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By Don Nelson

A letter from long-time subscriber Barry M. Booker of Friendswood:

"My wife, Mary Beth Alley, grew up in Dimmitt and went back there many times when her folks were still there. I grew up in Goldthwaite, in the Hill Country of Central Texas, and also went back there on a regular basis when my folks were still alive.

"Now we have a problem. Since I retired from the Johnson Space Center (NASA) in Houston recently, we have been considering where to move to to get out of this overcrowded, over-taxed, polluted and crime-riddled area.

"We have been comparing the 'Police Reports' from your paper with the weekly 'Sheriff's Notes' from my hometown paper, and are using this data to help determine where we will re-locate.

"Both areas have many good points, but Mills County has deer, emu, goat and dog problems, whereas Dimmitt seems to have Azteca, DWI, hot check and pickup-truck wreck problems."

Now, there's a use for the Police Calls that I had never thought about.
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Candidates must file by Wednesday

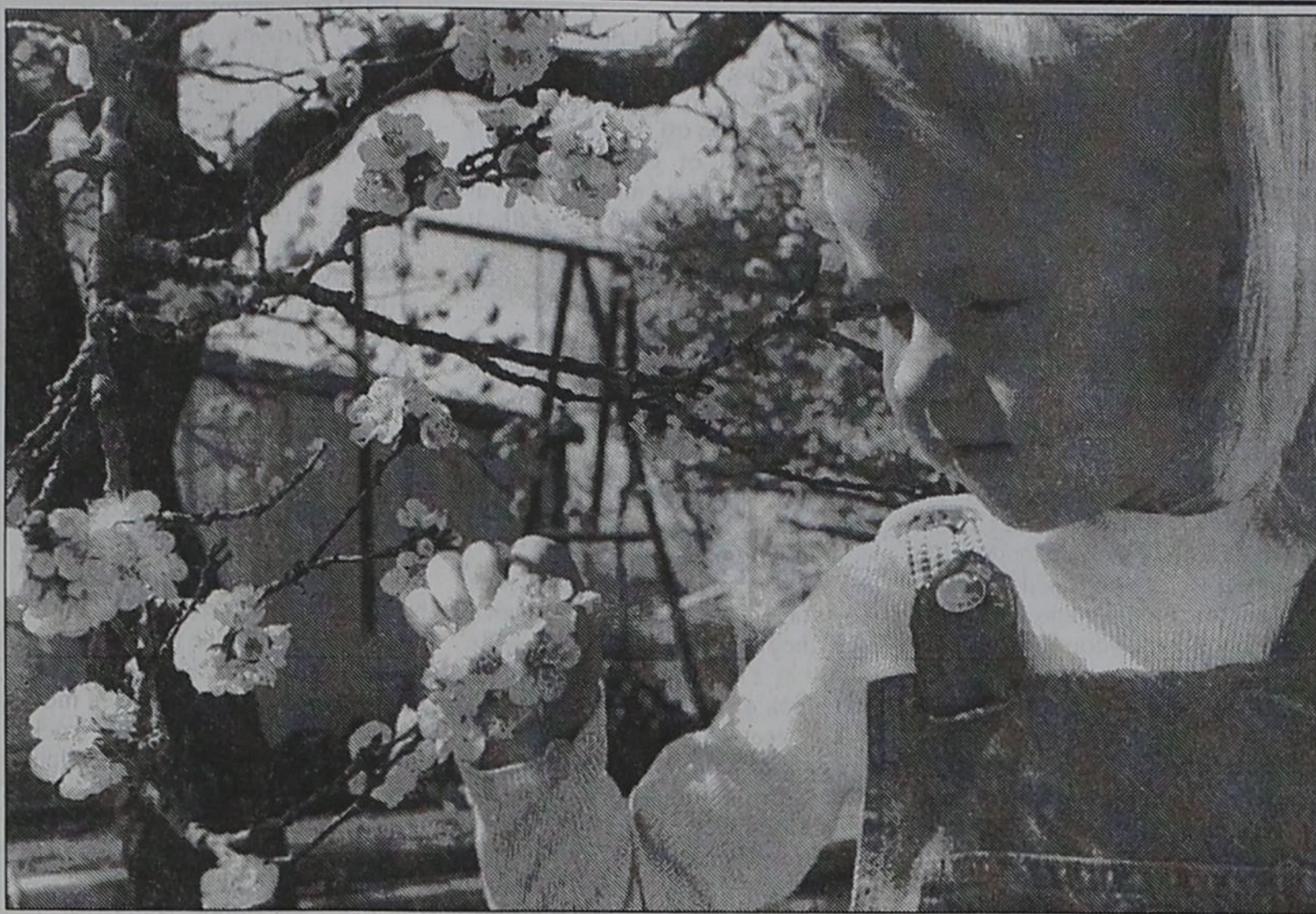
The filing deadline is Wednesday (March 17) for candidates who wish to serve in positions that are expiring on governing boards for local cities, school districts, and the hospital district. Elections are scheduled for May 1.

Candidates may file at the offices of the entity on whose governing board they wish to serve. However, Hart's and Dimmitt's school administration buildings will be closed next week for Spring Break. School board candidates may file with the school board secretary, which is Debbie Annen for Dimmitt.

Hart will have a sign posted at the building for who to contact. Also, the office will be open Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m.

Early voting will be held on April 14-27.

Persons who are not registered voters may register to vote by April 1 and still qualify to vote in the May
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EARLY BLOSSOMS—Tori Addison, 5, daughter of Jeff and Christina Addison of Dimmitt, admires the beauty of apricot blossoms on a tree in the 400 block of Southwest Sixth Street. So far the blooms haven't been killed by the cooler weather prevailing this week, but forecasters say it may happen yet.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Boll Weevil Eradication Zone ballots require Friday postmark

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds cotton producers voting in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone referendum that their ballots must be postmarked by Friday to be counted.

Results of the referendum will determine whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program in the five-county Northwest Plains Zone and will set a maximum assessment. The five counties of the 500,000-acre zone are Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

Eligible voters in the zone should have received an official ballot by mail. A postage-paid return envelope was included. Producers in the zone who planted cotton in 1998, but did not receive a ballot should immediately contact the Texas Dept. of Agriculture at (512) 463-7593 or 1-800-TELL-TDA (1-800-835-5832).

To officially establish a boll weevil eradication program in the Northwest Plains zone and set an assessment, the proposition must be approved by a two-thirds vote in the

March 12 referendum, or those voting in favor must farm more than 50% of the zone's acreage.

In addition to deciding if an eradication program should begin in the zone, voters will elect a board member from the Northwest Plains zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Inc. TDA received one nomination for this position before the Feb. 10 filing deadline.

The name of John Saylor of Bailey County will appear on the ballot as a board candidate. Saylor is a cotton producer who has farmed in Bailey County since 1979. Saylor currently serves as the Commissioner-appointed director for the Northwest Plains Zone.

County decides against 'burn ban'

Castro County Commissioners unanimously voted not to implement a "burn ban" here, despite the extremely dry conditions and threat of fire.

"I'm against a burn ban because these farmers need to burn corn stalks and wheat stubble," said Pct.

1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "If you do initiate a ban, then people in the country can't burn their own trash, either."

Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige had asked commissioners what they thought about the implementation of a ban, especially because there is so much dry CRP land in the area.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld asked commissioners Monday if the county would help his department purchase six new "body vests" to be worn by deputies on duty.

The officers are currently wearing vests that are six years old, and Fitzgearld said the vests only have a recommended life span of five years.

Fitzgearld told commissioners he checked with the company from which he purchased vests last time, and the cost to replace six of the vests would be \$4,200.

The sheriff's department does not have the money in its budget to purchase the vests, but Fitzgearld said he was hoping the county could help with the purchase. The last time the vests were bought, funds were taken from the county's loss control budget. At that time, the total purchase price was also substantially less than the \$4,200 estimate obtained this year.
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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	61	26	
Friday	73	31	
Saturday	63	25	
Sunday	53	25	
Monday	36	31	27
Tuesday	63	24	
Wednesday	61	25	

March Moisture 0.27
1999 Moisture 1.85

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



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS in Power Lifting for Dimmitt High School include (front, from left) Michael Penney and Mitchell Gentry; and (back, from left) Beau Hill and Fred Traylor. Not shown is Gary Jouett. The five will compete at the regional meet Saturday in Colorado City. They are coached by Monty Gothard.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

DISD

Accelerated block schedule will stay

The Dimmitt school board voted Monday night 4 to 2 to continue with the accelerated block schedule at Dimmitt High School, as recommended by DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill.

Board member Earl Behrends made a motion to drop the block schedule, but the motion died for lack of a second. Board member Debbie Annen made the motion to follow the administration recommendation, and board member Paul Garcia seconded it. Those in favor were Annen, Garcia, Steve Buckley and John Nino. Against were Behrends and Chevo Lumbreira. Board member Avery Thrasher was absent.

Stockstill told the board he ran the accelerated block schedule and a modified block schedule through the computer class scheduling program. He said the modified schedule presented many more scheduling conflicts than the accelerated block. He said a neighboring school that has modified block employs their guidance counselor on a 12-month contract so that they would have adequate time to work out scheduling conflicts.

DHS Counselor Sue Summers said that the different class lengths of a modified block would present difficulties for teachers in the areas of record keeping and figuring students' grade point averages. She said trying to keep the grading system "cleaned up" from mistakes would leave her little time for regular counseling duties. She said it also would make it more difficult for students to change classes in the middle of a semester.

"I know of no type of schedule that is 100% conflict free," Summers said.

The comparison chart that Stockstill presented showed only one conflict for the projected 41 students that are expected to sign up for band next year. He said the accelerated

schedule allows for 100% of the current class offerings to be put in the schedule, but only 64% would fit in a modified schedule. He said 94% of student requests would be satisfied with the accelerated schedule, but only 83% would be met with the modified.

Katie Ivey, high school history teacher, was the spokesperson for a group of teachers. She said that the accelerated block gives students more time to work on projects in class and get teacher help.

"Because the majority of work is
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Hart man dies in fire

Anselmo Alcocer Jr., 44, of Hart, apparently died of smoke inhalation in a fire at his home in the 500 block of Avenue G in Hart.

The fire reportedly began late Feb. 25 or early Feb. 26, according to a report in the *Hart Beat*.

Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston told the *Hart Beat* that autopsy results from the University Medical Center in Lubbock indicated smoke inhalation as the cause of death. He added that other tests performed during the autopsy won't have final results for some time.

Livingston said he had been patrolling in Hart when a resident flagged him down to report the fire at about 1:11 a.m. Feb. 26. He reported that when he arrived at the scene the fire was blazing. Fire departments from Hart, Dimmitt and Nazareth were called to the scene.

According to the *Hart Beat*, some authorities at the scene of the fire indicated that a possible cause of the fire was an electrical problem and that it started on the west side of the house.

'Dr. Grandma'

With three kids, she went to med school

By DON NELSON

Imagine yourself as a suddenly single mom, 26 years old, with a house and three kids aged 2 to 9, and a high school diploma that you went back and earned after two of your children were born.

What would you do?
Well, Margaret Bailey became a doctor.

She had no idea whether or not she would make it when she enrolled in Grand Rapids (Mich.) Junior College in her hometown in January 1980.

That was her first step on what would become an almost-miraculous eight-year adventure.

"It started out with a prayer," she said. "I remember saying, 'Well, Lord, I want to go to college but I don't know what to study. What do you want me to do?'"

"It was after that that I started thinking about medical school. I had never thought about it before in my life. I thought, 'Well, the worst thing that will happen is that I'll flunk out, and I've got nothing to lose by trying.'"

"I worked part-time at a neighborhood grocery store," she said. "I was getting food stamps and Medicaid. I got grants for some of my college tuition."

"My only vehicle was a single-speed bike, which I used to ride with my son on the back," she said. "I'd take him to day care and go on to school. On the bad days, we'd take the bus."

"There were whole semesters when I went on probably an hour's sleep a night," she recalled. "I was a mom, and I had all the mom things to do, in addition to my schooling."

"Also, I did some gardening, and because we were poor, I did a lot of canning," she said. "And I used to sew a lot of the kids' clothes. So I'd always have something going, and finals would always be just around the corner, so I'd nearly always be



DR. MARGARET BAILEY
... New physician here

up studying or canning or something."

She toughed it out and earned an associate degree in science, graduating in the top 5% of a class of 17,000.

So she decided to go another step. "We sold our house in Grand Rapids and embarked on the big adventure," Dr. Bailey said.

She enrolled in Michigan State University in East Lansing, where she earned a degree in nutritional science.

"We moved into 'married housing'—most people there were actually single parents and foreign students—and we had a great time there," she said. "There were 1,500 apartments in this village, and the village had its own elementary school. There were students in that school from more than 40 countries, speaking 32 different languages. So my children had quite a cosmopolitan experience there."

"We met people from all over. We sampled food from all over the

world, and made friends from all over. It was a blast!"

One of the most fascinating things about living in this "international" village, she said, was observing the children.

"Kids are amazing. You can get four or five little kids together who have just met, none of whom speak the same language, and they'll come up with a game. They'll look at a wagon, and they'll figure out what to do with it, and they'll go and play. Kids are just motivated to play."

"And in a situation like that, there's no fighting. They're just curious."

After earning her BS degree, she enrolled in the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Medical school was tough, of course, but the determined young mother was tougher.

In 1988—at the age of 35, eight years after she had started junior college—she received her doctor's degree.

"People ask me how I did it, and I don't even have any idea," she said. "Just one day at a time, I just did it."

After interning in the Houston area and practicing there 11 years, Dr. Bailey has joined the Castro County Hospital District staff.

She did some temporary fill-in work at Plains Memorial last January, and decided she liked it here.

"I've found that I truly prefer the lifestyle that a smaller community affords, and Dimmitt seems to be populated with very nice and caring people," she said.

"The work environment here is great," she said. "I really enjoy the other doctors. That's a big part of why I came here, because those guys are nice to work with."

She's glad to be away from the metro-area congestion.

"When I first moved to the Wood-
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Accelerated block . . .

(Continued from Page 1) done in class, it reduces the risk that students will complete 'homework' incorrectly or fail to turn it in at all," Ivey said.

She said it allows more time for hands-on activities, resulting in greater understanding of the subject matter. She said the longer periods also have resulted in greater use of the library and other research resources.

She said that when students focus on fewer subjects it especially helps students who work, those involved in extra-curricular activities, those with children of their own, at-risk students, and college-bound students.

Terry Fuentes also spoke in favor of the block schedule during the open forum portion of the meeting. She said that statements from students say that the block schedule has given them the opportunity to better understand the material they are studying and also gives them more time to talk to the teachers if they don't understand.

Fuentes said that the block schedule is not the only thing that has affected the number of students taking band. She presented a chart showing a considerable drop when the "no pass-no play" rule went into effect in 1985.

"After talking to some present and past band students, I believe that the number of students going out for band has decreased because of too many band teachers coming and

going," Fuentes said. She said that makes it difficult to have a solid program, and students said it is confusing.

Gloria Hernandez expressed concern that the block schedule does not give students enough opportunities to participate in things they are interested in. She said she is concerned for students who seem to be losing interest in school.

She said she saw her son out roaming around one school day, and he told her the teacher had dismissed the class because there was "nothing to do."

"When students are out roaming around, something is wrong. When students are failing, something is wrong," she said. "Let's work together and change a little bit and see what we can do."

In another matter, the board voted to allow the CHOICE program at the Alternative Campus to become a "program" rather than be considered as a separate "campus."

A peer review by Texas Education Association staff members pointed out that CHOICE would have to have certified teachers in each subject area, as well as programs to meet the needs of special education and Limited English Proficiency students, in order to continue as a separate campus.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that the actual operation of the CHOICE program will remain unchanged. He said the only difference will be in reporting and funding. He said the

CHOICE students will reflect once again on the attendance and TAAS grade reports for the high school. However, he said it should not make that much difference.

Following an executive session, the board voted to accept three resignations and to renew the contracts of 121 teachers. Those who resigned are: Jennifer Pellham, who taught special education at Richardson Elementary; Brad Cade, who was the junior high girls' P.E. coach; and Robin Stephens, DHS band director and choir teacher. Miller said that Stephens said he is resigning due to his wife's health problems and a desire to find a place where she can finish her teaching certification.

In other business, the board: —Heard an update from athletic coordinator Bruce Dollar on the proposed drug testing policy. He said he would like to include a provision for sanctions for non-tested drug and alcohol offenses. Dollar said he is willing to present information on the proposed policy to any group or organization. He has set a public meeting on the matter for March 25 at 7 p.m. at the DHS auditorium.

—Approved revised Management Board Policies and Procedures for the Castro County Comprehensive Education Shared Services Arrangement, in which Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth work together to provide special education services for students in the three school districts. —Heard about grants received. Dimmitt Middle School received \$2,445 from the Texas Successful Schools Award System. This award is based on DMS being in the top 25% of their campus comparison group for TAAS reading and math scores. The award is to be spent for academic enhancement purposes.

Richardson Elementary received a \$1,000 grant from the Target Outstanding Schools Award program. It may be spent for any education or community-building expense. —Voted to continue the district's property/casualty insurance coverage with the Texas Association of School Boards. A presentation was made by Insurance Solutions, but the cost was \$115 higher than TASB's proposal. DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill recommended staying with TASB. —Gave approval for ordering a new 71-passenger school bus for \$53,981 for delivery in September. Hill said the money will come out of the 1999-2000 school year budget.

—Heard reports on the girls' and boys' basketball programs, the Odyssey of the Mind, BPA and FHA programs, and the FFA program. —Adopted textbooks.

OM team takes second at regional

The Dimmitt High School Classics Team won second place at the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition in Lubbock Saturday, and team member Kelsey Welch was recognized as an "Outstanding OMer" for

her character "Magnolia." The team presented the long-term problem, "O, My Faire Shakespeare," competing against teams from all sizes of schools.

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"Could we wait six months until the next budget year?" asked Rowland.

Fitzgeard said that the vests are already a year past their life span, but that six months probably wouldn't make much of a difference.

Commissioners decided to hold off on any action, asking Fitzgeard to check around and see if he could obtain a better price elsewhere or negotiate a discount.

Pct. 4 will be seeking bids for a new motor grader to replace one of its 10-year-old machines.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker told commissioners he wanted to check into trading the 10-year-old machine for a new one. The old grader has logged approximately 5,500 hours, according to Schmucker.

Commissioners agreed to allow Schmucker to seek bids for the trade.

Commissioners were slated to open bids for maintenance work on the gazebo at the courthouse, but no bids were received.

After discussing options, commissioners decided to check with Fitzgeard about having jail trustees perform the needed work.

The plumbing problem at the Expo Building is being repaired this week, and Expo Supervisor V.C. Hopson is planning to have an electrician install new outlets in the kitchen area to fix the electrical problems.

After the recent county stock show, commissioners heard a complaint from some of those cooking in the kitchen.

Apparently the plumbing from the restroom facilities was backing up, causing problems. That problem was being corrected this week.

The cooks also complained that they couldn't plug in many electrical appliances in the kitchen because breakers would keep shutting off.

In other action, commissioners agreed to allow Circle 3 Feedyards to install a water line under County Road 602, one-quarter of a mile east of County Road 504; and agreed to support local electric cooperatives in their plea to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for disaster assistance to help alleviate some of the costs they incurred to repair damage caused during the recent ice storm.

Team members are Jace Weaver, Thomas Brockman, Ryan Hays, Morgan Hazel, Kelsey Welch and Rae Odom. First place went to Amarillo High School and Lubbock High School took third. "We're an all freshman team this year, and we hope to come back next year and try again," Hays said.



REGIONAL WINNER—L.J. Soler, an eighth grader at Dimmitt Middle School, earned a I rating for his Class III piano solo, a "Prelude" by Chopin, at the recent UIL Regional Solo and Ensemble contest. Junior high level students are not eligible to advance to state. Soler is the son of Raymond and Susanne Soler of Dimmitt. He has been taking piano for over three years from instructor Beth Jones of Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

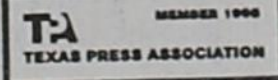
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DEADLINES

Table with 2 columns: Deadline type and time. Includes Display and Classified Advertising (10 a.m. Monday), Agriculture, Business & Industry News (Monday Noon), Sports, Social and Church News (Monday Noon), Community Correspondence (Monday Noon), Personal Items (5 p.m. Monday), and General News, City and County (Tuesday Noon).

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Police Calls

A juvenile at the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt told police March 3 that someone entered her residence and took a basketball, a pair of sunglasses and a pair of walking shoes. The missing items were valued at a total of \$42.

Jerry Lunsford told deputies Sunday morning that someone used a cutting torch to cut a decorative metal silhouette off of a gate a short distance west of US 385 on FM 1524. The silhouette measured about 4 feet long and 2 to 3 feet tall. It depicted two cowboys on horseback roping a steer. Lunsford valued the item at \$100.

Town & Country in Dimmitt reported to police Saturday afternoon that someone drove away without paying for \$17.95-worth of gas.

Also on Saturday afternoon, a suspect was caught shoplifting earrings valued at \$14.97 at the ALCO store in Dimmitt.

Two 17-year-old Dimmitt men were jailed for disorderly conduct after they were reported fighting in public at 11:15 p.m. Sunday in the 600 block of east Dulin.

A suspect was arrested last Thursday at 1:26 a.m. in the 400 block of West Stinson for driving while license suspended.

Andrew Dudley of Hart reported to deputies that a victim was shot with a BB gun by accident last Thursday evening 1.5 miles east of Hart on SH 194. The victim sought treatment at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Frank Welch told deputies March 2 that 21 head of cattle have been missing since Jan. 29 from a pasture about 9 miles north of Dimmitt on US 385. The cattle are mixed breeds, heifers and steers, weighing around 400 to 450 lbs. They should have the letter D branded on the left hip and a white ear tag with Dan Nelson's name and phone number on it. Contact Welch or the Sheriff's Office to make arrangements for the cattle to be picked up.

A farmer/rancher who lives north of Dimmitt told deputies March 2 that he has been getting harassing nuisance phone calls. Alcohol-related offenses during the past week included: —Last Thursday afternoon a 41-year-old Hart woman was jailed for DWI, first offense.

—On Sunday, a Nazareth woman, 17, was jailed for DWI, first offense;

Lady golfers compete in Friona meet

Golfers from Dimmitt and Hart High School competed at the Friona Invitational Golf Tournament last week, finishing 10th and 8th as teams, respectively.

Hart's Valerie Key paced her team to its eighth-place finish, firing 116 over 18 holes. Other team members and their scores were Nikki Burress, 119; Denise Morales, 126; Ashley Law, 136; and Ysa Rodriguez, 148.

For the Bobbies, top golfer was Morgan Hazel, who finished with a 122. Rounding out the team were Kylie Webb, 133; Sally Stahl, 138; Crystal Garcia, 140; and Sandra Daniels 140.

and a Dimmitt man, 18, for DWI, first offense.

—Early Monday, two Muleshoe men, both age 19, were jailed, one for public intoxication and one for DWI, second offense.

Jailed on warrants were: —A Nazareth woman, 45, last Thursday on a warrant for endangering a child.

—A Hart woman, 23, on two warrants for violation of probation.

March 3 at 9:30 a.m., a 1993 Mack truck pulling a Merritt trailer was struck by a 1984 GMC four-wheel fertilizer truck. Driver of the Mack truck, Freddy Gale Block, 28, of Edmonson, was heading south on CR 507 and made a right turn onto FM 2397. He failed to yield right of way and pulled into the path of the GMC, driven by Dennis Carlyle Sargent, 45, of Dimmitt, who was heading west on FM 2397. Block told investigating DPS Trooper Ron Mann that he thought the GMC was going to turn onto CR 507 due to its slow rate of speed. No injuries were reported. Damage to the GMC was rated moderate. While the trailer of the truck-trailer rig had light damage. Block was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way.

Saturday at 1 a.m. a one-vehicle roll-over 8.3 miles southwest of Dimmitt resulted in non-incapacitating injury to Moses Salgado Gomez III, 17, of Dimmitt. DPS Trooper Mann reported that Gomez had been driving a 1990 Mazda north on CR 512 when he lost control of the vehicle and began to slide into the east bar ditch. The vehicle struck the embankment and rolled three times, coming to rest on its wheels. Mann said the driver stated he was going at least 80 mph. The vehicle had heavy damage, and an electric fence belonging to Donny Nelson had \$100 in damage. Gomez was ticketed for no driver's license and unsafe speed.

More about

Filing deadline . . .

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Terms that are expiring for the various governmental bodies and candidates that had filed as of Wednesday morning are listed below.

Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins, and at-large council members Trish Elliott, Lyman Schroeder, and Clint Seward.

Incumbents Schroeder and Seward have filed.

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

In Place 3, Albert Acevedo and incumbent Lumbreira have filed.

In Place 6, Greg Odom, incumbent Annen, and Robert Wilhite have filed.

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

Hart

City: Mayor Tony Leibel's term is expiring, as well as the terms for Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez. No candidates have filed.

HISD: Those whose terms are

Feb. 27 at 1:02 a.m., an 18-year-old Nazareth woman was ticketed for DWI when the 1991 Pontiac Grand Am she was driving left the roadway and side-swiped two utility poles, then hit a third pole and two highway warning signs head on. She was not injured. Damage to her vehicle was heavy. She had been heading east in the 700 block of East Bedford. Damage to the pole was estimated at \$750 and the signs were valued at \$134.

March 3, a 1978 Ford pickup driven by Jose Ortiz Jr., 70, of Dimmitt, backed into a 1990 Toyota Camry driven by Mary Flores, 48, of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported. Police said Ortiz told them he was stopped at Southwest Second and West Bedford and attempted to back up to avoid being struck by a tractor rig that was turning onto Southwest Second. He said he did not see the vehicle behind him, and Flores said she did not see Ortiz's back-up lights. Ortiz was cited for backing without safety and no proof of liability insurance.

Two unlicensed drivers crashed Monday at 8 a.m. at the intersection of West Bedford and Southwest Sixth in Dimmitt. Eric Michael Enriquez, 16, of Dimmitt was driving a 1990 Dodge Spirit south on Northwest Sixth and attempted to turn left onto West Bedford. He struck a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by April Tijerina, 14, of Dimmitt, who was heading north on Southwest Sixth. Both drivers were given a ticket for no license, and Enriquez also was cited for failure to yield right of way turning left. Enriquez and his passenger, Stephanie Enriquez, 11, had no injuries, and his vehicle had light damage. Tijerina and her passenger, Dagoberto Hernandez, 36, had possible injuries, and their vehicle had light to moderate damage.

expiring are Coy Myrick and Roy Gonzales. Incumbent Myrick and Brian Nelson have filed.

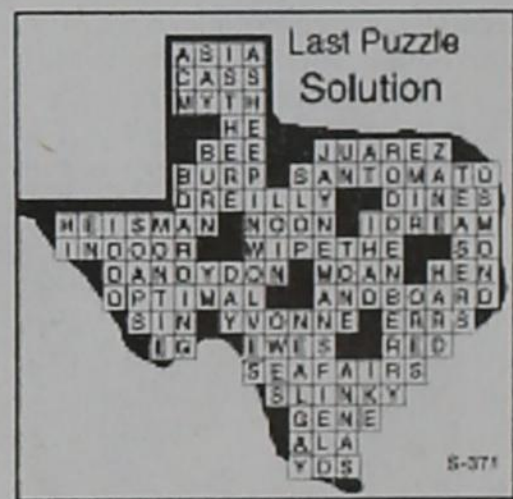
Nazareth

City: City Commissioner Glen Ehly's term is expiring. No candidates have filed yet.

NISD: Terms are up for Rex Ramaekers, who had been filling one year of an unexpired term; and Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber. Gerber has filed.

Hospital District

Terms are expiring for Jerry Annen, Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides. No one has filed yet.



Crossword puzzle section titled 'The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD' by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes a grid and a list of clues for Across and Down.

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Building and a good day of fun was had. Carol Lantz won high score, and Dwight Joiner was second. Dude McLaurin was hostess. She served Mexican Fiesta and a good bread pudding for dessert.

Donny and Wanda Nelson went to Grand Prairie to visit their grandson, Kyle Bradley Nelson and his parents, Joel and Allison. Kyle is crawling everywhere and gives their cats fits. Grandpa Donny is convinced Kyle likes him better than Grammy Wanda.

I met Kendra Nicks, the granddaughter of Allie Tisdale. She is a pretty blonde physical therapist.

Wanda got back from their visit with Joel and family just in time to go check on her parents. Mr. Habel had to spend some days in the hospital and Mrs. Habel cannot stay alone. Wanda got them settled and then returned home.

I also have met Tara Thomas who is doing her clinical work at the Swisher Hospital in Tulia. She is the wife of Shawn Thomas, a former resident of Dimmitt.

Loranell Hamilton, Edith Graef,

Dude McLaurin and Virginia Crider went to Lockney Monday for a bridge tournament sponsored by Il Penseroso, a service organization. Edith and Virginia both won door prizes.

Edith spent a night in the hospital later in the week, but is faring well. She did not play bridge with us Thursday, but did come down for a while.

Thursday the bridge club met, and Louise Mears was hostess. She served the tastiest chocolate tuxedo cake. Loranell Hamilton won first and Virginia was second.

Our sympathy goes out to Bob and Darlene Walters in the death of his mother. She lived in Wisconsin.

The Senior Citizens Building was a buzz Thursday with bridge and quilting. They finished the quilting part. Be sure to get some raffle tickets.

Leigh and I met Wanda Nelson at the El Camino last Wednesday. Wanda is working part time at Antiques and More in Tulia.

Ronnie and Susan Owens had chips and dips, sandwiches, and cake to honor Susan's dad, V.C. Hopson,

for his birthday. We had a marathon of card games and Dorothy won. I believe Dawn was her partner. Dawn is Todd McDaniel's wife and the mother of Madison. They live west of Hereford.

This is a warning. There is another silly old grandma in town. Jan Glenn's son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Eva, are the parents of

Baylee Nicole. She was born March 4 and weighed 7 pounds and 1/4 ounce. I'll bet Jan has pictures and would love to show them.

Jeffrey Hallford, grandson of Emily Clingsmith, has opened a new business—a nursery. He has two greenhouses located one mile outside of Fredericksburg. Jeffrey plans to have a garden also to enable patrons

to pick their own fresh vegetables. When you are in the hill country, watch for "Hill Country Gardens."

My sympathy to the family of Bill Clark. Bill will be missed by a lot of people. He fought the good fight.

John and Dickie Ballard came up of the Clark funeral and we got to visit. Dickie and I went to the Village Shop to visit Gail Bruegel and

Val Davis. We were tempted by the pretty new spring things.

Dickie's mom, Edna Reinhardt, who lives in Lubbock at the Carillon, fell and has had to have surgery on both knees, dental work, and broke her glasses. Edna's recovery is slow, but anyone who knows her also knows she won't let this keep her down for long.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A group of Nazareth women attended the World Day of Prayer Friday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. A very meaningful program entitled "God's Tender Touch" was enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the Nazareth Swift team and coaches Mike Scarbrough and Rick Price on an exciting and outstanding season.

Jason Birkenfeld, a freshman at Nazareth High School, is one lucky kid to be back in school this week after he was in an accident last week.

Jason was treated at the Tulia hospital for scrapes and bruises last Monday evening after the four-wheeler he was driving was struck by a vehicle. He learned how important it is to wear a helmet when riding a four-wheeler.

Our sympathy to the family and friends of Jerker Schulsted, 24, of Sweden, who died Tuesday in a Lubbock hospital. He has lived here in Nazareth since last fall. He was taken back to Sweden for burial.

David Verkamp, a junior at Nazareth High School, is now home to recuperate from injuries he sustained after he was kicked by a horse last week. He spent a week in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Regina Steffens, Florene Brockman, David Verkamp and Jason Birkenfeld of Nazareth; Deanna Huseman of Amarillo; Ronnie Birkenfeld of Colorado; Janet Brandt Brockman's father; Roseana Albracht of Amarillo, who had back surgery; and Patricia Kern Butler of San Antonio, who had surgery last week. Patricia's address is 6138 John Chapman, San Antonio 78240. Prayers are greatly appreciated.

RES plans open house

Richardson Elementary School will be having an open house for all grade levels today (Thursday).

The public is invited to a Family Fun Night tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 8 p.m. at the school.

Parents and children are encouraged to visit the classrooms and enjoy science and math activities together as a family at Richardson's cafeteria. Door prizes will be given away and refreshments will be provided.

Along with this event, the library will be having its annual Book Fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday. The Book Fair also will be open to the public during the Family Fun Night tonight.

Cates earns DMS honor

Randi Cates, daughter of Leslie and Kevin Shaw, has been named the student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Cates was born April 29 in El Paso, and she says she enjoys writing stories about her life. She wants to be a better student in math. She likes nachos, the book *Jurassic Park* and horses. She enjoys riding her horse and helping her father. She wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up. She admires Randy Travis, a country music singer.



HERE'S WHERE IT GOES—Brenda Arce, an employee of the News, places a bundle of newspapers in one of the special paper and cardboard recycling dumpsters that have been placed around Dimmitt. Citizens are asked to help in the recycling effort to protect our environment and to help reduce the amount of waste being placed in the city landfill.

Paper recycling effort needs public support

The City of Dimmitt is encouraging recycling of paper by placing blue dumpsters around town that are only for disposal of paper and cardboard. Also, recycling "carts" are available for placement at individual businesses, according to City Manager Don Sheffy.

Sheffy said businesses interested in having one of the carts (a large, wheeled trash container with a lid) may call the City Works Dept. at 647-4492.

City workers will place the containers and also will pick up the containers when notified that they are full.

Local citizens are asked to be careful not to put garbage or other types of trash into the paper recycling dumpsters, because contamination can cause an entire load of paper to be rejected by the recycling processors.

A blue dumpster has been placed across from the city warehouse on East Jones, and two are in the alley

beside the building that houses the Chamber of Commerce.

Newspapers, cardboard boxes, paper grocery sacks, computer paper and office paper are acceptable for placement in the dumpsters. However, magazines, telephone books or other "coated" papers are not permissible, because they require more processing.

Mayor Wayne Collins said the city is under a mandate to reduce the tonnage being accepted at the city landfill, and also pays a fee to the state based on the tonnage.

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 For more information, call 647-3321

People



Quilt festival entries on par with last year

Friday was the deadline for quilt entries for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 8-10.

Joyce Davis of Dimmitt, a member of the Ogallala Quilters Society, said there are about the same number of entries as there were for last year's festival.

She noted that this year's festival will include three special displays.

A traveling exhibit of "Hoffman Challenge Quilts" will visit Dimmitt during the festival. The Hoffman fabric company issues a challenge to quilters to make quilts from a specific fabric. Last year's 50 wall hangings will stop here on their way from Alabama to Oregon.

Also on display will be the "Kansas City Star" exhibit. From 1928 to 1961, the *Kansas City Star* newspaper published different quilting patterns for its readers, according to Davis. She said a quilting club from Oklahoma has made some panels that feature each one of these patterns. Ten of the panels will be displayed.

Also on display will be a collection of antique sewing machines belonging to Lester Battease of Sweetwater.

Quilts entered for the festival competition will be eligible for ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards.

Various classes and other activities also will be available during the festival.

All classes will be three hours long and the charge is \$15, plus any kit or supplies that may be needed.

Classes will include "Bindings" and "Judge Looking" by Nell Smith, "Borders" and "Dear Jane" by Laura H. Syler, "Bursting Star" by Millie Riggs, "Crazy for You" by Vicky Tracy, "Chapelhouse Lanes" by Sharon Newman, "Celtic" by Ina Cleavinger, "Drunkard's Path" by Nancy Richburg, "Hand Applique" by June Long, "Machine Quilting" by Emily Nipp, "Minis" by Yvonna

Hays, "Mystery" by Jean Gilles Dean, "Paper Piecing" by Janet Harter, "Pineapple" by Joyce Davis, and "Quilt Tray" by Molly Yarger.

Special activities will include "Nostalgia Night Thursday," with an enchilada supper for \$9 per person; and "Fantastic Friday," with a steak dinner for \$12.50 per person (fish available on request).

The deadline for ordering meal tickets is March 25. Orders should be sent to the Ogallala Quilters Society, Box 252, Dimmitt 79027.

Breast cancer screening is set for April 1

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on April 1, and appointments are now being accepted.

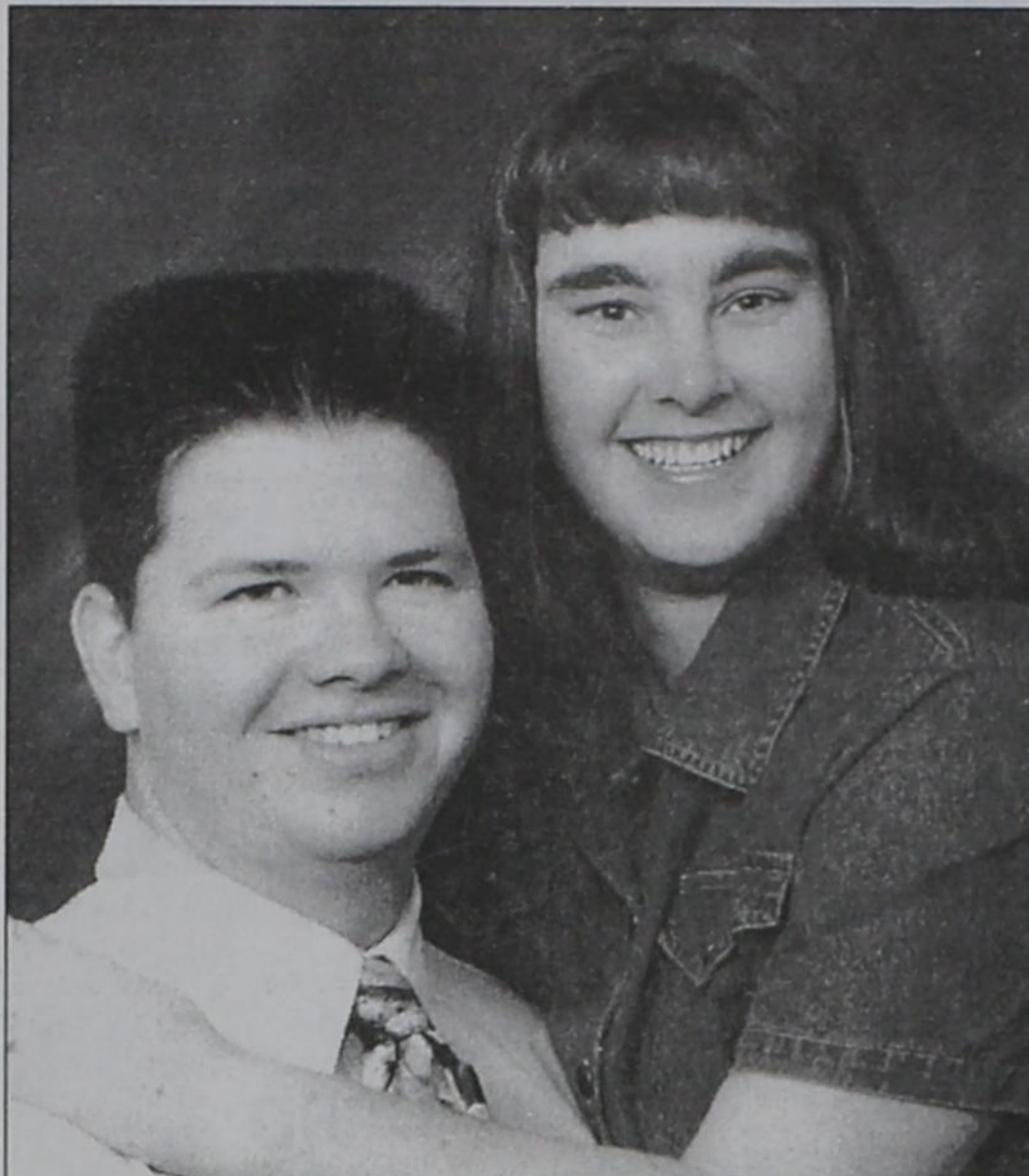
Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

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

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

Total cost of the screening is \$75. A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

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



John Fulkerson and Angela Fortenberry

June vows planned

Gladys Fortenberry of Nazareth announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Angela Fortenberry, to John Fulkerson, son of Jagala Shaw of Happy and Charles Fulkerson.

The couple is planning to wed at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 19, at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Nazareth High School. She is a junior majoring in music education at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The prospective groom graduated from Happy High School in 1996. He is a junior pre-medicine major at West Texas A&M University.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Canyon.

Class of 1959 plans reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1959 will hold a reunion Friday through Sunday at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

A class spokesperson said that old friends and family members of the class members are welcome to stop by and visit with those who are attending the reunion activities.

Organizers of the event estimate that about 40 to 50 class members and spouses will attend.

For more information, contact Glenn Odom at 647-4559 or Dee Brisco at 647 3515, 647-3266 or 647-7499.

NHS students place at UIL practice meet

Nazareth students won six medals and earned six other top places March 2 in the Clarendon Invitational UIL meet.

About 35 students were entered in each event, and 14 schools were represented including Canyon, Pampa, Dumas and Spearman.

Freshman Blake Birkenfeld placed first in the Editorial Writing contest and fourth in both the Calculator and Number Sense events.

In Calculator, Nazareth's Mark Birkenfeld placed second and Ky Wilcox and Lindsie M. Gerber tied for fifth. Nazareth finished second

as a team in Calculator.

Junior Melanie Book won second in the Literary Criticism event, while Sara Schulte earned a bronze medal in Feature Writing.

In Headline Writing, seniors Vanessa Wilhelm and Ann Wilhelm both earned points. Vanessa Wilhelm placed third while Ann Wilhelm finished sixth.

Senior Andrew Villanueva earned a silver medal in the Computer Application event.

Senior Jessica Kern finished fifth and junior Jill Schulte was sixth in the News Writing event.

Book Fair slated at RES this week

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair through Friday.

The sale will be held each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Housing sought for festival guests

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 8-10 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," a festival organizer said. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid, and the Chamber of Commerce will handle arrangements."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524 or from Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt show.

The Ogallala Quilter's Society is an organization with over 200 members from the tri-state area.

The event encourages young readers by bringing them the newest titles from more than 150 publishers. Students, parents and teachers can find old favorites and the latest works by popular authors and illustrators, including Newbery and Caldecott award winners.

When you visit the Book Fair, look for the classroom wish lists posted for each classroom. Teachers choose books they feel will be informative and stimulating and list them on a wish list for their classrooms. Classroom wish lists are then posted at the Book Fair. This gives family members an opportunity to purchase and donate a book to a classroom library. Their generosity is acknowledged by a bookplate with their name in each book they contribute.

For more information about the Book Fair, call 647-4131.

4-H County Roundup is slated April 5

The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held April 5 at the Extension office in Dimmitt, and a Mexican stack-up pot-luck meal is being planned.

The Parent/Leader Association will furnish the meat and 4-H'ers are asked to bring something else to add to the Mexican stack-up.

The first Method Demonstration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and presentations will follow until the dinner break at approximately 7 p.m. Method Demonstrations will continue after the meal.

"It is extremely important that you call in and reserve your time for your Method Demonstration," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "We will reserve 15 minutes per Method Demonstration. Please call the office and let us know what time you would like to do your Method Demonstration."

The District Roundup will be held May 1 in Levelland. All Senior 4-H'ers who qualify at District Roundup will attend State Roundup at College Station in June.

Method Demo practices to start Monday

4-H'ers interested in presenting a Method Demonstration at the county or district level will begin practicing on Monday nights, with the first practice session slated for Monday.

Those who would like help with their project should call the Extension Office at 647-4115.

Practices will be held from 4 to 5:30 each Monday beginning this week.

4-H leaders plan meeting

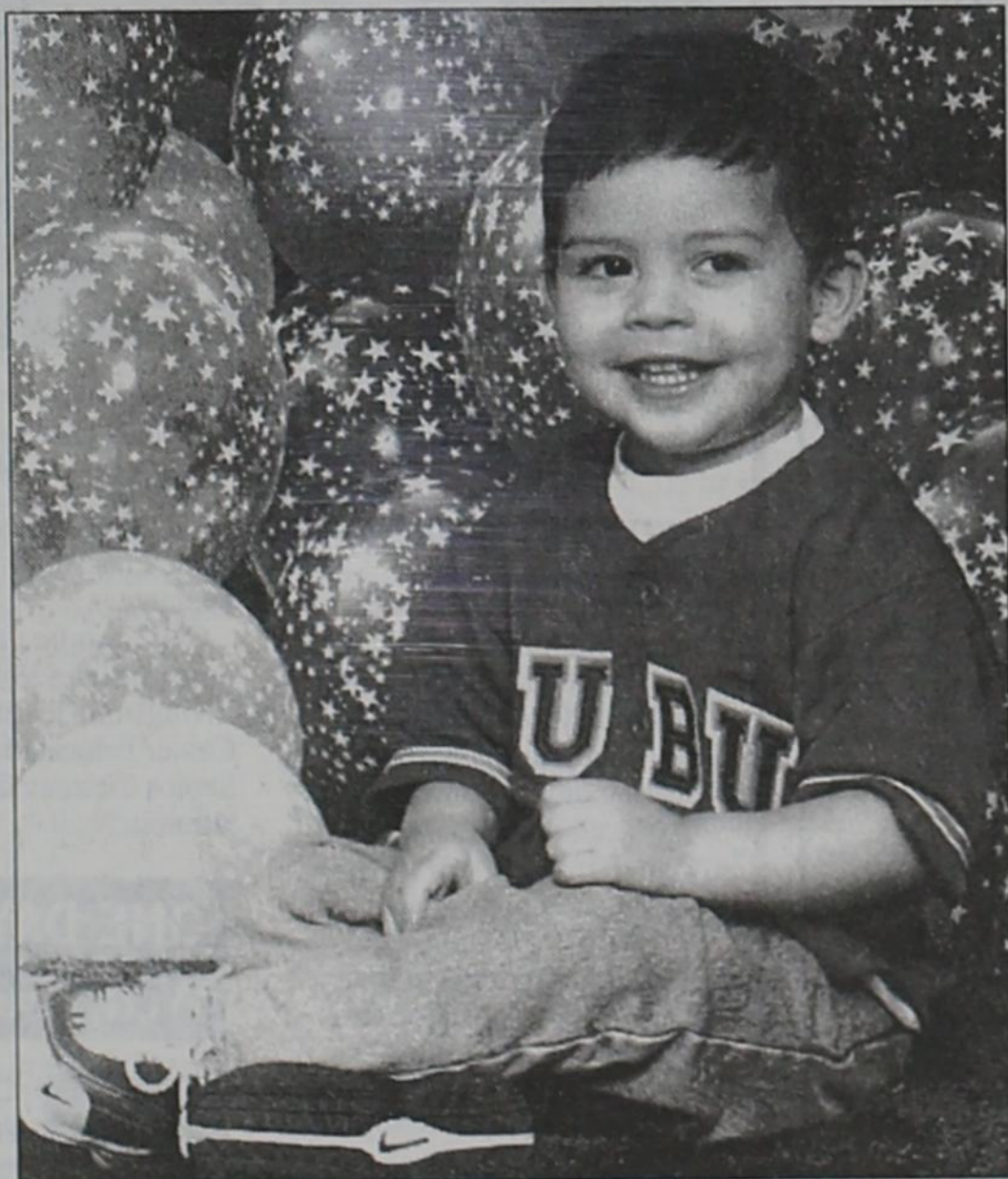
The Castro County 4-H club managers and parent-leaders will hold a training session and meeting on March 29 at the courthouse.

The club managers training will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Parent/Leader Association meeting at 7 p.m.

All 4-H leaders are asked to attend.

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PLAINVIEW PINWOOD DERBY WINNERS from Dimmitt's Cub Scout Pack 267 Tiger Den are Erin Weaver (left) and Eric Fuentes (right). Weaver took third place out of 26 competitors; and Fuentes took one of three trophies given for "Cubbiest" car, selected from over 100 entries. Eleven scouts from Dimmitt attended the event Feb. 20. Den leader is Kayla Weaver and Chris Fuentes is Scout Master.

Spring Break Blast scheduled

Catholic Family Services is planning some activities to keep Dimmitt students busy next week during Spring break, according to local youth counselor Donna Montes. The Spring Break Blast will start Monday, with registration from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Sessions will be held from noon to

3 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Lunch will be served each day, as well. No activities are slated for Friday.

On Monday through Wednesday all students from K through 12 are invited, and sessions will include cooperation, self esteem and safety. The session on Thursday will be for junior high and high school students only, with the subject "Sexual Wellness/Are You Ready for the Prom?"

Montes said that limited transportation will be available. Those needing a ride or more information about the sessions or topics may call 647-0323. Callers may leave a message, and she will return the call as soon as possible.



THE DIMMITT GIRL SCOUTS from Troop 499 boosted their cookie sales thanks to a special sale at Dimmitt Thriftway. The girls set up the Tip-Top Cookie Shop at the store, and sold an additional 50 boxes of cookies at the booth sale, boosting total sale numbers to 1,061 boxes. Showing off their "shop" sign are Girl Scouts (from left) Elizabeth Jackson, Selena Saenz, Ashley Fleeks and Brittany Allen. *Courtesy Photo*

Aggie Moms elect new officers, plan scholarships

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms elected new officers and formed a scholarship meeting for interviewing area high school students at a recent meeting in Hereford.

Ginger Olson was named president of the group and will be installed during the club's April meeting along with newly-elected first vice president Mariellen Homfeld and secretary Carla Scott.

The scholarship committee will interview area high school seniors planning to attend Texas A&M Uni-

versity in the fall. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. Applications are available at the high schools.

This year's annual ice cream social honoring scholarship recipients and university seniors will be held at the home of Terri Johnson this year.

Also attending the meeting and sharing "Aggie Brags" were Eileen Alley, Virginia Artho, Evelyn Lyles, Jody Skiles and Denise Teel, all of Hereford.

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms provide other areas of support for Texas A&M students, including special needs networking and care packages.

Any Texas A&M mother interested in joining the Golden Spread Aggie Moms may contact Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt, 647-5522, Evelyn Lyles of Hereford, 364-8245 and Virginia Artho, 364-5429.

Consumer Club's weekly workouts begin Tuesday

The Consumer Decision Making Club of Castro County 4-H will begin weekly practices for the District Roundup on Tuesday.

Club members will meet each Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 p.m. until District Roundup on May 1.

Those participating should be ready to work when they attend the practices, according to Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

"The study guides are finally in the office," Neal said.

Those who cannot attend the meetings should contact Neal at the Extension office.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Adam and Kara Cline of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Jordan Lynn Cline, who was born at 7:35 p.m. on March 2 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 1.6 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has two brothers, 8-year-old Michael Cline and 6-year-old Kristofer Cline. Grandparents are Milas and Sharon Cline of Dimmitt and Randy Scroggins of Dimmitt and Barbara Scroggins of Lubbock. Great-grandparents are Doris Bryant of Hobart, Okla., Lou Ables of Fort Worth, and John and Belva Scroggins of Borger.

OUT OF TOWN
Carla and Coby McGee of Lubbock are the parents of a baby boy, Jacob Cade, born March 2 at Covenant Medical Center, formerly Lubbock Methodist Hospital. Jacob weighed 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long at birth. His grandparents are Kenneth and Linda Frye of Dimmitt and Jackie Butler of Irving.

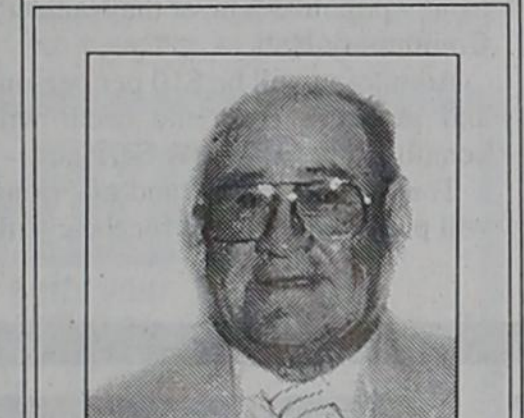
Fish fry is Friday

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will hold a fish fry every Friday night through March 26. The weekly fish fries will be each Friday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the church's cafeteria.

The menu will include fried fish, red beans, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, homemade dessert, tea and coffee. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Take-out plates will be available.

Proceeds from the meals will help fund ongoing projects at the church.

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I see you at the ball games picking on kids and yelling at the refs.
I see you in the love and support our family shows, especially when things get tough.
I see you sitting on the front porch when I go by your house.
Although we can't touch you or hear your voice, We feel your presence everywhere.

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Birkenfeld finishes eighth in spelling meet

Nazareth sophomore Jacalyn Birkenfeld recently finished eighth in a field of 47 competitors in the All-Texas Shootout Spelling Competition.

Twenty-one schools were entered in the ongoing event. Students were given a test every two weeks and the scores were averaged at the end of the five rounds.

4-H alumni group seeks new members

The new 4-H Friends and Alumni Association is looking for people who may be interested in becoming a part of the association.

The current membership stands at 533 individuals, including an honorary membership for Gov. George Bush, provided by the Caldwell County Volunteer Leader and 4-H members.

Those interested in joining should call the Extension office at 647-4115 for more information.

South Plains 4-H Council sets meeting

The South Plains 4-H Council and Adult Leaders Association Committee will meet March 23 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

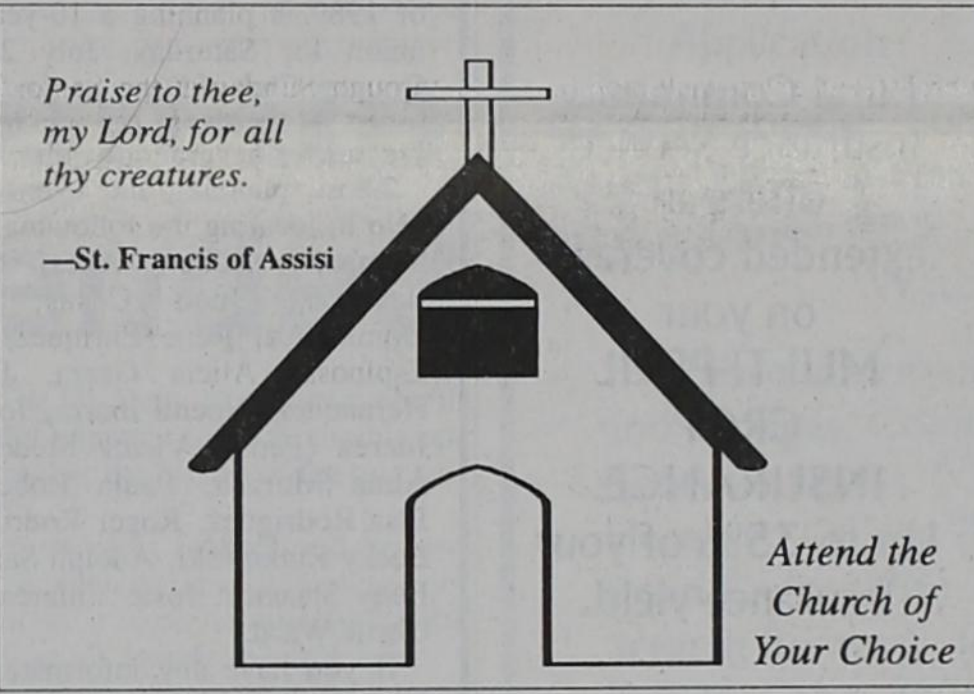
The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with a catered meal.

The 4-H Council will be making plans for the May 2 meeting, will plan for council officer elections, discuss upcoming committee responsibilities and discuss the officer training and retreat.

The leaders also will plan for a May 2 meeting and will decide the winners of the 4-H Distinguished Leader Award and the Meritorious Service Award. They will discuss the VLAT plans for 1999 and the South Plains 4-H Quarterly Newsletter.

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Farm Bureau offering several scholarships

Three scholarship competitions are being offered to Texas Farm Bureau youths, according to Lonnie Robb, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

He said county-level preliminaries will begin April 15.

"The search is on for contestants for the organization's Miss Texas Farm Bureau and Talent Find contests, as well as for applicants for the Youth Foundation Scholarship," Robb said.

He noted that the organization upped the scholarship amounts last year, with first-place winners in both the Miss TFB and Talent Find competitions eligible to receive \$2,500, and the scholarship winners being

eligible for \$1,000 renewable for up to four years.

Runners-up in the Miss TFB and Talent Find contests each receive \$1,500, and the remaining district winners get \$1,000 each.

The county contests, to be held April 15, in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria, will offer \$100 for first and \$50 for second places in each contest with the opportunity to advance to the district contests to be held in Idalou in August. The entry deadline for the contests is April 1. Applications are available at the offices of local high school counselors.

Monday is the deadline for applying for the Youth Foundation Scholarship.

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In addition, Monsanto is working with the American Farm Bureau Foundation for Agriculture to award 50 Monsanto scholarships, each worth \$2,500. These scholarships will go to students from families actively engaged in farming. Applicants must be entering their first year of college in the fall of 1999 and be planning to study agriculture.

Application materials will be available at county Farm Bureau offices, agricultural chemical retailer locations, and from school counselors.

In addition, the Texas Farm Bureau's Young Farmer and Rancher Committee has added two new awards for Texas high school students who plan to study agriculture. They are for \$2,500 each.

"We need our state's brightest and most energetic young people in the field of agriculture," Robb said. "These scholarships emphasize Farm Bureau's commitment to higher education."

To be eligible for these Farm Bureau awards, a high school senior must be a family member of Farm Bureau and be willing to pursue a degree in some agricultural field. Applications must be submitted with postmarks no later than June 1. Scholarship recipients will be announced by July 1.

Texas Farm Bureau now awards more than \$60,000 annually in youth scholarships.



ONE OUTSTANDING SCHOOL—Richardson Elementary School was named as one of 1,000 schools that will receive a \$1,000 grant from Target. Kindergarten students of Tracy Venhaus help Darlene Collins (left) and RES Principal Clint Seward show off the award banner last Thursday. Collins wrote the

grant application, based on the school's past activities, such as Dr. Seuss Day, Pioneer Day, Texas Day and the Book Fair. Funds are to be used for activities that will encourage parent participation and involvement at the school. Part of the money will go for the Parents Fun Night set for today (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

Deaf Smith REC plans annual membership meeting March 30

Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. will pay \$1,000,000 in capital credits from 1986, 1987, 1988 and a portion of 1989 to its members on March 30 during its annual membership meeting.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn and will include a meal of beef, fish and chicken; entertainment by the Palmetto State Quartet; a short business meeting; and presentation of door prizes valued at more than \$1,000. Grand prize will be a color television.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn, followed by the dinner. The business meeting is slated to start at 6:30 p.m.

Current members of the cooperative's board of directors are Donald Wright of Dimmitt, chairman; Jerry Roberts, secretary; Clarence Martin, vice chairman; and members Clark Andrews of Easter, Anthony Acker of Nazareth, Vick Christian and Gilbert (Nick) Yosten.

During the business meeting, the cooperative members will elect two directors to serve on its board.

Candidates for Position 1 are incumbent Gilbert (Nick) Yosten of Hereford and challenger Dwight Jesko of Hereford. Those vying for the Position 2 post are incumbent Anthony Acker of Nazareth and challenger Vincent Gerber of Nazareth.

Acker lives on and operates a family farm four miles west of Nazareth, where he was born.

He is a member of Holy Family Catholic Church where he served on the Parish Council for over 14 years. He is also a financial secretary for the Catholic Order of Foresters, a post he has held for more than 40 years. He is active in civic and county affairs and has served on the following boards: Plains Memorial Hospital, Dimmitt Agri Indus-

tries, High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, Farmers Home Administration and Nazareth Community Hall. He has served on the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative Board for the past 15 years.

Acker says if he is re-elected to his post, he will continue to do his best to keep electric prices as low as possible and keep service at a high standard.

Gerber is a lifelong resident of Nazareth and Castro County, and he

has been a member of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative since 1956. He is an active member of the American Legion and is currently serving on the board of directors of Castro Co-op Gin.

"I've been on Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's lines all of my life, and I believe the cooperative is doing a good job. If elected, I will represent the membership to the best of my ability," Gerber said.

Yosten and his wife, Marian, moved to Deaf Smith County 40 years ago. He lives six miles west and a mile north of Hereford. He farms, raises cattle and is part owner/operator of a trucking business. He is a veteran of the US Army, having served during the Korean Conflict. He is currently serving his 14th year as a director on the Hereford Federal Credit Union Board. He is completing his second term as a director of the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

"I have been a member of the cooperative for 40 years, and I believe that we should maintain the cooperative principle of the best possible service at the least possible cost. If I am re-elected to the board, I will continue to serve to the best of my ability."

Jesko is a farmer in the Westway Community, and he is a lifelong resident of Deaf Smith County. He lives 11 miles west of Hereford on Harrison Highway.

Jesko is a member of the Knights of Columbus and is a past chancellor of the group. He is currently serving as president of the St. Anthony Cemetery Committee and is a member of the Parish Council of St. Anthony's Church of Hereford.

"If elected, I will work with the board and help make sure all members are treated fairly," Jesko said.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

St. Pat's Dance slated Saturday

The Nazareth organization of the Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dance Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Admission will be \$10 per person, and proceeds from the event will benefit Catholic Family Services.

The Janet Denton Band of Friona will provide the music for the event.

Class of '89 sets reunion

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

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

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

They would like to have addresses or phone numbers on all class members by April 15.

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Tractor show set in Plainview

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will hold the seventh annual Ollie Linder Show Friday through Sunday in Plainview.

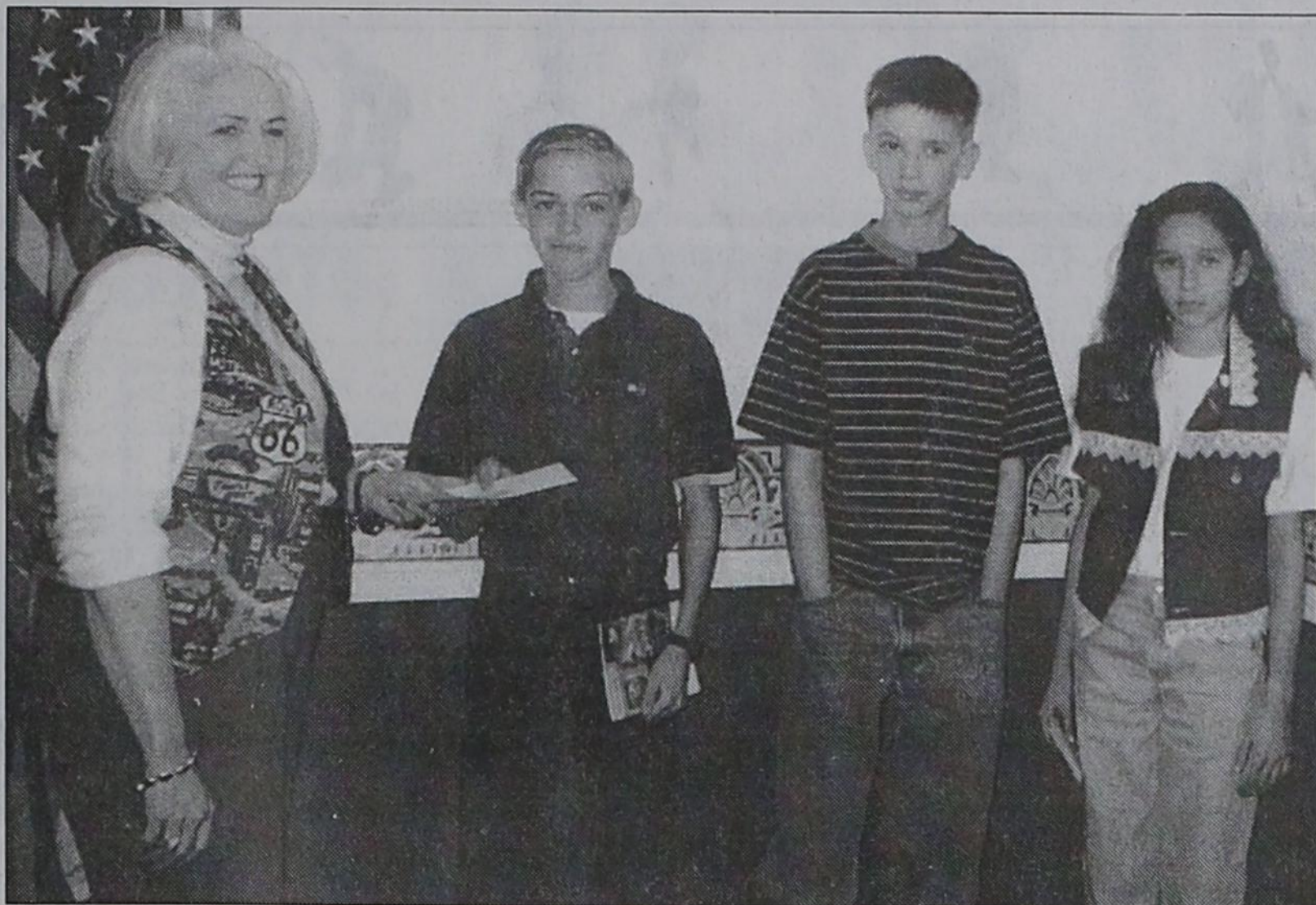
The show will be held at Business 87 South off of I-27.

All makes of tractors, gas engines and antique equipment is welcome at the show and all exhibits will be locked up at night.

Parades will be held at 2 p.m. each day of the show.

Admission to the show is free and door prizes will be awarded. A concession stand will be available and proceeds will benefit the Hale County Farm and Ranch Museum in Hale Center.

Exhibitors are invited to set up their exhibits on Friday from 1 to 6 p.m. The show hours will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.



SENIOR SPELLING BEE WINNERS for Castro County are (starting second from left) Trent Barnes of Hart, first; Tyler Myatt of Dimmitt, second; and Nyssa Martinez of Dimmitt, third. Senior winners are eligible to participate in the regional spelling bee, with a chance to qualify for the national bee. Presenting the winners with certificates is Kay Gfeller (left). *Courtesy Photo*

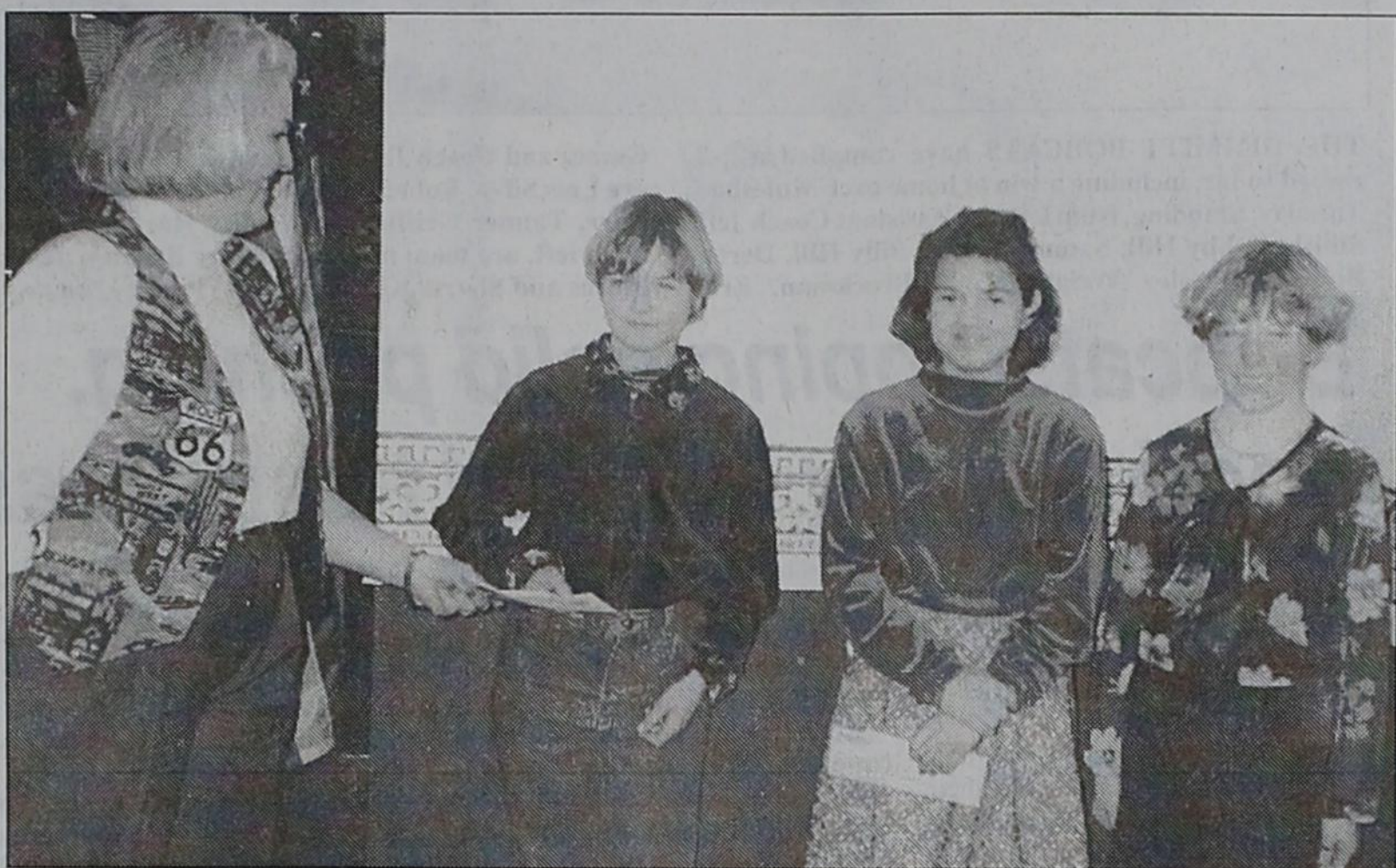
Entomology practices are continuing

County 4-H'ers are gearing up for a new judging season and the entomology judging team is practicing each Monday at 6 p.m. at the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt.

The initial meeting was held Monday and participants learned the outline of the contest and what is involved with identifying insects.

Insects are very interesting, colorful and important to life in general. Anyone interested in science can gain valuable learning experiences from learning about insects. Genetics, life processes and biochemistry all are important to a scientist, and all of these have important relationships with the study of entomology.

Practices will be held each Monday evening through May 1, when District Roundup is held. A first- and second-place Senior team at the District Roundup will continue on to the State Roundup at College Station this summer.



JUNIOR SPELLING BEE WINNERS for Castro County are (starting second from left) Randi Cates of Dimmitt, first place; Kim Back of Dimmitt, second place; and Candace Birkenfeld of Nazareth, third place. Director of the local bee, held Monday, was Kay Gfeller (left), special education coordinator for the Dimmitt Independent School District. *Courtesy Photo*

Clover Kids to enjoy food class March 31

The Castro County 4-H Clover Kids will participate in a food class on Wednesday, March 31, at 4 p.m. at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

Those planning to attend should call Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

4-H seeks team judges

Castro County 4-H is looking for 4-H'ers interested in participating on judging teams. Those interested should call the Extension office at 647-4115 as soon as possible.

Teams are forming now and District Roundup is fast approaching.

Disaster aid sign-up deadline is extended

The deadline for signing up for assistance provided by the 1999 Budget Bill under the new Crop Loss Disaster Assistance Program has been extended to April 9.

The original sign-up deadline was March 12, but that date was extended to April 9 by Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"This money is badly needed by farmers who suffered losses due to natural disasters, the effects of which are made worse by the current slump in farm prices," Glickman said. "We want to make sure that everyone who's eligible has a chance to participate."

More than \$2 billion has been authorized by the Congress to reimburse farmers hit by natural disasters and who suffered losses greater than 35% of their historic yields.

Farmers are eligible for compensation either for qualifying losses on 1998 crops, or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998 where a crop insurance indemnity or assistance under the non-insured crop disaster assistance program was received. Farmers can receive payments under either single-year or multi-year provisions, but not both.

The US Dept. of Agriculture will make payment to each eligible applicant at the higher of the two levels.

Payment to farmers will be prorated after all applications are reviewed in order to stay within the program's budget requirements.

Farmers can contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm Service Agency office at 647-2153 for more information or to sign up for the program.

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Sports



Bobcats fall to Crosbyton in tourney consolation final

Dimmitt lost a pair of close games, but shut out the Olton Mustangs between those two losses over the weekend in the Jackrabbit Invitational Tournament at Ralls.

After falling to Cotton Center, 6-4, in first-round action last Thursday, the Bobcats rebounded with a 9-0 thrashing of the Mustangs on Friday. That vaulted the Bobcats into the consolation championship against Crosbyton on Saturday, but Dimmitt couldn't pull out the win, falling 4-3.

Cotton Center jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first inning and added two more runs in the fifth to take a 5-1 advantage, then held off a Bobcat rally in the sixth for the 6-4 win.

Tanner Griffitt took the mound for the Bobcats and suffered the loss while Z. Land of Cotton Center got the win.

Dimmitt's first run came in the second inning on a solo home run by Robert Sepeda, but they were silent for the next three innings as Land retired the side in each.

The Bobcats finally got something going in the sixth, picking up three runs, but it wasn't quite enough to offset the early Elk lead.

The sixth-inning rally was started by a Wesley Harkins double, then was boosted by a pair of singles by Sammy Prieto and Wesley Wright. The Bobcats picked up three runs before the next three batters were retired, ending the game.

Dimmitt batters picked up four hits in the game but the Cats were also charged with five errors. Cotton Center had seven hits and only committed one error.

"Cotton Center may be a small town, but they've got one kid, Z. Land, who's a really good pitcher. I don't think there's anyone in our district who is as good as he is," said Dimmitt Coach Jesus Quiroz. "He just kept us off balance. He has a good fast ball and slider. We finally got a hold of him late in the game, but then time ran out on us before we could come back."

Luis Silva controlled Friday's consolation semifinal game from the mound, holding the Olton Mustangs at bay with a one-hitter in leading Dimmitt to a 9-0 victory.

It was a win for the Bobcats, but it wasn't a pretty one, according to Coach Quiroz.

Dimmitt got 9 hits against Mustang pitchers, three of which were good for extra bases. But Dimmitt stranded too many runners throughout the game, and Quiroz wasn't pleased with that.

Silva didn't just dominate on defense, either. He picked up a triple to boost his team's offensive performance.

Bobby Hill and Eric Gamez each nailed home runs in the game.

Olton had six errors while the Bobcats had none.

Dimmitt jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first, opening with a home run by Bobby Hill. Eric Gamez reached on a single, then advanced to second and third on a pair of passed balls before scoring.

Silva's triple came in the third inning, scoring Hill from first, then Gamez parked one and before Olton knew it, Dimmitt was up 6-0.

The Bobcats added two runs in the fourth and another in the sixth for the 9-0 shutout.

Dimmitt trailed Crosbyton early in the final game, and the Bobcats never regained the lost ground, dropping the game by a run, 4-3.

Dimmitt had more hits than Crosbyton, 5-3, but couldn't bring the runners home.

Crosbyton took a 2-0 lead in the second, then added two more in the fourth for a 4-1 lead.

The Bobcats picked up a pair of runs in the fifth, but would get no closer.

Derek Buckley got the loss while Van Hoose of Crosbyton picked up the win.

Gamez had a double and Silva homered for the Bobcats.

"We didn't show up to play against Crosbyton," Quiroz said. "We never got our bats going and we had a couple of errors. We walked seven or eight batters and that hurt. If we would have been hitting, I think things would have changed a lot."

The Bobcats picked up a first run in the fourth when Gamez crossed the plate, but Crosbyton was up 4-1.

Dimmitt cut the gap in the fifth on a two-out rally. After the first two batters were retired, Bobby Hill walked, then stole second. Silva's home run scored Hill and Dimmitt pulled within a run, 4-3.

But that's where it ended. Gamez picked up a double, but was stranded when Sepeda struck out.



THE DIMMITT BOBCATS have compiled a 3-2 record so far, including a win at home over Muleshoe Tuesday. Standing, from left, are Assistant Coach Jeff Smith, Bobby Hill, Sammy Prieto, Billy Hill, Derek Buckley, Wesley Wright, Cody Brockman, Eric

Gamez and Coach Jesus Quiroz. Kneeling, from left, are Luis Silva, Robert Sepeda, Fabian Salinas, Shane Furr, Tanner Griffitt and Wesley Harkins. Seated, from left, are team managers Mary Bradley, Jessica Flores and Sharla Kenworthy. Photo by Don Nelson

Bobcats hoping solid pitching, good fielding will lead to success

Dimmitt players must fine tune pitching and hitting skills before district rolls around and if that happens, look for the Bobcats to be a major contender for the District 1-AAA title.

The Bobcats, coached by first-year chief Jesus Quiroz, split their first four games of the season, beating Friona and Olton while losing to Cotton Center and Crosbyton. Those two losses were by two runs and one run.

"We're doing better," Quiroz said. "The games we've lost have both been really close, and mistakes cost us in those. We walked a couple of runs in, and we made some errors. We need to learn to get off to a quick start, attack early and then finish teams off. We had to play catch-up ball in our losses."

Quiroz welcomes back four starters from last year's team, including junior shortstop Sammy Prieto, senior pitcher and third baseman Luis Silva, senior second baseman Wesley Wright and senior center fielder

and pitcher Derek Buckley. Also back are two lettermen: senior left fielder Eric Gamez and senior right fielder and third baseman Cody Brockman.

Rounding out the Bobcats' varsity roster are senior first baseman Robert Sepeda, sophomore catcher Bobby Hill, sophomore pitcher Tanner Griffitt, junior outfielder Shane Furr, sophomore catcher and outfielder B.J. Hill and senior outfielder Fabian Salinas.

Quiroz will count on Silva to be the Bobcats' starting pitcher most of the time, with Griffitt and Buckley working into the rotation.

"We've got a good one (pitcher) in Silva," Quiroz said. "He's our ace. He throws the hardest of the three, and he's the most disciplined. He knows what to throw and when to throw it. Luis has a good fastball, breaking ball and change-up."

Quiroz will look to Griffitt next in the rotation, and he says the sophomore has done okay in games so far this season.

"Tanner's showing a lot of improvement. He has a good breaking ball, and he uses it to offset with his fast ball because he doesn't throw quite as hard as Luis. He uses that breaking ball to keep hitters off balance."

Buckley pitched some for the Bobcats a year ago, and he's just been working out with the team for a little over a week. Quiroz thinks that once Buckley gets his arm in shape, he'll be the perfect addition to the rotation.

"All three of these guys throw good breaking curve balls, and they are fairly accurate."

Starting at catcher for the Bobcats will usually be Bobby Hill.

"Bobby may be young, but he has a lot of experience behind the plate. He knows what to do with the ball once he gets it," Quiroz said. "He's got an average arm, but he's a good catcher."

The Bobcats' starting infield will usually feature Sepeda at first, Wright at second and Silva or Brockman at third with Prieto holding down short.

"Our strongest infielders are Prieto and Silva, when he's on third," Quiroz said. "They've got

the better gloves on the team. Wesley is improving, and he fights hard. Sepeda's a good first baseman, and he's got a good glove, too. He just needs a little more experience. He didn't play a year ago because he was injured."

Gamez is expected to be the leader in the outfield, covering the territory in left field. Buckley will be responsible for center field while Brockman will be in right.

"We're quick out there, especially with Eric and Derek. Both move and break on the ball well. When Derek is pitching, Eric will move to center," Quiroz said.

The Bobcats have average team speed this year, and are "pretty quick overall," according to Quiroz. "We don't have a lot of speed, but we're not slow, either. The guys keep their heads up when they're running bases and they're doing well."

Quiroz would like to see a lot of improvement in the team's hitting down through the lineup.

"We started off good this season, but this weekend (in the Ralls Tournament) we didn't do so hot. Hopefully the bats will come by district."

Quiroz said he's still rotating players around, looking for a good hitter to step into the clean-up spot (No. 4 hitter).

Lead-off man for Dimmitt is Bobby Hill, with Prieto batting second and Silva hitting third.

"Bobby puts the ball in play a lot, and he's just the kind of hitter we're looking for in that second spot. Silva's a good hitter, too. He could be the No. 4 hitter, but he's got a lot of speed, so we're trying to keep him in No. 3."

Quiroz is hoping to find that fourth batter in either Sepeda or Gamez.

"Sepeda's a good power hitter. He still needs some discipline at the plate, but when he hits the ball, he hits it hard. He's had three home runs so far this year. He just needs a little more work and needs to become more consistent. That No. 4 hitter has to be able to bring in runners or get a sacrifice fly."

Gamez could be one of the top hitters in the batting order before district rolls around, too.

Bobcats cop AD honors

Four Dimmitt Bobcats were named to the 1-AAA honor squad for 1998-99, and three of those earned first-team honors.

Those making the first team were seniors Derek Buckley, Jacob Larra and Jerry Thomas.

That trio led Dimmitt to a tie with Tulia for the District 1-AAA championship. The Bobcats lost their third meeting with the Hornets and represented the district as the No. 2 seed in the playoffs. Dimmitt was knocked out of the playoffs in the bi-district round by Littlefield.

Daniel Flores was named all-district second-team.

Senior Wesley Wright earned honorable mention all-district honors.

Swifts, Horns place trios on 8-A honor team

Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez and Nazareth Kade Wilcox captured Most Valuable Player honors and headlined the all-District 8-A team, released this week.

Velasquez, a senior guard, was named the district's MVP while Wilcox, a freshman guard, claimed Offensive MVP honors in the league.

Other Swifts joining Wilcox on the all-district team included senior forward Mitchell Brockman and freshman forward Ky Wilcox.

Hart also placed two other players on the all-district team. They are senior guard Jared Aven and Keith Finch.

Honorable mention all-district honors were claimed by Hart's Richard Gonzales and Chris George.

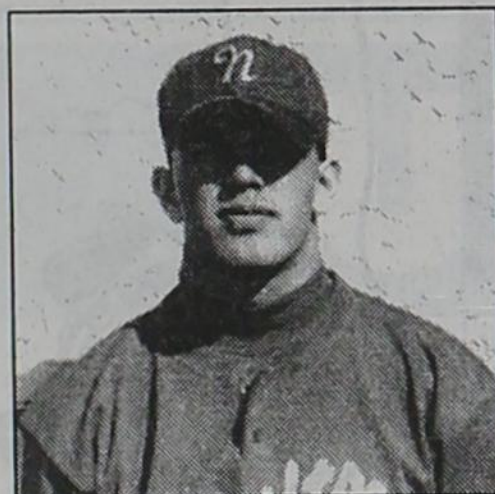
Bennett earns post-season college honors

Shea Bennett, daughter of Harold Bob and Ruth Bennett of Hart, captured two big post-season honors for her play as a guard and post for the Wayland Baptist University Flying Queens.

Bennett, who is majoring in biology, was named Academic All-Conference for the Sooner Athletic Conference and also earned third-team All-Conference honors.



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Luis Silva and Bobby Hill of Dimmitt; Pedroza, DeLeon (6) and Alvarado. WP: Luis Silva. LP: Pedroza. 2B: Villanueva of Olton. 3B: Luis Silva of Dimmitt. HR: Hill and Eric Gamez of Dimmitt.

Consolation Championship

Bobcats 3, Crosbyton 4

Dimmitt	000	120	3	5	2
Crosbyton	020	200	4	3	4

Derek Buckley and Luis Silva (5) and Bobby Hill; Van Hoose, Fink (6) and Rodriguez, Lopez (6). WP: Van Hoose. LP: Derek Buckley. 2B: Eric Gamez of Dimmitt. HR: Luis Silva of Dimmitt.

TUESDAY

Bobcats 10, Muleshoe 7

Muleshoe	200	230	0	7	3	4
Dimmitt	413	020	x	10	13	1

Hohn, Pyle (4), Kerby (4) and Mason for Muleshoe; Tanner Griffitt, Luis Silva (5) and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt. WP: Griffitt (1-1). LP: Hahn. 2B: Sammy Prieto (2), Eric Gamez, Cody Brockman and Shane Furr of Dimmitt. HR: Gonzales and McClanahan of Muleshoe; Hill and Robert Sepeda of Dimmitt. Record: Dimmitt 3-2.

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Young players must develop for Swifts to return to playoffs

Young and virtually inexperienced describe Swift sluggers this season. The Nazareth baseball team, in just its second year, returns only three starters and two lettermen from last year's playoff team, and the rest of the roster is filled with freshmen and rookies.

But those young players are talented athletes and they are eager to learn and are ready to give 100% to the team this year, according to first-year coach Ralph Albracht.

Only two seniors are listed on this year's roster and both are returning starters. They are catcher Matt Olvera and pitcher/shortstop Mitchell Brockman.

The other veteran starter back is Bo Hunter, a junior first baseman.

Nick Bermea, a sophomore who could see action in the outfield and at first base, is a returning letterman. Sophomore Wade Price will also see time in the outfield. Mark Birkenfeld, a sophomore second baseman, was on the roster last year, but couldn't play because of an injury.

Newcomers this year include junior outfielder Stanton Wethington, freshman pitcher/shortstop Blake Birkenfeld, freshman third baseman Daryl Pohlmeier, and freshman outfielders Ky Wilcox and Aaron Kern.

The Swifts have been working on fundamentals and mechanics of the game.

"It's hard to know how the kids are going to react until we get into some games, and we may be taking some lumps in our early games, but as the season progresses and they understand things better, I think it'll come together," Albracht said.

"Right now we're trying to get their swings developed and get them hitting consistently. "When they can walk up there and do things without thinking about how they're doing it, I'll feel like we've accomplished something."

While the Swifts are young and inexperienced, Albracht is encouraged by several things he's seen out of his team already.

"We're hustling and trying to touch base on a whole lot of things right now. We've got so many good athletes and we've got speed. Speed's our major asset. We'll probably do a lot of running because I don't know how strong our hitting's going to be, especially early in the season.

"We've been working on sliding some—I'm trying to teach them the stand-up slide—but a lot of them are timid yet. But I think we'll be able to use our speed to get around the bases once we do get there."

Albracht will be looking to Brockman and Olvera for a lot of leadership this year.

"Mitchell is going to be our leader on the field. He's going to be a good pitcher. He's got a good, live fastball. He's worked on his

curve ball and it's average now. He's got good mechanics on the field, he fields well and he hits well. He's a solid all-around player," Albracht said.

"I think Mitchell is stronger than he was last year—he's really getting some zip on the ball," Albracht added.

Brockman will be the Swifts' ace on the mound, and joining him in the pitching rotation will be Blake Birkenfeld and Wilcox.

"Blake's got good control, but he doesn't have a lot of speed on the ball. Ky's got more speed, but he's lacking control right now," Albracht said. "After Mitch, we could struggle with our pitching early until these two get some experience, and then I think they'll be fine."

Olvera returns to lead the Swifts behind the plate, and Albracht says he's doing a lot of good things.

Albracht says Hunter is "a real standout at first base. He can really stretch. He's a tall kid who can go and get the ball. That'll help us a lot."

Mark Birkenfeld will start at second and Pohlmeier will usually get the nod at third. Blake Birkenfeld and Brockman will rotate between pitcher and shortstop.

"Blake handles himself well at short, he's just not as physically strong as Mitch," Albracht said.

Albracht said his outfielders should be able to cover a lot of ground quickly, especially with Wethington and Wilcox out there.

"We've got a lot of speed with Ky and Stanton. They can really go get the balls. We've been working with them on catching fly balls and they're coming along."

Albracht said he hasn't been rushing things in workouts so far.

"We've really been taking it easy. I worry about arms this early in the year, especially with out pitching. We've been starting off slow—I haven't let anybody really cut loose yet and won't until I feel like they're ready."

Nazareth is in an extremely small district featuring just three teams: Texline, Hartley and the Swifts. District will be played in a series of doubleheaders. The first one will be against Hartley on April 24 at Thompson Park in Amarillo. The second will be on May 8 against Texline at Boys Ranch.

"I don't like this district alignment at all," Albracht said. "I would have preferred it if they would have put us in the south district with six or eight teams, but they didn't."

"These kids have really been fun to work with," Albracht said. "They work hard and they're all eager. I've really enjoyed it so far. It's great to be able to do something you love."

two games, it would drop to a guarantee game, which would be played Saturday at 8 a.m.

Other games Saturday include the consolation championship at 6 p.m., the fifth-place game at 3:30 p.m. and the championship at 8:30 p.m.

Academic all-district team named

Several Hart and Nazareth athletes were named academic all-district for District 8-A after they maintained an "A" average in each subject for the second and third six-weeks grading periods.

Swiftettes making the academic team were Sara Schulte, Whitney Hoelting, Mandy Hoelting, Lesley Brockman and manager Laura Gerber.

Lady Horns on the honor list include Amanda Ethridge, Valerie Key, Lindsey Montemayor and Ysa Rodriguez.

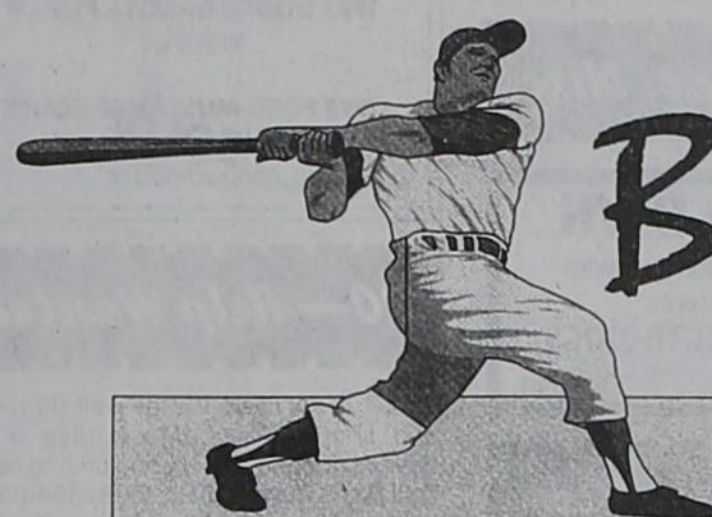
Swifts joining the academic team are Blake Birkenfeld, Kade Wilcox, Ky Wilcox, Daryl Pohlmeier and Jase Merritt.

For the Longhorns, Chris George and Michael Pantoja were named academic all-district.



BATTERS UP! The 1999 Nazareth Swifts may be young, but they'll meet every challenge with all-out effort this season. Team members are (kneeling, from left) Blake Birkenfeld, Aaron Kern, Wade Price, Nick Bermea and Mark Birkenfeld; and (standing, from left) Head Coach Ralph Albracht, Bo Hunter, Matt Olvera, Stanton Wethington, Mitchell Brockman, Daryl Pohlmeier, Ky Wilcox and Assistant Coach Buster Brown.

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Bobcat sluggers to meet Seminole in tourney opener

The Dimmitt Bobcats will face Seminole today (Thursday) at 9 a.m. in first-round action of the 1999 Mule Classic at Muleshoe.

The 10-team tournament also features Kermit, Denver City, Lubbock Christian, Crane, Portales, N.M., Abernathy, Muleshoe and Tulia.

If the Bobcats beat Seminole, they will face the Kermit-Denver City winner Friday at 4:30 p.m. in a championship semifinal.

Losers of the two first-round games will square off Friday at 9 a.m. in a consolation quarterfinal.

If Dimmitt were to lose its first

Local golfers place in Friona

Golfers from Dimmitt and Hart competed at the Friona Invitational last Thursday, with the Longhorns finishing seventh as a team and the Bobcats' B team placing ninth.

Leading the local golfers was Hart's Jared Aven, who finished with 86 strokes over the 18-hole event. Other Hart team members were Chris George, 95; T.R. George, 92; and Shane McLain, 129.

For the Bobcats, Brent Josselet was the top finisher, firing a 92. He was joined by Tanner Self, 108; Jace Weaver, 114; Cody Laurent, 103; and Deacon Buckley, 103.

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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
Dimmitt Independent School District's Administration Office will be closed for Spring Break from March 15 through March 19, 1999. The deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot will be 5 p.m. on March 17, 1999. For anyone interested in signing up for the Board, applications will be available with Debbie Annen, School Board Secretary, at West Wind Financial, 302 2nd Street, Dimmitt, Texas. Dimmitt ISD will also be conducting the ballot positioning drawing at 10 a.m. on Monday, March 22, 1999, at Dimmitt ISD's Administration Office. If there are any questions, please call Johnny W. Hill at (806) 647-3101. 25-49-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2322
THE ESTATE OF ALLAN WEBB, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ALLAN WEBB, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of ALLAN WEBB, Deceased, were issued to KRISTI TRAYLOR EDWARDS and PEGGY A'LLAN BRADLEY on the 8th day of March, 1999, in proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows: KRISTI TRAYLOR EDWARDS, 2108 65th Place, Lubbock, Texas 79412; and PEGGY A'LLAN BRADLEY, P.O. Box 947, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-49-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for (1) new Tandem-Powered Motor Grader for trade-in of (1) 140 G Motor Grader.
Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 19, 1999. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 22, 1999, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.
IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
25-49-2tc

Food vendor spots available for quilt festival

Food vendors are needed for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, to be held in Dimmitt on April 8-10.
However, vendor booths will only be available on April 9 and 10.
Organizations, groups or individuals interested in providing a food booth at the festival should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Ogallala members Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637 for forms or more information.

Mystery writer John Creasey wrote under 27 different pen names.

The practice of numbering houses began in Pont Notre Dame in Paris, France in 1643.



STATE COMPETITORS in events for the Dimmitt High School chapter of Business Professionals of America were (from left) Olivia Rodriguez, who competed in computerized accounting, and Christina Fierro, whose events were administrative assistant and proof reading/editing. Not shown is Isaac Johnson, who competed in document formatting. The state convention was held March 4-6 in Corpus Christi. These three qualified for state by winning first at regional. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hart, Naz girls earn AD berths

Three Nazareth Swiftettes and two Hart Lady Horns earned all-district honors for their work during the 1998-99 basketball season.

Capturing honors from District 8-A were Nazareth sophomores Shawna Gerber and Whitney Hoelting and senior Cassie Birkenfeld.

Lady Horns earning mention to the honor squad were seniors Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez.

Those earning honorable mention all-district recognition were senior Jayme Schmucker and freshman Stephanie Thiel, both of Nazareth; and Hart sophomore Geneva Finch.



FHA MEMBERS from Dimmitt High School who attended the Region I Conference Feb. 26-27 in Amarillo included (front, from left) Maria Garcia, Tiffany Stevens and Myra Pena; and (back, from left) Laura Cardona, Juanita Vasquez, Tamara Robertson, Mo-

ses Lugo and Angela Montiel. Stevens participated in a competition at the conference and won third place. She will advance to the state contest in April in Corpus Christi. Theme for the regional conference was "Spotlight on Excellence." Photo by Linda Maxwell

Alzheimer's support group to meet Monday

A support group for Alzheimer's patients and family members will meet on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Welch Home Place Program Facility in Dimmitt.

Alzheimer's is a progressive degenerative disease which attacks the brain resulting in impaired memory, thinking and behavior. It is a disease that causes confusion and disorientation as well as extreme changes in behavior and personality. These changes can become more traumatic for family members and friends than they are for the patients themselves.

"Providing care and compassion to the Alzheimer patient is a difficult task for everyone involved," said Mimi Mize, M.A., who is program director. "There is no exact way to live with this disease. The experience is different for every person with the disease and with every caregiver. This meeting, like all of our meetings, is open to everyone. We will offer information about what can be expected throughout the disease process and provide suggestions on how to live with the changes that may be experienced. Information about how the

professional can provide quality care and work effectively with families also will be included."

The group meeting will address the feeling of isolation that family members and friends often experience, according to Mize.

"Sharing concerns and swapping ideas on how to manage the problems of the Alzheimer's patient often relieves the trauma and stress felt by the caregivers. It helps them cope."

Alzheimer's advances vary from person to person and Mize says that eventually, most people with the disease become unable to care for themselves.

Some common symptoms of Alzheimer's disease are memory loss that affects job skills, difficulty performing familiar tasks, inability to follow directions and problems with finding the right word or finishing a thought. Other symptoms include disorientation to time and place, problems recognizing numbers or performing a basic calculation and putting items in inappropriate places and then not recall how they got there.

EQIP funding is available now

Castro County is one of eight counties on the South Plains that has been approved as the South Plains Ogallala Water Conservation Priority Area to receive Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds.

"EQIP is now beginning the evaluation period through March 31," said Gary Hunter, resource conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service in Dimmitt.

Seventy-five percent of the available funding for EQIP in Texas is designated for the priority areas.

"Producers in the priority areas will have a better chance of receiving EQIP funding to do natural resource

conservation work than those outside a priority area," Hunter said.

The South Plains Ogallala Priority Area will primarily emphasize irrigation conservation practices for cost-share assistance. Applications can be made for water conservation practices such as underground irrigation pipeline, drip irrigation systems and sprinkler conversion to LEPA or to low-pressure systems.

The EQIP program is jointly administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Farm Service Agency (FSA). Contact the local FSA or NRCS office in Dimmitt for more information.

More about

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Barry included a clipping of the recent "Sheriff's Notes" in the Goldthwaite *Eagle*, written for the paper by Mills County Sheriff Darwin Odom.

Sheriff Odom uses a different sub-head and paragraph for each day, and "Sheriff's Notes" is a long, comprehensive report of a week in the life of a rural SO.

A few excerpts:
Tuesday, Feb. 9: A caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the traffic lane on 84 East. The driver did not know it was a traffic lane, and the vehicle was moved.

Thursday, Feb. 11: Two dogs were observed killing a kid goat on Hutchings Street. One dog was dispatched, the other left the area at a run.

Saturday, Feb. 13: Deputy Tully responded to a possible drunk driver call at 11:50 a.m. A vehicle was stopped on East Front Street, driven by an unlicensed driver and a minor who was in possession of an Alcoholic Beverage. . . . The phantom Emus on FM 2005 have appeared again. As many times as we have been out on this call, we have yet to find them.

Sunday, Feb. 14: Sunday was quiet. Deputy Hammonds worked a minor traffic accident with a deer fatality about 8:50 p.m. No other significant activity during the reporting period.

Final Note: We would ask all drivers to continue to observe the 20 mph zone at the school. Our crossing guard, Mr. Corona, still observes many drivers driving too fast and not yielding to the crosswalk. We have had one child accidentally hit in the crosswalk and we don't want any more. Drive safely and save our kids.

Reporting such items might seem quaint to a grizzled city dweller, but they're important to the locals.

I don't doubt that Sheriff Odom's weekly report is one of the best-read features in the Goldthwaite *Eagle*, just as "Police Calls" are in our paper.

However, I don't happen to agree with the *Eagle's* policy. I'm not going to ask Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald to become a newspaper correspondent; that's not what he was elected to do.

Also, subjective editorial decisions have to be made occasionally in the printing of the Police Calls, and those decisions are the responsibility of the newspaper, not the law enforcement officers.

I noticed that Sheriff Odom practices the same policy in reporting arrests that our newspaper does. If there's a misdemeanor criminal charge involved, he doesn't use the person's name.

On misdemeanors, we usually give the violator a freebie, too, unless the offense is a contributing factor in an accident, or results in direct physical harm to another person or to property.

Lots of readers disagree with the no-names policy. There are those who feel that every offender of every stripe should be chained to the Gazebo with a sign tacked to his or her chest.

In a long career as a reporter, editor and publisher, I've branded people and I've kept people from being branded. Over the years, I've decided that there's seldom a right or wrong way to report people's failings, and I'd rather err on the side of compassion.

If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 11-19.

DIMMITT Breakfast
THURSDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: No School.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Chicken fillet strips, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, peaches, refried beans, hamburger salad and milk.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of baked fish Scandia, cheese enchilada with sauce, cheeseburger or chicken stir fry; French fries, peaches or refried beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Elementary Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, pizza or chalupas; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches, ginger cookies and milk.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

High School Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, cheese pizza or chalupa; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: No School.

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

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Enchilada or pizza, tossed salad, pinto beans, pineapple, apples and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, rice, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Hot turkey sandwiches or corn dog, tossed salad, corn, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, beans, pears, green Jell-O and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken fajitas or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, green beans, orange, S'Mores and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Fish or cheese pizza, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
* Means designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.

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Track Results

SOUTH PLAINS RELAYS
at Levelland

Boys' Division
Team Totals: 1. Plainview 160, 2. Frenship 152, 3. Seminole 66, 4. Borger 66, 2, 5. Hereford 58, 6. Levelland 55, 4, 7. Brownfield 54, 8. Pampa 43, 9. Dimmitt 34, 5, 10. Littlefield 16.

Pole vault: 2. Justin Sutton, Dimmitt, 15-0.
800-meter run: 1. Daniel Flores, Dimmitt, 2:06.28.

WHIRLWIND RELAYS
at Floydada

Boys' Division
Team Totals: 1. Tulla 139, 2. Lamesa 118, 3. (Tie) Abernathy and Floydada 55, 5. Muleshoe 50, 6. Friona 22, 7. (Tie) Cooper and Childress 18, 9. Olton 16, 10. (Tie) Spur and Idalou 14, 12. Nazareth 10, 13. Crosbyton 8, 14. Lockney 6, 15. (Tie) Roosevelt and Slaton 4.

Discus: 1. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 157-3 1/2.

LAST FRONTIER RELAYS
at Morton

Girls' Division
Team Totals: 1. Sundown 201, 2. Whiteface 91, 3. Springlake-Earth 90, 4.

Hart 88, 5. Morton 44, 6. Ropes 36, 7. Anton 16.

Long Jump: Dahnna Castillo, Hart 13-10 1/2.
100-Meter Dash: 2. Geneva Finch, Hart, 13.72, 3. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 13.81.
110 Hurdles: 1. Angelica Perales, Hart, 17.31.
4x100 Relay: 2. Hart, 53.92.
4x200 Relay: 1. Hart 1:54.9.

Boys' Division
Team Totals: 1. Springlake-Earth 181, 2. Hart, 145, 3. Anton 80, 4. Ropes 59, 5. Whiteface 51, 6. Morton 38, 7. Trinity Christian 6.

Shot Put: 1. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 41-10, 2. Gerardo Dozal, Hart, 41-0 1/2.
Discus: 1. Gerardo Dozal, Hart, 133-4.
Long Jump: 2. Jared Aven, Hart, 19-1 1/4; 3. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 18-8 1/2.
Triple Jump: 1. Jared Aven, Hart, 39-7, 2. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 39-1.
100-Meter Dash: 1. Jared Aven, Hart, 11.77, 3. Jacob Reyna, Hart, 11.99.
1,600-Meter Run: 3. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 5:27.5.
3,200-Meter Run: 2. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 11:43.9.
110 Hurdles: 2. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 17.53.
4 x 100 Relay: 3. Hart, 46.35.
4 x 400 Relay: 3. Hart, 3:50.3.

Obituaries

Bill R. Clark

Funeral services for Bill R. Clark, 72, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, Rev. Vernon O'Kelly of Amarillo and Rev. Jesse Hodge of First United Methodist Church of Levelland officiating.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Clark died March 3 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Nov. 9, 1926, in Chillicothe. He married Joyce Burch in Davidson, Okla. She preceded him in death on Oct. 31, 1969. He married Deanne Haggard Harris in Lubbock on Jan. 16, 1971.

Mr. Clark moved to Dimmitt from Lubbock in 1971. He was an employee of Dimmitt Management Co., and was manager of the elevator division of Dimmitt Wheat Growers until Feb. 1, 1973, at which time he assumed the duties of general manager and CEO of Dimmitt Agri Industries, continuing in that position until his retirement in 1993. He continued to work as a consultant for DAI until 1998, and he was the interim CEO for a few weeks of the transition period starting in March of 1998 when DAI was sold to AgriFarm Industries, L.L.C.

He was named Texas Cooperator of the Year in 1983. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Castro County Hospital District in 1994 and served as secretary for one year. In 1995, he was elected president and served in that capacity until he resigned in February 1998, shortly before he and his wife moved to Lubbock.

He served on the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce board of directors and the United Way board.

He attended school in King High and graduated from high school in Chillicothe. He obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University. He served in the US Navy as a radar operator on the US Marquett during World War II.

He worked as manager of Hale Center Wheat Growers for 12 years, and was named the Hale Center Citizen of the Year in 1967. Mr. Clark worked with West Texas Feed Mill in Roscoe in 1968, and in 1970 he worked with Houston Bank for Cooperatives in Lubbock.

A member of the Methodist Church since 1971, he was a past chairman of the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. He also served as chairman of the building fund committee in 1975.

He was a member of the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by a son, Ray Clark, in November 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Deanne; two sons, Greg Clark of Sanger and Jimmy Harris of Arlington; a daughter, Tonya Brewer of Wilmette, Ill.; three sisters, Jo Ann Zastoupil of Richardson, Doris Jones of Green-ville, and Lorraine Maynor of Wichita Falls; four brothers, Sidney of Big Spring, Wayne of Oklahoma City, Okla., Sterling of Quanah, and Gerald of Beaumont; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Music Dept. of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt or Levelland; the Southwest Cancer Center of University Medical Center Hospital in Lubbock; or the American Heart Association, South Plains Region, 3403 73rd St., Ste. #1, Lubbock 79423.

Jerker Schulstad

Memorial services for Jerker Schulstad, 24, of Nazareth, were held Friday in W.W. Rix Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. Jerry Stein, pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth, officiating.

The body was to be sent to Karlstad, Sweden, for additional services and interment.

Mr. Schulstad died March 2 in Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born in Orebro, Sweden, and had been a student at the University of Montevallo. For the past several months, he was enrolled in West Texas A&M University.

Survivors include his father, Christer Sodervall of Columbus, Ohio; and his mother, Marianne Schulstad of Karlstad, Sweden.

Bobby G. Hudson

Mass of Christian Burial for Bobby G. Hudson, 55, of West, the son of Barbara Hudson of Amarillo and formerly of Dimmitt, was held Feb. 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption in West, with Rev. Ed Karasek as celebrant, assisted by Rev. Wayne Hudson.

Military graveside rites followed at St. Mary's Cemetery, conducted by the VFW Post #4819 of West. Rosary was recited at 3 p.m. the same day at the church. Burial was under direction of Aderhold Funeral Home of West.

Mr. Hudson died Feb. 24 at his residence in West.

He was born June 17, 1943, to George and Barbara Hudson. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War. He married Nicki Kay Gabel on Oct. 4, 1991, in Dalhart. He worked as a Safety Health Environmental Protection Supervisor for Terra Industries since 1987. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption of West.

"He was a handy craftsman and outdoorsman who loved to fish and play golf," a family member said.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Chad, who died in 1987.

He is survived by his wife, Nicki; three daughters, Dalona Pierson of Houston, June Ochoa of Lubbock and Jessica Wolf of West; two sons, Kenneth Wolf and Lucas Wolf, both of West; his mother, Barbara Jean Hudson of Amarillo and formerly of Dimmitt; four sisters, Jean Fillpot of San Angelo, Sondra Brush of Amarillo, Alona Hudson of Lubbock, and Donna Newton of Wichita Falls; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Pallbearers were Jay Fillpot, Clint Birdwell, Dagon Newton, Steve Brush, Dale Uhl and Dana Sutton. Honorary pallbearers were Greg Oxner, Lyle George, Lynn Osterdorf, and Don Schultz.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society and St. Mary's Catholic Church of the Assumption Building Fund.

Lifters going to regional

Five power lifters from Dimmitt High School have qualified to participate in the Regional Championships Saturday in Colorado City.

Those who have qualified are Mitchell Gentry in the 114-lb. class, Gary Jouett in the 148-lb. class, Michael Penney in the 181-lb. class, Beau Hill in the 198-lb. class, and Fred Traylor in the 242-lb. class.

The first practical battery was probably developed by Count Alessandro Volta, an Italian scientist, in the late 1790's.

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Rosa Rodriguez

Funeral Mass for Rosa Sanchez Rodriguez, 85, of Dimmitt, was to have been held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic church of Dimmitt with Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Westlawn Cemetery of Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Rosary was said Monday at 7 p.m. at the Ivey Chapel at the funeral home, and prayer vigil was held Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the same place.

Mrs. Rodriguez died March 7 at 7:05 a.m. at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home of Dimmitt.

She was born Sept. 4, 1913, in Beaver. She married Julian Sanchez Rodriguez on Nov. 28, 1929, in Brownsville. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 1991, in Dimmitt.

They moved to Dimmitt from San Benito in 1953. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt, and was a member of the Cursillistas for many years.

She was preceded in death by a son, Julian S. Rodriguez Jr. on Sept. 17, 1980, and by a daughter, Gloria Maruicio, on July 6, 1976.

She is survived by six daughters, Eloisa Leal, Mary Lopez, Gregoria Ramirez, Fabiana Mendoza, and Elida Zamora, all of Dimmitt, and Martina Lopez of Turkey; three sons, Ramon S. Rodriguez and Juan S. Rodriguez, both of Dimmitt, and Marcelina S. Rodriguez of Hereford; a sister, Florencia Rodriguez of Indiana; 57 grandchildren; 84 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

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More about

Dr. Grandma . . .

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lands (north of Houston) in 1987, the population was 19,000; now it's 54,000," she said.

"When I was leaving there to move here, it took me 45 minutes to go 15 miles on a Saturday afternoon. I was going north, away from Houston, but I wasn't getting away from the traffic."

"When I finally pulled out from under all that traffic, I thought, 'That's it—I am through with the rat race.' Rush hour in Dimmitt is not like that!"

As a certified family practitioner, Dr. Bailey handles all kinds of "womb to tomb" medical situations.

"I love being a doctor, and I like family medicine," she said. "It's a lot of fun."

Her favorite thing is to help bring new life into the world.

"I especially love delivering babies," she said.

"There's talk of a lot of people going to other towns to have their babies, and they don't have to do that," she said. "I'm going to take everybody who calls. Delivering babies is fun medicine; it's happy

medicine; it's a real buzz."

Being a physician, she said, "is such an opportunity to be a vital part of somebody's life. You can't take that lightly. It's just an amazing privilege to be part of the most important events in people's lives—their births, their deaths, their exciting times. I just love it."

Her children are now grown. The oldest, Candice, 28, is married and lives in Huntsville. She and her husband, Jose, have three children.

Christina, 25, and her husband, Blake, are preparing to move to Chi-

cago as the result of his recent promotion.

"They just had their third baby in February, and I delivered all three of them," Dr. Bailey said proudly. "Two of my grandkids call me 'Dr. Grandma.'"

Christina also is a "student mom," and wants to be an attorney someday.

Ted, 21, is a junior at Texas Tech, majoring in business. He plans to go on to law school.

As to the chapter in her life that she's beginning here, Dr. Bailey said, "I see it as a new adventure."

It seems to me that those sciences which are not born of experience, the mother of all certainty, and which do not end in known experience—that is to say, those sciences whose origin or process or end does not pass through any of the five senses—are vain and full of errors.

LEONARDO DA VINCI

Thank You.

It was a year ago this week that I opened my law practice in Dimmitt.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with the people of Dimmitt and Castro County, and I really appreciate your trust and your friendship.

I hope to continue serving you for many years to come.

Tempie T. Angeley
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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Introducing:

Blain Eubank

The First Texas Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt would like to introduce your new loan officer for Castro County. Blain Eubank currently lives in the Canyon area where he and his wife own and operate a small restaurant. For the past two years, they have worked hard to build their own business. Prior to that, he and his family lived in Pampa, Texas where he worked for the High Plains FLBA of Pampa for five years and eight months. Blain has a background in agriculture, being raised on a farm and ranch in Canadian and also owning his own cattle company during his time in Pampa. Blain and his wife Doris, plan to move to Castro County in the near future and become a part of this community.

Blain says, "I enjoy helping people accomplish the things they plan to do in their lives, like buying a small place to run a few cows, or helping a young person start a small farming operation while working a full-time job. I also enjoy working with full-time farmers/cattlemen to increase their operation by purchasing new land or land they have been



Blain Eubank

leasing in the past." One of the reasons Blain came to work at First Texas is his belief that First Texas FLBA is committed to helping farmers stay in business.

He also says, "1998 was a hard year and agriculture in general is difficult right now; but, if we work with good farmers who are willing to work with us, we can all help each other to improve and maintain our way of life here in the Panhandle of Texas."



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