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Horton, Edwards face runoff for CA-DA

Four contested local races helped fuel a 37.6% voter turnout in Castro County for the party primaries Tuesday.

However, Democratic voters landed in a split position in the three-man Castro County/District Attorney race, making a run-off election necessary April 11 for front-runners Jack Edwards and James Horton. Horton won 594 votes and Edwards took 551, while incumbent Jerry Matthews received 372 votes.

In the other contested races, incumbent Sheriff CD Fitzgerald brought in 1,080 votes to the 454 garnered by challenger Santos Perez Jr. Incumbent Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman was the top vote getter on the Democratic ballot, with 1,288 votes, defeating challenger Marshall Young, who received 239 votes. In the race for Commissioner of Precinct 1, incumbent Newlon Rowland barely fended off challenger Harold Smith, with Rowland getting 155 votes to Smith's 130.

Local voters held with state-wide trends in favoring George W. Bush and Al Gore in the presidential races, with Bush (173) running well in front of Al Keyes (19) and John McCain (5); and Gore (690)

taking almost double the 364 for Bill Bradley and well above the 76 for Lyndon LaRouche.

Local Democratic voters favored Don Clark in the US Senate race with 297 votes, closely followed by Gene Kelly with 283. Charles Gandy took 128, Bobby Wightman had 113 and H. Gerald Bintliff took 33.

Local Republicans favored returning incumbent Mac Thornberry to his position as US Representative, Dist. 13, giving him 188 votes to the 10 handed to David G. Morris, following the lead of voters across the district.

Castro County Republicans were even stronger in favor (187 to 3) of the student-led prayer referendum than voters across the state, with only 1% voting against the non-binding ballot item. In state-wide balloting, 6% of Republicans voting were against the measure.

Other contested Republican races and how local voters cast their ballots included:

For Railroad Commissioner, unexpired term, appointed incumbent

Michael L. Williams, 152 to 16 for Andy Draughn.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1, incumbent Nathan Hecht had 131 to 40 for challenger Valorie Davenport.

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3, incumbent Al Gonzales took 108 to Rod Gorman's 67.

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Tom Price won locally with 68, followed by Sharon Keller with 52, Connie Kelley with 22, and J. Gary Trichter with 14.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 Guy Williams was the top vote getter here, with 47, followed by Alan Curry with 38, Charles Holcomb with 33, John Boston with 25 and Tom Greenwell with 11.

In Place 2 for the Court of Criminal Appeals, Jim Wallace took the top votes with 61, followed by Barbara Hervey with 48, Pat Barber with 16, Sally Ray with 12 and Bennie House with 9.

In the race for Justice, 7th Dist. Court of Appeals, Place 1, incumbent Brian Quinn took 117 local votes to 35 for challenger Deborah McClure.

Unofficial results are listed on page 2.

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By Don Nelson

Imagine Beth Sams's surprise.

The 1989 Dimmitt High School grad, who now lives in Austin, was driving along Red River at noon Saturday, heading for the music store to get a new string for her guitar, when she saw this purple-and-white banner alongside the street:

**DIMMITT BOBCATS
1975 CHAMPIONS**

Behind the banner, on two levels of the Caucus Club's outdoor patios, she saw lots of purple-and-white balloons and a crowd of people.

Beth couldn't resist. She quickly put her guitar-string mission on hold, found a parking place a block or so away, and walked up to see what this was all about.

She found herself among 120 Dimmitt residents, exes and friends, including former schoolmates and many older, familiar faces.

Everyone was either chowing down on great barbecue from the Iron Works or talking excitedly as they reminisced and tried to catch up on each other's lives.

It just about blew Beth away to find herself suddenly in the midst of a hometown reunion. She had not kept up with the state tournament schedule—which included honoring the 1975 Bobcats during the finals Saturday morning—so the whole scene was a total surprise to her.

A totally delightful surprise, at that.

The reception put a perfect cap on a great morning, thanks to hosts Stan Byrnes of Frontier Capital Group and

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Wynn family wins \$78,000 in Cash 5

Dimmitt Middle School special education teacher Rita Wynn's husband, Larry, bought the only winning ticket in the Cash 5 drawing for the Texas Lottery on March 7, netting them a \$78,708 jackpot before taxes.

Rita said Larry discovered it was the winning ticket about mid-morning March 8 when he checked the newspaper for the winning numbers, as he usually does.

"He plays fairly regularly," Rita said. She said Larry bought the ticket as a "quick pick" at a convenience store in Hereford. The couple live in Canyon, and he works at Hereford Bi Products.

Rita said Larry went into Amarillo Wednesday to cash in the ticket and then put the money in the bank, with part of it going into a CD.



INJURED—Rescue workers prepare Laura Gil, 17, of Dimmitt, for removal from the car she had been driving Tuesday afternoon when it was struck by a 1997 Freightliner truck driven by Roberto Garcia of Crane. Gil was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital

with possible neck or back injuries, according to police, and was transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock in stable condition. Her passenger, Julia Falcon, 11, also was taken to PMH, where she was kept overnight for observation. Staff Photo

Local candidate filing to end Wednesday

In the May 6 elections for city, school and hospital board positions, candidates may file for office through Wednesday (March 22).

Those wishing to file may file at the offices of the governmental entity governed by the board on which they want to serve.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who had filed as of Tuesday are listed below.

Dimmitt

City of Dimmitt—City council members whose terms are expiring are Roy Garza, Dist. 1; Gloria Hernandez, Dist. 2; Charles Richard, Dist. 3; and Roger Malone, Dist. 4.

All incumbents have filed for reelection.

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

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5.

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

Hart

City of Hart—Terms are expiring for Aldermen Harold Smith, Richard Entrekin, and Horace E. "Tom" McLain.

Entrekin and McLain have filed, along with Bill Rich.

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

Rodriguez has filed.

Nazareth

City of Nazareth—Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are coming to the end of their terms.

NISD—Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Olvera has filed.

Hospital

Trustees for the Castro County Hospital District whose terms are expiring are Mark Welch and Dr. W.J. Hill.

Welch and Hill have filed.



PAT BAGLEY of Dimmitt comforts one of her two granddaughters who were with her in a crash last Thursday afternoon at the intersection of West Bedford and Northwest Third Street in Dimmitt. Police listed Bagley and the two children with possible inju-

ries, but they did not receive treatment. Police said a 1988 Buick driven by Ila Ruth Brown of Dimmitt pulled out in front of Bagley's 1997 Suburban. Bagley was given a ticket for an unrestrained child under 4.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

County hears from PRPC reps Monday

Representatives from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission met with county commissioners, Hart City officials and John Reyna, a resident of the Hacker Addition at Hart, on Monday to outline options the residents of the subdivision have as they attempt to solve a sewer problem in the area.

At a recent county meeting, Reyna had asked commissioners for help in solving a sewer problem in the area in which he lives. The Hacker Addition is located just outside the Hart city limits and is not served by the city's water or sewer.

Reyna told commissioners that the homes in that area have cesspools, and when it rains, those cesspools tend to fill and overflow, leaving a foul smell in the area.

Reyna had asked for help in getting a sewer line installed to alleviate the problem and Judge Irene Miller told him she would contact PRPC to see if there were any grants available for the project.

Two representatives from PRPC addressed the issue during Monday's county meeting, saying they had formulated a couple of options Reyna and the residents of the Hacker Addition could consider.

The first option would involve the City of Hart.

If the city would be willing, and if the city's sewer system could handle the extra load, the addition could be connected to the city's sewer system.

If the City of Hart agreed to tie the homes in the addition to its existing sewer system, it would be able to charge the residents a fee for providing the sewer service.

The second option would involve the residents of the Hacker Addition forming a "community system," although that option is a little more complicated.

The residents would be required to form some type of water authority and appoint someone who could take care of the system and prepare needed reports. Then some type of septic system would probably be installed.

Once an option is selected, then plans can be made to begin looking for grants to help fund the project.

According to the PRPC representatives, up to a quarter of a million dollars is available for projects of this nature, but entities that apply for the grants must be willing to put up matching funds—5% if the county applies for the grant. That would be \$12,500 on a \$250,000 grant.

Commissioners decided to meet further with officials from the City of

Hart and with residents of the Hacker Addition before taking any action on the matter.

Reyna also asked commissioners if they would spread and pack caliche on the road in the Hacker Addition if the residents had the material delivered to the site.

Reyna said the road is in drastic need of some type of all-weather material.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland told Reyna that if good caliche were hauled to the road, then the county would spread and pack it, but added that it must be done when the road crews have time.

Miller told Reyna that those hauling the caliche must furnish the county with proof of liability insurance, and he must check with Rowland before transporting and dumping any caliche on the county road.

Commissioners agreed to allow the Pct. 1 road crew to spread and pack the material when time allows.

Commissioners agreed to accept the grant which helps fund the salary and expenses for the district attorney's special investigator, Delbert Morris.

Morris also serves as the county's crime victim assistance coordinator.

The county must provide matching funds to receive the grant, and in the past, the match was minimal—\$1,728. This year, the county's matching fund requirement jumped to \$15,156.

Miller said the law states that the district attorney can hire someone to help with the duties of his office, but he is required to have a crime victim assistance coordinator.

Since Morris is fulfilling both roles, commissioners agreed to continue with the grant.

Miller informed commissioners that the county must appoint someone as the local rabies control authority, and that person will be responsible for reporting any rabies cases in the county to the proper authorities.

Commissioners suggested asking the county's health officer, Dr. Leon Joplin, to serve in that capacity and Miller agreed to speak with Dr. Joplin about the matter.

The matter was tabled until the county's April 10 meeting.

Miller told commissioners she had received three proposals from firms which would be willing to serve as counsel for the county if it decides to call a bond election to construct a new jail.

Proposals were received from two Dallas firms and from a group out of Austin.

Two companies also submitted proposals to serve as financial advisors for the county during the bond election process.

Miller told commissioners she would like to table action on both matters until the county's April 10 meeting. She said that would give commissioners time to study all of the submitted proposals.

In other action, commissioners heard and accepted the audit report from the independent audit firm of Davis, Kinard & Co.; appointed Heather George to serve on the Child Protective Services Board.

Public hearing set for Monday

The Dimmitt City Council will hold a final public hearing on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the city hall in regard to the water system improvements project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant.

Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the city.

The project included the removal of the old water tower in downtown Dimmitt and the installation of a refurbished water tower near the Expo Building.

Letter

March is Red Cross Month

Dear Editor:
Red Cross—two powerful words that evoke a range of emotions throughout the world, including joy, relief, pride and comfort. During March, Red Cross Month, we celebrate all that the Red Cross stands for—humanity, caring, unity, experience and innovation. The Red Cross enhances lives and saves lives each and every day in Hereford, Dimmitt, Friona and around the world. The nation's best-known humanitarian organization is dedicated to helping make families and communities safer, including people right here in the Tri-County area.

Your Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross office located in Hereford is about helping the Tri-County area community prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Here are a few illustrations of how the Tri-County Chapter has been working in the Dimmitt area this year. The Red Cross responds to an average of 10 single family disasters each year. Your local Red Cross trains 647 people in first aid and CPR. Other services of the Red Cross are Lifeguard, Babysitting, and HIV Classes; and delivery of emergency messages to members of the Armed Forces and their families.

The following is a success story we are happy to report. Cathy Gilter, mother of Airman Cassidy Burns, called the office of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross to request the presence of her son for the funeral of his grandmother, Rose Brownlow. Sally Walker, service to military case worker, called the Red Cross nearest the base where Burns was stationed. Although the military usually requires that the service person has to have been raised by the deceased, in this case Burns had lived with his grandmother for a time during a breakup of his family. With this important information provided by Walker to the Red Cross, they were able to get him home on Sunday and he returned to his base on Monday after the funeral. Even though he was here for only that short time, the Brownlow family was pleased that he was able to spend time with them. The family said that they were very satisfied with the work of the local chapter. For without the work of the American Red Cross young men and women would not be able to come home in time of family need.

As a volunteer-led organization, the Red Cross relies on the generosity of people living here in Dimmitt who donate their time, energy and money. The Red Cross is not a gov-

ernment organization, so we rely on this generosity to enable us to keep our promise to the American people: We'll be there.

The Red Cross needs your continued support in 2000. During Red Cross Month and throughout the year, we ask people to consider giving generously to the Tri-County Chapter Red Cross. Individuals and businesses can make financial donations to the Red Cross by mailing the donation to Tri-County Chapter, P.O. Box 1371, Hereford, TX 79045. Or come by 224 South Main in Hereford.

Each and every person in our community can always count on the Red Cross for a helping hand, a comforting smile or hug, and a compassionate heart. On behalf of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, thank you for any donation you can make to help us continue to be the calm following the storm, a pillar of strength and knowledge and a pacesetter humanitarian organization. We invite you to be a part of a glorious past, an inspiring present and exciting future with the American Red Cross.

TONYA KLEUSKENS, Chairman,
Service Delivery Committee
Tri-County Chapter
American Red Cross

Republican	Early Votes	Pct. 101	Pct. 105	Pct. 201	Pct. 206	Pct. 301	Pct. 307	Pct. 401	Pct. 408	Unofficial TOTAL
US President										
John McCain	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	5
George W. Bush	25	18	10	11	10	37	18	20	24	173
Gary Bauer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Forbes	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Orrin G. Hatch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alan Keyes	5	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	6	19
Charles Bass Urban	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Uncommitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
US Senator										
Kay Bailey Hutchison	24	18	9	10	10	42	17	24	30	184
US Rep., Dist. 13										
Mac Thornberry	27	18	9	11	9	42	19	23	30	188
David G. Morris	4	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	10
Railroad Commissioner										
Charles R. Matthews	25	15	7	10	8	42	14	22	28	171
RR Comm., Unexp. Term										
Michael L. Williams	23	15	8	11	8	31	14	19	23	152
Andy Draughn	2	0	1	0	2	4	2	4	1	16
Justice, Supr. Court, Pl. 1										
Nathan Hecht	18	13	7	10	5	27	17	14	20	131
Valorie W. Davenport	6	3	2	0	4	10	2	7	6	40
Justice, Supr. Court, Pl. 2										
Priscilla Owen	22	14	8	10	6	36	16	22	19	153
Justice, Supr. Court, Pl. 3										
Al Gonzales	13	10	4	9	8	18	10	15	21	108
Rod E. Gorman	14	5	6	2	1	20	7	8	4	67
Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals										
Tom Price	11	5	6	7	1	17	6	9	6	68
J. Gary Trichter	1	0	2	0	2	2	3	2	2	14
Connie J. Kelley	5	3	0	1	2	6	2	3	0	22
Sharon Keller	7	7	2	2	0	10	3	9	12	52
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1										
John Boston	6	4	2	0	0	6	1	3	3	25
Guy Williams	6	3	4	4	3	9	6	6	6	47
Tom Greenwell	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	11
Alan Curry	5	6	0	2	0	9	0	6	10	38
Charles Holcomb	5	1	4	5	2	6	5	4	1	33
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2										
Jim Wallace	7	7	4	5	4	12	10	6	6	61
Barbara Parker Hervey	8	6	1	4	0	14	0	10	5	48
W.B. "Bennie" House	2	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	9
Sally L. Ray	4	0	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	12
Pat Barber	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	5	16
Justice, 7th Dist. Court of Appeals, Place 1										
Brian Quinn	15	14	8	9	5	24	10	14	18	117
Deborah Smith McClure	6	3	1	1	2	10	3	7	2	35
Justice, 7th Dist. Court of Appeals, Place 2										
Don H. Reavis	19	14	8	8	4	32	12	21	14	132
County Chairman										
Emma Jean King	25	17	9	8	8	40	15	23	22	167
Proposition Concerning Student Prayer										
For	27	17	10	10	11	40	21	23	28	187
Against	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
TOTALS	32	18	10	11	11	43	21	25	30	201

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US President										
Lyndon H. LaRouche Jr.	15	14	0	9	2	14	1	7	14	76
Bill Bradley	99	53	7	29	5	78	9	27	57	364
Al Gore	155	141	10	102	12	141	16	69	44	690
US Senator										
Don Clark	78	42	2	33	5	64	9	30	34	297
Bobby Wightman	28	28	6	19	1	9	0	10	12	113
Gene Kelly	57	46	5	33	7	57	10	27	41	283
H. Gerald Bintliff	5	4	0	8	0	10	0	3	3	33
Charles Gandy	28	27	1	10	4	34	4	7	13	128
US Rep., Dist. 13										
Curtis Clinesmith	180	124	12	84	21	163	19	66	95	764
Presiding Judge, Court of Crim. Appeals										
Bill Vance	209	142	16	95	24	187	18	79	107	877
Judge, Place 2 Court of Criminal Appeals										
William R. Barr	201	127	16	99	21	180	20	79	101	844
State Rep., Dist. 85										
James E. "Pete" Laney	282	194	21	115	28	289	31	103	146	1,209
County Attorney										
Jerry Matthews	97	71	8	41	9	77	11	29	29	372
James Horton	122	103	10	71	15	127	14	52	80	594
Jack Edwards	149	57	8	66	12	138	13	55	53	551
Sheriff										
Santos Perez Jr.	103	91	5	110	4	58	8	43	32	454
CD Fitzgearld	268	147	21	77	32	280	29	96	130	1,080
County Tax Assessor/Collector										
Billy Hackleman	322	210	22	113	33	305	28	108	147	1,288
Marshall Young	48	24	4	66	5	38	9	29	16	239
Constable										
James Dobbs	295	162	22	133	32	282	31	107	117	1,181
Commissioner, Pct. 1										
Newlon Rowland	18	123	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	155
Harold Smith	7	113	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	130
Commissioner, Pct. 3										
W.A. "Bay" Baldrige	161	-	-	-	-	301	31	-	-	493
County Chairman										
Greg Odum	275	158	18	124	33	308	29	106	116	1,167
TOTALS	375	249	26	190	38	347	89	140	164	1,618

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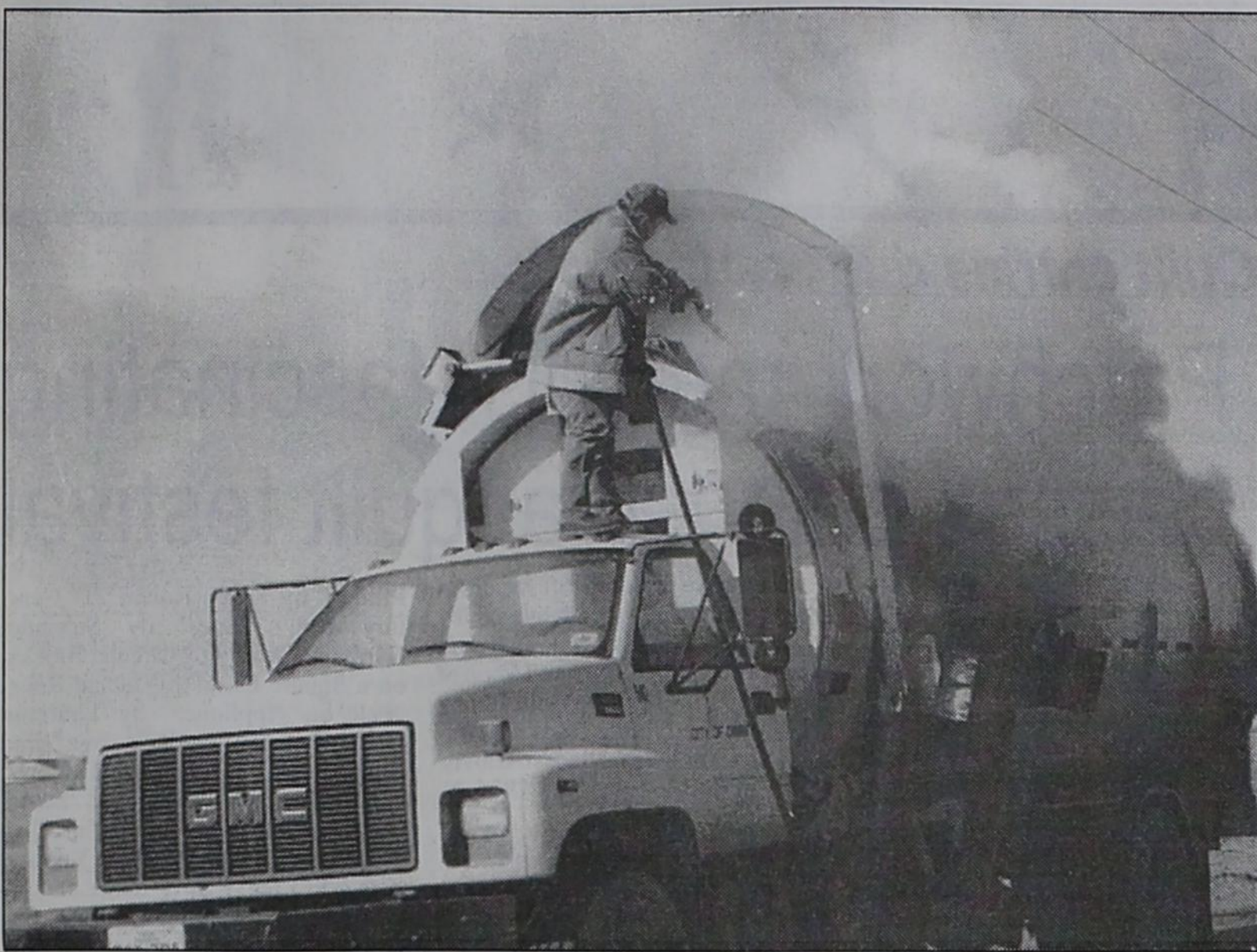
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ACROSS

- TX shine ball pitcher "Daunt" Dave Danforth
- Valley plant
- mineral no longer produced in TX
- TXism: "___ a hog had wings, he'd be an eagle"
- corp. VIP (abbr.)
- TXism for old man Monte ____, TX
- TX stunt pilot Tom Danaher took part in 1st ___ trans-fer in "Cliffhanger"
- TXism: "struck ___ (successful)"
- "Cave Without a Name" near Boerne ___ pretty to narnie"
- test the ore again 27 it was a Cotulla FM 28 works the dough 29 England inhabitant 30 TX Reeves' "Am ___ You?"
- TX Tierney (init.)
- in Jasper Co. on 69 36 leave out 37 7-11's Slur___
- Cowboys play in '99 39 Kentucky Derby winner purchased by King Ranch in '71: "___ II"
- ___ hart, TX
- get the youngsters in the house (2 wds.)
- TXism: "he ___ tall in the saddle"
- Boerne's historic "___ Kendall Inn"
- seat of Jackson Co.
- TXism: "___ in the hole" (reserve)
- Rice provost & Clinton's NSF director
- TXism: "esta ___ (good)"
- TXism: "high as popcorn ___ picture show"
- Gov. Bush's party (abbr.)
- Cowboy Emmitt (init.)
- TX actor Wallace
- Luckenbach, TX women's chili sponsor: "Hell Hath No Fury ___"
- Pappadeaux's Dallas Cajun eatery
- Henrietta is seat of this county
- prominent fashion-able urbanites
- TXism: "come hell ___ high water"
- Bob Lilly's old position (abbr.)
- song: "Is Anybody Antone?"
- TXism: "he ___ put your mind at ___"
- TX Kristofferson's ex-wife Coolidge
- TXism: "flat as ___"
- Pappadeaux's Dallas Cajun eatery
- global oil & gas co.
- Hammerstein's sidekick
- TXism: "got as much to do as a hibernating bear"
- bone prefix
- notorious TX Judge Bean (init.)
- TXism: "let ___ rip!"
- Sen. Gramm assistant
- TXism: "___ bought"
- TXism: "it'll warm your gullet"
- TX Benson's ___ to Billie Joe"
- TXism: "loud as boot heels ___ floor"
- alien (abbr.)
- ___ the season to be jolly ..."
- this Gent wrote "North Dallas Forty"
- TX Steve Martin's "___ of Faith"
- TXism: "strong enough to float ___ anvil" (strong coffee)



JUST A TRASH FIRE—After making the rounds last Thursday, this garbage truck was seen with smoke coming out of the back. Before the truck could be stopped, the fire had grown to a blaze. Firefighters caught up to the truck as it headed down the road to

the landfill and were able to extinguish the fire. The only damage done to the truck was to the paint job. City workers ask that citizens make sure burning materials are completely extinguished before placing them in a dumpster.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Deanne Clark came from Lubbock to train the Republicans who worked during the primary election in Castro County.

Clark has been doing this for many years, so Emma Jean King, Castro County Republican Chairwoman, invited her back for this time.

Every Republican precinct judge for this county was present for the training session and many others who will be helping also attended.

Clark strongly encouraged each voter to attend the precinct convention, immediately follow the closing of the polls at the place where he or she voted. This is grassroots politics where the resolutions are made and we get to use the democratic process that gives us a voice in our government.

Clark returned home to prepare for a visit from the Dimmitt Tennis Group, which would visit her house over the weekend.

The group visited, played tennis and ate. They enjoyed Chinese food on Friday; and soup, salad and sandwiches at Karl Langford's place, the Drum Goole, on Saturday. Karl is the son of Marshall and Daisy Langford of Dimmitt. The Drum Goole is located at 82nd and Quaker in Kingsgate.

Those present were Janice Richards of Bovina, Janet Smith of Amarillo, and Doricell Davis, Debbie Burton, Linda Langford, Noemi Ponce, Margaret Parsons, all of Dimmitt. Kay Kellar joined them for lunch on Saturday.

Rose Acker was in town this week visiting old friends and catching up on the latest events in her life. Rose lived in Dimmitt for 50 years. She came to Dimmitt as the beautiful Italian bride of Herman Acker.

Sometime after Herman's death, she sold her home here and moved closer to her daughter. Rose now resides in Huntsville.

On Monday, several of Rose's Dimmitt friends gathered downtown for lunch with her at K-Bob's. They included Doris Lust, Tommie Sue

Nisbett, Joyce Davis, Shirley Wise, Dorothy Mayfield, Margaret Parsons, Carolyn Jones, Myrle Lois Moran, Clara Vick, Betty McBee, Waurayne Hughes, Polly Simpson and Doris Flynt.

We learned that she is involved in the museum as a greeter and belongs to the Texas State University "Friends of Music" group. This is a part of the Sam Houston State University. She assured us she has a full and exciting life.

Betty McBee of Lubbock, sister-in-law of Doris Flynt, was visiting here and joined the lunch group. She went with the volunteer at the University Medical Center and is very active in the Lubbock First Baptist Church.

She is involved in a ministry for parolees and newly-released prisoners who need a guiding hand to help them readjust to a more normal life. The ministry is called "Love in Action" and finds employment, homes, clothes and training for its clients.

The Senior Citizens Bridge Club met Thursday. Dude McLaurin was high scorer and Dwight Joiner was second. Emily Clingingsmith was hostess.

Richardson Elementary held a Family Fun Night program for the parents in conjunction with the Book Fair last Thursday night. It was a big success.

Hank Lynn has been visiting his youngest sister, Dimples, who resides in Canada. She had come to Texas to visit their younger brother, who had some serious heart problems. Hank picked her up at the airport and brought her to visit in Dimmitt a few days, and then they went on to Oklahoma, where they visited with their mother, who just celebrated her 90th birthday not long ago.

Hank met his son, Kelly, and his daughter-in-law, Cindy, from Bedford. They all went to Dripping Springs to the home of daughter LeAndre and her husband Matt. Matt's family is from Perryton.

After Perryton won their first game, they were going to catch a plane and fly to Austin. Sorry, but it did not come to pass. They lost the first game, which was the end for them. Sorry, maybe next year. Hank and the family had a very good time, even though the plans changed.

Charlene Howell and Carolyn Moke went to Hereford and joined their sister, Dorothy Laurent, for a program at the Senior Citizens, presented by a gospel singing group from Branson, Mo. E.M. and Betty Jones also attended.

There was a sparse crowd at the Carlisle Theatre last Thursday night for the Crystal River performance. Those attending were blessed by music and testimonies by the Gonzales brothers from Lubbock. Also present were Duane and Dorothy Lee of the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Friday, Jean Morris and I went to Llano down in central Texas, where Jean has a home on the river. Ann and Kyle Williams and their children met us there, as did Scott and Courtney Morris of Midland. It was a busy visit for some of us. The guys worked on getting the plumbing done and hot water. The girls babysat and cooked for the "honeydoers." I came home with Scott and Courtney and spent the night with them in Midland.

Ann Stroud, former resident of Dimmitt, came by March 3 to visit Carolyn Moke and Mae Hargrove at the beauty shop. She was going to visit her brother, who is ill. Ann and family reside in Oklahoma City now.

The FCE Club met last week at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt.

Those present enjoyed a program on good foot care. It was very interesting and hopefully will be a good thing to attend to.

Members attending were Ferne Jones, Betty Freeman, Mattie Seale, Irene Blanton, Mary Edna Hendrix, Claudine Langford, Mary Beth Berquist, Patsy Entekin and Ann Henderson.



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 10-18.

DIMMITT Elementary Breakfast

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Honey bun, apple juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, applesauce and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

High School Breakfast

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Raisin toast, fruit cocktail and milk.
TUESDAY: Corn Pops cereal, apple juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Fresh donuts, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh bananas and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon and milk.
TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, barbecued beef on a bun or beef taco; savory green beans, baked potato or mashed potatoes; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or

cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled chopped steak or beef stir fry; Mexipinto beans, Lyonaise carrots or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchiladas, Chinese chicken plate or fish nuggets; refried beans, tomato and okra gumbo or baked potato; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal and milk.
TUESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage, frozen biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, pancake and chicken breakfast stick and milk.
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.

Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Choice of burrito, hamburger basket or pizza; salad, corn, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, barbecued rib sandwich with chips or roast beef; mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, rolls, gelatin dessert and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken strips and nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, pizza with cheese topping or chalupa; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches and milk.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, 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: * Chicken fried steak and rolls or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, grapes, dessert and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Bean chalupe or chef's salad; lettuce, peas, applesauce, green Jell-O and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, brown beans, pears, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Chicken pot pie or pizza, tossed salad, carrots, peaches, pineapple upside down cake and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, cornbread, corn, grapes, carrot cake and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, green beans, fruit salad, chocolate chip cookie and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Baked potato and sliced bread or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, broccoli, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.

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

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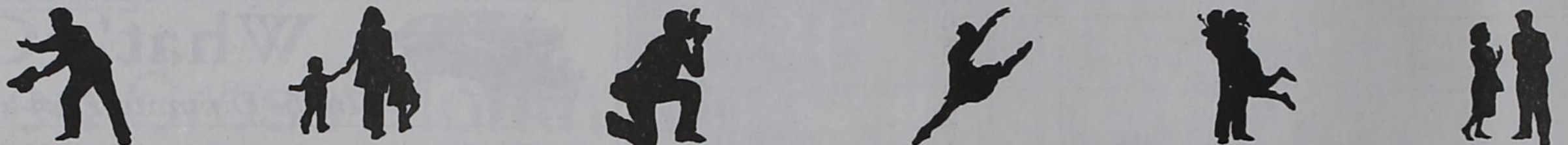
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GROUNDBREAKING—Eighth grade earth science students at Dimmitt Middle School get ready to turn a shovel full of dirt to mark the "official" beginning of the construction phase of the environmental classroom project in the patio area of the school. Participating are (from left) Nicholas Cuevas, Ishmael Rodriguez, Johnny Mireles, Sarah Silva and Christy Hernandez, and their teacher Kathy Lust. The ceremony was held March 8.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Quilt entries due Saturday

Patchwork marvels, fascinating classes planned at quilt festival

If you haven't entered your quilting masterpiece in the quilt show to be held in conjunction with the Ogallala Quilters' Festival, you still have time.

Entries will be accepted through Saturday for the third annual Ogallala Quilters' Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 6-8.

"We want to encourage everyone to enter," said Ogallala Quilters' member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt.

Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362, or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

The entry fee is \$5 per quilt. Completed entry forms should be mailed to Ann Powell, Quilt Show Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 222, Canyon 79015, along with a picture of the quilt.

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards will be given.

The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 5 at 9 a.m.

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 4. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop of Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, The Needle Nook in Midland, The Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., or Susie Edwards, 1936 N. Zimmers in Pampa.

The quilt show is just a small part of this year's festival.

Several classes have been planned to interest everyone from the novices to the most experienced quilters.

Darlene Christopherson of China Springs will be the feature teacher, leading three classes during the festival.

Christopherson has been quilting since 1979 and has had her work published in several books. Teaching fine hand work in the areas of applique, hand piecing and hand quilting, her classes on design and color are inspirational and hold the interest of hand and machine artists alike.

She taught on the staff of the Jinny Beyer Hilton Head Island Quilting Seminar from 1989 to 1993, as other quilt seminars.

At the Ogallala Quilters' Festival, Christopherson will lead "Lady Bird's Rose Garden" from 9 a.m. to noon on April 7; and that afternoon, she will speak on "Fabric Selection: Lessons I have Learned." The fee is \$25 for each class. All day on April 8 will be devoted to "A Perfect Union: Combining Patchwork and Applique," with a class fee of \$50.

Morning classes on April 7 will include "Beginning Needle Turn Applique," a combined project-technical class taught by Nell Smith; "Machine Quilting," lead by Emily Nipp; "Redwork in Quilting," guided by Jane Cappadonna; and "Designing a Vertical Set Quilt," which will include information from Sharon Newman about setting bar style or "strippy" quilts.

Afternoon sessions on April 7 will feature "Bear Paw Miniatures," explained by Yvonna Hays; "Paper Foundations," taught by Sally Hatfield; "Crazy Cabins," lead by instructor Jean Dean; and "Improving Hand Quilting Stitches," taught by Nell Smith.

Saturday's class schedule will cover the following topics: "Easter Basket

Pillow," by Karen Rolan; 21st Century Bull's Eye," by Suzanne Garman; "Designing Circular Blocks on a Square Grid," by Jackie Reis; "Felt on Applique," by Lauretta Dash; "Crazy Quilts," by Jane Cappadonna; "Dimensional Flowers," by Nancy Richburg; and "Basic Hand Piecing" by Sally Hatfield.

Other classes will all last 3 hours with a \$15 fee. Kits or materials for most of the classes are available, for an extra fee.

Two special meals are planned during the festival.

"Intergalactic Night" will be held April 6, starting at 7 p.m. and will include an enchilada supper for \$11 per plate. An "Intergalactic Fashion Show" from Roswell, N.M., will be featured.

"Fantastic Friday" on April 7 at 7 p.m. will include a steak dinner at \$13 per plate and a lecture and trunk show by Christopherson. Also, a miniature quilt auction will be held.

The deadline for ordering meal tickets for the two meals is March 31.

For more information or for registration forms, call Ogallala Quilters' Society member Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

Barnes wins county bee

Hart's Trent Barnes correctly spelled the words "geologist" and "bruise" to win first-place honors in the senior division of the Castro County Spelling Bee last Wednesday in Hart.

Barnes was joined by Gabriel Mireles of Dimmitt in the bee's final round. Mireles tripped on the word "geologist," but Barnes was able to spell the word correctly, then followed with the right spelling of "bruise."

Barnes will represent Castro County in the regional spelling bee, which will be held April 15 in Canyon.

Finishing third in the senior bee was Jeremy Acker of Nazareth.

In the junior spelling bee, Ki Black of Dimmitt finished first while Randi Cates of Dimmitt was second and Candace Birkenfeld of Nazareth finished third.

Only spellers in the senior bee can advance past the county level.

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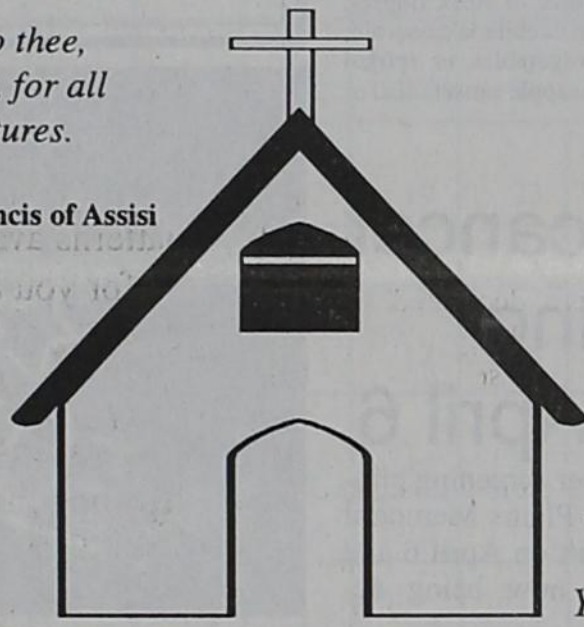
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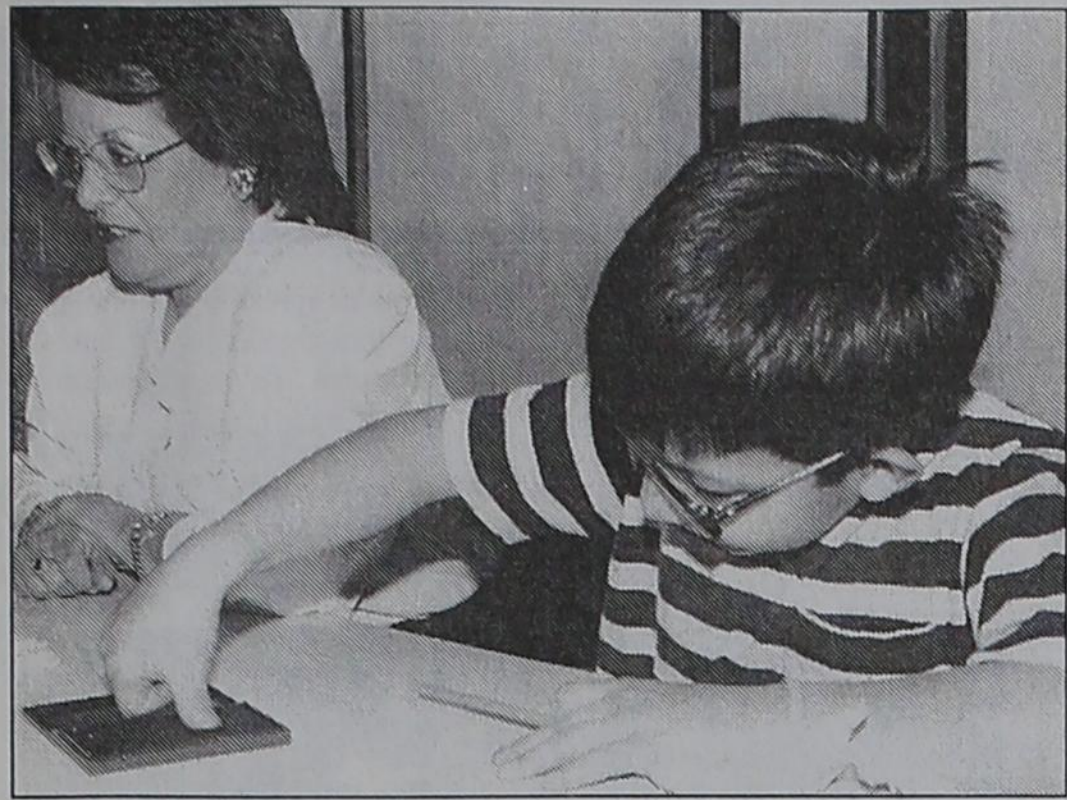
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THUMBPRINT ART—Alex Lopez concentrates on getting plenty of ink on his thumb before he makes an impression on his paper and then decorates it to make a picture. The activity was part of the Family Fun Night held last Thursday night at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Relay for Life Rally set for Wednesday

The Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will have a rally Wednesday (March 22) from noon until 1 p.m. at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church.

A free lunch will be served, door prizes will be given away, and participants will learn about the Relay for Life event that is scheduled for June 23-24.

This will be the first Relay for Life event in Castro County. The event will benefit the ACS's life-saving research programs.

"The Relay for Life is a celebration—a unique, challenging and fun way to raise community awareness and to raise money for the American Cancer Society," a chapter spokesperson said. "Relay for Life is the nation-wide signature event for the ACS."

"More than just a fund-raiser, the event brings together families and friends to celebrate those who have survived cancer and to remember those who have not."



RELAY FOR LIFE—Plans are underway for a Rally on Wednesday (March 22) at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church to garner support for the Relay for Life event slated for Castro County this summer. Endorsing the American Cancer Society event are (from left) Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, Hart

Mayor Marguerite McLain, local ACS Chapter Chairman Gwen Bryant, and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. Also encouraging the effort are Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman and County Judge Irene Miller, who were unavailable for the photo.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside Baptist Church plans weekend-long revival

The Sunnyside Baptist Church is planning special services Friday through Sunday, declaring the days as "a time for spiritual renewal, praise and celebration."

Sunnyside Baptist Church is located 15 miles south of Dimmitt on US 385.

Featured during the services will be "By All Means," a contemporary Christian drama ministry group directed by Randy and Paula Sterrett and staffed by volunteer actors and singers. They will present Biblical truths that will touch and minister to spiritual needs.

The program on Friday will begin at 7 p.m., and it will feature a program for all the family—Randy Sterrett in "John, His Story." The play was written by Janette Cliffe George who played Corrie Ten

Boom in the movie, *The Hiding Place*.

Youth Night has been planned for Saturday and the program will include several skits addressing issues young people face today. "Time Goes," "All Souls Come Clean" and "What a Mess" are some of the skits which will be presented on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, the skit "Humble Pie" will be featured for adults attending the service.

A youth fellowship will follow the program on Saturday.

On Sunday at 11 a.m., "Touch of God" will be presented. It and other featured presentations will "make you laugh, cry, rejoice and praise God," according to an organizer of the event.

For more information about the revival, call 647-4776.

PLN sets Irish and Celtic music concert Sunday

The Promised Land Network (PLN) will host an "Irish and Celtic Music" Concert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Sunday at the historic Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

Advanced tickets for the concert may be purchased for \$8 per person by calling the PLN office at 364-4445. Tickets at the door will be \$10. Complimentary refreshments will be provided.

The evening will begin with a meal of Irish stew and soda bread at 6 p.m., along with Irish folk dance lessons with Mary Jo Russell of Amarillo.

At 7 p.m., the "String Technicians" will perform more than 20 pieces of Irish and Celtic jigs, reels and popular music. At some point during the event, participants will have the chance to meet Nazareth's earliest Irish resident, T.P. McCormick, portrayed by Keith Birkenfeld. The concert also will feature singer Sara Atherton of Amarillo.

The "String Technicians" are a trio, comprised of guitarist Joe Gillis, fiddler Jean Warren, and bassist Chet Calcote.

"These are versatile and well-honed musicians," a PLN spokesperson said. "It will be a fabulous night to celebrate Irish and Celtic heritage and the Vernal Equinox, so wear your green."

The Home Mercantile is a 70-

year-old historical building in Nazareth that the PLN is renovating as a community center for the re-emergence of neglected rural arts: music, poetry, dance, drama, painting, hand-crafts and hospitality. In addition to the antique stage, the public can view the newly added kitchenette.

NHS group to perform one-act play

The Nazareth High School Drama Dept. will perform its UIL one-act play, *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, tonight (Thursday) in a special dinner theater show at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

A spaghetti dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the show will follow at 7.

Admission to the dinner and show is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. Those who would like to see the play but don't want to eat will be charged \$2 admission.

Tech sets annual dance production

Texas Tech University's Dept. of Theatre and Dance and School of Music have united with Ballet Lubbock and the Rob Davidson Dance Company to produce "Rhythmic Flirtations: An Evening of Percussion and Dance," slated for April 7-9 at the newly-renamed Maedgen Theatre.

The department presents one dance production each year to showcase emerging student talent. A melding of jazz, ballet and modern dance make this season's performance a unique culmination of artistic forces.

Tickets for the event are \$10 per person, or \$5 for Tech students.

Navy band will perform in Hereford

Atlantis, an eight-piece band of members of the US Navy, will perform in a free concert on April 11 at Hereford High School Auditorium.

The band will perform Top 40 hits in the special concert, which is sponsored by the Navy Recruiting Station in Plainview.

Tickets for the show are free and will be available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce on April 5.

Doctors advise you try not to sunbathe between 11 am and 3 pm. That's when the sun's rays are the strongest and sunburn is most likely.

It looks like sight can be considered the most important sense. The part of the brain that deals with sight is far larger than the parts that deal with the other senses.

Nazareth

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Our sympathy to the family of Rose Hindman, 89, of Nazareth, who died March 7 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Mass of Christian burial was read Thursday in Holy Family Church with Father Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery where her husband, Lew Hindman, was buried in 1966.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and John Smith of Aurora, Colo.; a grandson, Shawn Smith of Aurora; a brother, Clarence Schulte of Nazareth; and a sister, Theresa Wills of Groom.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the center Sunday evening. Everyone enjoyed visiting, a good dinner and they sang Happy Birthday to Julene Gerber, Dorothy Kleman, Agatha Johnson, Bert Huseman, Margaret Brockman, Floyd Schulte and Linda Smith, who just turned 60.

Cecil and Norita Hoelting brought four guests including Floyd and Dorothy Schulte and John and Linda Smith.

The tables were decorated very pretty with shamrock centerpieces made by Catherine Huseman.

Father Harold Heiman of Subiaco, Ark., is spending some time here while he is being treated by an Amarillo doctor. He is staying at the home of Fritz and Julene Gerber. Julene is his niece.

The Ramaekers and Albracht families hosted a sing-along Saturday evening since Elmer Albracht and a friend, Trish of Houston, were visiting relatives here. It was a really fun evening.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Leonard Gerber, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Odella Schulte, Anna Huseman, Virgil Brockman, Dianne Huseman, Meredith Braddock, Amber Waite, Herman Birkenfeld and Mary Lou Birkenfeld.

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Shot clinic will be held in Nazareth

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Nazareth Monday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox). The influenza vaccine and pneumococcal vaccine will be available, too.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

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Telephone coop will elect directors at Tuesday meeting

Patrons of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of their cooperative and will elect three directors at the annual membership meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Bull Barn.

This year's meeting comes a few weeks in advance of the 50th anniversary date of the incorporation of West Texas Rural Telephone, which is May 5, 1950. Special commemorative favors will be presented to members who attend the meeting.

A catered meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the business meeting will follow at 7. A number of door prizes will be awarded during the meeting. During the business meeting, directors will be elected.

Member directors whose terms are expiring include Charles Meyers Jr. of the Hub exchange, Floyd Schueler of the Parmer exchange and Dick Fellers of the Dawn exchange. Each has filed for re-election.

Schueler will be unopposed in his bid for another term as the Parmer exchange director.

Harold Sides will be a candidate

for the Dawn exchange board seat held by Fellers.

Terry Copley is a candidate for the Hub exchange seat held by Myers.

Fellers was born and raised in Deaf Smith County and he first came to the cooperative board as a Dawn director in 1984. He has served as board president, vice president and secretary. He and his wife Pamela, and their sons, Randy and Will, are active in farming and livestock operations in the Dawn area. Fellers has also served as a member of the board of directors of the First State Bank of Happy.

Schueler is currently serving as president of the cooperative's board of directors. He has served as the Parmer exchange director since 1985. A native of Parmer County, he farms near Friona. In the past, he has served as a member and officer of the Rhea/Hollene Volunteer Fire Department. He and his wife, Glenda, are the parents of two daughters. They have eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Myers has served as the Hub exchange director since 1973. He has

held board offices including president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. He is a Parmer County grain and cotton farmer. Myers served on the Economic Development and Finance Committees of the National Telephone Cooperative Association (NTCA) during his tenure with the board. He also has chaired the NTCA's Program Planning Committee. He is a member of the board of directors of the Parmer County Farm Bureau. He and his wife, Lorene, grew up in Lamesa, where they farmed for a number of years before moving to Parmer County. They have a grown son and daughter, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Copley, 49, grew up at Muleshoe where he graduated from high school. He operates Terry Copley Construction and T&S Concrete in Friona. He had previously worked with Panhandle Concrete in Friona for 23 years and was engaged in hog production southeast of Friona for a number of years. He has worked with youth in livestock projects and in the 4-H program over the years. His wife, Vickie, works as a typesetter and layout compositionist at *The Friona Star*.

Sides, 47, grew up in Vega and graduated high school there. He and his wife, Shirley, have farming and livestock interests in the Dawn area with their sons, Brandon and Jason. They also have a son, Brent of Austin; and a daughter, Crystal, who will graduate from North Texas University this spring.

Cattle raisers set programs

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers, in cooperation with some businesses, are providing beef producers in Texas and Oklahoma with practical information to help them raise better cattle, according to J. Mark McLaughlin, president of TSCRA.

Ten Outreach Meetings in 2000 will feature expert presentations on brush control by representatives from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and on chuteside manners by personnel from Bayer Animal Health.

One of the meetings will be held May 17 in Tullia. There is no charge to attend the meetings. However, to help in planning, let TSCRA know in advance that you are planning to attend. To RSVP or for more information, call Todd Tippett at 1-800-242-7820, ext. 145.



NEW BUSINESS—Chris Samford (sixth from left) cuts the ribbon to officially open his new business, The Pizza Shack, in Nazareth Monday afternoon. Samford and his wife, Becky are owners of the take-out pizza business, which is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Samford says he's planning on being open later on

Friday and Saturday nights and he's planning to serve fish on Fridays as well. The business is located on the corner of SH 86 and St. Mary's Avenue in Nazareth. On hand Monday were Richard Hoelting, Ross Chehayeb, Bernice Hoelting, Marie Venhaus, Keith Hoelting, Marty Gerber and Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman. Photo by Anne Acker

Economists foresee higher cotton, corn, wheat prices

Two economists speaking at the second annual Southwest Crops Production Conference and Exposition in Lubbock foresee higher cotton, corn and wheat prices; but lower soybean prices as the growing and marketing year progresses.

Jarral Neeper, assistant vice president of call pool operations and economics with Calcot Limited, a California-based cotton marketing cooperative, addressed cotton prices.

Steve Amosson, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist based in Amarillo provided a price outlook for wheat, corn and soybeans.

"Cotton producers would prefer price enhancement from the marketplace rather than the government," said Neeper. At the present, there are some market factors moving us back in that direction. "The down side is we now have record amounts of our raw cotton exports coming back into the county as imported textile goods. The good news is rising global cotton consumption should help reduce world cotton stocks and further improve our export situation.

"In fact, I believe US cotton exports will surpass USDA's current

6.1 to 6.2 million bale projection, and possible reach 8-plus million bales. That's entirely possible, since we now have Step 2 export enhancement funds lending support to export shipping."

Neeper believes US growers will increase their cotton plantings about 3% to 15.8 million acres this year because of cotton's price advantage over other crops. He put the US 2000 crop at 18.6 million bales, and projected a 2% increase in world plantings would bring world production to 87.3 million bales—even though China may produce its smallest crop since 1989.

Stronger economies in Eastern Asia and the Pacific Rim, higher prices for synthetic materials and the potential for increased consumer demand in NAFTA nations should combine to push world cotton consumption higher, he noted.

Textile mills and buyers know US cotton prices have bottomed out.

They are now buying cotton further out to guard against higher prices in coming months," Neeper said. "Futures are now lending strong support to cotton at 53 to 55 cents per pound. That tells me we could well see prices between 62 and 66 cents per pound by May or July, and perhaps 70-cent-plus cotton later in the 2000 marketing year.

"In short, I am guardedly bullish. I would look for good pricing

opportunities between 63 and 65 cents per pound, but at the same time, I would use puts or calls to help capture higher prices if and when they occur."

Amosson said yields will be the major driver of wheat prices this year.

"US wheat prices and acreage have fallen steadily during the past five years," Amosson said. "In fact, planted wheat acreage is the lowest it's been in 30 years. Still, growers have produced record yields for the past three years.

"If dry conditions prevail again this year, we could see wheat carryover stocks decline. The net effect on prices is this—big yields could put the harvest price between \$2.55 and \$2.60 per bushel, while low yields could push our harvest price as high as \$3.40 per bushel."

If Midwest growers favor soybeans over corn and US corn plantings decline by as much as 400,000 acres, Amosson said corn prices could range between \$1.85 and \$2.60 per bushel and average about \$2.25 per bushel at harvest.

"Soybean export demand is strong and may get stronger, but a slight increase in US soybean acres, combined with good yields, could put downward pressure on prices," Amosson said. "As a result, I look for slightly lower soybean prices, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$4 to \$4.40 per bushel.

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On March 8, 2000 Energas Company filed a proposal with the Railroad Commission of Texas to increase its gas rates in the unincorporated area ("Environs") surrounding the sixty-seven West Texas Cities listed below. The Company proposes to change its environs rates to the same level as the Company is proposing for the sixty-seven West Texas cities in the Company's pending Appeal at the Railroad Commission. The environs rates will not change until the rates inside the sixty-seven West Texas Cities change. The Railroad Commission may delay the proposed effective date for up to 150 days. The proposed changes will affect all classes of environs tariff customers including Residential, Commercial, Public Authority, Small Industrial and Air Conditioning customers. There are approximately 22,275 Environs customers in the sixty-seven West Texas Cities. The proposed changes in environs rates are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately \$1.0 million or 8.5%, adjusted for normal weather. The change is a "major change" under state law in the environs of Lubbock and Odessa. The new environs rates will not exceed 115% of the average of all rates for similar services of all municipalities served by Energas in the same county.

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

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

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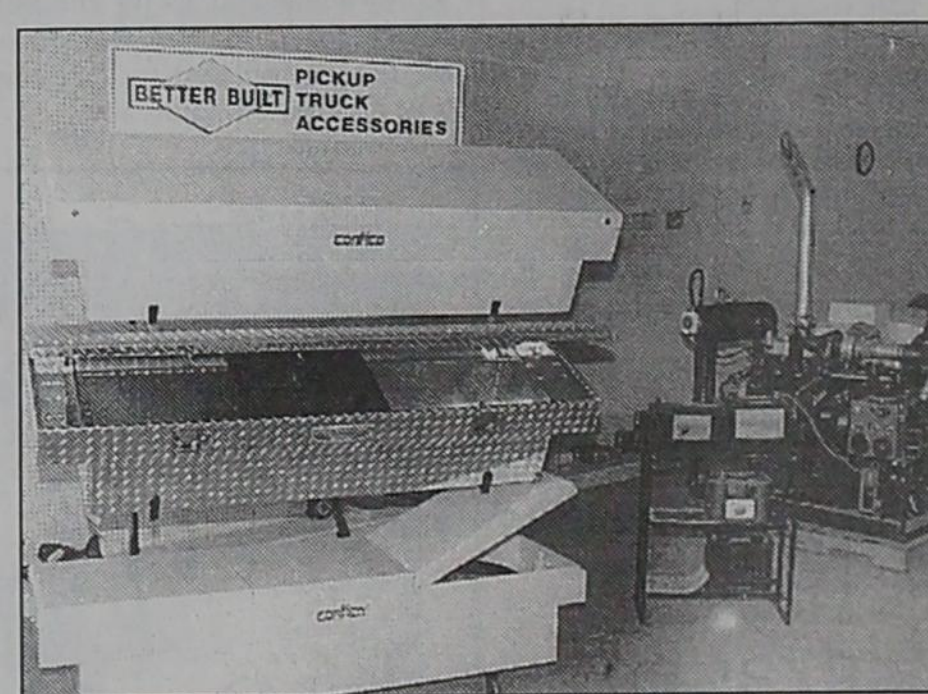
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Gilbreath, other farmers air farm policy ideas at first of nation's public hearings

American farm policy desperately needs an overhaul if producers are to remain in the business of supplying US and world consumers with an abundant, secure and safe supply of food.

That's according to farmers and ranchers who testified in Lubbock March 6 during the first of 10 nationwide public hearings on federal farm policy.

One of the producers speaking at the hearing was Coby Gilbreath, a corn producer from Dimmitt.

The hearing by the House of Representative's Agriculture Committee drew a crowd of more than 700 to hear 18 grain, cotton, rice, sugar, oilseed, cattle and sheep producers, and one banker, air their views on farm policy before a delegation of nine congressmen.

The House delegation included Larry Combest (R-Lubbock), committee chairman; Bill Barrett (R-Nebraska), vice chairman; Charles Stenholm (D-Stamford), ranking minority member; John Boehner (R-Ohio); Benny Thompson (D-Mississippi); Leonard Boswell (D-Iowa); Mike Simpson (R-Idaho); and Mac Thornberry (R-Amarillo).

The current farm bill, known to producers as "Freedom to Farm," was written in 1996 and is due to expire in two years. It gives farmers more planting, production and marketing flexibility in return for smaller cash subsidies and improved risk management tools (including crop insurance) from the government. But plummeting prices, burdensome world commodity supplies and weather disasters that spurred \$15 billion in emergency disaster relief to US producers during the past two years have undercut the bill's effectiveness, according to farmers and policymakers.

"We support the cheap food policy that benefits American consumers, but farmers must be compensated for their management, capital, labor and risk," said Gilbreath. "Those of us who depend entirely on production agriculture for a living are finding it increasingly difficult to provide that abundant supply of cheap food and stay in business."

The producers testifying in Lubbock said there are good provisions in the current farm bill, such as

planting flexibility, marketing certifies and export enhancement programs. Even so, they recommended implementation of a supplemental farm income program that accurately reflects production costs and commodity prices, which would be triggered by low prices and burdensome world commodity surpluses.

Their other farm policy recommendations include the following:

- ◆ Revising crop insurance to ensure a producer's coverage and payments are based on accurate, actual crop yields.
- ◆ Raising commodity loan rates to levels realistically in line with production costs.
- ◆ Exempting agriculture from death, inheritance and capital gains taxes.
- ◆ Fast-track approval of permanent, normalized trade relations with China and US support for elimination of unilateral trade barriers and embargos worldwide.
- ◆ Fewer federal regulations that drive up production costs.
- ◆ Research and education based on sound science to underscore the safety of genetically-modified agricultural and industrial products.
- ◆ Revising farm program payment limitations to accurately reflect the size and scope of most agricultural operations.
- ◆ Strengthening landowners' basic property rights.
- ◆ Implementing new conservation programs and maximizing allowable acreage in the current Conservation Reserve Program.
- ◆ Retaining the Farm Service Agency's loan authority for producers who cannot secure credit elsewhere.

The House panel assured producers their views would be weighed carefully when Congress sits down to patch or revise current farm legislation—a process that could begin sometime during the next year, Combest said. The congressional panel will host its next public hearing on farm policy March 17 in Memphis, Tenn.

Economic studies using representative farms as "models" indicate US farmers could remain in dire economic straits through 2004, accord-

ing to Texas A&M's Agriculture and Food Policy Center.

"Many crop farms simply won't survive. Our economic outlook for crop farms is the worst it has ever been—not just for small farms, but across the board," said Ed Smith, Texas Agricultural Extension Service economist in marketing and policy. "Our models show relatively low crop prices through 2004, higher prices for beef cattle and hogs, and stable conditions for the dairy sector—due to cheap feed grains."

"The past success of our policy of cheap, abundant food keyed on moving surplus commodities and food to other countries through the export market. Under current conditions, ag production subsidies and export enhancement efforts are necessary if we are to maintain a successful, dispersed agriculture."

Smith said acreage set-asides or expanded conservation programs are two options farmers and policymakers should consider when reviewing their options to curtail price-depressing surplus production.

"Our current situation won't change much in 2000-2001 without some immediate adjustments in farm policy. At the same time, ad-hoc emergency assistance programs will likely continue, and we may see a revised crop insurance program," Smith added. "Policymakers will write another farm program after the current farm bill expires—government is never going to get totally out of agriculture. It's simply too important to our national security."

Matthews is recognized

Jerry Matthews of Dimmitt was recognized as a member of the College of the State Bar of Texas during its annual awards luncheon in Austin on Feb. 5.

This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than 8% of the total number of attorneys in Texas. A total of 4,100 attorneys were recognized.

The College was created in 1982 by the Supreme Court of Texas as a means of recognizing members of the State Bar who voluntarily attain an extraordinary number of continuing legal education credits each year.

To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete at least 30 hours of CLE each year, twice the number of hours required of all lawyers in Texas.

Awards were given to several college members, including an award for the best article written for a continuing legal education seminar.



HOW MANY FAKE BUGS can be stuffed in a cup? Tiffany Medrano (left) tries to close the lid on 12 of them in a counting activity held during the Family

Fun Night at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School last Thursday night. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Can we burn yet?

Internet sites post vital drought, burn information

Despite recent spring rains in many areas of the state, most of Texas, including the Panhandle and South Plains, remains in the grip of a drought.

Rural and urban Texas landowners and land managers can get the latest information on drought conditions that may affect their spring land management plans at several Internet sites, according to a Texas A&M University range specialist.

"Controlled burning is one tool landowners and land managers often use in spring, but this year's drought somewhat complicates the matter," said J.F. Cadenhead, Texas Agricultural Extension Service range and brush control specialist. "Fortunately, there are several Internet sites that contain the latest information on the drought and weather or not it is safe to burn."

"By accessing these sites, you can find out how dry it really is in your area, whether or not your county is currently under a burn ban, and see projections about how a wildfire will behave under different conditions."

The list of recommended websites includes the following:

◆ <http://txforestservicetamu.edu>:

The Texas Forest Service's Fire Protection page features the Keetch-Byram Drought Index (KBBDI), a mathematical system for equating the effects of drought with potential wildlife hazards.

"This numbered index ranges from 0 to 800, with 0 being equivalent to no moisture deficiency and 800 being the maximum dryness or drought possible," Cadenhead explained. "At this site you can compare current KBBDI numbers for your area to past conditions by viewing a line graph."

"This site also contains a Fire Behavior Forecast for various regions of Texas which outlines how fast a fire will spread and how large its flames might be, based on current weather and fuel moisture conditions."

◆ <http://ticc.fws.gov>: The Texas Interagency Coordination Center (TICC) website provides information on current burn bans in the state, and ongoing stories and summaries of current wildfires.

◆ <http://agnews.tamu.edu/drought>: Texas A&M University's

Department of Agricultural Communications drought website was developed by Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station faculty to provide information and alternatives for Texans affected by drought. It includes news stories, graphics, information from and web links to other state and national agencies that deal with drought and water management strategies and issues.

"All three sites offer sound resources and information to help rural and urban Texans cope with drought. At the present, many parts of the state are literally as dry as tinder," Cadenhead said. "Perhaps the best advice we can give to all Texans right now concerning burning is: don't do it without first checking with local municipal or county authorities. It's always better to be safe than sorry."

In its oldest recorded use (2800 B.C. in Egypt), a handshake signified the conferring of power from a god to an earthly ruler. This is reflected in the Egyptian verb "To give," the hieroglyph for which was a picture of an extended hand.

Organizations are invited to submit grant proposals

The Texas Dept. of Human Services (TDHS) is seeking proposals from community organizations to help low-income Texans, and will fund the selected proposals with up to \$250,000 each.

Community organizations may provide services directly, or through contracts and arrangements with public entities, schools, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations or other community organizations. Services can include assistance

with housing, utilities, clothing, vehicle repairs, educational assistance for youth, adult literacy, and English as a second language.

Funding for this initiative comes from \$7 million earmarked for these projects in House Bill 1, which was passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor last year.

Those interested in submitting proposals should contact Bo Platt at 512-438-3450.

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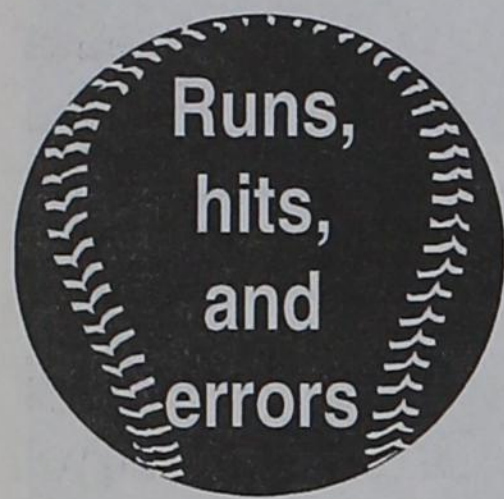
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Consolation Semifinals
Bobcats 1, Coahoma 14
 Coahoma 042 115 0 14 8 2
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 Ovale and Walker of Coahoma; Tanner Griffitt and B. Hill of Dimmitt. WP: Ovale. LP: Griffitt. 2B: McMillan of Coahoma; Brent Josselet of Dimmitt.

Seventh Place
Bobcats 11, Crosbyton 5
 (Game ended by two-hour time limit)
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 Dimmitt 211 43 11 8 1
 Martin and Kerry of Crosbyton; Oscar Melendez and B. Hill of Dimmitt. WP: Melendez. LP: Martin. 2B: Kerry of Crosbyton; Michael Penny of Dimmitt.



STATE TOURNEY HONOR TEAM—Members of Dimmitt High School's 1975 state championship team applaud Libby Cleveland (second from left) and her late husband, Coach Kenneth Cleveland, in the Class AAA Honor Team ceremony Saturday morning during the state finals in the Frank Erwin Events Center at UT-Austin. The team and their coach received a standing ovation from a crowd of 13,000 that included more than 100 friends and family members from Dimmitt. Team members, from left, are manager Kevin

Cleveland, Dudley Wooten, Cliff Parker, Jim Birdwell, manager Kicky Hunter, Johnny Hampton, Brad Sanders, Terry Young, Kelly Moore, Travis Hampton Jr., and Steve Myatt. At the far end is Hazel Calhoun, who represented her late son, Robert Calhoun, while holding his letter jacket during the ceremony. Each team member was presented a circular lapel pin with "UIL State Champion" inscribed on it. At noon Saturday the teammates were guests of honor at a "Dimmitt Reception" at the Caucus Club. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Cats out-slug Crosbyton to finish seventh in tourney

Dimmitt batters picked up eight hits and the defense committed just one error as the Bobcats rolled to an 11-5 win over Crosbyton Saturday

for seventh-place honors in the Field of Dreams Classic at Lockney.

Dimmitt lost a 7-6 heartbreaker to Lockney in the tourney opener last Thursday, then watched as the Longhorns advanced to the tournament's title match. Lockney would finish second in the tourney.

The Bobcats ran into a tough Coahoma team in the consolation semifinals, falling 14-1. That placed Dimmitt in the seventh-place game with Crosbyton.

Dimmitt's Michael Penney took two Lockney pitches over the fence for home runs last Thursday, but it wasn't enough to boost his team to the win.

Lockney took a 2-0 lead over the Bobcats in the first inning of last Thursday's tourney opener, but Dimmitt came back to take the lead in the third inning on a grand slam homer by Penney, and held onto that

lead until the bottom of the sixth.

The Bobcats picked up four runs in the top of the third to take a 4-2 lead, but Lockney answered with a run of its own in the bottom of the inning to narrow the gap to a run.

Both teams added a run to their scorebooks in the fourth inning, then Dimmitt picked up another in the fifth on a solo shot by Penney to take a 6-4 advantage.

Dimmitt pitcher Wesley Harkins shut down Lockney hitters in the bottom of the fifth and the two-run lead was intact through five.

The Bobcats couldn't add to their advantage in the sixth, but Lockney picked up two runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 6.

After shutting out Dimmitt in the top of the seventh, Lockney was able to squeeze out a run in the final inning to take the win.

Dimmitt's six runs came on eight hits and five Lockney errors. The Longhorns' seven runs were off of eight hits and one Dimmitt error.

The winning pitcher was Lockney's Sherman while Tanner Griffitt suffered the loss for the Bobcats.

Dimmitt bats were stone cold Friday in the consolation semifinals, but Coahoma didn't have any problems rounding the base pads.

Coahoma pitcher Ovale gave up just four hits and one run in the game and got the win while Griffitt was charged with the loss for Dimmitt.

Coahoma took a 4-0 lead in the second inning and added two runs in the third, one in the fourth and fifth and five more in the sixth to control the game.

Dimmitt's only run came in the fourth inning.

Brent Josselet of Dimmitt picked up the Bobcats' only extra base hit, scoring a double off of Ovale in the game.

The Bobcats rattled their bats for eight hits in Saturday's seventh-place game with Crosbyton, with Penny tating a double to lead the way.

After falling behind 3-2 in the first

inning, Dimmitt tied the game at 3 in the second.

The Bobcats broke open a 4-4 tie in the bottom of the fifth inning when they battered Crosbyton pitcher Martin for four runs. Dimmitt would add three more runs in the bottom of the sixth to take the 11-5 win.

The game was halted after five innings because of the two-hour time limit rule in force for the tournament.

Dimmitt's Oscar Melendez went the distance on the mound and he picked up the win, allowing six hits in five innings.

Hart girls qualify for trips to state power lifting meet

Geneva Finch and Yadira Anzaldua of Hart earned trips to the state power lifting meet after she won first in her weight division at the regional meet.

The two will represent Region 1-A in the state meet, which will be held March 24 in Killeen.

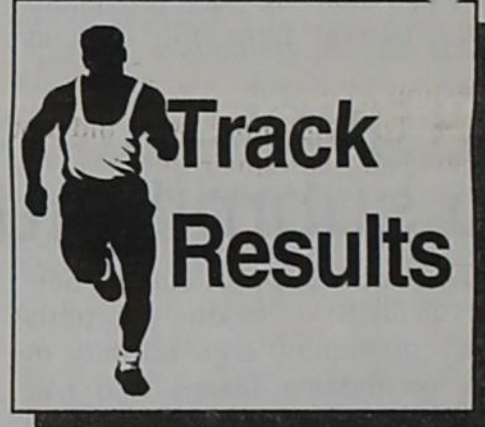
Finch and Anzaldua represented the Lady Horns at the regional meet, and they competed against weight lifters from 30 other schools.

Finch "dominated her weight

division," according to Coach Martin Parker, who accompanied the girls to the regional meet because their regular coach, Bryan Welps, was involved with a track meet.

Anzaldua finished fifth overall in the meet and tied for first place in her division.

Cynthia Gonzales of Hart also competed in the regional meet and she finished 11th, just missing out on a trip to state. Only the top 10 individuals qualified for state.



SHALLOWATER INVITATIONAL

Boys
TEAM TOTALS: 1. Littlefield 118, 2. Floydada 111, 3. New Deal 71, 4. Seagraves 64, 5. Shallowater 59, 6. Sundown 47, 7. Dimmitt 31, 8. Slaton 28, 9. Idalou 25.

3,200: 2. Edward Fernandez, Dimmitt, 11:30.26.
 400: 1. Randy Porter, Dimmitt, 51.46.
 1,600: 1. Edward Fernandez, Dimmitt, 5:22.78; 5. Aaron Saenz.
 800: 6. Aaron Saenz.

Girls
TEAM TOTALS: 1. Sundown 136, 2. Shallowater 132, 3. Floydada 62, 4. New Deal 61, 5. Idalou 56, 6. Dimmitt 47, 7. Slaton 40, 8. Seagraves 34, 9. Littlefield 20.

High Jump: 3. Nino, Dimmitt, 4-6.
300 Hurdles: 1. Vick, Dimmitt, 53.04.
1,600 Relay: 3. Dimmitt 4:38.39.

JV Boys
Long Jump: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 19-2; 6. Lee Brown, Dimmitt.
Triple Jump: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 36-11.

400 Relay: 2. Dimmitt (L.J. Soler, Matthew Gauna, Lee Brown and Steven Paz), 47.99.
800: 2. Matthew Gauna, Dimmitt, 2:26.44

1,600: 4. Matthew Gauna, Dimmitt.
Shot Put: 4. Casey Villanueva, Dimmitt.
100: 5. Steven Paz, Dimmitt.

WOLVERINE RELAYS at Springlake-Earth

Boys
TEAM TOTALS: 1. Springlake-Earth 140, 2. Olton 104, 3. Hart 80, 4. Whiteface 55, 5. Vega 47, 6. (tie) Miami and Cooper 45, 8. Sudan 15, 9. Bovina 11, 10. Lockney 10.

Shot Put: 1. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 45-4.51.
Long Jump: 1. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 20-4.75.

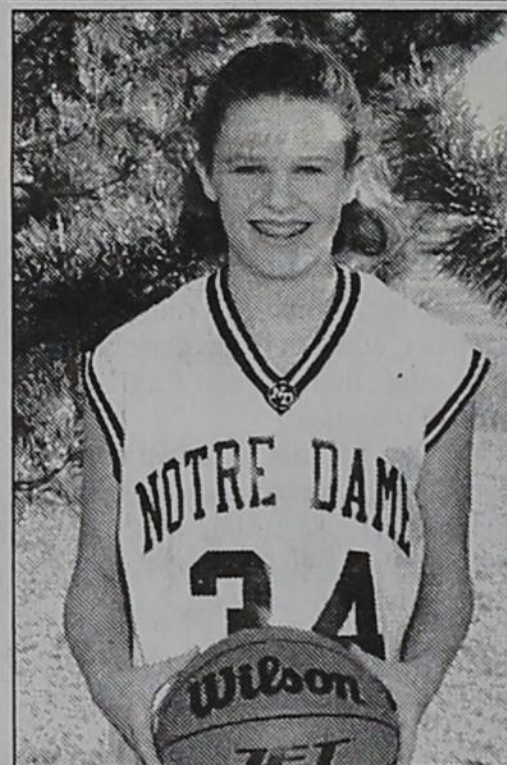
Triple Jump: 2. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 39-6.
Pole Vault: 3. Marcial Mendoza, Hart, 8-6.

110 Hurdles: 1. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 16.25.
300 Hurdles: 1. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 42.91.

Girls
TEAM TOTALS: 1. Whiteface 121, 2. Lockney 88, 3. (tie) Sudan 77 and Cooper 77, 5. Olton 60, 6. Springlake-Earth 55, 7. Hart 47, 8. Bovina 35.5, 9. Miami 18, 10. Vega 7, 11. Kress 1.

100 Hurdles: 2. Angelica Perales, Hart, 17-5.
800 Relay: 2. Hart (Geneva Finch, Brenda Diego, Sonia Garcia and Crystal Diego) 1:56.50.

1,600: 2. Kellie George, Hart, 6:00.81.



Danielle Wilhelm

Wilhelm named to all-state team

Danielle Wilhelm, daughter of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm of Wichita Falls and granddaughter of Francis and Betty Wilhelm and Fritz and Julene Gerber, all of Nazareth, was named to the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Class AAA all-state basketball team.

Wilhelm, a 5-9 freshman guard, averaged 14.9 points, 6.1 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 4.4 steals per game and was chose Most Valuable Player of her district this season.

She attends Notre Dame Catholic School in Wichita Falls.

She scored in double figures in 32 of 34 games this season. She also has been the district's MVP all three of her junior high years.

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ALL STATE CHAMPS—Among the 120 attending the Dimmitt Reception at Austin's Caucus Club Saturday were Darlene Cates Walters, her son, Dudley Wooten, and her daughter, Amy Wooten. These three family members played on five state championship

Dimmitt teams. Walters was on the Bobbie teams of 1952, '54 and '55; Amy was on the '93 Bobbie team; and Dudley was on the Bobcat team of '75, which was the Class AAA Honor Team at this year's UIL state boys' basketball tournament. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Cardiovascular disease accounted for 30.5% of county deaths during 1998

Cardiovascular disease accounted for 30.5% of all deaths in Castro County during 1998, but that figure was down considerably when compared with the two previous years.

During 1998, 59 deaths were reported in Castro County and 18 of those were related to cardiovascular disease.

In 1997, 40.3% of the county's 62 deaths—or 25—were related to the disease. The number was even higher in 1996, when 30 of the 70 reported deaths (42.9) were tracked to cardiovascular problems.

On an average day in Texas, 153 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association. The association compiled these statistics using 1998 mortality informa-

tion recently released from the Texas Dept. of Health.

Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 56,007 people in 1998 (39% of the 142,389 Texas residents that died). That translates into two of every five deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second leading cause of death, claiming 32,275 lives. Accidents accounted for 7385 deaths and 937 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1998.

Nationally, statistics show that from 1987 to 1997, the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 2.1%. One reason for this small decline is that the total US population, and particularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs, research and revenue generation. Last year, the Texas Affiliate reached over five million people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$8 million in research funding in Texas.

To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, the association recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups and exercising.

Search is on for 'Great Granny'

Everyone thinks their own grandma is special, but only one can earn the title "World's Greatest Granny."

The Washington Apple Commission announced the official beginning of its annual *Search for Granny Smith*—a nationwide hunt to find the perfect grandmother to promote the state's famous green fruit.

Anyone wanting to nominate a grandma should write in 100 words or less why the nominee should be considered and enclose a non-returnable photo. Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith, P.O. Box 18, Wenatchee, WA 98807. Entries must be received no later than April 7.

The "Granny Finale" will be held in May with 20 grandmothers competing for the top honor at the Washington State Apple Blossom Festival in Wenatchee, Wash.

The winner will be featured on grocery store posters and will make promotional appearances in the upcoming year.

Golf Strokes

FARWELL GIRLS' INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Tuesday's results

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Farwell 416, 2. Tulia 428, 3. Vega 445, 4. Morton 471, 5. Nazareth 494.
Nazareth Individuals: Cassie Birkenfeld 105, Mindi Ethridge 133, Melanie Book 137, Karen Wilhelm 133, Susan Kern 123.

Census Bureau opens assistance centers here

The US Census Bureau is operating two Questionnaire Assistance Centers in Dimmitt to help individuals get help in filling out census forms.

The locations and hours are: Dimmitt High School, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 noon; and the Dimmitt office of Panhandle Community Services, 108 SW Second, Monday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Questionnaire Assistance Centers are designed to meet the following four objectives:

- ◆ To assist persons needing help with completing their questionnaire.
- ◆ To provide assistance to those with language barriers that might make it difficult to complete the questionnaire.
- ◆ To help those who did not receive a questionnaire.
- ◆ And to answer general questions about the census.

Each QAC has language assistance guides in 49 languages, plus a large print guide, to help respondents complete their official Census 2000 questionnaire. A language identification flash card also will be available to assist staff in determining which language guide is appropriate to assist the respondent.

"The Census Bureau has long realized that reliability of data is increased when individuals can respond directly to a written questionnaire," a bureau spokesperson said.



Who's New

It's a boy, Dakota Ahren Heck, for Scott and Nichole Heck of El Paso. The infant was born March 2 at William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Fort Bliss in El Paso. He weighed 6 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are Lewis and Linda Heck of Dimmitt and Tammy and Richard Brewer of Carlisle, Pa. Great-grandparents are J.W. and Louise Stone of Dimmitt, Vera Heck of Tulia, Donald and Esther Nerat of Carlisle, Pa., Leslie and Catherine Brewer of McDonough, N.Y., and Catherine Elmer of Dover, Pa.

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Political advertisement paid by candidates.

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The children and grandchildren of Katherine (Katie) Brockman wish to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, food and especially their kind words expressed to us during the loss of our loved one.

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By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 1st day of March, 2000, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11 a.m. on the 4th DAY OF APRIL, 2000, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Courthouse of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. B7049-TX-0196, CASTRO COUNTY VS. SALINAS, DONATO.
All of lot Number Four (4) in Block Number One Hundred and Fifty-Two (152), Original Town of Dimmitt in Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 2nd day of March, 2000, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CITY OF DIMMITT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 2nd DAY OF MARCH, 2000.

CD FITZGEARLD
Sheriff, CASTRO County, Texas

BY JERRY W. JANS
Deputy
25-50-3tc

THE CASTRO COUNTY FARM Service Agency is accepting applications for permanent position of Program Technician through March 30, 2000. Applicant must have clerical skills and be able to interpret and explain farm programs to producers. Computer skills and experience will be required. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for appointment on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs and marital or familial status. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) Applications may be picked up at the Castro County FSA Office, 114 W. Belsher, Suite A, in Dimmitt, Texas.
20-50-2tc

NOTICE
FINAL PUBLIC HEARING
TEXAS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Dimmitt will hold a final public hearing on Monday, March 20, 2000, at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall in regard to the water system improvement project recently completed with a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. Topics to be discussed will include the specific program improvements completed and the costs associated with the TCDP and the City of Dimmitt. Handicapped citizens needing assistance to attend this hearing should contact Don Sheffy, City Manager, at 647-2155.
25-50-1tc

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Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Step 2 Benefit

Gauging the effectiveness of the various economic and market assistance programs that combined to get cotton producers through a tough 1999 growing season is sometimes tough.

Easily identifiable are the immediate effects of Loan Deficiency Payments, generic marketing certificates, payment limit adjustments, and supplemental AMTA and disaster assistance payments.

Buried underneath the obvious is the tremendous positive impact Step 2 program payments have had on producer equity values during the 1999 marketing year. Exactly the opposite of the negative impact the loss of the program had on producer equities when Step 2 payments stopped in 1998.

In simple terms producer equity offers are some 8 cents per pound higher with Step 2. Why this occurs is a little more complicated. The bottom line, however, is that Step 2 makes US cotton competitive, but not at the expense of the grower.

Looking at the normal relationship between New York Cotton Futures and the Cotlook "A" Index is the best way to determine the value of Step 2 to the cotton producer. Typically nearby New York trades 2-4 cents below the "A" Index. When supplies of quality US growths are short AND with the availability of Step 2 certificates, however, New York can attain a premium relative to the "A" Index.

Price movements over the past year attest to the impact of Step 2. After Step 2 funds were exhausted in December 1998, New York began dropping relative to the "A" Index. In six months New York moved from a premium position over the "A" to trading more than 4 cents below the "A" by July 1999. In late summer 1999, however, New York climbed above the "A" when it became apparent that Step 2 would be reinstated.

Since the October 1, 1999 effective date for Step 2, New York has traded at an average of 5.5 cents per pound higher than the "A" Index, or some 8 cents higher than it had traded without Step 2 in effect.

This is money directly in grower pockets. Offering prices for cotton sold directly into the market are

higher, as are equity values for cotton moving through the marketing loan.

Cotton equity values are fairly easy to estimate. The basic rule of thumb is to take the New York value of the cotton and subtract the loan redemption value, the cost to tender (about 7¢) and any applicable carrying charges.

Doing the math using average loan values and prices indicates that some 8¢ of the equity offer is attributable to the effect of Step 2 payments on demand and use of US cotton in 1999.

Eradication Benefits

Early results indicate that producers inside active Boll Weevil Eradication Zones will have an appreciable advantage during the 2000 growing season over those not yet in eradication programs.

Overwinter habitat surveys conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and supported by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. indicate that warm winter temperatures have done little to seriously affect the mortality rates of dormant boll weevils around the area.

The good news is that the surveys are picking up noticeable differences in weevil numbers inside and outside active eradication zones.

The project, which will continue for several more weeks will provide insight into weevil survival rates going into the 2000 crop year.

At this time three of the five eradication zones on the Texas High Plains are up and running and preparing for their first full year of eradication activity. The other two zones, the Northern High Plains and the Southern High Plains-Caprock, are preparing to vote on establishment of eradication programs that would begin with diapause treatments in 2001.

The bad news for growers outside active zones is there are likely to be tremendous numbers of weevils from start to finish during the 2000 growing season. Extra effort will be required to keep the pest from causing significant economic damage.

Boll Weevil management information is available on the Internet from local County Extension or Integrated Pest Management Agents or at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/guide98.html>

More about

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all the guys at Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt, C.P.A.

It was great to see those guys from that 1975 team together again, and to hear the UIL officials recount their championship season and the remarkable record of their late coach, Ken Cleveland.

It was especially touching to see Libby Cleveland there representing her husband, and Hazel Calhoun holding her son Robert's DHS letter jacket.

I guess Jim Birdwell came the farthest for the reunion—all the way from Missouri. (Jim and his dad, Bill, were our first father-and-son all-stars.)

I really missed Craig Williams and Wayne McKee, who were two major reasons why we won that state title. I wonder where they are and how they're doing.

As I shot pictures during the honor team ceremony in the Erwin Center, I could still see those guys, in my mind's eye, playing Morton and Friona and Kountze and Van Vleck en route to their state championship.

I could still hear a Van Vleck fan asking the Leopards' coach, as we filed into the old Gregory Gym for the championship game, whether he had gotten any sleep the night before, and the coach's worried answer: "I played old Dimmitt about four times last night."

I could still see scenes of that championship match, in which the Bobcats had to play a grueling game of catch-up before defeating that excellent Van Vleck team, 49-43.

I could still see Ken Cleveland raising his head toward the rafters, closing his eyes and indulging in a big, open-mouthed grin as the final buzzer sounded in the championship game.

And I could still recall his words later: "If anyone had told me before the season that we would win the state championship, I would have poked them in the nose for lying."

And how he marveled at the fact

that "those old kids just kept playing one more game and one more game until finally, there we were on the bus, heading to the gym to play for the state championship."

And how he was so tickled to win a state title in the old gym where he had played his college ball, before they completed the new "Super Drum."

My youngest son, Nathan, counted the number of state tournaments he has attended. His total now stands at 19, starting with this '75 team when he was 11 years old.

Nathan missed several tournaments while he was in college, but he and I have made the last 10 together. We always have so much fun that this year Nathan's older brother, David, decided to fly down from Wisconsin and join us.

It was a great weekend for us, watching 20 of the state's best teams play 15 games in three days, in between gorging on barbecue, Tex-Mex and smoothies.

They got to recalling some of the brotherly exploits from their boyhood (some of which would have gotten them punished at the time if I had known about them), and they had me laughing so hard I couldn't breathe.

After I had finished with my floor pass Saturday morning, the boys both did a little hot-dogging with it around the press room and press tables. David got Gov. Bush's autograph on his tournament program, and Nathan visited with a former Texas Tech classmate, Kay Lynn Laney, and her parents, Pete and Nelda.

(The governor and speaker took turns passing out the championship medals and trophies.)

Nathan inherited his granddad's wit. He got off his best line of the weekend while visiting with the Speaker of the House:

"I have a baby due next month," he told Pete. "Keep your plane warmed up."

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KCs set St. Patrick's Dance for Saturday

The Nazareth Chapter of the Knights of Columbus will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Admission will be \$10 per person, with music provided by "Southern Thunder."

The celebration will be BYOB, with set-ups provided. Proceeds will benefit the projects of the Knights of Columbus.

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.

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ILA RUTH BROWN is the driver of this 1988 Buick Electra that struck the First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch building. Police said Brown pulled out in front of a 1997 Chevy Suburban driven by Pat Bagley. Brown was taken to Plains Memorial Hospi-

tal by ambulance. She was still in the hospital as of Wednesday morning, listed in good condition. Damage to the Buick was rated moderate to heavy. Brown was ticketed for failure to yield right of way.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Police Calls

An 18-year-old Hart man was jailed Sunday night for assault/family violence after an incident in Hart.

Two incidents of missing cattle were reported during the past week. Dan Nelson told deputies that 15 head of steer weighing about 550 pounds each had been missing since December on land 8 miles north of Dimmitt. He valued the animals at \$7,425.

Frank Welch reported to deputies on Sunday that 14 head are missing from a farm north of Dimmitt over a two-week period. They include a Holstein steer, a black steer, a black whiteface steer, a corinthian roping steer, two Hereford heifers, a red heifer, and seven longhorn heifers. The animals were valued at about \$1,500. They are presumed stolen, although they may have strayed due to blown down fences.

Angel Garibaldi, employee of the Dimmitt Dairy Queen, told police March 6 that someone did \$200 in damage to the store's marquee sign by throwing beer bottles at it.

Carl and Joan Henderson of Dimmitt told police Monday afternoon that someone entered a residence on Cleveland Street and took a cordless drill valued at \$80, a binocular case valued at \$10 and over \$6 in coins.

Julio Reyes Gamez of Dimmitt told police that someone broke out

the front and rear camper windows on a pickup parked in the alley in the 600 block of Southwest Third. The damage was estimated at \$100.

An incident of disorderly conduct was reported at Dimmitt High School March 8, when a victim complained that a suspect poured a soft drink on her.

In a dog-bite incident reported last week, a 10 or 11-year-old child was bitten on the right forearm and wrist by a family pet, a Rottweiler. The child received several puncture wounds and was treated at Plains Memorial Hospital. The family was advised to keep the dog under observation for 10 days.

Three Dimmitt men were arrested for alcohol violations in an incident Monday evening. A 25-year-old was charged with DWI, third or more; a 21-year-old with public intoxication; and a 17-year-old with public intoxication/minor in consumption.

Jailed on warrants or court matters during the past week were:

—March 8, a 43-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for motion to revoke, fleeing the scene of an accident; a Floydada man, 31, on a warrant for motion to revoke, DWI, first offense; a Tulia man, 61, motion to revoke warrant, DWI, first offense; and a Dimmitt man, 19, warrant for terroristic threat.

—Sunday, a Hearst man, 37, on a Tarrant County warrant, motion to

revoke, DWI.

—Monday, a 41-year-old Dimmitt man on a Randall County warrant for driving with invalid license.

A two-vehicle accident last Thursday at 3:56 p.m. resulted in possible injury to four people.

Ila Ruth Brown, 83, of Dimmitt was taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital, with non-incapacitating injuries. She remained in the hospital as of Wednesday morning, listed in good condition. Pat Bagley, 62, of Dimmitt, and her two granddaughters, Kirsty Taylor, 2, and Rebecca Bagley, 2, were all listed with possible injuries.

Police said Brown had been driving a 1988 Buick Electra south on Northwest Third and had stopped at a stop sign, then proceeded across Bedford into the path of a 1997 Chevy Suburban driven by Bagley, who was heading west on West Bedford. The Buick then went onto the curb and struck the First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch building.

Damage to the Buick was listed as moderate to heavy, while the Suburban had light to moderate damage. No damage estimate was available for the building. Brown was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way and Bagley was ticketed for an unrestrained child under 4.

A crash Tuesday afternoon resulted in heavy damage to a car driven by Laura Gil, 17, of Dimmitt. She was taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital with possible neck or back injuries, according to police. She was transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock in stable condition. Her passenger, Julia Falcon, 11, also was transported to the local hospital, and was kept overnight for observation.

The car Gil had been driving was heading south on US 385 and slowed to make a left turn into Roadside, when a 1997 Freightliner truck attempted to pass the car on the left as it was turning and struck the car.

The driver of the truck was Roberto Garcia of Crane.

Jail Count

There were 16 inmates as of Tuesday morning, with two on work release. Nine were farmed out for the past week at a cost of \$342 per day and \$2,394 for the week.

Obituaries

Sabastian Acevedo

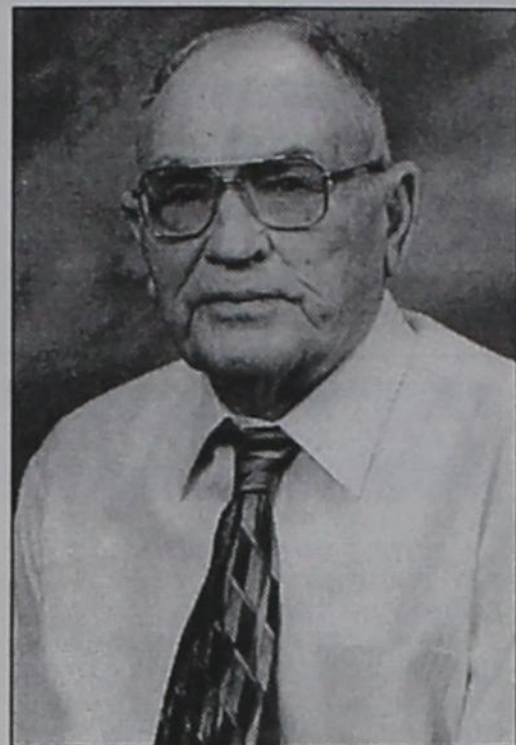
Funeral Mass for Sabastian Acevedo, 74, of Dimmitt was held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt with Fr. Fern Couture, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Vigil had been held Monday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Acevedo died March 11 at 7:36 p.m. at Lubbock Hospitality House.

He was born Jan. 20, 1926, in Georgetown, and married Marcelina Garcia in 1948 in Mexico. They moved to Dimmitt in 1964. Mr. Acevedo was a welder, and a member of the Cursillista Sagrado Corazon.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Teresa Longoria of Dimmitt and Minerva Ortiz of Canyon; four sons, George Acevedo, Luis Acevedo, and Guadalupe Acevedo, all of Dimmitt, and Miguel Acevedo of Salt Lake City, Utah; two brothers, Miguel Acevedo of Earth and Feliciano Acevedo of Donna; three sisters, Micaela Sandoval of Donna, Catarina Torres of Mission, and Juanita Riojas of Georgetown; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



R.V. Bills

Funeral Services for R.V. Bills, 86, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Jeff Addison, pastor, officiating; assisted by the Rev. Benny Wright, pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Bills died Monday in Dimmitt. He was born Aug. 24, 1913, in Delta County. He married Bessie Blundell on Dec. 27, 1932, in Hugo, Okla.

He moved to Castro County in 1935 from Klondike. He farmed in the Sunnyside area until he retired in 1977. He moved to Dimmitt in 1996 and was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Richard Bills of Lazbuddie and Larry Bills of San Antonio; a brother, Hollis Bills of Wichita Falls; a sister, Teddie Curfmann of Houston; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hospice Care, 112 West Etter, Dimmitt 79027.

Wilson Morgan

Funeral services for Wilson Morgan, 81, of Hobbs, N.M., the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Monday afternoon at Chapel of Hope Funeral Chapel in Hobbs with Rev. Leon Green officiating.

Military graveside rites and burial were at Prairie Haven Cemetery under the direction of Chapel of Hope Funeral Home.

Mr. Morgan died March 10 at his residence.

He was born June 30, 1918, in Thalia. He served in the US Army during World War II, earning the Purple Heart for injuries he received in the Anzio, Italy, campaign. He married his wife, Seretha, on Nov. 23, 1946, in Memphis. He was a member of the VFW, the DAV and the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Dickie Morgan and Ronnie Morgan, both of Hobbs, and Carroll Morgan of Carlsbad, N.M.; four sisters, Viola Castle of Dimmitt, Vada Haskins of Levelland, Veta Tims of Clarendon and Jewel Simmons of Deming, N.M.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Blon Ward

Funeral services for Blon Ward, 85, of San Antonio, the mother of Sue Howell of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning at Sunset Funeral Home of San Antonio.

Entombment followed in Sunset Memorial Park.

Mrs. Ward died March 8 after an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 27, 1915, in Elmer, Okla. She was an elementary school teacher for over 30 years, and was a member of Castle Hills First Baptist Church in San Antonio. She was married to Roland Ward for 61 years.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Sue Howell and husband, Jimmie of Dimmitt; two sons, Eddie J. Ward and wife, Peggy, and Thomas R. Ward and wife, Myrteel, all of San Antonio; a brother, Woodrow Thompson of LaPorte; a sister, Candus Carter of Oklahoma City, Okla.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association-Research, P.O. Box 4829, Austin 78765.

Court of Appeals to hold session in Plainview

The Court of Appeals for the Seventh Dist. of Texas will hold oral submissions (holding court) next Thursday in Plainview and the public is invited to attend.

The session will be held at Wayland Baptist University on the first floor of the Nunn Building, Rm. 101, starting at 9 a.m. The hearings are open to the public.

The court is one of 14 courts of appeal in Texas, with four justices on the court: Chief Justice John T. Boyd, and Justices Brian Quinn, Don Reavis, and Phillip Johnson.

The court hears both civil and criminal appeals from the 46 counties located in and around the northern Panhandle of Texas.

Anyone wanting further information may contact Boyd at 501 S. Fillmore, Ste. 2-A, Amarillo 79101-2449, or call 342-2650.

Deaf Smith REC members to receive capital credit refunds

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds totaling \$750,000 from a portion of 1989 at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner on March 28.

The meeting is slated to begin at 5 p.m. with a fish, chicken and beef dinner at the Hereford Bull Barn.

During the meal, the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso, N.M., will perform.

A short business meeting to elect three directors will follow the Flying J Wranglers' first performance.

Position 1 candidate is incumbent Donald Wright of Dimmitt. Another candidate for the Position 1 seat may be nominated from the floor during the annual meeting.

Candidates for Position 2 are incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee Raymond Hamilton.

Position 3 candidates are incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee Frank Bezner jr.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for atten-

dance prizes totaling more than \$1,000. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Flying J Wranglers, making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting have enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades and are one of the area's most well-known groups.

Since 1982, the Wranglers have been performing their own special brand of traditional western music at the Hobb's Flying J Ranch and Chuckwagon Suppers just north of Ruidoso, in historic Lincoln County, N.M. From late May through Labor Day, the Wranglers serve up cowboy "fixins" and a fast-paced western stage show that has become a "don't miss" while you are in the neighborhood.

The Wranglers are performing more and more off the ranch during their off season. The group has performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., and on The Nashville Network.

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