lead.

The Bobcats allowed one run the rest of the way, and managed to score three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Griffitt flied out to second and Brockman grounded out to third to start the sixth, but Hill and Prieto each walked, then Gamez's three-run slam did the trick, giving Dimmitt its 17-13 win.

## Nazareth track participants advance with wins at district

Four Nazareth Swiftettes and the girls' mile relay team along with five Swifts earned a spot in the Region 1-A Area Track Meet after placing in the District 4-A meet Friday at Randall High School.

The top four individuals in the district events qualified for the area track meet. From the area meet, the top four individuals will advance to the regional meet.

Nazareth specialized in long distance races, qualifying two girls in the two mile and the mile run; and sending two boys to area in the two mile run.

Dannette Ramaekers earned trips in both long races, winning each event at district; while teammate Lindsey Gerber claimed her ticket to Levelland with second-place finishes in each event.

In the boys' 3,200-meters, Trinity Robb qualified with a second-place finish while Blake Birkenfeld edged his way in with a fourth-place time.

Bo Hunter kept his streak of 1999 wins alive in Friday's district meet, winning the discus by a large margin to get a trip to area.

Stanton Wethington qualified for area with a second-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles while Matty McLain advances after placing fourth in the 300-meter hurdles.

Stephanie Thiel and Whitney Hoelting each qualified for area in the triple jump, placing third and fourth, respectively, at district.

The Swiftettes' mile relay team including Hoelting, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman and Thiel, earned a trip after winning the race at district.

The area track meet will be held this week at Randall High School. Here are results from the district meet:

### DISTRICT 4-A TRACK MEET at Randall High School

**Boys**  
Team Totals: 1. Gruver 130, 2. Wheeler 111, 3. Shamrock 88, 4. Memphis 76, 5. Nazareth 41, 6. Claude 40, 7. Kress 38, 8. Valley 20, 9. Vega 8, 10. Booker 6.

Discus: 1. Bo Hunter of Nazareth, 161-4.

3,200: 2. Trinity Robb of Nazareth, 11:54.19; 4. Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 12:12.63.

110 hurdles: 2. Stanton Wethington of Nazareth, 15.10.  
300 hurdles: 4. Matty McLain of Nazareth, 43.83.

400 relay: 6. Nazareth, 46.89.  
800: 6. Kade Wilcox of Nazareth, 2:18.86.  
400: 6. Ky Wilcox, 57.26.  
1,600: 5. Matt Olivera of Nazareth, 5:27.44  
Shot Put: 6. Bo Hunter of Nazareth,

39-3 ½.

**Girls**  
Team Totals: 1. Shamrock 125.5; 2. Memphis 84, 3. Gruver 74, 4. Vega 72.5, 5. Nazareth 71, 6. Wheeler 62, 7. Claude 56, 8. (Tie) Booker and Kress 17, 10. Valley 10.

Triple Jump: 3. Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth, 31-4; 4. Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth, 30-9 ½; 5. Marsha Black of Nazareth, 29-6.

3,200: 1. Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth, 12:28; 2. Lindsey K. Gerber of Nazareth, 12:50.

1,600: 1. Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth, 6:16.26; 2. Lindsey K. Gerber of Nazareth, 6:27.58.  
1,600 Relay: 1. Nazareth, 4:39.61.  
300 hurdles: 5. Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth, 52.06.  
Long Jump: 6. Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth, 14-6 ½.

**JV Boys**  
Team Totals: 1. Gruver 217, 2. Claude 113, 3. Memphis 69, 4. Wheeler 63, 5. Kress 24, 6. Booker 12, 7. Nazareth 9, 8. Shamrock 8, 9. Vega 5, 10. Valley 3.

800: 7. Jase Merritt of Nazareth, 2:35.69.  
100 hurdles: 5. Wade Price of Nazareth, 23.30.  
300 hurdles: 5. Wade Price of Nazareth, 56.27.

200: 7. Aaron Kern of Nazareth, 26.00.  
1,600: 4. Jase Merritt of Nazareth, 6:01.43.  
Shot: 7. Aaron Kern of Nazareth, 33-2 ½.

Discus: 6. Matt Martin of Nazareth, 93-0.

## Longhorns qualify host of athletes for area meet

Hart will be well represented at the Class A area track meet after qualifying several individuals for the meet this weekend.

The District 6-A meet was held Friday at Springlake-Earth High School, and the Longhorns finished fourth overall with 82 points while the Lady Horns placed sixth with 55 points. The top four individuals in each event advance to the area round which will be this week. Winners in area will qualify for the Region 1-A meet in Levelland later this month.

The Lady Horns' sprint relay (400-meter relay) earned a trip to area with a second-place finish at district. Hart edged Springlake-Earth by a nose at the finish, posting a time of 52.50 compared with Earth's 52.51, to claim the silver medal.

Jared Aven earned a ticket to area by winning the long jump with a leap of 20-8. Aven also qualified in the 200-meter dash, posting a time of 23.96. He placed fourth in the triple jump with a jump measured at 41-2.

Isaias Garcia qualified for area with a second-place finish in the 3,200-meter run, posting a good time of 11:29.68 in the event.

Dan Eric Castillo won the shot put with a throw of 46-8 to advance while Gerardo Dozal was fourth in the event with a toss of 46-1.

Dozal won the discus by throwing it 135-6, almost seven feet farther than his closest competitor.

Other Hart athletes placing were T.R. George, fourth in the pole vault, 11-0; Marciel Mendoza fourth in the

3,200-meter run, 11:31.63; Jeremiah Velasquez, third in the 110-meter hurdles, 16.14.

### DISTRICT 6-A TRACK MEET at Springlake-Earth

**Girls**  
Team Totals: 1. Whiteface 147, 2. Petersburg 100, 3. Sudan 96, 4. Springlake-Earth 78, 5. Crosbyton 59, 6. Hart 55.

400 relay: 2. Hart, 52.50.  
100 hurdles: 3. Angelica Perales of Hart, 14.10.  
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800 relay: 4. Hart, 1:57.38.

**Boys**  
Team Totals: 1. Petersburg 125, 2. Springlake-Earth 100, 3. Anton 90, 4. Hart 82, 5. Whiteface 48, 6. Sudan 44.

Long jump: 1. Jared Aven of Hart, 20-8.  
Pole vault: 4. T.R. George of Hart, 11-0.

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### Kids, Inc. Basketball Schedule

**Today (Thursday)**  
Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. ALCO vs. Bobcat Barber Shop; 6:30 p.m. Roy's Plumbing vs. Cerestar.  
Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. Smothermon Ditching vs. Dimmitt Consumers; 7 p.m. Pancake House vs. Coleman Pharmacy.

**Friday**  
Minor Girls: 5:30 p.m. Wright & Sons vs. North Gin; 6:30 p.m. Red X vs. Benny's Auto; 7:30 p.m. Dimmitt Equip. vs. First United Bank.  
Major Girls: 5:30 p.m. Gary's Engine vs. Paxton Tire; 7 p.m. Hereford FCU vs. Seale Florist.

**Monday**  
Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt vs. Roy's Plumbing; 6:30 p.m. ALCO vs. Lane Dirt; 7:30 p.m. Cerestar vs. Castro Co. Hospital District.  
Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. C&S Battery vs. Pancake House; 6:30 p.m. Smothermon Ditching vs. First Bank Muleshoe; 7:30 p.m. Coleman Pharmacy vs. Dimmitt Printing.

**Tuesday**  
Minor Girls: 5:30 p.m. Red X vs. Wright & Sons; 7 p.m. North Gin vs. First United Bank.  
Major Girls: 5:30 Paxton Tire vs. Seale Florist; 7 p.m. Gary's Engine vs. Goodpasture.

**Next Thursday**  
Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Bobcat Barber Shop vs. Castro Co. Hospital District; 7 p.m. Cerestar vs. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, & Myatt.  
Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. Dimmitt Consumers vs. Dimmitt Printing; 7 p.m. Coleman Pharmacy vs. C&S Battery.

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CHAMPIONS—This group of Dimmitt boys captured the championship at the YMCA Youth Basketball League recently, beating a Hereford team for the title. Team members are (standing, from left) Coach Scott Sheffy, Charlie Saenz, Stuart Sheffy, Jared Bell and Coach Don Bell; and (kneeling, from left) Tucker Self, Matthew Larra, Junior Limas, Jordan Bell and Nicholas Ortiz. Courtesy Photo

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# Police Calls

Steve Martinez of Martinez Trucking in Dimmitt told police Friday that a suspect took a truck and trailer to deliver a load and then did not make the delivery. The incident of theft was reported at 2:20 p.m. Martinez valued the truck at \$34,000, the trailer at \$24,000 and a cotton seed mill at \$6,000. The stolen items were recovered. Investigation is continuing.

Sunday, Mike Bilberry of Dimmitt told deputies that someone stole a black and white paint stud horse from a barn northeast of Dimmitt about 1.1 miles south of FM 2397 on CR 516. He valued the animal at \$20,000.

Sunday afternoon, a man called deputies to complain of loud music coming from a building near Easter. Members of a band practicing at that location agreed to stop practicing for the day.

Friday afternoon, a deputy received a call from a Hart citizen at the 19th Hole east of Nazareth, reporting a threat of retaliation. A suspect threatened the complainant for giving information to officers.

Sunday afternoon a 32-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000.

Ramiro Martinez Esquivel told police Friday that someone took a miter saw valued at \$150 from a location in the 400 block of North Broadway.

Deputies are investigating the theft of a tractor mount style post hole digger from a road construction site north of the Easter community on FM 1055. The item was valued at \$621, and was reported taken sometime between last Thursday and Monday.

Alice Moore told deputies that a mailbox at the intersection of CR 515-A and CR 609 was apparently pushed over by a vehicle.

A suspect was stopped Saturday in the 400 block of North Broadway and was charged with driving while

license suspended.

Arrested on warrants or for violation of probation during the past week:

—April 7, a Dimmitt man, 55, on a warrant for DWI, third or more.

—Friday, a Hereford man, 20, on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of assault/bodily injury family member/deadly conduct/discharging a firearm at a habitation.

—Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of injury to a child.

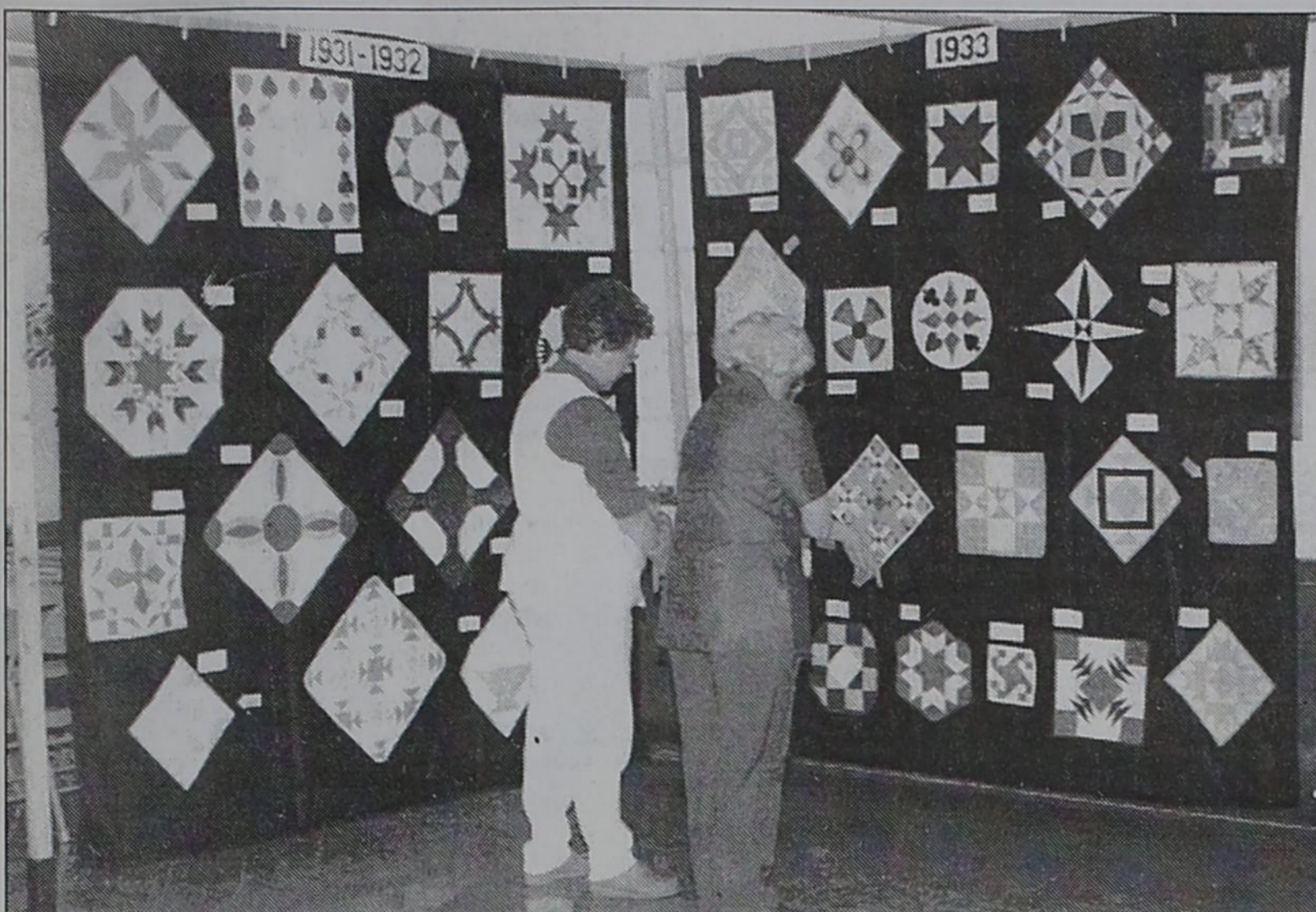
—Sunday night, a 17-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle/organized crime.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 22, DWI, third offense.

Jailed on alcohol-related charges during the past week:

—Saturday, a 42-year-old Lubbock man for public intoxication.

—Monday, a Plainview man, 23, for DWI, first offense; and a Dimmitt man, 17, DWI, third offense.



QUILT PATTERNS published through the years in the *Kansas City Star* newspaper were made up sampler style by an Oklahoma quilting club. Ten of the panels were on display at the First United Methodist

Church in Dimmitt during the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival. Viewing the display are Marie Baker of Shamrock (right) and Elaine Taylor of Hereford (left). Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Quilt Show judging results listed

Over 700 people attended the Ogallala Quilters Festival in Dimmitt last week, and awards were given to 52 quilts in 18 categories among the 136 entries submitted for the judging competition.

The Best of Show award went to "There's a Dandelion in Our Garden," a group appliqued quilt submitted by the Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt. A \$250 prize, supplied by First United Bank of Dimmitt, accompanied the award. The People's Choice Award went to "Rising Sun," an entry in the Mixed Quilts-Amateur division, quilted by Gerry M. Davis of Gruver. The People's Choice winner also got a \$100 prize, supplied by First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch.

Betty Ehlers of Tahoka won the sewing machine that was raffled off. Betty Kirk of Amarillo won a \$50 gift certificate from Dr. Dean Beddow, an Amarillo optometrist, and Ruby Horton of Lubbock won the cutting table.

Chances on the quilt made by the Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt will be sold from now through Harvest Days in September, when the quilt will be raffled off. The winner must agree to allow the guild to display the quilt in the Houston International Quilt Competition.

A spokesperson for the Ogallala Quilters Society said that there was a better turn out than last year for this year's events.

About 134 took classes, 176 enjoyed the steak supper Friday night, and 30 guests stayed in the homes of "bed and breakfast" hosts from one to three nights. Also, the miniature quilt auction raised \$2,465, which was \$600 more than last year. Proceeds from the auction and raffles are used to meet the expenses of the event.

Plans are already underway for next year's festival, and one teacher has been lined up for 2001.

Other awards in each division went to:

Nostalgia Quilts—1. "My 1934 Featherweight" by Susie Edwards of Pampa. 2. "Blanch and Jo Birkenfeld Reunion 1998" by Sheila Brockman of Midland. 3. "Barn Storming" by Inez Carlton of Odessa.

Applique Quilts-Amateur—1. "Spring" by Betty Everett of Lubbock. 2. "Celtic Celebration" by Linda Fisher of Lubbock. 3. "Improved Applique in a Day" by Nancy C. Richburg of Plainview.

Applique Quilts-Professional—1. "Folk Art Fancy" by Deborah Mjohus of Amarillo. 2. "St. Paul Beauty" by June Long of Amarillo.

Pieced Quilts-Amateur—1. "Peacock Feathers" by Sonja K. Bray of Slaton. 2. "Olympic Stars at Night" by Linda Fisher of Lubbock. 3. "Hopi Basket" by Sheila Brockman of Midland.

Pieced Quilts-Professional—1. "Spinning Stars" by Joyce E. Davis of Dimmitt. 2. "Log Cabin" by Susie Edwards of Pampa. 3. "Northwind" by Bonnie Longtin of Amarillo.

Mixed Quilts-Amateur—1. "Rising Sun" by Gerry M. Davis of Gruver. 2. "Pineapple Fruit Salad" by Beckie M. Fry of Hereford. 3. "My First Sampler Quilt" by Pamela Bearden-Ausmus of Midland.

Mixed Quilts-Professional—1. "Heart of Dixie" by Hazel R. Cozart of Midland. 2. "#39 Field & Stream" by Decker J. Sanders of Amarillo.

Specialty Quilts—1. "Basket of Flowers" by Frances Moore of Lubbock. 2. "Grandpa Glenn's Necktie Quilt" by Nancy C. Richburg of Plainview. 3. "Mama's Fans" by Inez Carlton of Odessa.

Applique Quilts (Two Person Quilt)—1. "Romantica" by Catherine

Moore of Dumas. 2. "Santa Quilt" by J. Carolyn Hawkins of Amarillo. 3. "Sunbonnet Sue All Through the Year" by Margaret M. Frye of Dumas.

Pieced Quilts (Two Person Quilt)—1. "Pieced Quilt" by Leta J. Dennis of Dimmitt. 2. "Grandmother's Flower Garden" by Mary Dee Haberer Hamman of Lubbock. 3. "Wedding Stars" by Jane Cappadonna of Midland.

Group Appliqued Quilts—1. "There's a Dandelion in Our Garden" by Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt. 2. "Floral Splendor" by Sharon Newman of Lubbock. 3. "Progressive (Round Robin)" by Joyce E. Davis of Dimmitt.

Group Pieced Quilts—1. "Family Bouquets" by Linda Fisher of Lubbock. 2. "Feline Fine" by Sue/Jim Riddick of Tulia. 3. "Hands All Around" by Doris Lust of Dimmitt.

Crib/Juvenile Quilts—1. "Bunnies For Stevie" by Lynda Thompson of Midland. 2. "Rock Horse Lullaby" by Susie Edwards of Pampa. 3. "Crib Quilt" by Helen L. Hammond of Amarillo.

Wall Quilts-Amateur—1. "Remember Me" by Cathy A. Trujillo of Amarillo. 2. "Friends of Winter" by Patty A. Love of Canyon. 3. "Peony and Logs Medallion" by Bobbie L. Foster of Lubbock.

Wall Quilts-Professional—1. "Olympic Tribute" by Jackie K. Reis of Lubbock. 2. "Yard Birds Circling the Cat" by Jean Gilles Dean of Midland. 3. "Dreams of Christmas" by

## Law enforcement team wins second

The Dimmitt-Castro County Law enforcement basketball team took second in double-elimination action Saturday in the continuing area round-robin tournament.

The Dimmitt team won two games against the Parmer County-Friona team.

First place went to the Hereford team, which defeated Dimmitt twice.

A final round in the tournament is planned for May in Dimmitt.

June Long of Amarillo.

Miniature Quilts—1. "Santa Fe Sunset" by Yvonna V. Hays of Dimmitt. 2. "Sparkle" by Scharlean Smith of Amarillo. 3. "Peppermint Pleasures" by Coby Lassiter of Hereford.

Wearable Art—1. "Scrappy Pieced Vest" by J. Carolyn Hawkins of Amarillo. 2. "Pieced Garden" by Nancy C. Richburg of Amarillo. 3. "Wedge Jacket" by Helen L. Hammond of Amarillo.

Challenge Quilt—1. "Tumbling Ohio Star" by Darlene Collins of Dimmitt. 2. "Itskit Itskit, A Green and Yellow Basket" by Tara Wales of Hereford. 3. "No Name" by Ina Lewis Cleavinger of Dimmitt.



STORY BOOK THEATRE—Christi Stuebben and Lynn Draper of San Antonio bring famous characters from children's literature to life in entertaining sketches and readings as they travel to schools, children's centers and churches in an effort to get children excited about reading. The sisters were in Dimmitt Tuesday morning. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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WHERE-EVERY-ONE-IS-SLEEPING—Richardson Elementary School students whisper along one of the lines from the story "The Napping House,"

presented by the Storybook Theatre at the Dimmitt Middle School auditorium Tuesday morning.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

**More about**

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It had blocks of colorful star patterns, with no two stars alike. Its border included a bias-block chain that looked three-dimensional.

It was a gorgeous, complex piece of art that you could study for half an hour and not see it all. Then you could come back to it later and see something you hadn't noticed before.

Later, after looking me up and thanking me for her award, Leta told me the story of her quilt.

It turned out that her mother, Elouise Dodd, had been working on the quilt as a gift to Leta when she had a stroke in October 1996. She died a week later.

Leta wasn't a quilter. But after doing all the other things that a daughter has to do after her mother dies, Leta picked up the pieces, joined the Friendship Quilters' Guild, and finished her mother's quilt as a labor of love.

In the real judging, the quilt won

first place in its category. "Mother would have been thrilled to see it sporting two such nice awards, and probably embarrassed that it won over some of the great quilts in the same category," Leta said.

Many of the quilts on display carried similar family histories, as well as memories that can be expressed only by a quilt.

Most of the people attending the festival were from larger cities. It was interesting to hear their impressions of our little town.

I don't know what they expected, but at Thursday night's variety show, they were really impressed with the local talent (which I guess most of us have come to take for granted).

And of course they were impressed with the gourmet banquet dinners served up by Charles Ketchum and the DISD Food Service staff, and with the professional level of plan-

ning carried out by our Friendship Quilters' Guild.

While I was admiring the quilts and antique sewing machines in the Senior Citizens Center Saturday morning, I heard a woman in one of the nearby classrooms exclaim, "I heard that they don't even lock their cars or houses in Dimmitt!"

At the Senior Citizens Center Friday, Darlene Collins spotted a tag-along husband sitting outside, and invited him to come in.

"I can't," he said. "I'm whittling, and I'd make a mess."

He was Paul Kester of Lubbock.

Later, Darlene spotted him again.

This time he was writing a poem—about Dimmitt. She got his permission to have it printed.

Here it is:

In the Texas Panhandle there is a small town That's not anything like the big ones around It's just a small, quiet place That seems to move at a slower pace.

The Courthouse is still in the center of town, And the main street is a highway laid down. The shopkeepers say "Hi" when you go through their door, And they don't pressure you to spend a little bit more.

This small town is a great little place Where you can stop and rest at a much slower pace, But once a year there's planning with much to do To get ready for one weekend for the quilter in you.

The shop owners have hung quilts in good taste, And the town starts to look like a patchwork place. Everyone hopes that once you've been here, You'll want to come back again next year.

So there were lots of winners at our quilt festival. And Dimmitt won a blue ribbon, too.

**More about**

**Summerfield residents protest . . .**

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Commissioners agreed to hold off on any action in the matter, pending further investigation as to whether the crossing is public or private. The matter will be picked up again at the county's April 19 meeting.

Castro County Justice of the Peace Tana Young asked commissioners to approve the hire of a part-time secretary for her office, if it becomes necessary.

Young's regular secretary is currently on medical leave and is unsure when she will be able to return to work.

Young plans to operate the office herself and is not sure she will have to hire additional help, but requested approval from commissioners, "just in case."

Commissioners approved Young's request and agreed to take the funds for the part-time salary from Young's telephone budget.

Baldrige told commissioners he

thinks the cause of a persistent bad smell in the courthouse has been discovered and he recommended calling a plumber to solve the problem.

"We discovered that there is no vent pipe on the sewer pump in the assembly room (located in the basement)," Baldrige said. "I think if we ventilate that, then it could solve the problem."

Commissioners told Baldrige to get estimates from local plumbers on what it would cost to fix the problem.

In other action, commissioners agreed to hire Dione Steffens as assistant librarian for Rhoads Memorial Library; approved the installation of two gas lines under County Road 520 by Phillips Pipe Line; named Jo Parks to serve on the county's salary grievance committee; and voted to allow Randall Small to use the old "jury wheel" for an upcoming charity raffle.

**Obituaries**

**Alfred Campbell**

Services for Alfred A. Campbell, 61, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Wayne Mullin, pastor of Church of God of Prophecy of Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Campbell died at 11 a.m. Saturday at his home.

He was born Jan. 5, 1938, in Larned, Kan. He was raised in Oklahoma and Kansas. He moved to Dimmitt in 1966. He married Oreda Jo Bradshaw on May 22, 1974, in Hereford. He was a truck driver and a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, LaDawn Anglin of Aspermont and Holly Campbell of Canyon; five brothers, Elmer Love of Amarillo, Gerald Love and Eddie Campbell, both of Dimmitt, Alvie Love of Boise City, Okla. And Ronnie Campbell of Ellendale, N.D.; a sister, Janet Leingang of Dimmitt; and three grandchildren.

**Rufus Everett**

Funeral services for Rufus Edward Everett, 96, of Austin, a former Hart school teacher, were held Saturday morning in Walnut Creek Baptist Church in Austin with Rev. Ken Thompson officiating.

Masonic graveside services were held Monday morning in Bailey County Memorial Park in Muleshoe.

Mr. Everett died April 8.

He graduated from Howard Payne College in Brownwood, where he played football and basketball. He received a master's degree from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, N.M. He was a teacher, principal, superintendent, and coach in Muleshoe, Bovina, Lazbuddie, McAdoo, Paint Creek, Tanner Paint, Hart and Olton. He taught for 43 years. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge. He moved to Austin from Brownwood. He was preceded in death by a son, David Edward, in 1964.

Survivors include his wife, Gladys Launa Jones Everett; and a daughter, Jan Everett High of Cary, N.C.

**Correction**

In the April 1 issue of the News, it was reported that Daniel Flores had placed second in the 800-meter run at the San Angelo Relays.

It was Ivan Flores, not Daniel Flores, who placed in the event, running the distance in 2:05.40. The News regrets the error.

The needle was invented about 25,000 years ago.



A SHOW OF SUPPORT—Members of the GA's from the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt placed 500 flags on the lawn of the First United Methodist Church Monday afternoon. The flags hold the names of missionaries in the area where fighting is taking place in eastern Europe. As the flags were placed in the shape of a cross, the girls took a minute to say a silent prayer for those they represented.

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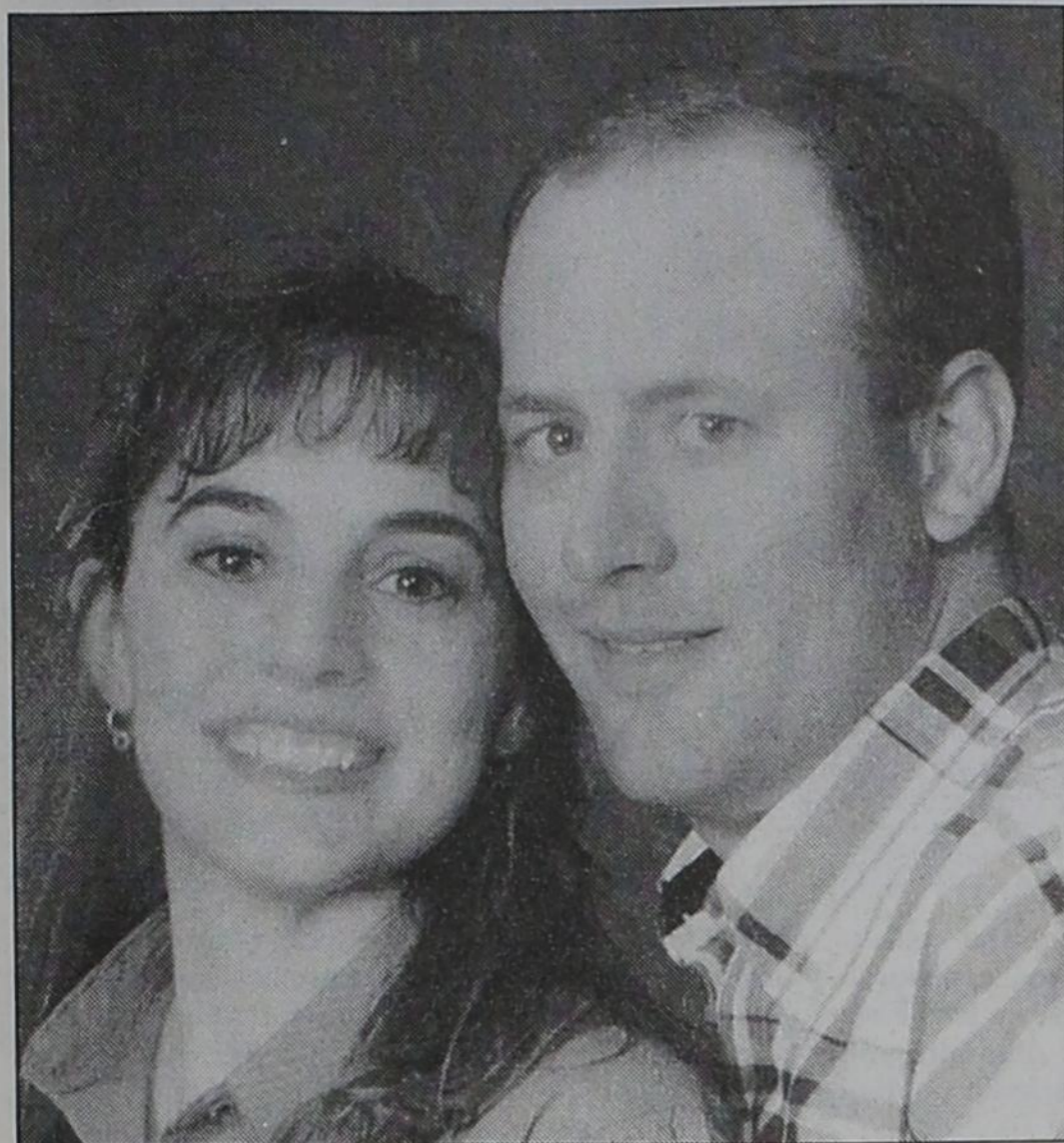
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# People



Kristin Brockman and Monty Moore

## Brockman and Moore to wed

Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kristin, to Monty Moore, son of Don and Paraly Moore of Canyon.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. on June 12 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1994 graduate of Nazareth High School. She will graduate from West Texas A&M University in May with a degree in elementary education.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1992. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in August 1997 with a degree in agri-business. He is currently farming in the Kress area.

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

## Red Cross serving refugees, servicemen

The Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross is accepting donations earmarked for Kosovo or the Balkan Relief effort at the chapter's office at 224 S. Main in Hereford, 806-364-3761 or 364-4985.

The Red Cross is attempting to raise \$1 million each week for the next few months to meet the emergency humanitarian needs of refugees streaming from Kosovo, according to Steve Bullock, acting president of the American Red Cross.

"Americans have already contributed more than \$1.5 million for this massive relief operation; however, we know much more will be needed," said Bullock. "International Red Cross officials believe we will need at least \$100 million to provide a steady and reliable stream of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, sanitation and other desperately needed assistance."

The Red Cross also is helping families get messages to the detained servicemen in Kosovo.

"We will support the families of the servicemen in every way we can," Bullock said.

The American Red Cross continues to provide communication services support to US military personnel involved in NATO operations in

Europe and their families back home. They inform deployed soldiers of births, deaths, and grave illnesses in the family.

"No matter what happens in the days and weeks ahead, the Red Cross will be there supporting the communication needs of the men and women of the US military," said Bullock.

## Cox feted with shower

Channing August Cox, bride-elect of Jay Lynn McCormick, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Jill McLean.

A special quilt documenting the life of the prospective groom and his family was presented to the couple by his mother, Cassa Beddow.

The serving table held a large white wicker basket of yellow, white and lavender daisies surrounded by tulip-shaped votive candles. Refreshments were chocolate-covered strawberries petite cinnamon rolls and hot almond tea.

Out-of-town guests attending the shower were the bride-to-be's mother, Judy Cox, and her grandmothers, Thelma Cox and Ruby Gabel, all of Amarillo.

Many friends, guests and hostesses also attended.

An array of gifts the couple received for their new home were displayed.



MRS. BRYAN NICHOLS  
... She's the former Misti Ball.

## Ball and Nichols wed in Nazareth ceremony

Misti Ball and Bryan Nichols, both of Lubbock, exchanged wedding vows in a double-ring ceremony in Holy Family Church in Nazareth Saturday afternoon, with Fr. Jerry Stein, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Darryl and Rose Ball of Nazareth, and the groom is the son of Renea Livesay of Littlefield and Russell Nichols of Cotton Center.

The church's main altar was flanked by matching brass candelabras accented with tulle bows. Pews were marked with bronze candlesticks tied with white tulle bows and containing lighted votives.

Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld sang, and Courtney Hoelting was the organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a sleeveless sheath-style gown of Italian silk satin by Demetrios. The high-necked bodice was lace and satin accented with pearls, crystal beadwork, and scattered iridescent sequins. Cutwork lace appliques detailed with pearls and beading accented the bottom of the skirt. The back of the gown opened up with heavily beaded straps, which met the detachable train, also decorated with cutwork lace and crystal beadwork. Her bouquet was made of fresh cut yellow and white daisies.

The bride was attended by her sister, Kira Ball of Nazareth, as her maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Lisa Ball of Amarillo and Tami Albracht of Lubbock, sisters of the bride; Jaimye Bingham of Canyon, the bride's cousin; Mindy Hoelting of Lubbock, the bride's friend; and Kenna Tanner and Carly Tidwell,

both of Lubbock, and friends of the couple.

Serving the groom as best man was his brother, Kevin Nichols of Cotton Center. Groomsmen were Jon Smyth, Dale Givins, and Chad Snider, all of Olton, and Matt Bradley of Lubbock, friends of the groom; and Trampas Ball of Irving, brother of the bride, and Dale Albracht of Lubbock, the bride's brother-in-law.

Candle lighters were Jill Ramaekers and Lynsey Hoelting, and ushers were Justin Bingham and Nathan Hoelting.

The feminine attendants were attired in sleeveless A-line gowns of yellow batiste satin, featuring a low, square back with thin criss-cross straps and tiny bows. Each carried a free-form bouquet of fresh white daisies tied with ribbon.

The reception was held at the Nazareth Community Hall, which featured banquet tables covered in white and accented with fluted bowls containing fresh daisies.

## Class of '89 sets reunion

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

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

If you have any information on how to contact these people, contact Chad Davis at (806) 647-2265 (work) or (806) 647-0502 (home); Alicia Bradley at Dimmitt High School, (806) 647-3105; or Mat Bradley at (806) 647-3223.

They would like to have addresses or phone numbers on all class members by today (Thursday).

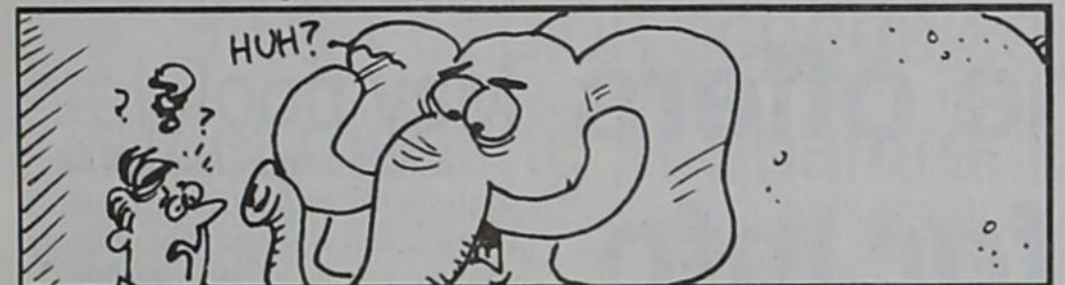
## Pena named student of week

Carmen Pena, daughter of Sandy and Jerry Pena of Dimmitt, has been named the Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Born April 17, 1989, in Dimmitt, Pena says she wants to be a better math student. She runs well.

Her favorite food is pizza, her favorite animal is the bobcat and her favorite book is *BFG*. She likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School.

When she grows up, Pena says she wants to be a doctor. She admires her parents and in her free time she enjoys playing basketball.



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## Taryn Hays earns leadership award

Taryn Hays of Dimmitt has been recognized as a National Leadership and Service Award winner.

Hays, daughter of Norman and Kim Hays, is a student at Dimmitt High School.

Hays' picture and biography will appear in the US Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, USAA winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, executive director of the USAA.

The USAA National Leadership and Service Awards provide students with many benefits and services and is a great tribute to a student's dedication, talent and ability.

Hays is the granddaughter of Judge Jack and Murna Miller of Plainview.

## Community band to meet Tuesday

The Dimmitt community concert band will hold a practice at 7:30 p.m.

The community band will hold a benefit concert May 23 to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation again this year. Members of the community who are interested in participating are invited to attend one of the practices, slated for each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m.

## Ortiz wins English award

Monica Ortiz, daughter of Sal and Chole Ortiz of Dimmitt, has been named a United States national award winner in English.

The award is presented by the US Achievement Academy. Only 10% of all American high school students earn the awards.

Ortiz was nominated for the national award by Cynthia Byers, a teacher at Dimmitt High School.

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Ortiz is the granddaughter of Andres and Christina Montes of Dimmitt and Nati and Olivia Ortiz of Dimmitt.

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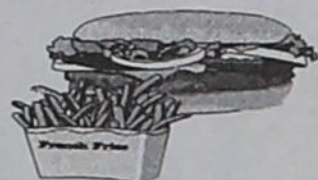
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# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for April 8-16.

### DIMMITT Breakfast

**THURSDAY:** Frosted Flakes cereal, peaches and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Waffles with syrup, grape juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Frosted Flakes cereal, orange wedges and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh bananas and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Cheese enchilada with sauce, refried beans, guacamole salad and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Turkey and dressing surprise, whole new potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Baked fish Scandia, French fries, tossed salad, old fashioned cornbread and white milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Hot dog on a bun with chili, tater tots, coleslaw and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Baked chicken Italiano, Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, angel flake biscuits and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Red Baron Pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, hot rolls and milk.

### Second-12th Grade Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or

peaches; banana bread squares, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, nachos with cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy, coleslaw or pears; and cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour, tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**MONDAY:** Choice of chicken fried steak, nachos with cheese or enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or Fideo Mexicano; tossed salad, jellied applesauce or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, tortilla chips or crackers; and white milk, chocolate milk or punch.

**TUESDAY:** Choice of baked fish Scandia, macaroni and cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions; French fries, refried beans or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of chicken tetrazzini, hot dog on a bun with chili or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato with apple; tossed salad, coleslaw, cucumber and tomato salad; wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread stick or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stir fry, baked chicken Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir fried rice, potato wedges or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or rotini salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**FRIDAY:** Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

### HART Breakfast

**THURSDAY:** Pancakes with syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, Lucky Charms, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Pancakes with syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Cinnamon twist, sweetened applesauce, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

### Lunch

**THURSDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of tuna salad sandwich, hot dog on a bun or chili; shredded cheese, sliced pickles, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of corn dog, chicken tetrazzini or stromboli, salad, lettuce, tomato and pickles, carrot sticks, corn on the cob, peaches, peanut butter bars, bread and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; rolls, gravy, green beans, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich, corn dog, lasagna with ground beef or spaghetti and meat sauce; bread stick, salad, corn, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or brisquet; baked potato, salad, fresh fruit, pinto beans, Texas toast, cornbread, and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH Breakfast

**THURSDAY:** Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** French toast, sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

### Lunch

**THURSDAY:** \* Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, rice, pears, orange cake and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Hamburger or chicken sandwich, potato cubes, lettuce, beans, orange, cherry cobbler and milk or juice.  
**MONDAY:** \* Nachos or corn dogs, salad, corn, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, Jell-O and milk or juice.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, broccoli, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.  
**THURSDAY:** \* Spaghetti and roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, apricots, pudding and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** Enchilada or pizza, tossed salad, pinto beans, fruit and milk or juice.  
 \* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.



LESTER BATTEASE of Sweetwater, who collects and restores antique sewing machines, explains a merchant's cylindrical needle case to (from left) Faye Brown of Abilene, Joyce Davis of Dimmitt and Tommie Sue Nisbett of Dimmitt. Battease is holding

the wooden case-cover for his Jones hand-crank sewing machine on the table. Battease has restored more than 50 antique sewing machines, and had many of them on display at the Senior Citizens Center during the Ogallala Quilters' Festival. Photo by Don Nelson

## Childbirth classes start Monday

Childbirth education classes are scheduled to start Monday at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. The six-week course will be held Monday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the continuing education classroom at the medical center. There is no charge for the classes.

The classes are for expectant mothers who have reached the third trimester of their pregnancy and who

are interested in childbirth preparation. Information and skills will be shared to assist parents in developing coping mechanisms and support systems that will help them meet their individual goals during labor and delivery.

Cindy Ellis, R.N., and childbirth educator, will direct the classes. Topics will include relaxation and breathing techniques, labor coaching,

labor and birth, breastfeeding, and other topics pertinent to dealing with labor and childbirth.

Interested persons should contact Ellis at 647-5497 or 647-4124. Registration forms are available at the Medical Center and at Plains Memorial Hospital.

## DMS plans May book fair

Dimmitt Middle School will host a spring book fair May 4-6 in the DMS Library, and a special buy one, get one free option will be available.

The books will be of the same quality as those offered at the fall book fair. For each purchase a student makes, he or she will receive an equal amount of merchandise for free.

"This is an excellent time to purchase books for summer reading so students can get ahead on their fall Accelerated Reading," said a library spokesperson.

The public is welcome to visit the book fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 4-6.

## Crime Line offers rewards for info

Dimmitt Police and the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. frequently offer rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for crimes that are committed in the area.

However, Crime Line also may pay rewards to informants for information about crimes that may not have been featured in a Crime Line campaign.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald said that anyone with

information about any crimes that may have been committed in the county are urged to call the Crime Line number at 647-4711. Law enforcement personnel will consider paying rewards for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of a perpetrator.

Informants may remain anonymous, and rewards are paid through a drop system.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311, or the Crime Line number, 647-4711.



CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAIL—Patty Tarver of Odessa works on her hand applique technique in a class taught Friday afternoon at the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival in Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Mission-Life-40 group schedules Tuesday meeting

The "Mission-Life-40" non-denominational prayer group will hold a gathering Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt to continue prayer for all communities within a 40-mile radius of Dimmitt.

There will be a service of prayer, praise singing and testimony, and all Christians are invited to participate.

The group established a prayer altar in the vacant lot north of Lee Street Baptist Church back in October. Those planning to attend Tuesday are encouraged to bring more stones to complete the altar.

"They will be more meaningful if they are inscribed with scripture," a group spokesperson said. "God's Holy Spirit is moving, and we believe He will reclaim all towns within this 40 mile radius (and even further) by bringing His people to repentance, so that His Holy Spirit will be poured out on us."

Call 647-2936 or 647-2621 for more information.

## Sidewalk Chalk ArtFest set May 8

The second annual Sidewalk Chalk ArtFest is set for May 8 in Tulia, and \$800 in prize money will be awarded.

The competition is for high school students and older, and there is a \$15 entry fee. Entries after May 1 will be \$25.

Participants must bring their own chalk.

Younger ages also will have a chance to win prizes at their own ArtFest between Antiques & More and the Panhandle Community Services office in Tulia in the 100 block of North Maxwell.

There is no entry fee for students in junior high and under; however, they must be accompanied by an adult.

Call the Tulia Chamber of Commerce at 995-2296.



BEST OF SHOW winner at the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival in Dimmitt last week was the entry from the Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt. "There's a Dandelion in Our Garden" also won first place in the Group Applied Quilts division of the judging. The Best of Show honor was accompanied by a \$250 prize supplied by First United Bank of Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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# Nazareth elementary, junior high students place in UIL Literary events

Nazareth hosted the District 4-A Literary Meet for junior high and elementary school students last Thursday and the hosting students enjoyed success in many events.

Competing in the district meet were students from Vega, Valley, Kress, Claude and Nazareth.

Here's how Nazareth students fared in the meet.

**Creative Writing 2:** 3. Steven Birkenfeld.

**Ready Writing 3:** 1. Brittany Hampton.

**Ready Writing 4:** 2. Bradley Gerber.

**Ready Writing 5:** 6. J'Lae Merritt.

**Calculator Applications 4:** 1. Matthew Birkenfeld, 2. Dustin Schulte.

**Calculator Applications 5:** 1. Dusty Braddock, 3. (Tie) Alan Gerber, 5. Jake Hoelting.

**Storytelling 2:** 5. Caitlin Huseman, 6. Kyle Birkenfeld.

**Spelling 3:** 6. Brittany Hampton.

**Spelling 4:** 3. Holly Kleman, 4. Matt Birkenfeld.

**Spelling 5:** 2. Kendra Huseman, 4. Jake Hoelting.

**Oral Reading 2:** 2. Lane Wood, 3. Kami Rundell.

**Oral Reading 4:** 1. Candace Birkenfeld, 4. Holly Kleman, 5. Matthew Birkenfeld.

**Oral Reading 5:** 1. Kasey Wood, 3. Clifford Gerber.

**Maps, Graphs & Charts 5:** 4. Charlie Rundell, 6. Kris Ross.

**Number Sense 4:** 2. Matthew Birkenfeld, 3. Holly Kleman, 4. Adam Thiel.

**Number Sense 5:** 4. Charlie Rundell.

**Art 4:** 6. (Tie) Holly Kleman.

**Art 4 Team:** 3. Nazareth (Holly Kleman, Chris Acker and Dustin Schulte).

**Art 5:** 1. (Tie) Jake Hoelting and Alan Gerber.

**Dictionary Skills 5:** 4. Charlie Rundell.

**Listening Skills 5:** 4. (Tie) Charlie Rundell.

**Music Memory 5:** 5. Charlie Rundell.

**Ready Writing 6:** 2. Ross Birkenfeld.

**Ready Writing 7:** 2. Tanya Herring, 4. Kimberly Brockman.

**Ready Writing 8:** 3. Craig Birkenfeld, 5. Adam Acker.

**Impromptu Speaking 7:** 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 2. Sarah Ellison, 3. Tanya

Herring.

**Impromptu Speaking 8:** 5. Teri Ramaekers.

**Math 6:** 2. Jenna Acker, 4. Jamie Birkenfeld.

**Math 7:** 1. Kimberly Brockman, 2. Brock Birkenfeld.

**Math 8:** 1. Carson Gerber, 2. (Tie) Craig Birkenfeld, 6. Adam Acker.

**Calculator Applications 6:** 1. Jamie Birkenfeld, 3. Jordan Hampton, 6. Jenna Acker.

**Calculator Applications 7:** 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 2. Brett Hoelting, 3. Trey Robb.

**Calculator Applications 8:** 1. Tyler Ehly, 2. Shane Kleman, 3. Adam Acker.

**Oral Reading 6:** 2. Jamie Birkenfeld.

**Oral Reading 7:** 1. Lindsey Wood.

**Oral Reading 8:** 5. Teri Ramaekers, 6. Erica Gerber.

**Maps, Graphs & Charts 6:** 1. Garrett Kleman, 3. Jamie Birkenfeld.

**Maps, Graphs & Charts 7:** 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 4. Brett Hoelting.

**Maps, Graphs & Charts 8:** 1. Ross Schulte, 5. Shane Kleman.

**Spelling 6:** 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 5.

Jeremy Acker.

**Spelling 7:** 5. Tanya Herring.

**Spelling 8:** 1. Eric Schilling, 3. Koly Huseman, 4. Craig Birkenfeld.

**Number Sense 6:** 3. Jamie Birkenfeld.

**Number Sense 7:** 2. Brock Birkenfeld, 3. Kimberly Brockman.

**Number Sense 8:** 3. Ross Schulte, 4. (Tie) Carson Gerber.

**Science 7:** 3. Brock Birkenfeld.

**Modern Oratory 7:** 3. Sara Ellison, 5. Tanya Herring.

**Modern Oratory 8:** 2. Kalissa Robertson, 6. Nicole Acker.

**Listening Skills 6:** 2. (Tie) Ross Birkenfeld and Orin Schulte.

**Listening Skills 7:** 1. (Tie) Andrew Brockman, 6. (Tie) Mark Villeneuve.

**Listening Skills 8:** 2. Justin Kleman, 4. (Tie) Nicole Acker.

**Dictionary Skills 6:** 3. Jenna Acker, 4. (Tie) Jamie Birkenfeld.

**Dictionary Skills 7:** 3. Brock Birkenfeld, 4. (Tie) Brett Hoelting, 5. Kimberly Brockman.

**Dictionary Skills 8:** 2. Eric Schilling, 3. (Tie) Adam Acker.

## Coffee Memorial among those to begin new testing procedures

Blood centers across the nation will soon begin sophisticated genetic testing called NAT, or nucleic acid amplification testing, in an effort to shorten the window of detection for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and hepatitis C virus (HCV).

Among those centers planning to use the new testing procedure is Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo, which serves 24 counties in the Texas Panhandle, including Castro County. More than 500 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in the area and these needs are only met through the generosity of volunteer blood donors.

NAT testing is a research project that is being conducted under an unprecedented agreement with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to allow blood centers to begin testing the blood supply under an IND (Investigational New Drug application).

NAT testing will be performed in addition to current routine screening tests that are very sensitive.

The existing tests check for the presence of antibodies to viruses and have proven to be effective in reducing the risk of serious infection in blood recipients; however, viral genes spread through blood faster than the immune system begins forming antibodies to fight them, allowing a few newly-infected donors to sometimes go undetected.

NAT testing narrows that window because it can detect tiny amounts of a virus such as HIV or HCV even before the blood donor's body has recognized the infection.

NAT is the most powerful testing technology available and could reduce the window period for HCV from the current 80 days to about 23 days and HIV from the current 16 days to about 11 days.

"The government has not mandated NAT testing yet because it is a research project; however, the FDA is strongly encouraging blood centers to quickly begin NAT testing and hospitals to use NAT-screened blood," said Dr. Mary Townsend, medical director and vice president of Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo.

"One of the objectives of NAT is to add another layer of safety to the blood supply that is already considered safe," Townsend said.

Blood donors will notice only minor differences when they donate blood once the NAT testing is implemented. These changes include:

- ◆ An additional sheet of information about NAT testing to read during the interview process.

- ◆ A different collection bag for the blood donation (the same amount of blood is taken, just in a different bag).

## American Legion schedules district meeting in Shamrock

Wartime military veterans and their support organizations from a 28-county region of the Texas Panhandle will converge on Shamrock this weekend for the joint annual spring convention of the 18<sup>th</sup> District American Legion and Sons of the American Legion.

American Legion Posts of the 18<sup>th</sup> district are located in Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Dalhart, Stratford, Perryton, Booker, Darrouzett, Higgins, Canadian, Dumas, Borger, Miami, Wheeler, Vega, Claude, Shamrock, Hedley, Memphis, Hereford, Friona, Tulia, Childress, Mador and Amarillo.

The convention will be preceded by a Veterans Administration health fair, which will be held in the Shamrock American Legion Post Home from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday.

A team of healthcare professionals from the Veterans' Administration will be on hand to provide free glucose exams, cholesterol screening, blood pressure and other tests.

The convention will be held at the Best Western Irish Inn, located on Interstate 40 in Shamrock.

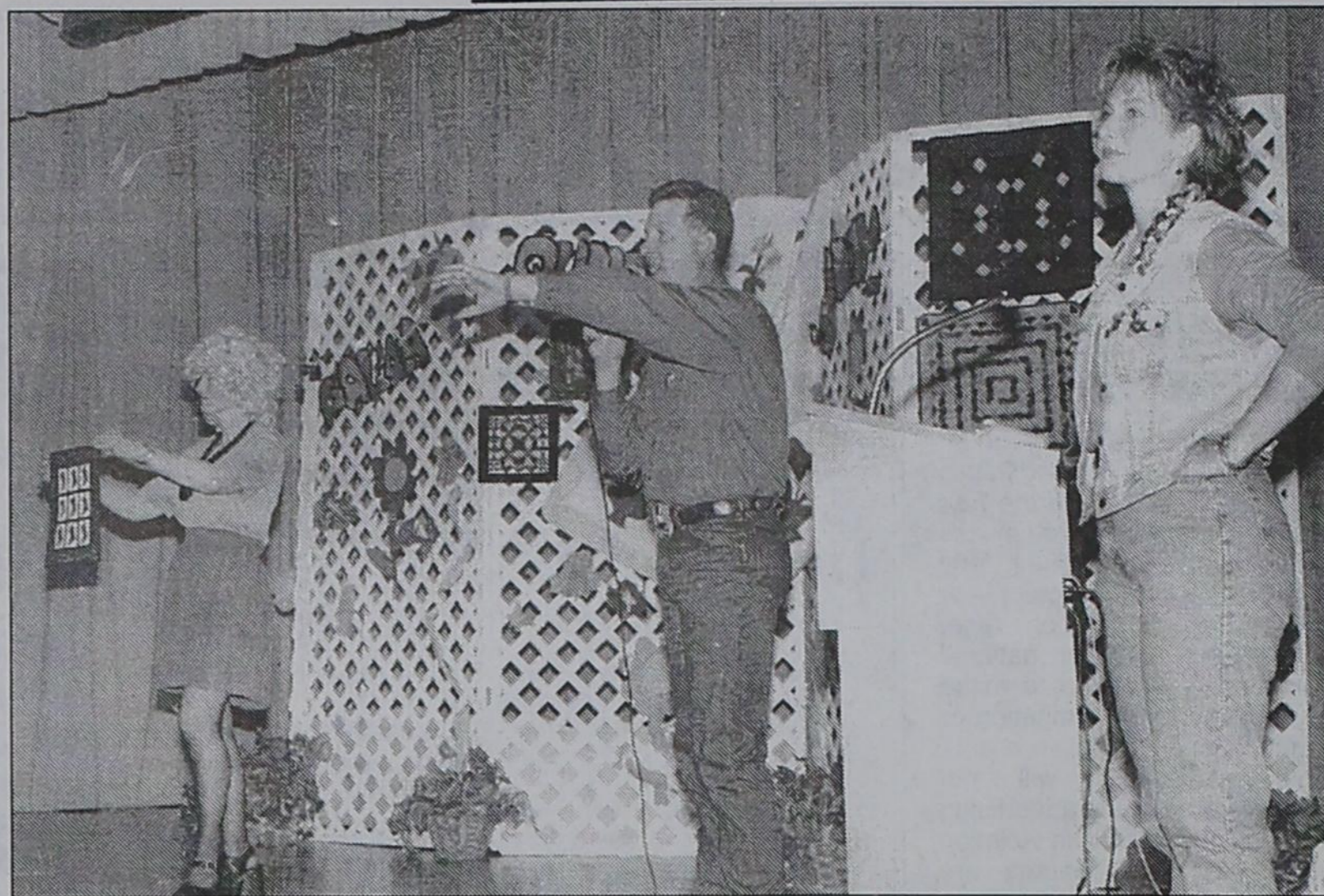
The first joint meeting of all three organizations will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Guest speaker for the American Legion meetings is past Dept. of Texas Vice Commander Billy Bond of Brownfield.

Banquet speaker will be Lowell Templin, who is retired from Bell Telephone. Templin was a Marine in the South Pacific in World War II and he took part in three island invasions, on two of which he went in with the first wave of troops. At one time he was among 80 survivors out of a 270-man Marine infantry company.

18<sup>th</sup> District Commander Darrell Hickey of Perryton urges Legionnaires and support unit members from throughout the Panhandle area to attend.

Current 18<sup>th</sup> District American Legion officers, in addition to Hickey, are Jeff Bergstreser of Amarillo, vice commander; Gene Velasquez of Amarillo, adjutant; J.P. Sims of Friona, chaplain; Wayne Bagley of Amarillo, judge advocate; Vernon Kirklind of Shamrock, sergeant at arms; and Larry Schoenhals, historian and public relations. District coordinator for the SAL is Galen Kraft of Follett, a Shamrock squadron member.

Auxiliary officers are Roberta Roberts of Borger, president; Hazel Stumpf of Perryton, vice president; Clara Jones of Borger, secretary; Cherry Lackey of Shamrock, chaplain; Nina Swink of Shamrock, sergeant at arms; and Troyce Hanna of Hereford, parliamentarian.



**BID IT UP!**—Auctioneer Greg Odom calls for bids on a miniature Amish patch quilt held by platinum-blond "Miss Molly" (Ina Cleavinger) following the Ogallala Quilter's Festival steak dinner Friday evening in Richardson Elementary School cafeteria. At right is auction chairman Tara Wales, who made this

miniature quilt. Remaining miniatures to be auctioned are on the lattice-board in background. The 22 donated quilts were small, but the bids weren't—Wales reported that the auction earned \$2,465 for the Ogallala Quilting Society's treasury to help stage next year's festival here.

Photo by Don Nelson

## Rhoads Memorial Library to get award from Sen. Gramm on Friday

Dimmitt will commemorate National Library Week on Friday during a ceremony honoring the efforts of Rhoads Memorial Library to promote literacy and offer expanded educational opportunities in the community.

The ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the library, located at 103 Southwest Second Street in Dimmitt.

Eric Sawyer, West Texas regional assistant for US Sen. Phil Gramm, will present the library with a certificate of appreciation from Gramm. Sawyer also will read a letter from the senator recognizing the library's efforts to promote literacy. Also participating in the ceremony will be Librarian Marie Howell.

National Library Week is recognized April 11-17 and this year's theme is "Read! Learn! Connect! @ the Library."

National Library Week, sponsored by the National Library Association, was initiated to promote the use and

support all types of libraries and to make the public aware of the many services libraries provide their communities.

*Thanks to all who participated in our 4-H Scholarship Fund-raiser. Hope you enjoyed the meal.*

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25—Legal Notices

**BID NOTICE**

The Castro County Appraisal District is accepting bids on behalf of Castro County, Dimmitt Independent School District and the City of Dimmitt. Sealed bids must be received by April 28, 1999, 10 a.m. at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 SE 3<sup>rd</sup> (rear), Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Each entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

The property open for bids are Lot 2, Block 51, OTD and Lots 14-15, Coronado Acres, North of Highway. Further information may be obtained at the Appraisal District Office.

25-2-2tc

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION To The Registered Voters of Nazareth ISD, Nazareth, Texas:**

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1, 1999, for voting in a School Trustee Election to elect three full, three-year terms.

Location of Polling Places: Nazareth Elementary School Building Hallway, 101 South First Avenue, Nazareth, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Superintendent's Office, 101 South First Avenue, Nazareth, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning on Wednesday, April 14, 1999, and ending on Tuesday, April 27, 1999.

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: NONE.

Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to N. Dean Johnson, Nazareth ISD Board Election Early Voting Clerk, PO Box 189, Nazareth, Texas 79063-0189.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 23, 1999.

Issued this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1999.

DAVID OLVERA, President  
Nazareth ISD Board of Trustees  
25-2-1tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: Lockers for the High School Field House.

All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., local time, April 27, 1999, at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to Les Miller, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Plans and specifications are available and may be acquired from Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers, PO Box 65, Wolfforth, Texas 79382; phone (806) 863-2462.

A pre-bid conference will be held at 3 p.m., local time, on April 20, 1999. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Dimmitt, Texas.

The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: carpet for the high school field house.

All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., local time, April 27, 1999, at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to Les Miller, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

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The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

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**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION**

To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt I.S.D., Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1, 1999, for voting in a General Election to elect Trustees for Places 3, 6, and 7.

Location of Polling Place: Dimmitt I.S.D. Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Dimmitt I.S.D. Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Wednesday, April 14, 1999, and ending Tuesday, April 27, 1999.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, Early Voting Clerk, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, (806) 647-3101. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 23, 1999.

25-1-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: 1999 improvements (girls' locker room, new athletic facility, two new tennis courts, resurface track and baseball field fencing).

All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., local time, April 27, 1999, at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to Les Miller, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Plans and specifications are available and may be acquired from Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers, PO Box 65, Wolfforth, Texas 79382; (806) 863-2462.

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# DMS students win at technology contest

Dimmitt Middle School technology students competed in the on-site competition at South Plains College in Levelland recently, and won places in 40 of the 102 events they entered, with 10 earning first place honors.

Those who placed included: Rockets: 1. Amber Bell. 4. Patrick Hunter.

CO<sup>2</sup> Super Stock: 1. Freddie Flores. 3. Amber Bell.

CO<sup>2</sup> UTE: 3. Johnny Peña. CO<sup>2</sup> Research Racers: 1. Colby Williams. 2. Adam Wright. 3. Able Espinoza. 4. Matthew Gauna. 5. Amber Bell.

Radio Controlled Vehicle: 1. Casey Hargrove. 2. Adam Wright. Rocket Cars Class B: 1. Amber Bell.

Rocket Cars Class C: 1. Ruben Espinoza. 2. Brandon Furr. 3. James Lindsey.

UTE Structure Challenge: 1. Dalton Fisher and Patrick Hunter. 3. Roy Rodriguez and Steven Martinez.

NQE CO<sup>2</sup> Cars: 1. Matthew Sanders. 2. Able Espinoza. 3. Colby Williams. 4. Efrén Gomez.

NQE Tech Bowl Team 7: 3. Matthew Sanders, Tyler Myatt and Jake Porsch.

**Written Exams**

Communication Technology: 4.

Crystal Lopez. 5. Isabel Garcia. 7. Guadalupe Maldonado.

Computer Applications: 3. Amber Bell.

Energy, Power & Transportation Technology: 2. Jake Porsch. 3. Able Espinoza. 4. Ruben Espinoza. 6. Ricky Ramirez.

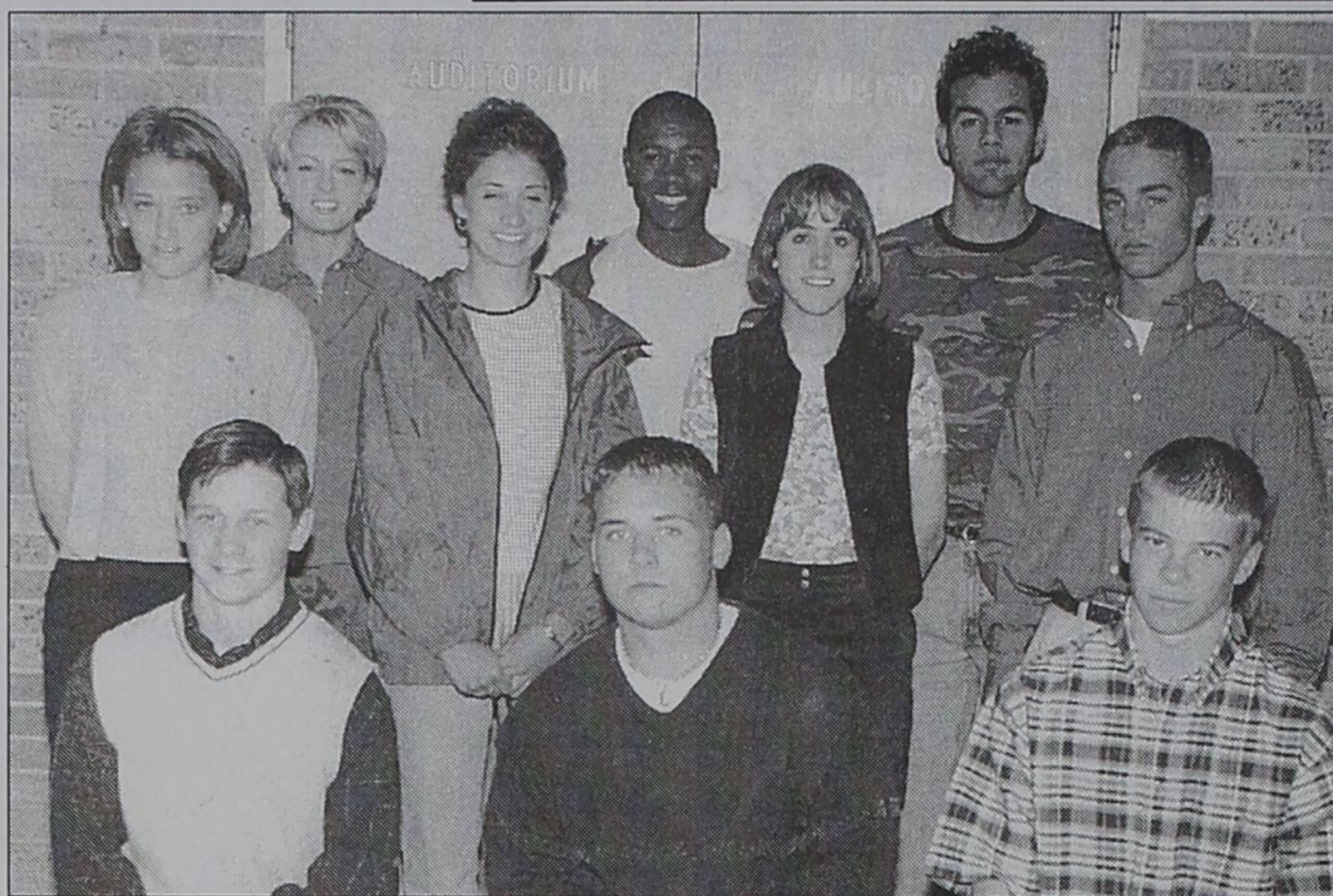
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Communication Technology: 3. Steven Martinez. 4. Jody Stovall. 5. Guadalupe Maldonado. 6. Delia Arredondo.

Computer Applications: 3. Tyler Myatt. 7. Efrén Gomez.

Energy, Power and Transportation Technology: 2. Dalton Fisher. 4. Johnny Peña.

Manufacturing Technology: 1. Roy Rodriguez. 4. Priscilla Lopez.



CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE AWARD winners from Dimmitt High School are (front, from left) Joshua Hardwick, Michael Penney, and Tanner Self; (middle, from left) Sally Stahl, Lindsey Welch, Rachel Harman, and Wesley Wright; and (back, from

left) Julie Merritt, Randy Porter and Ivan Flores. Sponsored by the State Board of Education, the awards give recognition to students for outstanding academic achievement. They receive a medallion and a letter from Gov. George Bush. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## NGSP elects new officers

New officers were elected recently during the National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) winter board of directors meeting, held in Tucson, Okla., just prior to the 1999 sorghum conference.

Re-elected to additional terms were NGSP President Kenneth Tevis of Hughesville, Mo.; Leo Bindel of Sabetha, Kan., vice president for legislation; Ken Rose of Keyes, Okla., vice president for research and education; and Dale Artho of Wildorado, vice president for domestic market development.

Bill Kubecka of Palacios will continue to serve on the officer team as NGSP past president.

In addition, two new officers were elected to the leadership team. Elected to the position of secretary-treasurer is James Vorderstrasse of Hebron, Neb. Vorderstrasse replaces Pat George of Tulia. He also will chair NGSP's membership and communications committee.

NGSP's newly-elected vice president for foreign market development is Dale Spurgin of Allen, who replaces John Ratzlaff of Moundridge, Kan.

NGSP's 28-member board is made up of sorghum producers from six states. These representatives are elected by their state associations, with board representation based on the number of members from each state. States with sorghum checkoff programs that provide financial support to NGSP also have representation on the board, although checkoff representatives do not vote on legislative issues.

NGSP is the national organization for US sorghum producers. It works to improve the profitability of grain sorghum production through legislative and regulatory representation, research, education and the promotion of US grain sorghum.

# DHS students honored by state education board

Several Dimmitt High School students were among those recognized for outstanding academic achievements during the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Excellence awards program, which was held Tuesday morning at the Virgil Henson Activity Center on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Those honored as "Top Students" include Lindsey Welch, Wesley Wright, Julie Merritt, Michael Penney, Rachel Harman, Joshua Hardwick, Tanner Self and Sally

Stahl. Randy Porter and Ivan Flores were recognized for having High TAAS scores.

Celebrations were held at 20 college and university campuses across the state. Among those honored were students who were named National Merit Scholars, prospective valedictorians, Academic Decathlon participants, those who made perfect scores on the TAAS test, scholarship recipients and others who achieved academic recognition.

This marks the fifth year that the board and higher education institu-

tions have joined together to host the celebrations of excellence. In 1998, some 7,500 students were honored for their academic accomplishments.

During the ceremony, students received Celebrations of Excellence medallions along with a congratulatory letter signed by Gov. George W. Bush.

## Free cataract surgery offered

A free eye screening and possible free cataract surgery is being made available to people in need throughout the Panhandle.

The doctors and staff of Panhandle Eye Group have volunteered to participate in Mission Cataract USA, with free eye screenings set for May 8 in Amarillo at 7308 Fleming.

The screenings will determine those candidates with cataracts and financial need.

Eligible candidates will be given a thorough eye examination and as many people as possible will be scheduled for cataract surgery at the Panhandle Eye Group facility on May 22, Mission Cataract Day. Due to the anticipated number of participants, the surgery is limited to cataracts only.

Anyone who is visually impaired and has financial need may call 806-354-8891 to make an appointment for the May 8 screening.

## Local Angus breeders win national recognition

J 4 Angus of Dimmitt and Worth Jones of Dimmitt have both been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having registered Angus cows included in the American Angus Association's 1999 Pathfinder Report.

J 4 Angus had one registered Angus cow included, and Jones had three.

Only 1,813 of the more than 30,000 members of the association are represented in this year's report, according to Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association, which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

The 1999 Pathfinder Report lists 6,899 individual cows. It is pub-

lished in the April issue of the *Angus Journal*. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 77, and several hundred breeders have a single cow that qualifies for the exclusive listing.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include regular calving and heavy weaning weights, according to John Crouch, director of performance programs for the association. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the annual report.

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