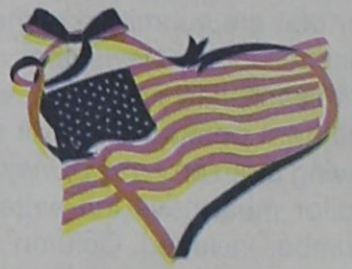


Nazareth meets Hart in a district match-up on Halloween night, Page 8

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County will continue dispatching through 2004

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The county will continue with the dispatch service out of the sheriff's department as it has in the past. On Monday at their meeting, commissioners were told that they had until Nov. 1 to notify the City of Dimmitt if the county was not going to abide by the current contract where the city contributes \$15,000 a year toward paying Sheriff's Department Dispatches. Between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m., all calls made to the Dimmitt Police Department are automatically switched to the Sheriff's Department, which dispatches city officers.

The city and county have been wrangling over city-

county projects for several months, with several commissioners wanting the city to pay more for dispatching.

However, as Judge Bill Sava pointed out, "The citizens of Dimmitt already pay county taxes; if they had to pay more city taxes to pay more for dispatches, it would be like double dipping."

But, Sava said that commissioners this year will do some studies and have a better idea of what they want to do with the dispatching service before next November rolls around. The city council and count commissioners met recently and talked about several city-county agreements, but nothing was decided.

Commissioners said that since that meeting, letters have been sent to the city asking about the dispatcher and other issues. Also on Monday, Commissioner Larry Gonzales said that the city is reneging on its promise to pay its share of more than \$7,000 for work done by the county on Cemetery Road.

Mayor Wayne Collins said he's received nothing since that meeting.

"I met with Larry and told him that we weren't going to pay anything until we renegotiate all the contracts with the county, Collins said. "We have a long-standing agreement that we pay a portion of dispatcher cost, but the issue comes

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It's That Time Of Year For Witches & Goblins

LORRAIN THE WITCH is all decked out for Halloween. She and her husband Richard sell pumpkins of all sizes and colors, as well as home-grown tomatoes from Olton. They're located on the left side of Highway 385 north, beside Town and Country Motel. The Baptist Church has planned a Trunk or Treat party for kids on Friday night; while in Nazareth, the Spook House in Nazareth will be open for several hours after the football game on Friday, but the Halloween Carnival there will be Saturday night with the Spook House open from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. that night. For more information on Trunk or Treat see the Calendar, Page 12. For more information on Nazareth Halloween plans, see Naz News on Page 3 or the Calendar, Page 12. For more on Halloween safety, see Page 9.

FIRST BALE GINNED:

Oct. 23, 2003: Jim Bradford hands Walt Tindal of Easter a check for \$500 to go to his favorite charity. Tindal's was the first cotton baled at the new North Gin facilities. Also pictured are gin workers Jacinto, Salvador, Juan, Omar, Fidel, Trampas, Humberto and Lorenzo. Tindal said the heavy rain this year's crop will be a "very good one." With the new facility, North Gin's capacity has increased from 25 to 27 bales an hour to about 50 bales an hour that can be ginned.



Sheriff hires two new field deputies

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

With the addition of two new deputies Sheriff CD Fitzgearld has a full staff of field deputies.

"Both of the deputies are fresh out of the academy and this is their first field deputy job," Fitzgearld said. "Both are very efficient and with continued training they'll improve to be No. 1 deputies.

"They have a lot of enthusiasm. I'm very happy to have these two men here."

Matthew V. Blackstock and Sky Holcomb have been on the job a few weeks. Fitzgearld recruited Blackstock from his training class at Amarillo College.

"I was the speaker at the commencement, so I took the opportunity to tell the class that I was looking for deputies," Fitzgearld said.

Blackstock, a native of Amarillo, had worked as a correctional officer for two years in the state's prison system before deciding to train for law enforcement at Amarillo College.



Matthew Blackstock



Sky Holcomb

"Dimmitt is a good little town," he said. "Working as a deputy is similar to what I

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Acker earns recognition

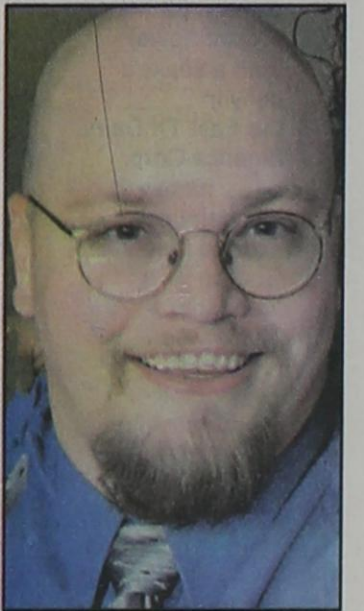
It's not every day that you open "The Dallas Morning News" and see a familiar face.

However, that's just what Don and Betty Acker did recently. The familiar face - that of their son, Vance. He was profiled by the paper for his work in the field of nuclear medicine.

"We were real proud to read about him," Mrs. Acker said.

When Acker graduated from Nazareth High School he joined the Armed Forces. After that, he attended Amarillo College, where he was trained in nuclear medicine technology.

"It sounded really interesting," he told the paper. Acker, who is a certified nuclear medicine technologist at Baylor Medical Center in Waxahachie, said he enjoys the field because "there's something different every



Vance Acker

day." Now, not only is Acker working in the program, he's training eight students in the field. Waxahachie is one of only six training sites in the Baylor system.

The curriculum that he
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	Saturday	73	40	
	Sunday	53	25	
	Monday	60	25	
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2003 Moisture	16.81			

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

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Forum

Changes in driving laws

What is forum?

Every week, the Castro County News will present columns, editorials and letters to the editor that are submitted to the paper. Although the Castro County News does not necessarily agree with each view presented, we feel that ideas from different perspectives will serve our readers by giving them an array of view points. Letters to the editor must have the writer's name and phone number included. Column submissions are also welcome. The Castro County News reserves the right to edit the columns and letters for grammar, style, length and with libel laws in mind. Submission may be by e-mail at editor@castrocountynews.com; via fax at 647-3112; through the mail: P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt, TX 79027; or items may be dropped off at our office, located at 108 W. Bedford St.

The changes range from a new point system for Texas drivers to suspending a driver license of anyone under 21 who is convicted of the manufacture, delivery, possession, transportation or use of an abusable volatile chemical.

Driver Responsibility Law
House Bill 3588 of the 78th Texas Legislature establishes the Driver Responsibility Law with a point system that assigns points to moving violations classified as Class C misdemeanors and applies surcharges to offenders based on the type of offense and the time period in which the citation was received.

For each conviction, the Texas Department of Public Safety will assign points to a person's license as follows: two point sfor a moving violation conviction in Texas or that of another state; points will not be assigned for speeding less than 10 percent over the posted limit or seat belt convictions; three points for a moving violation conviction in Texas or another state that resulted in a vehicle crash.

Points remain on the driver record for three years. Additionally, a conviction that became final before Sept. 1, 2003, does not apply to the assessment of points.

This program does not replace other administrative suspension, revocations or cancellation actions that result from these same convictions.

Driver surcharges
Each year, DPS will assess a surcharge on the license of a driver who has accumulated six points or more during the preceding three-year period. The driver must pay \$100 surcharge for the first six points and \$25 for each additional point.

Annual surcharges for certain convictions
Drivers who receive a conviction for DWI or a DWI-related offense, failure to maintain financial responsibility or driving while license invalid will pay an annual surcharge of three years.

* A first-time DWI results in a \$1,000 surcharge, paid annually for three years.

* A second-time DWI results in a \$1,500 surcharge, paid annually for three years. The charges are cumulative.

For example, a driver could pay \$1,000 as a result a first DWI and an additional \$1,500 for a second DWI, paying \$2,500 annually.

* A conviction for driving while license is invalid or failure to maintain financial responsibility results in a surcharge of \$250, paid annually for three years.

* A driver who is convicted of driving without a valid license receives a \$100 per year surcharge for three years.

The surcharge assessed for this program is in addition to other reinstatement fees required for other

administrative actions.

Driver notification of surcharge and license revocation

DPS will notify the offending driver of the assessment of a surcharge via first-class mail. The notice will state that the surcharge must be paid. Drivers who do not pay their surcharge within 30 days after the notice is sent will have their driving privileges revoked. The license will remain revoked until the person pays all surcharges and related costs, such as service/collection fees. Who receives money from the surcharges?

Gaining economic momentum

By KAY B. HUTCHISON
U.S. Senator, R-Texas

"The good economic news keeps coming," read a recent headline in the Wall Street Journal. That positive statement is a welcome shift amidst challenging economic times. But our efforts to strengthen the economy are far from over, and the jobs picture has not yet brightened enough. In May, Congress passed a \$350 billion jobs and economic growth package to put Americans back to work and stimulate our economy.

The legislation provided tax relief to hard-working families and contained a number of provisions to help individuals and businesses. Our strategy was simple - when Americans keep more of their hard-earned dollars, they'll put that money back into the economy, boosting commerce and jobs creation. By reducing taxes, we did the right thing at just the right time for the American economy. Throughout the summer and now into the

fall, reports from Wall Street to Main Street have reflected an improved economy. Retail sales showed a 12.1 percent annualized increase over the summer, meaning we Americans are spending the extra money in their paychecks from the tax relief we passed earlier this year. Another important economic indicator signaling a strengthening economy is the rise in new housing starts. Orders of manufactured goods continue to increase and shipments of durable goods increased this summer. The Labor Department recently reported that employers created 57,000 jobs in September - the first increase in eight months. And jobless claims are at their lowest point this year. All of this has led to stronger economic growth.

CREATING JOBS

But we need to do more. The economic growth has not yet translated into the broad job creation we would like to see. Fortunately there are a number of items on Congress' agenda that will help put more Americans back to work. The Senate is working to enact additional legislation to create and retain jobs and further accelerate economic growth. Two other items of critical importance are class action litigation reform and a bill to rein in runaway asbestos lawsuits. Class action reform will help victims receive their just financial due while ending abuses and helping businesses focus on growth and jobs rather than fighting expensive lawsuits. Asbestos lawsuits have already accounted for the loss of an estimated 138,000 jobs. Asbestos litigation reform will create new jobs by allowing companies to divert dollars from legal battles costs toward new investment. Both of these reforms help protect jobs and ensure fairness for Americans.

ENERGY POLICY

But one of the most immediate actions Congress can take on the jobs front is finalizing the energy bill. Since I came to the Senate 10 years ago, we've tried to pass a comprehensive energy policy. This year, we finally passed a bill in both the House and Senate, which is currently in a conference committee where differences between the bills will be resolved. The final legislation is expected to create upward of 500,000 new jobs and save even more.

Construction of new pipelines, and investment in new technologies, such as clean coal technology, will create new jobs in math, engineering, physics, science and related fields.

Answer to 10/27 Word Salsa:

SHAPES

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by Tony Tallarico

Circle these English words and their Spanish equivalents, which appear in the grid horizontally, vertically, diagonally and backward. Rodea estas palabras inglesas y sus equivalentes españoles, que aparecen en la cuadrícula horizontalmente, verticalmente, diagonalmente y hacia atrás.

SHAPES

ENGLISH

- ARC
- BALL
- CIRCLE
- CONE
- CONTOUR
- CYLINDER
- HEXAGON
- OVAL
- RECTANGLE
- RHOMBUS
- SQUARE
- TRIANGLE

SPANISH

- ARCO
- PELOTA
- CIRCULO
- CONO
- CONTORNO
- CILINDRO
- HEXAGONO
- ÓVALO
- RECTÁNGULO
- ROMBO
- CUADRADO
- TRIÁNGULO

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ACROSS

- 1 in Montague Co. on hwy. 82
- 5 TXism: "lower than a snake's belly in ___"
- 6 the East TX Dairy Finance Corp. ___ money to buy dairy cows
- 7 Tex-Mex tasty
- 8 George W.'s time (abbr.)
- 9 TX Reeves recorded for ___ Victor
- 12 TX King Ranch has 825,000 of 'em
- 17 goal at Six Flags over TX? (3 wds.)
- 19 TX "___town Scandal" (1971-72)
- 21 TXism: "doesn't know enough to come ___ the rain"
- 22 TX "Eagle" Don
- 23 TXism: "blind ___"
- 28 TXism: "stirred up a hornet's ___"
- 29 "___ out a living"
- 30 Travis Tritt hit: "___ Quarter"
- 31 it ain't "tails"
- 35 milk is ___ material for TX Bluebell
- 36 this Anna Maria was in Alamo film "Last Command"
- 42 "___ Choir" has HQ in Fort Worth
- 44 paint layers

- 46 a very light TX boxer
- 48 this Skeeter won Pulitzer for photography at Dallas Times Herald
- 49 Cowboy Dan Campbell's position (abbr.)
- 50 fly high
- 51 Olajuwon as a Cougar

- 52 DA evidence (abbr.)
- 53 Rockport is "Where the fun never ___"
- 54 TXism: "could shoot the eye out of a ___"
- 56 TXism: "___ bien" (good)
- 57 ___ Grande
- 58 pig's "wickiup"

DOWN

- 1 TXism for "saved" (3 wds.)
- 2 in 1862, 40 suspected Unionists were hanged in no. TX for this crime
- 3 Kimble Co. seat
- 4 this Premiering directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"
- 9 barn critters

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 10 closet items (2 wds.)
- 11 TX J.M. Bullock was on this TV "alien" series
- 12 TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay popular product from New York, TX
- 14 TX Nimitz's ___ in WWII was admiral
- 15 UT has ___ Stanley Gardner's complete study
- 16 drove fast
- 18 election day (abbr.)
- 20 this Young created storied "Curtain Club" at UT (init.)

- 23 ___ Belo Corp. is TX media giant
- 24 dir. to Corpus from San Antonio (abbr.)
- 25 TXism: "fast as ___ up a rafter"
- 26 desolate by death
- 27 TXism: "unnecessary ___ grease on a jackrabbit"
- 32 TXism: "let ___"

- 33 Greg Abbott's position (abbr.)
- 34 22-across init.
- 36 "Honest ___"
- 37 TX "Moonraker" actress Chile
- 38 outlaw Hardin quote: "Texas, ___!"
- 39 TXism: "I'd have ___ better to die"
- 40 "tall Texas ___"
- 41 bit of gossip
- 43 dir to Austin from Dallas
- 45 George H. (abbr.)
- 47 DART is Dallas mass "
- 48 "___ la vista"
- 55 X-mas gift (2 wds.)

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Robert and Frances Duke and their daughter, Sandra, of Borger, took a fall foliage trip to Angel Fire, N.M., recently. Frances said it was the most beautiful scenery they had ever seen. Sandra drove over to the nearby Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The three Dukes made the Enchanted Circle before returning home.

Zay Gilbreath, a graduate of DHS, the husband of Charlotte Mears Gilbreath, son-in-law of the late Sam and Virginia Gilbreath, was honored this week by A&M University at College Station.

Zay was being recognized as an outstanding alumni for his work with the agriculture and life sciences department. These words are inscribed on the plaque: Your commitment to leadership as a former student exemplifies the rich tradition of which the college is proud. A tradition of training leaders for the agriculture industry.

Zay and Charlotte live in Amarillo and are the parents of Mark, his wife Jennifer of Amarillo; Gary of Frisco; and Alan and Sherry who live in Kohler, Wis. That's where they make the beautiful bathroom fixtures we see advertised in decorator magazines.

Those from Dimmitt who attended the ceremonies for the award presentation are Coby and Matt Gilbreath, Louise Mears and Genell Craig.

Genell and Louise drove on up to Magnolia, Ark., to see Genell's daughter and son-in-law, Diedra and Steve Henderson and their two children, Kirsten and Eric. Eric is in the fourth grade. Kristin is a twirler at Magnolia Junior High School. She performed at the high school football game on Friday night. It was worth the extra 10 hours or so it took for the trip from College Station to see Genell's family.

Bill and Martha Dannevik are proud to announce that after five darling grandsons, they now have a precious baby granddaughter. Her name is Chloe-Kate and she belongs to Paul and Kathy Dannevik and has a big brother Gaylor, who is 3. They live in Lubbock. Chloe-Kate's aunts are Leisa Dannevik Fulligin of near Plainview and Debbie Dannevik Myres of Lubbock.

Grandmother Martha got to spend a week with Chloe-Kate. She had to remind Leisa and Debbie that she (Martha) is the grandmother and deserves a few priorities over the aunts. They are having lots of fun buying pink!

Van and Carole Hopson have just celebrated 25 years of marriage. They had dinner out and returned home for cake that was a small replica of their original cake, served with napkins from their wedding reception. The cake was adorned with the bride and groom ornament from the original cake. V.C. and I invited ourselves to participate. We took pictures and looked at the wedding pictures of 25 years ago.

Van and Carole have two sons - Cody and his wife Kelly of Pilot Point and Cory of Lubbock; and three grandchildren - Taylor, Berkley and Kason.

At the FBC ladies encounter Katy Ivey welcomed the guests, Elaine Steinle introduced Debra Ball, who shared her testimony and Sherry Shaeffer, who was the speaker for the evening.

The Tuesday Bridge Club that meets at the Senior Citizens Building had three tables this week. Carol Lantz was hostess. They don't tally the score and don't take the game

too seriously. If you would like to play bridge with them, talk to Louise Mears, Carol Lantz or Loranel Hamilton or any of the members. They often need substitutes.

When Jo Prater and Beth Beecher were here for the Smith Opus, they reported that their mother, Kate Beecher, was living in Madison, Miss., at the retirement home near Jo's home. She is very happy there, but misses her friends and would appreciate a card or letter. Her address is:

C/O Jo Prater
115 Sumach
Madison, Miss. 39110

Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards have just moved into the Mildred and Shirley Garrison Center. Their address is:

Garrison Care Center
3710 4th St.
Lubbock, TX 79415

Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumberra, 647-4266

Hector and Sylvia Rodriguez of Dimmitt will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on Nov. 2. Actually, their anniversary is on Nov. 3, which is a Monday and you know that's a work day for everyone. Plans for this celebration were not final for the Hispanic Voice as of my deadline, but I do know that the Rodriguez kids are coming in on Oct. 31. Also, one of their grandchildren is celebrating a birthday on that day. His name is Israel Rodriguez and will be 10 years old, so it will be a double celebration for the Rodriguez family. Sylvia also commented that two of her kids have birthdays in November, so they may celebrate theirs, too. Coming from Big D is Orlando; his birthday is on the Nov. 15. Bobby is also from Dallas and his birthday is on the 24th. Brenda, age 23, lives in Dimmitt; Hector Jr. is coming from Austin to help celebrate. Sylvia said they have 11 grand kids and two on the way. Hector is self-employed and a mechanic and Sylvia works for Excel. Gosh Sylvia, you will have a house full. Congratulations from the Hispanic Voice.

I recently heard from an old friend of mine, (actually, she's very young); her name is Maria Chuy Medrano (formerly Maria Chuy Saucedo). Chuy's parents are from Dimmitt; they are Miguel and Teresa Saucedo. Everyone knows Teresa; she works for Dimmitt ISD and not too long ago, they had a son who played basketball here.

Also named Miguel, he's the one that could make those shots from downtown. Anyway, getting back to Chuy, she is now married to

Sgt. Francisco Miguel Medrano. Sgt. Medrano is current in Iraq and should be returning to the USA in or about Nov. 5. Chuy and Miguel have not seen each other in about six months and she is very excited he's coming home and can hardly wait until he returns. Miguel's parents are Miguel Medrano and Maris Cozbe of Coronado Acres in Hereford. Miguel has four brothers - they are David, Gabriel, Daniel and Juan Medrano. A sister named Claudia Medrano lives in Houston. Chuy said that they are planning a big homecoming party for him and his family from Hereford are going to Fort Hood to help welcome him home, also. Miguel graduated from Dimmitt ISD in 1997. He joined the service soon after graduation. Chuy said that we all continue to pray for our troops still over in Iraq, for the fallen soldiers and their families. Chuy, thank you so much for this information.

Belle Lumberra was in the Castro County Hospital this weekend; she had a round of pneumonia and is doing better, we think. She is going to try real hard to Trick or Treat this Friday. We are supposed to follow up on this and from what I could tell it could be this Friday. So she said to tell everyone if her porch light is OFF, she may still be at the doctor's office, as she is going to Lubbock that day. Hopefully, we will be back. Stay tuned.

Prayers are asked for Ricarda Acevedo, Marcelina Acevedo, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman, Maria and Richard Rivera.

Naz News with Virgie Gerber,

A benefit steak cookout was held Saturday evening at the Community Hall for Shay Wilhelm, a junior at Nazareth High School. The event was sponsored by the Nazareth Knights of Columbus with the help of many others. Shay is the son of Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm. A great crowd of relatives and friends enjoyed the evening.

Raffle winners were Karen Schulte, \$50 cash donated by the Senior Class; Denise Gerber won \$25, donated by the Senior Class; Liz Olvera won the Sony MP3 Player donated by the Junior Class; David Bounds won the birdhouse, made by Charlie

Rundell and donated by the Sophomore Class; Keith Hoelting won the Railroad Nail Cross, made by Clifford Gerber, donated by the Sophomore Class; Rosie Kleman won the Soap Box arrangement, made by Carol Gary, donated by the Sophomore Class; Lawrence Schmucker won the \$40 gift certificate to Logan's, donated by the Freshman Class; Ed Ramaekers won \$40 gift certificate to West Gate Mall, donated by the Freshman class; Rhonda Dyer won the \$25 gift certificate to Cinemark, donated by the Freshman Class.

The baseball pots at \$50

each were won by Jill Huseman, Joan Backus and Bea Hoelting.

Winners of the bid items were Farmers Brothers Gift Basket won by Beavis Der Butthead; Ben and Gaylene; Cale Wilhelm won the Dale Earnhardt Nascar, paid by his Uncle Hugh Wilhelm and donated by Gene and Michelle, Neal and Colleen, Robert and Becky and Ben and Gaylene; Cindy Wilhelm won the autographed baseball card binder, numbered Nolan Ryan cars and Nolan Ryan plaque; Michelle Schmucker won a gift snack basket, donated by Doug and Alice Wilhelm; Nancy Fuller won an Afghan, made by Betty Wilhelm; Logan Schulte won a basketball blanket, donated by Cecil and Norita Hoelting; Elaine Kern won a Pampered Chef gift basket, donated by Elmer and Florene Schulte; Danny Schilling won a \$25 Pampered Chef gift certificate, donated by John and Vanessa Welps; Marvin Schmucker won the Holiday Firehouse, donated by Stanley and Shelly Schulte; Vera Ramaekers won the Lotion and Candle Gift basket, donated by Greg and Karen Schulte; Alvin Kleman won the ice chest cooler, donated by Eric and Leona Wilhelm; Rex Ramaekers won the wrench set, donated by Hugh Wilhelm; Michelle Schmucker won the Lonesome Dove book, autographed by Larry McMurtry, donated by Mark and Vicki Cheney; Darrin Heiman won the Holiday Inn and Outback Steakhouse gift certificate, donated by Raymond and Kim Huseman.

Congratulations to Lindsie M. Gerber, who was inducted into the Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society at WTAMU on Sunday afternoon in the Alumni

Banquet Hall. Membership is limited to students with a GPA of at least 3.5 and who rank in the Top 10 percent of the junior and senior classes. Attending were Lindsie's parents, Carroll and Denise Gerber and grandmothers Evelyn Rossi and Virgie Gerber.

The annual Halloween Carnival will be held in the Nazareth Community Hall for all ages, from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 8. The concession stand will feature "Mexican Fiesta" and homemade desserts.

The "Spook House" will be held in the old café on Highway 86 (orange and white building between St. Mary's Street and First Street). On Friday, the Spook House will open for a few hours after the Nazareth-Hart football game. Then on Saturday, the hours from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Both events are sponsored by the Nazareth Band Parents.

Ed and Leola Ramaekers and Carl Dean and Mary Kleman spent last weekend visiting Ester Braddock and family in McKinney. On Sunday they drove to Lake Texoma, where Bernard and Irene Kleman have spent the month fishing and helped Bernard celebrate his 80th birthday.

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An allergy occurs when your body overreacts to a substance that it thinks will be harmful. For instance, some people's bodies will try to flood dust out with tears and mucus. Allergies often trigger other problems such as conjunctivitis or pinkeye. Over 22 million Americans suffer from severe allergies, and most of these individuals also have allergic conjunctivitis.

Many allergens such as pollen, mold, dust and pet dander are located in the air and come in contact with your eyes and nose. Certain times of the year may be worse than others depending on the allergy. Plant pollens and molds are the most common causes for chronic seasonal allergies.

In response to allergens, your body produces an antibody that triggers cells in the lining of your eyes and airways to release inflammatory substances. This can result in a number of symptoms including itchy, red or sore eyes, tearing, eyelid swelling and a feeling that dust is in your eye. Ask a vision specialist about the options you have to reduce your body's response to allergens or alleviate some of the more bothersome symptoms.

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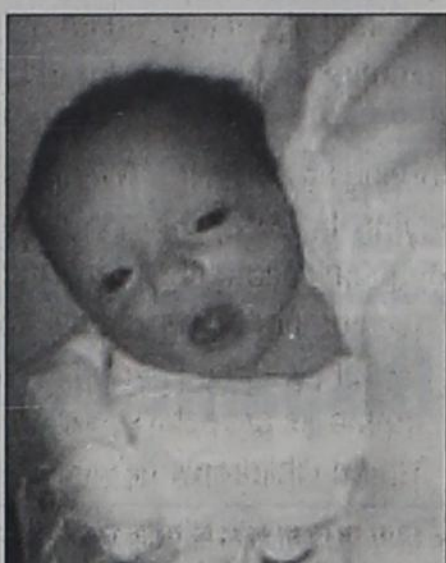


Who's New

RIVER LEE YATES

Kip and Jamie Yates of Brooklyn, N.Y., are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Oct. 23, 2003, at NYU Medical Center in Manhattan, N.Y.

River Lee Yates was born at 4:43 a.m. and weighed 6-pounds and 10-ounces; he was 18-inches long. Kip Yates was born in Dimmitt and lived in Dimmitt for a number of years. Grandparents are Bill and Dee Brisco of Dimmitt and Don Brewer of Dallas.



RIVER LEE YATES

MACY ALLYSE MCGEE

Coby and Carla McGee of Lubbock are the proud parents of a daughter born Feb. 17. Her name is Macy Allyse McGee. She weighed 6-pounds, 8-ounces and was 19½-inches long.

She has two brothers, Jacob, 4½ and Aaron, 2.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Frye of Dimmitt and Jackie Butler of Dallas. Great-grandparents are Harland and Hertha Frye of Easter and Iva Hudman of Lubbock.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Efrain Salazar Jr., son of Janie and Efrain Salazar of Hart, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Salazar is a 1999 graduate of Hart High School.

During the eight-week program, Salazar completed a variety of training, which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations". This exercise gives recruits the key skills and confidence they need to graduate and take to the fleet. "Battle Stations" has been designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Movie theater set to reopen

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

The movie theater in town is under new management for the second time in a year.

Jerry Owen and his niece Christy Owen, both of Lubbock, are planning to open the theater as early as Sunday.

"We happened to see the ad in the Thrifty Nickel, came to Dimmitt, liked the town and decided to buy it," Jerry Owen said.

"We've had a lot of people stop and talk to us since we've been here working on the theater.

"I think that Dimmitt people want a movie theater." Although they'll live in

Lubbock, Owen said they'll also rent an apartment here.

Since buying the theater, he said they'd done a lot of cleaning to the interior.

The theater will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays. There will be Saturday and Sunday matinees, which will start at 12:15 p.m. Admission for adults will be \$6; \$5 for students; and \$4 for seniors and children 11 and under.

"We'll be running some specials where you get a free child's ticket with each adult ticket your purchase," he said. "We're going to the schools in the area and work on special deals for the students."

Amarillo College inducts 65 into honor society

Amarillo College recently inducted 65 new members into the Beta Eta Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa.

Among the 65 is Christian Fuentes of Dimmitt.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society of community colleges charged with promoting scholarship, leadership, fellowship and service.

There are more scholarships available for active participants at the chapter level.

Bizzell talks to Richardson 3rd graders

Dr. Syklar Bizzell spoke to the third grade at Richardson Elementary on Thursday, Oct. 23. Third graders have been studying about bones and nutrition in science. Dr. Bizzell showed X-rays.

He also used a powerpoint presentation on bones, muscles and tendons.

He brought models of joints for the children to look at and study, and he talked about how important calcium is for bones to develop and grow properly.



Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Vaden Mays

Fregia - Mays

Meagan Fregia of Flower Mound was united in marriage to Wesley Vaden Mays of Carrollton at the home of Ed and Nena Wynne in Flower Mound by Judge Becky Kerbow on Sept. 27, 2003.

The bride is the daughter of Bob Fregia of Flower Mound; the groom is the son of Anthony and Mary Mays of Dimmitt.

She was given in marriage by her father.

The bride wore a candlelight Grecian gown with crystal beading on the front and a crystal tiara and necklace for accents.

Matron of honor was Sarah Barrows of Lewisville.

Best man was Raymond Powers, originally from Dimmitt, but who now lives in Dallas.

Ring bearer was Joshua Baum, son of the bride.

The bride's attendant wore a Grecian-style, wine-colored gown with matching shoes.

The outdoor night wedding was held in the Wynne's yard and featured Harley Davidson motorcycles bordering the aisle with crystal lights in the trees; floating candles in the pool; and candles and tiki torches as accents.

The bride and groom had a selection of non-traditional music played throughout the evening.

The reception was held in the year, featuring finger foods, wedding cake and punch.

Music was provided by the bride's brother, Justin Fregia.

After a wedding trip to Fort Walton Beach, Fla., the couple will live in Carrollton.

She is a 1999 graduate of Flower Mound High School and works for Rosemead Town Properties.

The groom is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended Tarleton College and works for Brazos Properties of Dallas.

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CHURCH NEWS

Come unto me

BY DAVID FULTZ

While we were sitting around the table talking about some of the difficulties that come upon us and how we handle them, a man asked, "Do you suppose this country will ever again experience a time like the depression years in the last 1920s and 30s!"

Whether this happens or doesn't happen, we know that every man, rich or poor, in good times or bad, faces many difficulties.

We all need help to overcome. Some of the things that we think would be helpful like riches, often

become more of a hindrance than a help to us. This was true of the rich, young ruler of Matt. 19:16-2, and of many other who allow things to stand in their way of following Christ and reaping the joy that comes to every person who follows Him (Matt. 19:27-29).

One of the things that those who went through the Great Depression learned was to get by on very little of this world's goods and still be happy. The greatest lesson, however, was that we learned the strength that was gained from taking time to listen to the Gospel and to

read the Bible. Gospel meetings were often two-or-three weeks long and well attended. Jesus said that one of the signs of His coming into the world was that "... the poor have the gospel preached unto them." Matt:11-2-5. And it is stated in Mark 12:37 that "the common people heard Him gladly." When we come to Christ, we can "cast our every burden on Him and find rest for our souls" Matt. 11:28-30. Let's all make a special effort to hear His Word preached every time it is presented, knowing the importance of it in our lives.

David Fultz is pastor at Parkway Drive Church of Christ.

Drawing strength from the Lord

By DORIS HUCKERT

Nehemiah 8:10 "The joy of the Lord is my strength."

Webster defines joy as being "the emotion evoked by well-being, success or good fortune, or by the prospect of possessing what one desires or state of happiness."

Joy is a powerful spiritual force not just a warm, happy feeling that happens now and then when things to well.

If you look at Nehemiah 8:10 and leave out the phrase "of the Lord" you will see He is saying, "Joy is strength."

They are interchangeable. For one to be strong in the Lord, He uses joy to do the job!

It is not a state of mind or fleeting emotion; but a real force and the devil cannot stand up against it. As fear

has to yield to faith, discouragement must yield to joy.

Galatians 5:22: "The Fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace." Since joy is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, you have it abiding within you. So develop it, confess it and live by it if you want to enjoy its power.

Whatever circumstances you face, you can be full of joy.

You can be strong in the Lord.

You can draw on the Holy Spirit within you and come out on top. Rejoice!

1 John 1:4: "These things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

Doris Huckert is chaplain at Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab and Hospice Chaplain of Castro County Hospital District.

Annual Thanksgiving service set for Sunday, Nov. 23

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance invites the public to its annual Thanksgiving Service.

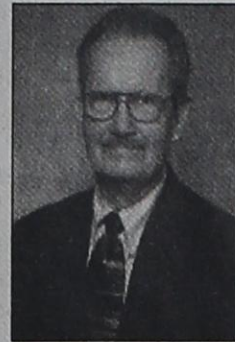
"It is an honor to be able to come together as a county of believers and to lift our eyes, hearts and lips to the One who alone is worthy of our thanksgiving."

The special celebration will be Nov. 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day, at 7 p.m. at Dimmitt First United Methodist Church.



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Leonard Gray

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Serving as a pilot in WWII, he seriously considered studying to be an aeronautical engineer, but had strong convictions that what this world needed was not so much better airplanes...as better people.

Presently, Gray is serving the church in Tipton, Oklahoma as associate minister and counselor with the Tipton Children's home.

4th and Bedford Church of Christ

Dates	Times
Sunday, November 2nd	6:00 p.m.
Monday, November 3rd	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 4th	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 5th	7:00 p.m.

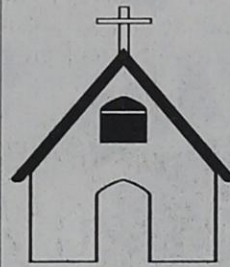
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Obituaries

MARY ELIZABETH BLACKWOOD

Graveside services for Mary Elizabeth Blackwood, 94, of Flippin, Ark., were Oct. 24 at Ridge Park Cemetery in Hillsboro. Mrs. Blackwood died at her home on Oct. 21. She was born May 10, 1909, in Hillsboro, the daughter of F.M. and Eliza Ann Larkey Hilton. She married A.M. Blackwood on March 5, 1943, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 25, 1992. Mrs. Blackwood lived in New Mexico for 37 years, then moved to Dimmitt. She had lived in Flippin since September of 1999. She is survived by a niece, Ann Armstrong of Flippin.

TOBEY OLIVER DURHAM

Services for Tobey Oliver Durham, 33, of Tulia were Oct. 23, 2003, at Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia with the Rev. Rusty Gray of Tulia Christian Fellowship Church, officiating.

Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Durham died Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2003, in Cameron, Okla.

Survivors include three sisters, Diana L. Wilhelm of Nazareth, Donna L. Walz of Lubbock and Dena L. Berry of Tulia; and a brother, Davey L. Durham of New Orleans.

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thought it would be."

Holcomb knows Dimmitt well. He was born here to the late Butch and Jaci Johnson Holcomb and attended school through the second grade before moving with his family to Easter.

His mother, Jaci, now lives with his stepdad Bill Garner in East Texas.

Holcomb also put in more than a year working here as a jailer. Then he worked at the Lamb County jail before attending the academy.

His main reason for picking Dimmitt is that his wife Joy has been a dispatcher for the sheriff's department for a year.

"I love my job and working the night shift," Holcomb said.

And as for Fitzgerald, it's clear he believes he picked two winners.

Acker

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had to go through included clinical praticum, diagnostic nuclear procedures, ethics and law in radiology, nuclear physics, pathology, radiation biology, radiation protection, radionuclide therapy and radiopharmacy.

Acker told the paper the recruits come from various backgrounds, but are drawn to the field "because it's rewarding work."

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



LAST MINUTE PUSH: Shadarah and Natalie Pebsworth of Troop 688 were still working hard Monday, the last day of sales for Girl Scout nuts and candy.

But I've already fixed my windows

I get a real kick when people tell me they "already fixed their windows with scandisk and its still crashing." FYI, scandisk does NOT fix windows and neither does defrag. Neither of them were meant to fix windows. Scandisk is designed to do just that: scan the disk (the hard drive) for damaged (not corrupt) files or fragments and recover them so that



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the user can either use them or discard them - in most cases all you can do is discard them.

Defrag, on the other hand, is designed to defragment the hard drive. This means that data on the drive is moved around so that similar data is close together so that the drive spends less time retrieving it. Once again, defrag does NOT cure any windows problems. Defrag should be run about ever 6 months or so. Running it any more frequently will hardly ever achieve any noticeable performance improvement.

There are some built-in "repair" utilities in windows. Windows 98 had System File Checker which would actually repair corrupt or incorrect versions of files. Windows Me performed this automatically. 2000 and XP on the other hand have the System Restore features. There are also 3rd party utilities such as Norton SystemWorks and others which are designed to fix windows problems, however, they usually slow down your computer considerably and often times create more problems than they cure.

The best fix for windows problems is often times
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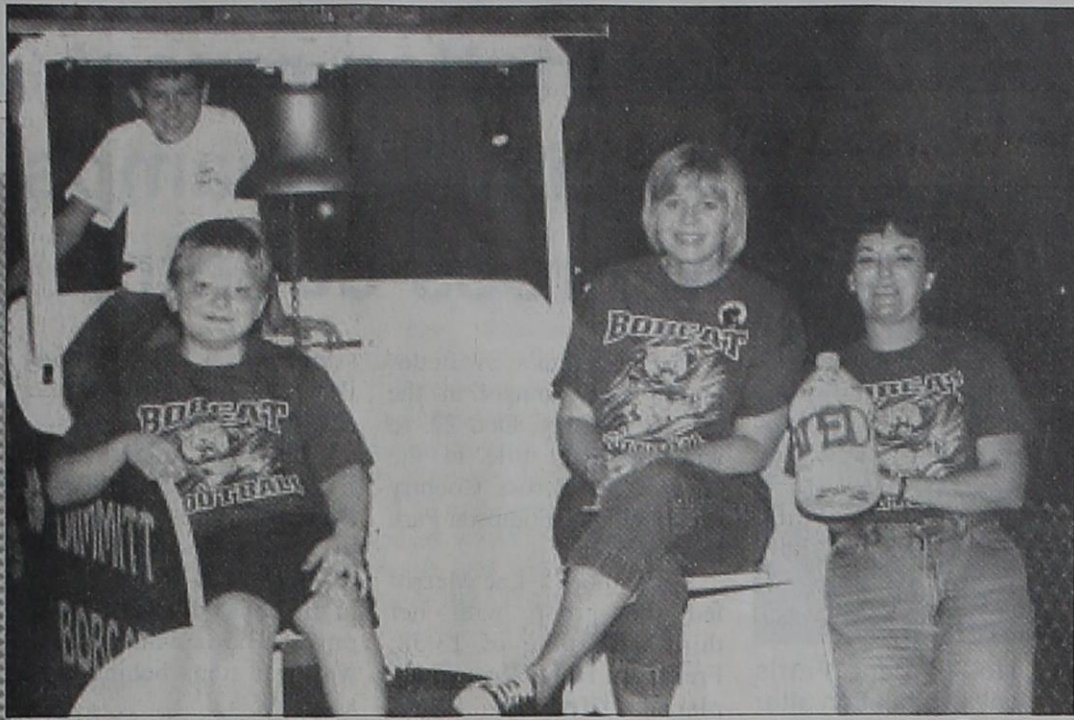
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BOBCAT FEVER: A group of Bobcat supporters perch on the Bobcats Spirit Bell at a recent game. Don't forget to come out Friday night at 7:30 to see Dimmitt takes on Brownfield there in another district matchup.

Bobcats fall to Mules

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

MULESHOE - Six Muleshoe played scored as the Mules won at District 2-3A win against Dimmitt last Friday, 45-0.

"We struggled defensively, gave up too many yards and didn't move the ball on offense," said Dimmitt coach Glen Dunnam.

This week, the Bobcats travel to Brownfield for a 7:30 p.m. district matchup. Dunnam said the team "will just come out plugging. All we can do it try to get better."

"The main thing we're going to work on is stopping the run, because Brownfield is going to run the ball," Dunnam said. "We've going to do a couple of things differently on offense to try and open up the running game."

"We just have to come out and try to play the best we can. We have to do a good

job blocking and tackling." He and his coaches are trying to keep the players as upbeat as possible.

"Brownfield is going to come out and run the ball against us and we'll have to stop the run," he said.

"Their passing game isn't bad. They have one real good receiver. They'll throw the ball some, but if we don't stop the run and make them throw, they'll just keep it on the ground."

Against Muleshoe (3-5, 1-2), the Bobcats were able to amass 142 yards, compared to the Mules 430 total yards.

Muleshoe scored once in the first quarter and twice in the second, leaving the score 22-0 at the half.

The Mules came back and scored once in the third quarter and twice in the fourth, ending the game

with 45 points. Muleshoe had 21 first downs, compared to 10 for the Bobcats.

Leading rusher for the Bobcats was Layne Penney with five carries for 26 yards.

Quarterback Nicky Gauna competed 12 of 28 passes for 130 yards on the night.

Leading receivers were Tyler Myatt with six catches for 67 yards; Raul Melendez with three catches for 26 yards; James Lindsey with one catch for 22 yards; Charley Saenz with one catch for 12 yards and Jared Griffitt with one catch for three yards.

On special teams, James Lindsey had three punts for a 27-yard average, while Raul Melendez had two for a 34.5 yard average.

A pep rally is planned for 3:20 p.m. Friday at the high school

2003 Bobcat Football Schedule

Date	Team	Place	Time
Oct. 31	* Brownfield	There	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	* Lub. Cooper	Here	7:30 p.m.
SEVENTH/EIGHTH GRADE			
Oct. 30	* Brownfield	There	5/6:30 p.m.
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 - Wear your favorite cap
 - Candy starburst-Be a star and say no to drugs.
- Wednesday- (Red Day)
 - Wear red to school.
 - Candy lifesavers-Save your life and stay off of drugs.
- Thursday-(Bandanna Day)
 - Put a ban on drugs.
 - Candy dum dum-Don't be a dum dum stay off drugs.
- Friday-Scare drugs away.
 - Wear Halloween costumes.
 - Candy hersheys-Treasure your life.

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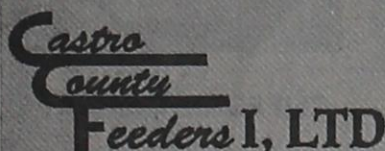
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Swifts handle Bovina

By DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor

BOVINA - After a slow first quarter, the Nazareth Swifts downed Bovina, 32-7, in District 4-1A.

"I felt like we executed well, said Nazareth coach Ricky Peacock. "In the first quarter we got close and misfired on a couple of plays and came away with no points. But our defense was playing real well with some interceptions, giving us short fields.

"In the second quarter, Jordy (Rowland) broke a long run and then we started clicking a little better."

The Swifts (5-3, 2-0) threw for 277 of its 364 total yards, while Bovina (6-3, 2-1) ran for 178 of its 209 yards total.

"We had another solid night on offense," Peacock said. "Overall, as a team, we had three rushers with more than 50 yards and two receivers with more than 60. It was pretty balanced and that's good for the team - not to have to rely on any one person."

Rowland completed 13 of 27 passes for 143 yards with one interception. On defense, he had two tackles, two interceptions and two

fumble recoveries.

Rushing Trey Robb had nine carries for 83 yards and two touchdowns; Rowland had 14 carries for 52 yards and three touchdowns; Tucker Waggoner had 11 carries for 52 yards and Zane Farris had three carries for 17 yards. Receiving, Robb had eight receptions for 70 yards; Stuart Sheffy had three receptions for 60 yards; while Cliff Gerber and Farris had one reception each for eight- and five-yards, respectively. Gerber also kicked to PATs.

On defense, Peacock said the Swifts played great.

"I felt like we pretty much controlled the line of scrimmage defensively," he said. "We had four interceptions and two fumble recoveries. That sure makes it easier on your offense."

Garrett Klemen led the defense with 20 tackles, 1 interception and he caused one fumble. Trey Robb had 10 tackles; Michael Acker, nine; Farris and Edward Wilhelm had four each; Ricky Pena, Alan Gerber and Skyler Birkenfeld had three tackles; Dustin Schulte had three tackles and one



CELEBRATION: NAZERETH'S No. 14 Zane Farris and No. 66 Garrett Klemen walk away in jubilation after dropping a Bovina player Friday night. Farris had four tackles on the night and Klemen had 20 tackles.

interception; Monty Hoelting and Tucker Waggoner had two tackles a piece; and Sheffy, Chase Black, Andrew Brockman and Cliff Gerber had one tackle each.

Nazareth scored three times in the second quarter, on Rowland runs of 35- and 10-yards. The PAT and 2-point conversion both failed. Then Robb scored on a seven-yard run and the PAT was good, giving Nazareth a 19-0 lead at the half. In the third quarter, Robb scored on a three-yard run; the PAT

failed. Then Rowland ran the ball in from eight-yards out for the team's final touchdown; the PAT was good.

"We played solid on both sides of the ball," Peacock said. "Bovina has a good team; they no slough, but we were able to control both sides of the ball most of the night. It was a good win for us."

This week the Swifts take on Hart on Halloween at home with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

"You just throw out the record books on this traditional matchup, line up and play the game," Peacock said. "This will be the third game I've coached against them, but the first time we've had them at home. They're playing pretty well with good team speed and quickness. They fly to the ball defensively. "They're going to present a challenge and our kids are going to have to play well. This is one of those games we don't have to get them too worked up for.

"The last two years, I've heard all the hype about the games and they're been two of the cleaner games we've played."

Right now, the Swifts are sitting pretty atop district with no losses, but that could change, Peacock warns. "We've talked about putting ourselves in a good position in district, but we've still got two games to play," he said. "These kids have been through it before and they know they better show up and play the next two weeks or we'll get beat. They've got to remain focused."

Swiftettes repeat as district champs in cross-country

The Nazareth's Swiftettes placed five runners in the top 10 Tuesday, Oct. 22, to win the team title in the District 3-A Cross Country Meet held at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Sophomore J'Lae Merritt led the group with her third-place time of 13:58; Freshman Heidi Ramaekers placed fifth in 14:07, followed by classmate Candace Birkenfeld, who ran a 14:30 for seventh-place. Other Nazareth runners included junior Jamie Black, eighth in 14:39; senior Kimberly Brockman, ninth in 14:42; and freshman Macee Schulte, 13th in 15:08.

The Swiftettes finished with 32 team points, followed by Happy with 40 and Hedley with 58 points.

In the boy's high school division, freshman Matt Birkenfeld crossed the finish line in 18th place with a time of 25:12.

In the JV girls race,

sophomore Whitney Peacock medaled with a fifth-place finish.

Seventh graders Kyle Birkenfeld and Steven Birkenfeld crossed the line in first and second place, respectively, in the junior high boys division. Kyle ran a 13:56, while Steven was just steps behind with a 13:59.

In the junior high girls race, Nazareth had four runners in the top 10. Eighth-grader Allyson Hochstein won the division with a time of 14:55. Her seventh grade teammate Jenny Merritt was second in 15:09. Seventh graders Kami Rundell and Caitlin Huseman were sixth and seventh with times of 15:25 and 15:30.

Other Nazareth junior high runners included eighth-grader Kelcy Albracht, 11th in 16:54; seventh-graders Bailey Nutt (14th in 17:02), Karis

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Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Oct. 31	Hart*	Home	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Springlake-Earth*	Away	7:30 p.m.
* denote district games			
JUNIOR HIGH			
Oct. 30	HART	Away	5 p.m.
Nov. 6	SPRINGLAKE-EARTH	Home	5 p.m.

Halloween safety tips

The happy ending to a child's Halloween trick-or-treat neighborhood foray usually is gobbling up as many treats as allowed by the resident grown-up.

The other successful conclusion to the Oct. 31 ritual, according to Texas Department of Health (TDH) safety experts, is the safe return of all participants.

TDH offers these safety tips for children:

- * Look left, right and left again for cars and trucks before crossing the street. Walk on sidewalks. If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic.

- * Don't cut across lawns or go through backyards, parks and alleys.

- * Don't hide behind cars or cross the street from between parked cars; go to a corner.

- * Never accept rides from strangers or take treats from someone who's in a car or truck.

- * Use a flashlight and be sure it has fresh batteries.

- * Always wear light-colored costumes and put reflective strips on them. Be sure costumes are short enough so you will not trip.

- * Wear comfortable shoes that fit. High heels or big

floppy shoes are not safe for walking.

- * Use face paint rather than a mask or hood that covers your eyes.

- * Stay away from lighted candles, matches and open fires.

- * Be careful around animals. Even pets you know may be scared by costumes and loud or strange noises.

- * Trick-or-treat only at houses where you know the people and then only if the porch light is on.

- * Don't eat any treats until they are checked by an adult.

TDH offers these safety suggestions for adults:

- * Look for a "flame resistant" label on costumes, masks, beards and wigs. Use fire-resistant materials when making costumes.

- * Be sure children carry only soft, flexible knives, swords or other props.

- * Accompany trick-or-treaters under 12.

- * Set a time for older children to be home. Know the route they will take.

- * Never let a child go trick-or-treating alone. Be sure at least two buddies go together.

- * Remove breakable items or obstacles such as ladders,

tools and toys from your yard.

- * Keep jack-o'-lanterns and lighted candles away from areas where costumes or paper decorations might touch the flame.

TDH offers this safety information for motorists:

- * Slow down in residential neighborhoods.

- * Watch for children in the street or on medians and curbs. Be especially aware that children may cross the street in the middle of the block.

- * Enter and exit driveways slowly and carefully.

- * If you are driving children around for trick-or-treating, be sure they get in and out of the car on the curb side of the car, away from traffic.

- * Do not wear a Halloween mask while driving.

Parents need to remind children about safety dos and don'ts every year.

Parents still need to check all treats.

Look at the wrapping carefully, and throw away anything that looks suspicious.

Inspect fruit for any punctures or holes. Wash fruit carefully and cut open before eating.

Longhorns down Springlake-Earth

By BOB LIBBY

Both teams came into Friday's game winless in district competition so a lot of pride was at stake, as the Longhorns came away with a 24-6 win.

After receiving the opening kickoff, the Longhorns marched the ball down the field capping off an 11-play drive with a rushing touchdown. This drive was highlighted by a 42-yard reception by Roy Robledo from quarterback A.J. Carrasco. Robledo finished off the drive with a one-yard touchdown run and his PAT conversion was good. The Wolverines were unable to generate any offense and, on the second series, the Horns once again put together a

series of plays culminating in a 10-yard touchdown pass from Carrasco to Eran Castillo. On the fourth play of this series, Carrasco connected with Isaias Ponce for a 29 yard completion. Carrasco completed all six pass attempts in the first quarter for 121 yards.

The Longhorn defense played well all night long. Springlake-Earth was unable to create any momentum as the aggressive defense limited the Wolverines to 28 yards rushing and 57 yards passing in the first half. The second quarter was controlled by the defenses on both sides, leaving the score 13-0 Hart at halftime.

On the second series of the third quarter, Hart put

together another string of impressive plays. This drive was sparked by an impressive throw and run from Carrasco to Castillo for 31-yards and the third score of the night. Josh Reyna was the recipient of a Carrasco pass for the successful two-point conversion making the score 21-0 in favor of the Longhorns. Hart's final score came in the fourth quarter when kicker Roy Robledo was successful from 20 yards out to make the score 24-0. Springlake-Earth was able to score late in the fourth quarter on a one-yard touchdown run from Curt Bills to make the final score Hart 24 Springlake-Earth 6. The Horns are 1-2 in district and 2-6 for the season.

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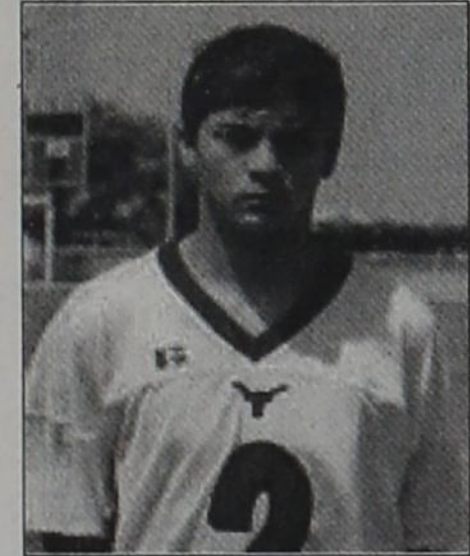
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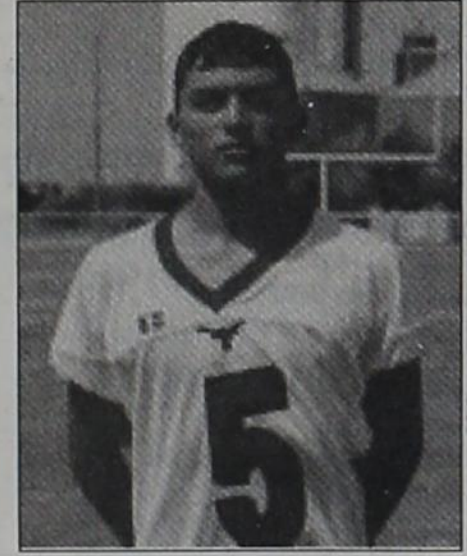


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 TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS:
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, shall, at 6:30 o'clock, p.m., on November -, 2003 hold a hearing for the purpose of amending the City of Dimmitt Zoning Ordinance. The amendment of the Zoning Ordinance would allow property owners to construct or place a building adjacent to the "rear lot line" of the owner's property (next to the alley). The present regulations require that all buildings be at least ten (10) feet from the "rear lot line".
 Any citizens who are in support or opposition to the proposed change of the Zoning Ordinance are invited to be at the scheduled hearing.
 Don Sheffy,
 City Secretary
 30-2tc-126

Legal Notice

To Amado Caldera, if he is deceased, to his heirs you are hereby notified that the mobile home 14x65 located at 410 N.E. 6th is in violation of City of ordinance #406 of the City of Dimmitt Code.
 If problems are not corrected within 10 days the City of Dimmitt will get a court order to demolish this property.
 Karen Hutson
 Code Enforcement Officer
 City of Dimmitt
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Thank You

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PRECINCT #2	\$ 72,138.85	\$
PRECINCT #3	\$ 94,956.71	\$
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The Nazareth Independent School District, Nazareth, Texas is accepting bids for the following:

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All bids must be submitted by 3:00 P.M. local time, Nov. 16, 2003 and addressed to or faxed to:

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Fax: (806) 863-2479

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Separate bids will be received for each bid package or a combination of bid packages.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 3:00 P.M., local time, Nov. 9, 2003. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Nazareth, Texas.

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

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RED RIBBON WEEK AT HART:

In an effort to increase awareness about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, the Hart Student Council planned many activities for Red Ribbon Week. Monday was proclaimed "Put a lid on Drugs" students wear caps. Tuesday - Hugs not Drugs, students brought stuffed animals. Wednesday - War on Drugs, students wore camoflage or patriotic clothing. Thursday - Team up against Drugs, students wore clothes to support their favorite team. Friday - Scare away drugs, dress in Halloween costumes. Student Council members held a Drug-Free pep rally on Monday to kick off Red Ribbon Week. At left, juniors front to back: Amber Moore, D'Neise Smith, Adrienne Hart, Alex Reyna, and Sofia Flores join in the fun on Hugs Not Drugs Day.



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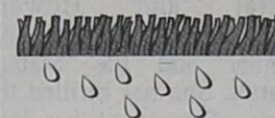
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Community Calendar

Last chance to get holiday greenery

The Dimmitt High School Chapter of the National Honor Society is selling fresh-cut greenery for the Christmas holidays. Sales will end Oct. 31. The greenery will be delivered the first full week of December. For more information, contact Cinnamon Bradley at 647-3105.

Nazareth Band sponsors carnival

The Nazareth Band will be sponsoring a Halloween Carnival from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Nazareth Community Hall. There will be numerous games, including a costume contest. There will also be a concession, featuring Mexican Fiesta and homemade desserts. Afterward, there will be a Spook House, from 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The Spook House will be located on Highway 86 (the orange and white building between St. Mary's Street and First Street).

Trunk or Treat at First Baptist

The Preschool and Children's ministries of First Baptist Church will host a TRUNK or TREAT Party for all Pre-Kindergarten through sixth-grade children. TRUNK or TREAT will be held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 31 in the back parking lot.

Parents wanting to hand out treats are asked to come by 5:15 p.m. and park their car in the back parking lot with the trunk facing the inside of the lot. Treats should be placed in their trunk and handed out as the children come by.

If you would like to contribute candy, please bring it by the church office by 3 p.m. Friday and it will be distributed at TRUNK or TREAT.

Vocal Showcase at Home Merc

The public is invited to attend a Vocal Showcase on Sunday evening, Nov. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth. Featured vocalists will be gospel singer Terry W. Davis from Amarillo, Spanish and English folk singer Raul Guerrero from Hereford; Jaime Birkenfeld, a junior at NISD; and a trio from Tulia: Robert Rocha, Roy Martinez, and Pearl Grubb. Everyone is invited to come early for a potluck supper at 5 p.m. Bring a covered dish if you can. The evening will also be a celebration of All Soul's Day or Dia de los Muertos. Some local students are arranging a display to celebrate this important day, and they will lead a short prayer service. Weather permitting, there will also be a visit to Holy Family Cemetery before the potluck supper. Those interested in participating need to arrive at the Home Mercantile by 4:45 p.m.

FUMC dinner, bazaar set

First Methodist Church of Dimmitt is holding its annual dinner and bazaar from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 4 at the church. Take-outs are available by calling the church office, 647-4106, starting Monday, Nov. 3, through Tuesday morning. All plates are \$7. Proceeds go to support UMW missions.

Spaghetti supper set for Nov. 7

Kids Inc. is sponsoring a pre-game spaghetti supper from 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 7, at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 due at the door.

Please see any of the Kids,



TRIO SELECTED FOR FOCUS LUBBOCK: Three South Plains College students have been selected to participate in Focus Lubbock, a series of monthly cultural programs designed to enhance awareness of the city's employment, cultural and educational opportunities. From left are Stan Weathered, director of student activities and a member of the Focus Lubbock Steering Committee; Brandi Garibay from Olton; Tawny Cannon from Wolfforth; and Bianey Saucedo from Dimmitt. Lissa Sharp, dean of student life at SPC, is also a member of the steering committee. The group, which includes students from Texas Tech, Lubbock Christian and Wayland Baptist Universities, will participate in Llano Estacado Day. (SPCPhoto)

Inc. board members to get your tickets. Board members are Jon Riddle, Shirley Lindley, Rudy Bonilla, Carla Schilling, John Henderson, Melissa Carpenter, Ruben Martinez, Albert Acevedo, Nick Lara and Dione Steffens.

Hallelujah Night in Hereford

Hallelujah Night is coming in Hereford Friday, Oct. 31. NEW TIME is 5 to 7 p.m., so you can still make the ballgame. This is a fun night with games, booths, cotton candy and prizes AND it's all free! It's our gift to you and your kids to keep them safe this year. A concession stand is available. This year there is a giant tee-pee along with X-treme games. Hallelujah Night is a ministry to you from the Hereford Church of the Nazarene, 1410 La Plata.

Castro County Sheriff's Department sponsors country and gospel music show

A high-energy country, gospel and comedy show will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Sponsored by the Castro County Sheriff's Department, this good, clean family entertainment program, "The Texas Music Jubilee" will be returned for the sixth Annual Benefit Concert. Proceeds will go for equipment needed at the Sheriff's Department.

Tickets will be available at the Sheriff's Department and at the door. Fill out your ticket stub for door prizes.

For more information, contact Jan at the Sheriff's Department at 647-3311 or 647-4611.

The show will feature an appearance by "One Day At A Time" TV, radio, recording artist, Jeanette Lunsford, who is often called, "The Queen of Gospel Music." Jeanette has toured the United States and performed with such greats as Kitty Wells, Mel Tillis, Lulu Roman, Louise Mandrel, Vestal and Howard Goodman and the late J.D. Sumner and the Stamps Quartet. She has thrilled the hearts of many as her love for Jesus flows through words and music touching all who hear her strong and sincere testimony.

Also on the concert will be "The 4 Given Quarter" from Stratford. They are known throughout the five-state area for their exceptional four-part harmony. They placed second in the National Christian Artists Talent Search sponsored by Daywind Records.

Also for his first time in Dimmitt will be recording artist Cary Gilham. Cary

also brings along his crazy cousin "Delainard" who is a Christian comedian.

Special guest Cassie Warden will bless the audience as she does praise interpretation.

And, recording artist Dwayne Williams will be on hand. He has just released a new recording, "Simply Amazing," and his voice has been compared to the great voices in country music like Garth Brooks and Allen Jackson. Williams was in the country music field for many years, but now he uses his talents to glorify God and lift up the name of Jesus.

Need a fund-raiser or community service project?

DREAMS (PTO) will sponsor a Halloween/Fall Carnival from 5 to 9 p.m., Nov. 1, at the Expo Building.

Anyone interested in having a booth at the Carnival should call Sharon Kinser at 647-3491 or Mandy Gfeller at 647-4551. Cost for a booth is \$25.

The PTO is also selling Bobcat and Bobbies Face magnets at one for \$6 or two for \$10. Contact any Dreams members officers or check at the booth set up at the carnival.

Prize money can be claimed

Castro County Fair prize monies can be picked up at the Extension Office, 205 N. Broadway.

English as a second language

Classes are from 7 to 9 p.m., every Tuesday and

Thursday, at 115 E. Bedford in Dimmitt.

For more information, call 647-3415.

Adult basic education offered

Region 16 Education Service Center is offering Adult Basic Education from 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday. The classes will be taught at 115 E. Bedford in Dimmitt. For more information, call 945-2602.

Classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 2. Future orientation/enrollment dates are set for the week of Oct. 6-8, Nov. 3-5, Jan. 5-7, Feb. 2-4, March 1-3 and April 5-7.

Adventure Club to meet at FUMC

The First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt will be sponsoring the Adventure Club, every Tuesday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. It is for kids in kindergarten through fifth-grade.

The children will be picked up after school in front of the flag pole at Richardson Elementary and in front of the Cleveland Gym at the Middle School. For more information, contact the church office at 647-4106 or Kim Hatla at 647-3153.

Band sale

The band students of Dimmitt are selling Christmas cards and various other items to raise money for band projects. Some of the money will go for new instruments for the fifth and sixth grades.

Some of the proceeds will go toward an eighth-grade through senior band trip to New Orleans. For more

Here Comes Santa Claus

Plans are under way for the 2003 Christmas Open House in Dimmitt, set for Nov. 19 and 20.

The Retail Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce selected "Here Comes Santa Claus" as the theme of this year's Christmas promotion which offers shoppers the opportunity to win over \$1,000 in Dimmitt Dollars, merchandise and gift certificates during the holiday season.

The event will extend over a two-day period with Santa visiting the gazebo on Thursday, Nov. 20, at dusk.

Dimmitt Chamber President James Baker reminds local merchants that there is still time to register to take part in this annual Christmas event which attracts visitors and shoppers from around the area.

To participate merchants should contact the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at 115 W. Bedford St. or by calling 647-2524.

information or to make a purchase, contact Mr. Morris at DMS, 647-3108 or any band student.

Marching contest dates are Oct. 4 at Denver City and Oct. 11 at Plainview. UIL is set for Oct. 18.

Start saving boxtops, labels again

It's school time and that means its time to start saving box tops for education and Campbell's labels. Also, D.R.E.A.M.S. (PTO) is asking that residents save Lowe's grocery receipt tapes (dated Sept. 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004).

Box Tops for Education are on many Betty Crocker items such as cake mixes; Pillsbury items such as biscuits, rolls and cookie dough; some Old El Paso products; and General Mills cereal. Labels for Education are labels from all Campbell's soups; V8 Juice; Swanson broths; Franco-American Spaghetti Os; A to Zs and Pasta; and Prego pasta sauces. Also, UPC codes from Goldfish Crackers and lids from Pace Picante Sauce.

Boxes will be set up at or near each principal's office, so you can send the labels, etc., to school with your kids or bring them when you visit the school. Also, boxes will be at 1st Bank Muleshoe, First United Bank, Bobcat Barber Shop, Church of Christ, Headhunters, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

Hearts still available from Quilters

The Friendship Quilters Guild is still selling hearts in honor or memory of loved ones who have fought cancer. The money goes to

benefit the American Cancer Society, as do the proceeds of the quilt after it is raffled off.

To buy a heart for \$5, contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Ina Cleavinger at 647-5352.

Dimmitt Community Network announces November classes

Classes for the Dimmitt Community Network for November include Microsoft Word (Nov. 4 & 11, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee or Nov. 6 and 13, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Microsoft Excel (Nov. 4 & 11, 6-7:30 p.m. and Nov. 6 & 13, 6-7:30 p.m., \$10 fee); Beginning Computers (Nov. 8 & 15, 1-2:30 p.m., \$10 fee).

To sign up for classes, complete a Network application at Rhoads Memorial Library. Classes will be limited to six and will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall "Technology Center" and in the Senior Citizens Center "Learning Center."

You must complete the application forms and receive a password BEFORE you can take a class or use the Network computers. You must pay your class fee when you sign up at Rhoads Memorial Library. Fees will be refunded if classes are canceled; no refund will be given if you sign up and do not attend class.

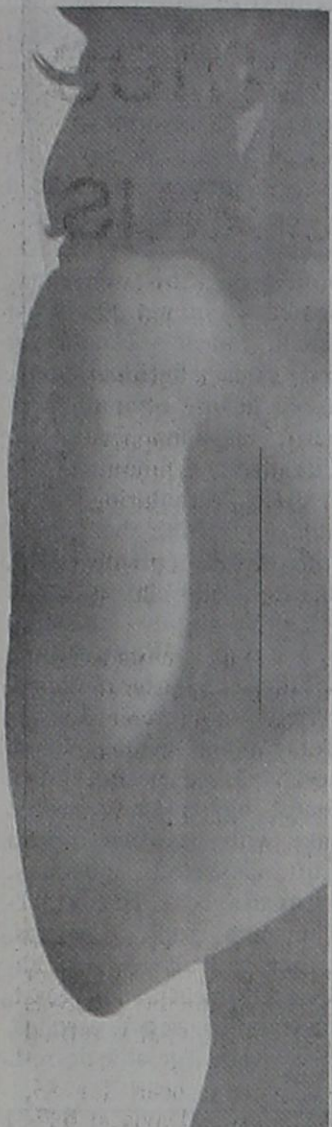
In addition Panhandle Community Services are offering classes in GED preparation and English as a Second Language. The classes are offered at no charge.

Interested parties must contact Stella Devers, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



SERVING UP PANCAKES: Front, left to right, Dewayne Acker, Clint Seward and Jon Riddle; Back, Jim Baker. These Lions were dishing up delicious pancakes with all the trimmings at their annual Pancake Supper, held before the Dimmitt-Littlefield football game at the high school cafeteria.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



A handsome, middle-aged man walked quietly into the café and sat down. Before he ordered, he couldn't help but notice a group of younger men at the table next to him. It was obvious they were making fun of something about him, and it wasn't until he remembered he was wearing a small pink ribbon on the lapel of his suit that he became aware of what the joke was all about. The man brushed off the reaction as ignorance, but the smirks began to get to him. He looked one of the rude men square in the eye, placed his hand beneath the ribbon and asked, quizzically, "This?" With that the men all began to laugh out loud. The man he addressed said, as he fought back laughter, "Hey, sorry man, but we were just commenting on how pretty your pink ribbon looks against your blue jacket!" The middle aged man calmly motioned for the joker to come over to his table, and invited him to sit

down. As uncomfortable as he was, the guy obliged, not really sure why. In a soft voice, the middle aged man said, "I wear this ribbon to bring awareness about breast cancer. I wear it in my mother's honor." "Oh, sorry dude. She died of breast cancer?" "No she didn't. She's alive and well. But her breasts nourished me as an infant, and were a soft resting place for my head when I was scared or lonely as a little boy. I'm very grateful for my mother's breasts and her health." "Umm," the stranger replied, "yeah." "And I wear this ribbon to honor my wife," the middle aged man went on. "And she's okay too?", the other guy asked. Oh, yes she's fine. Her breasts have been a great source of loving pleasure for both of us and with them she nurtured and nourished our beautiful daughter 23 years ago. I am grateful for my wife's breasts, and for her health." "Uh huh. And I guess you wear it to

honor your daughter also?" "No. It's too late to honor my daughter by wearing it now. My daughter died of breast cancer on month ago. She thought she was too young to have breast cancer, so when she accidentally noticed a small lump, she ignored it. She thought that since it wasn't painful, it must not be anything to worry about." Shaken and ashamed, the now sober stranger said, "Oh, man, I'm so sorry mister." "So, in my daughter's memory, too, I proudly wear this little ribbon, which allows me the opportunity to enlighten others. Now, go home and talk to your wife and your daughters, your mother and your friends." "And here," the middle-aged man reached in his pocket and handed the other man a little pink ribbon. The guy looked at it, slowly raised his head and asked, "Can ya help me put it on?"

Breast cancer is the common cancer among American women...

Symptoms that should not be ignored:

- A thickening or lump on the breast or under the arm
- A change in the breast's size or shape
- Nipple discharge and scaly, dimpled or puckered skin on the breast.
- A mass or lump, which may feel as small as a pea.
- Redness of the skin on the breast or nipple.
- Marble-like hardened area under the skin.

These changes may be found when performing monthly breast self-exams. By performing breast self-exams, you can become familiar with the normal monthly changes in your breasts. These tests should be performed at the same time each month, three to five days after your menstrual cycle.

What is breast cancer?

Cells in the body normally divide (reproduce) only when new cells are needed. Sometimes, cells in a part of the body grow and divide out of control, which creates a mass of tissue called a tumor. If the cells that are growing out of control are normal cells, the tumor is

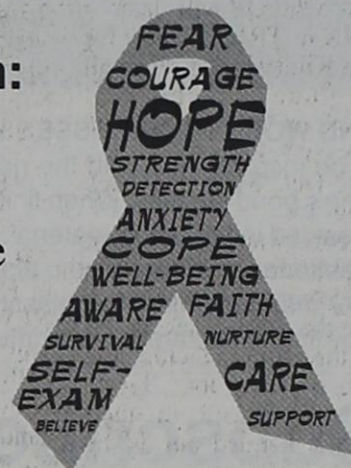
called benign (not cancerous.) If however, the cells that are growing out of control are abnormal and

don't function like the body's normal cells, the tumor is called malignant (cancerous.)

How can I protect myself from breast cancer?

Follow these three steps for early detection:

1. Get a mammogram.
2. Examine your breasts each month after age 20. You will become familiar with the contours and feel of your breasts and will be more alert to changes.
3. Have your breast examined by a healthcare provider at least once every three years after age 20, and every year after age 40. Clinical breast exams can detect lumps that may not be detected by mammogram.



What causes breast cancer?

We do not know what causes breast cancer, although we do know that certain risk factors may put you at higher risk of developing it. Such as, a person's age, genetic factors, personal health history and diet all contribute to breast cancer risk.

How is breast cancer diagnosed?





During your regular physical examination your doctor will take a careful personal and family history and perform a breast-examination and possibly one or more other tests.

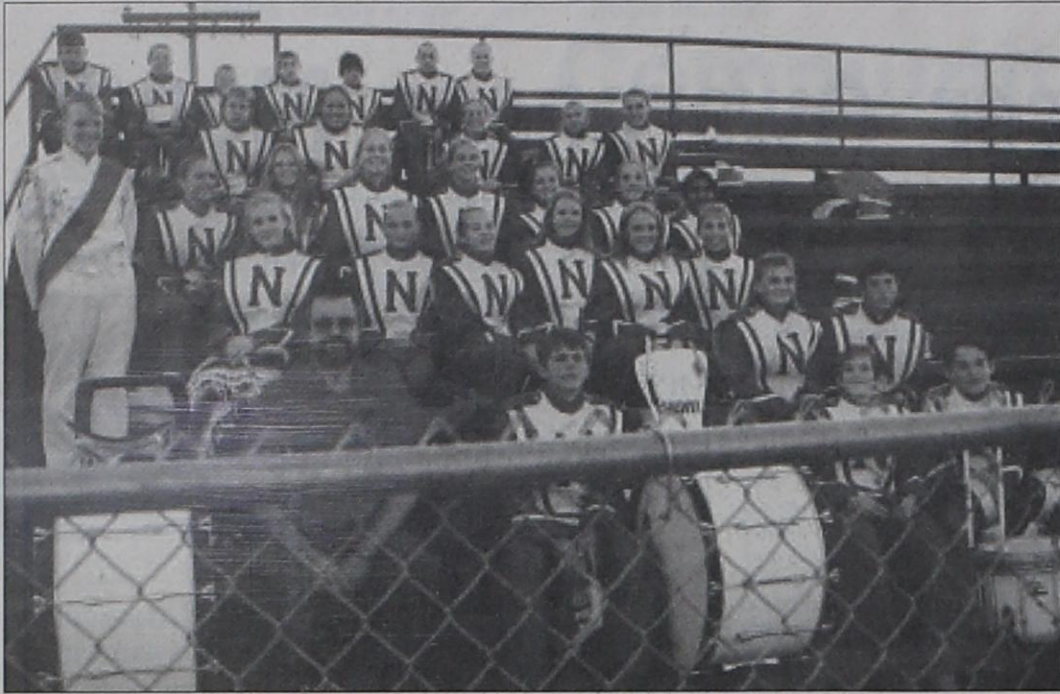
- Mammography
- Ultrasonography

Based on the results of these tests, your doctor may or may not request a biopsy to get a sample of the breast mass cells or tissue. After the sample is removed it is sent for testing. Laboratory tests, such as hormone receptor tests (estrogen and progesterone) can show whether the hormones help the cancer to grow. If the test results show that hormones help the cancer grow (a positive test) the cancer is likely to respond to hormonal treatment. Therapy deprives the cancer of the estrogen hormone.

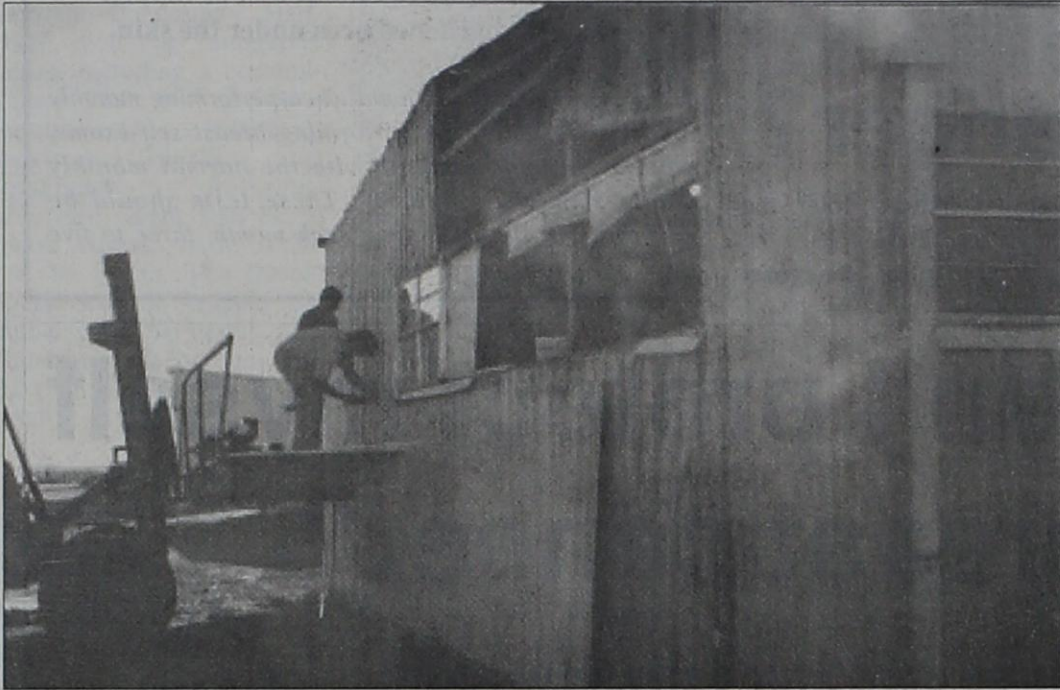


The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Mobile Mammography Unit will be in Dimmitt on November 14th. For more information please contact the Amarillo office for more information at (806) 359-HOPE (4673) or (800) 274-HOPE (4673) or their address is 1500 Wallace Blvd. • Amarillo, Texas.

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READY TO PLAY: The Nazareth band is prepared to play in the pre-game program at Bovina last Friday night.



BOND WORK PROGRESSES IN NAZARETH: Workers cut into the ag building, so it can be incorporated with the new part of the ag building that voters approved in last spring's bond election. When finished, the two buildings will look like one, since both will be resided in the same material. The newest part of the ag building will have double as a maintenance facility for the district and will have a bay for washing vehicles and a car lift for maintenance. New classrooms, offices and bathrooms will be air-conditioned, according to Nazareth Superintendent Marshall Harrison.

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School Menus

DIMMITT

Friday: Breakfast - Hot pocket egg and cheese. Lunch - Pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese with soup, red beans and rice, potato wedges, corn on the cob, fresh spinach salad, broccoli/cauliflower, fresh fruit, tossed salad, apple sauce, cornbread.

Monday: Breakfast - Honey bun. Lunch - Hoagie submarine sandwich, chicken fillet strips, beef taco, potato chips, mashed potatoes, orange wedges, tossed salad, taco condiment salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Smucker's peanut butter sandwich. Lunch - Italian spaghetti, fajitas with onions/pepper, poor boy steak, green beans, buttered potatoes, butter beans, tossed salad, jellied cranberry, oranges, pea salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Rice Krispy treats. Lunch - Steak fingers, grilled cheese with soup, turkey tetrazzini, french fries, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad, cucumber/tomato salad.

Thursday: Breakfast - Sausage and biscuit. Lunch - Grilled chopped steak,

nachos with ground beef, pigs in a blanket, Chinese style vegetables, frijoles refrito, Lyonnaise carrots, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cucumber/tomato salad, apple slices with cinnamon, fruit fantasy.

NAZARETH

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage on a roll, assorted cereal. Lunch- Barbeque sandwich, hamburger, tator tots, cookies, apricots, pinto beans. **Monday:** Breakfast- Cinnamon tasteries, assorted cereal. Lunch- Chicken pot pie, chef salad, peanut butter bar, apples, fresh carrots, tossed salad. **Tuesday:** Breakfast- Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal. Lunch- Beef tacos, Hamburger and fries, royal brownies, pinto beans.

Wednesday: Breakfast- French toast sticks, sausage patty, assorted cereal. Lunch- Chicken sandwich, hamburger, fries, cookies, corn. **Thursday:** Breakfast- Pancake/sausage, on a stick, assorted cereal. Lunch- Spaghetti, pepperoni, pizza, rolls, Jan's dump cake, tossed salad, peaches, mixed

vegetables.

HART

Friday: Breakfast- Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted variety of cereal, graham crackers. Lunch- Brisket, hamburger, rolls, wheat baked potato with cheese, pinto beans, sliced cheese, salad, brownie.

Monday: Breakfast- pancake, and chicken, breakfast stick, variety of cereal. Lunch - Hamburger and fries, burrito, pizza, baked beans, assorted fresh fruit, ginger cookies.

Tuesday: Breakfast- Waffles, variety of cereal. Lunch- Burrito, hamburger with potato, pizza, salad, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, sugar cookies, peaches. **Wednesday:** Breakfast- Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal. Lunch- Corn dog, burrito, roast beef, mashed potato, green beans, brown gravy, white cake with strawberry, fresh fruit assorted, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast- Cinnamon rolls, Cherrios. Lunch- Burrito, pizza, Spaghetti/meat sauce, toast, white bread, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert.

Texas Department of Health announces immunization dates for November, one set for Dimmitt, one set for Nazareth

The Texas Department of Health has announced that it will hold two immunization clinics in Castro County in November.

On Nov. 10, the clinic will be at the Nazareth schools from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

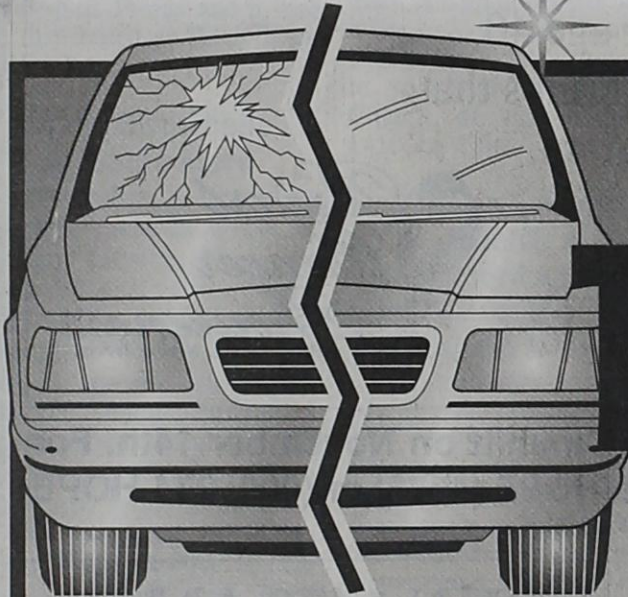
On Nov. 20, the clinic will be from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Dimmitt Middle School.

Police Beat

Oct. 11 - Oct. 20

10/11	900 bl. E. Jones	Burglary of a vehicle
10/11	600 bl. E. Dulin	Assault - A
10/11	600 bl. E. Dulin	Assault - A
10/12	600 bl. NW 7 th	Assault - C
10/12	200 bl. SE 3 rd	Warrant/felony
10/14	100 bl. SW 2 nd	Burglary of a building
10/17	200 bl. E. Jones	Criminal mischief - B
10/17	200 bl. N. Broadway	No driver's license
10/17	1000 bl. W. Etter	Criminal mischief - C
10/18	600 bl. W. Bedford	Warrant/felony
10/18	600 bl. SE 2 nd	Violation of protective order
10/19	800 bl. N. Broadway	Warrant/felony
10/19	200 bl. NW 12 th	Disorderly conduct
10/20	300 bl. SW 5 th	Assault - A

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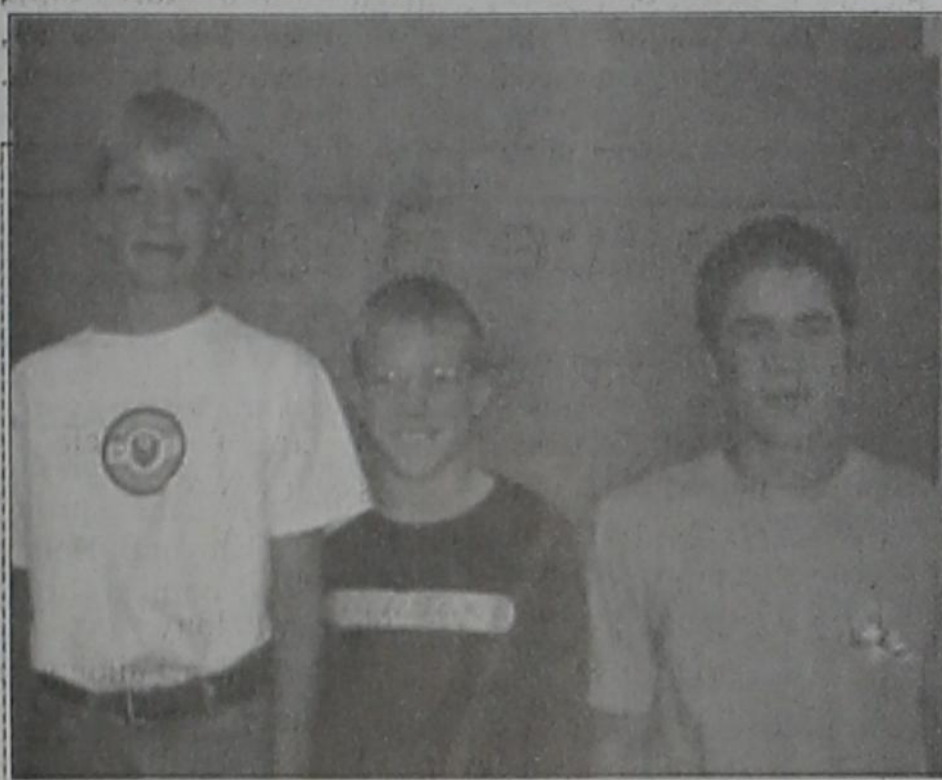
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SWIFTETTES HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY: Back row, from left, J'Law Merritt, Heidi Ramaekers, Whitney Peacock, Macee Schulte and Candace Birkenfeld. Front row, from left, Kembra Albracht, Kim Brockman and Jamie Black.



SWIFTETTES JUNIOR HIGH CROSS COUNTRY: Back row, from left: Allyson Hochstein, Karis Kleman, Kelcy Albracht, Kami Rundell, Jenny Merritt, Alyssa Braddock. Front, from left, Darcy Schulte, Amanda Acker, Kelby Myrick, Bailey Nutt and Caitlyn Huseman.



BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY: Kyle Birkenfeld, Steven Birkenfeld, and Matt Birkenfeld compose the Nazareth boys junior high and high school cross-country team that recently competed at the District 3-A meet, held in Oct. 22 at Thompson Park in Amarillo.

Swiftettes

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Kleman (15th in 17:06) and Amanda Acker (17th in 18:27); eighth-graders Stormie McLurg (22nd in 18:35) and Darcy Schulte (23rd in 18:37).

Seventh-grader Kelby Myrick rounded out the roster with a 24th place finish in 19:01.

Nazareth's high school girls team qualified for the regional cross country meet, which will be held Nov. 8 at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock.



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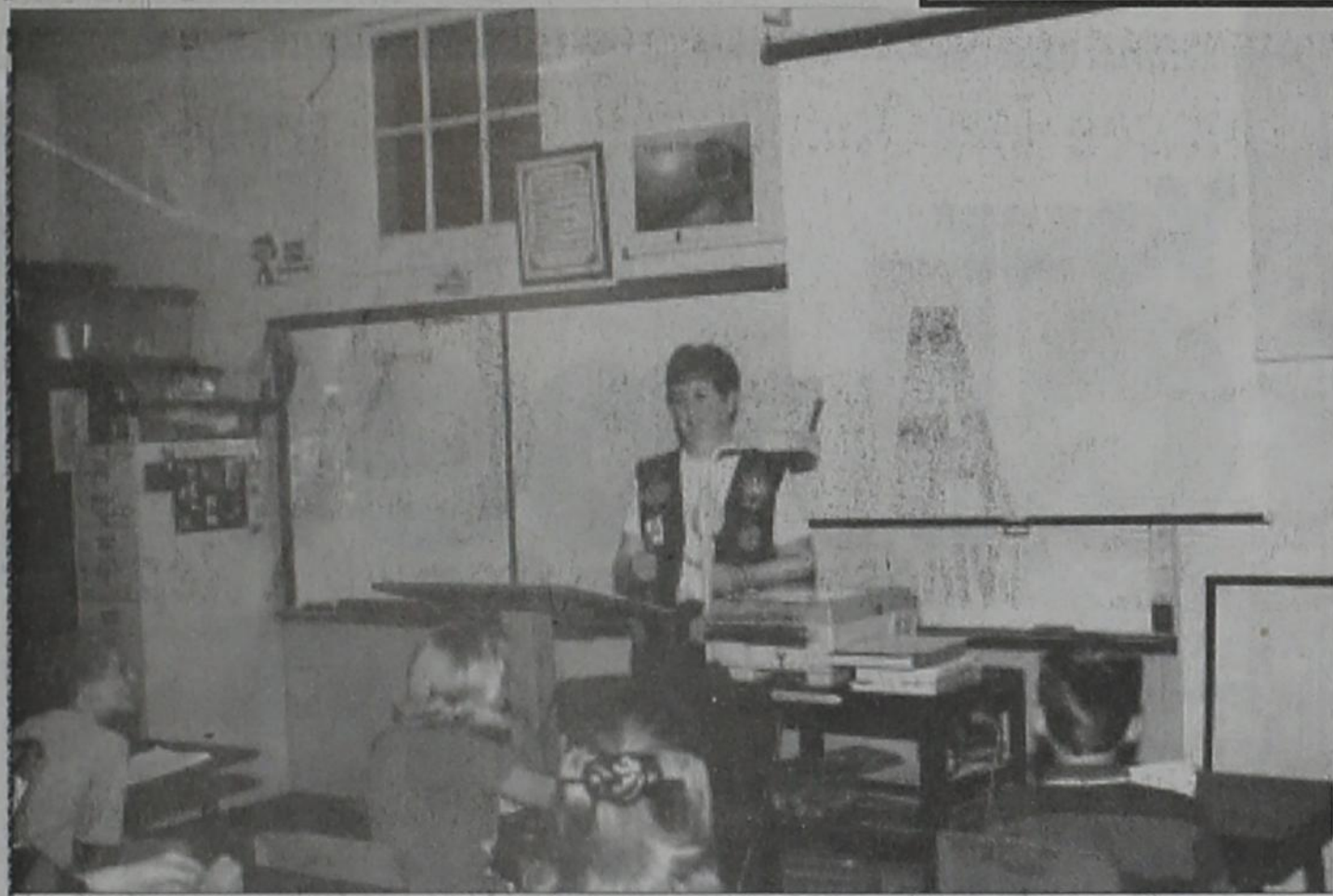
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BECKY BOOK TEACHES a sixth-grade math class at Nazareth.

Nazareth schools chosen to participate in study

BY DAVIE A. BROWDER
Managing Editor
 The Nazareth schools have been selected to participate in a research study conducted by the National Center for Educational Accountability/Just for Kids-Texas, according to a letter Superintendent Marshall Harrison received. The survey will ask teachers to consider their practices and perspectives on topics involving their training and background, curriculum, instruction, professional


development, monitoring, parent participation, interventions and school climate. Harrison said he thinks the Nazareth schools were selected because "our teachers consistently provide practices that work in the core content area." "The average tenure of a teacher in the Nazareth schools is 14 years," he said. "Teachers here set expectations very high. The community expects the teachers to give

"Basically, the level of expectation is very high and that flows from the community and its expectations and has for years." Even though Nazareth teachers don't make as much as their counterparts in other area schools, Harrison said "our teachers stay because they enjoy the school setting and support of the board, community and administration," and that accounts for their staying.

Castro County grand jury indictments

The following indictments were handed down by a Castro County grand jury on Oct. 28, 2003:
 * Francisco Diaz Mendoza, Dimmitt; DWI third or more.
 * Leslie Foy Acker, Tulia; forgery of financial instrument.
 * Brent Austin Cross, Plainview; forgery


of financial instrument.
 * Jimmy Lewis Stewart Jr., Dimmitt; burglary of a building.
 * Adam Reese Cline, Dimmitt; forgery of financial instrument.
 * Liborio Ortega Olmos, Dimmitt; possession of a controlled substance, less than one gram.



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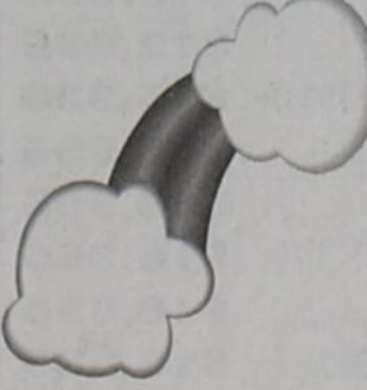

When you think of my life on earth, and all those loving years. Because you are only human, they are bound to bring you tears. But do not be afraid to cry; it does relieve the pain. Remember there would be no flowers, unless there was some rain. I wish that I could tell you all that God has planned. If I were to tell you, you wouldn't understand. But one thing is for certain, though my life on earth is o'er. I'm closer to you now, than I ever was before. There are many rocky roads ahead of you and many hills to climb; But together we can do it by taking one day at a time. It was always my philosophy and I'd like it for you too; That as you give unto the world, the world will give to you. If you can help somebody who's in sorrow and pain; Then you can say to God at night..... "My day was not in vain." And now I am contented...that my life was worthwhile. Knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. So if you meet somebody who is sad and feeling low; Just lend a hand to pick him up, as on your way you go. When you're walking down the street and you've got Me on your mind; I'm walking in your footsteps only half a step behind. And when it's time for you to go...from that body to be free. Remember you're not going...you're coming here to Me. We Love and Miss You So Much, Mama!

Love,
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LETTER FROM HEAVEN

To my dearest family, some things I'd like to say. But first of all, to let you know, that I arrived okay. I'm writing this from heaven. Here I dwell with God above. Here, there's no more tears with sadness; Here is just eternal love. Please do not be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I am with you every morning, noon and night. That day I had to leave you when my life on earth was through. God picked me up and hugged me and He said, "I welcome you. It's good to have you back again, you were missed while you were gone. As for your dearest family, They'll be here later on. There's so much that we have to do, to help our mortal man." God gave me a list of things, that he wished for me to do. And foremost on the list, was to watch and care for you. And when you lie in bed at night the day's chores put to flight. God and I are closest to you...in the middle of the night.

My granny was so special to me, She lived her life to the fullest, And now she's been set free. I know she's more happy now than ever before, God called her home and opened the golden door. She has no problems and no fears, God took her up and wiped away all her tears. I know she wants me to try my best in all I do, I love you granny and I'll keep doing my best in everything for you! We Miss You So Much Granny!
 Love,
 Jason, Britney and Samantha

Dispatchers

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up periodically over what is the city's fair share on these sorts of things.

"We're willing to talk about these things at any time. We don't want to talk

about the dispatcher exclusively. We want to talk about the fire departments, the landfill, the things that are city-owned and that county residents use.

"City residents already

pay county taxes and this is one of the only services the county provides for the city."

In other action, the commissioners decided to get more information about indigent burials after Foskey-Lilley-McGill told them they're going to increase costs of indigent burial from \$600 to \$800 and instead of charging the county \$200 for opening and closing a grave, that cost will be \$345, a total of \$1,145. Immediate cremation would cost the county \$600.

"We're going to do some checking," Sava said.

"We'll check with funeral homes in the area and see what they're charging; we want to make sure what other cities are charged, because \$1,145 from about \$800 is a pretty good increase."

Sava said at least one surrounding county has gone to the option of immediate cremation.



Dimmitt Wildcats Win Liberty Bowl

THE DIMMITT WILDCATS defeated the Plainview Jayhawks, 20-0, last Saturday to win the Tiger League Liberty Bowl. The game was in Plainview. Front row, left to right: Diego Rivera, Anthony Cisneros, Coby Perez, Kade Riddle, Eric Sanchez, Erik Mendoza, John Hazel, John David Martinez. Back row, left to right: Rudy Martinez, Ruebeh Martinez, Matthew Vigil, M.T. Morrow, Joe Aguero, Braden Nelson, Rigo Lopez, Zac Dunnam, Coaches Rudy Martinez, Reuben Martinez, Jon Riddle. Not pictured: David Underwood.

Mendoza

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prevention. Avoid free internet utilities as much as possible and uninstall

programs you no longer use and your windows will probably run better. The more "junk" you install, the

more bloated and unstable your windows becomes. You should also plan on re-installing your windows from scratch about every 2-3 years just to clean it up. I promise you, your PC will run so much better after you do this.

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She has an older brother, Michael Charles Wales.

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