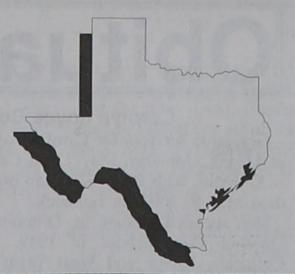
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Castro County Calendar



Opening day for Dimmitt Kids Inc. Baseball will be Monday, May 19. There will be an openingday ceremony at 7 p.m. with the presentation of all the baseball teams from T-Ball to Little League. There will be the traditional throwing out of the first pitch by a special guest, as well as the presentation of the flag and the singing of the National Anthem.

With summer on the way, students will need a Verification of Enrollment (VOE) from high school in order to renew their permits or licenses. Students can get it before school is out and it will be good for the summer. Bring the VOE to the Dimmitt Drivers License Office in the court house Thursday or Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those are the hours for the drivers' license bureau until further notice. If a student is turning 18 years old, he or she will not need the VOE.

Kindergarten pre-registration for the school 2003-2004 will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon, Wednesday, May 21, Richardson Elementary School library. Parents of children who will attend kindergarten in the fall should register their children on this day. A birth certificate, shot record and social security number will be required.

A one-day yearbook sale of the 2003 Swift is set for Monday, May 19. Make checks payable to Nazareth Yearbook. Checks must be dated May 19 and reach the school by the same date. They may be mailed to yearbook sponsor Brenda Schulte, P.O. Box 189, Nazareth, TX 79063, or can be left at the school office.

It's not too late! The Home Mercantile is still

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Xcel will raise electric rates

AMARILLO - Xcel Energy has asked the Public Utility Commission of Texas for an 8 percent increase in typical residential electricity bills and proportionate increases in commercial and industrial bills, to begin in July and August, according to a news

release from the company. The price increases re-

flect higher cost of natural gas used at power plants to produce electricity.

If approved, prices of service from Xcel Energy for a home using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity

a month would increase \$5.20 above June's "summer rate" price of \$65.54, to \$70.74.

Commercial and industrial customers would see larger percentage increases, because they use more electrical energy and because power plant fuel costrecovery makes up a larger part of their monthly bills.

The increased fuel-cost recovery factor will affect 271,754 Xcel Energy residential, business and industrical customers in Texas. The fuel-cost recov-

ery portion of an electric bill varies when power plant fuel costs increase or decrease. By law, state-regulated utilities must pass through power plant fuel costs to customers on a penny-for-penny basis, without markup, the release said.



MASTER AWARDS: Deputy Mitch McDonough, front and center, receives his Master Peace Officer certification and his Intermediate, Advanced and Master Jailer licenses from Sheriff C.D. Fitzgerald on Monday. At left is Captain Jerry Jansa. Jansa, Fitzgerald and McDonough are the only three officers in all of Castro County to have Master Peace Officer certification. In the back row, left to right are commissioners Dan Schmucker, Bay Baldridge, Newlon Rowland, Larry Gonzales and County Judge Bill Sava.

Court asked to help with EMS capital expenses

By DAVIE A. BROWDER Managing Editor Castro County commissioners were asked to help buy capital items for the EMS service here, including

help with the purchase of

one or two ambulances that

will be needed fairly soon. Director of the hospital district, told the Commissioners Court that the hospital district runs the ambulance service at a breakeven cost of some \$200,000

per year. some capital equipment," she said. "We have to replace two of our ambulances in the next two years." Right now, the



Linda Rasor, Executive CAPITAL FUNDING PLEA: Linda Rasor addresses the Commissioners Court durings its Monday meeting to ask for help in making capital equipment purchases for the EMS service.

month, she said.

"What I am asking for is an ambulance is 125,000 miles and two of the ambulances have 80,000 and 100,000 miles, respectively. An ambulance costs about \$87,500. The service

service averages 39 runs a also needs two EKG machines, which cost \$14,000 The average lifespan of each, she said, as well as a new radio system.

> "I am requesting from the Commissioners that they start setting aside money in your budget to help with our

Thiel transfers to Wayland

By DAVIE A. BROWDER Managing Editor

Fans of Nazareth basketball whiz Stephanie Thiel won't have far to go next fall since she'll be playing at Wayland

Baptist College. The announcement came this week from the University of Texas and Wayland.

"We're just extremely excited that Stephanie's going to be in our program next year," said Wayland women's basketball coach Johnna Pointer. "I really look forward to coaching her and all the things that she's going to bring to our team.

"She's a great player who will

have an immediate impact."

As a freshman at UT, Thiel played in 11 games as a reserve shooting guard, according to a news release from Austin. The 5-9 freshman averaged four minutes per game and scored 15 points - all from 3-point range, where she shot 50 percent.

Among her myriad accomplishments at NHS, she was First Team All-State, MVP of the State Tournament and Class 1A Player of the Year her junior and senior years. She lead her team to three state Class 1A titles.

She is the daughter of Chuck and Ramona Thiel of Plainview Continued on Page 2

Art Club exhibit is at Rhoads Library

Members of the DHS Art Club recently opened its Eighth Annual Spring Student Art Show at Rhoads Memorial Library.

The show is open during regular library hours, through May 20. Regular hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. until

The art show is one of many special events and features one can find at the library The Summer Reading program will start June 6 and run through Aug. 1. And the Bookmark Contest will also be held.

Computers are available for a variety of uses, including surfing the net, job searches and compiling resumes. And TIF Commu-



ROBIN BEAMES, a 10th grader at Dimmitt High School has this Level II picture on exhibit.

nity Computer classes are also held at the library, as well as other sites around town.

The library has a selection of both large-print and talking books that are rotated, in order to provide a wider variety for patrons.

Hospice volunteers honored at luncheon

By DAVIE A. BROWDER

Managing Editor

Hospice Care of Dimmitt recently honored the people who help make the program possible - its volunteers.

At a luncheon meeting at Castro County Health Care's solarium, Hospice director Donna Charanza praised the women for the many hours they put in at The Rose Shop, the Hospice thrift shop, located at 112 W. Jones.

"You're an integral part of Hospice," Charanza said. "Let me tell you what we do with the money you earn for us at The Rose Shop.

"Each month, we have about \$2,000 to \$3,000 worth of medicines to buy. We have to provide medicines that control pain, nausea and vomiting. And in the end stages of some diseases, a lot of pain meds are needed. You just don't know how important your efforts are to us."

Bea Cole received a pin for working the most volunteer hours - 268.

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HONORED WORKERS: Seated, left to right: Alejandra Aguilar, Cleo Parks, Bea Cole. Back row, left to right: Tomasa Leal, Betty Touchtone, Joyce Davie, Gloria Hernandez, Laverne Bernethy, Vergie Gerber and Wanda Murdock.

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Scripture

"Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. For his anger is but for a moment and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning."

Psalm 30:4-5

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Obituaries

Carolyn Joyce Copeland

Graveside services for Carolyn Joyce Copeland, 71, were at 11 a.m., Monday, May 12, at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt, with Dean Wiseman officiating. Ms. Copeland died May 9, 2003, in Lubbock.

She attended school in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1949. She attended Abilene Christian College and West Texas State University. She moved to Lubbock from Dimmitt in 1993. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

Ms. Copeland is survived by a son, Charles Lee Copeland of Junction; a brother, Leland W. Lee of Huntsville, Ala.; a sister, Nancy Upton of Madill, Okla.; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, George Lee Copeland.

Milton Douglass Loudder

Services for Milton Douglass Loudder, 63, of Sunnyside are pending at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in

Mr. Loudder died May 10, 2003, at Alpine. Burial will be at Westlawn Cemetery in Dimmitt.

He was born Nov. 24, 1939, in Castro County. He graduated from Springlake Earth High School in 1958. He served in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1961. He married Judy Upchurch on March 9, 1963. He lived and farmed in Sunnyside for more than 50 years. He is a member of the Sunnyside Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Alton and Betty Loudder of Sunnyside; a son, Lyle and wife Rosie Loudder of Dimmitt; a daughter, Dara and husband Brad Bridges of Earth; two sisters, Genevieve Westmoreland of Littlefield and Yvonne Messer of Runaway Bay; and five grandchildren, Brandi Fennell, Luke Loudder, Melissa Green, Will Green and Lenzie Loudder.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Dwayne Loudder, in 1989.

Donna Brockman

Services for Donna Brockman, 70, of Herford and formerly of Dimmitt, were Saturday, May 10, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Harold Waldow of the Blessed Sacrament Church and the Rev. Jim McGhee, pastor of St. Anthony's, officiating. Burial will at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Mrs. Brockman died May 7 at Vivians Nursing Home in Amarillo.

She was born Aug. 5, 1932, in Groom to George Edward Schneider and Catherine Freihaut. She married Allan Joseph Brockman on Aug. 17, 1957, in Amarillo. She to my new school and I look moved to Deaf Smith County in 1971. She was a homemaker, a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church and director of the Deaf Smith County Museum for nine years.

Survivors include five sons, Paul Brockman of Amarillo, Don Brockman of Glenn Allen, Va., Lt. Col. Greg Brockman of Fort Rucker, Ala., Lee Brockman of Olney and Walter Brockman of Bowling Green, Ky.; a daughter, Carmen O'Neal of College Station; and one sister, Viola Keller of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son and one brother.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, Deaf Smith County Museum or the Crown of Texas Hospice.

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looking for various old photos to assemble its "History of Dairy Farming" exhibit by the July 12 date of the Nazareth We especially need photos of hand German Festival. milking, early settler families with milk cows, any pre-1950s or 1960s photos of cows or milking parlors, any family dairy chore pictures (like feeding calves or grinding feed), and cream separator or milk transportation photos, etc. Please try to write a small descriptive caption with any photos: names of people, the year, locations, and what is happening in the photo. All photos will be scanned and returned to their owners by May 26. Anyone who has photos or is interested in working on this project can contact Norma Schacher at 806-945-2586.

Parent and community input are needed for planning programs for the 2003-2004 school year. A meeting to discuss future plans of all federal and state programs will be on the agenda of the meeting set for 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, at the Dimmitt Administrative office.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for a huge garage sale.

Saturday, June 7, is the date that's been set for Dimmitt's 16th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Each year since its inception, more than 100 families have participated in the sale day by holding garage sales at the homes, or joining with friends or family members in multifamily sales. The charge for participating in the event and being listed on the directory is \$10 per resident. This fee also

Thiel[®]

Continuted from Page 1 and granddaughter of former Plainview High coach Carl and Arlene Irlbeck.

In a news release, Thiel said "This was a difficult decision for me. I've tremendously enjoyed my time at Texas and especially enjoyed being with such great teammates. I want to bring all the positive experiences that I've gained from my time at UT forward to being in coach Pointer's program."

In the release, UT women's basketball coach Jody Conradt said that "Stephanie indicated that this was a personal decision on her part to leave the program and transfer. We respect her decision and wish her all the best."

Since she is transferring to a different division school, Thiel



won't have to set out any time. She has three more years of eligibility and has received a full scholarship from Wayland.

Pointer said that Thiel's decision and the offer of the scholarship all happened pretty

"We were in the process of wrapping up recruiting and the UT coaching staff contacted me and were telling me about Stephanie's situation," Pointer said. "Later, I had a chance to talk with Stephanie. We worked out some final details and she made her decision to come here."

Rumors abound that Thiel was wooed by a number of schools; Pointer said it wouldn't surprise "When schools heard she was

leaving UT, there were probably of number of schools interested in her," she said. "For us to have someone like her in our program is a great bonus."

And, Pointer just happens to have the right spot for her. "We do have an open spot at the No. 2 guard where I think she'd fit very nicely."

Wayland made it to the Elite Eight at the NAIA Tournament last season, ending the season with a 19-16 record.

covers the cost of the yard sign, which is given to each participant. Booth spaces are available for rent downtown for \$35 each. Business card sized ads around the outer edges of the sale directory are available for \$25 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Each year hundreds of people come from out of town to search for bargains at the sales in Dimmitt and most of them pick up a directory to assist them in locating the items which are of the most interest to them. To help them find the sales, the Chamber prints a map on the reverse side of the directory. Last year, more than 900 directories were distributed by the Chamber of Commerce, which advertises the sale throughout an 80-mile radius from Dimmitt.

The sale officially begins at 8 a.m. on June 7. However, shoppers arrive much earlier to pick up directories and map out strategies.

Additional information is available from the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford St., or by calling 647-2524.

D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) of the Dimmitt schools cannot accept anymore Lowe's's receipts at this time, but asks that

residents keep saving Box Tops 4 Education and Campbell's soup labels for education through the summer for the next school year. Collection boxes will be kept at: First Bank Muleshoe,

First United Bank, Hereford Credit Union, Headhunter, Bobcat Barber Shop, Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Henderson's T.V. and Rhoads Memorial Library.

Organized prayer service to held every Friday at 12:10 p.m. at the Castro County Courthouse gazebo. Prayer in remembrance of our service men and women will be given. Participants are asked to bring photos of family members serving in the armed forces, so that those representing Castro County in this crisis may be remembered. The service will be brief and if you cannot make it to the service, citizens are asked to stop and join the service in their thoughts.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Canyon is featuring the work of artist Dean Porter. This exhibit includes paintings in watercolor and oil which celebrate the Southwestern landscape that Porter knows well from his travels and research.

Court

falls on May 26.

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capital needs," Rasor said.

Although the commissioners asked a number of probing questions, no action was taken during the meeting. However, commissioners pointed out that they are in the initial stages of the budgetary process, since their fiscal year starts in October.

Rasor said she is also asking the city for the same kind of help.

"I've been visiting with some city councilmen and they've indicated a willingness to help," she said. "I'm not asking for day-to-day funds. What I'm asking is \$30,000 yearly from the county and city to be set aside to help with these capital expenses.

"I don't think the district can afford to support it 100 percent."

In other business, the commissioners agreed to meet Tuesday, May 27, in regular session, since Memorial Day

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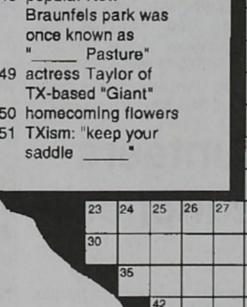
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Jaci Buckley Roberson has just earned her degree from Texas Tech and is beginning work on a master's degree.

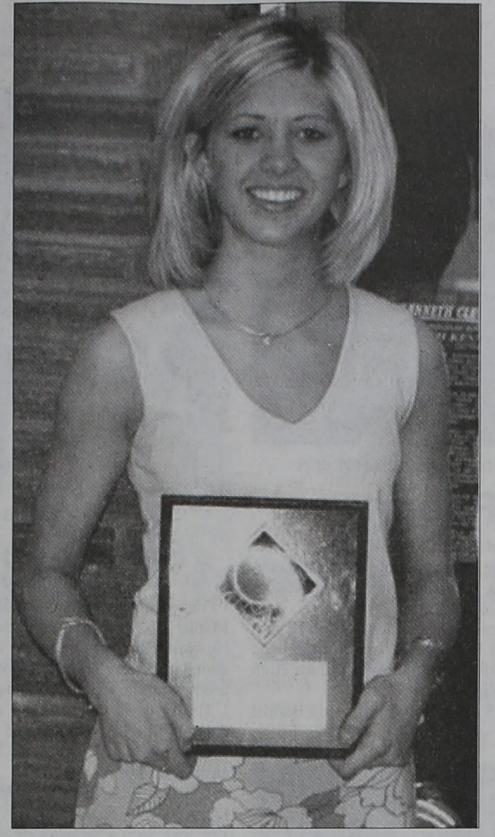
But before she goes back to her books, she has flown to Roanoke, Va., to spend time with her husband, Brandon Roberson, who is a pitcher for the minor league team of the Houston Astros in Roanoke.

He was recently named pitcher of the month by the Houston organization and was one of three rookies to have been selected to have his picture on a baseball card.

If you buy a package of Bazooka bubble gum, check the baseball card carefully. It might be our own Jaci's husband Brandon Roberson!

Jaci is the daughter of Darrell and Beth (Cleveland) Buckley. Their other daughter is Caitlin, who is graduating from DHS this month. Caitlin and her grandmother Libby Cleveland went to San Antonio, where Caitlin received the T.A.B.C. basketball scholarship 2003. This scholarship is named for Caitlin's grandfather, the late, great Coach Ken Cleveland. Caitlin was the leading scorer this year for the Dimmitt Bobbies.

Darrell Buckley added a note of interest. He related that Sara Benham, daughter of Jack and Nancy (Robertson) Benham and granddaughter of Ray and



KEN CLEVELAND MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: Caitlin Buckley, the granddaughter of former Dimmitt coach Ken Cleveland, recieved the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches Scholarship on May 1 in San Antonio. She was chosen on the basis of leadership, scholarship and athletic ability.

Joanis Robertson was the leading scorer in this district. She plays basketball in Muleshoe for the Lady Mules. She was named firststring All-State and this is just her junior year. Caitlin was second in the district and Sara First.

Sara has qualified for the State Track Meet in the mile event.

Another state competitor with Dimmitt roots will be Amy Murphree of Friona. She is the daughter of Rhonda and Jim Murphree and granddaughter of Percy and Margaret Parsons. They all lived here in recent years.

While visiting with B.C. Bossett I learned that two of her daughters are now living in and near Washington, D.C. Mary Bossett's daughter Katie graduated from a D.C. high school and plans to go right into college.

Roberta Bossett Ewing and her husband Robert Ewing live in Maryland near Washington, D.C. B.C.'s daughter, Gwenn, teaches in the Texas prison system and live in Gatesville.

B.C. is a retired LVN who worked at Plains Memorial Hospital for many years. Her girls are all Dimmitt grads.

Genie Walker was honored with doughnuts and a balloon bouquet on her recent May birthday. She was not feeling very well, but went on to the "party."

In spite of the effort, she was admitted to the hospital later that day. We hope she recovers quickly. Her doughnut eating friends wish her well!

The Plains Memorial Hospital board members scheduled a dinner of apprecia-

tion for hospital employees on Monday.

If everything went as planned, they were served lunch in the patio room, catered by the Desperados from Amarillo.

We have seen our first hummingbird. He is a little ruby-throated hummer and was enjoying the feeder and our big mulberry tree. However, this is Thursday after the fierce wind on Wednesday, I haven't seen him all day long. Maybe he's gone south hoping to find a more gentle breeze.

Miracles will never cease! For you who know me very well know that I am NOT known for my cooking skills.

In fact, I could tell you horror stories about ill-fated recipes that have fallen under my culinary prowess On the other hand, Sandra Potts is known for all of the good food she shares with people who are bereaved, il or just hungry.

At this time, Sandra is recuperating from surgery and I found it quite ironic that I would be compelled to share some food with her

during her recovery. I was very apologetic as] took my offering of chicker and frog eye salads to her bedside.

She was very gracious and called to say that she REALLY enjoyed the food (I was beginning to suspect that she was not only a good cook, but a good liar also. Well, I need to apologize to her. She just called to say "I've never, never done this before, but how much trouble is it to make frog eye salad? When I told her a little about the procedure, she said, "The only thing I wan for Mother's Day is some frog eye salad - would you make some for me?"

Wonders will never cease. am flattered no end. Now surely I can make one more batch that will be good. And her request is Mother's Day present enough for me!

Naz News with Virgie Gerber 945-2669

Mother's Day was very special for everyone, as most families gathered at one home or another. My family gathered at the home of Jim and Sandee Hoelting for a good day of fun, relaxing, visiting and as Fort Smith, Ark., recently always, too much good food.

Robbie Gerber of Austin spent last weekend in Hereford visiting her dad, W.J.

She also visited with the Virgie Gerber family on Monday.

Dwayne and Anne Acker, Glenda and Matt Birkenfeld drove to Austin last weekend to watch sophomores Jamie and Jenna compete in tennis doubles at the state

playoffs. They played a team from Miles and lost, 6-3, 6-3. They gained valuable experience, which will help them over the next two years. Their coach is Brenda

Schulte.

Evelyn Backus, Julia Birkenfeld and Mary Vercamp attended the vigil service for Angela Albus, 86, of Pep on Monday. Evelyn and Julia returned to Pep on Tuesday to attend the funeral. Angela was a sisterin-law of Evelyn's.

Leroy and Colette Hoelting of Colorado Springs spent several days here with their mother, Tinie Hoelting and other family members.

Sister Norbert Hoelting of spent several days here with Tinie Hoelting and other relatives.

They enjoyed visiting Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld, who are now living in their new home. Herman went to Hereford and brought W.J. Albracht to visit with Sister Norbert, his sister-in-law. A nice surprise!

Jim, Sandee and Jake Hoelting attended Whitney Hoelting's graduation from SCCC in Liberal, Kan., on Saturday evening. After the ceremony, they attended a party at Whitney's friend, Cari Hill's, home. Whitney has now signed with San Angelo State to continue her schooling and play basketball for them.

Prayers are asked for David Nobile, Rosemary Wilhelm, Leona Maurer, Michael Schacher, Alice Palazzini, Joe Schmucher, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Mildred Huseman, Huseman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman and Katy Ivey.

Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Marissa Monreal celebrated a birthday Saturday, May 10. She is the daughter of Laura Martinez and Rudy Monreal and granddaughter Littlefield; crown: Donald of Juan and Maria Martinez of Dimmitt and of Rudy and Rose Mary Monreal of Earth. Happy Birthday Marissa.

I was so thrilled to receive an e-mail from my cousin (cuz) Henry and Adela When Henry Acevedo. lived in Dimmitt, he was a member of the Dimmitt City Council and assistant manager of Dimmitt Market, while under Walt Hansen. Henry and Adela now live in

Georgetown.

Vanessa Monreal celebrated a quinceanera last mention some of her David and Brandy Monreal

helped sponsor her celebraand Levia Acevedo of Francis Alcala of and Plainview; shoes, bracelet, invitations and arch: Gabriel and Cassandra Toscano of Earth; earrings: Rudy and Laura Monreal of Dimmitt; necklace: Pablo and Lucy Monreal of Earth; watch: Henry and Elena Monreal of Sudan; ring: Mikey and Norma Monreal of Lubbock; Bible and rosary: Lorenzo and Jodie Monreal Perryton; bouquet: Chevo and Mary Lou Lumbrera of Dimmitt; pillow: Marcello and Alicia Aguilar of Dimmitt; last doll: Leti Acevedo of Earth; champagne: Manuel Garza weekend and I was going to of Earth; champagne glasses:

Acevedo of Earth; registry: Lubbock; photographer: Monreal of Dallas; cake sponsors: Richard and Mabel Monreal, Crystal Luera and Pete Zamora of Olton, Veronica Padilla and Tony Longoria and Frank Toscanno III, all of Earth; dance sponsors: Patty Duran and Frank Gonzales, Lily and Fernando Longoria of Earth, JJ Martinez of Dimmitt, Gabriel and Rosa Acevedo of Muleshoe, Rebecca Guadarrema and Chris Monreal of Sudan, Maria and Juan Martinez of Dimmitt, Jonie Lopez and Mary DelaRosa. Her 14 attendants were: Marissa Monreal, Hailee Toscano, Cheyenne Garza, Ashley

Padrinos (sponsors) that of Earth; knives: Ricarda Sanchez, Stephanie Acevedo, Sarah Monreal, tion. Her dress: Jose Luis Mary Jane Lumbrera of Rosemary Gonzalez, Sierra Monreal, Marison Monreal, Valerie Monreal of Dallas; Siera Gonzales, Brenda video: Paul and Alice Perez, Jennifer Muniz, Sasha Monreal, Skylah Monreal. Parents of the Quinceanera are Rose Mary and Rudy Sr. Monreal. Prayers are needed for Ricarda Acevedo, Alysa Monreal, Marcelo Aguilar and the military that have

not come home yet. Please call me if you had out of town guest over Mothers Day weekend or even if you had a great weekend with mom and would like to mention your

activities. I extend the invitation to Hart and Nazareth. My e-mail address is

Middleace1966@yahoo.com.

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A FIRST OF MANY Dimmitt Community Network casses were held Monday morning at the Senior Citizens Building. Pictured are r) class instructor Dione Steffens, Claudine Langford, Sandra Bagwell and Bobbie Baldridge.

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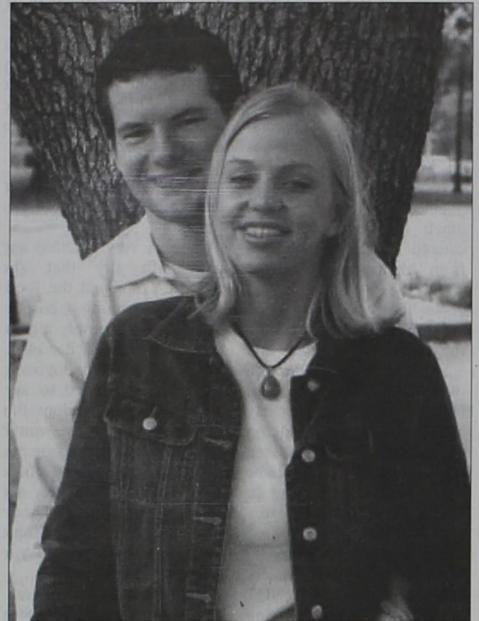
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People



Matthew McLain & Sara Christina Schulte

Schulte-McLain

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schulte announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter Sara Christina to Matthew McLain, son of Delynda Allison and Bud McLain.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late V.C. and Christine Durrett, Jimmie Schulte and the late Leonard Schulte. The prospective groom is the grandson of Gladys and Wayne Gipson, Goldie Stanton and Tommy Stanton.

The couple plans to wed July 11, at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

She is a senior social work major at West Texas A&M University at Canyon. He is a junior business major at the University of Texas in Arlington. After the wedding, the couple will live in Arlington.

Hometown Heroes

Men and women serving their country who have Castro County connections!

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The Castro County News

Cheesy Cauliflower Soup

Graduation edition will be coming out on

Thursday, May 29th

be sure and get a copy of your special senior!



Jill Marie Smart & Joshua Heath Roberts

Smart-Roberts

Chuck and Joann Smart of Amarillo have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jill Marie Smart, of Amarillo, to Joshua Heath Roberts, son of Jackie and Beth Roberts of Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Tascosa High School in Amarillo and is employed by Total Works Chiropractic. The prospective groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is employed at Zip Print.

The wedding is set for July 5 at Lifeway Fellowship Baptist Church in Amarillo.



HUSBAND-WIFE DUO: Justice of the Peace Tana Young and her husband Marshall, former JP in Castro County are the first husband-wife team to have held the position of president of the West Texas Justice of the Peace and Constables Association. She was recently sworn in and he served from 1984-85.

Young elected head of W. Texas JP association

the Peace Tana Young was sworn in as President of the West Texas Justice of the Peace and Constables Association on Saturday, April 26, at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo at the group's conference.

With her swearing in, she and her husband Marshall, who was president of the association from 1984-85, became the first husband-

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Castro County Justice of wife team to hold the position.

> "I'm really excited about this honor," she said.

> "This being a legislative year, we're keeping an eye on what's going on in Austin."

There are five area associations, but the West Texas one is the largest, with 144 counties represented. Next year's conference is set for Midland.



Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rhodes

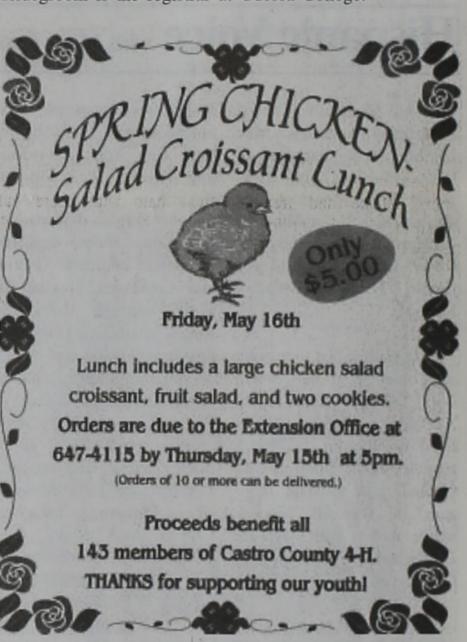
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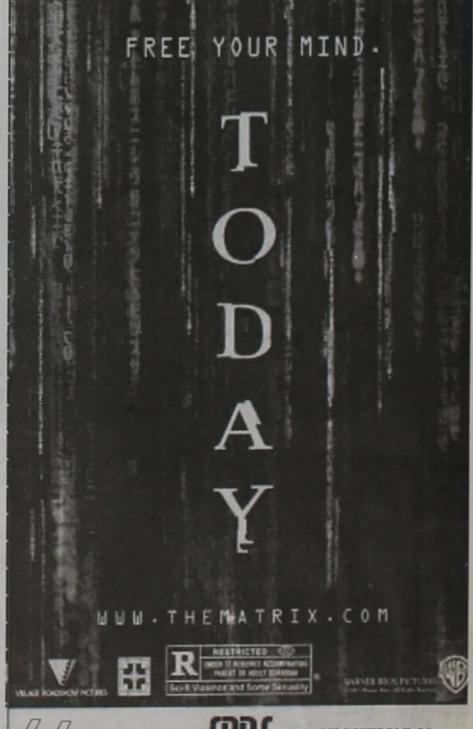
Tracey Stevenson and Jeff Rhodes of Odessa were married March 15 at Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, father of the groom, officiating. Honor attendants were Pam McGill of Cisco and Greg Rhodes, brother of the groom, of Austin.

The bride is the daughter of Troy and Jan Stevenson of Odessa. She is a graduate of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin with a bachelor's degree in mass communication.

The groom is the son of Howard and Belinda Rhodes of Dimmitt. He is a graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock with a bachelor of arts degree in family studies and a graduate of Wayland University in Plainview with a master's degree in religion. He attends Texas Tech, where he is a candidate for a doctoral degree in higher education administration.

After a reception in the fellowship hall of the church, the couple took a wedding trip to Lake Tahoe, Calif. They live in Odessa, where the bride works as executive director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of West Texas. The bridegroom is the registrar at Odessa College.





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man shall leave his father

and mother and be joined to

his wife, and they shall

become one flesh," a true

civil contract, but as a divine

nature into being from a rib

verse.

of Adam.

A woman, Eve, played a



Church News

Trust God, not self

I would assume that we are all guilty, from time to time, of trusting in our own capabilities.

The truth is that we know and understand our abilities, strengths and weaknesses, so we do begin to put our trust in ourselves.

Regardless of how strong, gifted or capable an individual is, he or she is still only human and more than able to make many mistakes and poor judgments. The individual who totally trusts in himself needs to understand that he is preparing himself for disappointment. So, if we can't trust in our own self, then in whom can we trust?

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." (Prov. 3:5-6). These two verses tell us that we are to put our trust in God and not in ourselves. Notice the verse says to "lean not on your own understanding." In other words, we are not to trust in self, but in God.

I realize it's much easier to trust in self rather than in God, but it makes much more sense to trust in an allknowing and perfect God, instead of an imperfect person.

Life is like a movie. When you watch a movie, you watch it scene-by-scene and the same is true of life.

God sees the whole movie at once and, unlike you and me, God already knows what will happen tomorrow.

With all of that wisdom, power and authority, God has the ability to make our paths straight if we will put our trust in Him instead of in self.

I would much rather put my trust in Him who knows



Chuck Ball

everything and can make my path straight instead of you trust, yourself or God?

trusting my imperfect self. What about you, who do

marriage emerges, not as a institution.

Sarah, Abraham's wife, became the mother of many nations. Her name means "princess" as she portrayed in her character. Even though Genesis 18:12 says "she laughed within herself," could she have been afraid? Might her laughter have come from a sorrowful heart because of heaviness of spirit. In Hebrews 11:11, she is mentioned as one whose faith is outstanding.

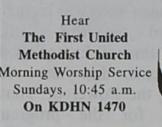
Hannah, Samuel's mother, is the woman who personifies the ideal in motherhood because she portrays her love and care of her son. She prayed fervently for a son and vowed to God to consecrate him to God. Hannah's biography confirms "that the child Samuel grew before the Lord." I Samuel 2:21. Hannah, like Mary, gave her child to God and then slipped into the background.

Woman's worth

Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ, was called "blessed among women." No women in the history of the world has been so honored in art, music and literature or the subject of adoration. This obscure, peasant woman was unique in the history of women because of one of the greatest unexplained miracles of the Bible, the Virgin Birth. Luke 1:30 tells Mary, "You have found favor with God."

A challenge of each woman's worth would be to understand and interpret these spiritual experiences, their faith and their relationship with God of the Biblical matriarchs.

The Rev. Doris Huckert is the Hospice Chaplain at Castro County Hospital District, as well as at Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab.





Dealing with families in crisis

By Ron Trusler

All families can expect to face unpredictable crisis.

As a family develops, crisis can seem to come from any direction at any time. Most families will have at least one member who acts screwy or weird and causes heartache for the rest of the coat their hair with yak dung family.

those families. They are pretty "normal" in my opinion. However, there are families who live from crisis to crisis.

They go through a pattern of crisis behavior that is almost predictable.

Something is always going on and if not, someone will create a problem.

These families contain a structural fault much like an earthquake fault, which can move, shake and tremble when pressure is applied.

Anybody can screw up but some people do it habitually and then enlist family members to help them. These families are alcoholic families, violent families, those who continually threaten suicide or divorce, get into trouble with the law, or in other words they carry on a lot.

They seem to experience the same crisis over and over again.

I do not want to sound so psychological that this doesn't make any sense, but here goes — some people who do destructive things may not know any better because that is all they have known.

They do not realize there in is another way to think and environment. behave.

like this. If they do become aware of someone that believes behaves or differently they are the ones wrong.

These people believe they are protecting themselves against an imagined or exaggerated danger.

We each grow up with an idea the world is dangerous but we may have different ideas of where the danger lies.

As we move through life, we conduct rituals to protect us from these perceived behaving until hell freezes dangers or evils.

Our behavior may seem odd to others who do not share in our idea of where the dangers are.

Some families do not see that their behavior or ways of thinking and behaving are bad.

I read about natives who to protect themselves from I am not talking about evil spirits, therefore they feel more secure (I do see that would protect from certain things all right like kidnapping and being invited over for dinner).

To us they are not socially acceptable.

We don't want to be in a crowded elevator with them or sit in the same church pew.

As they experience things make that them uncomfortable they go coat their hair with more yak dung. Now, they can't understand why things aren't working.

It must be everyone else who is at fault!

Some families are like that. They keep doing the same thing over and over again and wonder why things do not go their way. They are like the natives; they hold their yak dung very dear.

The dung becomes the security in a dangerous world.

I have often said that some people continue to live by Vietnam rules but that war has been over a long time ago.

A Vietnam veteran was trained to react and survive a very hostile

Some families, like some They think everyone is soldiers, cannot change due

to the perceived danger. They hold their combat training very dear.

It's their security in a dangerous world. I believe that each family

they do to feel secure. Most families will give them up when they understand the pattern of

behavior is pathological

has a set of patterns, things

(not working right). However, there are some who will hang on to their way of thinking and over.

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You can count on it when there is a problem, a holiday, or a lull in which getting people are comfortable, the family response is the same mother will get drunk, daddy will have an affair, son will threaten suicide, or a daughter will throw a fit, and then all will pull together.

Some families do not know how to pull together when things are going smooth.

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break the cycle?

Some break it because of severe enough crises occurs and they realize the way they operate must change.

If that family gets objective outside help there is a chance they will give up the dung.

[Ron Trusler is Chief Executive Officer of Central Plains Center. He can be reached at 806-293-2636 or by email at

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GIBBS AT KIWANIS: County Extension Agent Suzanne Gibbs spoke recently to the club about the Focus on Results Red Ribbon Week.

Gibbs named **Power of Youth Award winner**

Suzanne Gibbs was recently identifying their heroes and notified by the Texas Association of Extension 4-H Agents that she will receive the Power of Youth Award for the program. Gibbs, a Castro County CEA 4-H, sponsored the Focus on members that exemplify Results Red Ribbon Week youth and adult partnerships program conducted at which engage young people Dimmitt Middle School.

is to help students recognize their worth and learn how to South Padre Island during deal with drinking and other the TAE4-HA annual peer pressures, as well as meeting.

learning how to emulate

The purpose of the Power of Youth Award is to recognize the outstanding efforts of TAE4-HA in decisions that affect them The thrust of the program and their world. The awards banquet will be in August at

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Castro County Extension Education Association met in the Senior Citizens Building for its monthly meeting.

Present were Patsy Entrekin, Pauline Hoyler, Sandra Bagwell, Jackie Edwards, Claudine Langford and Oneida Hutto.

Our guest speaker was Carol Lantz who gave a very informative program on "Aging Eyes." We were reminded to be faithful to regular checkups to our eye care specialist to keep our eyes healthy.

Roll call was answered with "Our Favorite Time Waster."

Our president reminded us of our need to be working on projects for the County Fair, scheduled for Sept. 12. That will be here before we know

Also our State Extension meeting in the week following the fair, Sept. 16, 17 and 18, at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, so plans were made for members to attend that.

A nice variety of Mexican food was served by hostess Jackie Edwards. Anyone interested in joining the Extension Club is welcome to contact any member about joining.

Stevens graduates

Tiffany Stevens, a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School, will receive her diploma from Austin Community College on May 8. She finished her degree work in radiology on Aug. 9, 2002. She is the daughter of Gary and Janet Smith of Austin and the granddaughter of Johnny and Shirley Sluder of Bushland. She has been working for Brackenridge Hospital in Austin since September, 2002.

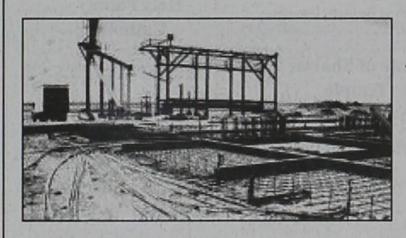


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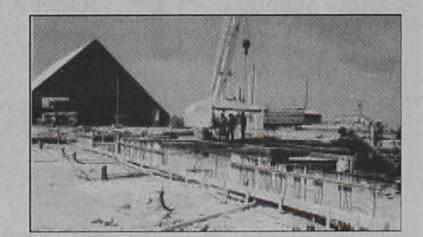
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North Gin **Progress** Report

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We are on schedule to complete the Gin well before the start of harvest this fall. Please come by to visit or to ask any questions.



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ROUNDUP COMPETITORS: Left to right, top row: Stephanie Castro, Frankie Castro and Elizabeth Hill; middle row: Jaci Bishop, Karina Abrego, John David Gonzales and Jill Miller; bottom row: Alyssa Saenz, Will Malone, Carter Hill and Jeff Bishop.

Eleven compete at Roundup

Eleven 4-H'ers from Castro County participated in the South Plains 4-H Roundup Competition, Saturday, May 3, at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Our county was represented in Entomology Identification, Conservation of Natural Resources, Companion Animals and Photography contests.

Two teams competed in the Entomology ID contest. The Junior I team (ages 8 to 10) placed third and was composed of Karina Abrego, Carter Hill and Will Malone. The Junior II team (ages 11 to 13) of John David Gonzales, Frankie Castro and Jeff Bishop earned fourth place. This contest has 4-H'ers identify the common name, scientific order, life cycle and mouthparts of insects. The degree of difficulty increases in each age bracket.

competed in Method Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club Demonstrations, which are won first in the Nature five-to-eight illustrated informational People Category. talks. Stephanie Castro and Alyssa Saenz placed second County was Jaci Bishop in the Companion Animals who recognized the donors Contest. The title of their talk during the awards ceremony was "Fido - Friend or Foe?" and gave the Treasurer's and addressed safety issues Report during the District 2 regarding pet relationships 4-H Council Meeting. Jaci and ownership. Elizabeth has served as Secretary/ Hill and Jill Miller earned Treasurer for the District 2 first place with their 4-H Council for the 2002-Conservation of Natural 2003 year. Carole Bishop, Resources Demonstration. Patrice Hill and Tila "Dr. Water's Conservation Rodriguez all served as Checkup" outlined some volunteer judges during the common water wasting sites event. in the home and gave advice on simple, low-cost remedies bravery belongs to the for them.

Photography contest were Jill Miller, Alyssa Saenz, also recognized at the awards Will Malone and Carter Hill.

Two teams of 4-H'ers also ceremony. Brad Lane, of the minute Category and third in the

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Benefit cookout is May 23 at DHS

The award-winning fifth annual benefit cookout at Dimmitt High School is set for Friday, May 23. Each year, the DHS student clubs organize a benefit cookout with proceeds going to the charity chosen by the students. This year, the money raised will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in honor of Mrs. Katie Ivey, a history teacher at Dimmitt High School.

Local merchants and DHS students are donating most of the items needed for the cookout.

Community members have volunteered to cook, and students and teachers will keep the serving lines stocked. DHS students who purchase a ticket will be released early for lunch and will also be entered in a drawing to win a \$25 gift certificate from Hastings. At 1:30 p.m., an assembly is scheduled in the DHS Auditorium when the check will

Marquez is a **U.S. National Award winner**

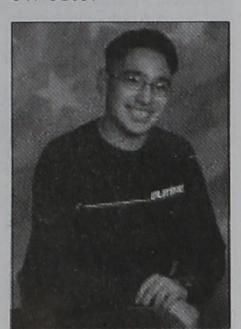
Jonathan Marquez of Dimmitt, son of Noe and Claudia Marquez of Dimmitt, has been named a United States National Award winner in history and government.

He is the grandson of Lucio Sanchez and Guille Garcia of Dallas and Gerardo and Rosa Marquez of Lewisville.

He was nominated for the award by Mrs. Miller, a be presented to the Founda-

The public is invited to attend. The serving line for the public will be in the west parking at the high school near the VoAg building. You are invited to eat inside the VoAg building, where tables and chairs will be set up. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will continue until 1 p.m. Take-out orders can be picked up in the Family and Consumer Science lab. (For take-outs, enter the front of the high school and follow the arrows.) Tickets may be purchased for \$3 each at many community businesses, the Chamber of Commerce or the high school office. The meal will include a grilled hamburger with all the fixin's, chips, canned drink and a brownie or rice krispie treat.

For more information, or to place take-out orders, call Dimmitt High School at 647-3105.



Jonathan Marquez

teacher at Dimmitt Middle School.

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May 19-Waffles Sausage Cereal Juice Milk

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Swifts down Morton, win bi-district

12-3 lead over Morton, then held off an Indian rally midway through the game to claim a Class-A Bi-District Championship on Thursday, May 8, in Levelland.

With the win, Nazareth advances to the area round of the playoffs, where the Swifts will face Follett in a best-of-three series. The first game will be played today at 5 p.m. at Borger. Game 2 is set for 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at Borger. Game 3, if necessary will follow Game

Eric Schilling (4-2) picked up the win for Nazareth, going four innings with five strikeouts. He allowed 11 hits and seven runs, most of which came during a fourthinning rally by the Indians. Adam Acker spelled Schilling in the fifth, striking out four with one hit allowed in three innings. Endecino Ramon went the distance for Morton and was charged

Nazareth jumped out to a took advantage of three Morton errors to score five runs in the top of the first, then used solid pitching by Schilling to shut down the Indians in the bottom of the inning.

Morton's defensive woes continued in the second inning, when third baseman Miguel Rodriguez booted a ground ball hit by Nazareth's Evan Huseman, allowing the lead-off hitter in the inning to reach first base. Huseman scored on a double by Tyler Ehly, but the Swifts stranded Ehly on second.

Morton cut the Nazareth lead from 6-0 to 6-2 in the second, using a pair of hits and a Swift error to plate two runners. Rodriguez singled, then scored on a double by J.C. Elmore. Elmore later scored on an error before the Swifts shut down the threat with a strike-out, pick-off play. With Paul Hornista standing on third base with with the loss. The Swifts one away, Schilling struck



Eric Schilling

out Paul Cardenas for out No. 2. As Swift's catcher Garrett Kleman came up with the strikeout pitch, he spotted Hornista between third and home and attempted to pick him off with a throw to third baseman Tyson Schulte, who rifled the ball back to Kleman, who tagged out Hornista to end the inning.

Nazareth picked up four hits and five runs off of Ramon in the top of the third, starting off the barrage

with an opposite field single Jordy Rowland. Huseman, Ehly and Schilling all scored hits in the inning to give Nazareth an 11-2 lead.

Schilling gave up a leadoff double to Landon Pierce in the bottom of the third and he scored on a single by Pete Cornish. Rodriguez got his second hit of the game, but the Indians left Cornish and Rodriguez on the bases when Calvin Johnson struck

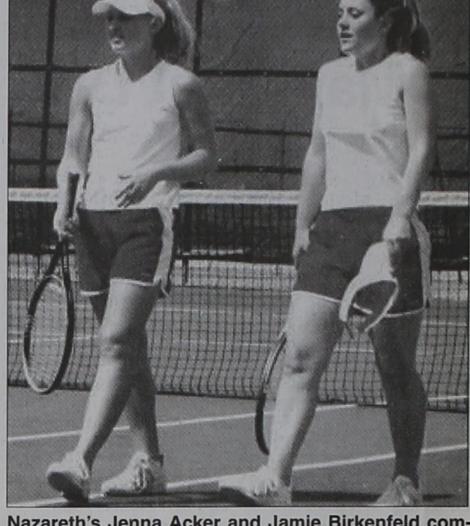
Huseman, who was one of Nazareth's leading hitters with a pair of hits and four RBIs in the game, picked up one of those RBIs in the top of the fourth on a hard-hit double to left field. His hit scored Chase Schulte with two away in the inning, but that was all Nazareth would get.

Morton then launched its comeback bid in the bottom of the inning, pulling within five runs. Elmore was thrown out by Schilling on an infield grounder to lead off the inning, but after that the Indians reeled off five straight singles by Hornista, Cardenas, Pierce, Ramon and Ronnie Morales. Four of those five scored before Schilling struck out Cornish, then Kleman picked off Morales who was attempting to steal third.

Nazareth left two men on base in the fifth and headed to the bottom of the inning with a 12-7 lead.

Acker took over on the mound for the Swifts, and he walked Rodriguez to open the inning before striking out the side. Rodriguez scored on a passed ball, but that was the only run the Indians added to their total. In the bottom of the sixth and seventh innings, the Swifts retired the Indians, three-up and three-down to preserve the win.

Huseman wasn't the only Swift to enjoy a good day at the plate. Ehly also picked up a pair of hits (both doubles) and drove in a pair of runs, while scoring two himself. Rowland also had two hits, an RBI and a run.



Nazareth's Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld competed in Austin at the Class A State Tennis meet.

Acker, Birkenfeld compete at state meet in Austin

Nazareth's Jamie Birkenfeld and Jenna Acker competed in the Class A State Tennis Tournament, held May 5 in Austin.

The sophomores earned the trip with a surprise win over the second-seeded Vega team of Ashley Dunivan and Courtney Parsley at the regional meet April 24 at Levelland. In the first round at the regional meet, Birkenfeld and Acker defeated Ashley Howard and Jodi Granada of Rotan, 6-1, 6-1. In the quarterfinals, the Nazareth duo defeated Sarah Hegi and Kristen Leon of Petersburg, 6-3, 6-3, to advance to the semifinals. There they upset the Vega team 6-2, 7-5. In the finals, Acker and Birkenfeld fell to eventual state champions Amina and Uthala Abdullah of Clarendon, 6-2, 6-2.

At the state meet, May 5, the Nazareth team lost in the quarterfinals to Mile's Mandy Gesch and Evan Heinze, 6-3, 6-3. The Miles duo reached the finals and lost to Clarendon. 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

"Jamie and Jenna had a great year," said tennis coach Brenda Schulte. "They were a long-shot team to even get out of district, but they stepped up and beat two good teams from Hedley and Groom. The win over Vega was exciting. They worked hard and improved every day in practice. I am, team."

looking forward to the next two years."

Other Nazareth players who advanced to the regional meet included Monty Hoelting, boys singles; Erica Gerber, girls singles; Charlie Rundell and Jake Hoelting, boys doubles. Monty Hoelting won his firstround match, 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, over Brandon Dominguez of Anton. Then the Nazareth junior lost to state semifinalist Josh Garcia of Lefors, 6-2, 6-

Erica Gerber reached the semifinals of the girls singles with wins over Valentine's Rosemary Gonzalez, 6-0, 6-1, and Fort Elliott's Holly McCurley, 6-1, 6-2. In the semifinals, the Nazareth senior lost to Amy Osborne of Wheeler, 6-2, 7-5.

Nazareth's freshmen boys doubles of Rundell and Hoelting won their opening match at regional, 6-0, 6-1, over Sanderson's Stevie Fuentez and Eric Sanchez. They then lost, 6-0, 6-7 (4), 6-2, to two-time defending state champions, Brad Johnson and Landon Weiershausen of Knox City, who went on to win

their third state championship. "Jake and Charlie were the only ones to take a set from the Knox City team at regional," Schulte said.

"They have the potential to become a great doubles

Birkenfeld bronzes at state

Nazareth sophomore Ross Birkenfeld brought home a bronze medal from the UIL State Meet, May 2, in Austin.

Birkenfeld placed third in the editorial writing contest. This was Birkenfeld's first appearance at the state meet. He placed second at district and third at regional to earn the trip to state.

Junior Brett Hoelting placed sixth in headline writing at the regional meet after winning district in the event.

"With several class 2A schools dropping to A, the level of competition at regional was exceptional," said journalism sponsor Brenda Schulte.

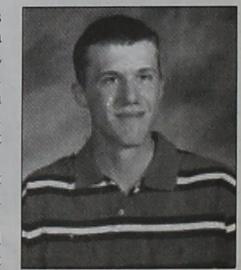
"We were fortunate to advance someone to state.

"Journalists from our region won eight medals at the state meet and Ross placing third was an outstanding accomplishment."

In March, Nazareth students won the district UIL title with 266 point.

Eight Nazareth students advanced to regional and competed at Levelland on April 25.

Journalism students accumulated 97 points at the district meet to win the team journalism trophy. Writers who earned points at district included Jenna Acker, second, news writing; Jamie



Ross Birkenfeld

Birkenfeld, fourth, news writing; Whitney Peacock, third, feature writing; Jenna Acker, fourth, feature writing; Trey Robb, sixth, editorial writing; Brett Hoelting, first, headline writing; Eric Schilling, second, headline writing; and Megan Schulte, fourth, headline writing.

Nazareth students who competed at regional included Ross Birkenfeld in editorial writing; Andrew Brockman, Brett Hoelting and Craig Birkenfeld in current issues and events; Craig Birkenfeld in mathematics; Carson Gerber and Ross Birkenfeld in persuasive speaking; Jenna Acker in news writing; Whitney Peacock in feature writing; and Brett Hoelting and Eric Schilling in headline writ-

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Hart boys win area meet





TRACK TEAM MEMBERS: Above, members of the mile relay: Joey Martinez, Roy Robledo, Logan McLain and Salvador Velasquez. At left, Josh Finch wins the 200-meter dash.

Hoelting graduates from SCCC in Kansas

Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth received her associate in science degree Saturday, May 10, from Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kan.

She was one of more than 240 students who graduated.

She is the daughter of Jim and Sandee Hoelting of Nazareth and the granddaughter of Virginia Gerber.

Several weeks ago, Whitney was recognized at the school's athletic banquet for her accomplishments in basketball.

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Finch wins bronze at UIL in prose

Josh Finch, the son of Billy and Vivian Finch of Hart, won a bronze medal at the UIL contest in Austin recently in Prose.

His coaches, his mom and Tyra Davis, said they were pleased with his performance. In the semifinals on Friday, May 2, Finch competed against other regional winners. The category for the round was nonfiction stories. He performed a five-minute storytelling excerpt from Mark Lowry's biography, "Out of Control." It is the story of Mark Lowry as a young man learning the true meaning of "Wait until your daddy gets home." He won first place in the round and proceeded to the finals the next day.

On Saturday, Finch was the third speaker. The prose readings for the round were fiction and he performed "Sister Connie Fuse," a story about a young, fearful woman who learned in the most comical way that "the only thing to fear is fear itself ... sort of." The reading also called for him to sing, "Amazing Grace."

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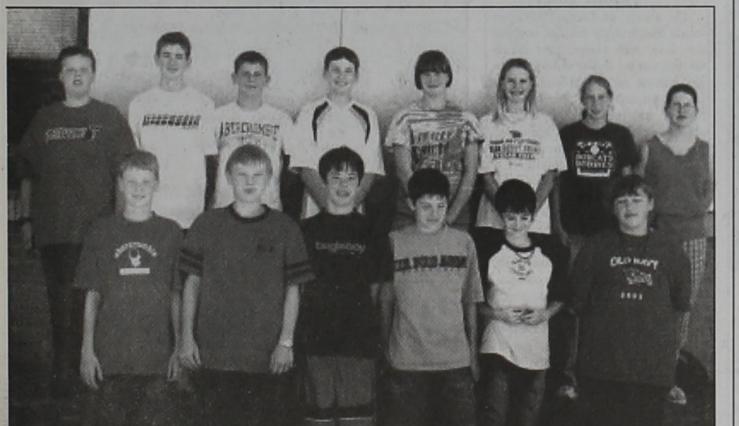
Dimmitt Junior High Tennis



THE EIGHTH-GRADE DIMMITT BOBBIES TENNIS TEAM-placed well in the District Tennis Meet in Muleshoe. Pictured are (left to right) third place team, Anna Brockman and Dana Sandoval; Kylah Riddle and Brandy Smith, placing second and (front) bringing home first place was Chelsea Buckley.

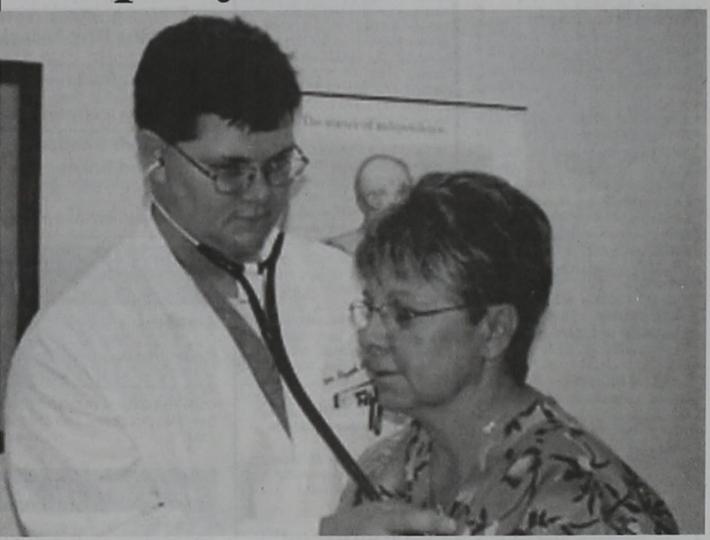
THE EIGHTH-GRADE Bobcats tennis team participated in the District Meet in Muleshoe. Pictured are (back, I to r) Rye Patton and Alex Chairra, second, doubles; Josh Norman and Eric Saenz, third, doubles; Svette Vogh and Roger Ramirez, first, doubles; (front, I to r) Zane Matthews, third, singles; and Luis Lopez, fourth, singles.





SEVENTH-GRADE TENNIS: These netters competed at Muleshoe recently. They are, front row, left to right: Ross Myatt, doubles, first; Landon Porsch, doubles, second; Cameron Cluck, doubles, second; Kaden Griffitt, doubles, first; Klay Clearman, doubles, fourth; Chauncey Gilbreath, doubles, fourth. Back row, left to right: Curtis Thomas, doubles, third; Michael Rasor, manager; Tyler Cornett, doubles, fourth; Brad Lane, doubles third; Haylee Evans, doubles, third; Molly Bradford, manager; Lana Reinart, doubles, fourth; Kamryn Steffens, doubles, second.

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The Dimmitt Independent School District Food Service is accepting bids for the purchase of food, non-food, janitorial, paper, milk, buns, bread and breakfast products for the 2003-2004 school year. Information may be obtained from Vicki Eaton, Business Manager, Administration Office at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All bids must be returned to Charles Ketchum, Food Service Director, at 708 West Stinson by 2:00 p.m. on June 2, 2003. Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. All bids must be for the entire 2003-2004 school 7-2tc-94

Card of Jhanks

Thank You!

We want to Thank everyone who ook the time to look for our missing He has arrived back at home afely. A special thank you t DeBruce Grain, Westway, Agri Dis ributors and the Vet Clinic for looking

Anna and Shirley Brockman

Thank You

The family of Leonard Wilhelm would like to thank each of you, for the love and compassion shown through out his illness and loss. We are grateful for the prayers, phone calls, cards and visits. The beautiful flowers and wonderful food were comforting. We greatly appreciate the memorials remembering our husband, dad and grandfather.

A special thanks to Father John Hickey, Msgr. Erpen, Deacon Al Maurer and Ethyl Schmucker for bringing the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

We are grateful to come from such a loving and caring community, one that Dad truly cared for. May God bless you!

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ATTENTION: All interested individuals!

Would you like to have your fields scouted for weeds, insects and diseases? The Castro/Lamb County scouting program will start June 1st through the end of the growing season. All crops are welcome, cost is \$4.25 per acre. The scouting program is open for individual producers, agribusinesses, gins and elevators. Clientele will receive weekly field reports and newsletters to update you on what's going on.

For more information contact Emilio Nino, Castro/Lamb EA IPM at (806) 647-4116 or 4115.

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Card of Thanks

When a loved one passes away, you are reminded of all the nice people who have contacted you. Those who shared their friendship in days gone by with your prayers, visits, cards and love during their illness. Then when God calls them home, there are so many that share your loss, and we need to thank each one of you. We wish to thank God for our hospital, doctors and nurses who have gone beyond the call of duty. A special thanks to our doctors, Bizzell, Hardee and Matos, for your concern and for keeping our loved one as pain free as possible. For the nursing staff who really displayed their tender loving care. Nowhere else could you receive such love and concern. A special thanks also for the sweet fellowship of Lee Street Baptist Church, to Bro. Jeff Addison for his message, visits to our home and at the hospital. To Kathy Webb and Christina Addison for their beautiful special music. We thank you for everything, especially most of all for caring. Charles Doss,

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A big thank you to Dr. Vandiver for his past years of service as our dentist!

































Naz takes Bi-District title

At extreme right, the Nazareth Swifts celebrate after their 12-3 win over Morton in Levelland on May 8. At left, Evan Huseman, No. 8 for Nazareth, beats the pitch. Huseman had a pair of hits and four RBIs on the day. The Swifts face Follett in a best-of-three series series, starting today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at Borger. Game 2 is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Borger, with Game 3 to follow, if necessary.









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