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No foolin'—time's changin'

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME starts Sunday at 2 a.m., when clocks should be set ahead one hour to 3 a.m. If you don't want to stay up that late to make the official change, be sure to set your clocks Saturday night before you go to bed, so you won't be late for your activities on Sunday, which also is April Fool's Day.

Helping to illustrate the proper time for "springing forward" are Katy Aljoe (left), 7, daughter of Kyle and Vicki Aljoe, and Patrick McGrorey, 7, son of Dr. Donald and Michelle McGrorey. The two are students at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hospital board adopts affiliation agreements

At its March meeting last Thursday night, the hospital board approved proposed "affiliation agreements" with the Northwest Texas Hospital System of Amarillo and Covenant Healthcare System of Lubbock.

As explained at a recent Town Hall meeting, the identical agreements provide basic guidelines for cooperation in day-to-day operations between the Castro County Hospital District and the two metro systems for their mutual benefit.

The agreements address such issues as consultations, use of specialists, continuing education, marketing programs, sharing of clinical services, and "access to other projects and programs . . . which will aid and assist the District in rendering quality health care services."

Although the two metro systems will be "working affiliates" with the local hospital district, no system will have any control over another, and patients will still be free to choose the hospitals or doctors they prefer to use, according to terms of the agreements.

The agreements will go into effect as soon as officials of NWT and Covenant sign them, according to Joe Sloan, the chief operating officer of CCHD. Sloan told the hospital board Thursday that both of the metro systems "have said okay to it."

All four trustees present — chairman Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, Mark Welch and Jerry Annen — voted in favor of a motion by Welch to approve the affiliation agreements. Trustee W. J. Hill was absent.

Establishing the affiliations with cooperative regional health-care systems was the last unfinished item in a long-range strategic plan adopted by the CCHD board several years ago, Sloan noted.

Following recommendations of the medical staff, the board approved two visiting physicians, Dr. Eric

Olson and Dr. Delmos Hamilton, for active medical status in the district. Dr. Olson works with the geriatric unit and Dr. Hamilton performs emergency-room duty, both on a part-time or as-needed basis.

Board members also discussed the progress of the current search for a physician to succeed Dr. Margaret Bailey, who has moved to Michigan after serving two years with the local clinic and hospital.

Sloan told the board that the Hospital Auxiliary's gifts to the district this year will be an incubator/isolette and a "Pigg-o-stat," which he described as "a gizmo to hold children in place while they're having their X-rays taken."

The district already has a Pigg-o-stat for the hospital's radiology lab but needs another since the addition of an X-ray unit at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, Sloan explained.

Schulte wins county senior spelling bee

Tyson Schulte, an eighth grader at Nazareth Junior High, was the top senior speller in the Castro County spelling bee, held recently at Hart Independent School District.

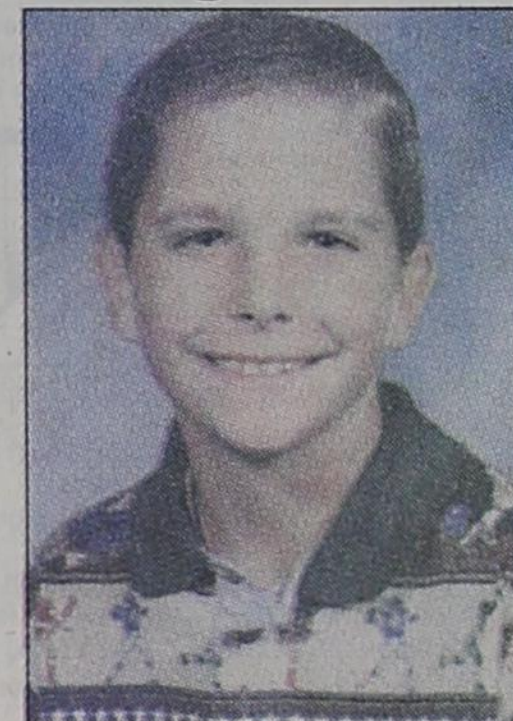
As the winner of the county bee, Schulte, son of Rodney and Ramona Schulte, advances to the regional spelling bee, which will be held Saturday, April 7, in the Mary Moody Northern Concert Hall on the campus of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Runner-up in the senior division was Kim Back, a sixth-grade student at Dimmitt Middle School.

Third-place honors went to Nazareth eighth-grader Jeremy Acker. Finishing fourth was Brittany Williams, a seventh grader in Dimmitt Middle School.

Winner in the junior division was Haylee Evans, a fifth-grade student at Dimmitt Middle School. Linda Calderon, a fourth grader at DMS, finished second; while Sage Black, a fourth grader at Hart, was third.

Cash prizes donated by the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Lions Clubs were awarded to the winners



Tyson Schulte

in each division, with first-place finishers earning \$75, second-place individuals receiving \$50 and third-place finishers earning \$25.

Charita McWhorter, the fifth and sixth grade language arts teacher at Hart Elementary School, served as the pronouncer for this year's contest. Michelle Johnson and Beth Gilly served as judges.

Dimmitt firemen to get new truck

After consulting with the Castro County Commissioners and the Dimmitt City Council on Monday, representatives of the Dimmitt volunteer Fire Dept. were authorized to go out for bids on a new fire truck.

Volunteer fireman Bill Conyers told the commissioners and the council, in separate meetings, that the department needs a truck that would be useful for fighting grass fires on the extensive CRP grasslands that are in the county, and that could also be used as a back-up truck for structure fires.

He said a new truck could cost anywhere from \$125,000 to \$225,000, depending on the options

and equipment. He added that the type of truck the department would like to have will be more expensive than a single-use truck, but they hope to find one in the \$160,000 range. He said they had one available at one time, but it was purchased by another locale before the DVFD could place the order for it.

Conyers said it will take six to nine months for a truck to be put together on order. He said the department wants a truck that has a separate engine for the pump system, so that it can "pump and roll." He said trucks that use the same engine for the motor and the pump have to sit

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County preparing for redistricting process

Castro County has hired Allison, Bass & Associates, L.L.P., of Austin to help the county through the redistricting process.

Portia F. Bosse met with the commissioners Monday and outlined the steps that need to be taken next. She said now that census figures have been released her firm will prepare their initial assessment.

Bosse said that the county is "on the threshold, and probably will have to reapportion" its commissioner precincts.

She said that after a recent court case "race cannot be the only factor in reapportionment." However, criteria that will be considered include compactness, respecting neighborhoods, protecting incumbents, preserving the core of an existing district, and balancing the partisan composition of a district.

She said other factors to consider

include facilitating government functions, such as election expenses, balancing road and budget considerations, and delivery of services.

In other business, the commissioners voted to contract with Burns, Fletcher, Gill, Architects, for architectural services on making the district courtroom in the courthouse handicapped accessible. Burns told the commissioners the architecture fees would not exceed \$14,000. He recommended that the county get A&S General Contractors to act as construction management for the project.

The commissioners said the construction phase of the project probably will not be underway until the next budget year, so the expense can be put into next year's budget.

In another matter, the commissioners accepted a bid for liability

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District court hears six cases

Six judgments were handed down in 64th District Court recently, with Judge Jack Miller presiding.

On March 15 three cases were heard.

A judgment of a plea of guilty (nolo contendere) was accepted for Melinda Dawn Moon to charges of forgery stemming from a Dec. 29 incident. Terms of the plea bargain included two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice-State Jail facility, probated for two years, a \$1,000 fine, \$262.25 court costs, \$358 in restitution to the Mary Derryberry Estate, \$250 in attorney fees, a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, and 200 hours of community service.

An order was entered modifying the probation of Richard E. Smotherman. He must now attend intensive out-patient counseling at the Amarillo Counsel for Alcohol and Drug, pay an additional attorney fee of \$250, and continue with the other terms of his probation.

Earnesten Tina Jordan entered a plea of guilty to charges of theft over

\$1,500 but less than \$20,000 in connection with a Dec. 17, 1999, incident. She was sentenced to five years community supervision under the terms of deferred adjudication. She also must pay \$272.25 in court costs, \$5,000 in restitution to Phyllis Cook of Hart, must make a \$50 donation to Crime Line, and must complete 100 hours of community service.

On March 19, Miller issued a waiver of arraignment for Rocky Salinas, as requested by Salinas and his attorney. The pleading stated that the waiver be entered as the appearance of the defendant and his attorney in open court and show that Salinas enters a plea of not guilty. Salinas has been indicted for possession of a controlled substance-methamphetamine over 1 gram and under 4 grams.

On March 22, two motions were entered to dismiss applications to revoke probation, without prejudice to refile. Those affected by the motions were Steven Stiles and Fernando Gonzalez Jr.

City looking at drilling test wells

Monday night, City Manager Don Sheffy told the members of the Dimmitt City Council that he plans to have a couple of test holes drilled to see if the city can obtain water from the Santa Rosa Aquifer, which is below the Ogallala Aquifer.

He said he had obtained a price of \$3 per foot from Walker's Irrigation of Plainview. He said he would like to authorize drilling by the water tower and by the city water field south of town.

In other business, the council voted to authorize the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. to go out for bids on a new fire truck.

In another matter, they appointed V.C. Hopson as the election judge for the May 5 election, allowing him to appoint the helpers he will need. The council set the pay at \$6.50 per hour for Hopson and \$6 per hour for his helpers.

City Attorney Jack Edwards told the council he had received a request to close the east-west alleyway in the 300 block of Northwest Second Street between the property of Amelia Barrera and Stanley Schaeffer. He said he would draw up an ordinance on it for the next meeting of the council.



Suzanne Gibbs

Gibbs hired as 4-H agent

The Castro County Commissioners voted Monday to hire Suzanne Gibbs as the new Castro County Extension Agent-4-H effective April 1, with her first official day in the office to be April 2.

A graduate of Springlake High School, she received her degree in agronomy/plant science from West Texas A&M University in 1998. Her previous work experience includes serving as a research intern with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Canyon, a designer at Seale's Florist in Dimmitt, a custom applicator driver for Helena Chemical, a field unit supervisor for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in Friona, and as an advertising sales representative with the Hereford Brand in Hereford.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Cain of Springlake, Gibbs was reared in a strong 4-H family. She and her two older sisters have won nearly every 4-H award possible.

Gibbs has received the Gold Star Award, the highest 4-H award at the county level. She was ranked first place individual at state in wool judging, second at state in livestock judging, second at state with her method demonstration, fourth in state in share-the-fun, participated in the state 4-H fashion and food shows, and completed an outstanding 4-H record book. She also served on the Texas 4-H Council.

Gibbs received the West Texas Ag Chemicals Institute Scholarship, served as the president of the Farm and Ranch Club at WTAMU, was a member of the Alpha Zeta honor fraternity for ag students, and was named to the dean's list in 1997 and 1998.

She is married to Brent Gibbs, who is the assistant vice president at the First Bank Southwest in Hereford. The couple live in Castro County and are "looking forward to getting even better acquainted with the residents of Castro County," according to Gibbs.

Gibbs said she is excited to begin her Extension career "in such a progressive county."

"Castro County has reputation for competitive excellence and I am honored to be joining the team," she said. "Being of service to the youth of Castro County, I hope to bring a new enthusiasm and a wide variety of 4-H experience."

"4-H was an excellent source of education and self-esteem for me, and I want to return that favor to the youth of Castro County."

Castro County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences Marilyn Neal said, "I'm so very pleased to have Suzanne Gibbs joining our staff. She will be a great asset to the youth program in Castro County."

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday . . .	79	41	
Friday . . .	73	41	Tr.
Saturday . . .	71	33	.20
Sunday . . .	36	31	
Monday . . .	47	27	
Tuesday . . .	32	27	.02
Wednesday . . .	36	30	Tr.

March Moisture 2.98
2001 Moisture 5.22

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

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More about

New fire truck . . .

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still while the pump is operating. He said it is more useful in grass fires for the truck to be able to pump and move at the same time. City Manager Don Sheffy said that it will help the city's insurance rating to have the truck for a back-up for structure fires, too.

Conyers told the governing bodies that the old yellow truck that has been used for fires out in the county has just about gone beyond repair. He also said the pump is not functioning in the white International truck that is used for backup for city fires.

The fire department spokesmen told the city council that the department has been allotted \$20,000 per year for a full-time fireman, but the position has not been filled for several years. They said the money from that could be used to help pay for the fire truck.

The council agreed to let the department go out for bids and bring the costs back before the council.

The commissioners had agreed for the county to do its part in the purchase, within the existing budget, if the city would go along with the purchase.

The city and county share equally in supporting the department.

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Player in District 4-A-II, so they picked Eric Schilling and Kade Wilcox of Nazareth as co-MVPs. Blake Birkenfeld and Daryl Pohlmeier joined Eric and Kade on the all-district team.

And among the girls of District 2-AAA, Heather Black and Tamara Robertson of the Dimmitt Bobbies both were named to the all-district first team.

Hart's Longhorns landed three on the all-District 3-A-I team — Jeff Bennett, co-MVP, Keith Finch and Salvador Velasquez.

And Lacy Curry of the Ladyhorns was named to the all-District 3-A-I girls' team.

How's that for racking 'em up? Maybe we should put all of this basketball talent on the same bus and hit the road with our own show.

Our obituaries this week include Effie Elder Murphy of Irving, whose graveside services were held here

Tuesday, and Lillie Belle Harp Hattaway of Harrison, Ark., whose funeral and burial were held in Lamesa.

Eulless Waggoner, who was their schoolmate, reminded me that both of those ladies were members of Dimmitt High School's state championship girls' basketball teams in 1930 and '31.

Two other members of that storied group of girls have passed on during the last four months: Eulless' sister, Irene Waggoner Fowlkes of Tomball and Ona Fay Smith Chapman of Plainview.

Those girls created a world of excitement for Dimmitt, Texas, which had a population of only a few hundred in the early '30s.

"The state tournament was held in Celeste," Eulless said. "We chartered a Pullman car on the railroad, and more than 50 people from here went down with the team. And on the way home, we attended the stock show and fair at Fort Worth."

The obituaries this week also include a good, good man, John

Too Late To Classify

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners' Court is now accepting bids to select a Depository Bank for the funds of Castro County. Specifications are available in the County Judge's office. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge's office by 1 p.m. on April 20, 2001. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 23, 2001, at 10 a.m.

Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

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CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE
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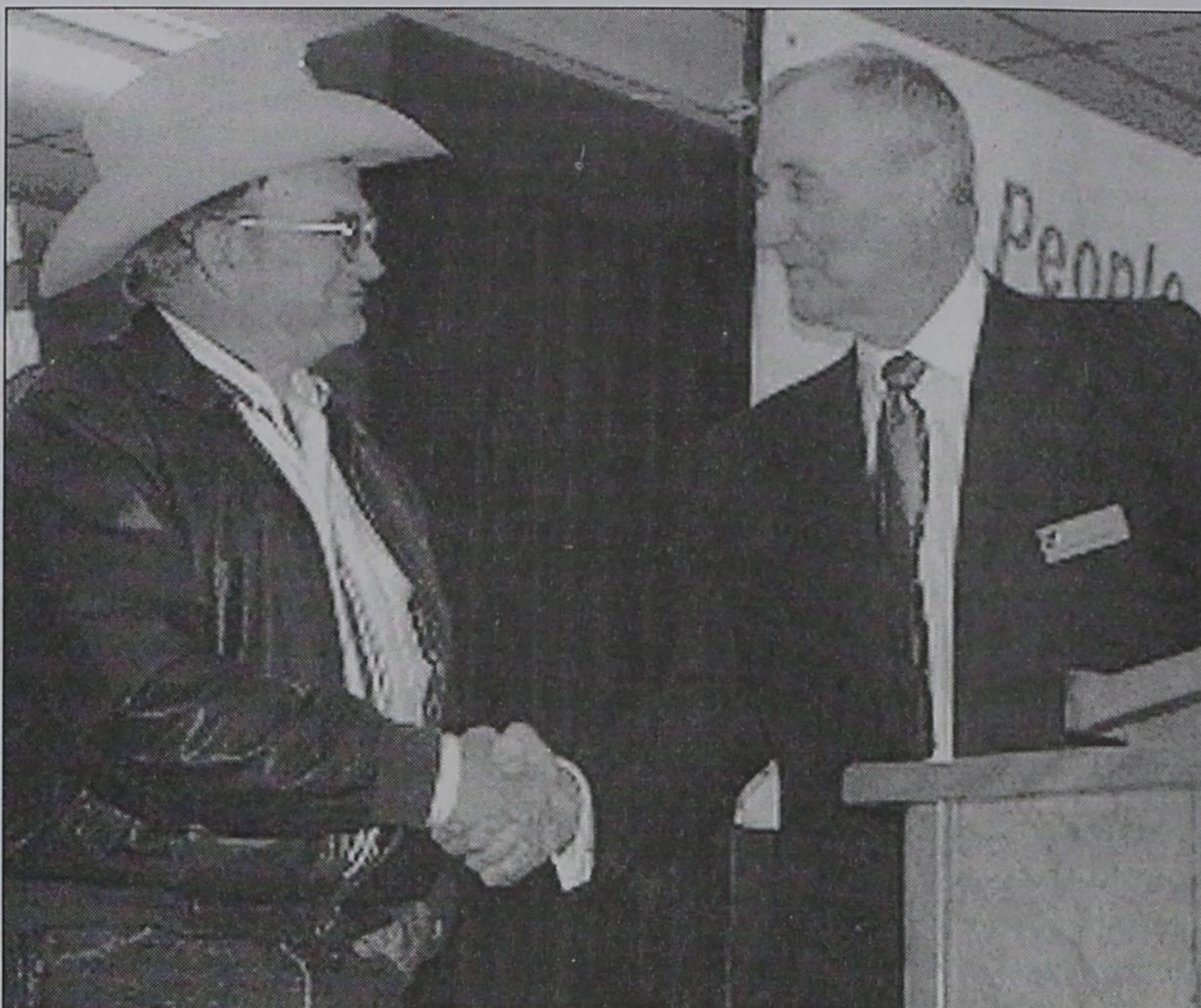


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'HAPPY RETIREMENT' — Donald Wright of Dimmitt, board chairman of the Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative, thanks Marion Carter (left) for his 28 years of service and wishes him a happy retirement during the cooperative's 63rd annual meeting Tuesday evening at the Hereford Bull Barn. Carter is a groundman/driver for the cooperative, which serves rural customers in Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties. More than 1,500 enjoyed a catered dinner of beef, chicken and fish, and members received a million dollars in capital credit returns during the meeting. News DigPic by Don Nelson

Swifts named co-MVPs in District 4-A

Nazareth's Eric Schilling and Kade Wilcox were named co-Most Valuable Players in District 4-A this season and the two headline a quad of Swifts selected for the honor team.

Wilcox, a 5-10 junior guard, led the Swifts in scoring with a 22-point per game average while Schilling, a 6-4 sophomore post, chipped in 16 points and led his team in rebounds.

Also earning mention to the all-district team were 6-0 junior post Daryl Pohlmeier and 5-10 junior point guard Blake Birkenfeld.

Joining the Nazareth players on the all-district squad were Reece Hartman, Jeremy Givens, Colby Davis and Bobby Parish, all of Happy; Isaiah Ivory and Red Ivory, both of Silverton; and Rowdy Mullin of Valley.

Caprock Canyon slates activities

Caprock Canyons State Park outside of Quitaque has slated several activities that can be enjoyed by the public.

On April 7, the Caprock Partners' Foundation will hold a volunteer day, starting at 9 a.m., with work continued until 12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck lunch. There will be no fee for participating in the volunteer day.

Other activities are set for which participants must pay regular park fees.

On April 7 at 6:30 p.m., an "Evening Birding" session will be held with a short discussion about bird identification, then time for a leisurely walk around Lake Theo scouting for birds.

April 21 there will be a "Wildflower Walk at 9 a.m. and an "Evening Interpretive Program" at 8 p.m.

Association to celebrate anniversary

The West Texas Country, Western, Gospel and Bluegrass Association is celebrating its 25th anniversary on April 7 at the Lamb County Ag and Community Center in Littlefield. Littlefield has hosted a Jamboree the first Saturday of each month for the past 25 years, with free family entertainment provided by various entertainers and groups from a large area of Texas and New Mexico.

The anniversary celebration will start at 7 p.m. and a concession stand will be available. It will feature music by the Martin Family of Levelland, Janet Rucker of Friona, the Double Barrel Band of Lubbock, the Dusty Trail Group of Spur, Gary Nix of Brownfield, the Heart Strings with Elvis of Lubbock, The Garret Band of Anton, and Dan Roberts of Aledo.

Information from organizers of the event said that Roberts is on the charts with a new release, *Cowhand.com*. He also fronted for Garth Brooks in 1997-98 and co-wrote several songs with Brooks, including *Beaches of Cheyenne*.

For more information, contact Emil Macha at (806) 385-3870 or KZZN at (806) 385-1490.

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Demonstrating a much-needed and appreciated recognition of the serious nature of the current economic crisis in agriculture, the House Budget Committee put agricultural budget needs at the head of the line.

Agriculture has been identified as one of two beneficiaries to receive additional spending authority for 2002-2011 out of the substantial contingency reserve projected to be left over after funding for tax cuts, debt reduction, Social Security and Medicare have been allotted.

Overall, the fact that agriculture was identified with defense as the only beneficiaries is seen as extremely good news.

Another important item included in the budget resolution was authority to develop and deliver assistance later this year to producers suffering expected economic hardships in 2001.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest said the designation demonstrates recognition of the important role agriculture plays and the severity of the problems it faces.

The House Budget Committee not only identified agriculture as a primary beneficiary of the 10-year

contingency reserve, it also left the size of the allocation unfixed and will take its cue from the House Agriculture Committee on how much funding is needed to fund a comprehensive farm policy remake.

The House of Representatives will take up the budget resolution next week, followed by the senate the week after.

At this time, the House Agriculture Committee has a time table stretching from now until July 11 to complete hearings on future farm policy and to present a mark-up of the commodity title that will be the

foundation of the next farm bill.

This is a much more ambitious schedule than many had previously envisioned, but seems to fit well with Combest's desire to get a new farm bill finalized by the house this year.

Unlike years past where the overall size of the budget allocation drove what type of policy was finally developed the House Agriculture Committee has before it what may be even more challenging—the development of a long-term policy for farm programs unencumbered by the need to fit into a set amount of money.

It behooves all of agriculture to set realistic goals and to help develop a farm program that is as lean as it can be while still fully addressing the needs of producers and necessary industry infrastructure.

With such an accelerated time table it is possible that parts of the new program are able to take effect during the 2001 crop year.

A more likely scenario; however, is to have some type of assistance package developed to cover the 2001 crop year and get the new farm bill implemented in 2002.

More good news from the budget front is that up to \$90 billion in budget surpluses will be available in 2001. That 2001 wiggle room is what makes it possible for portions of a new farm bill to be implemented as early as fall 2001.

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., will hold its 44th annual meeting on Friday, April 6, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The meeting will be held in Room 107 and is planned in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association's annual meeting and trade show.

More about

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about the same in most aspects. However, the TAC proposal did not allow as much coverage in general liability and automotive liability. Chris Faught with TAC told the commissioners that higher coverage is not needed in those areas, because statutory limits are legislated for county governments. The commissioners still opted to go with the higher coverage.

The commissioners voted three to one in favor of Brooke's proposal. In favor were Newlon Rowland, Clyde Damron and Dan Schmucker. Voting against was Bay Baldrige.

In other business, the commissioners:

—Tabled action on painting the Expo building and carpeting offices in the courthouse until the next budget term, which will be in the fall.

—Approved allowing the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. to go out for bids on a new fire truck, if the city also approves.

—Signed a resolution against legislation that would prevent the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission from helping smaller communities apply for and administer grant funds.

—Approved hiring Suzanne Gibbs as the new County Extension Agent for 4-H.

—Tabled action on helping with

First Street in Hart.

—Gave permission for an electric line to pass under County Road 506 and FM 2397 in Precinct 3.

insurance. The bid for \$52,645 was accepted from Brooke Insurance of Dimmitt. Other bids received were for \$45,154 from the Texas Association of Counties; and \$64,892 from Upshaw Insurance, the county's current insurer.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson outlined the provisions of the various proposals and said that coverage was

ACROSS

- San Antonio picante sauce
- TXism: "brains in ___" (computer)
- TXism: "is the ___ Catholic?" (yes)
- TXism: "sharp as a ___ tooth"
- TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
- in 1835, Austin community was known as Water ___
- TX Phyllis Davis was Beatrice in this TV crime drama series
- muscle pulls
- Mama Cass
- TX Guy Clark LP "___ Build"
- ready to drive the golf ball (2 wds.)
- This Hedy was in "Boom Town" with TX Chill Wills
- troops of ___ Thornton were ambushed in TX to start Mexican War
- TX Lefty Frizzell tune: "The Long Black ___"
- TX B.J. Thomas' 1st gospel record: "Home ___ Belong"
- TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- red vegetables
- TXism: "happy ___"

DOWN

- Houston restaurant: ___ House
- Travis Tritt's "It's All ___ Change"
- ___ Cove, TX
- TX Strait's "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- enumerate
- TXism: "opossum ___" (armadillo)
- "bear" south of the border
- TXism: "hot as road ___ July"
- TX or IA town
- TXism: "___boose" (jail)
- one-name actor in TX-filmed "Necessary Roughness"
- TXism: "bath day" (abbr.)
- once a Wichita Falls AM
- TXism: "___ a fish in water"
- to Tyler from Dallas
- brandin' or shootin'
- TXism: "___ the unvarnished truth"
- "those" south of the border
- novelist Deighton
- TX Lynda of TV's "Mission Impossible" (init.)

The Original

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Last Puzzle Solution

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

I want to say "Thank you!" to Waurayne Hughes for writing this column for me last week while I was on the go. She not only wrote the column, she gave me several leads to follow about many of you who have taken trips lately. I will be reporting on these in the future.

★
Deanne Clark and I, along with the Rodriguez family, enjoyed our visit with Alex and Tonya Linsky, now of Toronto, Canada. We met them for lunch at the Eaton Center in Toronto. This is a huge shopping mall that even has its own four or five story parking area. This is very important if you are facing a several-block walk in Canada's near-zero weather.

The Linskys are settled in Canada now, and send their greetings to all of their Dimmitt friends. Alex expressed the way they feel about Canada: "If we had come to Canada first we would like it better here, but we stopped first at Dimmitt, Texas. We loved Dimmitt. The people are so friendly, personable and they really did care for us!"

Alex, Tonya and their son Sergy made Dimmitt their home for a few years. Sergy graduated high school here. They are originally from Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine. Alex is employed in telemarketing and Tonya is employed with a massage salon there part-time and self-employed also. Sergy is studying at Nipissing University. His university is three hours away from Toronto. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in business, and had been home a couple of weeks earlier. Their latest address is: Olexel and Tonya Linsky, 7471 Younge St., Apt. 403, Thirnhill, Ontario, Canada L3P2V9.

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Mattie Seale's son, Jerral, and daughter-in-law, Susan, from Lindale have been here for a visit and to celebrate Mattie's birthday. Mattie's son, David, and his wife, Jackie, live in the same vicinity as Jerral and his family. Jerral and David's dad, J.O. Seale was the ag teacher at Dimmitt High School for many years. Mattie said she'd presumed that the boys would follow in their dad's foot steps and teach school. As fate would have it, they each work for cattle feed companies. They've become experts in proper diets for cattle, consulting and selling, everything needed to raise healthy cattle.

Jerral's son, Joseph, has become a professional cattle groomer. He makes all of the stock shows in that part of the country helping youngsters make the show cattle as pretty as possible. Joseph also raises his own cattle, carefully breeding them for show calves and selling them to FFA competitions and others.

David is working on his master's degree in cattle feeding technology. Jerral has made television commercials and had a bit part on Ranger Walker's show a few years ago. (My daughter, Cindy Lee was my source of information for that tidbit about Jerral's show business — not Mattie.)

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Jerry Frazier recently joined a singles club by way of www.singleshaven.com, and he is already smitten. Her name is Emelia Rose George, she is from England and she is 4 years old. Jerry has met her twice lately at the singles activities. They've struck up quite a friendship. Rose is a victim of epilepsy and comes to the Houston Shriner Hospital on a regular basis for treatment. Emelia is accompanied by her mother, Clare, grandmother, Val, and 11-year-old brother, Alex.

The first time Jerry met this family, most of the group's attention was given to the little, dimpled, blue-eyed, blonde Emelia. Val shared Alex's ambition of being a fiddle player with Jerry. On Jerry's next trip to Houston, he took a fiddle to Alex for his very own.

Jerry says that he's met some of the nicest people at the singles meetings. There is the Spa Lady (her Internet ID) who meets each guest at the airport and taxis them around Houston. She has also hosted a cook-

out at her home for the group and has assumed the job of social director. Another member is a lady who sings in the gospel trio, the *Sweet Deliverance*. Christine is a mental health therapist and an attorney.

Jerry has become friends with Sid from Seattle. Sid has a heart of pure gold and has an especially soft spot for the George children from England.

Sid and Jerry decided that Alex needed an outfit to go with his fiddle, so they took him shopping. Their first stop was a Harley-Davidson store for a T-shirt. Then they went on to a western store for a big hat, two pairs of jeans (a rarity in England), a belt and a pair of cowboy boots. Alex just may be the happiest 11-year-old in England.

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Martha Jo Hyman, Jo Settle and daughter Sydney, Curtis and Leigh Durbin and children Aubrey and Riley were some of many Dimmitt people who attended the Boozer-Curl wedding in Fort Worth. They took a side trip to Hillsboro to see Jo's former roommate and sorority sister from Texas A&M.

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Ed Freeman had a happy 86th birthday celebration this month. First there was a party at the Senior Citizens Center with birthday cake, lots of birthday cards and guests. On Sunday the Presbyterians celebrated with Ed and Betty with more cake and cards at the church.

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Last week's senior bridge scores: high, Dwight Joiner, score 7210; second high, Dude McLauren, score 6630.

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Randy Morgan and Renise Blair have just returned from a teaching tour of Israel sponsored by Trinity Fellowship Church of Amarillo. Other than having to spend one night on the floor of the Tel Aviv airport because of an airport workers strike, they report that the trip was perfect. The guide they were assigned was considered to be one of the very best in Israel. He was a Christian Arab, so he was welcome in both Jewish and Palestinian areas.

They began their excursion in Galille, the cooler, greener northern area of Israel. Two nights were spent in a kibbutz on the Sea of Galilee. There they visited the museum of the Jesus boat, a 2000-year-old fishing boat recently discovered on the Galilee shore. They also enjoyed a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; no storms that day!

They visited Mount Carmel, where Elijah's God was victorious over the god of 450 prophets of Baal. Soon after that, Elijah supernaturally ran the 25 miles from Carmel to the Valley of Jezreel. Randy and Renise took the bus! Megiddo, an archaeological tel, overlooks Jezreel. There they walked through the ruins of the chariot city of King Solomon and King Ahab. The next stop was Nazareth, hometown of Jesus and also of their guide, Anton. Nearby is the village of Ana, where Jesus worked His first miracle—changing water to wine for a wedding—not just a little wine. They saw similar water pot discovered near there, made of stone and about five feet all and four feet wide. Jesus filled six of these pots with 20 gallons of superior wine.

At Capernaum they attended a program at a fourth century synagogue, built on the spot of the first century synagogue where Jesus taught. He worked many of His healing miracles there.

At Caesarea Philippi, up north near the Syrian border, the married couples in the group renewed their marriage vows. This is the location of apostle Peter's great confession to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the son of the Living God." Jesus pointed to the rock face nearby and the cave within it, and said, "On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hades will not prevail against it." In ancient times the cave was reputed to be the gate of hell. Before leaving the Galilee area, the group visited the

beautiful Church of the Beatitudes and walked down to the shore below where Jesus fed 5000 people with two fish and five loaves of bread.

Farther south were the ruins of Beth Shean, a resort built by Herod the Great. Nearly was an important archaeological tel. Some of the group climbed to the top and saw the location of the deaths of King Saul, Israel's first king, and his sons. A wall outcropping from the hillside is where their dead bodies were hung by their Philistine enemies.

Driving through the occupied West Bank, they saw the first indications of unrest in the nation—parallel tall, barbed wire fences between Israel and Jordan and signs indicating unexploded land mines.

Bethlehem was slightly difficult to get into, but the shopkeepers were glad to see tourists. The group visited the Church of the Nativity, built over the probable sight of Jesus' birth.

Jerusalem was the next stop for six nights. Besides exploring the city, they took numerous trips beyond. One was the Engedi, a wildlife refuge and the place hid King David from Saul. A beautiful waterfall fed by springs cooled off the tropical,

below sea-level area. Engedi, Masada, and Qumran are all across the road from the Dead Sea.

Masada was Herod the Great's fortress. He expended fortunes in slave power and natural resources building his palace and guest houses, complete with swimming pools and luxurious baths. This fortress was inhabited by rebel Jews in A.D. 70-73 when Rome destroyed Jerusalem. Rather than be captured as slaves, the 960 zealots committed mass suicide there.

Qumran was a first century B.C. Essene community. The Essenes were monks who made copying of the Hebrew Scriptures their life work. The caves of Qumran are where the Dead Sea Scrolls are found. Some of these may be seen in the Shrine of the Book museum in Jerusalem.

Floating in the Dead Sea was a unique experience. It is incorrect to say you "swim" there. What you really do is bob on top of the water like a cork. Back in Jerusalem, the group visited many areas of the city, focusing on the old city and the places Jesus and His disciples frequented. They sang in the Upper

Room, walked on the Mount of Olives, and prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. They examined Lazarus' tomb and the Garden tomb. There was nobody there! Randy liked all the tunnels—Ahab's tunnel for water at Megiddo; Warren's shaft, where David and his troops invaded the Jebite city which later became Jerusalem; and Herod's tunnels under the Temple Mount. They saw the entrance to Hezekiah's tunnel at the Pool of Siloam, but no tour was offered! Dollhouse and model railroad fan Renise enjoyed the intricate model of the Second Temple, the scale of which is 1:50. Not only is the Temple modeled, but the

whole ancient city of Jerusalem, circa four B.C. and beyond.

An interesting side trip was made to the suburb of Mitzvah where Samuel the prophet lived and died. From the roof of a religious/military installation complete with Israeli soldiers, they could see one-third of Israel.

Finally, on the way to the Tel Aviv airport, the tour stopped at Yaffa (Joppa) on the Mediterranean coast. A huge statue of a whale commemorates Jonah's attempted escape from his mission from God.

Unlike many trips, Randy and Renise say this trip to Israel was a spiritually maturing experience and a genuinely memorable one.

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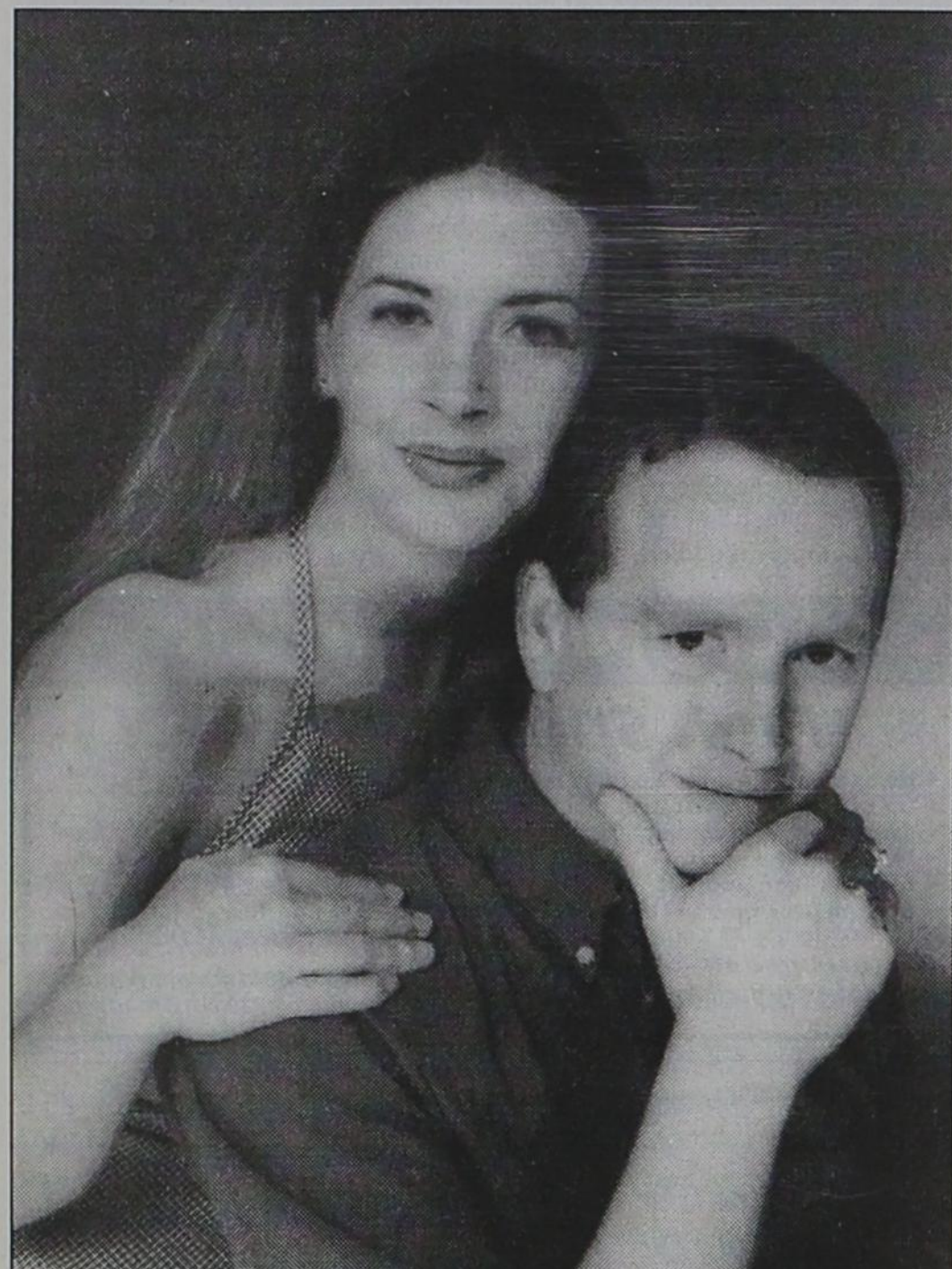
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People



Heather Braddock and Chris Stanford

May wedding is planned

Gerald and Mary Braddock of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather, to Chris Stanford, son of Johnny and Janet Stanford of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on May 26 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Nazareth High School. She is a senior majoring in mass communications at Southwest Texas State University. She is currently employed by *Texas Monthly* magazine.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1991. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from West Texas A&M University, graduating in 1997. He is a construction superintendent for Lennar Homes.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Austin.

Children's health insurance plan will be meeting topic

The specifics of a new affordable health insurance program for children will be explained today (Thursday) at a special meeting in the city councilman's chambers at Dimmitt City Hall.

The meeting outlining the Texcare Partnership will be conducted by the Coalition of Health Services and will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Those attending the meeting

should bring pay stubs from recent months, their most recent tax return or a letter from their employer stating the gross amount of their salary and how often pay is received; a statement from the child's caregiver; a statement from a disabled adult's care giver; or proof of child support payments paid or received.

For more information, call 1-888-892-2273 or visit the web site at texcarepartnership.com

Ogallala Quilt Festival offers classes, displays

The annual Ogallala Quilters Festival has been set for April 5-7 in Dimmitt, and the theme for this year is "Crazy."

In connection with the festival, classes and various activities have been scheduled, including two special evening meals.

For more information, contact Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637.

The evening of April 5 there will be a fajita supper at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided and ribbon award winners will be announced, in addition to the winners of the Fat Quarter and Silver Dollar Awards. The deadline has passed for ordering tickets for the meal. However, admission is free for those who only attend the award ceremony.

At 7 p.m. on "Fantastic Friday," April 6, there will be a steak dinner. Again, reservations are required. In addition to the meal, the 2001 "Feature Teacher" Sharyn Craig will give a lecture and show some of her quilts. Also, the miniature quilt auction will be held, with proceeds going to the Ogallala Quilters Society to help defray the costs of the festival. Those who only want to attend the lecture and auction may be admitted for \$5 per person.

The entry deadline has passed, and no late entries are allowed. The entered quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 4 at 9 a.m.

A general membership meeting of the Ogallala Quilters Society will be held April 7 at 12:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Classes, demonstrations and lectures will be given by a slate of 14 teachers, and there will be commercial displays from area merchants.

Daily admittance to the festival will be \$3 per person.

Free demonstrations at the festival will be held at the Expo building, and will be presented by Needle Nook of Midland, Passtimes of Gainesville, Becky Holley of Midkiff, Linda Fisher of Lubbock,

Jean Dean of Midland, and Yvonna Hays of Dimmitt.

Five lecture classes will be offered Saturday afternoon with admittance to each set at \$5 per person. Nell Smith will speak on "Crazy Quilts—An American Phenomenon," Sharon Newman on "200 Years of Quilting," Jackie Reis on "Whole Cloth (Durham) Quilting," and Michelle Watts on "Southwestern Lecture/Trunk Show."

"Feature Teacher" Sharyn Craig will give an all-day class on April 6 at a cost of \$50 per person, "Broken Dishes & Then Some." On April 7, she will give a three-hour class at \$25 per person, "Scrap Half of a Log Cabin."

Enrollment for other classes is \$15 per person per class, with additional costs for kits or supplies. Each class is scheduled for three hours. Subjects include machine quilting as a design factor, beginning hand embroidery, pine tree block, applique bonnet girls of the civil war, Amish Star, origami pillow, big stitch quilting, Rose 3-D applique, Tegula, dating quilts, mariner's compass, grandmother's flower garden, antique embroidery vest, embroidery for crazy quilts, and mama, pappa and baby birds.

"Kids Can Quilt, Too" will be the subject of one of the classes, with ages seven and up invited to participate.

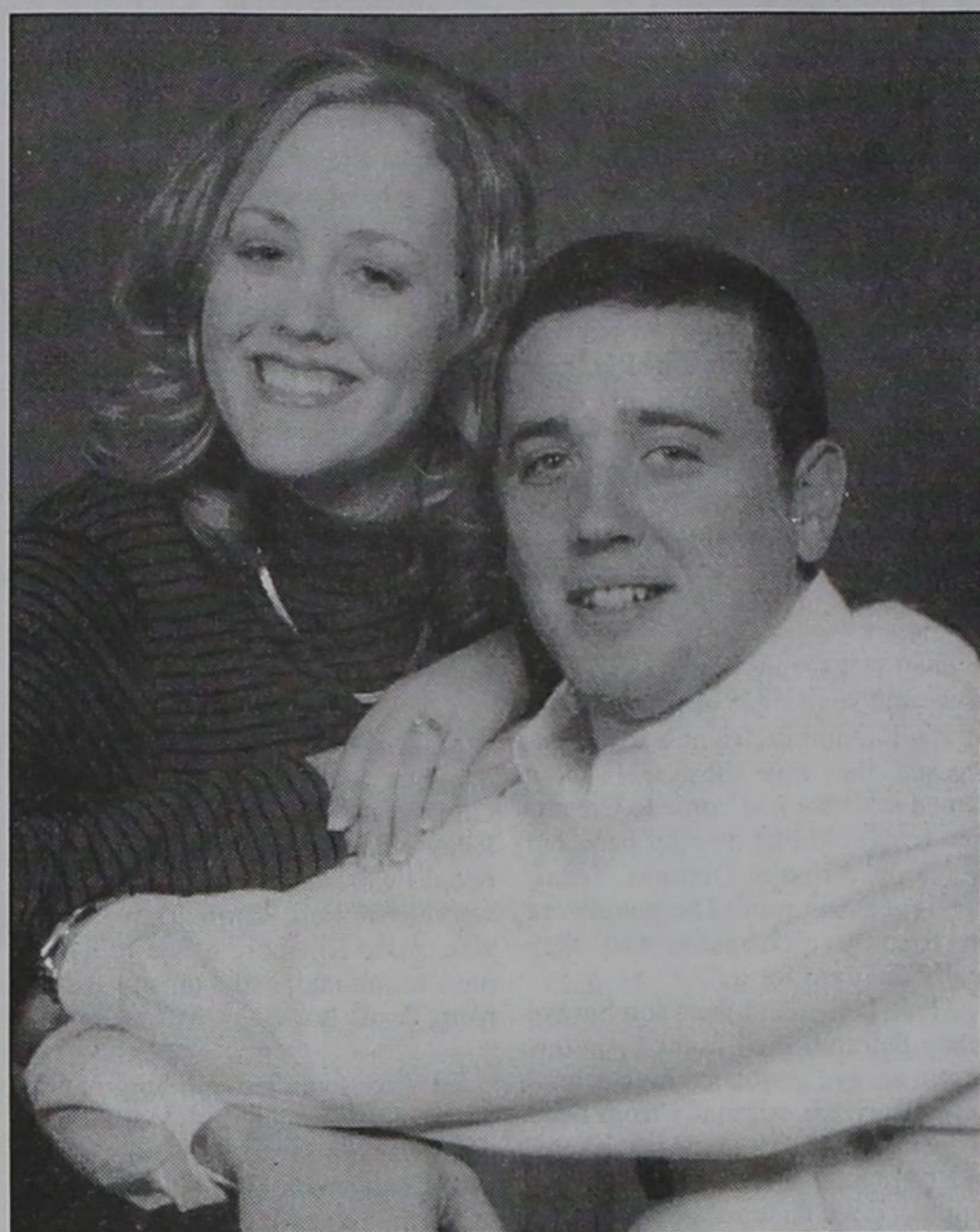
Sharon Newman, a certified quilt appraiser will be available to appraise quilts at a charge of \$30 each. Those interested may bring a quilt by at the Expo building or they may call 647-4534 for an appointment.

Crazy quilts will be on display at the Expo building, in the Sun Room at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, and at Rhoads Memorial Library.

"The Raggedy Anns" of Amarillo will have a special display of quilts hanging in the Senior Citizens Center both days of the festival.

Sue Haney of Lubbock will display a collection of "Crazy" antique quilts at the Expo building.

For more information on events and classes, call Davis, Lust or Shirley Wise at 647-4534.



Vanessa Wilhelm and John Welps

Wilhelm, Welps to wed

Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Vanessa, to John Welps, son of Joe Welps of Fort Worth and Virginia Holland of Floydada.

The couple is planning to exchange wedding vows on June 9 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect graduated from Nazareth High School. She graduated from Amarillo College in 1999 and is now employed at Amarillo Endodontics as a dental assistant.

The prospective groom graduated from Hart High School in 1996. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education, graduating from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in 2000. He is employed by Chaparral High School in Anthony, Kan., as an FFA advisor.

Following the wedding, the couple will reside in Anthony.

Texas 'Trash-Off' slated for April 7

Everything is bigger in Texas, and community cleanups are no exception as more than 100,000 volunteers will take to the streets on Saturday, April 7, to declare war on trash.

In Castro County, there are five Adopt-a-Highway groups who keep 20 miles of road clean during the year. Of the five groups, the Sands Motel Adopt-a-Highway team is the only one participating in this year's trash off.

Other Adopt-A-Highway teams include the Castro County 4-H Horse Club, 1997 State 4-H Horse Judging Team from Castro County, Hart Student Council, Nazareth FFA and Sands Motel.

According to the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT), the number of groups adopting highways in Texas has hit a plateau of approximately 3,800 volunteer groups at a time when Texas has more miles of road and more drivers than ever before.

"Adopt-a-Highway volunteers clean only 10% of the state's roadways, and state tax dollars must be used to keep the remaining stretches clean," said Penny Mason, Lubbock District police information officer. "Adopting a highway not only helps keep our state beautiful, it also allows tax dollars to be used for road improvements and beautification instead of trash pickup."

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off can call Penny Mason at 748-4337 or Cat Soto at 748-4446.

Auxiliary plans 'Enlistment Tea'

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor an "Enlistment Tea" on Thursday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the hospital's Solarium. The public is invited to attend the event.

Volunteers are needed for the auxiliary's gift shop and annual bake sale, and those who wish to offer their support and time should plan to attend the tea.

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Friona banquet planned April 9

The Friona Chamber of Commerce will hold its 45th annual Chamber Banquet April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

The meal of prime rib will be catered by K-Bob's of Hereford, and the speaker for the evening will be Keith Ingram of Clovis, N.M.

Advance tickets for the banquet are \$12 for students and \$15 for

adults. They are available at the Chamber office in Friona, (806) 250-3491, 621 Main, Friona, or from any board member. Tickets at the door will be \$14 for students and \$17 for adults.

Ingram is a teacher at Marshall Junior High in Clovis, and the author of *Surprise, Teachers Come From the Human Race*.

Information from the Chamber states, "(Ingram's) presentations are described as a mixture of Garrison Keillor, Peter Jennings and Bill Cosby.

A welcome addition

Please join us in welcoming Bryan Peeler, M.D.
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The Castro County Hospital District is proud to welcome the newest member of Dimmitt's medical community, Dr. Bryan Peeler. A native of Hereford, Dr. Peeler is a graduate of Hereford High School. After studying biology at North Texas State University, he graduated from Texas Tech Medical School in Lubbock. His internship and residency were served at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas.

Since completing his internship and residency, Dr. Peeler has spent the last 10 years in private practice in Dallas. He held faculty positions at Southwestern Medical Center in internal medicine and emergency medicine. He also practiced emergency medicine full-time at Methodist Medical Center.

Dr. Peeler recently returned to West Texas with his wife, Julie. His vast experience and knowledge will make him an invaluable member of the medical community. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Peeler to Dimmitt!

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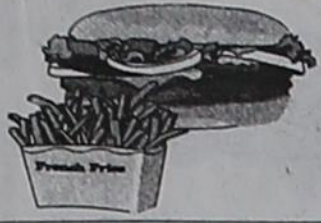
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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 29 to April 6.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bar, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, assorted fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.
MONDAY: Shrimp poppers, French fries, tossed salad, cornbread and milk.
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, onion rings, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger, tater tots, hamburger salad and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir-fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili or corn dogs; French fries, Frito corn chips or Mexipinto beans; mixed vegetables, tossed salad, chilled fruit cocktail, watermelon or banana; cornbread, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potato or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers

or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; onion rings, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Aroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of cheeseburger, cheese enchilada with sauce or chicken stir fry; tater tots, peas or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, hamburger salad or peas; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast
THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Waffles, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk.
THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, toast and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, Pizza Hot Pocket or large slice of pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, white cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets; cornbread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger with potato chips, corn dog or steak fingers; mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, salad, carrot sticks, oatmeal cookies and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or

sloppy Joe on a bun; corn, salad, peaches, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of ham sandwich, burrito or chicken fajita; refried beans, salad, peas, peaches, brownie and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or enchilada casserole; chips, tortilla chips, corn, salad, pineapple pudding, peaches, peas, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, hot dog on a bun with chili or chalupa; sliced cheese, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, peaches, peas, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast
THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Waffle and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Banana nut muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: * Burrito or chef's salad, tossed salad, green beans, apple, peanut butter chew.
FRIDAY: * Baked fish or baked potato, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, brownies and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Chicken nugget or steak fingers, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, peaches, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Sloppy Joe on a bun or corn dog, tossed salad, fried okra, peas, apricots and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Chicken pot pie or pizza; tossed salad, cooked carrots, applesauce, apple crisp and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, pineapple and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Tuna casserole or chef's salad, tossed salad, corn, fruit, S' mores and milk or juice.

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

Church serving fried fish dinners on Friday nights

Fish dinners are being served to the public every Friday evening through April 6 at the Immaculate Conception Church as part of the Lenten observance.

Men of the parish's Holy Cross Society prepare the meals, and their families help serve them in the north parish hall.

The dinners are served from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and the public is invited.

The menu includes Santa Fe style fried pollock with cole slaw, potato salad, rolls and dessert, priced at \$5 for all you can eat. Take-out plates are available also.

For those unfamiliar with the church building, the most convenient access to the parish hall is through a set of double doors on the north side of the church facing Halsell Street.

Class of 1991 plans reunion

Members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1991 are making plans for their 10-year reunion, which has been set for Saturday, July 28.

The event will be held at the Country Club of Dimmitt, and the cost will be \$25 per person.

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at www.angelcities.com/members/dhsclassof91/index.html and leave their information.

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To qualify for the Head Start program, a youngster must be 4 years old before Sept. 1, 2001.

Head Start offers educational opportunities, medical screening, dental screening, social services, parent involvement, social skills and counseling services.

For a child to qualify for the program, his or her family must meet income guidelines or be on public assistance. Children with a documented disability or those in foster care also may qualify.

When registering children for the program, parents are asked to furnish the child's birth certificate, child's Social Security card, the child's immunization records, income verification (check stub, tax form, TANF, etc.), proof of public assistance (WIC, Medicaid, Food Stamp Case Letter, CCMS, etc.) and documentation of a child's disability, if applicable.

To apply or for more information call 647-4131 or 647-3314.

Have you lost your Valentine?

Grandparents are very proud of their grandchildren, we have found, but we also have discovered that some of them are forgetful. We still have nine photos left from when we ran the pictures of "Our Favorite Valentines."

Those that have not been picked up include Tanner and Aimee George, Jasmine Cerissa Hill, Jacklyn Escamilla, Diamond, Brittany and Gavino Luna, Devon Bryce Martinez, Jared and Justin Yokum, Isreal Montoya, Lisa Marie Deleon, and Brianna Marie Martinez. We also have a computer disk with the Durbin family name on it.

So, if you want the picture of your Valentine back, just stop by the News office, 108 W. Bedford.

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Dry fall could pose problems for wheat

This year's wheat crop got off to a rocky start because of an exceptionally dry fall in the Texas Panhandle, and while recent rains have helped the crop, it may not be enough to offset the late planting.

"We had some wheat planted this year in the middle of November or later and those crops didn't fully emerge until mid-January," said Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

So what is the potential for the late wheat?

Bean says the potential for success on dryland and irrigated wheat yield will generally decrease in the Texas Panhandle when the crop is planted after the middle of October.

"We have the data now that supports this premise," Bean said, pointing to a two-year dryland study conducted by agronomist Steve Winter, now retired from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Bushland.

Winters' research shows that dryland wheat planted the first week of October yielded an average of 39 bushels an acre, compared with yields of 26 bushels an acre for crops planted near Nov. 8—a difference of 33%.

According to another seven-year study on dryland planting dates by Kansas State University, relative grain yield declines of 23% and 41% were evident when wheat planting was delayed 30 to 60 days, respectively, after Oct. 1.

Bean stressed that late-planted wheat does not have the benefit of producing tillers in the fall.

"These tillers are generally very productive," Bean said. "Some tillering can and does occur in the spring, but how much and how productive they will be is very weather dependent."

Bean cautioned that whenever

heading is delayed, temperatures are usually hotter during grain fill. That means fewer kernels per head and lower test weights.

"Moisture is another factor that impacts wheat, especially under dryland conditions," Bean said. "Even when deep soil moisture is good, a late-planted crop will not set roots deeply enough to take advantage of it."

For late-planted irrigation wheat, Bean says fewer fall tillers may be offset by an increase in the seeding rate; however, a surprising result of a three-year study at Bushland showed little advantage in increased seeding rates of over 60 pounds an acre, even when planting was delayed until January.

In this study, yield decline from the optimum October planting date was dependent on the year, with yield declines ranging from 13 to 20% for a November planting to 33

to 61% for a December or January planting date.

Bean said growers whose crop emerged in late January can expect a yield decline of 30 to 60% compared with results from crops planted in October.

"Can yields turn out better than this? Certainly, but we are going to need some help from Mother Nature. So far we are getting it," Bean said.

SEC plans shareholder's meeting tonight

Swisher Electric Cooperative members will elect two directors tonight at their 61st annual membership meeting.

The meeting and catered buffet supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia.

Registration will start at 6:30 and will be followed by the meal. A business meeting is slated to begin at 7:15 p.m.

During the business meeting, two director positions will be voted on by the members.

Incumbent director Jimie Reed is opposed by Bryan Bishop for the seat in Position One.

Incumbent director Ross O'Daniel will be challenged by Brad Sharp in the other race.

Candidates for both positions were selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January.

This year's meeting centers around "The Smart Choice," when it comes to electric utility deregulation.

In an annual report to members, the cooperative's management explains that in the states where deregulation has been tried, it hasn't worked very well for most consumers.

The cooperative's position is that the smart choice is to "wait and see" how deregulation works in the rest of Texas before committing the cooperative to an irreversible course of action.

Drawings for door prizes will conclude the meeting.

Northwest Plains Eradication Zone names assistant

Johnny Justiss has been named the assistant zone manager for the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone, which includes Castro County.

Justiss, a native of Coahoma, joins zone manager Stanton Mote in overseeing operations for the zone.

Justiss joined the foundation in 1999 and worked most recently as a field unit supervisor in the Permian Basin Zone. He has 25 years of experience in the banking industry, specializing in agricultural lending. He also owned a cattle feed supplement business.

Justiss' ties to the cotton industry reach back to his boyhood in Roby, where he grew up on a cotton farm.

He has continued to lend a hand in the family business over the years and understands the critical issues facing today's cotton producers.

Justiss began his duties as assistant zone manager in mid-March. He and his wife will be relocating to Muleshoe.

Cool weather during the late winter coupled with excellent moisture conditions should promote spring tillering. This year, the wheat is late in jointing because of the cool temperatures. This also tends to favor late tillering.

The potential number of spikelets per head is determined when wheat breaks dormancy and the stem starts growing. If the plants do not become stressed during this period, there will be more spikelets per head.

Under good conditions, more kernels will be set per spikelet, test weight will be good and more late tillers will produce grain.

The potential for crop yield this year can be estimated by counting the number of tillers per square foot.

"Of course, the later you can wait to estimate yield the more accurate that estimate will be," Bean said. "In general, 25 variable tillers per square foot should yield 20 bushels per acre in an average year. Only count tillers that have at least five leaves once the wheat has jointed."

Because of low wheat prices and relatively good cattle prices, the temptation for many producers is to allow cattle to graze the wheat past the optimum pull-off date, which is when wheat begins to joint; however, research has shown that grazing wheat after it has started jointing will seldom pay," Bean said.

"The increase in cattle weight gained from a couple of weeks of extra grazing will not make up for the loss in grain yield," he said.

Cotton marketing workshop slated

Cotton producers can learn how pricing strategies affect profitability and get help in developing pricing strategies tailored to fit their own operation on Monday at a cotton marketing workshop in Tulia.

The workshop will be held at the Swisher County Extension meeting room in Tulia from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$30 per person, payable at the door. The fee includes a noon meal and an extensive set of materials. Couples can register for the single \$30 fee if they share a set of course materials.

"Farmers can't control prices, but they can control how the crop is priced and when to take a price," said Dr. Jackie Smith of Lubbock, Texas Agricultural Extension Service ag economist-marketing specialist. "Producers who know how to evaluate pricing alternatives can formulate pricing strategies that will help them maximize profit."

"This workshop will focus on evaluating price alternatives and developing pricing strategies. All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly linked to the futures market, so we will be closely studying the basics of futures and options," said Smith.

Producers can register or reserve a seat by calling Smith at (806) 746-6101; Michael Clawson, Swisher County Extension Agent, at (806) 995-3726; or Dirk Aaron, Hale County Extension Agent, at (806) 291-5267.

April 5 entry deadline for SEC speech contest

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., will be awarded to two area youth by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The winners of the trip will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 17 at Swisher Electric in Tulia. Those wanting to enter the contest must fill out an entry form and turn it in by April 5.

Any students ages 14 to 19 who are attending school in Hart, Nazareth, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silverton or Olton, or who are home schooled in Swisher Electric's service area are eligible to enter the contest.

Representatives of the cooperative will visit area high schools during the remainder of March to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest. Anyone interested in more information may contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric

Cooperative in Tulia at 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344. Also, information is available on the cooperative's web site: www.swisherelectric.org.

This is the 35th year that Swisher Electric has sponsored students to attend the "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington, D.C. The 2001 Youth Tour is scheduled for June 14-26. The local winners will travel to Dallas, where they will join other young people from all over Texas for the trip to Washington.

In Washington, the students will visit their US Congressmen, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court Building, and visit the White House.

The youth also will get to tour the more memorable sites in Washington, D.C., including the Smithsonian Institute, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, the FBI headquarters, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Viet Nam Memorials, and more.

Dimmitt FFA members enjoy success at major stock shows

For the past three months, Dimmitt FFA members have exhibited livestock in major shows around Texas, and several have enjoyed success with their projects.

In the Fort Worth show, Raynee Bradley exhibited a Reserve Breed Champion Duroc and a seventh-place Chester barrow. Mary Bradley had a ninth-place Yorkshire barrow and Dennis Underwood showed his Shorthorn steer to a 12th-place finish.

Jeremy Simpson drove his Cross barrow to the Reserve Breed Championship at the El Paso Livestock Show.

Underwood led his Shorthorn steer to a fourth-place finish in San Antonio.

Several barrow exhibitors competed in San Antonio and placed as follows: Eric Odom, second-place Berkshire; Simpson, fourth-place Cross; Tyler Cornett, fourth-place Hampshire; Mary Bradley, eighth-

place Hampshire; and Adam Wright, 11th-place Cross.

The Houston Livestock Show also drew a large number of entries from Dimmitt FFA and those placing with barrows included Mary Bradley, second-place Cross; Matthew Wright, second-place Cross; Bryce Parker, fourth-place Duroc; Simpson, fourth-place Hampshire; Adam Wright, fifth-place Hampshire; Bailey Nutt, eighth-place Spot; Cutter Johnson, 10th-place Spot; Cornett, 11th-place Chester; and Regina Montiel, 19th-place Duroc.

Molly Bradford finished 23rd with a Medium Wool lamb at Houston and Underwood's Shorthorn steer placed sixth.

In San Angelo, Mary Bradley drove her Yorkshire barrow to a first-place finish. Simpson's Hampshire entry was fourth and Cornett had a sixth-place Cross.

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Register by April 5 for May 5 elections

Unregistered persons may register by April 5 and still be eligible to vote in the May 5 elections.

Residents who have not registered to vote may do so at any time by filling out a voter registration application and returning it to the office of Voter Registrar Billy Hackleman in the Castro County Courthouse.

Also, voters who have had a change of address need to notify Hackleman's office so that they may receive a corrected voter's registration card.

Candidate deadlines have passed for those wanting to hold positions on local governing boards, subject to the May 5 elections.

Elections may be canceled if all candidates are unopposed and there are no referendum items on the ballot.

Applications for early ballots by mail will continue to be accepted through April 27.

Early voting will be held April 18-May 1.

Positions that are expiring for the various governing entities are listed below, along with candidates who have filed.

Castro County Hospital District

Terms are expiring for Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, and Jerry Annen. Sides and Ramaekers have filed for re-election. Frank Mendoza and Layne Myatt also have filed as candidates.

Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins and the three at-large council members, Trish Elliott, Bobby Murdock and Clint Seward. Incumbents Collins and Murdock have filed. Diane Parker, Paul Wayland and Steve Buckley also have filed as candidates.

DISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Rick Wright in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4. Both incumbents have filed, and Johnny Gonzales is a challenger for Place 4.

Hart

City: The terms of Mayor Marguerite McLain and Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez are expiring. Incumbents McLain and Davis have filed and Stanley Dyer also has filed.

HISD: Those whose terms are ending are Daniel Higgins and Sandy Farris. Both incumbents have already filed for re-election.

Nazareth

City: City Commissioner Joel Gerber is the only one facing an expiring term, and he has filed for re-election.

NISD: Terms are expiring for Keith Hoelting and Patti Kern. Also, the two-year unexpired term for the place vacated by Mike Huseman must be filled. Incumbents Hoelting and Kern have filed, and Keith Birkenfeld filed for the two-year unexpired term.

"I expect our school board election will be canceled since all are unopposed," said NISD Supt. N. Dean Johnson.

Hart One-Act Play wins zone contest

The Hart Drama Club's UIL One-Act Play, *Fire in the Hole*, was selected as the top play in zone competition and qualified for the district contest which was Monday at Sudan.

Jewish union organizer; while Davis performs as Mary Ann Jackson, a woman whose husband and 12-year-old son work in the mine. Four of Jackson's children have died of illnesses attributed to the poor living conditions in the mining camp.

John Mark Bennett and Melanie Davis were selected as Best Actor and Best Actress, respectively, for their performances. All-star cast honorees included Josh Finch and LaCretia Robinson.

Set in the 1920s, the play's featured act titled *The Kentucky Cycle*, takes place in a coal mining camp. It deals with bigotry and the struggles of coal miners against horrible working conditions.

Bennett portrays Abe Steinman, a

Other cast members include Trent Barnes, Maegan Farris, Whitney Mitchell, Corey Moore, Lacie Curry, Melanie Davis, Aaron Hart, Vivian Bennett, Trent Barnes, Logan McLain, Keith Finch, Jordy Rowland, Zachary Farris, John Mark Bennett, Jeff Corbitt, Amy Carrasco, Geneva Finch, Dan Eric Castillo and Jeff Bennett.

The cast performs under the direction of Vivian Bennett.

Police Calls

In an incident of assault/bodily injury/family member, a Dimmitt woman told police March 20 that a suspect had slapped her on the arm, causing an injury. The suspect was jailed.

Friday, deputies received a report from Derrell G. Matthews that a heavy construction tan Shopmade utility trailer was taken from a location seven tenths of a mile north of Dimmitt on US 385. The two-wheel, single-axle trailer is 8 feet long and had a welder and cutting torch mounted on it. Extension cords and a tool box with tools and supplies also were on the trailer. Matthews valued

the property at \$4,500. He reported that a padlock valued at \$10 also was taken.

March 20, Mike Glare of Bar G Feedyard reported to deputies that someone burglarized a building at the feedyard. Items taken included tack, bits and blankets. Value of the missing items was estimated at \$1,595. Entry was gained by prying open the front door of the building.

March 21 a 26-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for disorderly conduct. Police said he refused to turn his loud music down or off at 12:08 a.m. in the 400 block of Southwest Fifth.

Friday, a 23-year-old Hereford man was jailed for driving while disqualified for a commercial license.

Early Sunday, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants or court matters during the past week:

—March 20, a Dimmitt man, 49, on warrants for defective tail lamps and turn signal, no seat belt, turning when unsafe and failure to appear; and a Plainview man, 19, for speeding.

—March 21, two Dimmitt men, ages 17 and 18, on warrants for minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage; and a Lubbock woman, 30, on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

Jail Count

There were 10 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning,

with two more on work release.

March 16 at 11:10 a.m. a 1992 Geo Prizm driven by Mary Jimenez Rivera, 68, of Dimmitt, backed out of a driveway in the 200 block of Southwest Third, crossed the adjacent alley and struck a 1983 Buick LeSabre belonging to Edward A. Swain of Dimmitt. The Buick was parked, unattended in a driveway across the alley. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported.

March 21, a dark-colored pickup was observed backing without safety in the 500 block of Southwest Fifth Street in Dimmitt. According to witnesses, it struck a parked, unattended 1985 Ford pickup belonging to Santos G. Perez of Dimmitt, then left the scene. Damage to Perez's pickup was rated moderate. Investigation is continuing.

Farmers Union head appeals to Congress

Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims returned from four days of meetings with members of Congress to unveil the National Farmers Union's new legislative proposal to restore prosperity to American agriculture and rural communities.

Sims joined farmers and ranchers from across the country in Washington, D.C., where participants pressed lawmakers for swift and decisive action to enact legislation that allows producers to receive a reasonable income from the marketplace, provides an adequate budget for the department of agriculture and ensures adequate emergency assistance and a safety net.

"The fly-in was an excellent opportunity for us to bring our concerns directly to lawmakers," Sims said. "We called on Congress to enact legislation that takes into account the true costs of production and the real value that we provide to communities, our country and the world. I think our message was one they were ready to hear. I look forward to seeing their efforts as they address the challenges facing America's producers."

Sims met with members of con-

gress and the administration, including Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman; Chief Economist Keith Collins; Congressmen Charles Stenholm, Ken Benson, and Marion Berry; Senators Phil Gramm, Don Nickles, Kent Conrad and others.

Farmers Union legislative initiative provides a strong farm safety net based on a counter-cyclical plan that equalizes commodity loan rates by adjusting them upward and provides other assistance measures and incentives that take into account the rising costs of production and depressed commodity prices faced by America's family farmers and ranchers.

Also included are proposals for commodity reserves for humanitarian assistance, renewable fuels and supplemental risk management, a supply management proposal giving the agriculture secretary authority to establish a voluntary set-aside program, and provisions to protect dairy farmers with adequate price supports and from illegal and trade-distorting uses of imported Milk Protein Concentrate (MPC).

"We need real solutions to the many economic, social and environmental challenges facing America's farmers and rancher," Sims said.

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Sports



Cats rally, tie Muleshoe in storm-suspended game

Approaching thunderstorms and sharp cloud-to-ground lightning forced a halt to the Dimmitt-Muleshoe baseball game in the sixth inning Friday night, but the storm debris resulting from the suspended action didn't settle until Saturday morning.

When it did, the game was ruled a 12-12 tie and each team was credited with a half of a game.

The sixth inning wasn't complete when umpires called the game Friday. That meant the score reverted back to the last completed inning, which was the fifth. Muleshoe led 10-7 after five.

But Dimmitt had picked up five runs in the bottom of the sixth, had a runner in scoring position and had only one out when action was stopped.

The umpires initially called the game in Muleshoe's favor, 10-7, on Friday, but a final ruling wasn't decided until Saturday morning, according to Dimmitt Coach Jesus Quiroz.

"The umpires and the superintendents from each school met Saturday morning to discuss the situation," Quiroz said. "Since we were the home team and had tied the score before the game was stopped, we were each credited for a half game according to the rules. If we wouldn't have tied the score before it stopped, the score would have reverted back to the last completed inning, which would have been the fifth."

Thunderstorms were rapidly approaching and the lightning strikes were becoming more frequent and

sharper when the decision was made to stop the game, Quiroz said.

"We waited 30 minutes to see if it would let up, but it just got worse. Right after they stopped the game it started sprinkling, then it started raining hard. I just wish we could have had one more batter before they called it. We had a guy on second and only had one out. I think we could have brought him in and taken the lead."

Muleshoe took a 1-0 lead in the first inning and led 6-4 after two. Dimmitt was able to tie the game at 7 in the fourth before allowing Muleshoe to pull ahead, 10-7. The Mules added another two runs in the top of the sixth for a 12-7 lead.

Dimmitt didn't quit, picking up their game in the bottom of the in-

ning to tie the game at 12.

Dimmitt hurler B.J. Hill gave up a lead-off single to Cox to open the game, and Cox would score on a pair of passed balls, giving the Mules their 1-0 lead.

In the top of the second, two straight Mule batters reached when they were hit by pitches, then they advanced on a fielder's choice by the No. 7 hitter in the lineup. A single by Tucker scored them.

Muleshoe would get five runs on three singles in the inning, taking a 6-0 lead.

Dimmitt came back in the bottom of the inning with four runs to narrow the gap.

After Jonathan Stevens reached on an error, Wesley Harkins walked, giving the Cats a pair of base runners with no outs. Jeremy Furr struck out for Dimmitt's first out, bringing Hill to the plate.

Hill took a full-count pitch over the fence for a three-run homer, pulling Dimmitt within three.

Hill's long ball rattled Muleshoe's pitcher, and he proceeded to give up a second straight homer, this time to Thomas Brockman.

The third inning was scoreless, but Muleshoe added a run to its lead in the top of the fourth.

Not to be outdone, the Bobcats picked up three runs in the bottom of the inning to knot the game at 7.

Back-to-back singles by Brent Josselet and Tanner Self got things rolling and Bobby Hill capped off a hit barrage with a double, scoring both runners. Before the fourth inning was in the books, Bobby Hill also crossed the plate to tie the score.

Muleshoe batted around in the fifth, but only picked up three runs,



HOME RUN RALLY—Dimmitt's Thomas Brockman (24) receives congrats from his teammates as he crosses the plate with a solo home run in the bottom of the second inning of the Bobcats' district game against Muleshoe here Friday afternoon. His was the second of two back-to-back homers; the first was a three-run round-tripper by B. J. Hill. The two slams brought the Bobcats within two runs of the Mules, 4-6. The game was ruled a tie after it was halted at 12-12 because of weather in the sixth inning, and the two teams were credited with half a game each in the District 2-AAA standings.

Photo by Don Nelson

leaving two stranded.

That 10-7 lead was quickly erased by the Bobcats, but not until the bottom of the sixth.

The Mules added another pair of runs in the top of the sixth, and owned a five-run advantage.

But the patient Bobcats closed the gap a run at a time.

Muleshoe pitcher Joseano walked five out of the first six Bobcat batters in the sixth, and he walked in the first run of the inning. Dimmitt plated two more runners before B.J. Hill stepped to the plate.

He would get the Bobcats' only hit of the inning—a big double that drove in two to tie the score at 12.

Muleshoe's coach elected to switch pitchers at that point and before the reliever could throw his first pitch, the game was called.

Hill was on second and Dimmitt had just one out at that point.



GOTCHA!—Dimmitt second baseman Brent Josselet (right) tags out Muleshoe's Jerrell Otwell (10) during a rundown between second and third in Friday's District 2-AAA game here. At left is Dimmitt third baseman Wesley Harkins. Before Otwell was caught

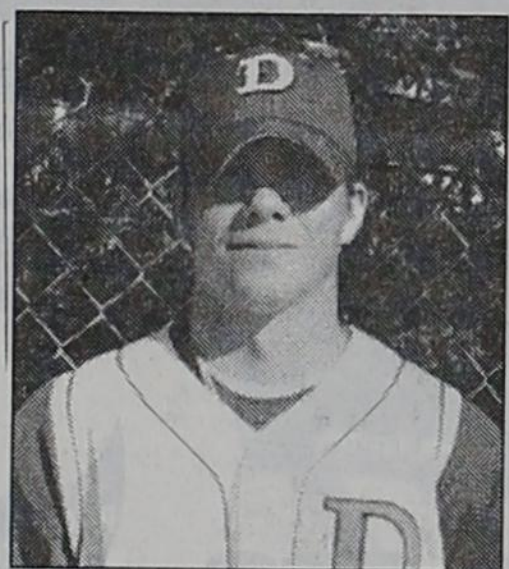
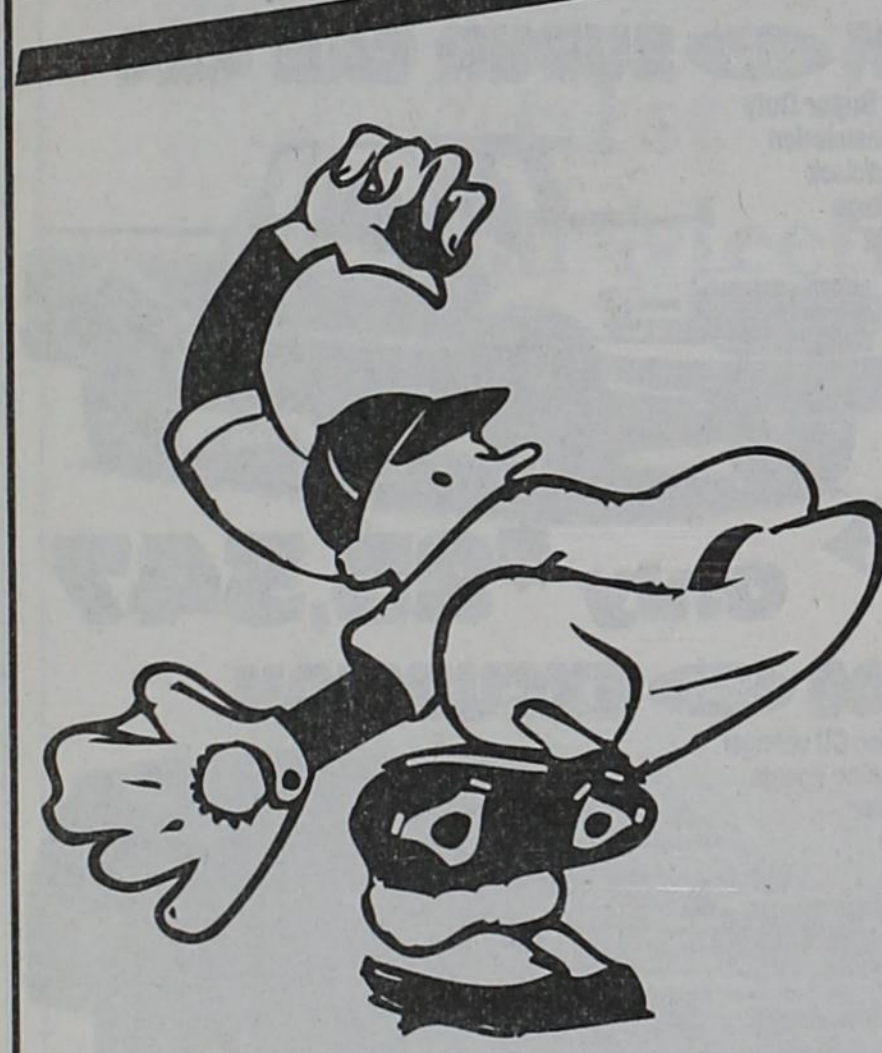
between the bases, two runners raced home ahead of him on a single and a throwing error to give the Mules a 4-0 lead in the top of the second. The game was tied at 12-12 when it was halted because of dangerous weather conditions.

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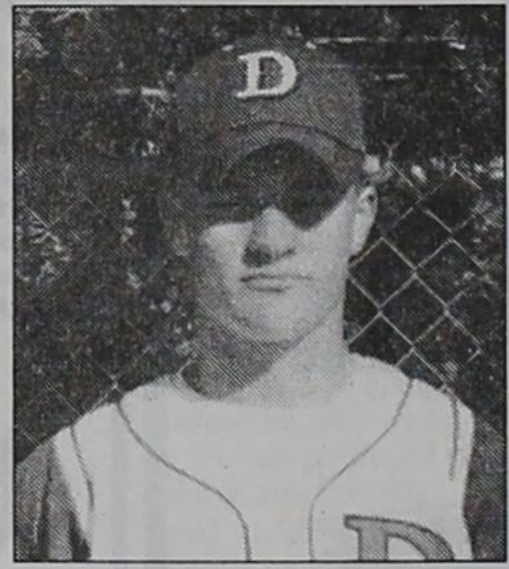
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12, Tulia 10	March 30—*Lubbock Cooper, There, 5:00	April 19—*Littlefield, Here, 5:30
11, Friona 12	March 31—*Littlefield, There, 2:00	April 24—*Lubbock Roosevelt, Here, 5:30
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6, Friona 9	April 7—*Shallowater, Here, 1:00	Season Record: 1-5-1
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Runs, hits, and errors

FRIDAY

Swifts 12, Cotton Center 4
Nazareth 221 304 0 —12 11 3
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Eric Schilling and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; Jonathan Land and Matt Rodriguez for Cotton Center. WP: Schilling (2-0). LP: Land. 2B: Chase Schulte, Daryl Pohlmeier and Brock Birkenfeld for Nazareth; Tyler Cline (2) and Mike Bueno for Cotton Center. HR: Aaron Kern for Nazareth. Record: Naz 3-0, 2-0; Cotton Center 0-5, 0-1.

Bobcats 12, Muleshoe 12
 Game halted in the bottom of the sixth because of lightning.

Muleshoe 150 132 —12 5 3
Dimmitt 040 305 —12 10 6

B.J. Hill, Wesley Harkins (6) and Tanner Self for Dimmitt; Joseano and Pineda for Muleshoe. 2B: Beau Hill and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt. HR: B.J. Hill and Thomas Brockman for Dimmitt. Record: Dimmitt 1-5-1, 0-1-1; Muleshoe 3-6-1, 1-0-1.

Bobcats named to all-region list

Dimmitt's Dee Norman, Daniel Proffitt and Heather Black added another post-season honor to their list this week when each earned all-region honors from the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

Norman, a 6-0 junior wing; and Proffitt, a 5-11 senior wing, led Dimmitt to its first trip to the state tournament since the 1980s. The outstanding performances of the pair in the regional tournament helped them garner first-team all-region honors.

Black, a 5-8 junior guard, was named to the all-region second-team after leading her team into the playoffs. The Bobbies just missed a regional tournament berth, falling to Perryton in the area round by a bucket.

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NAZARETH'S MARK BIRKENFELD slides safely into second base on a steal attempt as the pick-off throw from Cotton Center pitcher Jonathan Land is off-target Friday in second-inning action at Cotton Center. The Elks' Tyler Cline is ready to field Land's

throw while teammate Jerad Reeves (16) backs up the play. Birkenfeld would score in the inning, giving his team a 3-0 lead. Nazareth went on to win, 12-4, in District 3-A play.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swifts bag Elks, 12-4, in big district matchup

Boosted by three hits from freshman left fielder Brock Birkenfeld and a pair from sophomore first baseman Chase Schulte and junior catcher Daryl Pohlmeier, the Nazareth Swifts knocked off Cotton Center, 12-4, in a big District 3-A showdown Friday night at Elk Field.

Eric Schilling pitched a complete game for the Swifts, giving up eight hits, four of which came in the fifth inning. He got the win, which was his second of the season.

Losing pitcher was Jonathan Land, who allowed 11 Swift hits in the game, including a solo home run by Aaron Kern in the third inning.

Schilling struck out 10 hitters in the game while Land picked up 11 strike outs.

Nazareth hitters jumped on Land's pitches in the first inning, using three hits to take a 2-0 lead after one. The Swifts added two runs in the second, one in the third, three in the fourth and four in the sixth to claim the win.

Nazareth improved to 3-0 overall and 2-0 in district play with Friday's win while the Elks dropped to 0-5, 0-1.

Schulte knocked a 3-2 pitch in the gap at center field, leading off the game with a single.

Land was able to retire the next two Swift hitters, but couldn't get Pohlmeier, giving up a single to left field that allowed Schulte to score.

Another single by Kern drove in Pohlmeier, but that was all Nazareth would get. Kern was caught stealing third to end the inning.

After giving up a lead-off single to Mike Bueno and a double to Tyler Cline, Schilling looked to be in trouble in the bottom of the first. But Cline's double to left field was fielded by Birkenfeld, who hit brother, junior shortstop Blake Birkenfeld with the relay. The shortstop then pegged Bueno as he headed home for the first out.

Schilling struck out the next to hitters to hold the Elks in check.

The Swifts had two outs and nobody on in the second when Land walked senior second baseman Mark Birkenfeld.

Brock Birkenfeld picked up his first RBI of the year when he tagged a 2-0 pitch to right field for a double. Schulte drove Brock Birkenfeld home with an infield single to give the Swifts a 4-0 lead.

Schilling struck out the first batter in the second, then Nazareth's infield turned a double play to end the inning after three Elks stepped to the plate.

Land struck out Schilling and Pohlmeier to start the third, but Kern took him deep on the first pitch, boosting the Nazareth lead to 5-0.

After Schilling struck out the side in the bottom of the third, the Swift offense exploded with a three-run fourth to take an 8-0 lead.

Land retired Nazareth's Evan Huseman and Mark Birkenfeld to start the inning, but Brock Birkenfeld opened with a ground ball single up the middle. Schulte followed with a double, then Blake Birkenfeld was hit by a pitch.

That trio would score before Land struck out Kern to escape the inning.

Cotton Center had a pair of base runners in the fourth, but couldn't score and the Swifts held onto their 8-0 lead.

Land found the strike zone in the top of the fifth, retiring three straight Nazareth batters.

Schilling tried to duplicate Land's effort in the bottom half of the inning, striking out Mark Rodriguez and Tony Castelleja to open the inning.

But a single by Jerad Reeves ended hopes for a three-up, three-



AARON KERN (right) is congratulated by Nazareth Coach Ralph Albracht as he rounds third after hitting his first home run of the season Friday in third-inning action of a District 3-A game at Cotton Center. The Swifts had 11 hits in the game and beat the Elks, 12-4, to remain unbeaten on the season (3-0) and in district play (2-0).

Photo by Dwayne Acker

down inning.

Doubles by Bueno and Cline followed Reeves' hit, and Cline's shot scored both previous runners to put the Elks on the scoreboard.

After Schilling intentionally walked land, he allowed a single by Matt Rodriguez, and that scored two more Elk runners.

Rodriguez stepped off the second-base bag and Pohlmeier threw him out as he was caught stealing.

The four runs would be all the Elks would get, as Schilling and the

Swifts retired six of the next seven batters.

The Swifts got back those four runs in the sixth inning.

Nazareth used a walk, single by Blake Birkenfeld and a double by Pohlmeier allowed the Swifts to plate four runners as they came within one hitter of batting around in the inning.

Land gave up a single to Brock Birkenfeld in the seventh, but he was left standing as the Swifts couldn't bring him home.



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Swiftettes finish third

Hart Longhorns race to team championship on home track

Hart's Longhorns claimed several medals and earned enough placings to win the boys' team championship in the Hart Longhorn Relays Friday and Saturday.

The Nazareth Swiftettes claimed third-place team honors in the girls' division after winning six different events.

The Longhorns compiled 168 points, topping second-place Crosbyton by 22. Vega finished third in the meet with 92 points.

Nazareth's girls finished with 96 points, second only to meet champion Sudan (171 points) and Crosbyton (122 points).

Boys

Dan Eric Castillo won the shot put with a throw of 49-1 while teammate Diaz was second with an effort of 42-8.

In the discus, Leon Minjarez of Hart took the gold with a throw of 126-10 while Castillo was second with a throw of 126-2.

Hart's Keith Finch finished second in the long jump and high jump, recording 21-5 and 5-6, respectively, on his top attempts.

Isaias Garcia of Hart won the 3,200-meter run with a time of 11:36.69, and close on his heels was

teammate Manuel Barron, who was clocked at 11:36.81 for second place.

Hart's 400 relay took second place honors in 46.09.

Harvey Robledo of Hart was second in the 800 after posting a time of 2:11.50. Trinity Robb of Nazareth took the bronze in the event, crossing the line in 2:12.05.

Salvador Velasquez of Hart placed in both hurdle events, finishing second in the 300-meter race with a time of 43.55 and taking third in the 110-meters with a time of 16.61.

Trey Robb finished third in the 400, finishing the race in 55.38.

Hart's Jacob Reyna placed third in the 200 with a time of 23.49.

County runners swept the 1,600-meter run, with Trinity Robb breaking the tape in 4:58.83. Robledo was second in 5:02.88 and Garcia finished third in 5:23.40.

Hart's mile relay team took second-place honors with a time of 3:45.96.

Girls

The Nazareth girls claimed first-place honors in the 3,200-meter run, 800-meter run, 100-meter hurdles, 400-meter run, 300-meter hurdles and 1,600-meter relay to boost their team total into the third-best spot.

Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth

won the 3,200- and 800-meter runs, posting times of 12:49.45 and 2:37.99, respectively.

Also claiming gold medals for the Swiftettes were Wendy Black, who won both hurdle races, finishing the 100-meter race in 16.98; and winning the 300-meter event in 50.42.

Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth won the 400-meter run in 65.19 while teammate Kim Brockman was second in 68.42.

Thiel also finished second in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:44.13.

The Swiftettes' mile relay team, including Thiel, Marsha Black, Brockman and Ramaekers, was first.

Sonia Garcia of Hart earned a bronze medal in the 200, finishing third in 28.52.

Also earning a bronze medal was Marsha Black of Nazareth, who finished third in the triple jump with an effort of 32-9.

Thiel, Hoelting, Wilcox earn all-state honors

Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel, Whitney Hoelting and Kade Wilcox were named first-team all-state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

Hoelting, a 6-0 senior post; and Thiel, a 5-10 junior forward, led the Swiftettes to their second consecutive state championship and the first-ever Texas Cup championship this year.

Wilcox, a 5-10 junior guard, was the leading scorer, and was deadly from three-point range for the Swifts, who advanced to the Class A Division II state championship game before falling to Goodrich.

The trio also earned first-team all-region honors along with Eric Schilling, a 6-4 sophomore post for the Swifts.



Bobbies finish third in Deaf Smith meet

The Dimmitt Bobbies scored 86 points to finish third overall in the Deaf Smith Invitational, held Friday and Saturday in Hereford.

The Bobbies were third behind Friona (127 points) and Trinity Christian of Lubbock (104 points).

In the boys' division, the Bobcats finished fifth overall with 38 points behind the effort of L.J. Soler, who medaled in three events.

Soler finished second in the triple jump with a jump of 37 feet, 8 1/2 inches; and finished third in the long jump (20 feet, two inches) and 300-meter hurdles (44.99).

The Bobbies received two gold-medal finishes from Cassandra

Casas, who won the triple jump with an effort of 30 feet, six inches; and claimed top honors in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.93.

Ashley Irons was second in the triple jump with a leap of 39-0 1/2.

Crystal Nino earned two silver medals with second-place finishes in the high jump (4-6) and 400-meter run (69.02).

Sadra Daniels was third in the 400, posting a time of 70.25.

The Bobbies' 400-meter relay finished third with a time of 48.55.

Also claiming third-place honors were Lauren Wagoner in the shot put (29-3) and Kelsey Welch in the 3,200-meter run (14:19.17).

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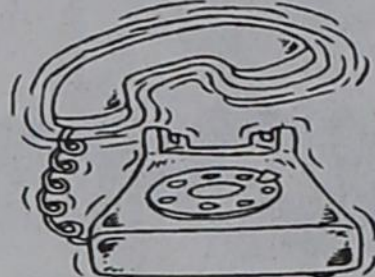
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22—Notices

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS
The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher, or Briscoe counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to, or coming by Wells Fargo Bank Texas, N.A., 205 West 5th Street, Plainview, Texas 79072; or writing to: Wells Fargo Bank Texas N.A. Investment and Management Trust, PO Box 10517, Lubbock TX 79408. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 2001. 22-51-5tc

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-48-5tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Words cannot express the love, appreciation, and humbleness that we all feel. The cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, food, hugs and prayers get you through a time that almost becomes too difficult to bear. We may not know why sad things happen, nor always understand when death comes our way, but it is such a comfort to know that friends and loved ones are there. Sunshine comes through memories of our loved one and the love of those who care.
We love you all,
THE R.N. CARPENTER FAMILY
ANNA CARPENTER
DON & BETTY
STEVE & VICKI & FAMILY
LEE & BECKI & FAMILY
SANDRA & FAMILY
DANNY & MELISSA & FAMILY
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18—Services

ESTATE SALES: Buy and sell antiques and whole estates. Chief Estate Sales. 364-4610; 578-4387. 18-47-8tp

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USDA Rural Development GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE

DATE: April 3, 2001
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
PLACE: AT THE FOYER OF THE COURTHOUSE IN CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT, TEXAS

221 NW 11th, Dimmitt, Texas
3 bedrooms; 2 baths; 1,325 Sq. Feet
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NHS qualifies 14 students for regional literary meet

Nazareth will send 14 individuals in 13 events and three teams to the

Region 1-A UIL Literary meet after each placed at the district contest last Thursday in Lazbuddie.

Those finishing first, second or third in individual contests qualify for the regional meet. First-place winners in team contests also qualify for regional.

Nazareth won the district meet handily, scoring 414 points overall.

Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld, Brock Birkenfeld, Ky Wilcox and Eric Schilling were multi-event qualifiers. Others earning trips to regional included Mandy Hoelting, Laura Gerber, Matty McLain, Nichole Huseman, Marsha Black, Daryl Pohlmeier, Stephanie Thiel, Trinity Robb and Jase Merritt.

Mark Birkenfeld won the Calculator Applications contest, was second in the Mathematics competition, won Number Sense and was first in Editorial Writing. He also will compete on the school's district champion Calculator Application and Math teams. He was a fourth-place finisher in News Writing.

Blake Birkenfeld finished second in the Calculator Applications contest and will join Mark Birkenfeld in the team contest at regional. He finished second in Computer Science and was a member of the school's team which finished second overall.

He qualified for regional in Number Sense with a third-place finish at district and is a member of the team which finished first and will compete at regional. He was a second-place finisher in News Writing and qualified in Headline Writing with a third-place finish. He also competed in Computer Applications, finishing fourth.

Brock Birkenfeld finished third in individual Mathematics and is a member of the championship team which finished first. He also will be competing as a member of Nazareth's first-place Number Sense team. He finished third in Feature Writing.

Schilling won the Spelling and Vocabulary contest and finished second in Headline Writing.

Wilcox won the News Writing contest and will compete as a member of the Calculator Applications team which won district.

Black won the district championship in Science, scoring highest in the Biology portion of the exam. She led her team, which included Pohlmeier and Thiel, to the team Science championship.

McLain was the district champion in Lincoln-Douglas Debate while Huseman finished third to give Nazareth two contestants in the event at regional.

Hoelting and Gerber will compete in Feature Writing and Editorial Writing, respectively, after each placed second in her event at district.

Merritt earned a trip to regional with a third-place finish in Current Issues and Events.

Here's how Nazareth students placed in the district meet:

Headline Writing: 2. Eric Schilling, 3. Blake Birkenfeld.
Editorial Writing: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 2. Laura Gerber, 6. Craig Birkenfeld.
Feature Writing: 2. Mandy Hoelting, 3. Brock Birkenfeld, 4. Lindsey Gerber.
News Writing: 1. Ky Wilcox, 2. Blake Birkenfeld, 4. Mark Birkenfeld.
Spelling & Vocabulary: 1. Eric Schilling.
Team Science: 1. Nazareth (Marsha Black, Daryl Pohlmeier and Stephanie Thiel).

Science: 1. Marsha Black, 6. Daryl Pohlmeier.

Biology Top Scorer: 1. Black.
Persuasive Speaking: 4. Carson Gerber.

Informative Speaking: 6. Wendy Black.
Poetry Interpretation: 6. Rose Wilhelm.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: 1. Matty McLain, 3. Nichole Huseman.

Team Spelling & Vocabulary: 2. Nazareth (Eric Schilling, Karen Birkenfeld and Jaclyn Birkenfeld).

Team Number Sense: 1. Nazareth (Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld and Karen Birkenfeld).

Number Sense: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 3. Blake Birkenfeld.

Team Mathematics: 1. Nazareth (Mark Birkenfeld, Brock Birkenfeld, Trinity Robb).

Mathematics: 2. Mark Birkenfeld, 3. Brock Birkenfeld, 6. Trinity Robb.

Current Issues & Events: 3. Jase Merritt.

Team Computer Science: 2. Nazareth (Blake Birkenfeld, Trinity Robb and Brock Birkenfeld).

Computer Science: 2. Blake Birkenfeld, 6. Trinity Robb.

Computer Applications: 4. Blake Birkenfeld, 5. Jason Birkenfeld.

Team Calculator Applications: 1. Nazareth (Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox).

Calculator Applications: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 2. Blake Birkenfeld.

Team Accounting: 2. Nazareth (Jason Birkenfeld, Bryce Pohlmeier and Matty McLain).

Accounting: 5. Jason Birkenfeld, 6. Bryce Pohlmeier.

Naz players dominate Super Team

Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel and Kade Wilcox were named Class A Super Team Players of the Year by the *Amarillo Globe News* while two other players and the Swiftettes' coach were recognized.

Joining Thiel and Wilcox on the honor squads were Whitney Hoelting and Eric Schilling.

Coach Matt Garrett earned Coach of the Year honors.

Thiel, a 5-9 junior guard, averaged 22 points, eight rebounds and six steals per game in leading the Swiftettes to the state championship.

Hoelting, a 6-0 senior, pumped in 15 points a game and controlled the game inside the paint.

Wilcox, a 5-10 junior, averaged 22 points in leading Nazareth to the state title game.

Schilling, a 6-4 sophomore, anchored Nazareth's post game while averaging 16 points per game.

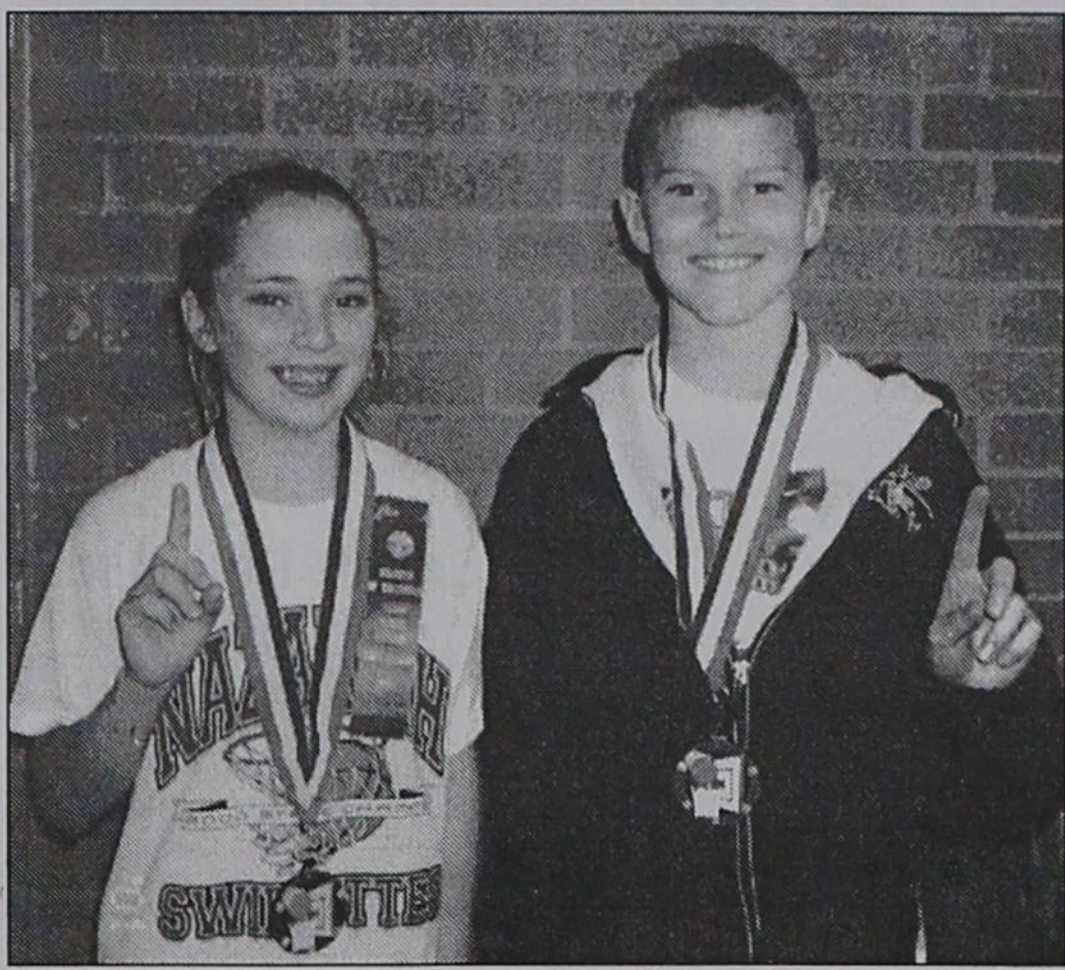
Other honorees on the girls' team were Lauren Hill of Hedley, Sammie Stavlo of Gruver and Vanita Wright of Shamrock.

Boys' honorees included Adam Bell of Stratford, Bud Morgan of Paducah and Skyler Walden of Stratford.

The Black Shallower can swallow fish twice its own size. Its jaws have hinges to open wide and its stomach can stretch to twice its normal size.

Genius is the capacity for seeing relationships where lesser men see none.
 -William James

The Sargassum Fish looks so much like the seaweed in which it lives, that it is almost impossible to see it as it swims.



STATE CHAMPIONS—Heidi Ramaekers (left) and Jake Hoelting, both of Nazareth, won their respective divisions at the Knights of Columbus state free throw contest, held recently in Austin. Ramaekers sank 21-of-25 free throw attempts to win the 11-year-old girls' division while Hoelting made 24-of-25 attempts to claim the title in the 13-year-old boys' contest. To advance to state, the two had to win their local and regional free throw contests.
 Courtesy Photo

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Nazareth was very well represented Sunday evening at the *Respect Life Banquet* in Amarillo at the Civic Center Grand Plaza. The featured speaker was Rev. Frank Pavone of International Priests for Life. He was a wonderful speaker for young and old alike.

A beautiful picture of the Holy Family was presented to Mitzy Brockman by Respect Life Ministry for her selfless service to the unborn.

★
 Congratulations to Chet and Melinda Pharies of Lubbock on the birth of a baby girl, Presley Rae, March 12, 2001. Grandparents are Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker of Nazareth and Phil and Donna Pharies of Clovis, NM. Great-grandparents are Greg and Christina Hoelting and Joe and Amy Schmucker of Nazareth, Dan and Abby Hofman of Tucumcari, NM and Mauryce Pharies of Clovis, NM. Presley was born on great-grandpa Greg's birthday.

★
 Frances and Jeri Gerber of Umbarger and Henry and Ginger Gerber of Amarillo visited with Leonard and Alvina Gerber in Nazareth on Monday. Also with other Gerber relatives.

★
 Sid and Peggy Birkenfeld enjoyed a trip to Jackson, Tenn. to watch their daughter Cassie and the Flying Queens of Wayland Baptist University play in the National NAIA Division I Tournament. The top 32 teams from across the nation are invited to play in the tournament each year. The Queens have been invited to the national tournament for the past 19 years. The Queens lead by two at half, but unfortunately were defeated by a tough team from Georgetown, Ken. Cassie joined them for the trip home, with a stop in Memphis for an

hour and half cruise on the Mississippi River aboard the Memphis Queen Riverboat. Afterwards they enjoyed some southern cuisine at the Elvis Presley Entertainment Restaurant. A downtown street tour of the local hospitality followed. It was a fun trip despite the long drive. The lands between Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee were all rain soaked.

★
 Jim, Sandee and Whitney Hoelting made a quick trip to Grandview Friday evening. Whitney was selected to play in the Zebra Roundup, an all-star basketball game for high school seniors.

The Zebra Roundup is one of the premier all-star games in Texas, selecting players from only Class A, AA and AAA schools. Whitney played with a girl from Gruver and one from Slaton. Grandview is located 35 miles south of Fort Worth.

★
 The Gilbert Schulte families and Virgie Gerber families enjoyed Sunday afternoon at the home of Dan and Karen Gerber. The big occasion was to celebrate Slade Gerber's first birthday!

★
 Glenn and Vickie Gerber and Janice Mullan of Canyon and Frances and Sharon Gerber of Umbarger visited here on Sunday with Alvina Gerber and other relatives.

Mary Gerber is very happy to be home after six weeks of therapy at IHS in Amarillo. She is doing great and enjoys visiting.

Prayers are asked for Leonard Gerber, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ray Schmucker, Ernie Brockman and Brenda (Birkenfeld) Crouse.



DEAF SMITH INVITATIONAL at Hereford High School GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Friona 127, 2. Lubbock Trinity Christian 104, 3. Dimmitt 86, 4. Littlefield 50, 5. Abernathy 46, 6. Canyon JV 39, 7. Hereford JV 38, 8. Muleshoe 17, 9. (Tie) Pampa JV and Caprock JV 14.

Triple Jump: 1. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 30-6; 2. Ashley Irons, Dimmitt, 39-0 1/2.

High Jump: 2. Crystal Nino, Dimmitt, 4-6.

Shot Put: 3. Lauren Waggoner, Dimmitt, 29-3.

3,200: 3. Kelsey Welch, Dimmitt, 14:29.17.

400 Relay: 3. Dimmitt, 58.55.

400: 2. Crystal Nino, Dimmitt, 69.02; 3. Sadra Daniels, Dimmitt, 70.25.

200: 1. Cassandra Casas, Dimmitt, 28.93.

100: 5. Lauren Waggoner, Dimmitt, 15.55.

800 Relay: 4. Dimmitt, 2:09.14.

1,600: 5. Lyndee Behrends, Dimmitt, 10:30.

BOYS
Team Totals: 1. Hereford 173, 2. Canyon 149, 3. Plainview 84, 4. Littlefield 57, 5. Dimmitt 38, 6. Pampa 22, 7. Friendship 3.

Long Jump: 3. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 20-2.

Triple Jump: 2. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 37-8 1/2.

300 Hurdles: 3. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 44.99.

LONGHORN RELAYS at Hart High School GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Sudan 171, 2. Crosbyton 122, 3. Nazareth 96. (Top three teams reported, 12 teams entered).

Triple Jump: 3. Marsha Black, Nazareth, 32-9.

3,200: 1. Danette Ramaekers, Nazareth, 12:49.45.

800: 1. Danette Ramaekers, Nazareth, 2:37.99; 2. Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth, 2:44.13.

100 Hurdles: 1. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 16.98.

800 Relay: 2. Hart, 1:59.10.

400: 1. Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth, 65.19; 2. Kim Brockman, Nazareth, 68.42.

300 Hurdles: 1. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 50.42.

200: 3. Sonia Garcia, Hart, 28.52.

1,600 Relay: 1. Nazareth (Stephanie Thiel, Marsha Black, Kim Brockman and Danette Ramaekers).

BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Hart 168, 2. Crosbyton 146, 3. Vega 92 (Only top three teams reported, 12 teams competed).

Shot Put: 1. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 49-1; 2. Diaz, Hart, 42-8.

Discus: 1. Leon Minjarez, Hart, 126-10; 2. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 126-2.

High Jump: 2. Keith Finch, Hart, 5-6.

Long Jump: 2. Keith Finch, Hart, 21-5.3.

3,200: 1. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 11:36.68; 2. Manuel Barron, Hart, 11:36.81.

400 Relay: 2. Hart, 46.09.

800: 2. Harvey Robledo, Hart, 2:11.50; 3. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 2:12.05.

110 Hurdles: 3. Salvador Velasquez, Hart, 16:61.

400: 3. Trey Robb, Nazareth, 55.38.

300 Hurdles: 2. Salvador Velasquez, Hart, 43.55.

200: 3. Jacob Reyna, Hart, 23.49.

1,600: 1. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 4:58.83; 2. Harvey Robledo, Hart, 5:02.88; 3. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 5:23.40.

1,600 Relay: 2. Hart, 3:45.96.

Golf probable developed in Scotland around 1100 from a Roman game called paganica. The Romans played paganica in the open countryside with a bent stick and a leather ball stuffed with feather.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids addressed to the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received at City Hall, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027-0146, or physical address, 200 Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027-0146, until 2:00 P.M., April 18, 2001, for furnishing all necessary materials, machinery, equipment, superintendence and labor for the Dimmitt Street Improvements Project. Bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "Dimmitt Street Improvements" and show the date and time of bid opening. Facsimile bids will not be accepted. The City Commission will award the project during a regularly scheduled Commission meeting following the date of the bid opening.

Bidders shall submit their bids on the form attached to the specifications and must submit therewith a cashier's or certified check issued by a bank satisfactory to the owner, or a bid bond payable without recourse to the order of the City of Dimmitt, in an amount not less than 5% of the bid submitted on the project as a guaranty that the bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds on the form provided within ten (10) days after the notice of awards of contract.

The successful bidder must furnish performance and payment bonds, if the contract is over \$25,000, on the forms attached to the specifications in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company approved by the owner holding a permit from the State of Texas to act as Surety or other Sureties acceptable to the owner.

The owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids submitted and to waive any informalities or technicalities. In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in starting the prices in the bids, the owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions under which the work will be done.

The contractor shall comply with all state and federal regulations regarding wages and conditions of employment, including, but not limited to, those rules and regulations set forth or referred to in the specifications.

Bids will be opened at City Hall. Information for bidders, bid forms, specifications, and plans are on file with the City of Dimmitt at City Hall.

Bid documents, may be obtained from Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 480, Amarillo, Texas 79101, phone: (806) 376-8600, upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit, by check, in the amount of \$35.00 for each set.

CITY OF DIMMITT
 By Mr. Don Sheffy
 City Manager
 25-52-11c

LEGAL NOTICE NO. PR 2426

THE ESTATE OF MARTIN M. MARTINEZ, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTIN M. MARTINEZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of MARTIN M. MARTINEZ, Deceased, were issued to AMELIA C. MARTINEZ on the 20th day of March, 2001 in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and she now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows:

Amelia C. Martinez
 P.O. Box 153
 Dimmitt, Texas 79027
 25-52-11c

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AGRICULTURAL NEWS 6 to 7 a.m.
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MORNING SHOW 7 to 8 a.m. daily
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Obituaries

Ivan Block

Ivan L. Block, 83, of Hereford, a charter member of the Easter Lions Club, died Monday.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Hereford Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Ted Taylor officiating. Burial will follow in Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Hereford under the direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Block was born Dec. 26, 1917. He married Frances Finch on March 19, 1940, in Sayre, Okla.

He lived in Hereford since 1948 and was involved in farming and ranching. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a business degree. He was a past president of the Hereford School Board, a past director of the Hereford Country Club, a past director of the Hereford Grain Co-op and was a charter member of the Easter Lions Club. He was a member of Hereford Church of the Nazarene.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Lewis Block Jr. of Hereford and David Block of Dumas; a daughter, Rojean Block of Hereford; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Lillie Hattaway

Services for Lillie Belle Hattaway, 87, of Harrison, Ark., formerly of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Second Baptist Church in Lamesa with the Rev. Clifton Igo officiating. Burial followed in Lamesa Memorial Park under the direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hattaway died Saturday in Harrison.

She was born April 9, 1913, in Dawson County. She married Amos Earl Hattaway on Nov. 22, 1940, in Las Cruces, N.M. He died on June 17, 1991.

She attended high school in Dimmitt and in Lamesa. She was a member of the all-state basketball team for two years.

She moved to Harrison in 1992. She was a member of the Second Baptist Church. She was a housewife.

Survivors include a son, Jack Hattaway of Harrison; three sisters, Corrine Everheart and Audine St. Clair, both of Lubbock, and Bonnell Coulter of Plainview; a brother, Bill Harp of Post; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Pearl E. Hicks

Pearl E. Hicks, 91, of Borger, stepmother of Willa Fae Huseman of Nazareth, died Friday in Panhandle.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at Shamrock Cemetery in Shamrock with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Shamrock, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker and a member of the Clarendon Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, James C. Lister of Grants, N.M., and Cecil R. Lister of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a daughter, Oleta Bradley of Borger; two stepdaughters, Willa Fae Huseman of Nazareth and Larose Szaloy of Tucumcari, N.M.; seven grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

Joyce N. Kersten

Funeral services for Joyce N. Kersten, 69, of Wellington, the mother of Pamela Odom of Dimmitt, were held March 17 at 2 p.m. in the First Christian Church of Wellington, with Kerry Hookstra, minister of First Christian Church of Erick, Okla., officiating.

Burial followed in North Fairview Cemetery by Adams Funeral Home of Wellington.

Mrs. Kersten died March 15.

She was born Aug. 17, 1931, in Quail to Ziliba J. Neeley and Opal Norman Neeley. She was a lifetime resident of Collingsworth County. Following graduation from Quail High School in 1948, she moved to Wellington. She married Ronald Kersten on Oct. 2, 1949, in Wellington. She was a homemaker, and a member of the First Christian Church.

Mrs. Kersten was preceded in death by a sister, Alpha Brock.

She is survived by her husband; three daughters, Rhonda Joy Rutkowski of Canyon, Pamela Odom of Dimmitt and Kathy Kersten of Panhandle; three sisters, Jonnie Handley of Amarillo, Faye Cunningham of Spearman, and Fern Jett of Syracuse, Kan.; four brothers, Raymond Neeley and Jack Neeley, both of Wellington, and Z.J. Neeley and Walter Neeley, both of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorial to the First Christian Church of Wellington or to the Wellington Cemetery Association.



John L. Merritt

Memorial services for John L. Merritt, 84, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Merritt died March 21 at 11:40 p.m. in BSA Health Systems in Amarillo.

He was born April 10, 1916, in Castro County. He attended Hart and Dimmitt schools, and served in the US Air Force during World War II, serving in Australia, New Guinea and the Philippines. He earned the American Theatre, Asiatic-Pacific Theatre and the Philippine Liberation Ribbons, Good Conduct and Victory Medals.

Mr. Merritt married Sue Sheffy on Feb. 8, 1948, in Dimmitt. He was a farmer/rancher and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt. He served nine years on the Dimmitt school board, four on the board of Dimmitt Agri Industries, and was a charter member of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association. John and Sue are featured in the *Historical Encyclopedia of Texas* published by the Texas Historical Institute.

Mr. Merritt was preceded in death by two brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Lint Merritt of Dimmitt and Johnny Merritt of Amarillo; two daughters, Suzanne Lunt of Sunray and Amy Parsons of Lubbock; two brothers, Glenn Merritt of Hart and Claude Merritt of Lamar, Colo.; and 10 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, 110 S.W. Third, Dimmitt 79027; or to a favorite charity.

Effie Elder Murphy

Graveside services for Effie Elder Murphy, 91, of Irving, formerly of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with Dean Wiseman officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Chapel of Irving.

Mrs. Murphy died Saturday at Baylor Medical Center in Irving.

She was born Feb. 7, 1911, in Marlin to Vinson and Fannie (Fairbairn) Elder. She married William Andrew Murphy III on May 1, 1932, in Clovis, N.M. He died in December 1989.

She graduated from Dimmitt High School. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ in Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include a son, Jack Murphy of Irving; two sisters, Nancy Tisdale of Odessa and Ruby

Hastings of Lubbock; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to New Mexico Children's Home, 1356 New Mexico 236, Portales NM 88130.

Erlinda Rodriguez

Mass of Christian burial for Erlinda Rodriguez, 95, of Lubbock, the mother of Victoria Davila of Dimmitt, was said Monday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church of Lubbock with Rev. Michael O'Dwyer and Rev. Jim O'Conner officiating.

Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home of Lubbock. Rosary had been said Sunday evening at Resthaven's Abbey Chapel.

Mrs. Rodriguez died March 24.

She was born Sept. 14, 1905, in Onion Creek. She was a Cursillista.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luis, and a son, Geronimo. Survivors include four sons, Paul, Lupe, Manuel and Antonio, all of Lubbock; a daughter, Victoria Davila of Dimmitt; 41 grandchildren; 55 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Harley Shannon

Harley Worth Shannon, 71, of Lubbock, died Friday. He was a descendant of early Castro County pioneers, John and Lucy Henderson.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation will be under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mr. Shannon was born Jan. 28, 1930, in Fort Worth to Boyd and Viola Shannon of Carlsbad, N.M.

He graduated from Carlsbad High School and attended Texas Tech University. He graduated from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., with a bachelor's degree in agriculture science.

He spent many years working in the agriculture industry, primarily in the support of cattle and swine production. He owned and operated Heritage Studio in Lubbock. He was recognized as an artist skilled in the copy and restoration of historic photographs. His reputation led to involvement in many projects, including the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University, the Texas State Bison Herd Archive Project and Mobile Exhibit for Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the Charles Goodnight Hall at Armstrong County Museum in Claude.

He was a member of the Scottish Heritage Association, Friends of the Library, Genealogical Society, Texas Tech Rodeo Club, Texas Tech Rodeo Club Exes and the National Ranching Heritage Center.

Survivors include three daughters, Marty Morgan, Susan Shannon and Janie Shannon Graff; three grandchildren; and a friend, Shirley Kelley.

Jose Carlos Velasquez

Funeral services for Jose Carlos Velasquez, 95, of Hart, were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Hart Pentecostal Church with Rev. Roger Velasquez, pastor, officiating, and assisted by Rev. Ramon Banda of Lubbock.

Burial followed at Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mr. Velasquez died March 22 at 3:30 a.m. in Petersburg.

He was born Nov. 4, 1905, in Austin. He married Manuela Martinez in May of 1940 in Edinburg. She preceded him in death in 1985. He

The Spanish were the first to smoke cigarettes.

lived in this area since 1953, moving here from Edinburg. He was a farmer and a member of the Pentecostal Church at Hart.

He also was preceded in death by five sons and two daughters.

He is survived by eight sons, Raymond Velasquez of Fairmont, Neb., Herman Velasquez of Morning Port, La., Roger Velasquez and Reynaldo Velasquez, both of Hart, Florence Velasquez and Max Velasquez, both of Denton, Alejandro Velasquez of Sacramento, Calif., and Paul Velasquez of Arkansas; four daughters, Carmen Morales of Petersburg, Mary Bonham and Eva Zavala, both of Lubbock, and Eloise Valadez of Stockton, Calif.; a sister, Juanita Rodriguez of Idalou; 45 grandchildren; and 50 great-grandchildren.

N.C. "Junior" White

Funeral services for Noonan Curtis "Junior" White, 74, of Dimmitt, are set for 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at the Fourth & Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Clay Mims and Gary Webb officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. White died March 27 at 3:15 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

He was born June 16, 1926, in Maud, Okla. He moved to Lazbuddie in 1937, graduating from Lazbuddie High School in 1944. He served in the US Army, with the 108th Infantry, from 1944 until 1946, serving in the Philippines and Korea. He married Bette Alverson on Aug. 21, 1947, in Portales, N.M. He was the manager of Sherley Anderson Grain in Friona for over 30 years, and had been a member of the Masonic Lodge in Muleshoe and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron Kyle White, in 1981.

He is survived by two sons, Jimmy White of Austin and David White of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Judy Walker of Lubbock and Shelly Crabtree of Howe; two brothers, Pete White of Mathis and Harold White of Rogers, Ark.; a sister, Lucille James of Harrison, Ark.; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Dee Willard, Jim Roy Daniels, Garvin Thorn, Joe Mercer, Bill John Thorn and Fred Bruegel.

Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Bruegel, Billy Lytal, Earl Whitten and J.W. Gammon.

The family suggests memorials to the Fourth & Bedford Street Church of Christ, Southwest Fourth & West Bedford, Dimmitt 79027; or to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM Highway 236, Portales, NM 88130.

Norman named MVP

Bobcats pace 2-AAA all-district selections

In the wake of their championship season, Dimmitt's Bobcats started reaping post-season honors when the all-District 2-AAA team was announced this week.

6-0 junior wing D Norman, the Bobcats' leading scorer with an average of 19.4 points per game, was named the Most Valuable Player by the district's coaches.

Norman scored on 56% of his field-goal attempts from all distances and made 76% of his free throws. He also averaged nine rebounds, four assists and two steals per game while pacing his team to a 26-9 record and the regional championship.

During the season, Norman was chosen MVP of the Big Spring Tournament and was named to the all-tournament teams at the Plainview Lions Classic and the Region I-AAA Tournament.

Proffitt, Larra are picked for all-star teams

Two Dimmitt High School seniors have been chosen to play in the boys' division of the 31st annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games.

They are Daniel Proffitt, a 5-11 wing, and Marcus Larra, a 5-9 point guard.

Proffitt is expected to play on the West All-Stars and Larra on the South All-Stars.

Eight all-star teams—four boys' and four girls'—will compete over a three-day period starting next Thursday. Games are scheduled at 6 and 8 p.m. on April 5 and 6, and at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 7.

Teams from the North, South, East and West squads are being chosen from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle plus Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle Counties and the counties of eastern New Mexico bordering Texas.

There will also be a three-point shooting and slam dunk competition. All senior boys and girls, regardless of whether they are selected for the All-Star Games, are eligible for these competitions. Entries should be submitted to Brent Sherrord, PO Box 19395, Amarillo TX 79109, or phone 352-7348.

Proffitt, an all-District and all-regional wing, averaged 13.7 points, 6.3 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 2.6 steals per game for the regional champion Bobcats this year.

Larra, an honorable mention all-district point guard, averaged 5.7 points and 10.2 credits per game for the Bobcats.

Daniel Proffitt, 5-11 senior wing, was named to the all-district first team. He averaged 14 points per game while hitting 47% of his field goals—most of them from three-point range—and 78% of his free throws.

Proffitt, an all-regional tournament player, also averaged 6.3 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 2.6 steals per game.

Four other Dimmitt players received honorable mention in the all-district selections. They were 5-9 senior guard Marcus Larra, 6-3 senior post Matthew Sandoval, 5-11 junior wing Matthew Wright and 5-9 junior guard Brent Josselet.

The district's No. 2 and No. 3 finishers, Cooper and Shallowater, placed two players each on the all-district first team, as did Muleshoe and Roosevelt.

DISTRICT 2-AAA ALL-DISTRICT BOYS' TEAM

Most Valuable Player: D NORMAN, Jr., Dimmitt.

First Team

Daryl Lewis, Sr., Muleshoe. DANIEL PROFFITT, Sr., Dimmitt. Adrian Alfaro, Sr., Cooper. Keenan Kitchens, Sr., Shallowater. Darby Brown, So., Cooper. Chris Thorne, Jr., Roosevelt. Paul Crosswait, Jr., Shallowater. Jeff Shelburn, Sr., Muleshoe. Bobby Chiles, Sr., Roosevelt. Tyler Kirby, Jr., Littlefield.

More about Gibbs . . .

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"Adding Suzanne to the staff also will enable Rick [Auckerman] and I the opportunity to better serve the adult concerns in family and consumer science, agriculture and community development.

"These issues were brought to our attention by county residents responding to the recent Texas Community Future Forum process held here in the county."

Auckerman, County Extension Agent for Agriculture, said, "We are fortunate to have a person of Suzanne's abilities and strong background in 4-H joining our Extension staff in Castro County. Our county youth will benefit greatly from her leadership abilities and for her enthusiasm to 'make the best better.' I hope everyone will join us in welcoming her to our county extension staff."

Irrationally held truths may be more harmful than reasoned errors.
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