# The Castro County News

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# Cerestar sets \$622,000 in improvements

Thursday that a \$622,000 capital project has been approved for the plant at Dimmitt and work has already begun on construction of a new central control room.

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The project will include replacement of local pneumatic control systems with a single plant-wide by December. computer-controlled system, and enclosed overhead walkways to connect work areas.

These improvements are coming after the \$260,000 project approved last year to upgrade process comtion of the central control room.

David Bone, plant manager, said that current plant operations are controlled from five locations around the plant—the mill house, the "42" refinery, the "55" refinery, the utilities ignations often are not being filled. area, and the load-out area.

control rooms that are being manned by somebody all the time," Bone said. "We want to go with just one central control room. As things get

Cerestar USA announced last more and more automated, you don't need as many people in all these different areas just monitoring the computer.

> The first two work groups will relocate to the new central control room this month, Bone said, and the last group should make the transition

> The objective is to develop an operations plan that will allow the plant to continue to increase production rates while at the same time, reduce manpower requirements.

"It's pretty much common knowlputer software and initiate construc- edge in the community that we've offered an early retirement package to part of our employees," Bone said. He added that positions vacated due to employee retirement, transfer, company-wide centralization or res-

Bone said that when the mill house was automated completely, all "There are at least five separate of the equipment was set up to be controlled by computer.

> "But in the refinery it was only necessary at that time to put about 40% of the equipment on a computer

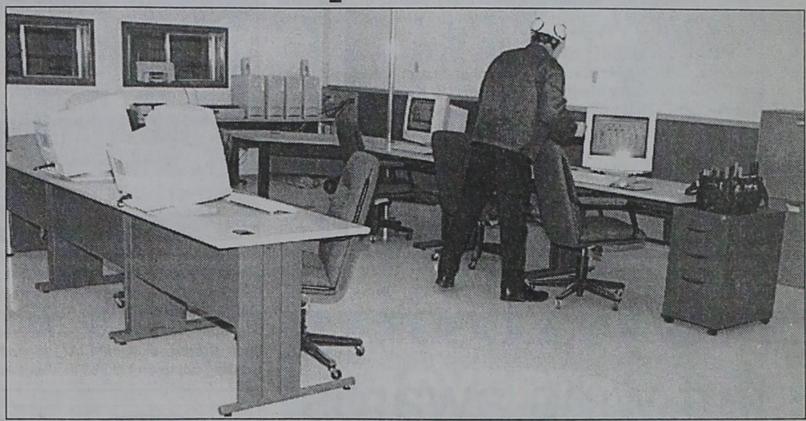
and the other 60% stayed on what we call single-loop pneumatic controllers," Bone said. "Over the years, probably another 10% of that has been put on the computer. Any time we have a problem with an old pneumatic system, instead of spending a lot of time repairing it, we'll just go with new electronic equipment and put it on the computer.'

The construction of the central control room has been contracted to Panhandle Building Services of Dimmitt. The new office furniture and equipment is being purchased from Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply, according to Bone.

Bone said that everybody in the fructose industry is "tweaking" what they have.

"There's been nothing new built in the last four or five years. No new plants are in the process of being built," Bone said. "Every company is working on tweaking what they've got, just like we are.

"Cerestar is still investing in the company," Bone said about the local operations.



THE HEART OF THE MATTER—This is the new central control room at Cerestar USA in Dimmitt. It will consolidate the five current control rooms at the plant into one as part of a \$622,000 improvement project that was announced recently. Plant manager David Bone (shown) said the computers in this room

will enable staff to control most of the operations of the plant from one location. He said the contract for the construction was given to Panhandle Building Services of Dimmitt, and office furniture and equipment is being purchased from Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Two sentenced in District Court

Two men were sentenced in recent sessions of District Court.

Jose Guadalupe Banda entered a plea of guilty to charges of DWI, third offense, from a May 10, 1999 incident. The judgment imposed by 64th District Judge Jack Miller was five years in the Institutional Division Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice and in-prison therapeutic communities, along with a \$1,000 fine and \$237.25 in court costs.

Danny Marmolejo entered a plea of guilty/nolo contendere to charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury in 242nd District Court before Judge Ed Self. The charges stemmed from an incident on Sept. 6, 1998. He was sentenced to five years in the IDTDCJ, probated for five years. He also was assessed a \$1,000 fine, \$251.25 court costs, \$4,520.25 restitution to Plains Memorial Hospital, \$250 attorney fees, \$50 donation to Castro County CrimeLine, and 400 hours of community service.

By Don Nelson

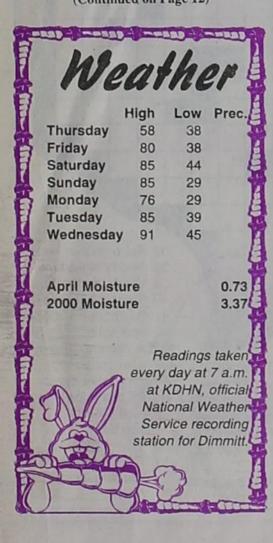
I guess you're wondering whether I lost control when they inducted me into the Hall of Fame Saturday.

Well, let me tell ya. As a singer, I've trained myself to control my emotions when performing in such situations as a close friend's funeral or my daughter's wedding.

I wasn't expecting to have to say anything Saturday. I really hadn't thought about it. I was just going with the flow, since the situation was out of my control.

But no matter. For most singers, public speaking is a snap if you only have something to say, which I usually seem to have, hehe.

There are two deceased and two living inductees each year. Roger Estlack of the Clarendon News accepted for his great-grandfather, the late J. C. Estlack; and W. R. "Randy" Rutherford Jr. accepted on behalf of (Continued on Page 12)





DON NELSON of Dimmitt (right), owner and publisher of the Castro County News, is inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Fame. Presenting him with a plaque is PPA Secretary Becki Lightfoot of Amarillo. In back is incoming PPA President Doug McDonough of Plainview. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# PPA honors News, Nelson

third place in "General Excellence" for Division I newspapers, and Don Nelson was inducted into the Panhandle Press Association Hall of Hall of Fame luncheon Saturday at Fame at the association's 90th convention, held this past weekend in

Amarillo. In the PPA Better Newspaper Contest, the News took first place for sports writing, society/lifestyles, and headline writing in Division I (weekly newspapers).

The News also took second place honors in serious columns (Don Nelson) and spot news picture.

Third place recognition went to the News for special edition, and news writing and feature stories.

First place for general excellence went to the Clarendon Enterprise, second went to the Irish Star/County winner was the Eagle Press. General with members of the News staff.

The Castro County News tied for excellence winners are determined by adding up points for placings won in the various categories.

Nelson was honored at the PPA

noon at the Ambassador Hotel. Others honored were Nancy Ezell of the Canadian Record, the late J.C. Estlack of the Clarendon News, and

the late W.R. "Bill" Rutherford of the Moore County News. Nelson was honored for his years at the helm of the News, his partici-

pation in the PPA, membership in other professional organizations, and his continuing concern with the ethics of his profession.

He was accompanied at the honorable mentions were received in ceremony by his wife, Verbie; his sister, Mary Burnham of Albuquerque, N.M.; and his daughter and granddaughters, Rev. Connie Nelson and Katherine and Anna Nelson-Star-News, and the other third place Daniel, all of Atlanta, Ga.; along

## Elderly warned about home repair scams

elderly residents of the county to look out for persons who may offer to perform minor home repairs and then charge exhorbitant prices for the

A woman in the county recently was approached by a white male who offered to paint her storage shed. The woman said no, but asked if he could fix a crack in the bricks of her home.

She said he refused to quote a price before beginning the work, and presented her with a bill for \$5,600 after it was done. She paid him with a check. When she later mentioned it to a family member, she was told that the work, although apparently done well, could have been done for about one-eighth the price.

The man cashed the check immediately after leaving the woman.

Deputies said that the man cannot sure the cost is not out of line.

Sheriff's deputies are warning be charged with a crime, because he did perform the work and the woman agreed to pay for it. However, they urged other citizens to be careful about having out of town people make repairs.

> They said that sometimes fraudulent work may be done and then the repair person cannot be contacted to make it right.

Deputies said that elderly persons living alone are usually targets of such "con men."

It is a good idea to make sure a repair person is known or get a recommendation before allowing repairs to be done.

A price quote or estimate should be obtained before work is started, and it would be wise to compare prices from several sources to make

# Three Hart men arrested after shotgun blasts fired

charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after a shot gun had been fired at a vehicle at Roadside Park just outside of Dimmitt. No one was injured in the incident.

The three were apprehended by deputies two miles northwest of Hart after they had participated in a high speed chase with the damaged vehicle, a Mustang.

Deputies said that the occupants of the Mustang called the sheriff's office at about 11:33 p.m. Saturday to report that they had been shot at and were being followed by the suspects in a maroon pickup and possibly other vehicles.

They told deputies they were traveling at a high rate of speed toward Hart on SH 194. They were advised to continue into Hart and stop in a well-lighted area and wait to be contacted by an officer.

A deputy reported that he stopped the pickup before it reached Hart, and he searched the vehicle. He reported that he found a shot gun in the bed of the pickup. He said an occupant of the pickup told him that the Mustang's occupants had "shot first" and that was why they returned fire.

It was reported by deputies that they and Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston approached the stopped Mustang in Hart and searched it, but

found no weapons. The two men and two women in city's listing in the phone book "yel- unopposed.

in Dimmitt. The owner of the Mustang, who was riding in the back and made some remarks to them, seat, said she had motioned for the then left. maroon pickup, which was behind them in the line, to back up so that tang wanted to make one more circle the Mustang could leave the line.

one in the pickup made an obscene gesture, but then they backed up and allowed the Mustang room to get out.

Three Hart men, ages, 18, 20 and the Mustang told deputies that the The woman told deputies that later in 21, were jailed early Sunday on events of the evening had started the evening the occupants of the earlier when the two vehicles were in Mustang were parked, talking to the the drive-through at a fast food place occupants of another vehicle, when the men in the pickup approached

> After that, the four in the Musof Roadside before going home, and The woman told deputies some- as they drove through the park, they encountered the pickup's occupants and the shots were fired, according to deputies' reports.

# City council selects new phone service provider

Monday night to sign up with Ionex ager Don Sheffy said the listing car-Telecommunications, Inc., for the ried the same information as given in city's telephone business.

A company representative had met with the council at their last meeting and said that Ionex is able to discount GTE's services by 20%.

ing siren for the city until they are able to meet with emergency coordi-

Council members said they want to make sure that one more will be adequate and inquire about its place- election date. All council members ment, etc.

The Dimmitt City Council voted low pages" to be dropped. City Manthe "white pages" and was costing the city \$22.60 a month.

Sheffy reminded the council members that the sales tax "holiday" planned for the first weekend in Au-In other business, the council gust will only cover selected items tabled action on getting a new warn- of clothing and footwear, just like last year.

The council agreed to hold their nator and fire marshal Randy Griffitt. next meeting May 8 so that the council members could be sworn in as soon as possible after the May 6 who were up for re-election have The council gave approval for the been declared elected since all were



PAINTING FOR KAYLA—Jennifer Howell (right) adds painted highlights to an Easter egg on the face of Priscilla Reyes last Thursday at Richardson Elementary School. About 400 RES students paid 50¢ to have their faces painted and hundreds others paid to make paper links for a friendship chain for fellow student Kayla Lively, 8-year-old daughter of Ty and Dixie Lively. Kayla is suffering from a serious heart condition and will be traveling to Houston for heart surgery. RES students have collected \$500 so far, and still have two days left to go on the project. The money raised by the children will be donated to the Lively family to help with their travel expenses.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Hart elementary students place at UIL literary meet

three gold, six silver and five bronze Montemayor and Annete Reyna). medals at the recent district UIL Literary meet.

Hart also had several students place either fourth, fifth or sixth in Julie Centeno, Andrea Pantoja, various contests.

Here are the Hart results from the district contest, which was held in Whiteface.

SECOND GRADE Storytelling: 6. Adam Hart. Creative Writing: 4. Kendall George.

## THIRD GRADE

Storytelling: 3. Kelby Myrick. Ready Writing: 1. Kelby Myrick. Oral Reading: 2. Kelby Myrick; 3. Sage Black.

Spelling: 5. Sage Black.

FOURTH GRADE

Number Sense: 3. Margie Johnson. Neudorf; 5. Nathan Green. Spelling: 6. Margie Neudorf. Art: 1. Hart (Mayra Reyna, Na-

Hart Elementary students captured than Green, Jesus Longoria, Esteban

### FIFTH GRADE

Art: 2. Hart (Roxanne Gonzales, Adrian Rojas and Josie Chia).

Oral Reading: 3. Lindsey George. Ready Writing: 5.Julie Rodri-

Maps, Graphs & Charts: 6. Adrian Rosas.

Dictionary Skills: 6. (Tie) Julie Rodriguez and Roxanne Gonzales.

### SIXTH GRADE

Number Sense: 3. Kyle Johnson. Spelling: 2. Kyle Johnson. Oral Reading; 5. Kyle Johnson; 6. Chelsea King.

Ready Writing: 1. Kyle Johnson; 5. Brittany Bryant.

Calculator Applications: 2. Kyle

Maps, Graphs & Charts: 2. Orrin McLain; 5. Blake Jones. Listening Skills: 2. R.J. Valles.

# NHS yearbook staff wins awards

The Nazareth High School yearbook staff garnered an armload of awards for its 1999 yearbook at the Interscholastic League Press Conference Yearbook Competition.

The staff took home first-place honors in the following categories: Theme Selection and Development, Sports Feature, and Academic Photo.

Nazareth students claimed secondplace honors for Sports Spread, Class Section Spread, Academic Feature, Theme Copy, Sports Action Photo and Academic Photo.

Third-place awards claimed by the staff included General Interest and Jessica Kern of Nazareth. Spread, Club/Organization Spread, Open Category, Sports Feature, Sports Feature Photo an Non-Academic Photo.

A complete list of all awards received by the staff, and the staff members who were honored, fol-

2000 YEARBOOK INDIVIDUAL **ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS** 

Letter

Dear Editor:

redistricting.

anything.

lete roads.

Theme Selection and Development: . Jessica Wilhelm, Susan Jones and

Jessica Kern of Nazareth Sports Spread: 2. Tiffany Schmucker, Stephanie Gerber and Susan Book of

Academic Spread: Honorable mention to Jill Schulte, Mindi Ethridge, Heather

Schilling and Susan Jones of Nazareth. Class Section Spread: 2. Jill Schulte, Ann Wilhelm, Sara Schulte and Kira Ball of Nazareth

Club/Organization Spread: 3. Susan Book, Ann Wilhelm and Heather Schilling

Open Category: 3. Jessica Kern, Vanessa Wilhelm, Susan Jones and Sara Schulte of Nazareth. Academic Feature: 2. Mindi Ethridge

Sports Feature: 1. Jill Schulte and sica Kern of Nazareth; 3. Mindi Ethridge and Vanessa Wilhelm of Naza-

Theme Copy: 2. Vanessa Wilhelm, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern of Naza-

Sports Action Photo: 2. Susan Jones

of Nazareth Sports Feature Photo: 3. Sara Schulte

Academic Photo; 1. Kira Ball of Nazareth; 2. Sara Schulte of Nazareth.

Schilling of Nazareth.

Thoughts on redistricting,

road building, candidacy

Non-Academic Photo: 3. Heather

By the way, anyone in Precinct 1

HAROLD SMITH

and Precinct 3 can run for County

Commissioner in November as a

Sales, use tax

show increase

State sales and use tax collections

for Castro County were up for the

third quarter of 1999 compared with

the same period of 1998, according

to figures released by the State

outlets and four fewer outlets for all

industries, the county's 144 outlets

had gross sales of \$21,573,135 for

the third quarter of 1999, compared

with \$21,062,456 during the third

outlets, which reported \$10,192,419

in gross sales for 1999's third quarter,

compared with \$9,718,157 for the

third quarter of 1998—a 4.9% in-

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.Martha Jo Hyman, Dimmitt, Virgie Gerber, Nazareth

Of the total outlets, 81 were retail

quarter of 1998, a 2.4% increase.

With the same number of retail

Comptroller's Office.

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write-in candidate, except me.

**CLASS A** 

I would like the county to start

If we fail the first time, let us

working on a plan to redistrict to the

satisfaction of the US Justice Dept.,

send in a second plan immediately

and keep sending in plans until we

get them to accept one, so that we

won't be out any more money on

neys have gone against the Justice

Dept. at a great expense to the tax-

us that doesn't require paying them

menting on a better way to maintain

our county roads, and make as many

all-weather roads as possible. The

State recommends to add sub-base as

the first step in building roads and

this has not even been done in Castro

best way to build all-weather roads.

Let us quit wasting the taxpayers'

money by continuing to build obso-

Let us study and see what is the

County on hardly any roads.

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We need to get someone to help

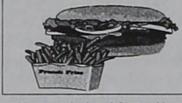
Also, I would like to start experi-

and try not [to] get sued again.



FOUR INJURED-This Plymouth Acclaim (in foreground) driven by Aurelio Sanchez of Chihuahua, Mexico, failed to yield right of way at a stop sign and collided with the vehicle (in background) driven by Mariano Rodrigues, 38, of Plainview. Sanchez had been driving east on FM 145 and Rodrigues was heading north on US 385 at about 6:35 p.m. April 11. Investigating Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Agustin Perez said that Sanchez had two passengers and Rodrigues was alone. Perez said the injured were taken taken to Plains Memorial Hospital with nonlife threatening injuries. Both vehicles had heavy damage. Sanchez was given a ticket.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



## 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 20-28.

DIMMITT **Elementary Breakfast** 

THURSDAY: Blueberry loaf, fresh banana

FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Donut sticks, pears and milk. WEDNESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple juice and milk

bananas and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, orange wedges and milk

Preschool-First Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Chicken fillet strips, French

fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk FRIDAY: No school MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, Mexipinto beans, watermelon and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad and milk. THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, honeydew melon, jalapeno pep-

pers and milk FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.

### Second-12th Grade Lunch-

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cuember and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choice of fish nugets, Chili Fritos or beef tamale pie; broccoli and cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls or Arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of com dogs, southern fried chicken or Chinese chicken plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

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

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, com on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; combread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

### HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, raisins, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk

FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and

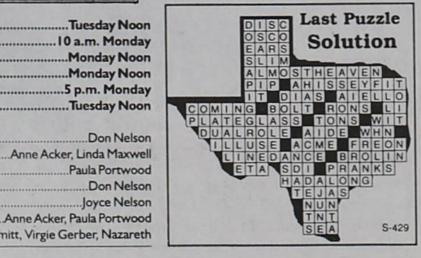
WEDNESDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit jucie, graham crackers and THURSDAY: Waffles, variety of cereal,

assorted fruit juice and milk FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, variety

of cereal, canadian bacon, graham crackers, jelly and milk.

### Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna

salad sandwich or salad; corn, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea. FRIDAY: No school.



MONDAY: No school. TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger

basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato or pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or steak fingers with gravy; green beans, mashed potatoes, plums, apricots, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choiceof burrito, corn dog or enchiladas; salad, tortilla pieces, Spanish rice, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, sliced pickles, whole THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea. FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn

dog or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars, and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: No school

FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: No school. TUESDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange uice and milk

WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage,

cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

### Lunch THURSDAY: No school. FRIDAY: No school. MONDAY: No school

TUESDAY: \* Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, combread, tossed salad, corn, boys, and it will start at 7 p.m. Adpears, dessert and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \*Fried chicken or pizza, sert and milk or juice. THURSDAY: \* Chili dog or baked pota-

toes, tossed salad, beans, peaches, pineapple and milk or juice. FRIDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti or hamburger

and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, Jell-O and milk or juice.

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

## Bob Wills Day set April 27-30

Many of the former Texas Playboys will be featured in this year's Bob Wills Day celebration in Tur-

The 29th annual event will be held April 27-30, with the bulk of the activities slated for Saturday, April

An autograph party and jam session with the former Texas Playboys will be held on April 27 from 7 to 11 p.m. in the old high school gym at Turkey. Admission is \$5 per person.

A dance will be held from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight on April 28 at the Bob Wills Center. Music will be provided by the former Texas Playboys and admission is \$10 per per-

On Saturday, April 29, activities kick off with a pancake breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Bob Wills Cafeteria. The all-you-can-eat meal is sponsored by the Turkey and Quitaque Lions Clubs.

A parade will start at 10 a.m. and will wind along the main street in

A barbecue lunch will be served at 11 a.m. at the Bob Wills Center.

A fiddlers' contest has been scheduled at 12 noon at the Auditorium Center and Gym and entry fee is \$5 per person.

A free program has been planned for 2:30 p.m. at the old football field east of Bob Wills Center. The program includes former Texas Playboys who will be present at this year's event and its expected to be one of the largest groups ever assembled in one place. Dr. Charles R. Townsend, Grammy Award winning author, will serve as master of ceremonies.

The Saturday night dance will feature Jody Nix and the Texas Cowmission to the dance is \$10 per per-

A midnight breakfast will be served at 11 p.m. in the Bob Wills Cafeteria.

The celebration concludes Sunday, April 30, with a Bob Wills Community Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. at the old football field.



The Original

TAKING IT EASY—Richard West (left) and Henry Rivera of Dimmitt talk with phlebotomist Anita Quintana (right) of Amarillo during the blood drive sponsored in Dimmitt Monday by the Dimmitt High School Student Council. A council spokesperson said

45 TXism: "put up

shut up"

47 Rockport festival

49 grain must

52 Noah's boat

58 in Fisher

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in" (exhausted)

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to make "red eye"

53 TXism: "hot enough

buckle pavement"

54 mother of TX dancer

55 places where you'll

Debbie Allen, Vivian

normally find critters

the turnout was "great," with 61 giving blood, another 15 who went through the process but did not donate, and 15 more who gave up waiting before they could be processed by the Coffee Memorial Blood Center workers. Photo by Linda Maxwell

**CROSSWORD** 

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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## **ACROSS**

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- Hombres" 6 Austin botanical
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From \_\_ \_

.Tuesday Noon

.10 a.m. Monday

birthday with two parties. The first Geneva Malone, Louise Mears, Kate was on Friday, April 14, at the home Beecher and Mary's granddaughter, of her daughter, Debbie Annen.

Those attending the party at the Tommie Sue Nisbett, Oleta Gollehon, Retta and Billie Cluck, flowers and balloons.

## Earth UMC sets revival

Earth United Methodist Church has set revival services for May 7-10 and everyone is welcome to attend.

Rev. Derrell Patterson, pastor of FUMC in Vernon, will be the evangelist. Sessions are set for Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and then at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. each following day. For more information, call 257-2061 or e-mail earthumc@hotmail.

## Breast cancer screenings slated for May

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt during May and appointments are being accepted.

The mobile clinic will be in a seminar Tuesday at the Senior Dimmitt on May 4 and May 23.

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

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

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

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas

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

Mary Dove celebrated her 80th Winona Bunch, Bessie Strickland, Amanda Annen.

Debbie Annen and Amanda Annen Annen home were Juanita Summers, served cake and punch to the guests. Mary received several cards, gifts,

came to take Mary to Hartley on Friday afternoon. Waiting for her in Hartley were her daughter and sonin-law, Barbara and Bob Thompson of Hartley and, in a big surprise, her daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Gary Beebe of Durango, Colo.

On Saturday, Roy and Joyce Dove and Barbara and Bob Thompson hosted a lunch for Mary with 63 family members present.

Attending were all four of Mary's children and their spouses; nine of her 17 grandchildren; 13 of her 36 great-grandchildren; four of her six siblings; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Relatives traveled from Durango, Colo., Dallas, Eastland, Oklahoma City, Okla., Portales, N.M., Amarillo, Dalhart, Hartley and Dimmitt.

There were enough people to have three tables of bridge last Thursday. Dwight Joiner was the high scorer while Dude McLauren finished second.

Thirty-one senior citizens attended

Citizens Building. It was titled, "Failing to Plan, Planning to Fail," and was hosted by the Grantham Agency in Tulia.

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens had a snack bar at the center on Friday and Saturday during the quilt show.

P.O. Goodwin and 10 helpers Mary's son, Roy Dove of Hartley, served three kinds of sandwiches, drinks, chips and more. The sandwiches were made fresh daily. Others brought in cookies, brownies and cup cakes.

> P.O. brought 13 bags of shelled pecans which he offered for sale.

> Those helping were Merle Morgan, Merle Autry, Opha Burks, Joy Parsons, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Mildred Bradford, Wanda Murdock, and Mary Lou Smithson.

Houston Lust and Rayphard Smithson were on hand to help run errands.

The group made \$417.69.

Charlene Howell, Carolyn Mike and their sister, Dorothy Sargent of Hereford, went to Fort Worth last weekend to help their aunt celebrate her 80th birthday.

The bluebonnets were so pretty and getting to view the scenery was a big addition to their fun.

On Friday evening Jack and Charlene Howell and Don and Carolyn Moke went to Hereford to take the girls' uncle, Otis Lee, out to eat for his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

SOME OF THE CHARTER MEMBERS of the Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt. A similar Dimmitt Area Retired Teacher Association recently organization had been in Dimmitt in the past, but organized in Dimmitt are (from left) Barbara Bain, disbanded, according to Bain. "We are encouraging Billye Gwynn, Lucile Dollar, Joanne Snider and people from adjoining communities to join the

Ralph Smith. The group held a meeting April 11 at group," Bain said. She may be reached at 647-4400. Photo by Linda Maxwell

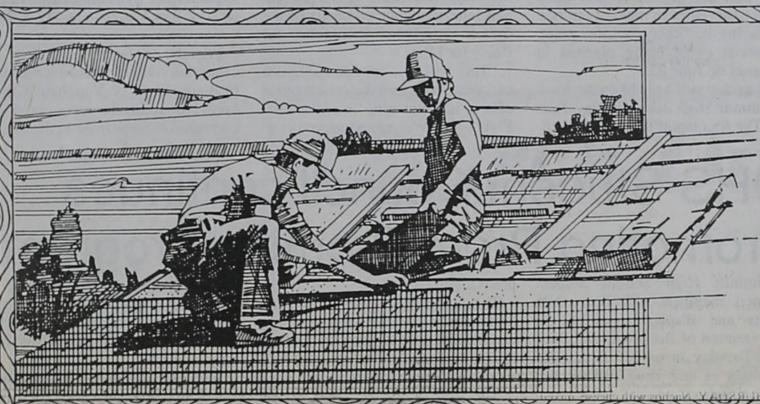
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# People









# City-wide garage sale will be in Dimmitt June 3

It's time to clean out those closets of items on our directory for each and drawers and get ready for the sale location," Sava said. 13th annual city-wide garage sale, which is being planned for June 3 in sales should list unusual items on the

Each year since the beginning, sale on June 3. more than 100 families have participated in the event by holding that food items will not be listed on sales at their homes or with friends the directory for residential sales. and family members.

Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava, 647-2524, as soon as possible.

A \$10 fee is charged to those who participate to cover the cost of advertising, yard signs and garage

"We list three items or categories office.

Sava said those planning to hold directories to attract shoppers to their

One change for this year's event is

Several merchants are planning Anyone interested in taking part in sidewalk sales and spaces are this year's sale should contact available around the square for those who feel they would like to hold their sale in the downtown area. Those spaces will be rented for \$30 each, according to Sava.

> For more information about the sale or to sign up for this year's event, contact Sava at the Chamber



HOSPICE MEMORIAL SERVICE—Carolyn Moke of Dimmitt lights a candle in memory of her mother, Inez Lee, during a memorial service conducted by Hospice Care Monday evening in the First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Lee, who died last June in the Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo, was one of about 35 persons memorialized by their families and friends. Helping conduct the service behind the altar rail are Susan Cothran, Shelly Rice and Trudy Jackson of Hospice Care. Photo by Don Nelson

# **Head Start** enrollment is May 4-5

Those interested in enrolling their 4-year-old children in Dimmitt's Head Start program may do so during a special enrollment period on May 4-5.

Students may enroll for the program between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. at Richardson Elementary School's library on May 4-5.

The program is for children who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 2000.

For a child to qualify, his or her family must meet income guidelines or be on some form of public assistance. Children also qualify if they have a documented disability or are in a foster care program.

When enrolling a child in the Head Start program, parents or guardians are asked to furnish the following information:

✓ Child's birth certificate.

✓ Two months of income verification or tax return.

✓ Immunization record for the child.

✓ Social Security numbers.

✓ Documentation of the child's disability (if applicable).

✓ Proof of public assistance (for example, Food Stamp Card, TANF benefits, Medicaid, WIC, SSI or

✓ Health insurance card (if appli-

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### Cancer survivors will take first lap in Relay for Life event on June 23 Those who have battled and cancer cated to individuals who are cancer join us for this event and to register and won are invited to join other survivors, according to Doris Flynt to participate by calling either me at

cancer survivors in making the first lap during the "Relay for Life" event, a special event being planned in Dimmitt on June 23.

The relay will be held on the track at Dimmitt High School Friday, June 23. The first lap of the relay is dedi-

and Jane Vaughan, co-chairs of the Cancer Survivors Committee for Relay for Life,

"This will be a time to recognize cancer survivors for their courageous efforts in combating this disease,"

647-3473 or Vaughan at 647-5213. Friends or family members of

cancer survivors are also encouraged to notify Flynt or Vaughan if they know of someone who could be Flynt said. "We urge all survivors to contacted to participate in the event.

## DHS Student Council continues promoting Prom Promise Program Dimmitt High School Student prom night. The special event will include a

Council members will don white sheets and display signs at the Spirit Committees are kicking off the observers will gather in a circle. The ford Tuesday in an effort to raise awarness of how drug and alcohol on prom night. abuse can destroy lives.

part of a month-long Prom Promise Program that the Student Council is sponsoring.

This "Stop the Road Kill" event is designed to raise community awareness, and the students plan to stand at the main intersection in Dimmitt from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday. Each will be draped with a white sheet. The students will hold posters carrying safety messages such as "Don't Drink and Drive," "Stop the Road Kill," and "Every 30 minutes someone is killed by a drunk driver."

The Dimmitt High School Student Council is planning several events in conjunction with the nationwide

Prom Promise Program. The goal of this program is to encourage high school students to sign a pledge card promising not to take drugs or drink alcohol, especially on

The students on the DASH and "Circle of Friends," and all of the interesection of Broadway and Bed- campaign by committing themselves to remain drug-free and alcohol-free from the circle.

Tuesday.

This Tuesday's activity is the second scheduled event.

Student Council will hang anti-drug and anti-alcohol posters at Dimmitt signs will be grave markers of famous people who have died as a result of alcohol or drug abuse.

On Friday, May 5, Student Council Tuesday, May 9. members will pass out "Dum-Dum" lollipops with a message attached. These messages will include "Don't be a dum-dum; don't drink and

A special event has been planned for Friday morning, May 8, on the east side of the high school. Several local agencies including the Castro County EMS, Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department, Castro County Sheriff's Dept., and Dimmitt Police Dept. will be helping the Student Council coordinate this event.

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TOM EDWARDS

"Grim Reaper" will take a student During the day on May 8, the Stu-

The first of the activities was a dent Council has planned "The Liv-The "Stop the Road Kill" event is special introductory assembly on ing Dead" event. Every 30 minutes the Grim Reaper will go to high school classes and remove a student, signifying the fact that every 30 min-During the week of May 1-5, the utes someone is killed by a drunk driver. Each time a student is removed, a heartbeat and a flatline will High School. Included among these sound over the public address system, along with the name of the student.

> The final event will be a morning assembly in the DHS Auditorium on

> During this assembly, Bob Ledbetter of Atlanta, Ga., will be the guest speaker.

> Ledbetter's son was killed in a crash caused by a drunk driver. Ledbetter is a trained MADD (Moth-

ers Against Drunk Driving) speaker. At the conclusion of this assembly, students will be encouraged to sign a Prom Promise Pledge Card. Members of the community and the high school administrators will be there to witness

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# Jenna Acker Jenna Acker to be honored

Jenna Acker of Nazareth will be honored June 2 by the Duke University Talent Identification Program at its 2000 Texas Recognition Ceremony in Fort Worth.

The state ceremony honors students in Duke's Talent Search program who achieved high scores on the SAT or ACT college entrance exams. Acker achieved a composite score of 20 on the ACT test, which she was allowed to take in the seventh grade as part of the Duke program.

The recognition ceremony will be held June 2 at 4 p.m. in the Daniel-Meyer Coliseum at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Acker was one of 87,034 students who participated in this year's Talent Search and only a fourth of those qualified for recognition among the 16 states involved in the program. Each of the states holds its own recognition program.

Acker is a seventh grader at Nazareth Junior High. She is the daughter of Dwayne and Anne Acker of Nazareth; the granddaughter of Joe Lynn and Mary Lou Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Charlotte and Bob Middleton of Vega; and the great-granddaughter of Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Virginia and Charles Steele of Bovina.

## Gaster Fill those Easter baskets with Special Things for Special People Tots and Teens 101 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-2650 Feathery slap bracelets, beaded bracelets, dress up wigs and feather boas in vivid colors, New Plush from Ty, Diarys and picture frames, Lots of new Piggy Banks.

## Wall places fourth at regional meet

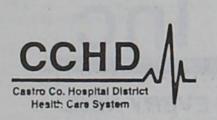
Rachel Wall of Hart finished fourth in the Headline Writing contest at the Region 1-A Literary Meet Friday at South Plains College in

Wall missed out on a trip to the state meet by one place, but will serve as the Region 1-A alternate to

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## Sweepstakes winner

The Nazareth Swift Band achieved what most bands only dream about earned its first I rating last fall in the UIL Marching contest. The group Sweepstakes winner for the 1999-2000 school year. The Swift Band Fetsch (back row, right).

this year when they earned Division I or "Superior" ratings in each of culminated their year's success in March by earning the top ratings at the their UIL contests. That trio of Division I ratings qualified the band as a UIL Concert and Sight Reading contests. The band is directed by Fidelis Photo by Brenda Schulte

# Birkenfeld cousins qualify for state literary meet

Mark Birkenfeld and Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth are making plans for the UIL state literary meet. Each has qualified for the state meet in three events, after placing at the regional contest Friday in

Levelland. Mark Birkenfeld will compete in Math, Calculator Applications and News Writing while Blake Birkenfeld qualified in Calculator Applications, Computer Science and News Writing.

Blake Birkenfeld captured the regional championship in News Writing and Computer Science on Friday, and he finished third in Calculator to earn the three berths in The Computer Science team from the Class A state meet.

Calculator Applications and finished third in the Math and News Writing contests.

Nazareth's Calculator Applications team, which includes both Birkenfelds and Ky Wilcox, finished second at regional, just missing out on a trip to state.

mear The First United Methodist Church Morning Worship Service Sundays, 10:45 a.m. On KDHN 1470



It's a girl for Keith and Renee Smith of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Julie Ann Smith, was born at 9:29 a.m. on April 7 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock She weighed in at 8 lbs., 1 oz., and was 21-1/2 inches long. She has two older sisters, 5-year-old Amy and 4-year-old Mindy. Paternal grandparents are Charles and Gayle Smith of Nashville, Tenn. Ma-

ternal grandparents are James and Billie

Ward of Lubbock. Great-grandparent is

## Red Cross sets class

Louise Green of Arab, Alabama

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is planning a babysitting class today(Thursday) and Friday.

The class for prospective babysitters will be conducted at the Red Cross office and cost for this class is also \$35 per person.

Students were asked to pre-enroll for the class by Wednesday. The class is limited to 10 students and the recommended age of students is 11 to 15 years.

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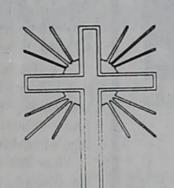
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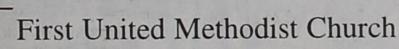
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- Passover Seder Meal ~ Thursday, 6 p.m. Lamar Fellowship Hall
  - (Please call 647-4106 if you can attend)
- Sunrise Service ~ Sunday, 7:30 a.m. South Lawn
- Easter Worship Service ~ Sunday, 10:45 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt to Follow on South Lawn

You are invited to come rejoice with us!



Third and Bedford, Dimmitt

Nazareth also finished second at Mark Birkenfeld was second in regional. Joining Blake Birkenfeld on this team were Jase Merritt and Trinity Robb.

Other Nazareth students placing at regional were Lindsey K. Gerber, who finished fourth in Feature Writing; and Jill Schulte, who was fourth in Editorial Writing.

### Handweaver's Guild to meet

Guild monthly meeting will be held April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo. Anyone interested in weaving,

The Palo Duro Handweaver's spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is wel-

For meeting location or information, call 355-6220.

## Need a ride to church?

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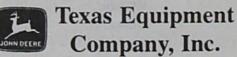
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## Local Angus breeders are recognized

Worth Jones of Dimmitt and Weldon Jones of Hart have been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having register Angus cows included in the American Angus Association's 2000 Pathfinder Report.

Worth Jones has two cows listed while Weldon Jones has one.

Only 1,933 of the more then 34,000 members of the American Angus Association are represented in this year's report, according to Richard Spader, executive vice president of t6he American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

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 weanin weights, according to John Crowch," director of performance programs for the American Angus Association.

All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the American Angus Association.

The Pathfinder Report lists 7,551 individual cows. It is published in the April issue of The Angus Journal, and extra copies are available from the American Angus Association. The largest number of Pathfinder cows from a single herd this year is 68, and several hundred breeders have a single cow that qualifies for the exclusive listing.

He that hath wife and children hath given hostages to fortune; for they are impediments to great enterprises, either of virtue or of mischief



AN EARLY BLOOMER—This squash plant is a candidate for the record books, according to P.O. Goodwin of Dimmitt, who planted it around bacterial infection that can infect March 1. He said the tiny bloom and squash tuber on the Burpee Butter- humans, cause cows to abort, deliver nut variety of yellow zucchini appeared on April 12, unusually early for weak calves or produce less milk. Castro County. Goodwin said he had protected the tender plant from low temperatures by surrounding it with a "wall of water" device that concen- infected herds in the state in the early trates the sun's rays in its center. Photo by Linda Maxwell 1950s, 412 in April 1991 or 47 in

# Worker protection training scheduled

A worker protection standards 28 at the Castro County Courthouse in the basement meeting room and any interested persons may attend free of charge.

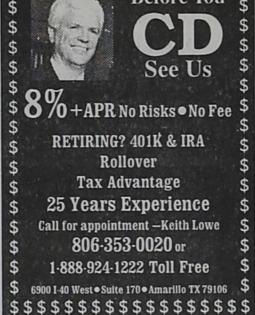
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Agriculture, the training will last about two hours. It is designed fopr producer and agribusiness employ-

Employees who will be handling training session will be held April or applying chemicals for a producer or agribusiness are required to have a handler's "green" card which enables them to operate under a licensed applicator. The card is good

attend this training.

### WEST TEXAS FINANCIAL



# Bt cotton and corn help producers battle insects

Corn and cotton farmers in the Texas High Plains have been battling insects such as the corn earworm, southwestern corn borer and the cotton bollworm in past years.

These insects can cause great damage to crops, so some farmers are combating the problem by planting

For the first time in the 50-plus

years of the cattle brucellosis eradi-

cation program, Texas has only one

herd known to be infected with the

Compare this with the 20,000

"Since March 9, we've held the

line at one cattle herd (which is lo-

cated in Live Oak County) under

quarantine," reported Dr. Terry

Beals, Texas' state veterinarian and

executive director of the Texas Ani-

mal Health Commission (TAHC),

the state livestock health regulatory

agency. "Nearly every longtime

cattle rancher in Texas has had a

brush with brucellosis, or knows

someone who lost a herd because of

the disease. That ugly memory may

be our best ally for final eradication.

Complacency could be our worst

certain every last infected herd has

been found and depopulated or

cleaned up," said Dr. Beals. "I feel

sure there are several infected herds

in the state that have not yet been

detected. With the incidence of infec-

tion so low, clinical signs of the

"We can't let up until we're

same month in 1995

**Brucellosis eradication** 

program is successful

Bt cotton and corn are varieties of transgenic crops that contain a gene that produces a bacterium called Bacillus thuringiensis. This bacterium produces a toxin that kills insects such as the corn earworm, cot-

"Ireland is a prime example that

close enough for government work

won't do when it comes to eradicat-

ing this disease," said Dr. Beals. "In

1989, after nearly wiping out infec-

tion, Irish animal health regulators

relaxed testing requirements and

dropped stringent disease control

measures. In less than a decade,

infection in Ireland had rocketed to

681 newly affected herds, and 224

herds had been depopulated because

Dr. Beals noted that Ireland no

longer holds European Union Offi-

cial Brucellosis-Free Status, and the

impact on the country's ability to

sustain international trade has been

significant. The Irish eradication

program is back into "combat

mode," with testing required for

movement, testing the adjacent or

neighborhood herds around infected

animals and a revamped awareness

"If we lower our guard and leave

Dr. Beals recalled that 11 years

even one infected herd to fester, we

could lose ground, just like Ireland,

ago ranchers met in Beaumont in

Jefferson County as the TAHC and

US Dept. of Agriculture drew up the

battle plan for area testing every herd

in the county. By the time testing

in a very short time," he said.

and education campaign.

of the disease."

Bt cotton or Bt corn varieties in their ton bollworm and the southwestern corn borer.

> If this type of seed is planted, it has the ability to reduce the amount of chemicals that are sprayed on that particular crop, which in turn will reduce the amount of money that is

> Researchers in the Cotton Economics Institute at Texas Tech University are studying the production costs and profitability of Bt cotton and corn varieties in the Texas High Plains region.

> Dr. Phillip Johnson is heading a research project that will determine whether or not it is worth spending the extra money to plant the Bt seed varieties. The project includes surveying farmers in the Texas High Plains to evaluate how many farmers are planting the Bt varieties, and to determine if there are any benefits from the reduced use of chemicals.

> Bt cotton and corn varieties were developed by Monsanto and distribution began about four years ago.

Twenty-five percent of the nation's corn acres and 12% of the cotton acres are planted in Bt corn and cotton. There is a concern with the Bt varieties regarding resistance to the toxin, so the Environmental Protection Agency has set regulations over where it may be planted.

The expense of planting Bt cotton varieties may not be justifiable because the bollworm isn't a large enough threat in the Texas High Plains; however, infestations of the southwestern corn borer in that region have encouraged corn growers to plant Bt varieties.

Farmers north of I-40 may plant 95% of their land in Bt corn and leave 5% in untreated refuge, meaning they can't treat it with any chemicals. Or they can plant 80% in Bt corn and leave 20% in treated refuge.

Farmers south of I-40 are allowed to plant half of their crop in Bt corn and half in untreated refuge. The idea behind the refuge is to prevent the insects from becoming resistant to the Bt toxin.

Bt cotton and corn varieties are fairly new, and many farmers choose not to plant them because they do not have enough information.

For more information contact Phillip Johnson at (806) 742-2821 or e-mail him at raiderred@ttu.edu.

## FUMC scholarship forms are 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 12 noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. They must be returned by 4:30 p.m. April 20.

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 spokesperson said.

## DKG offers scholarships

The Delta Kappa Gamma Education Sorority in Dimmitt is offering a scholarship to a student who is a junior or senior in an accredited college of education.

Scholarship applications are due on May 1. All interested persons should contact Sue Summers at 647-3105 or 647-2502.

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN ENVIRONS GAS

RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES

On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a statement of intent with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated areas ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The proposed increase would affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority. Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers and would be identical in relative magnitude to those proposed by the Company for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The proposed effective date for the increase is April 27, 2000. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. However, the environs rates will not be changed until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities are changed. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the unincorporated areas surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities from which the Company has appealed to the Railroad Commission. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law only in the environs of Lubbock

Energas proposes to restructure its gas rates to moderate bill variability during the heating season, to increase its revenues from gas service by increasing the customer charges and lower pricing blocks, and to increase its charges for miscellaneous services such as reconnecting gas services following nonpayment. The Company also proposes changes to its Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Clause to collect all of the gas cost and related taxes instead of just the difference between actual gas cost and a base cost of gas in the base rates. Copies of the proposal may be obtained at the Energas Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, Texas, 79424.

Customers who are affected by the proposed environs rate changes may. within 30 days following the proposed effective date, file written comments or a protest with:

> Docket Services Section Legal Division (Re: Docket No. 9002-9068) Railroad Commission of Texas P.O. Box 12967 Austin Texas 78711-2967

Any such protest must be received by the Commission no later than May 27, 2000 The deadline to file a petition to intervene in the case

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sistance for alternative language or disabilities or additional information may contact Johnna Patterson at 647-4116 or 647-4115 prior to the meeting.



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and federal funds are available to buy out infected herds at market value. Through a "fee-basis" testing program, ranches can have their testing of "at-risk" herds. In calendar year 1999, 22 infected cattle herds of the attractive state/federal buy-out program, 18 of the infected herds a source of infection for other herds. To be declared officially "free" of infection, Texas may have no in-

He reminded producers that state private veterinary practitioner handle were detected in Texas, and because were indemnified at market value and depopulated, quickly eliminating

disease are rare in herds. We have to was completed a few months later, depend on testing at the livestock Jefferson County's infected herd markets, adjacent herd testing, epidetally topped 100 infected herds. The miological trace back and testing, herds were "cleaned up," and for the and risk assessments to find those past two years, Jefferson County has had no infection detected. Dr. Beals praised the outstanding

producer cooperation when area testing was carried out in 19 other Texas counties or portions of counties that experienced either a high rate of brucellosis or recurrent infection. Many of these counties have been free of infection for many months. "Brucellosis eradication in Texas

'ain't over til it's over'," said Dr. Beals. "Forty-seven states have already whipped this disease and are free of infection. We either get it all now or it will come back to haunt



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KNOCKING IT DOWN—The old 700-sq. ft. cinder block office at North Gin of Dimmitt, which was constructed in 1956, was burned and then knocked to the ground April 12 to make way for a new, larger building on the same site. According to gin manager Jim Bradford, construction is expected to start this week,

with completion set for Aug. 1. The new structure will include two offices, a meeting room, a cotton marketing room, and an "information exchange" room with seating and a coffee machine. A temporary building is housing the office for now.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

# Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

The House and Senate are working assistance package. on a compromise of their versions of crop insurance reform and finding that compromise is the focus of staff members in each.

continue to work through technical details of the plan and that will yield the groundwork for the Conference Committee's first face-to-face meeting to develop a final compromise.

The effort was aided this week by an agreement on how much money would be included for crop insurance reform provisions in the forecast of Fiscal Year 2001-2005 congressional budgets.

Overall, \$8.15 billion has been earmarked over the five-year period to cover the cost associated with changes to the crop insurance program that will be part of the final legislation.

committee staff and the Conference Committee can get on with the task of determining how much each provision will cost and how to pay for them with the funds available

insurance will double starting in 2001. Producers will be the main beneficiaries because of the heavy reliance on increased subsidy amounts at all coverage levels in both bills.

projection for the Fiscal Year 2001-2005 years also includes an authorization for a supplemental expenditure of up to \$5.5 billion for ag assistance in the current Fiscal Year 2000 budget cycle.

directive would need to be spent before Oct. 1, 2000. The agreement also included \$1.6 billion in spending authority for agricultural assistance in the Fiscal Year 2001 budget.

The \$5.5 billion dollar figure for the House of Representatives budget

size of this year's supplemental

As cotton farmers prepare for planting, Plains Cotton Growers and House and Senate staff members the Texas Agricultural Extension for the Conference Committee Service are joining forces for their sixth year of the AgriPartners Grid Trapping Project.

Approximately 1,000 traps set out in 27 counties across the High Plains provide Integrated Pest Management agents, crop consultants and growers with a timely indication of boll weevil activity across the area. Trap catches and maps will be posted each

Friday on PCG's web site and to PCG's pages on DTN.

Data from PCG's and TAEX's overwintering habitat study should be released soon and boll weevil numbers have been reduced significantly in the three active boll weevil eradication zones.

Numbers still remain high in the Southern High Plains Zone and are also rising in the Northern High Plains Zone.

Both of these zones are currently inactive, but growers and landlords will be able to vote this fall on initiation of boll weevil eradication.

## **Burning** is cost-effective method to control brush

Prescribed burning is a cost-With this information in hand, effective way for Texas ranchers to control mesquite and other undesirable brush, according to a Texas A&M University rangeland ecologist.

control method decreases as the size w prescribed burn on the largest (1,232

"The cost of prescribe burning varies according to the size of the treated area, the labor required and the kind of equipment used," said Dr. Jim Ansley, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station rangeland The Congressional budget ecologist based in Vernon. "Another cost factor is the amount of risk the producer or land manager is willing to accept when conducting a burn."

This conclusion is drawn from burn research conducted by Ansley, range ecologist Richard Teague, and range animal nutritionist Bill Money provided under this Pinchak from late January through early March 1996 on five pastures on the W.T. Waggoner Estate ranch. Part of this research was a comparison of burning costs.

The five pastures ranged from 495 to 1,232 acres, but averaged about 765 acres.

"There were four components in Fiscal Year 2000 was slightly less our total burning cost. We paid \$60 than what was originally approved in per hour to the bulldozer operator, about \$8 per hour for other labor, proposal. It will also serve as a start- and we added in a cost of 20 cents ing point for determining the eventual per mile for vehicle use at the burn

sites," said the rangeland ecologist. "The drip-torch fuel to conduct the burn cost \$1.10 per gallon for a diesel-gasoline mix, and 70 cents per gallon for propane.

"We spent only about \$2.04 per Innifact, the costy of this obrush macre, or, \$2,513 total, to conduct a Total federal expenditures for crop of the treated area increases. no action acres) of these pastures—this was the least expensive burn of all five pastures. Burning is the only brush control method that has become less expensive as the acreage treated increases. Our most expensive burn cost was \$2.94 per acre."

The researchers also noted that fire crews typically become more efficient with experience and that increased efficiency helps reduce field labor costs over time.

In their study, a bulldozer was used to cut a clear area around each pasture's perimeter and two parallel lines on the north and east sides of the pasture. Fire crews than burned the area between the two parallel lines — known "blacklines"-before starting the larger, main fire. The main fire was set in southwest wind, to move the flame "front" toward the "blacklines."

The researchers also note their prescribed burning costs may be higher than those producers might actually incur, mainly because they use the "blacklines" to reduce risk.

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# Sports













# Tulia boys, Canyon girls claim Bobcat Relays titles

Tulia racked up 160 points to run away with the boys' team title in the Bobcat Relays Friday in Dimmitt while the Canyon Lady Eagles easily outdistanced their opponents, tallying 191 points to claim the girls'

The host Dimmitt Bobcats managed 28 points to finish seventh in the meet while Nazareth got eight points and finished 11th.

In the girls' division, Dimmitt finished with 421/2 points for sixthplace honors while the Swiftettes finished with 28 points and tied for seventh place with Wheeler.

"It ended up being a really good meet with a lot of talent," said Dimmitt Coach Tim Gilliland, who served as director of the track meet.

Several local athletes placed in the meet

Randy Porter of Dimmitt won the runs, finishing second in both races 50.98, a step ahead of Tulia's respectively.

away from the winning effort of 158-

girls' triple jump in the meet. Nazawith a jump of 32-9, and Dimmitt's 5:14.61. Ashley Irons finished third after an effort of 31-11 was Cassandra Casas of Dimmitt. Wendy Black of

Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth placed in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter

400-meter dash, breaking the tape in with times of 12:27.40 and 5:52.32,

Ramaekers was beaten in the Bo Hunter of Nazareth was edged 3,200-meter run by Canyon's out of the gold medal in the discus Jennifer Marable, who posted an by Wiseman of Friona. Hunter's impressive time of 11:28.31. throw of 158-034 was just inches Dimmitt coaches say that's close to a meet record. Marable, who has signed to run for Texas Tech Univer-County athletes dominated the sity next year, lapped everybody but Ramaekers in the race. Marable also reth's Marsha Black won the event won the 1,600 with a time of

Casas managed a third-place finish leaping 32-61/2. Finishing fourth with in the girls' 200, completing the race in 28.40 seconds.

It took Ivan Flores of Dimmitt just Nazareth was sixth with a jump of 2:03.40 to complete the 800-meter run in the boys' division, and that earned him a bronze medal Friday. He also finished fourth in the 1,600meters with a time of 5:03.88.

The Bobbies' 400-meter relay team including Jade Vick, Casas, Ashley Irons and Cherie Norman finished fourth with a time of 52.29.

The girls' mile relay also placed fourth, with Irons, Sadra Daniels, Casas and Norman finishing the 1,600-meters in 4:24.93.

Dimmitt's 800-meter relay also placed, posting a time of 1:57.98 for sixth place. Members of the team are Morgan Hazel, Daniels, Rae Odom and Norman.

Daniels finished fourth in the 800 with a time of 2:39.76.

Wendy Black of Nazareth was sixth in the 300-meter low hurdles with a time of 50.22.

Casas was fifth in the girls' long jump after her jump was measured at

The Bobcats claimed fifth place in Bolton, Tulia, 35-7 1/2; 3. Parmenter, the 400-meter relay after posting a time of 44.74 on Friday. Runners include Randy Porter, Anthony Oltivero, Jake Laurent and Justin

Here are complete results from the

**BOBCAT RELAYS** at Dimmitt

Girls Team Totals: 1. Canyon 191; 2. Tulia 89; 3. Muleshoe 80; 4. Shallowater 70 1/2; Dalhart 68, 6. Dimmitt 42 1/2; 7. (tie) Nazareth and Wheeler 28; 9. Friona 22;

3,200: 1. Marable, Canyon, 11:28.31; 2. Danette Ramaekers, Nazareth, 12:27.40; 3. Finsterwald, Wheeler, 13:04.37; 4. Lomas, Shallowater, 13:13.80; 5. Womble, Dalhart, 13:30.48; 6. Salgado, Dalhart, 14:03.52

400 Relay: 1. Canyon, 50.49; 2. Tulia, 51.92; 3. Dalhart, 51.93; 4. Dimmitt, 52.29; 5. Shallowater, 52.93; 6. Friona,

800: 1. Mullins, Shallowater, 2:28.75; 2. Faulkner, Canyon, 2:36.14; 3. Vaughn, Tulia, 2:38.11; 4. Sadra Daniels, Dimmitt, 2:39.76; 5. Price, Canyon, 2:47.20; 6. Wynn, Canyon, 2:49.07.

100 High Hurdles: 1. Chitwood, Canyon, 15.13; 2. Verden, Wheeler, 15.51; 3. Baker, Canyon, 15.55; 4. Wilcox, Friona, 15.79; 5. Steele, Dalhart, 15.85; 6. Williams, Tulia, 16.12.

100: 1. Sewell, Shallowater, 12.60; 2. Olivarez, Tulia, 12.87; 3. James, Canyon, 12.88; 4. Hawkins, Muleshoe, 13.17; 5. Bailey, Muleshoe, 13.34; 6. Allison, Muleshoe, 13.44.

800 Relay: 1. Canyon, 1:51.78; 2. Dalhart, 1:52.86; 3. Tulia, 1:53.49; 4. Friona, 1:55.59; 5. Shallowater, 1:57.80;

6. Dimmitt, 1:57.98. 400: 1. Simpson, Canyon, 59.72; 2. Mannin, Shallowater, 63.13; 3. Williams, Tulia, 63.88; 4. Huguley, Canyon, 65.35; 5. Powell, Tulia, 68.62; 6. Black, Dalhart,

300 Low Hurdles: 1. Baker, Canyon, 46.26; 2. Chitwood, Canyon, 48.96; 3. Wilcox, Friona, 49.72; 4. Pylant, Muleshoe, 49.88; 5. Pene, Shallowater, 50.00; 6. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 50.22.

200: 1. Green, Dalhart, 27.17; 2. Carpenter, Muleshoe, 27.93; 3. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 28.40; 4. James, Canyon, 28.66; 5. Olivarez, Tulia, 28.68; 6. Jack, Friona, 29.04.

1,600: 1. Marale, Canyon, 5:14.61; 2. Ramaekers, Nazareth, 5:52.32; 3. Hutcherson, Canyon, 6:11.35; 4. Finsterwald, Wheeler, 6:16.54; 5. Salgado, Dalhart, 6:30.49 6. Branch, Canyon, 6:37.07

1,600 Relay: 1. Canyon, 4:02.47 (meet record); 2. Muleshoe, 4:06.86; 3. Shallowater, 4:20.30; 4. Dimmitt, 4:24.93; 5. Tulia, 4:27.03; 6. Dalhart, 4:32.98. Shot Put: 1. Ayers, Canyon, 38-4 1/2; 2.

Shallowater, 35-5 1/2; 4. Clift, Canyon, 32-4; 5. Bailey, Muleshoe, 31-2; 6. Noack, Groom, 29-10.

High Jump: 1. Locker, Muleshoe, 4-10; Black, Dalhar, 4-10; 3. Verden, Wheeler, 4-8; 4. Kiettchans, Muleshoe, 4-8; 5. Miller, Tulia, 4-8; 6. Lomas, Shallowater, 4-6.

Triple Jump: 1. Marsh Black, Nazareth, 32-9; 2. Carpenter, Muleshoe, 32-7 1/2; 3. Ashley Irons, Dimmitt, 32-6 1/2; 4. Glover, Muleshoe, 32-3; 5. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 31-11; 6. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 31-5 1/2

Long Jump: 1. Carpenter, Muleshoe, 16-9; 2. Green, Dalhart, 15-8; 3. Vaughn, Tulia, 15-5 1/2; 4. Curbon, Dalhart, 15-3 1/4; 5. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 15-2; 6. Glover, Muleshoe, 14-9 1/2.

Discus: 1. Ayers, Canyon, 121-11 1/2; 2. Bolton, Tulia, 100-2 1/4; 3. Hernandez, Muleshoe, 94-10; 4. Noack, Groom, 94-5 34; 5. Hargesheimer, Tulia, 93-4; 6. Murphree, Friona, 92-4 1/2.

Team Totals: 1. Tulia 160; 2. Canyon 108 1/2; 3. Littlefield 62; 4. Muleshoe 52 1/2; 5. Shallowater 52; 6. Friona 40; 7. Dimmitt 28; 8. Dalhart 20; 9. Wheeler 14; 10. Sunray 12; 11. Nazareth 8.

3,200: 1. Espinoza, Tulia, 19:13.69; 2. Eyhorn, Canyon, 10:19.85; 3. Shephard, Canyon, 10;46.42; 4. Turner, Shallowater, 11:08.56; 5. Penn, Canyon, 11:14; 6. Ward, Shallowater, 11:23.18.

400 Relay: 1. Tulia, 43.78; 2. Littlefield, 44.17; 3. Shallowater, 44.39; 4. Canyon, 44.68; 5. Dimmitt, 44.74; 6. Dalhart,

800: 1. Espinoza, Tulia, 1:56.32; 2. Atwood, Muleshoe, 1:56.65; 3. Ivan Flores, Dimmitt, 2:03.40; 4. Turner, Shallowater, 2:06.75; 5. Trejo, Friona, 2:09.13; 6. Alarcon, Muleshoe, 2:09.26.

110 High Hurdles: 1. Thompson, Canyon, 14.74; 2. Marshall, Tulia, 15.26; 3. Finch, Tulia, 16.02; 4. Hulsey, Tulia, 16.19; 5. Tidwell, Littlefield, 16.39; 6. Chapman, Wheeler 17.02.

100: 1. Rosemond, Littlefield, 10.71; 2. Farmer, Shallowater, 10.82; 3. Chavez. Tulia, 10.98; 4. Stone, Shallowater, 11.04; 5. Marquez, Dalhart, 11.05; 6. Martine, Canyon, 11.11.

400: 1. Randy Porter, Dimmitt, 50.98 2. Quintanilla, Tulia, 52.85; 3. Ortiz,



TOP QUARTER EFFORT— Randy Porter of Dimmitt pushes himself to the limit and the effort was good enough to earn him the gold medal in the 400-meter dash Friday at the Bobcat Relays in Dimmitt. Porter won the race with a time of 50.98.

Photo by Dimmitt Yearbook Staff

Friona, 52.97; 4. Tunnell, Muleshoe, 55.04; 5. Ortiz, Friona, 56.81.

300 Low Hurdles: 1. Thompson, Canyon, 40.15; 2. Marshall, Tulia, 40.64; 3. Tidwell, Littlefield, 42.67; 4. Chapman, Wheeler, 43.43; 5. Finch, Tulia, 43.51; 6. Tovar, Muleshoe, 44.26.

200: 1. Olivarez, Tulia, 22.62; 2. Rosemond, Littlefield, 23.02: 3. Farmer. Dimmitt, 23.62; 5. Gonzales, Tulia, 23.69; Finsterwald, Wheeler, 23.84.

1,600: 1. Penn, Canyon, 4:52.98: Welling, Canyon, 4:57.83; 3. Ward, Shallowater, 4:59.95; 4. Ivan Flores, Dimmitt, 5:03.88; 5. Penn, Canyon, 5:14.02; 6. Villa, Muleshoe, 5:14.52. 1,600 Relay: 1. Tulia, 3:20.33; 2.

Muleshoe, 3:29.65; 3. Littlefield, 3:32.78; 4. Canyon, 3:32.87; 5. Friona; 6. Wheeler. Shot Put: 1. Campbell, Canyon, 55-5 1/2; 2. Wiseman, Friona, 50-9; 3. Cuellas, Canyon, 47-6; 4. Garcia, Dalhart, 46-8; 5. Delosantos, Littlefield, 45-11 34; 6. Lopez,

Shallowater, 44-11 1/2. High Jump: 1. Marshall, Tulia, 6-4; 2. Bryant, Dalhart, 6-2; 3. Lombard, Canyon, 5-10; 4. Bebout, Tulia, 5-8; 5 (tie) Stevens Canyon and Broyles Muleshoe, 5-8.

Triple Jump: 1. Finch, Tulia, 43-8; 2. Olivarez, Tulia, 42-8; 3. Bandy, Friona, 41-0; 4. Flores, Muleshoe, 40-3 %; 5. Ransom, Dalhart, 40-2; 6. Thompson,

Long Jump: 1. Olivarez, Tulia, 21-6 1/2; 2. Turner, Canyon, 20-8 1/2; 3. Stone, Shallowater, 20-8; 4. Finch, Tulia, 20-5; 5. Ransom, Dalhart, 20-0 1/2; 6. Flores. Muleshoe, 19-10 1/4.

Discus: 1. Wiseman, Friona, 158-6 1/2; 2. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 158-0 34; 3. Delosantos, Littlefield, 150-3; 4. Rangel, Friona, 136-5 1/2; 5. Woodard, Muleshoe, 134-4; 6. Robinson, Canyon, 130-8 1/2.

Pole Vault: 1. Broyles, Muleshoe, 13-6; Defries, Sunray, 13-0; 3. Brown, Wheeler, 13-0; 4. Trussell, Sunray, 13-0; 5. King, Muleshoe, 13-0; 6. Purdy,

JV Boys

Muleshoe, 11-6.

Team Totals: 1. Canyon 159; 2. Dimmitt 128; 3. Friona 104; 4. Tulia 80; 5. Shallowater 56; 6. Dalhart 12; 7. Littlefield

Discus: 1. T.J. Reyna, Dimmitt, 111-3

Shot Put: 4. T. J. Reyna, Dimmitt, 36-

High Jump: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 5-6. Triple Jump: 6. Lee Brown, Dimmitt,

Long Jump: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 19-4. Lee Brown, Dimmitt, 18-1 34. 3,200: 5. Ricky Jiminez, Dimmitt, 12:17.21

400 Relay: 2. Dimmitt, 46.95. 800: 3. Aaron Saenz, Dimmitt, 2:14.11. 110 High Hurdles: 5. L.J. Soler,

Dimmitt, 18.05. 100: 3. Emmanuel Jaramillo, Dimmitt,

300 Hurdles: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 44.19; 3. Mitchell Gentry, Dimmitt, 45.26. 400: 1. Salvador Diaz, Dimmitt, 54.68;

4. Daniel Prieto, Dimmitt, 56.27 200; 4. Emmanuel Jaramillo, Dimmitt,

1,600: 4. Ricky Jiminez, Dimmitt, 5:40.16; 5. Ruben Casas, Dimmitt, 5:40.76; 6. Ricky Ramirez, Dimmitt,

Birkenfeld,

# Garrett earn TSWA honors

Nazareth senior Cassie Birkenfeld and Swiftette Coach Matt Garrett added another honor to their repertoire last week when they were recognized by the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) on its honor

Birkenfeld was named the Class A Player of the Year while Garrett earned Coach of the Year honors after Nazareth captured the school's 14th state championship this season.

hurdle before sprinting her way to the finish line Friday in one of the varsity girls' hurdle events at the Bobcat Relays in Dimmitt. The annual meet drew some of the most talented runners, sprinters, jumpers and Photo by Dimmitt Yearbook Staff other athletes from the area. 10. Groom 5.

TYLER EHLY Freshman Outfielder/Pitcher

SMOOTH AND GRACEFUL—Jade Vick of Dimmitt clears the final



**JUSTIN KLEMAN** Freshman Third Baseman

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SETTING THE PACE—Dimmitt runners Juan Diaz (second from left) and Patrick Hunter (right) pace themselves as they begin the second half of the two-mile run Friday in the junior varsity division of the Bobcat Relays in Dimmitt. The annual track meet, hosted by Dimmitt High School, drew many area teams in the varsity boys, varsity girls and junior varsity boys divisions. Photo by Dimmitt Yearbook Staff

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# Double barrage boosts Bobcats over Tulia, 9-6

last Thursday and the result was a 9-6 District 1-AAA win for the Bobcats in Tulia.

pitcher Brent Burrow for 12 hits in the game, and four of those were doubles.

The Bobcats trailed the Hornets after one inning, 0-1, but came back to take a 3-1 lead in the top of the second before allowing the Hornets to tie the game in the bottom half of the inning.

Dimmitt claimed a one-run edge in the third and extended it to three runs in the fourth. The Bobcats never trailed again.

Wesley Harkins picked up the win for Dimmitt after pitching the seven innings. Burrow was charged with the loss.

Jeremy Furr, Bobby Hill, Daniel Proffitt and Tanner Self all doubled for Dimmitt in the game while Michael Penney, Omar Torres, Furr, Self, Brent Josselet and Bobby Hill all picked up singles.

Burrow and Tulia's defense retired the side to start the game, with Furr grounding out to third, Brent Josselet grounding out to short and Bobby Hill taking a seat after his shot toward second base was caught by Tulia's Isaiah Subealdra.

The Hornets were able to tag Harkins for a pair of singles in the first, but lead-off man Chris Chavez was the only runner to cross the plate, giving the Hornets a 1-0 edge.

Jonathan Stevens walked to lead off the Bobcats in the second inning, then Penney and Torres struck with back-to-back singles. Furr would add a double in the inning and Dimmitt managed to bring Stevens, Penney and Torres home to take the 3-1 lead.

Harkins walked Josh Garza in the bottom of the second, then a double

Dimmitt made every hit count and to center field by Subealdra scored Dimmitt scoreless in the fifth, detook advantage of every Tulia error him from second. Tulia had to settle for one, as the Hornets would strand by Torres. two runners in the inning.

Dimmitt batters ripped Tulia the third turned into another Bobcat

Bobby Hill walked, then stole second. He advanced to third on a passed ball, then scored before the Hornets retired the next three Dimmitt hitters in order.

Tulia picked up a solo run in the third. Aurilio Chavez singled to right field, and worked his way around the diamond before finally coming home to make it a one-run game, 4-3, Dimmitt.

The Bobcats extended their lead to three in the fourth with the help of a few passed balls by Hornet catcher Tate Criswell.

Burrow struck out the lead-off hitter, then Self connected for a single. Proffitt walked, then Furr got his second hit of the game. Self and Proffitt would score for Dimmit before Burrow struck out Bobby Hill to end the inning.

Harkins and the Bobcats shut down Tulia in the bottom of the inning and Dimmitt carried a 6-3 lead into the fifth.

Tulia returned the favor, holding the Bobcat win.

spite a single by Penney and a walk

The Hornets cut the Dimmitt lead Another lead-off walk in the top of to a run in the bottom of the fifth when they picked up a pair of runs, with one coming after a triple to center field by Chris Gibson. Two singles from Burrow and Subealdra kept the Hornets alive until Dimmitt escaped when third baseman Penney caught a line drive by Criswell for the third out.

> The Bobcats wasted little time in getting back the two runs, using back-to-back singles by Furr and Josselet and a double by Bobby Hill to add to their run total.

Tulia sent three batters to the plate in the sixth, and each took a seat after either their ground balls or pop ups were handled by the Bobcats.

Dimmitt ripped three hits in the seventh, starting off with a single by Torres. Doubles by Self and Proffitt ensured the Bobcats of at least one run in the inning, and Dimmitt held a 9-5 lead after 6-1/2 innings.

Tulia would get one run in the bottom of the seventh, but Dimmitt first baseman Stevens and second baseman Josselet caught infield pops by Subealdra and Criswell, respectively, to end any threat and preserve



REGIONAL STROKES-The Hart Lady Horns' golf team qualified for regional with a second-place at the recent district meet, and team member Nikki Burress (left) was the individual gold medalist. The

Region 1-A tournament will be held April 26-27 in Sundown. Team members include (from left) Burress, Becky Guzman, Melanie Davis and Whitney Photo by Neoma Williams

## Basketball camp set

A basketball camp will be conducted by Nazareth High School Coach Matt Garrett June 5-8 and registration deadline is May 15.

Campers will receive a t-shirt and basketball for the \$45 registration fee, and should specify what size shirt they will need when registering.

The camp is for students in the third through ninth grades and those planning to attend should send their registration fee to Garrett at 704 SW 5<sup>th</sup>, Dimmitt, 79027.

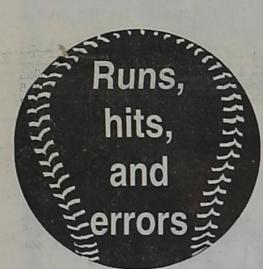
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Dimmitt; Burrow and Criswell for Tulia. WP: Harkins. LP: Criswell. 2B: Jeremy Furr, Bobby Hill, Daniel Proffitt and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. 3B: Gibson for Tulia. Record: Dimmitt 4-11 2-4; Tulia 7-8, 2-4.

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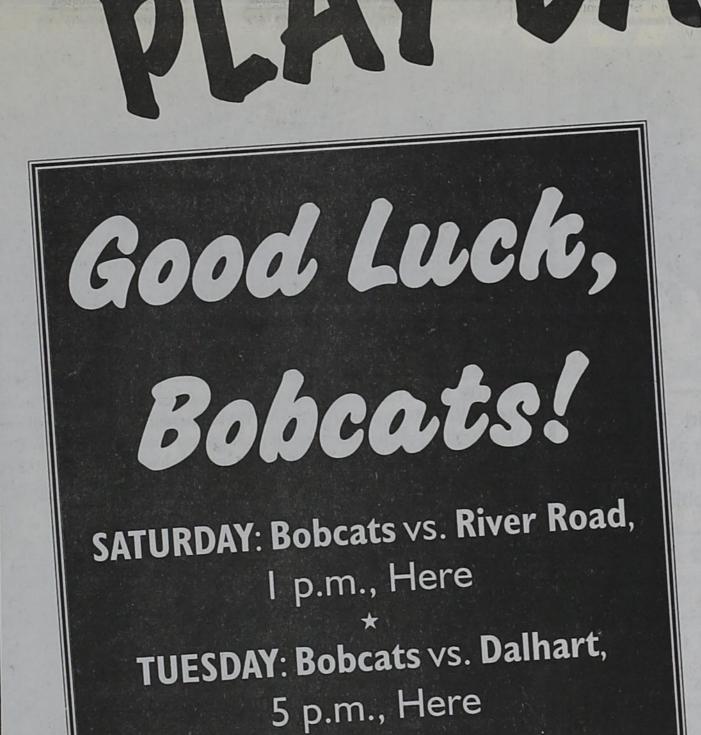
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Brent Felder, Curtis Reneau (4), Josh

Wesley Harkins, Brent Josselet (1) and Shapley of Sanford-Fritch. Records: Dimmitt 4-14, 2-6; Sanford-Fritch 11-6, 4-





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# **Errors plague Nazareth** in 7-10 loss to Crosbyton

Crosbyton took advantage of nu- a Munoz double. merous errors by the Nazareth Swifts Friday to post a 10-7 win at the Nazareth Community Center Ballpark.

Each team picked up seven hits in the game, but Crosbyton's fielding was the difference in the game. The Chiefs had just three errors in Friday's game, compared with 10 by the Swifts.

Crosbyton's Mario Munoz got the win while Eric Schilling suffered the loss for the Swifts.

Crosbyton picked up two runs in the first inning, and the first one was the result of a couple of Nazareth

The Chiefs had two base hits in the inning, but only managed to get one more runner across the plate.

Schilling struck out two in the inning, and he threw the last batter out after fielding a dribbler back to the mound.

Nazareth would answer with a run of its own in the bottom of the first. Schilling singled to left field, then scored on a left-field double by Evan Huseman.

That was all Munoz would allow. Schilling walked the first Chief up in the second, and he would score on

The Swifts were able to hold Crosbyton to the single run, but the Chiefs were up by two, 3-1.

After shutting down the Swifts in the second, Crosbyton returned to the plate and picked up another run in the third to take a 4-1 lead.

Nazareth finally generated some offense in the bottom of the fourth

Koty Huseman reached on an error, then Adam Acker picked up a single to left center field. Munoz walked Shane Kleman to load the

Chase Schulte picked up an RBI and was credited with a sacrifice when his fly ball to left field scored Huseman from third.

Acker scored on a passed ball while Justin Kleman was at the plate and Nazareth was within a run, 3-4, but Munoz retired Kleman and Schilling to end the inning.

Defensive mistakes continued to plague the Swifts in the fifth inning, and those errors allowed Crosbyton to score two more runs, even though the Chiefs didn't have a hit in the

Nazareth was able to get those in the inning.

runs back plus one to tie the game at 6 after five.

A lead-off double by Michael Kormann sparked the Swifts, then Daryl Pohlmeier reached on an error.

Munoz struck out Evan Huseman and Koty Huseman, but the Chiefs couldn't hold Nazareth off the score-

Crosbyton's second baseman bobbled a grounder by Acker, and Acker was able to beat out the throw to first base as Kormann and Pohlmeier headed for home, bringing the Swifts within a run, 5-6. A Shane Kleman single scored Acker to tie the game before Crosbyton escaped.

The Chiefs got a two-RBI double from F. Rodriguez to regain the lead in the top of the sixth. After he drove in Rogers with the double, Rodriguez was able to take advantage of a Swift error to score himself.

Crosbyton replaced Munoz with Fink on the mound in the sixth, and he walked Kleman and Schilling before Rogers took over. A right field single by Pohlmeier scored Schilling, but that was all Nazareth would get as the Swifts stranded two

Crosbyton took its one-run lead into the top of the seventh and extended it to three runs. Nazareth couldn't make up the deficit and the Chiefs held on for the 10-7 win.

# Chili cook-off raises \$652

A chili cook-off and auction at the VFW Post 8056 in Dimmitt raised \$652 for Districts 7, 9 and 13.

Proceeds from the event will be shared between the VFW posts in District 7 and 9 and the Auxiliaries in each district. (District 13 no longer exists because it has been split by the state).

Winners in this year's chili cookoff are Ted Stubblefield, first; Jeanne Frazier, second; and Don Howell,



THREE HART NETTERS earned tickets to the Region 1-A tennis tournament after placing second in their district meet. Yadira Anzaldua (left) and Crystal Diego (right) finished second in girls' doubles to advance while Christopher George was a district

runner-up in boys' singles. The trio, coached by Mark Castillo, will compete in the regional tournament April 24-25 at South Plains College in Photo by Neoma Williams

# Hart runners, jumpers, hurlers qualify for regional track meet

Longhorns' sprint relay team are track meet after they placed among A area meet Saturday in Abernathy.

the triple jump, long jump, 110 hur- girls' mile run; and Dahnie Castillo

Five Hart individuals and the dles and 300 hurdles at regional.

He will be joined by the boys' headed to Levelland the Region I-A 400-meter relay team of Jacob Reyna, Joel DeLaFuente, Marcial the top four in the District 5-A and 6- Mendoza and Keith Finch; Dan Eric Castillo in the boys' shot put compe-Leading the qualifiers is Jeremiah tition; Angelica Perales in the girls' Velasquez, who will be competing in 100 hurdles; Kellie George in the in the girls' 100-meter dash.

Castillo was the only Hart competitor to earn a gold medal at the area meet. He won the shot put by a good margin, hurling the ball 49-8, compared with the 45-101/2 effort of Springlake-Earth's Ben Angeley, who finished second.

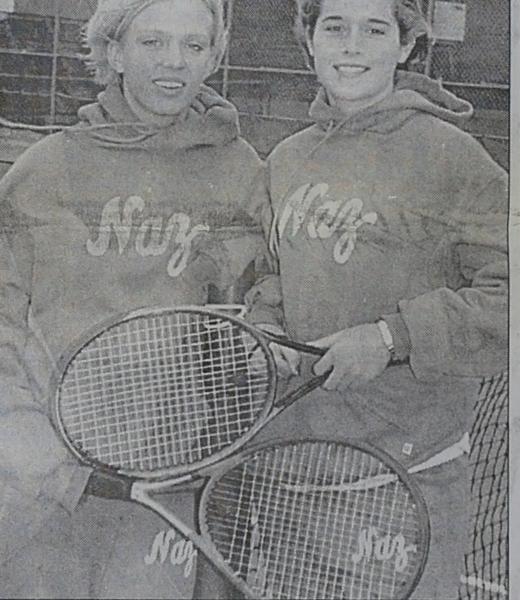
Velasquez took the silver in the triple jump and long jumps with leaps of 41-111/2 and 19-6, respectively. He also finished third in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles, posting times of 15.61 in the 110-meter event and 42.68 in the 300-meter race. The Longhorns finished third in

the spring relay with a time of 46.17. Perales was the second-place finisher in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.25

Castillo's time of 13.55 in the 100 was good enough for the bronze

George also took third place honors after posting a time of 6:04.98 in the 1,600-meter run, The regional meet will be held

next week at South Plains College in



SENIOR SUCCESS-Nazareth seniors Sara Schulte (left) and Cassie Birkenfeld will compete in the Region 1-A tennis tournament in Levelland Monday and Tuesday after finishing as district runners-up recently. The Ashlynn Otto, Heather Hargrove and two had to beat another Nazareth team in a playback to earn the trip to regional.



THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM-Nazareth junior Shawna Gerber is hoping her third trip to the Region 1-A tennis tournament will result in the regional crown and will eventually lead to a state championship in girls singles. Gerber earned her trip to the regional meet with a first-place those in the seventh through ninth finish at district. When she was a freshman, Gerber won regional, but fell in the state quarterfinals. A year ago, Gerber was the regional runner-up, advancing to the state quarterfinals before falling. Photo by Brenda Schulte Southwest Fifth, Dimmitt 79027.

# rack Results

**DISTRICT 1-AAA JUNIOR HIGH MEET** 

8th Grade Girls Shot Put: 6. Stephanie Hazel, Dimmitt

Discus: 6. Ashlynn Otto, Dimmitt, 67-8. 100: 5. Alisha Heard, Dimmitt, 13.91. 400 Relay: 5, Dimmitt (Kami Sanders,

Alisha Heard), 58.29. 800 Relay: 6. Dimmitt (Tabitha Laurent, Ashlynn Otto, Stephanie Hazel and

Heather Hargrove), 2:11.28 1,600 Relay: 5. Dimmitt (Alisha Heard, Veronica Aguero, Heather Hargrove and Kami Sanders), 4:54.40.

8th Grade Boys Pole Vault: 4. Jared Griffitt, Dimmitt, 8-0; 5. James Lindsey, Dimmitt, 7-6. Shot Put: 1. Matthew Sanders,

Dimmitt, 42-10.5; 3. Caleb Dickerson, Dimmitt, 38-6. Discus: 1. Matthew Sanders, 139-1; 4. Caleb Dickerson, 110-3.

Long Jump: 3. Tyler Myatt, Dimmitt, Triple Jump: 4. Tyler Myatt, 33-2.

400 Relay: 4. Dimmitt (Nicky Gauna, Matthew Sanders, Ethan Martin and Adam Zambrano), 51.53. 100: 5. Ethan Martin, Dimmitt.

200: 6. Eric Ward, Dimmitt, 26.56. 200 Hurdles: 5. Nicky Gauna, Dimmitt,

400: 4. Tyler Myatt, 59.64. 1,600 Relay: 3. Dimmitt (Nicky Gauna, Matthew Sanders, Tyler Myatt and Ethan

## Tennis camp set for June

Nazareth Tennis Coach Matt Garrett will conduct a tennis camp for students in the third through ninth grades on June 12-15 at Nazareth.

Cost to attend the camp is \$25 and registration deadline is June 5. Late registrations will be accepted. There will be two sessions during the camp. The first will be from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. for students in the third through sixth grades. The second will be from 10 a.m. to 12 noon for

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## More about

(Continued from Page 1) his father, the late W. R. "Bill" Rutherford of the Moore County News at Dumas. They didn't have any problem saying a few words on behalf of

their forebears, of course. A living inductee used to have to stand in front of the audience while the emcee recited his/her life history, and that was tough on the inductee. But they don't do it that way anymore, so it's a lot easier now.

When this year's other living inductee, Nan Ezzell of the Canadian Record, went up and accepted her plaque, she said, "I had a lot of things in mind that I was going to say, but I'm not going to say them."

Then it was my turn. I just went up and, with all my experience as a singer and public speaker . . .

I choked.

Yeah, I lost it.

It's been a really different kind of week, getting congratulations and comments from friends around town as I go, and cards in the mail every

Let me tell ya: It's an enjoyable experience.

I got to visit by phone during the week with two of the ladies who helped raise me on the 300 block of Southwest Third.

After we got home from the press convention, I called Polly Manning and notified her that our swallows had returned (as she had instructed me to do). Hers had not shown up

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And Irene Carpenter, who was our next-door neighbor, called to congratulate me, and while we were on the phone she told me a story that I hadn't heard before.

It happened in the spring of 1946, the first year that our families lived in their new homes next to each other, which they had built just after the war ended.

One Sunday morning, the Carpenters' youngest daughter, Pat, wasn't feeling well, so Mrs. Carpenter and Pat stayed home from church while Mr. Carpenter and their other two daughters, Joyce and Floyce, went

It started raining, and my Mom noticed that a bedroom window was open on the south end of the Carpenters' home.

There was only one car per family in those days, and since the Carpenters' car wasn't there, Mom was sure they were at church, so she went to close the open window. (She knew the door would be unlocked.)

Mr. Carpenter had just planted grass seed in the back yard and had laid out boards to walk on.

"I heard something in the back yard and went to the door to see what it was, and there was your mother,

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sitting on one of those boards," Mrs. Carpenter said. "She had slipped on that wet board and plopped straight

"When I opened the door and she saw me, she said, 'Well, I'm not going to worry about you anymore!'

"I helped her get up, and we went into the kitchen and had a cup of coffee and a good laugh."

That's the kind of neighbors they

Claude Mounce of Bryan, another former staffer of the Daily Texan at UT, sends the rest of us an occasional publication called the Millennium Bash Gazette to keep us informed of coming events and to get help in identifying other exes in old photos.

These ditties are from Claude's latest issue:

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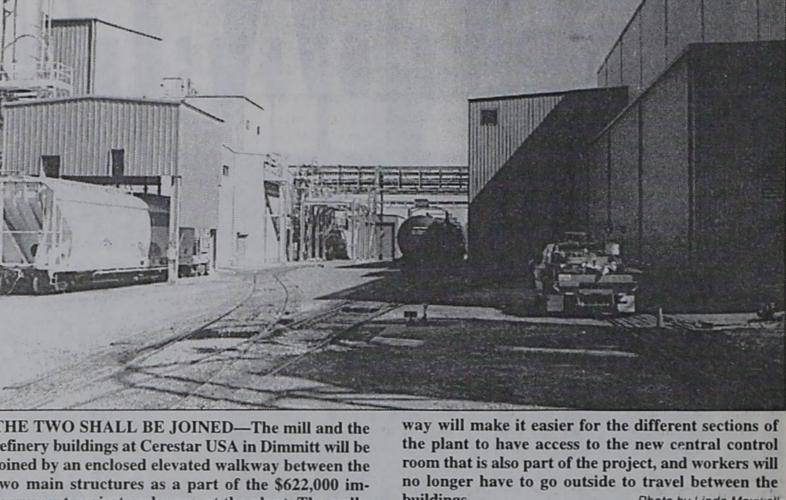
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THE TWO SHALL BE JOINED-The mill and the refinery buildings at Cerestar USA in Dimmitt will be joined by an enclosed elevated walkway between the two main structures as a part of the \$622,000 improvement project underway at the plant. The walkbuildings. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Small cities must carefully plan for future water needs

Small cities and municipalities need to examine future needs carefully and act proactively so they are not left with expensive options in future water planning, according to a water expert with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Dr. Bruce Lesikar, agriculture engineer, said "the time for looking for alternative water sources is now."

Regional planning mandated by Senate Bill 1 is currently under way; therefore, the long-term needs of cities and communities is being closely examined, Lesikar said. The first drafts of the documents should be ready in August for distribution to public meetings for comments.

Information on making management decisions will be available at a workshop on April 19 at the San Marcos Activity Center in San Marcos. The meeting is open to city and county officials and interested citizens. Pre-registration is required and registration fee is \$50.

County Extension Agent, at (512) 393-2120 or the Southwest Texas District Extension Office at (830) 278-9151 for more information about the workshop.

Two relatively inexpensive sources of water for drinking, agricultural and industrial needs are groundwater from aquifers and sur-

face water from lakes and reservoirs. an aquifer is a sand, gravel or clay layer under the soil surface that holds

'Currently, we have groundwater that is recharged by rainfall and groundwater that has accumulated over time," Lesikar said. "We are not going to have accumulated groundwater as the sole supply any longer, because we are going to fully utilize groundwater that has been stored."

2050 is estimated to reach nearly 21 million acre-feet, which is equivalent to nearly seven trillion gallons; however, only about 15 million acre-feet is projected to be available.

Small and large communities are no longer going to be able to county on groundwater as their only source

"Larger communities are already shifting their long-term supplies to surface water," Lesikar said. "They are acquiring the right to develop all lake sites available for surface water supplies. Now is the time for small communities to look at their future water growth and determine where they might get additional surface water supplies."

In terms of long-term growth, the most economical source of water is that which is replenished by rainfall each year-surface water supplies. The majority of yearly rainfall is trapped by surface water reservoirs.

"If smaller communities don't look Contact Billy Kniffen, Hays at needs now, by the time they realize they need surface water as a source to supplement their groundwater supply, that water may already be purchased by larger cities such as San Antonio, Houston, Dallas or Fort Worth.'

The first step communities need to take is to make sure they are involved in the regional planning process. They can determine what planning region they are in, and then get in touch with regional planning groups to determine what projections have been set for their area and what water management strategies are being considered for meeting their long-term needs," Lesikar said.

They may be able to partner with other communities developing surface water resources.

Because many of the smaller communities do not have the financial

Texas water demand in the year resources available to construct a large water project, the most likely could partner with a larger community that is able to secure funding for the project.

> Small communities do have some leverage when it comes to competing for water rights, Lesikar said.

"A lot of people may be willing to provide long-term water resources for the development of their community," he said. "If landowners knew their land was needed to construct a reservoir to help their community, they might be more willing to sell their property. A smaller community could actually facilitate the acquisition of the land needed to develop a surface water resource. For that facilitation, the smaller community would obtain a portion of the water resource that would be developed."

In other words, if landowners are concerned that their water is going to be shipped to another part of the state, the water resources may never be developed, he said.

Communities should contact their regional planning group to determine where they are in the planning pro-

There are seven steps to the regional planning process. They are:

1. Determine the water demands (usage) in the area through the year

2. Evaluate the water supply in the region.

3. Determine if there is sufficient water or if a need exists to implement other water management strategies to meet water needs.

4. Provide a draft of the regional water plan for public comment (estimated completion in August).

5. Provide a draft to the Texas Water Development Board (estimated completion in October).

6. Submit final plan to Texas Water Development Board (deadline is Jan. 5, 2001).

7. Texas Water Development Board provides the statewide plan (January 2002).

## Farm Bureau recognizes Earth Day

Earth Day 2000 will be celebrated nationwide on Saturday, with this year marking the 30th observation of the celebration.

Agriculture has many talking points to deliver in conjunction with Earth Day, according to Bruce Fuller, president of the Castro County Farm Bu-

"Modern farm practices have helped farmers and ranchers restore thousands of acres of wetlands, reduce soil erosion, protect wildlife and reduce waste," Fuller said.

He cited figures showing a 24% reduction in soil erosion since 1983 due to conservation tillage and other modern farm practices.

According to Fuller, "Farmers and ranchers provide food and habitat for 75% of the nation's wildlife. Each year, hundreds of thousands of trees are seeded on America's farmland. Modern farm practices have enabled America's food growers to produce more food on fewer acres, leaving

more open space for wildlife habitat." "Perhaps no one in America has more invested in Earth's resources than farmers and ranchers," Fuller said. "The Earth is our livelihood. No group has more incentive to protect

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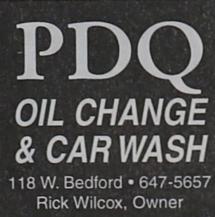
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# Police Calls

49, were jailed the night of April 12 for assaulting each other in an incident of assault/causing bodily injury/family violence.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt woman told police that a suspect assaulted her and damaged her eye glasses in an incident of assault/bodily injury early Monday.

Four incidents of assaults or disorderly conduct were reported at Dimmitt schools during the week.

-April 11 at 1:12 p.m., a 13year-old boy reported that a suspect hit him in the mouth with his fist at Dimmitt Middle School.

girl and a 12-year-old boy, leveled

A Dimmitt couple, ages 45 and charges against each other in an inci-

Dimmitt High School was charged with disorderly conduct after she used profane and vulgar language toward a victim.

Fred Lookingbill with Tam Anne Cattle Feeders told deputies Monday morning that 67 head of steers, valued at \$40,200, are missing from the feedyard. The cattle belong to Robert -Two students, an 11-year-old Powell of Dimmitt and should weigh about 600 pounds each. Investigation

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## PCS is accepting applications for its weatherization program

could be replaced.

center for details."

Panhandle Community Services is and regulations of the program." accepting applications from low income families for a program to weatherize their homes.

the weatherization program is designed to make the homes more energy efficient and lower utility

homes," said Weatherization Director Margaret Wolf. "We will give preference to the elderly and the handicapped. During our assessment of the home to see if it qualifies, we will check for air infiltration, the presence of carbon monoxide, the availability of funds and the rules

## Obituaries

### **Anna Clearman**

Funeral services for Anna Laura (Stanford) Clearman, 83, of Gorman, and formerly of Summerfield, were held Saturday afternoon at Kokomo Baptist Church in Gorman with Rev. Clarence Wilson and Rev. Wayne McEntire officiating.

Burial followed in Simpson Cemetery in Eastland County under the direction of Higginbotham Funeral Home in Gorman.

Mrs. Clearman died April 12 at Abraham Memorial Home in Cana-

She was born on July 28, 1916, in Leakey. She married J.C. Clearman on Oct. 23, 1937, in Abilene. He died in 1990.

After farming in the Lamesa area, the couple moved to Summerfield in 1952. In 1968, they retired to Gorman, where they ranched and raised registered Limousin cattle.

Mrs. Clearman was a member of various women's clubs and a supporter of civic organizations. She was a member of the Kokomo Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School for many years. She also was a member of the Kokomo Home Club.

She is survived by two sons, Jamie Clearman of Lawn and Kenneth Clearman of Arlington; three daughters, Dianne Walser of Hereford, Nanetta Thompson of Plainview and Mary Jo Leonard of Canadian; a sister, Edna Sudduth of Winters; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Kokomo Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Gorman 76454; Parkinson's Research at Covenant Lakeside, 4102 24th St., Ste. 501, Lubbock 79410; or to a favorite charity.

## Mary Small

Mary Rose Small, 100, of Lubbock, mother of former Dimmitt resident Jacqueline McLeroy, died Friday at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Services were held Monday afternoon at the Cooper Methodist Church with the Rev. Ron Strickland offciating. Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral

Mrs. Small was born Jan. 13, 1900, in Barnesville, Ga. She married Hugh Small on April 24, 1924. He died Oct. 1, 1972

She was a schoolteacher in the Panhandle Region and was a librarian at Texas Tech University for several years. She was a member of Cooper Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Jacqueline McLeroy of Lubbock; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and four great-greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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-Two suspects were charged with disorderly conduct for fighting Tuesday morning at DMS.

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# Early voting continuing

Early voting started Wednesday and will continue through May 2 in the May 6 school board elections set in Castro County.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who have filed on the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth school boards are listed below, along with voting locations.

City and hospital elections in the county were canceled, since all candidates were unopposed.

## **Dimmitt**

Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5. Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has filed in Place 1.

Early voting may be done at the administration building on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including during the noon hour. However, the building will be closed on Friday and Monday due to holidays.

### Hart

Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed. Others filing are Harold Bob Bennett, Vivian Finch, Roy Gonzales, Laura Hart, Manuel Minjares III, Arthur Guzman, and Julie McLain.

Early ballots may be cast at the school administrative offices on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including the noon hour.

## Nazareth

Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera. Olvera and Birkenfeld both have filed, along with Christine Acker,

Jimmy Hoelting, and Mike Huseman.

Early voting may be done at the superintendent's office at the school building on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., including during the noon hour. However, due to the Easter holidays, early voting will be available only from 9 a.m. to 12 noon today (Thursday) and Monday, and not at all on Friday.

A 26-year-old Dimmitt woman told deputies April 9 that her roommate took her car without permission and then wrecked it after a short chase by Dimmitt police, who were attempting to stop the vehicle for

A break-in at El Viejo Package Store of Dimmitt was discovered Saturday morning. Suspects broke a window and took five cartons of cigarettes, valued at \$110. Damage to the plexiglass window was estimated at \$125.

A 17-year-old student at DHS told police that someone removed the tail-light covers from his mother's vehicle while it was parked at the high school Friday night. The covers were valued at \$55.

A Hart man reported an incident of harassment to deputies on Friday.

In alcohol-related events, a 28year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for public intoxication at 1:17 a.m. Saturday at FM 3215 and South Front Street; and a suspect was arrested for public intoxication and curfew violation at 1:45 a.m. Saturday in the 500 block of West Bedford.

Jailed on a warrant on April 10 was a 27-year-old Hereford woman on a warrant from Deaf Smith County for credit card abuse.

### Jail Count

The jail population as of Tuesday morning was 13. Two had been farmed out for the week, at a cost of \$76 per day, or \$532 for the week.

DISTRICT 4-H FASHION SHOW participants from Castro County competed in the Senior Division. The competition was held April 4 at Texas Tech University. They are (from left) Melanie Book, who took third in formal buying, Rachel Wall, third in casual buying, and Nikki Burress, who competed in formal construction. Only first place winners will ad-Courtesy Photo vance to the state competition.

## Church history seminar set at Lee Street Baptist The seminar is a quick survey of

Rev. Alvin Petty, area resident and an amateur historian, will lead in a church history seminar at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt and all interested persons are invited to attend at no charge.

The seminar will be taught in a series of three sessions on three successive Saturdays-May 6, 13, and 20. Each session will be from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the church at Southwest Second and Lee Streets.

2,000 years of church history, according to Petty, who studies church history as a hobby. "It is both fun and helpful to know

where you came from," Petty said. "What you don't know about your ancestors can and will hurt.

"I want to invite all to come participate in this 'laid back' look at the Christian church's history.'

# Amarillo will celebrate 'Earth Day'

A multi-species Easter parade will open the Earth Day celebration in Amarillo on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Individuals and families or other groups are invited to participate in the parade, on foot, for the length of the park in costumes depicting species of plants or animals, or wearing Easter hats made with recycled materials or other decorations.

The parade will be followed by a day of activities and exhibits, with more than 20 community organizations bringing information. Geology students from West Texas A&M University will help identify your favorite rocks brought to their booth. There will also be live music, puppet shows, food vendors, insect collections and a flint knapping demonstration.

A tai chi demonstration will begin at 1 p.m. and the Kwahadi dancers will perform at 3 p.m.

Broken Ground musicians will close the festival at 4 p.m. with a drumming circle, followed by open drumming. All are invited to bring drums, rattles, etc., and join in the

There is still space available for individuals, community organizations or businesses interested in sponsoring exhibits or activities. For information contact Pam Allison at 656-0036, Mavis Belisle at 335-1715 or Mary Emeny at 372-3442.

## Harrington String Quartet will play in Canyon April 29 The Harrington String Quartet will quarter. The members of the

present the third and final subscrip- Harrington String Quartet are tion performance of its 1999-2000 violinists Corinne Stillwell and Anseason on Saturday, April 29.

p.m. at West Texas A&M University's Northen Hall in Canyon.

Wolf's Italian Serenade and Opus 74.

The quartet was formed in the fall of 1981. In late 1980, the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation made two grants—one to West Texas State University and one to the Amarillo Symphony to jointly organize a

nie Chalex, violist Joanna Mendoza The concert is slated to begin at 8 and cellist Emmanuel Lopez.

Single tickets for each Harrington String Concert are \$7 for adults and The quartet will perform three \$2 for students and senior citizens. works, Haydn's "Lark" Quartet, Tickets are available in advance from the Amarillo Symphony or at Beethoven's Quartet in E-flat Major, Northen Hall on the day of the

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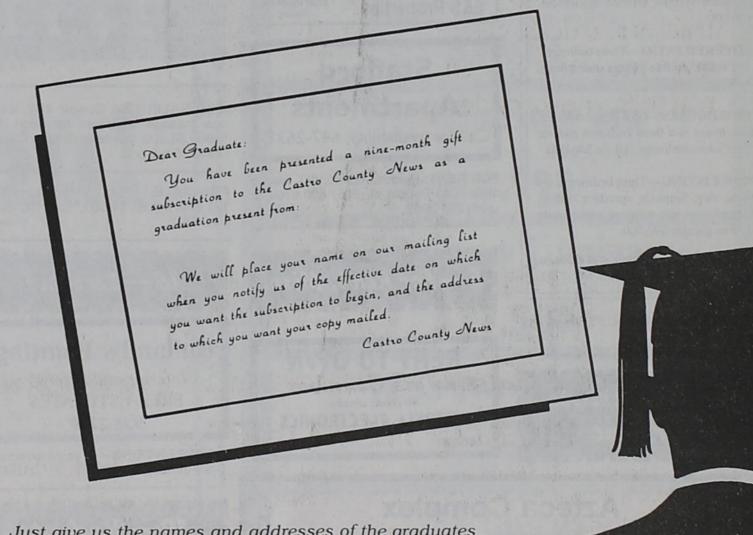
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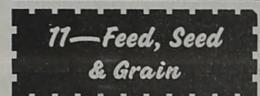
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ers who did an outstanding job. The hours

are long and sometimes boring. Thanks a

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The help and courtesy of all the offices and their staffs in our county courthouse meant a lot to me. The nice places that we used to hold the election were: Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt High School, Sunnyside Baptist Church, Hart and Nazareth American Legion Hall, Easter Community Building and Texas Sesame at

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## 25—Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF **DENNIS MICHAEL SMITH, DECEASED** am independent executrix of the above estate. Letters testamentary were

issued to me on March 15, 2000. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by

You are instructed that my choice is that the claim be addressed to me at my address stated below.

My attorney is Lucian Morehead, His mailing address is P.O. Box 1600, Plainview, Texas 79073-1600.

CONNIE JEAN SMITH Independent Executrix of the Estate of DENNIS MICHAEL SMITH, DECEASED P.O. Box 384, McLean, Texas 79057 25-3-1tc

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 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 6, 2000, for voting in a Trustee election, to elect two (2) full term trustees

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: Nazareth Elementary School Building Hallway, 101 S First Avenue; Nazareth TX 79063

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Superintendent's Office: Nazareth School: 101 S First Ave.; Nazareth, TX 79063 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 19, 2000 and ending May 2, 2000.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to: N. Dean Johnson or Patsy Huseman, Absentee Clerks P.O. Box 189 Nazareth, TX 79063-0189

Applications for ballots by mail must be receive no later than the close of business on April 28, 2000. Issued this the 10th day of February,

2000.

DAVID OLVERA **Presiding Officer** 25-3-1tc

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICA-TION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT BY RULE REGISTRATION

PROPOSED REGISTRATION NO. 43457

APPLICATION SLASH-O CATTLE FEEDERS, P.O. Box 670, Hereford, Texas 79045, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for Permit by Rule Air Quality Registration No.43457 which would authorize construction and operation of Concrete Batch Plant under 30 TAC Section 106.203 at an existing beef cattle feedlot located approximately 13 miles northwest of Dimmitt on the north side of an unnamed county road one mile east of FM 1055, just north of the community of Easter in Castro County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air containments: particulate matter (including, but not limited to, aggregate, cement, and road

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on February 1, 2000. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC central office, TNRCC Amarillo regional office, and Rhoades Memorial Library, 105 Southwest Street, Dimmitt, Texas. The facilities compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of

The TNRCC executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

MAILING LIST You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information on this application by sending a request to the office of the Chief Clerk at the address below

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEET-ING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting about this application, or a request for a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public com-

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator, a public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this ap-

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will issue a preliminary decision on the application following technical review. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public

After the deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is

on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. If no hearing is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

## 25—Legal Notices

A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. [To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent residence withing 440 yards of the proposed plant.] If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicants name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of you property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding

INFORMATION. Written mailing list requests, public comments, or requests for a public meeting or a contested case hearing should be submitted to Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Slash-O Cattle Feeders at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Brad Barrett at (806) 364-6081

Lawn & Garden Pest Management By JOHNNA L. PATTERSON County Integrated Pest Management Agent

'YOU'LL FEEL A STICK.' Coffee Memorial Blood

Center phlebotomist Angela Macom tells Dimmitt

High School teacher Danna Beck during Monday's

prune, and avoid excessive cutting except where necessary to control ✓ Roses have high fertilizer requirements. For most soils, use a complete fertilizer for the first application just as new growth starts; then, use ammonium sulfate or other high-

ral shape of the plant in mind as you

cycle. ✓ Continue to spray rose varieties susceptible to black spot, using a

nitrogen source every four to six

weeks, usually just as the new growth

cycle starts following a flowering

soon after flowering. Keep the natumore commonly known, Funginex.

> Use every seven to 10 days. ✓ Climbing roses may be pruned

> as soon as they complete flowering. ✓ Removing spent flowers, trimming back excessive growth, and applying fertilizer to an established annual bed can do wonders towards rejuvenating and extending the life of

the planting.

✓ As soon as azaleas have finished flowering, apply an acid type fertilizer at the rate recommended. Don't over fertilize, as azalea roots are near the surface and damage can occur. Water thoroughly after fertiliz-

✓ Seeds of amaranthus, celosia, cosmos, marigold, portulaca, zinnia, and other warm-season annuals can be sown directly in the beds where they are to grow. Keep seeded areas moist until seeds germinate. Thin out as soon as they are large enough to transplant. Surplus plants can be transplanted to other areas.

It will soon be time for bagworns to attack junipers and other narrow-leafed evergreens. Control measures, such as Sevin dust or spray, should be applied while the insects and the bags are about onehalf inch in length

✓ For instant color, purchase started annual plants. Select short, compact plants. Any flowers or flower buds should be pinched, to give plants an opportunity to become established.

✓ Check new tender growth for aphids. A few can be tolerated, but large numbers should be controlled.

✓ Many flower or vegetable seeds be saved for the next season by closing the packets with tape or paper clips, and storing in a sealed glass jar

✓ Prune spring-flowering shrubs spray containing triforine or, as it is in your refrigerator. ✓ Start weeding early in the

residents donated blood.

flower garden. Early competition with small plants can delay flowering. A mulch will discourage weed growth, and make weeds that do

blood drive in the high school band hall, sponsored by

the DHS Student Council. A steady "flow" of local

Photo by Don Nelson

✓ Soil purchased for use in beds, low areas, and containers should be examined closely. Often, nut grass and other weeds, nematodes, and soilborne disease are brought into the yard through contaminated soil

come through easier to pull.

✓ Water foliage plants as well as other containerized plants only when needed and not by the calendar.

✓ Climbing roses should be trained but not pruned. Weave long canes through openings in trellises or arbors and tie them with jute twine or plastic/wire plant ties. Securing canes now prevents damage from winter winds and contributes toward a more refined look to the garden when roses are blooming. Wait until after the spring flowering period to prune climbing or once-blooming shrub

## Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Holy week services in Holy Family Church are scheduled as follows: Holy Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper; Good Friday at noon, Stations of the Cross; Good Friday at 7:30 p.m., celebration of the Lord's Passion; Easter Vigil Mass on Sunday at 5:30 a.m.; Easter Morning Mass on Sunday at 8:30 a.m.; and Easter Sunday Mass at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Virgil Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman Lee, Mary Lou Birkenfeld, Dianne Huseman, Catherine Hochstein, Patricia (Kern) Butler and Odelia Schulte.

Congratulations to our tennis and track athletes who are doing very well. Good luck to all in the regional playoffs.

A big thanks to the Hall Committee and the Knights of Columbus for a free pancake supper on Friday evening. It was enjoyed by a large crowd.

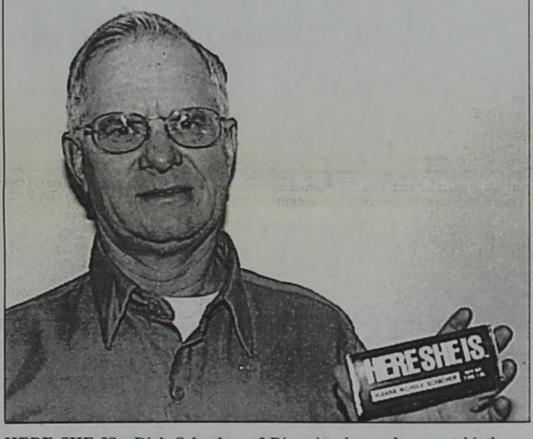
## Olton planning for its August Sandhills event

The Olton Chamber of Commerce is making plans for its annual Sandhills Celebration, and those who plan to have a booth at the arts and crafts show or a food booth should contact the Chamber of Commerce

The event is being planned for Aug. 1-5 and it usually attracts 2,000 to 3,000 people annually.

For more information or to reserve booth space, contact the Olton Chamber of Commerce at (806) 285-

The expression, "fore," uttered after they hit an errant golf shot started as an English military term. When the troops ere firing in lines, the shout "ware before" indicated that it might be prudent for the front line to kneel so that the second line wouldn't hit them with their bullets. "Fore," is simply a shortened version of



HERE SHE IS-Dick Schacher of Dimmitt shows the sweet birth announcement that he and his wife, Shirley, used to tell about their newest Always follow label instructions on granddaughter, Rianna Nichole Schacher. The mock candy wrapper approved pesticides for control. Sim-(containing a real chocolate bar) boasts the baby's weight (7 lbs. and 1 ply washing aphids off of plants is oz.), "serving size" (20.5 inches), when "baked" (April 2), "delivery of also a good control measure. goods" (7:42 a.m.), location (Louisville, Colo.), and "ingredients" (sugar and spice and everything nice). It states that the baby was "manufactured left over after planting the garden can by" Wayne and Elizabeth Schacher (parents), and is "endorsed by" Kayla Schacher (big sister, 21/2), and Walt and Sue Kotas and the Schachers (grandparents). Photo by Linda Maxwell

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