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Amber Bell writes winning DARE essay

At Dimmitt Middle School, 109 sixth grade students completed the 20-week curriculum and were recognized in a ceremony May 6. Students must write an essay to complete the course. Recognition was given to Amber Bell as the top essay writer. Also, Keenon Doss was named the winner of the Reta Welch Courage Award.

The text of Bell's essay follows:
TRUTH and D.A.R.E.
By AMBER BELL

Most everyone has seen the commercial that says, "This is your brain. This is your brain on drugs." Well, that is fine for those who don't have a hard time understanding, but for people like me (who ask so many questions and need all the answers), this essay is for you.

I used to think that only adults became involved with drugs. Boy, was I wrong. Since I have started school at Dimmitt Middle School I have learned that drugs are available to anyone and everyone. That is really scary!

Sometimes I will look at other

students or even some of my friends and wonder if they have ever smoked a "joint" or drank a beer or maybe even tried cocaine? Would I know if they had? Would I be able to offer advice to help? Because I used to think drug use and abuse was an adult problem I never really thought about it, but now I see how I am involved just because I am a teenager.

I know a girl who is close to my age who smoked weed (marijuana). She told me how funny it made her feel and how she felt like she had to brush her teeth all the time. I am not sure if she had to brush her teeth because it gave her bad breath or if she was so high she did strange things. She would lie to her parents about everything and would even steal money from them to buy her "pot." She doesn't smoke pot anymore, but she still smokes cigarettes. Even though cigarettes don't make you "high" like other drugs, it is still a drug. Nicotine has been proven to be very addictive and smoking cigarettes does change your body. There is no debate here—cigarettes have been linked to causing lung cancer and if that is not changing your body, I don't know what is!

I think there are two major reasons why people start doing drugs. Peer pressure is a reason I can understand, but I don't agree with it. When someone sees their friends smoking or sniffing drugs, it may make them curious. It is also hard to tell a friend "no" when they offer you drugs. I know what it is like to be made fun of. Everyone has been made fun of at one time in their life, but that is no reason to give in. My philosophy (my mom told me about this word) is that I must be strong and always do what I think is right. I am bound to make many mistakes,



Amber Bell

like everyone else, but if I feel I was making the best decision, then that is the best I can do.

The other reason why I think people do drugs is because of stress they have at home, work or school. Yeah, I know life can be tough at times, but we can all find other ways to deal with it. When a person takes drugs to stop stress and other problems, they make bigger problems for themselves. An addiction is a hard habit to break and can be very stressful and frustrating. My mom explained it as a nasty circle people get stuck in. They want to stop taking drugs, but they don't have the will power, so they give in and do the drug. They get high and feel good, but then it wears off and they feel horrible again. Once again they are feeling the stress of not being able to control themselves. Another fact about drugs is that they can be very expensive and many people would rather pay for their "coke" or "weed" than to pay bills or buy food for their families. Wow, talk about stress, I think it would be very stressful to see my family hungry only because I used all the money to buy my drugs!

I have always been taught that drugs were bad, and my parents always told us not to get involved with drugs or people we thought might be using them. This was good advice, but in the D.A.R.E. program, we were shown reasons why drugs are bad and given advice as to what to say and do when approached with drugs.

I had never really thought about how drugs make a person look or feel. We were told that some drugs can create wrinkles in your skin, other drugs cause cancer and destroy brain cells (like there are too many of us that can afford to spare any). Drugs also make us act stupid and smoking drugs will give anyone bad breath and bad body odor.

I have heard on the news about how some doctors want to prescribe marijuana to very ill patients to help with their pain. I can't say whether this is right or not. After everything we have been taught, I would have to say this was wrong, but I cannot help but feel sorry for people who are in a lot of pain, and if this helps it seems we could agree with this. This is a hard thing to explain, no wonder people are fighting over it.

I think I understand a lot more about drugs now that I have gone through D.A.R.E., and hope that I will always be able to be proud of who I am and always do the right thing, including saying "NO" to drugs!

store the legality of the boll weevil program before the end of the current session, and legislators appear willing to expedite a remedy. Unfortunately, however, early drafts appear to focus more on continuing eradication efforts, without fully appreciating the need to ensure the Foundation's existing financial obligations are met.

It is imperative that the legislature include provisions to ensure the repayment of its present debt obligations—loans that Farm Credit institutions make in good faith to the Boll Weevil Foundation based on enabling legislation passed by the Texas Legislature. Will any financial institution provide funding for this or any similar program in the future if the existing debt on past obligations cannot be collected? In other words, without a financial partner for the Boll Weevil program, the legislature's efforts will be in vain.

As the Texas Legislature deliberates the future of this important program, the Farm Credit Bank of Texas strongly encourages interested Texans to remind their local state representative and senator to stand behind their actions and commitments so that boll weevil eradication efforts can continue in Texas.

ARNOLD HENSON,
Chief Executive Officer
Farm Credit Bank of Texas

Letter

Funding of boll weevil eradication must continue

Dear Editor:
In the past three years, the farmer-owned Farm Credit Bank of Texas and seven Production Credit Associations across the state of Texas have provided financing for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program to the tune of \$37 million.

The money to repay this debt comes from assessments of local cotton farmers, collected by the Texas Boll Weevil Foundation, which administers the program under a Texas law passed by the state legislature in 1993.

Last week, a Texas Supreme Court ruling; however, struck down the law, leaving cotton farmers in limbo, and us as their lender, holding the bag.

The boll weevil's eradication means higher cotton yields and less pesticides, ultimately leading to a stronger local and state economy with more jobs and an increased tax base. In states where eradication efforts have been successful, production has increased many fold and insecticide use on cotton has been reduced 40 to 85%. The National Cotton Council estimates that every \$1 spent on eradication costs returns approximately \$12 in benefits to the economy.

We applaud the efforts of Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and others who are working on a bill to re-



Letter

'In praise of our hospital'

Editor:
I'm writing this letter concerning the medical facilities that we have for Castro County and Dimmitt. I read the full page in your paper this week concerning the Hospital District, the Clinic and Hospital, and all the different departments.

I have lived in Dimmitt most of my life, moving here when I was 6 years old, and graduating from high school in 1947. Later, I taught high school here for 11 years, and two years ago I moved back here to retire.

I have watched the Hospital go from upstairs above the First State Bank (which is now Cowsett Abstract and Title owned by Clara Vick at 105 East Bedford), to some army barracks (which I think came from the old Italian Prisoner of War Camp) at the present location, to the

wonderful red brick facility we have now.

In addition, we have the Medical Clinic, (formerly Piggly Wiggly Grocery Store and later, Gibson's Dept. Store), in its now remodeled building next to the donut shop; and the Home Nursing Agency, in the former clinic of Dr. Lee.

After moving back here to retire, I have used the Medical Clinic, Hospital, and Home Nursing Agency due to having two hip replacements. I am still learning to walk again.

I want to say we in Castro County (Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth, Sunnyside, etc.) are very fortunate to be blessed with our facility, as many counties across the state do not even have doctors, much less hospitals.

I would like to congratulate Dr. Bill Murphy as the chief of staff, since I grew up with him as a home town product, and all his staff

nurses, aides, technicians and all the different department personnel.

I want to say a special thanks to Mark McDonald, now in charge of maintenance and housekeeping facilities. I watched him as he worked hard, many 20-hour days to coordinate the workers and contractors on the new remodeling project of the northeast wing of the hospital to create a new department.

Mark replaced Rick Hunter, now of Amarillo. Mark McDonald holds a mechanical engineering degree from Wichita State University and is well-qualified in all of the requirements of his job.

Thanks for a job well done, Mark, and thanks for a job well done by the hospital board—Bill Clark and members, and our Hospital Manager Joe Sloan.

Just keep on trucking.
BILL STEPHENSON

Letter

Congress should vote on 'Parental Consent' bill

Dear Editor:
This biennial session of the Texas Legislature is drawing to a close. Like all legislative sessions, many bills have been passed, some have failed and some have never made it to the floor of either house.

There is one bill however, that did make it to the floor of the Senate and passed on March 20 by a two-thirds majority (22-9), yet is in danger of never making it to the floor of the House. The problem is not a lack of support.

Seventy-eight of the 150 House members have authored or co-authored the bill. Over 100 of the 150 House members have stated that they will vote for the bill IN ITS CURRENT FORM. In the House State Affairs Committee, where the bill is currently tied up, 9 of the 15

members have authored or co-authored the bill. Governor George W. Bush has promised to sign this bill into law, and, according to a recent Dallas Morning News poll, 73% of Texans support this bill.

What bill is this? It is SB86/HB276, otherwise known as the Parental Consent Bill. It would accomplish two things:

- 1. Delay all abortions performed on minors for 48 hours, and
- 2. Require all abortion providers to notify parents prior to an abortion procedure being performed.

The problem is that the chairman of the House State Affairs Committee, Steve Wolens (D-Dallas) has systematically held up or stopped every effort to move this bill to the floor for a vote. If he can hold it up long enough, then the Calendar Committee will have enough bills

lined up for debate on the House floor that members will never have the opportunity to vote for/against Parental Consent.

There is one person who has the power to get this bill out of committee and onto the calendar in time for a vote on the floor before the session ends at midnight on June 2. Speaker of the House, Pete Laney, holds the most powerful position in the Texas House.

He is also our representative. As his constituents, we must let him know how we feel about this bill. Please call his office at (512) 463-1000 and ask that SB86/HB276 be brought to the floor with no changes.

This bill is not about being pro-life or pro-choice. This bill is about protecting the health of teenage girls.
CATHY HILL

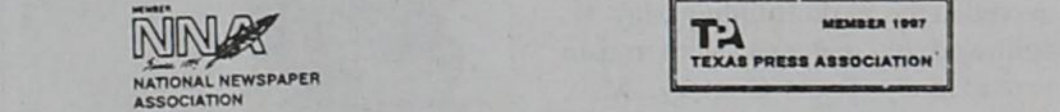
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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Hardin-Simmons University School of Music presented Nicole Kenley, mezzo-soprano, and Andred Molina, pianist, in Senior Recital, May 1 at Woodward-Dellis Recital Hall. This recital is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements of the Bachelor of Music degree with a major in Vocal Performance. Miss Kenley is from the studio of Kathy McNeil and is a member of Sigma Alpha Theta and Pi Kappa Lambda.

Many out of town guests attended including her grandparents from Hico and San Angelo. Dr. and Mrs. Charles Vandiver of Dimmitt and others also attended. Nikki was accepted to Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester in New York for further study this fall for her Masters degree.

Nikki is using her name Nicole now, and her parents are Paul and Barbara Kenley. Paul is the former pastor of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Dorothy Sheffy's family joined her at First United Methodist Church on Sunday.

Allen Webb and his family gathered at church also.

Mattie Seale's sister and brother-in-law from Hartley were visiting with Mattie.

Joshua Green came to worship.

Myrth Lois Moran has returned from a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, where she visited her daughter and son-in-law Pat and Perry Tanner, and she says Atlanta is a beautiful city in the spring with all the dogwood and flowers in bloom.

In order to see the competition at the state gymnastic meet she returned home by way of Dallas and is happy to report that Jake, Scott and Sharon Moran's son, won first place in the

Taryn Hays earns award

Taryn Hays, daughter of Norman and Kim Hays of Dimmitt, has been named a United States National award winner in mathematics.

Hays, a student at Dimmitt High School, was nominated for the award by Becky Book, math teacher at DHS.

Hays's picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official yearbook.

Hays is the granddaughter of Jack and Murna Miller of Plainview.

pommel horse event and will be going to the National Gymnastics Meet in Boston, Massachusetts the last of May.

Leigh Hyman Durbin brought her First Grade class of 17 students from the Nazarene Christian Academy from Hereford to the Museum on Thursday, May 8. Tyna Hall and Leslie Easley were the mothers who brought the children. The students were all dressed in purple tee-shirts with the letters NCA (Nazarene Christian Academy) on the front. I played the organ for them and they sang "Jesus Loves Me."

Other out-of-town visitors at the Museum were Julie and Wayne Johnson of Hart, and Lynn Moor and Benito of Plainview.

Irene Blanton and Omega Johnson drove to Dallas recently. They enjoyed the countryside that was in bloom with bluebonnets and the red bud trees were beautiful that were in bloom. Omega visited her son in Denton and Irene visited Georgene Woods in Dallas and Lanelle Stevenson and family in Denton. They went on to Houston for a baby shower for Lanelle's daughter-in-law. The men were invited to the shower as well.

Our sympathy to the family of Johnnie Vannoy and Tina Rawlings. They will both be missed!

The Town and Country Extension Club met with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting and leading in the prayer. Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll. Each member answered with the most important item in her purse. Some of the answers were drivers license, keys, money and credit cards. Marilyn Neal showed a film on the safe home. "Creating a Healthy Home Environment" and "Get in on the Action." Mattie Seale served a delicious salad with assorted crackers and hot tea.

The Town and Country Club met again on Friday with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting and leading in the prayer and creed. Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll. Each member answered the roll call by saying something nice about the person on the left of them. Claudine Langford gave an interesting program on "Quilting." She showed one quilt and several quilt patterns as well as several pretty vests. Edith Graef served a delicious Hawaiian wedding cake and coffee to Marilyn Neal, Betty Freeman, Claudine Langford, Ann Henderson, Oneida Hutto, Ferne Jones, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Mattie Seale, Mary Edna Hendrix and a

great Ethel Frye.

A large crowd attended the Mother's Day Dinner at the Expo Building sponsored by the nurses at the hospital. Proceeds will benefit the Ettie McDermitt Nursing Scholarship Fund. The menu consisted of ham, potato casserole, pinto beans, green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls and chocolate cake.

The table decorations were pictures of mothers and children and sayings: "Mom, thanks for always seeing the best in me, even if sometimes you have to strain to see it."

Since my daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford, was here from Amarillo, she enjoyed seeing old friends and meeting new ones at the Mothers' Day Dinner. We also attended church, so she saw many old friends and met several new ones there as well.

LaDawn Kemp Reichling, the daughter of Louise Kemp of Dimmitt, lives in the San Francisco area and is doing a great job with special athletes there. She is the area director of the Special Olympics.

The area championships, which was held just recently, drew 300 athletes. This event was used as a qualifier for the state championships, which will take place June 6-8 in Berkeley, Calif. LaDawn said that she expects Marin County in California to send 50 athletes to the state competition.

"This is the only time a lot of them get recognition," LaDawn said of the athletes during the area competition. "At the end of the day when the athletes looked at me and we hugged, I knew this had been a really special day in their lives."

Edna Reinart celebrated her 16th birthday in her home on Saturday May 10 hosted by her children. Many friends and relatives attended on this beautiful day. The two cakes were decorated with colorful flowers with the words "Happy 75th Birthday, Edna" on one, and "Grandmother" on the other, which was from the grandchildren. Punch was served with the cake, and the centerpiece was a group of candles in a bed of flowers.

All five of Ed and Betty Freeman's children were in Dimmitt over the weekend to help their mother celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday and Betty's 80th birthday on Monday. The children are Susan Gose of Huron, S.D.; Sally Ortiz and son, Andrew, 12, of Denver; Peter and daughter Annie, 9, of Wildomat, Calif.; Paul and wife, Ricki of Portland, Ore.; and Carol Walker of St. Paul, Minn.



ENJOYING THE FAJITAS—Taking a break from working at the fajita sale held Saturday at the courthouse square are some members of the Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams and their friends. Over 600 fajitas were sold. The fund raising event was termed

"very successful" by a spokesperson. The OM teams are trying to raise \$15,000 so that the Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School structure teams can attend the World OM Contest in Maryland in June.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Wright earns recognition

Kristi Wright of Dimmitt received two awards at the West Texas A&M University division of agriculture's 36th annual awards banquet April 26.

Wright, a senior plant science/agronomy major, was given the Farm and Ranch Club's Outstanding member award.

She also received the Bradley Jay Rickwartz Memorial Scholarship.



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DISD sets examinations

Dimmitt Independent School District will offer examinations for credit, acceleration and placement this summer, but students wishing to take the exams must register by Tuesday.

Testing dates will be June 25-27, and July 15-17.

Credit by examination allows students to gain credit for courses without taking the courses. It is offered for elementary grades 1-5, for middle school subjects and for every high school course offered by Dimmitt High School, with the exception of local credit courses.

Credit by examination may be taken for two types of credit: placement credit (to receive credit for a subject in which the student has prior experience), and acceleration credit (to skip a subject or grade). DISD will decide which type of credit will be awarded.

Examinations for placement can

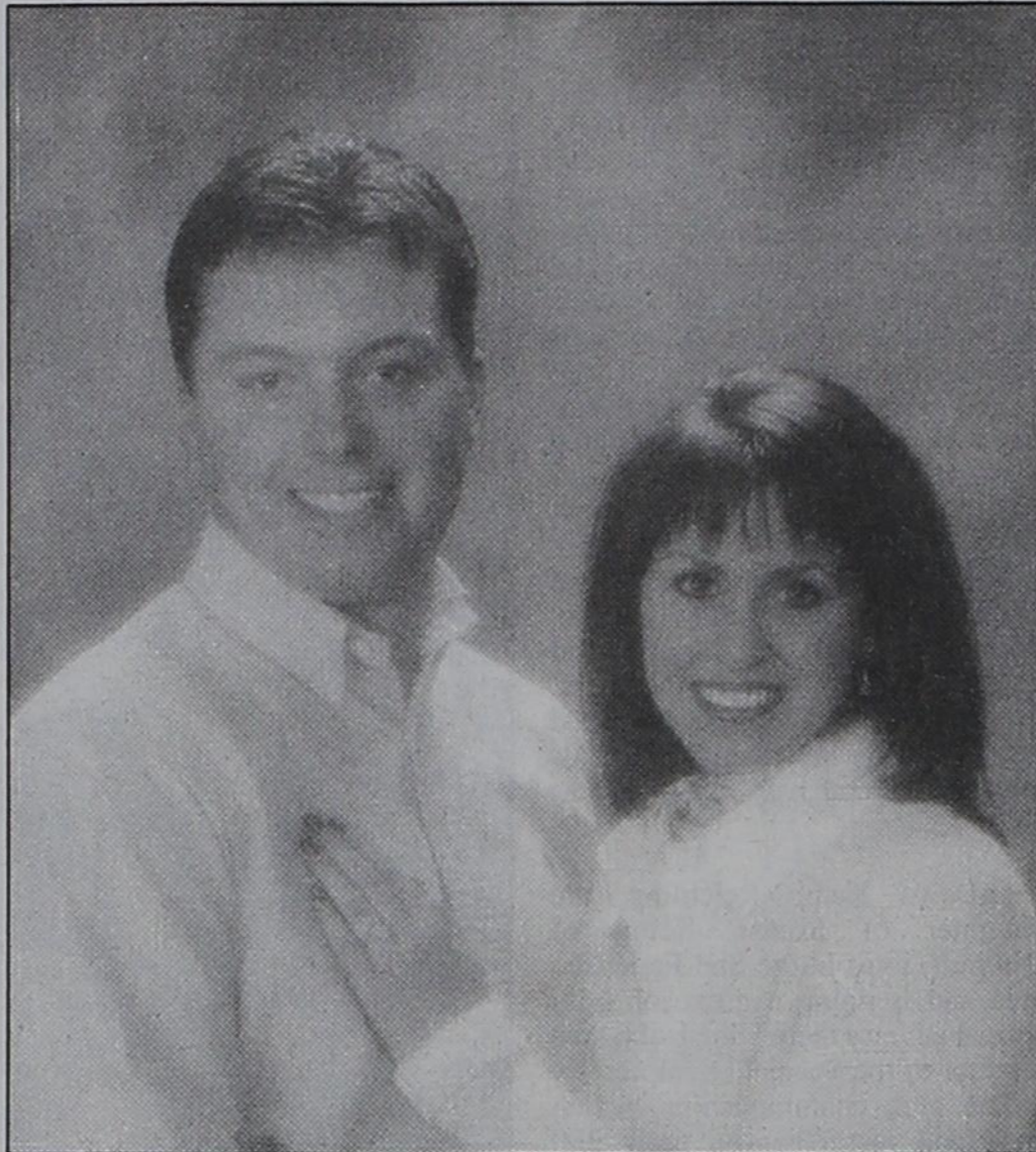
be used for determining placement for a student transferring from an unaccredited school, for students who have failed a course, or for students who have not finished a course. The minimum passing score for these examinations must be 70.

Call the school for the availability of credit by examination for kindergarten acceleration.

Examinations for either placement or acceleration are offered for all core courses and some elective high school courses offered by DHS.

For more information, call the high school counselor at 647-3105.

Registration for credit by examination will be accepted at the counselor's office on each campus. For more information, call the building principals: R.L. Stockstill at DHS, 647-3105; George Rasor at DMS, 647-3108; and Doug Setliff at Richardson Elementary School, 647-4131.



Chad Davis and Holly Wise

Davis and Wise to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wise of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Holly Suzanne, to Chad William Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Davis of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows Aug. 16 in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She is a senior communication disorders major at Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1989 and he is a senior business management major at Texas Tech. He holds a license as a commodities broker and is self-employed as a rancher in the Dimmitt area.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Lubbock.

Matthews wins \$250 scholarship

Tawnee Matthews of Dimmitt has been awarded a \$250 scholarship from Classic Cable.

The Classic Cable Scholarship Fund was created to reward qualified students within its service areas who demonstrate both academic and extracurricular leadership skills.

Of the approximately 400 applications submitted for consideration, the

company selected 101 students to receive scholarships. Thirty-one of the scholarship recipients reside in Texas. In all, the company will award \$30,000 among the eight states in which it operates. Applications were evaluated along three dimensions including completeness in accordance with scholarship criteria, distinctive academic and extracurricular achievement and demonstrated leadership at school and in the community.

Shower honors Christy Black

A wedding shower honoring Byron and Christy Black was held Saturday in the home of Val Davis.

The bride is the former Christy Stroud.

Guests were greeted by the couple, Mrs. Davis, and Ann Stroud, mother of the bride.

The serving table was covered with a tapestry cloth accented with a coordinating tapestry sway. The centerpiece featured a rustic rooster and hen sculpture of antique gold grouped with carved mahogany candlesticks and a large cut-glass votive. Dried and silk flowers with fruit completed the table decor.

Guests were served fresh lemonade, finger sandwiches, assorted vegetables with ranch dip and cream cheese with raspberry jalapenos ambrosia served on crackers.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner.

Special guests included Roxie Stroud of Enoch, grandmother of the bride; the bride's aunts, Lillian Polard of Enoch, Carlene Stroud of Muleshoe and Betty Kernell of Lubbock; and her cousins, Lisa Kernell and Renee Andrew of Lubbock.

Out-of-town friends of the bride attending were Jodi Garrett of Amarillo and Shawn St. Vrain of Pueblo, Colo.

Brockman to be honored

Jerome Brockman of Nazareth will be among those honored during a nation-wide tribute to Fraternal Insurance Counsellors (FIC).

Brockman is a representative for Catholic Life Insurance (CLIU).

CLIU has joined the 10 million-member National Fraternal Congress of America in the month-long tribute to insurance representatives.

Since the first FIC was awarded in 1937, the privilege of putting these three letters behind one's name has been a hallmark of professionalism for field and home office fraternal life insurance representatives.



Heather Braddock

Braddock named USAA award winner

Heather Braddock of Nazareth has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

The All-American Scholar Program was established to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the academic disciplines. The All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or higher grade-point average. Only scholars selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are eligible for other awards given by the USAA.

Braddock was nominated for the award by Brenda Schulte, a teacher at Nazareth High School.

Braddock is the daughter of Gerald and Mary Braddock of Nazareth. Grandparents are Ruth Griffin of Dimmitt and Louise Braddock of Nazareth.

Wise named VP of Texas Tech Student Senate

Holly Wise, a senior communication disorders major at Texas Tech University, was recently elected vice president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Student Senate.

Wise will work closely with the president of Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and the chancellor's office at Texas Tech on matters of student advocacy in the School of Allied Health.

Wise is the daughter of Gary and Ronda Wise of Dimmitt.

Senior parents are planning drug-free party

Parents of seniors at Dimmitt High School are planning an all-night drug-free party following graduation ceremonies May 23, and all seniors are invited and encouraged to attend.

Also, each senior may bring one friend by buying them a ticket for \$10 per person.

Activities, slated for midnight until 5 a.m., will include music, dancing, casino-type games, and food.

Overall chairperson for the party is Beth Roberts. Entertainment chairperson is Paula Stiles. Food co-chairs are Dana Beck and Paula Portwood. Donation chairperson is Sue Atchley.

Atchley said that parents are contacting local businesses, asking for items for door prizes or donations toward the expense of the party.

Those wishing to make a donation may contact Atchley at 647-3464. Also, donations may be taken to the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union or Dimmitt Thriftway.

All donations will be spent locally for door prizes and food.

"We would appreciate community support for this party, so that we can have a safe alternative for students celebrating on their graduation night," a spokesperson said.



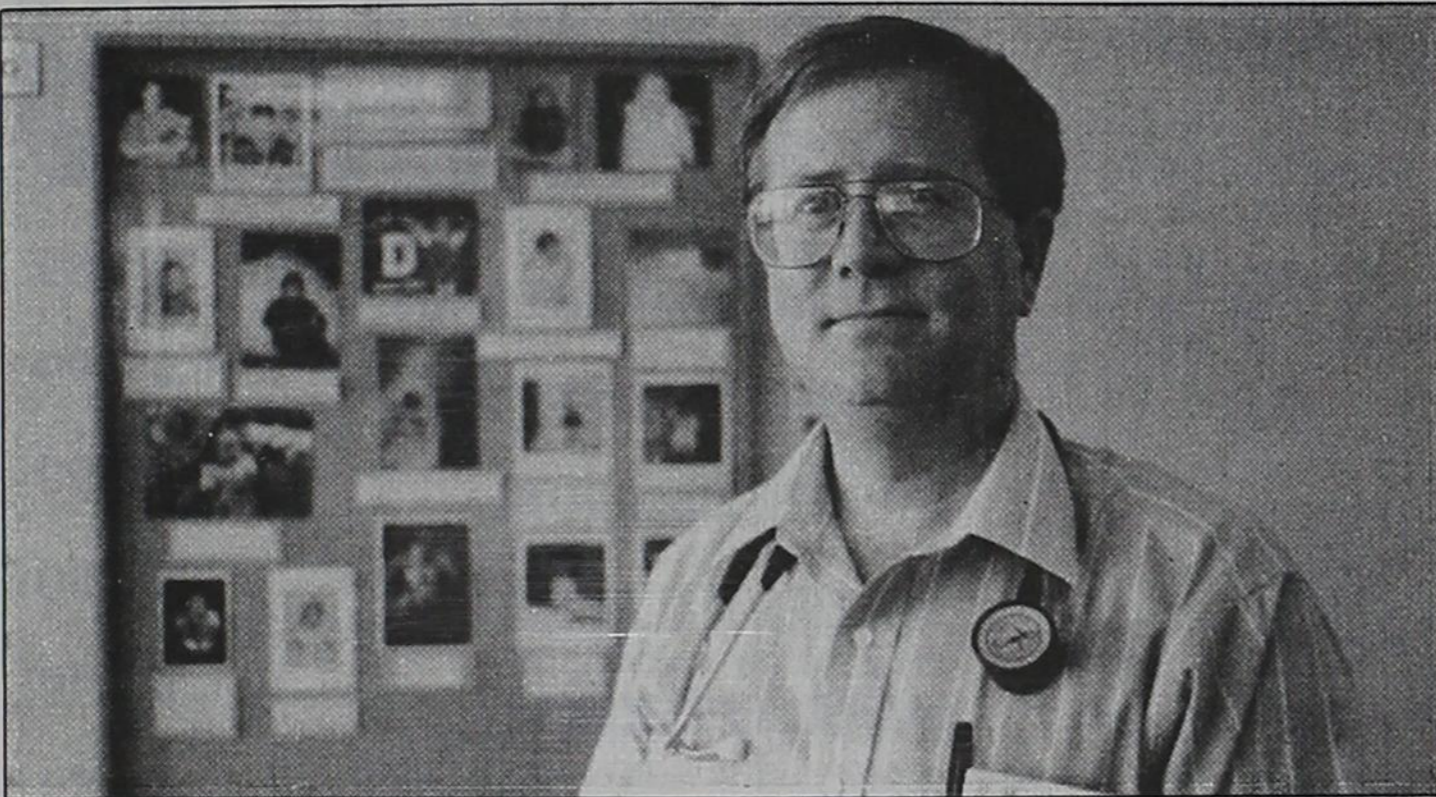
PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a girl for Ricky Prieto and Lupe Alaniz of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Savannah Mae, was born at 8:09 a.m. on May 5 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Savannah weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 20 inches long. She has a big sister, Briana Danielle Delgado, who is 3. Paternal grandparents are Daniel and Angel Prieto of Menard. Maternal grandparent is Janie Alaniz of Dimmitt. Great-grandparent is Enequina Quintero.

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At the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Joplin had the same number of years of schooling, with exactly the same requirements, as his contemporaries at UT's Southwestern School of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine or Texas Tech School of Medicine.

"The only basic difference is that D.O.s also learn bone manipulation as an option in treating patients," Dr. Joplin said.

Dr. Joplin served his residency at the Southwestern School of Medicine in Dallas, as did many of the state's M.D.s. He

could have taken his board exams and been certified either by the American Osteopathic Association or the American Board of Medical Examiners. He chose the latter, and is certified by the A.B.M.E., which also certifies M.D.s.

Dr. Bill D. Murphy, M.D., attended the Southwestern School of Medicine and also is certified by the American Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Dhiraj S. Patel, M.D., attended Gujarat University in India, and is certified by the American Board of Medical Examiners and by the American College of Surgeons as a specialist in both general and laparoscopic surgery.

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Susan Jean Bungert and Jeffrey Glenn Lindsey

August wedding is planned

Susan Jean Bungert and Jeffrey Glenn Lindsey will exchange wedding vows at 12 noon on Aug. 16 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Dallas.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bungert of Newnan, Ga. She graduated from The Bolles School in Jacksonville, Fla., in 1979. She graduated from the University of Alabama in 1983 with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She is employed as vice president of operations for Call West Communications and Coastal Cookie Company.

The prospective groom is the son of Doris Flynt and the late Robert H. Lindsey. He is a 1980 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1985 graduate of Texas Tech University. He holds a bachelor of business administration degree in finance. He is employed in sales for Indoff Office Interiors.

The couple plans to reside in Dallas after the wedding.

Retail Merchants discuss city-wide garage sale day

The Retail Merchants Committee is encouraging support of this year's city-wide garage sale day with special "10" promotions in honor of the 10th anniversary of the event.

The group met last Wednesday in the Chamber meeting room and discussed plans for this year's garage sale day, which will be on June 7. Those present for the meeting were Sandra Clark, Bill Henderson, Tammy Black, Mike Huseman, Marty Gerber, Bea Acker, Angel from Dairy Queen and Shelly Nutt, Chamber Executive Director.

Also at the meeting, Mike Huseman of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, was named chairman of the Retail Merchants Committee.

"During garage sale day, merchants are encouraged to do some type of "10" promotion like 10% off sales, 2 for \$10 specials, a \$10 sale rack, etc.," said Nutt.

The First United Bank and First Bank of Muleshoe will be asked to advertise the garage sale on the time and temperature signs in front of their establishments.

Posters advertising this year's sale will be distributed in area towns and those asked to help with this are Black for Hart and Nazareth, Phillip York and Barbara Cleavinger in Earth, Acie Boyd in Hereford, Ann

NHS Yearbook sale set Friday

The Nazareth Annual Staff will accept orders for its 1997 yearbook Friday at the school.

Each copy of the yearbook will be \$20 and checks should be dated for Friday and be made payable to Nazareth Annual Staff. Orders should be given only to Margie Durbin.

The annual May Crowning ceremony was held Wednesday evening in Holy Family Church. A beautiful event as always with Sara Olvera being chosen this year to crown the Virgin Mary.

The CCD awards were presented to students after the service.

The Nazareth Elementary School DARE Graduation for 17 students of the 5th grade was held Monday evening at the school cafeteria. Each student was asked to write a "dare" essay with Brock Birkenfeld being judged as the winner. He then read his essay to the audience. Deputy Richard Spears commended everyone on their essays. For entertainment, the 5th grade students acted out 4 ways of just saying no to drugs, violence, and gangs! Deputy Spears dedicated the program to the memory of Reta Welch, who was recently killed in an accident. She was Dare's biggest fan and supporter. Diplomas were awarded to the students by Sheriff CD Fitzgearld and Deputy Richard Spears.

Congratulations to K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier, along with their coach, Johnny Hampton, who reached the championship round in tennis doubles this past weekend at the Tennis Center in Austin. They won their quarterfinal match with Grady 6-1, 6-3 and their semifinal match with Knippa 6-1, 7-5. They lost the championship match to Rocksprings 6-2, 6-2. We are proud of you for representing our school very well with many hours of hard work.

Many family members enjoyed supporting you and also the trip to Austin. This was a super year for the blue-bonnets and numerous other wild flowers. The scenery was absolutely beautiful.

On the return trip, Karen, Dan, Shawna and Clifford Gerber; Tricia

and Andi Rose, and Virgie Gerber enjoyed spending the night with Harold Gerber at his new home at Lake Ivie, close to Ballinger.

Paula Acker, wife of Frank Acker, graduated from Amarillo College with a degree in Nursing. Members of the Al Maurer family and Don Acker family attended the pinning services Thursday evening. Paula received an award for "Outstanding Student" and a scholarship. Al and Leona Maurer, Betty Acker, and Lucy Pohlmeier attended the Amarillo College graduation Friday evening in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Al and Leona Maurer, Katie Brockman, Frank and Paula Acker and family and Monica Mote attended the First Communion and Confirmation service at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt for Anna Brockman, daughter of Virgil and Shirley Brockman. Paula Acker was Anna's Confirmation sponsor. She is the granddaughter of Katie Brockman and Al and Leona Maurer.

Hayden Scott, infant son of Norman and Stacy Gerber, was baptized Sunday morning in Holy Family Church by Deacon Al Maurer. His

Book Club luncheon is Saturday

The Dimmitt Book Club will hold a luncheon Saturday at 11:30 a.m. at Border Line Restaurant in Dimmitt.

Kim Hays will review *My Sergei*, *A Love Story* by Ekaterina Gordeeva after the luncheon.

sponsors were Sidney and Eve Gerber of Levelland. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Gerber of Nazareth and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery of Lubbock.

Prayers are asked for Chunky Wilhelm who is a heart patient in Baptist St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

Jim and Sandee Hoelting hosted a Mother's Day cookout at their home Sunday for the Hoelting and Gerber families.

Prayers are asked for Fritz Gerber who began chemotherapy treatments in Lubbock Monday morning.

Francis and Betty Wilhelm attended the First Holy Communion of Jenna Huseman held at St. Joseph's Church in Amarillo. Bishop Yanta was the Presider and also bestowed Confirmation. After mass, Bishop Yanta took pictures with each of the First Communicants.

Francis and Betty also went to College Station for graduation ceremonies. Their grandson Jeremy Schmucker received his diploma with a degree in Biology. There were 1200 graduates which made for a most impressive ceremony. Accompanying Francis and Betty were Vanessa Wilhelm and Stephanie Gerber.



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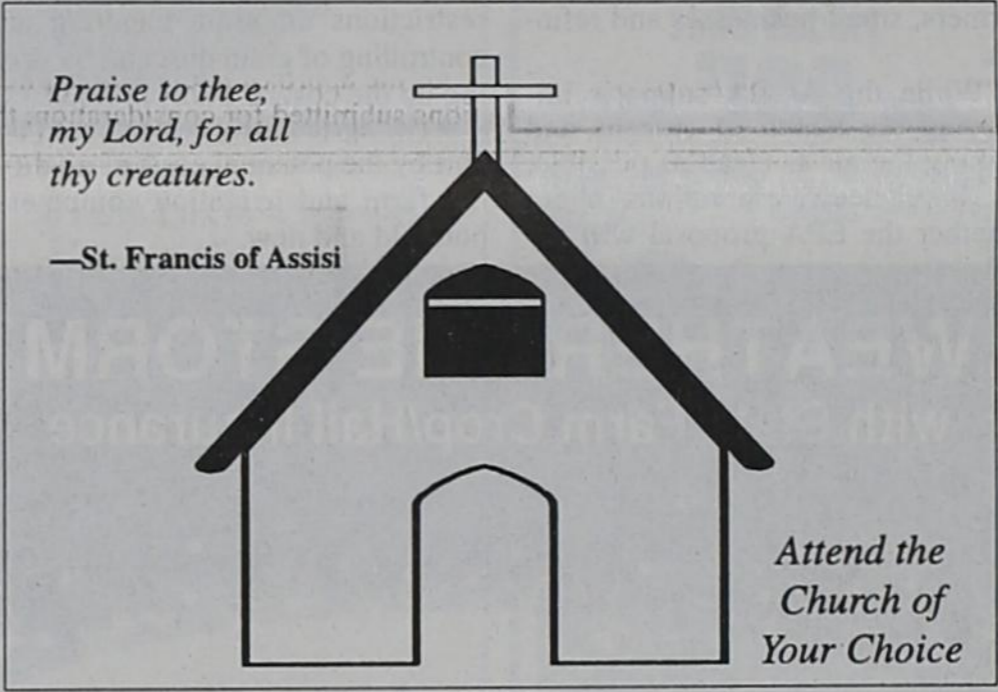
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Jerry Don Glover is named TCPB executive director

Jerry Don Glover of Muleshoe has been named executive director of the Texas Corn Producers Board after serving as interim executive director since January 1996.

Glover is in charge of Texas Corn Producer Board's management activities. He administers distribution of TCPB-approved corn-checkoff allocations to research, promotion and market development projects. He coordinates board meetings as well as TCPB seminars and trade show sessions across the state.

Glover represents TCPB on the National Feed Grains Council and other state and national committees and organizations.

Corn acres up, sorghum down

The April 1 US Dept. of Agriculture planting intentions report projected farmers will plant 81.4 million acres of corn for all purposes in 1997, up 2% from last year and 14% above 1995.

If these intentions materialize, this would be the largest planted acreage since 1985, according to the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Expected acreages are up in most Corn Belt states with the exception of Iowa, Michigan and Minnesota. Texas plantings are projected at 2.1 million acres, the same as in 1996 and 1995.

National sorghum plantings are expected to total 10.9 million acres, down 18% from 1996, but 15% above 1995. Most major producing states show a decline from last year. Among those is Texas, which anticipates 3.6 million milo acres, down from 4.4 million last year, but up from 2.7 million in 1995.

Soybean growers intend to plant 68.8 million acres for 1997, up 7% from 1996 and 10% above 1995. If realized, this acreage would be the highest since 1980. All but three of the 29 soybean growing states anticipate an increase in soybean acres from last year.



GETTING HER SHOTS—Kizzie Lou, an 8-year-old Chinese pug belonging to Ernest (right) and Marie Sammann, gets her shots from Dr. W.J. Hill (left) at the animal vaccination clinic held Saturday to benefit the Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams. In the back-

ground is OM team member Jason Hargrove, who helped in handling the animals. Several cats and 34 dogs were vaccinated during the fund raising event. Hill offered cut rates on the shots and gave a portion of the proceeds to the OM teams. Photo by Linda Maxwell

ACGA requests delay for tougher air pollution standards

The American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) has requested that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) delay the implementation of tough new ozone and particulate standards pending further scientific study to assess the impact on farmers, small businesses and refiners.

"While the ACGA supports improving the health of citizens and making the air as clean as possible, we have deep reservations about whether the EPA proposal will ac-

complish its intended goal," said an ACGA spokesperson. "In addition, there could be other measures that achieve the same result."

Of the most concern to the ACGA are the following:

- ♦ Farmers could be impacted by restrictions on grain handling and controlling of grain dust and by driving up the cost of transportation.

- ♦ The agricultural sector could be hurt by the potential costs of modifying farm and irrigation equipment, both old and new.

- ♦ Political opposition to the tightening of the standards could set back the many gains made if the Clean Air Act of 1990 is reopened.

- ♦ Stationary sources of pollution would have to be included in controlling air quality. This would be a hardship on small businesses like dry cleaners, printing and body shops and on the US refining and electric generating industries that would have to invest hundreds of millions of dollars to bring their facilities up to standard.

For over a year the ACGA has called upon the EPA to allow more areas to voluntarily opt-in for the reformulated gasoline (RFG) program. While the EPA agrees with this premise, it has acted exceedingly slow in granting areas currently in attainment from using reformulated gasoline under the federal RFG program.

While cleaner air is a laudable goal, the ozone and particulate standards as proposed by the EPA would add unfair burdens and excessive costs to small businesses, the American automobile manufacturers and the agricultural sector.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



The Seven D's in Destiny

Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice; it is not a thing to be waited on, it is a thing to be achieved.
—William Jennings Bryan

Destiny, according to my dictionary, is the inevitable or necessary succession of events that will happen to any person. However, I agree with William Jennings Bryan that we play a role in our own destiny. I believe through our actions and choices we can change our

lives. Many factors shape our destiny. The environment, our heritage and the era in which we are born to name a few. We have little control over these factors. However, there are other elements in our lives over which we do have control. Among these are the seven D's.

Taking control of our destiny

- ♦ **Dream big dreams.** Our dreams are the hopes and aspirations of our conscious mind. Robert H. Goodard said, "It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow."

Our dreams are the first step toward our destiny. What we hope for can become reality if we are willing to put actions to our thoughts.

- ♦ **Desire only the best.** Desire is the next step in achieving the results we want in life. If our dreams are sincere and worthwhile, we can develop an earnest desire to fulfill them.

Edgar F. Roberts said, "Every human mind is a slumbering power until awakened by a keen desire and by definite resolution to do." Desire will lead to action.

- ♦ **Direction comes from desire.** Those things we earnestly desire, establish our direction in life. Education, marriage and career choices point us toward our destiny.

It is critical to note that we can take charge of our plan. Our dreams and desires, when taken from abstract thoughts to written goals, become the framework of our destiny.

- ♦ **Difficulties will come.** It is inevitable that somewhere between dreams and destiny problems will arise. We can let these difficulties overcome us or we can choose to overcome them.

I believe we strengthen our desire and spirit when we overcome hardships. Our success is more meaningful when we've met and conquered problems. The Roman philosopher Seneca said, "Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body."

- ♦ **Determination overcomes difficulties.** Ecclesiastes 9:10 says, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. ..." If you are firm in your intentions, you will accomplish all you set out to do.

When you are determined, it matters not what others say or think. Those who say it can't be done are always surprised by those who do it.

- ♦ **Diligence is the forerunner of good fortune.** Proverbs 21:5 says, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance..." Diligence means to be persevering and careful in your work. It also implies positive results accomplished by hard work and steady effort.

Menander of Athens said, "He who labors diligently need never despair; for all things are accomplished by diligence and labor." The hardest granite is worn away by running water, the mightiest oak is felled by repeated axe blows and the longest journey is completed one step at a time. Diligence begets a successful destiny.

- ♦ **Destiny is the result of a lifetime of actions.** Charles Reade said, "Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."

We create our destiny by what we do. Our dreams and desires establish our direction. With determination and diligence we overcome difficulties. Our positive actions become valuable habits that create meaningful character which increases the value of what we achieve.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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Wedel is new TCPB member

Jimmy Wedel, a farmer near Muleshoe, has been named to serve out an unexpired term on the Texas Corn Producers Board.

Wedel replaces Jerry Don Glover of Muleshoe, who was recently named executive director of TCPB.

Wedel farms about 1,200 acres of white, yellow and blue food corn and yellow feed corn and 1,500 acres of cotton. He has both conventional and organic production.

The operation also includes stocker cattle production as well as wheat, grain sorghum and several specialty crops.

Wedel is secretary of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Alumni Association, serves on the Parmer-Bailey Integrated Pest Management Steering Committee and the Baily County Committee of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. He is secretary-treasurer of the Texas Organic Cotton Association and is a member of the Texas Farm Bureau.

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Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT
County Executive Director

The 15th annual CRP sign-up was conducted from March 3-28. We appreciate the cooperation and patience of producers during the sign-up and say "thank you" to all. With your help, we completed it very smoothly.

We should know sometime in June which contracts are going to be accepted, and all producers who offered contracts will be notified accordingly.

Existing CRP contracts

There are 130 CRP contracts that are due to expire on Sept. 30. We will be notifying applicable producers of actions that they may take to prepare their land for a fall seeded crop.

Producers are encouraged to remember that grazing or haying is not permitted on lands under contract until those contracts expire.

There are provisions for early-out of these contracts, but producers electing to take the early-out option will suffer a loss of payment for the months the land is released early. The amount of the penalty will be deducted from the annual payment.

Producers interested should contact the Farm Service Agency office for more information.

Foreign investors

Agricultural land that is bought or sold by foreign investors must be reported to the local FSA office within 90 days of the transaction. Failure to report could result in penalties.

Final '96 loan availability date

May 31 is the final date to acquire a loan for 1996 corn, grain sorghum or upland cotton.

Current loan rates are \$2.24 per bushel for corn; \$3.61 per hundred-weight for grain sorghum; and \$1.75¢ per pound for cotton.

Small grain acreage reports are due

Producers without crop insurance with this office are reminded that today (Thursday) is the final date to report their planted 1997 small grain acreages to the FSA office.

Anyone wanting to certify their small grain crops after today (Thursday) will be charged a late certification fee.

Appointment cards have been mailed to producers. If you miss your appointment or if the one we scheduled will not work for you, call the FSA office at 647-2153 and reschedule.

These reports are not required for farm program participation; however, Commodity Credit Corp. price support loans and any non-insurable crops disaster program payments cannot be issued for acreages that haven't been reported. This includes small grain forage acreage reports.

Producers should have a documented cropping history of their farm acreages on file in the FSA office. This can be used to establish eligibility for future programs.

Crop losses

Producers who had crops that were

Eighth grade banquet set here Saturday

The eighth graders at Dimmitt Middle School will be honored at a banquet Saturday at the Expo Building and organizers of the event are asking for cooperation from students and parents to ensure the event is a success.

The school board has adopted certain guidelines which must be followed. Students are encouraged to wear appropriate Sunday dress clothes (no tuxedos or prom dresses, please).

Pictures will be taken from 7 to 8 p.m. The banquet will feature a steak dinner catered by K-Bob's Steakhouse of Dimmitt. Z-93 will provide music for the dance.

Students will not be allowed to leave the banquet until 11:30 p.m., unless they are accompanied by a parent.

Parents are asked to arrange for transportation for their children.

affected by hail and/or severe freeze must report their crop acreages, file a crop damage report and notify their crop insurance agent of the loss before any alternative use is made of the crop, including haying, grazing or plowing the crop.

Failure to report the crop prior to destruction could result in an insurance payment reduction and could lower a producer's Actual Production History (APH) yield for the crop.

Final crop insurance planting dates

The final crop insurance planting dates are today (Thursday) for corn; May 31 for cotton; June 5 for hybrid sorghum seed; June 15 for sunflowers; June 25 for soybeans; and June 30 for grain sorghum.

The final date for sugar beets was May 10 and the final date for planting potatoes was April 30.

Fruits and vegetables on AMTA contract acres

Producers must remember that violations were waived in 1996 for AMTA contract acreage planted to a fruit and/or vegetable, but that in 1997 such acreage will be considered a violation unless one of the following exceptions apply:

◆ A farm or producer with a history of planting fruits and vegetables may plant such crops on contract acres with an acre-for-acre reduction in contract payments.

◆ Fruits and vegetables may be double-cropped after small grains (certified as grain, grazed or hayed) since we are located in a double-cropping region.

If none of these exceptions apply, planting fruits and vegetables on contract acreage could result in cancellation of the contract for the remaining years. Before planting any vegetable crop, producers should check with the FSA office.

July 15 is the final day producers may certify fruit or vegetable acreages.

1997 AMTA payments

The final 1997 AMTA payments will be made in September. Any advance payments paid in either December 1996 or January 1997 will be deducted from this payment.

FSA personnel must be notified of successors in interest on farms in order to make final payments correctly.

Direct deposit

Producers interested in getting payments electronically deposited in their bank account should contact the FSA office and request form SF1199A. This form must be taken to the appropriate financial institution for completion.

This service could keep your check from being "lost in the mail." A transaction statement notifying producers of the payment will be mailed from the FSA office on the same day the direct deposit is being made.

ACGA supports country of origin labeling legislation

As a result of a resolution passed at the last American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) national convention, the group has endorsed two bills that will mandate point of origin labeling on all imported perishable items, including fruits, vegetables and meats.

House Resolution 1232, as introduced by California Congressman Sonny Bono, will make grocers place

country of origin labels on or near perishable imported fruits and vegetables. And Senate 617, introduced by South Dakota Senator Tim Johnson, will place country of origin labels on all imported meat and food products.

These legislative plans would allow American consumers to avoid taking unnecessary risks from imported food items. The recent hepati-

tis exposure caused by Mexican strawberries and previous outbreaks of cyclospore bacteria found in imported raspberries from Guatemala demands that labeling be implemented as soon as possible.

Recent surveys by industry groups show that 73% of American consumers would be more likely to buy American grown fruits and vegetables if the price were comparable and 69% said that country of origin labeling is a good idea and should be enforced.

The ACGA has joined with over

one million other farmers and the American Alliance for Honest Labeling in urging the US Customs Service to enact rules that would require country of origin labeling on all imported frozen fruits and vegetables. Besides the ACGA, other farm associations belonging to the Alliance include the National Farmers union, National Farmers Organization, National Association of Farmer Elected Committeemen, US Beet Sugar Association, The Made in USA Foundation and numerous county and state Farm Bureau chapters.

More about Buckley named . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

does not want to spend the full amount of the project up front, then he would recommend at least getting the computers installed at each site and allowing the people to get familiar with how they work, before worrying about connecting them.

Dimmitt Middle School Principal George Rasor expressed concern that if the board delays another month before even advertising for bids again, it will be almost time for the start of school before the new equipment could be installed and that would not give enough time for personnel to get familiar with the new system.


Miller said that the funds for the purchase will come from reserve funds, rather than from the regular budget.

DISD Business Administrator Johnny Hill said that if the board decided to do without the microwave radio towers needed for connecting the system between locations, the project could possibly be bid at an even lower price.

Annen suggested that other businesses might be encouraged to submit bids if they knew they did not have to supply the microwave towers.

In another matter, the board voted to renew the contract with Channel One for three more years. The in-school news service provides television monitors for each classroom at the high school in exchange for the school allowing broadcast of the Channel One news program, which includes commercials.

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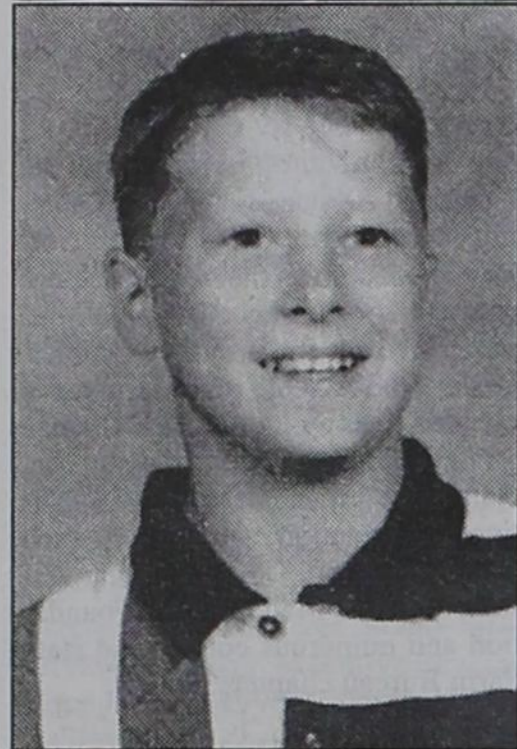
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Kody Laurent

Laurent earns science award

The United State Achievement Academy has announced that Kody Laurent of Dimmitt has been named a USAA national award winner in science.

Laurent is a student at Dimmitt Middle School and he was nominated for the award by DMS science teacher, Rose Ball.

Laurent's picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy official year-book.

Laurent is the son of Cindy Pigg and Reggie Laurent, both of Dimmitt. His grandparents are June and Jim Fisher and Don and Ginger Laurent, all of Dimmitt.

Promise Keepers rally scheduled

A Promise Keepers rally designed to bring together men of different racial, cultural and denominational backgrounds has been scheduled for 4:00-5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sam Houston Park gazebo in Amarillo.

The "Answer the Call Rally for Men" is being sponsored by the Reconciliation Ministry Committee of the Amarillo Area Promise Keepers Task Force, according to the committee Chariman Jim Harbin.

"We just want to bring men from diverse racial, cultural and denominational backgrounds together as one to worship our Lord Jesus Christ," said Harbin.

The even will consist primarily of singing and prayer, along with performances by several singing groups and a short talk on creating small groups of men, Harbin said.

"We want to encourage men to bring their wives and families, bring your blankets and lawn chairs, and any refreshments," said Harbin. "Fellowship is a big part of the reason we're getting together."

Scheduled to sing at the rally are soloist Eugene Green of Greater Love Temple, the duet of Billy May and Jason Kelly, and the True to the Word singing group from Galilee Church of God in Christ.

In case of inclement weather, the rally will be postponed to another date, according to Harbin.



ROPING PRACTICE was one of the events at the annual Texas Day celebration held at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt May 7. The first graders enjoyed games, a petting zoo, and a chuck wagon lunch served outdoors. Here, Danny Underwood (left) encourages his son, Dennis, in his efforts at roping. Student teacher Kyla Lynch (right) watches the action, as other students in the background wait their turn.

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DISD to serve meals during the summer

The Dimmitt Independent School District will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program again this year, and under this program, all children between the ages of 1 and 18 will be served lunch and snacks, free of charge, during June and July.

Meals will be provided weekdays only at Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria, located at 708 West Stinson.

Snacks and a hot lunch will be provided. The snacks will be served from 9 to 10 a.m. and lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1 p.m. No meals will be offered on the weekends.

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What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for May 15-23.

DIMMITT

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauteed onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken fillet strips, country rice dressing, applesauce, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, French fries, hamburger salad, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup, scalloped corn, cucumber and tomato salad, orange wedges and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, refried beans, watermelon, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

Grades 2-12 Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; combread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, peanut butter and jelly or chicken taco with hot sauce; hash brown potatoes, country rice dressing, Mexipinto beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or jellied applesauce; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, tuna and noodles or beef/bean burrito with chili; french fries, apple slices with cinnamon, refried beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese, beef stir fry or green enchilada casserole; scalloped corn, Chinese style vegetables, mexipinto beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or cucumber/tomato salad, old fashioned combread, hot wheat rolls, arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on bun with cheese, macaroni cheese and ham casserole or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, mixed vegetables, refried beans, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cole slaw or watermelon; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito, salad, gelatin dessert, sliced pickles, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun, sliced cheese, chili, gelatin dessert, salad, apricots, sliced pickles, pinto beans, ice cream and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, hoagie sandwich or chicken fajita, salad, corn, fresh fruit, ice cream, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza and lasagna, wheat rolls, salad, corn, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, wheat rolls, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or steak finger basket, dill pickles, corn, fresh fruit, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or burrito, dill pickles, peaches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, corn on the cob, apricots, fresh fruit and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, apricots, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket, hot dog on a bun with chili or Frito pie, gelatin dessert, salad, sliced pickles, dill pickles, pinto beans, and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, hoagie sandwich or chicken fajitas, salad, lettuce, tomato, pickles, corn, fresh fruit, ice cream, whole wheat sugar cookies and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or lasagna, salad, corn, fresh fruit, ice cream, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or meatloaf, dill pickles, baked potato, salad, macaroni salad, ice cream, ginger cookies, wheat rolls, peaches, and milk or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or steak finger basket, peaches, corn, salad, cherry crisp, ice cream and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or burrito, dill pickles, peaches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, corn on the cob, apricots, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, kool-aid or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: *Sloppy Joes or pizza, salad, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: *Tacos or hamburgers and French fries, lettuce, corn, peaches, dessert and milk.

MONDAY: *Chili dogs or baked potatoes, salad, peas, pears, fruit salad and milk.

TUESDAY: *Tator tot casserole or pizza, salad, beans, applesauce, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY: *Corn dogs or chicken strips, salad, rice, pineapple, pudding or milk.

Thursday: *Chicken spaghetti or hamburgers and fries, salad, corn, pears, oranges and milk.

FRIDAY: *Sandwiches or corn dogs, lettuce, oranges, ice cream and milk.

(*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

HART Elementary School

May sales tax rebates soar

Sales tax rebates issued in May to Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth were significantly higher than the payments issued to the cities in May 1996.

Hart's rebate reflected the largest increase at 135.13% while Naza-

areth's was up 65.93% and Dimmitt's jumped 31.56%.

Hart's rebate this month totaled \$2,291.83 compared with \$974.67 issued a year ago. That brings Hart's yearly total to \$7,299.67, up from \$5,623.61 through the first five months of 1996.

Nazareth enjoyed a check for \$1,935.28, up from last year's payment of \$1,166.31. For the year, Nazareth is 20.41% ahead on its payments. The city has received \$5,562.07 this year, compared with \$4,618.93 through May 1996.

Dimmitt earned a rebate check totaling \$27,061.27, up from \$20,569.40. For the year, though, Dimmitt is trailing in rebates compared with 1996. Through May last year the city had earned \$117,018.29. This year, that total is \$113,256.97.

Castro County's rebate also shows an increase this month. This month's payment of \$12,803.14 is 40.84% higher than the \$9,090.48 earned in May 1996. For the year, the county has received rebates totaling \$50,936.25, up 1.6% from \$50,133.83.

This month's sales tax rebates include local taxes collected on March sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reported to the Comptroller in April and by those businesses filing quarterly returns for January, February and March.

Olton to hold fund raiser June 3

The Olton Street Project will hold a dinner fund-raiser June 3 at 7 p.m. at the Olton School Cafeteria.

Jaston Williams, one-time Olton and Crosbyton resident and co-author of "Greater Tuna" and "A Tuna Christmas," will be the after-dinner speaker. He is known for his unique brand of humor.

Dinner will include steak, baked potato, salad, rolls, dessert and tea or coffee. The entertainment will begin at 8. A ticket price of \$50 will include the meal and entertainment. One lucky ticket holder will be eligible to win \$1,000 at the end of the evening.

Contact Susan Smith at the Olton Main Street Project at (806) 285-2611 for ticket information.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Roxy Theatre Renovation.



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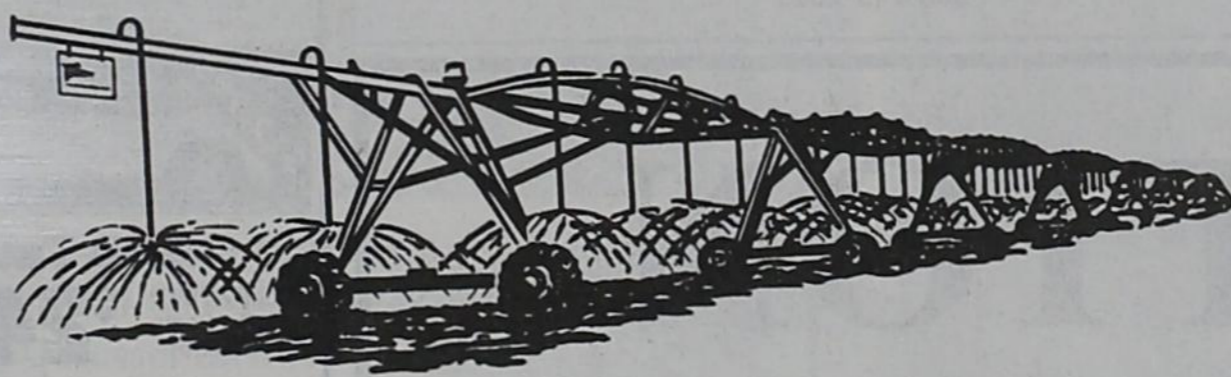
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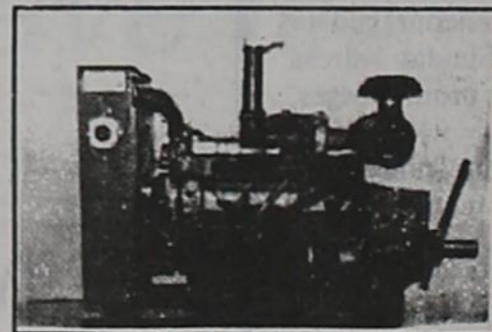
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Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Brandi Green participated in the Springlake-Earth end of school band concert for Junior High Friday night. Dara, and Melissa Green and Judy Loudder also attended. Brandi also had her awards assembly Friday. She received an award for an A average for the year.

Kelly Green had his radiation treatments in Lubbock this week, but not the chemotherapy treatments, probably because the radiation is making his stomach hurt.

Emma Jean King attended the funeral services for Tina Rawlings Saturday morning at 11:00. Ray Joe and Jo Eddie also attended.

Kevin and Melinda Riley and children took Ray Joe and Jo Eddie out to eat Saturday night to celebrate Mother's Day and Ray Joe's birthday, which was Sunday too. Kevin and Melinda went to Church in Earth Sunday morning and visited with her mother after church.

Frances Duke kept her doctor appointment in Lubbock Wednesday, and she and Robert visited with Lori Duke and the girls.

Sandra Duke visited with Robert and Frances Duke on Mother's Day.

Teeny Bowden received a letter from Melba (Aldridge) Morale which said that she and her husband, Johnnie, were in Dallas on April 22 to correct some dental problems. They ran into Johnnie Holcomb and a friend and had dinner with them. Johnnie Holcomb, who still lives in Little Rock, Ark., was in Dallas get-

ting ready for a bone marrow transplant. She was asking her friends to pray for her. She said that her mother, Sadie Holcomb, was doing fine, but I am sure that it was a sad Mother's Day for her. Rita Emmings, her older sister, now lives in Dallas so that will help.

David and Gay Sadler went to Hobbs Saturday evening to spend Mother's Day with their daughter, Melody, her husband, Walter Royce, and their children. They came home Sunday night through a big rain. They also visited with friends, J.C. and Donna Turner while there.

Verba and Ezell Sadler met James and Patricia Powell of Canadian in Dimmitt in the home of Tresa Sirmans and children for an early Mother's Day supper. They also had a Mother's Day supper Sunday night with Tex and Norma Connard of Dimmitt, Larry and Sharon Sadler, and Laura Sadler and children.

Thursday evening, Genevieve and Lowell Westmoreland and family, and Doug Loudder and family, and Roxie Loudder brought food to Alton and Betty Loudder for an early Mother's Day supper. Lance and Terri Loudder came by Sunday evening and visited for awhile.

Brian and Melinda Thomas of Plainview were visitors in the Sunday morning service with Glenn and LaWanda Wilson and spent Mother's Day with them. Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright ate dinner with them and then went to Lubbock to have Mother's Day with their daughter, Judy Williams, husband Ken, chil-

dren Sarah and Jared and maybe her brothers.

Samantha Wilson and a friend from Kenya, East Africa, were visitors in the Sunday morning service with Flossie Jones. They all attended the dinner at the Expo Building in Dimmitt Sunday noon.

Resa Carson from Lubbock came to Lillian Carson's on Saturday to help her get some work done and to spend Mother's Day Sunday with her. They ate dinner with Louise Bradley.

Thirty hundredths of rain was received Tuesday night with more marble sized hail than rain. We also got a lot of striking lightning. Thirty hundredths was also received Thursday night. We had some rain Sunday evening, but I didn't get the gage read before time to get the news in.

Kelley and Dara Green and Brandi, Melissa and Will visited with his parents in Earth Saturday night and went to church with them Sunday morning.

There was a mistake in last week's Sunnyside News. Lynn West was left out of those mentioned who attended the Castro County Historical Commission meeting last Thursday, but he was there helping with the plans being made.



SHAIRA GONZALES approaches the half-way point on her leg of the covered wagon relay race, as Bobby Feaster encourages her to run faster. In the background is Toby Ward, racing for another team. The race was one of the many activities enjoyed by Dimmitt first graders at the annual "Texas Day" celebration May 7. *Courtesy Photo*

DHS artists to show work

The Dimmitt High School Art Department is sponsoring an art show featuring drawings, paintings and papier mache sculptures created by spring semester art students.

The 1997 Spring Art Show will be on display at Rhoads Memorial Library through Friday and is open to the public during regular business hours.

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Chili cook-off kicks off Memorial Day weekend

A chili cook-off, dance, flag raising ceremony and breakfast will highlight events at VFW Post 8056 in Dimmitt over Memorial Day weekend.

The dance will be held Friday night, May 23; then the chili cook-off will be held Saturday, May 24. Both events will be held at the VFW Post Home. Then on Memorial Day, May 26, the post plans a flag raising and breakfast to honor veterans.

The dance will be held Friday night, May 23, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. and members and guests are invited to attend. A cooks party also has been planned in conjunction with the dance.

This year's chili cook-off should be a big one, with 25 cooks already signed up to compete. The cook-off on Saturday, May 24, will begin with a cooks' meeting at 9 a.m. and all those planning to participate in the cook-off must attend.

The cook-off will feature chili, chicken, ribs, brisket and beans, and cooks may enter any or all categories.

Entry fee for the chili cook-off is \$17 and the prepared food must be turned in to judges by 2 p.m.

Entry fees for chicken, pork spare ribs and brisket are \$20 for each meat. Chicken must be ready for judges by 12 noon, ribs are due at 1 p.m. and brisket will be due by 3 p.m. Entry fee for those cooking beans will be \$5 and the finished food must be turned in to judges by 2:30 p.m.

All meats must be cooked outside, on site and from scratch. No contest cooking will be allowed before 6

p.m. on May 23.

The event offers a 100% payback and is WTBA sanctioned. The chili cook-off will be conducted under CASI rules.

Proceeds from the event will benefit VFW charities. For more information, contact Marshall Young at 647-2328 or 647-3736; or Ben Aleman at 647-2515.

On Memorial Day, May 26, the local chapter of the Boy Scouts will conduct flag raising ceremonies at the VFW Hall beginning at 7 a.m.

A breakfast for all members and guests will be served prior to the flag raising.

Also this summer, the VFW plans to honor veterans on Independence Day, with a special memorial service on July 4 at the gazebo beginning at 11 a.m.

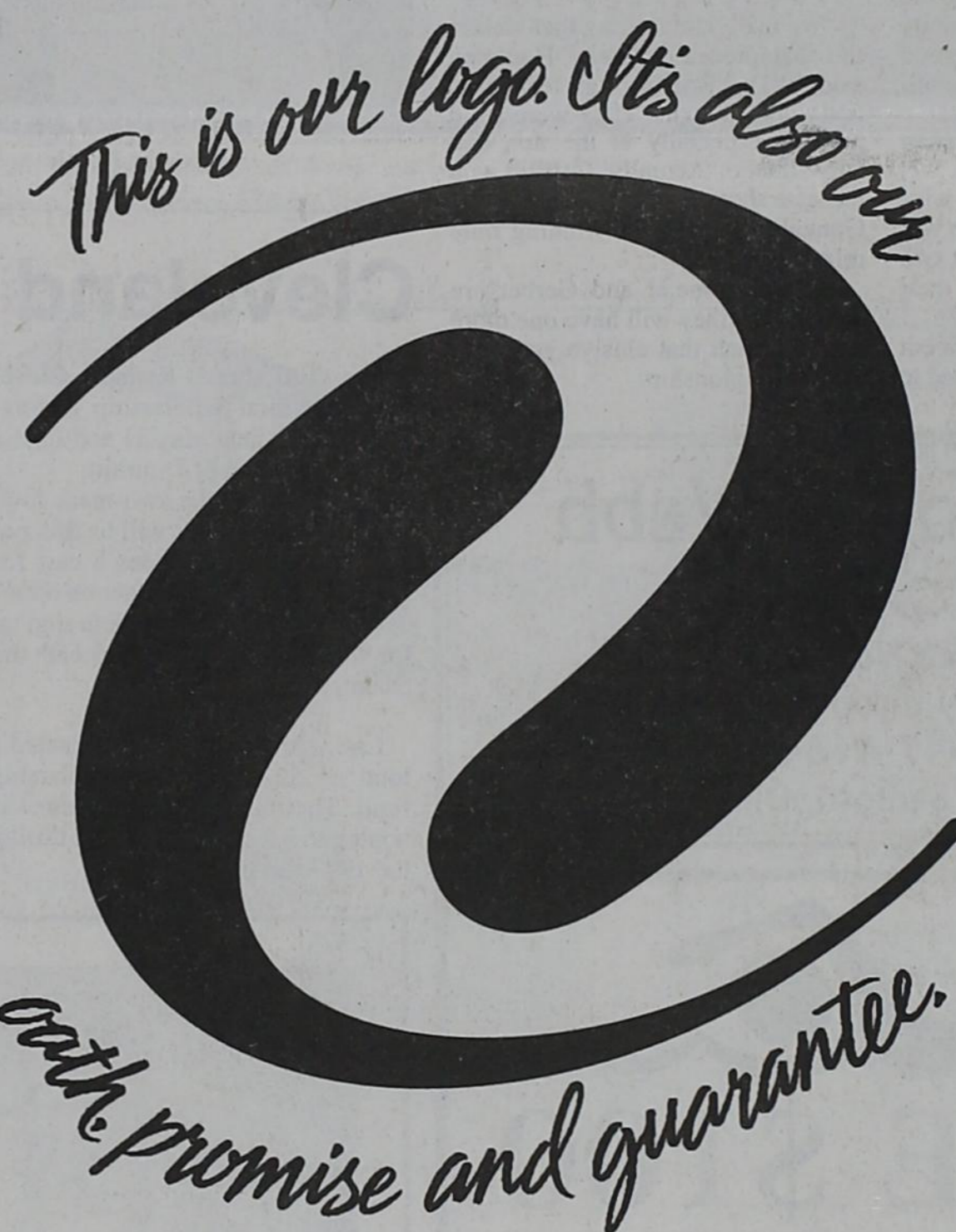
All veterans in Castro County are asked to attend the ceremony, in uniform.

Dillas set June 14 as 'Dimmitt Night'

Dimmitt residents can take advantage of a special "Dimmitt Dilla Night" on June 14 and local fans can purchase tickets to the game for \$5.

The Dillas will take on the Lubbock Crickets and game time is 7:05 p.m.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Shelly Nutt at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524.



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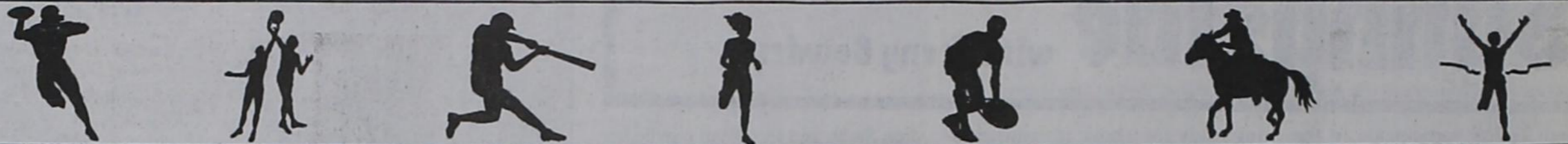


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Sports



Dimmitt athletes place 5-6-7 at state track meet

Dimmitt High tracksters came away with respectable, yet not quite satisfying results at the state track and field meet last Friday and Saturday.

Charley Sanders, a junior, started the team off on Friday by managing a discus throw of 155-11 in dreary, rainy weather at Memorial Stadium in Austin. His toss was good enough for fifth place.

Joey Flores ran the 800-meter dash on Saturday, a much better day weather-wise in Austin, yet still hot and sticky. His time of 1:58.05 placed him in sixth.

The Dimmitt senior capped his

track career with a state championship, and three sixth place finishes at state, totaling four consecutive trips to the state track and field meet.

He then ran on the mile relay team with D.J. Fleeks, Zack Matthews and Casey Smith. That team finished in seventh place with a time of 3:23.06.

"Of course we didn't do what we thought we could do," Coach Lanny Crow said. "We could have run a little better, but all the times were competitive down there (Austin)."

"I'm proud of them, though," he added. "Anytime you get to Austin, that's a big accomplishment in itself."

Naz duo falls short in state title match

When you get so close to reaching your final goal, it hurts that much more when you fall short of it.

Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber know exactly that feeling. The Nazareth juniors lost the state girls' doubles championship in a 6-2, 6-2 decision last Saturday evening.

The duo practically whipped through their quarterfinal and semifinal matches before falling in the finals at the rain-shortened state tournament in Austin.

All action was reduced to Saturday after Friday's rainout, but it did not bother Pohlmeier and Gerber too much in the first round as they beat Alison Cooper and Tarah Scauelke of Grady 6-1, 6-3.

They then defeated Kayci Keeny and Dana Bielfeldt of Knippa 6-1, 7-5.

"They played really well in the first two rounds," Coach Johnny Hampton said. "Grady was a good team in that first match, but we didn't have much problem with them."

"Then in the second round, after an easy first set, we got up on them 5-1, but let them back in it before winning 7-5. That four game stretch was really the only time in the first two rounds that the girls weren't at their best."

In the finals, it was a different story. First of all, the duo reported to

the main headquarters for their final match at 3 p.m., but did not start play until 5:45 because of all the other matches that had to be squeezed into Saturday.

Whether the delay had any effect or not, Hampton said that the girls came out for the match flat and the first set score showed it.

The Rocksprings team of Vanessa Castillo and Mel Gonzales jumped all over Pohlmeier and Gerber to take a 4-0 lead at the beginning of the match, on their way to a 6-2 first set advantage.

The second set started out much better for the Nazareth duo, but the finish left much to be desired.

After splitting the first four games at 2-2, Rocksprings reeled off four straight games to win the set and the match.

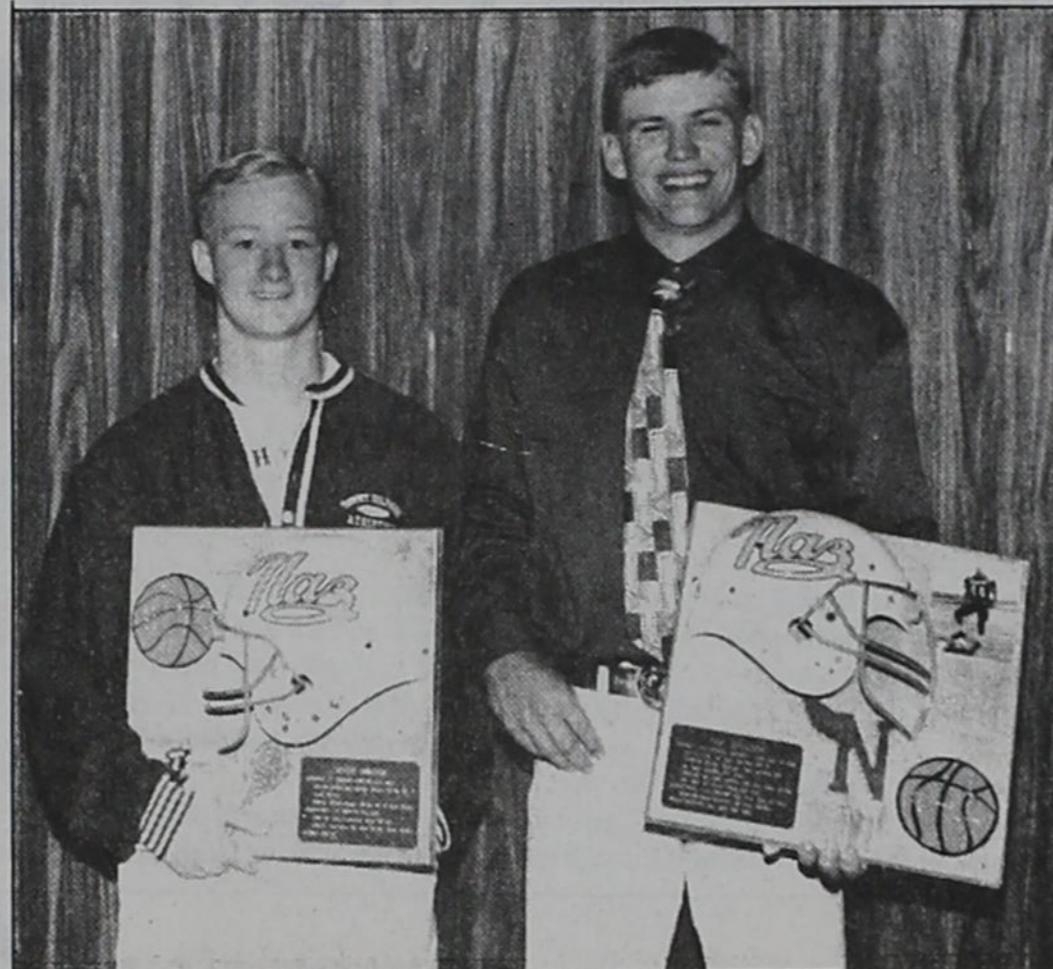
"We really didn't play that well in the championship match," Hampton said. "The Rocksprings team was real good though. They were solid players, especially at the net, and very athletic. Actually, Castillo won the state shot put championships and Gonzalez was on the winning mile relay team."

Since Pohlmeier and Gerber are just juniors, they will have one more year to reach that elusive goal of a state championship.



SENIOR SWIFTETTE AND SWIFT WINNERS ... Misti Ball (left) and Marcus Brockman

Photo by Scott Brockman



NAZ BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS ... Justin Bingham (left) and Coby Schacher

Photo by Scott Brockman

Brockman and Ball are top senior athletes

Seniors Marcus Brockman and Misti Ball came away with the Swift and Swiftette awards at the Nazareth High School athletic banquet Tuesday night.

The Nazareth Booster Club scholarships were also awarded Tuesday night. The winners of the \$150 scholarships were Justin Bingham and Coby Schacher, both seniors.

The Swift Award was given to the senior who exhibited great character, both on and off the field, and achieved success both on the court and in the classroom. The winner also had to play three sports, at least in his senior year.

Brockman played football, basketball and tennis all four years of high school. He was honorable-mention all-district as a free safety this past year in football. He was first team all-district and academic all-district in basketball and was on the state runner-up basketball team.

In tennis, Brockman advanced to regional for the last three years. In his sophomore and junior seasons he teamed with Billy Don Cannon to play doubles.

He was also the top free throw shooter on the basketball team, as well as most improved. He was the most valuable player in tennis.

The Swiftette Award was also given to the athlete who displayed class and character. Ball participated in cross country, basketball and track.

Ball advanced to state as an individual in cross country her freshman year, and then advanced with the team the next three years and the team placed second all three times.

She was part of the state basketball team in 1996 and was all district second team and academic all-district this year. She was the top rebounder on the team this season.

In track, Ball advanced to state in the 800-meter dash as a freshman and again advanced as a sophomore and junior with the mile relay team which finished first and third, respectively.

Awards were handed out in every sport Tuesday night.

Coach Johnny Hampton commented on the cross country team's consistency in earning second at state again.

Most improved runner was Tiffany Schmucker, and the Fighting Heart Award went to Trina Johnson. The MVP of cross country was Tanya Wethington.

Coach Rick Price then handed out the football awards and talked about the tough schedule that his 7-3 team faced this past year. He said they

could have easily been 4-6 or 10-0 if they would have caught some breaks throughout the year.

He then handed out awards after giving each player his own nickname. Most improved went to James Wilhite, while the Fighting Heart award was given to Malcolm Jones.

Honors were also given to Justin Bingham, Best Special Teams Player; Cody Annen, Best Defensive Player; and Coby Schacher, Best Offensive Player and MVP.

Coach Hampton again took the stage to give awards to the girls' basketball team. He commented on their being about 30 seconds away from earning a regional berth before losing to the Gruver Greyhounds in area play.

Those earning awards in girls' basketball included Jayme Schmucker, Spirit Award; Laura Birkenfeld, Tough Luck Award; K'Lynn Gerber, Best Free Throw Shooter; Cassie Birkenfeld, Assists Leader; Misti Ball, Best Rebounder; and Jill Ramackers, Sixth Man Award.

Best Defensive Player went to Tanya Wethington, while the Best Offensive Player Award went to K'Lynn Gerber. Sarah Schulte was winner of the Most Improved Award, and Celina Braddock won the Fighting Heart Award. Amy Pohlmeier was the girls' basketball MVP.

Coach Mark Makeever talked about the boys' basketball season next, which ended down in Austin as the team lost the championship game to a Wortham team that had probably the biggest starting lineup of any team at the state tournament.

He also commented on the class and character that the team possessed and showed during the season and at the state tournament. He then read special legislation written especially for the Nazareth Swifts by Texas House Speaker Pete Laney.

Nathan Hoelting and Bryan Braddock took co-MVP honors. Hoelting was also the Chairman of the Boards, which is awarded to the top rebounder. He averaged 9.9 a game. Braddock also received the Good Hands Award, which is given to the top steal and assist man.

Other players on the 32-5 team that received awards included Marcus Brockman, Top Free Throw Percentage (79.2%) and Most Improved; Barry Hoelting, Sixth Man Award; Nick Gerber, Guts Award (I Took the Charge); and Justin Bingham, Fighting Heart Award.

Track awards were also handed out at the banquet. In girls' track, Sara Birkenfeld won the Best Attitude Award, Trina Johnson took the Fighting Heart Award and Celina Braddock was the MVP.

In boys' track, Bo Hunter won Most Improved, Darren Huckert was awarded the Fighting Heart Award and Jayson Burnam was the MVP.

In golf, Melanie Book was most improved and Cassie Birkenfeld was MVP in the girls' division. In boys' golf James Wilhite was awarded Most Improved and MVP.

Tennis awards for top players were also given at the athletic banquet. Winners in girls' tennis included Tiffany and Jayme Schmucker, Hustle Award; Tanya Wethington, Most Improved; Mindy Hoelting, Fighting Heart Award; and Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber, co-MVPs. Pohlmeier and Gerber ended their year in Austin with a second-place finish in girls' doubles.

Boys' tennis winners included Mitchell Brockman, Hustle Award; Kit Schulte, Most Dedicated; Barry Hoelting and Billy Don Cannon, Most Improved; Bryan Braddock, Fighting Heart; and Marcus Brockman, MVP.

Cleveland tourney set

The third annual Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Tournament will be held May 31 and June 1 at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Entry fee for the two-man, lowball golf tournament will be \$65 per person and that includes a cart for two days and a steak dinner on Saturday night. Those who wish to sign up for the tournament should call the Country Club at 647-4502.

Last year, hole sponsors donated a total of \$2,400 to the scholarship fund. The tournament committee is hoping to exceed this amount during the 1997 tournament.

A hole sponsorship is \$200 for holes 1 and 9, and 10 and 18. Other holes may be sponsored for \$100. When all holes are sponsored, sponsorships will then be used to help pay for the meal, putting green, driving range and more.

Those who would like to renew their sponsorship should send checks payable to the Kenneth Cleveland Scholarship Fund to First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

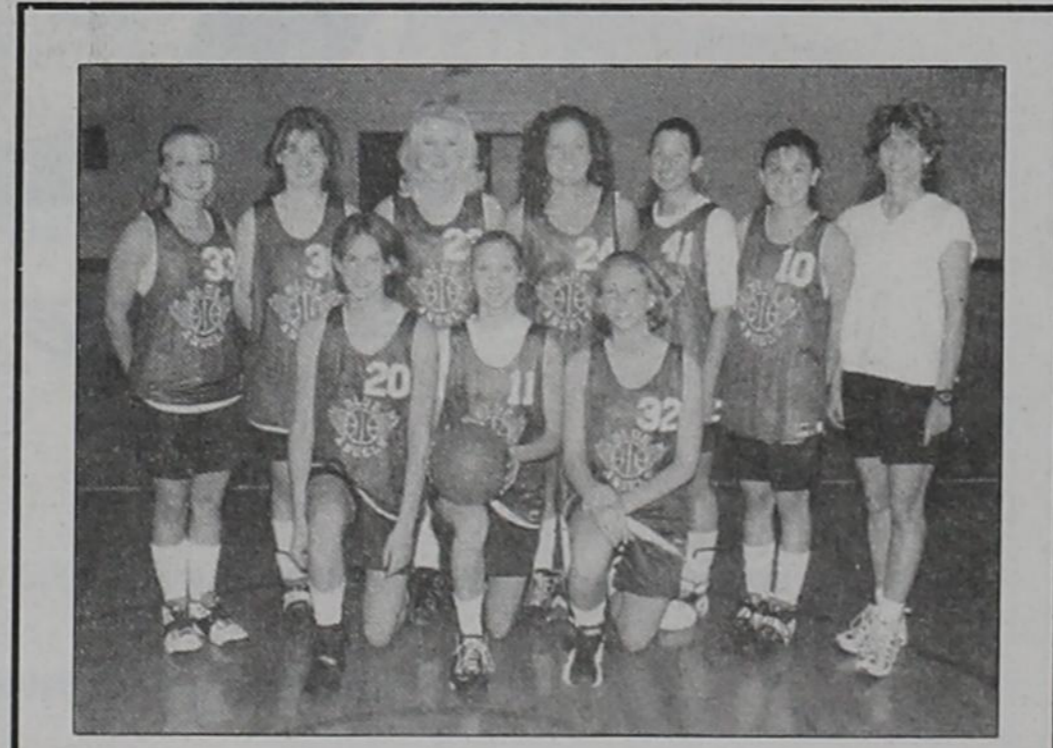
New sponsors or those requesting more information should call Max Newman at 647-3176 or Shelly Nutt at 647-2524.

DHS athletic banquet set Friday

The Dimmitt High School athletic banquet will be held Friday at 7 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School east cafeteria.

Athletes who participated in the various sports programs during the past year will be honored, and scholarship winners will be announced.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$8.50 per person, and may be purchased in advance from any booster club member or at First United Bank or First Bank.



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Dimmitt TSA students win best in state

Dimmitt High School and Middle School students won several "Best in State" awards at the annual Texas Technology Student Association State Conference and Contest held May 5-6 in Waco, and won third place in point totals among 3-A schools represented.

The Club Project of restoring a 1966 Ford Pickup won a first place, was named "Best in State" among all club projects, and was voted "Outstanding Project in Show" in the high school division.

Other "Best in State" awards went to Wesley Wright for a grandfather clock, Russell Rickert for a round bale mover, Gracie Martinez for a pen, and Erica Cavazos for a coffee table, all in the high school division. In the junior high division, DMS seventh grader Cliff Wright won "Best in State" for a three-pen set and for a 15-item pen set.

Winners included:

High School Division WOODWORKING I

First: Jessica Martinez, headboard; Damion Martinez, bookcase; Wesley Wright, grandfather clock.

Second: Robert Cozbey, bookcase; Russell Rickert, display case; Raymond Powers, display case; Dale West, buffet; Armando Casteneda, entertainment center; Sonia Vasquez, cedar chest.

Third: Joe Herrera, table.

WOODWORKING II

First: Zak Felts, gun cabinet; Linda Trigo, pen; Erica Cavazos, coffee table.

Second: Fabiola Ontiveros, armoire; Brandon Allison, desk; Aaron Ewing, curio cabinet.

METALWORKING I

First: Russell Rickert, round bale mover; Rusty McDaniels, oxyacetylene cart; Robert Sepeda, dolly.

Second: Eddie Maldonado, barbecue grill.

POWER MECHANICS I

Second: Jose Chavez, Briggs & Stratton motor; Eddie Maldonado, Briggs & Stratton motor.

PLASTICS

First: Gracie Martinez, pen.

ARCHITECTURAL MODEL

Second: Sergio Pedroza and Michael Pedroza, house.

CO2 CAR

Sixth: Jason Hall.

RADIO-CONTROL VEHICLE

First: Zak Felts, appearance of car.

Third: Zak Felts, race.

WRITTEN TEST

First: Cody Brockman, energy systems; Russell Rickert, power transportation.

SOAP BOX DERBY RACE

Second: Fabiola Ontiveros, driver.

CLUB PROJECT

First: Club, 1966 Ford pickup.

Junior High Division

7th GRADE WOODWORKING

First: Cliff Wright, two-pen set; Cliff Wright, three-pen set; Cliff Wright, four-pen set; Cliff Wright 15-item pen set.

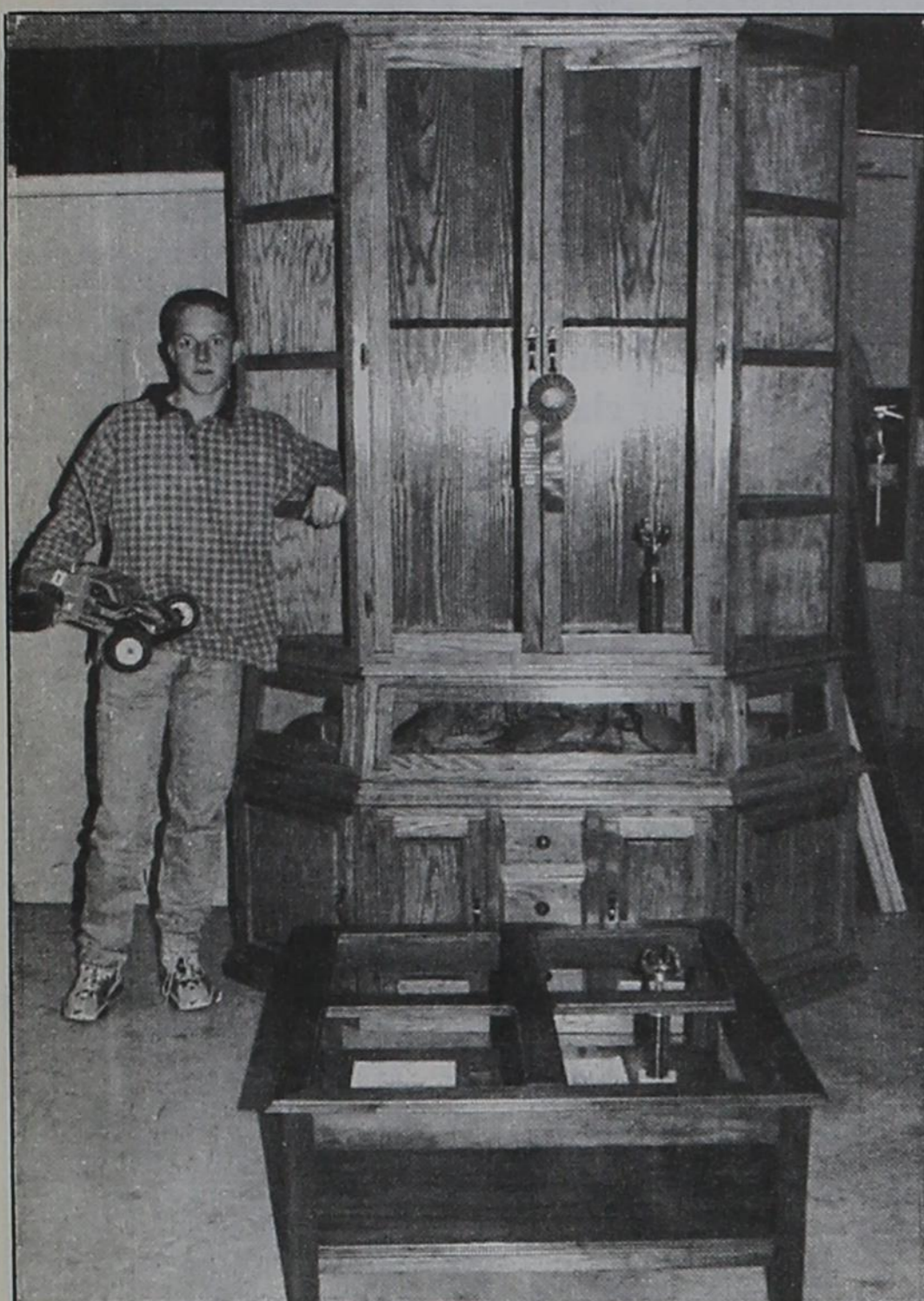
7TH GRADE PLASTICS

First: Cliff Wright, pen.

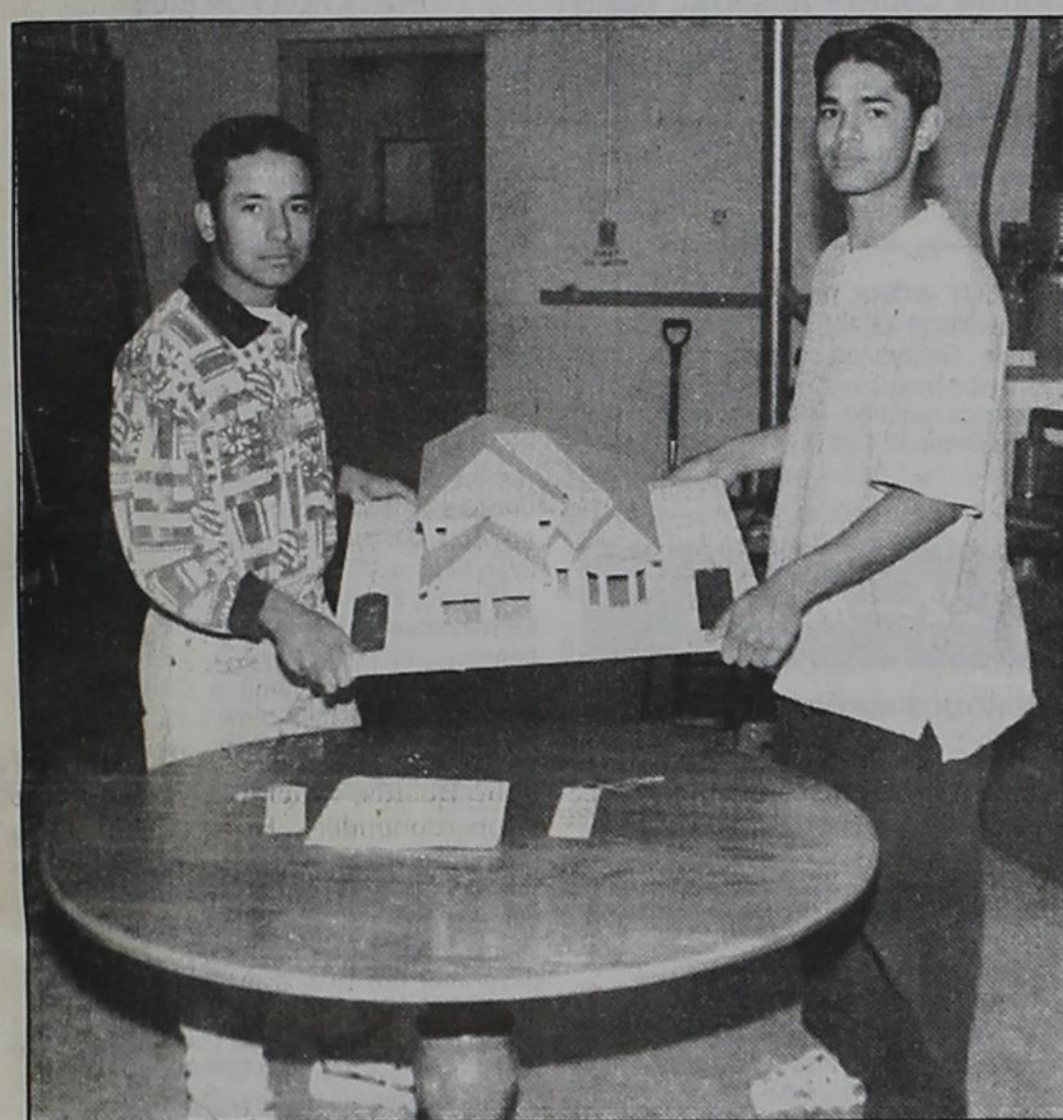
7TH GRADE CO2 CAR

Second: Jason Harris, race.

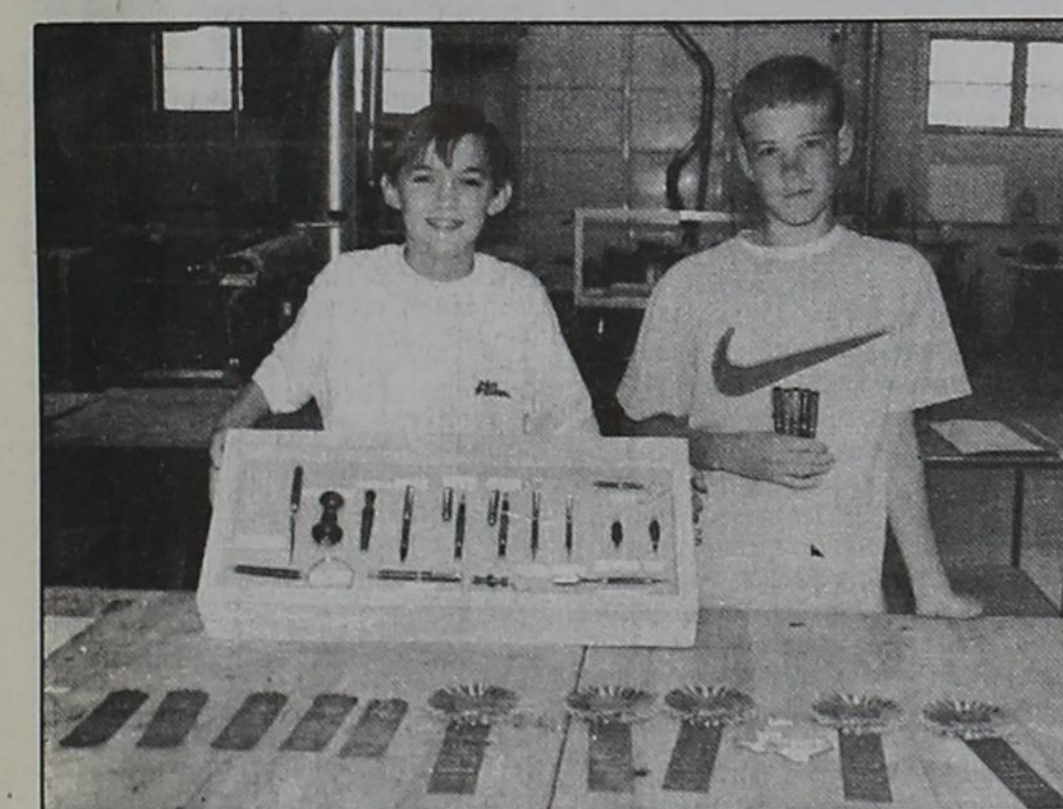
Accompanying the students on the trip to Waco as sponsors were Sonny and Alene Thomas, Sesario Saenz, Jim Wright, Brenda Patterson, George Munez, Charles Cotter, Gene Penny, and David Browder.



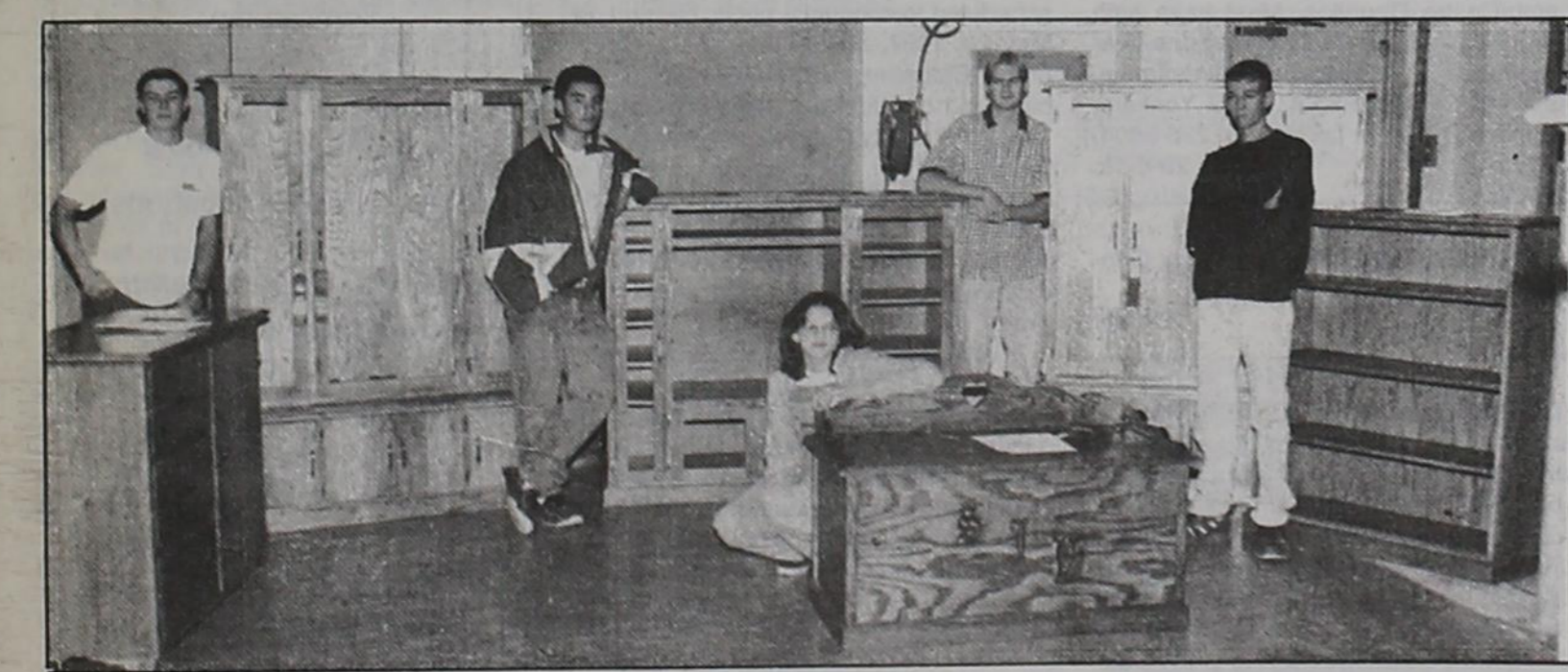
WOODWORKING II FIRST PLACE WINNERS include Zak Felts and his gun cabinet, and a coffee table by Erica Cavazos (not present), which also won a Best in State award. Felts also won two awards with his radio-controlled vehicle, first in appearance and third in racing.



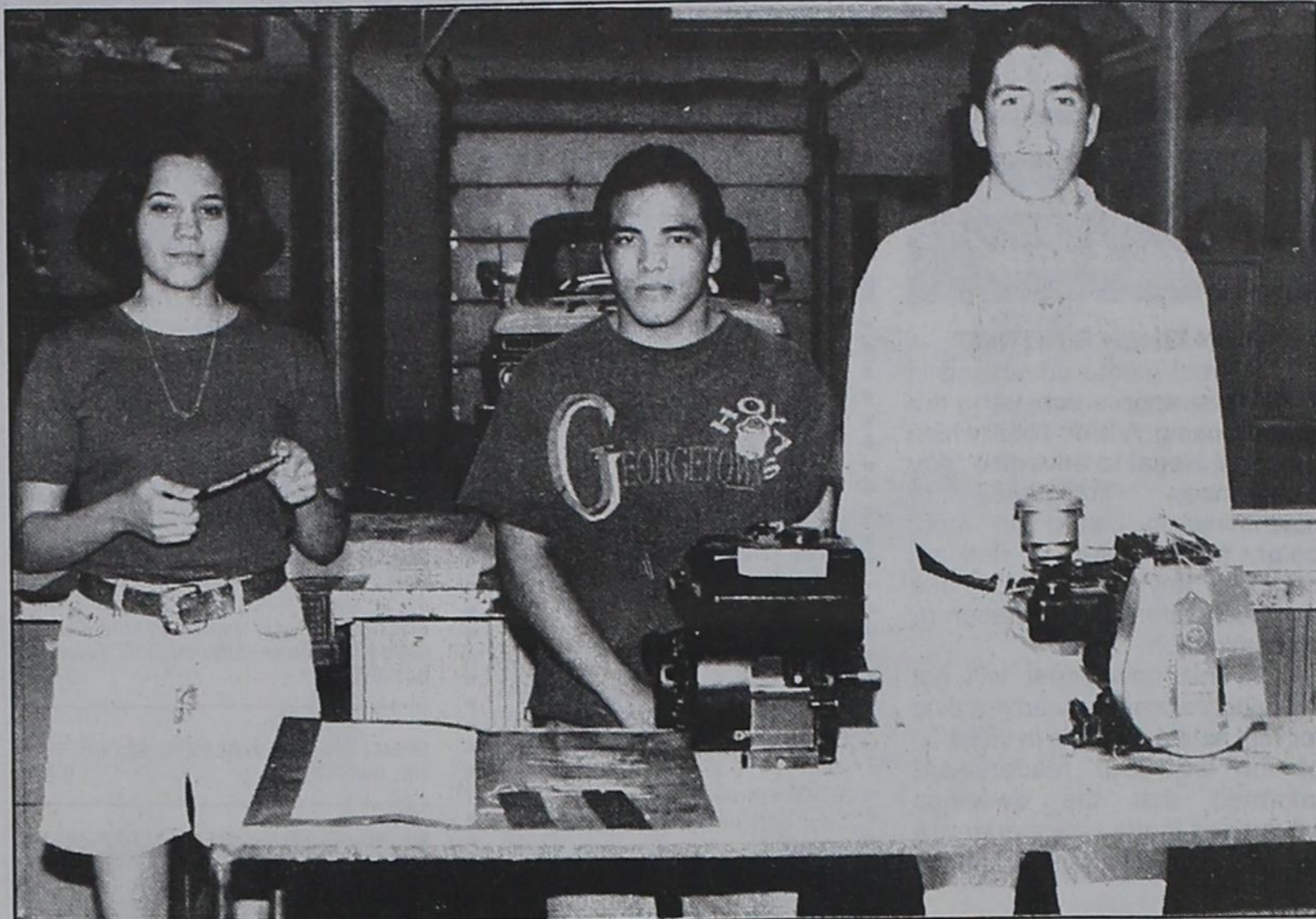
WINNING PROJECTS: Sergio Pedroza (left) and Michael Pedroza worked together on their model house, which won second in architectural models. In the foreground is Joe Herrera's table, which won third in Woodworking I.



SEVENTH GRADE WINNERS at the Texas TSA State Conference and Contest included: Cliff Wright (left) with several first place pen sets and two Best in State awards; and Jason Harris, whose CO2 car took second in the races. Harris is holding some of Wright's winning pens.



SECOND PLACE WOODWORKING I projects include: (from left) a buffet by Dale West (not present), Russell Rickert with his display case, Armando Casteneda with his entertainment center, Sonia Vasquez (kneeling) with her cedar chest, Raymond Powers with his display case, and Robert Cozbey with his bookcase.



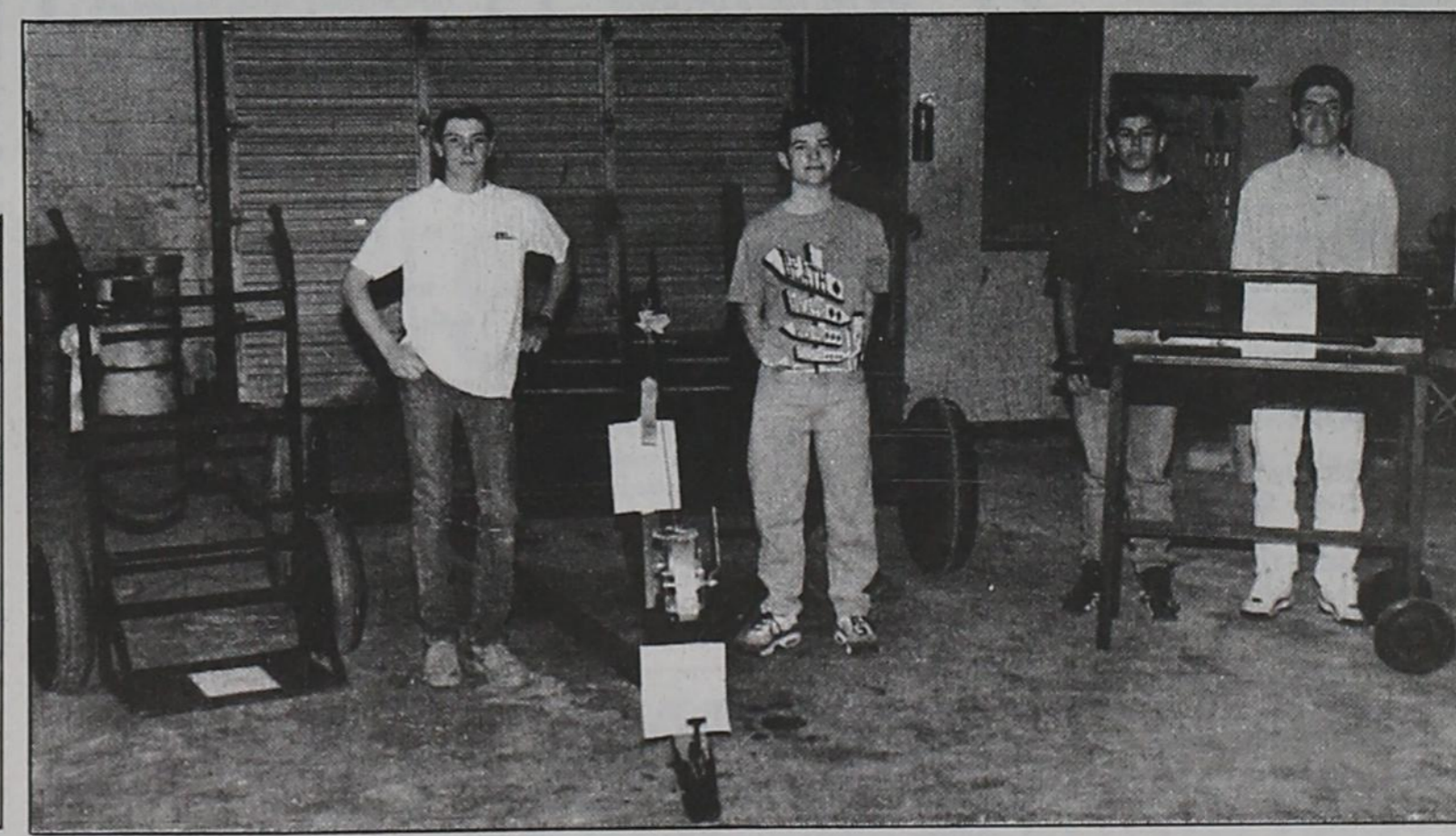
WINNERS AT WACO included Gracie Martinez (left), with a first and "Best in State" for her pen entered in the Plastics Division; and Jose Chavez (center) and Eddie Maldonado (right), second place winners in Power Mechanics I with their Briggs & Stratton motors.



FIRST PLACE IN WOODWORKING I went to these projects: (from left) bookcase by Damion Martinez (not present), Wesley Wright with his grandfather clock (Best in State), and Jessica Martinez with her headboard.

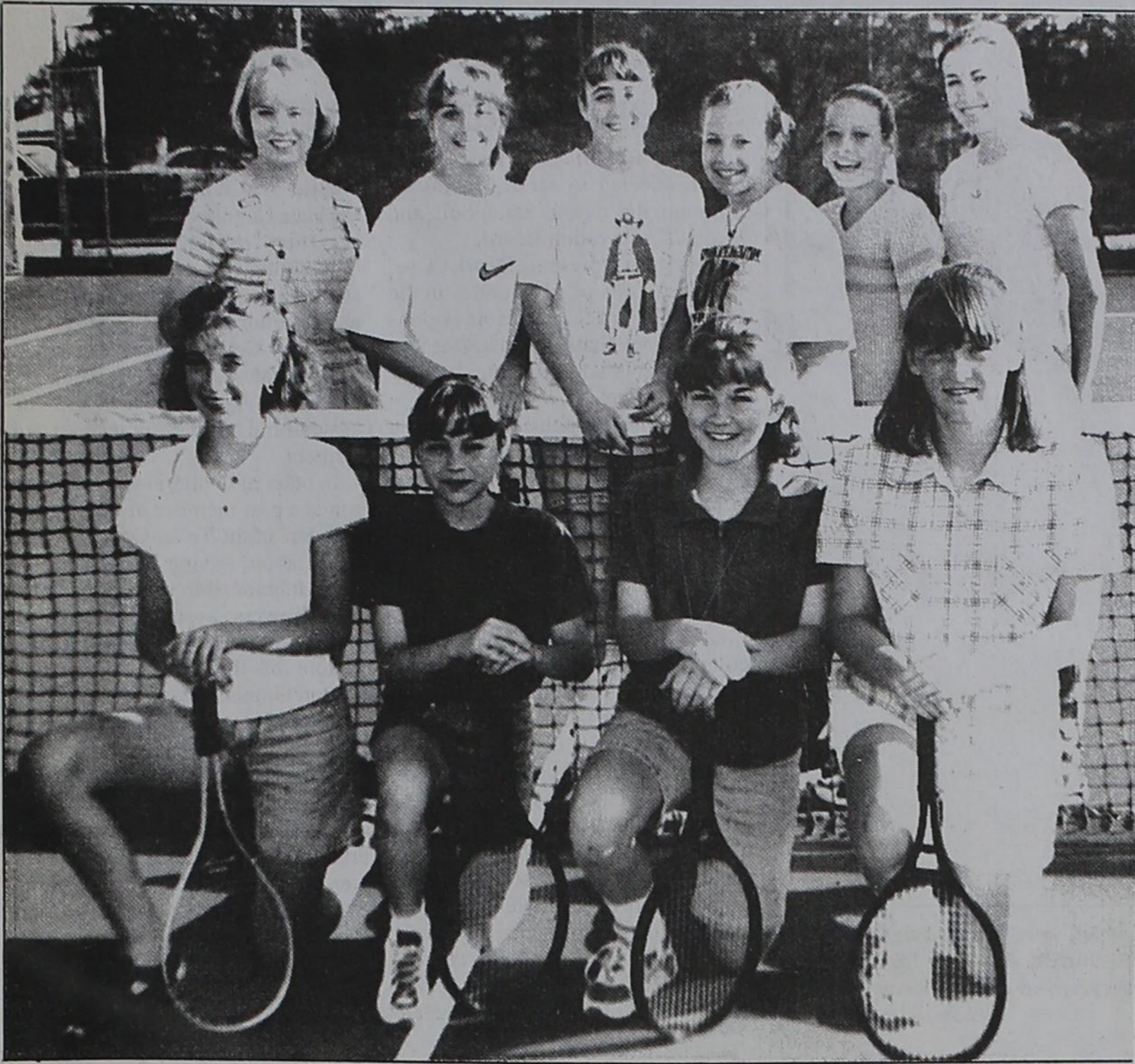


WOODWORKING II SECOND PLACE winners from Dimmitt High School include: (from left) Aaron Ewing with his curio cabinet, Fabiola Ontiveros with her armoire, and Brandon Allison with his desk.



METALWORKING I winners include: a first place oxyacetylene cart by Rusty McDaniels (not shown), Russell Rickert and Brandon Allison with a round bale mover that took first and a Best in State award, Robert Sepeda who took a first with his dolly (not shown), and Eddie Maldonado with his second place barbecue grill.

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Linda
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DIMMITT JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS TENNIS participants included: (front, from left) Kelsey Welch, who won first in district in seventh grade singles, Stacey Casas, who won second in seventh grade singles, and Rae Odom and Sally Stahl, who won second in-

trict in seventh grade doubles; and (back from left) Lyndsey Heard, Kylie Webb, Rachal Harman, who won first at district in eighth grade singles, Lori Schulte, Mary Bradley and Heather Black.



DIMMITT JUNIOR HIGH BOYS TENNIS participants included: (front, from left) Jason Riggs and Gabriel Garcia, first in district in seventh grade doubles; and (back, from left) Raul Casas, Chris

Reynolds, Zack McClure, Ryan Hays, and Jeremy Bishop, who was third at district in seventh grade singles.

One is treated, two arrested after fight

A fight in Dimmitt last Thursday night sent one victim to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment and resulted in the arrest of two people.

A call about a fight in progress in the 400 block of Northwest Second reported that beer bottles were being thrown. A police officer said some of the persons fighting also had bats.

A person was picked up by the Emergency Medical Service and taken to Plains Memorial Hospital. While the victim was being examined and treated, another person came into the emergency room waiting area and began talking loudly and cursing. Officers there asked the suspect to quiet down and noted that the suspect had the odor of an alcoholic beverage on him. He reportedly began acting in a disruptive manner again, and was arrested for

disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

In connection with the same incident, a suspect was jailed on assault/bodily injury charges.

Kenneth Heard told deputies last Thursday that someone had taken a two-way radio repeater from a grain elevator leg. He said he paid \$2,029 for the repeater in 1981, and a replacement would cost about \$4,000. He said he first noticed it was missing May 7 when he had transmission difficulties with his radio system.

An incident of domestic violence was reported at 9:20 p.m. May 3 in Hart. A woman told deputies her brother had assaulted her by hitting her with his hands.

Monday afternoon, Juan Botello Campos told police that someone shot a vehicle windshield and house window belonging to Roberto Soto. Damage to the windshield was estimated at \$200 and replacement cost of the window was \$40.

A Dimmitt woman told police that someone had been peeping in her living room window. The incident is still under investigation.

Avery Thrasher complained to police Sunday that someone had removed a driver side mirror valued at \$500 from a 1997 Chevrolet pickup at his place of business.

Johnny James Buentello of Amarillo, the member of a band, told police that some suspects had paid for the services of the band with a bad check.

Ismael Flores told police last Thursday that someone had damaged a guard rail on a truck belonging to Steere Tank Lines.

A 20-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for public intoxication after he was found passed out in a vehicle in the 300 block of South Street early Sunday.

A Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed Wednesday morning on charges of failure to stop and render aid, damages over \$200, a Class B Misdemeanor. DPS Trooper David Bratton reported that the suspect had been driving a 1982 Toyota pickup Friday night at Roadside, and backed without safety, striking a 1987 Oldsmobile driven by Melissa Ivy of Dimmitt. The suspect left the scene. No injuries were reported.

Three accidents were reported in the past week:

April 30, at 5:33 p.m. Diana Ledesma Castillo of Hart was driving a 1984 Ford LTD south on Northwest Eighth. She had stopped for a stop sign at the intersection with Halsell, then proceeded, but pulled into the path of a 1991 Toyota driven by Jacy Noel Buckley of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported, but damage to both vehicles was rated moderate to heavy.

On May 7 at 9:20 p.m., Raymond Ray Gonzales of Dimmitt was driving a 1993 Chevy pickup and backed out of a driveway in the 100 block of Northwest Sixth Street and struck a parked unattended 1996 Mercury Sable belonging to Hector Ledesma and Jesusa Sandoval.

Damage to the pickup was light, while the car had moderate damage. No injuries were reported.

Friday afternoon, Martha Gay Clark of Dimmitt was attempting to parallel park in the 100 block of South Broadway, when her 1992 Chevy van struck the front left quarter of a parked, unattended 1992 Chrysler LeBaron belonging to Jessie Campos of Dimmitt. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Hospital board canvasses vote

The hospital board canvassed the vote from the May 3 trustee election last Thursday, but postponed election of officers until trustee Carolyn Sides returns from an out-of-state trip.

Sides, Jerry Annen and Henry Ramaekers were elected unopposed to new terms on the board. Sides and Annen are incumbents and Ramaekers is a recent appointee to the seat vacated by the death of James Welch.

The final returns, made official by the board's acceptance, showed Sides with 408 votes, Annen with 389 and Ramaekers with 369 in the county-wide totals.

Returns by polling site were: Dimmitt: Annen 195, Sides 193, Ramaekers 175.

Hart: Sides 115, Ramaekers 95, Annen 94.

Nazareth: Annen 83, Sides 82, Ramaekers 80.

Absentee: Ramaekers 19, Sides 18, Annen 17.

Maria Triana, hospital insurance clerk and Notary Public, administered the oath of office to Annen and Ramaekers. Sides is to be sworn in at the board's next meeting.

Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan notified the board that the hospital district is replacing five of its eight photocopiers, keeping those that are still trouble-free and have the lowest cost-per-copy ratio.

He said Dimmitt Office Supply submitted the best offer "by far" through a lease plan which Xerox offers to government offices.

Total lease payment for all copiers will increase from \$1,650 to \$1,760 per month, he said.

Some of the district's photocopiers turn out as many as 11,000 copies per month, Sloan noted.

Although no motion was needed, the board voted to approve the lease plan.

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Obituaries

Walter Hollums

Services for Walter Davis Hollums, 90, of Loydada were held May 9 in Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Clark Williams, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Floyd County Memorial Park.

He was the brother of Roy Hollums of Dimmitt.

Hollums died May 6, in Lakeside Rehabilitation & Care Center in Lubbock.

He was born Sept. 6, 1906, in Anson. He married Leila Gertrude Bartlett on Dec. 19, 1925, in Plainview. She died in 1985. He was a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge and First United Methodist Church.

He was a farmer, a Floyd County Sheriff for 16 years, and a justice of the peace, retiring in 1984. Two sons, Melvin and Eugene, preceded him in death.

Survivors include a son, Don of Evergreen, Colo.; a sister, Elizabeth Newton of Lubbock; two brothers, Roy of Dimmitt and John of Weatherford; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.



BISHOP JOHN W. YANTA (center) of Amarillo pours consecrated oil on the altar at Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in dedication ceremonies held Saturday evening. Bishop Yanta led

in the ceremonies, which were for blessings on recent renovations at the church. Assisting him are (left) Julian Velo, altar server, and Fr. Guillermo Morales (right), pastor.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Robertson re-elected to state soil and water conservation board

Paul E. Robertson of Hale Center was re-elected to serve a two-year term on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Robertson represents District One, which consists of 51 counties in the Panhandle and South Plains regions of the state. State District One encompasses 49 soil and water conservation districts.

The chief responsibility of the board is to coordinate the programs of Texas' 214 soil and water conservation districts. In addition, it is the lead agency in Texas for programs relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural non-point source pollution.

Unlike many state agencies and commissions whose policy making bodies are gubernatorial appointees, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board consists of five elected members who must be landowners and actively engaged in farming or ranching. Board members are elected in a convention type election by Soil and Water Conservation District directors in the State District the board member represents.

A longtime soil and water conservationist, Robertson presently serves on the board of directors of the Hale

County Soil and Water Conservation District. He has been a member of the Hale County Soil and Water Conservation District since May 1979.

A cotton, corn, soybean and hybrid seed producer, Robertson is owner and operator of Mar-Pat Cotton, Inc., in Lamb County. He also founded and operates the Paul E. Robertson Insurance Agency, which provides agricultural crop insurance to area farmers.

In other agricultural areas, Robertson is a past member of the board of directors of the Texas Cotton Ginners Association, serving for 10 years. He holds membership in the Plains Cotton Growers Association. He also served six years on the board of directors of the Texas Independent Cotton Ginners Association.

Robertson also is past-president of the Hale County Farm Bureau and has served in all elected positions of the organization.

A veteran of World War II, Robertson served in the European Theater and in the China-Burma-India Theater. He is a deacon in the First Baptist Church of Cotton Center and has served six years on the Executive Board of the Texas Baptist General Convention.

County 4-H'ers place at District Roundup

Twenty-eight Castro County 4-Hers competed in the District 2 4-H Roundup held at Levelland on May 3.

These 4-Hers represented Castro County in their different contests. The following are the results of such contests.

In the method demonstration category, Sage Annen placed second in the Agronomy Division, Adriene Hart got first in Junior Clothing and Jaci Bishop placed second in Junior II Clothing.

Also, Charley Nutt and Lyndee Behrends were first in the Farm and Ranch Economics division. Jeremy Bishop was first in Focus on Health, and Melanie Davis finished fourth in Junior II Food and Nutrition. Vanessa Wilhelm placed second in Senior Food and Nutrition.

Kaci Schulte and Tonya Powers were second in Senior Housing and Environment. Jody Stovall finished second in Junior II Meat Science, while Garrett Behrends and Michael Horn placed first in Junior I Poultry. Holly Lane finished first in the

Junior II Promote 4-H Category and Ross and Ryan Hunter took first place in the Junior Rabbit division. Cory Lane was fourth in the Junior II Safety and Accident Prevention Category, and Aaron Hart finished first in Junior II Sheep and Goats.

Andy Williams and Jay Lindley coached the Entomology teams this year. The Senior team, consisting of Mitchell Brockman, Matthew Kern, Jessica Kern and James Wilhite, placed third at the District 2 contest. Junior II 4-Hers involved in the entomology contests were Aaron Kern and Timothy Braddock.

Both the Senior and Junior II Consumer Decision Making Teams placed third in District 2 competition. The Senior Team was made up of Vanessa Wilhelm, Susan Book, Melanie Book and Jill Ramaekers.

The Junior II Team consisted of Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Holly Lane and Bryce Pohlmeier. Jaci Bishop also competed in the Junior II division as an individual. Nicole Heard participated in the Consumer Decision Making Contest as a Junior entrant.

All Senior Level competitors who placed first or second in their respective category qualified for State 4-H Roundup to be held in College Station, June 2-6.

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No matter. Joey earned four trips to state and has a gold medal. So he, too, is in a class by himself in the DHS record books.

(When Joey won his state championship in '94, Kim Thomas also won state in the girls' 400. At that time, the CCN reported that they were believed to be Dimmitt High School's only state gold-medal winners in track since the boys' mile relay team of 1951. No one has disputed that claim.)

Dimmitt High's boys' 1,600m relay team—D. J. Fleeks, Casey Smith, Zack Matthews, Joey Flores and alternates Jerry Thomas and John Paul Ramos—also had the thrill of competing in the state track meet Saturday. They finished seventh in their race.

Coach Lanny Crow and his boys put together the school's most successful track and field season in almost 20 years.

Quote of the week, as reported by *US News & World Report*:

When a reporter asked Cleova Sorenson of Hatton, N.D., why she opened her home to two strangers who were victims of the big flood at nearby Grand Forks, she responded: "You're not from around here, are you?"

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pick up the slack. Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker also told Rowland he would be willing to help maintain Pct. 1 roads until Rowland's crew was back 100%.

Dover Elevators inspected the elevator in the courthouse and recommended some work on it, but neglected to give an estimate of the costs of repairs. Commissioners tabled the item, pending more information and a bid proposal.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales suggested the county and other taxing entities like the schools and cities in the county, hold a surplus auction on city-wide garage sale day, which will be June 7.

Commissioners agreed that the idea was a good one, and authorized Gonzales to coordinate the county's participation in the sale.

In other action, commissioners:
 ♦Agreed to allow Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. to install new indoor-outdoor carpet on the courthouse steps.
 ♦Approved a bond for Mitch McDonough.
 ♦Adopted a personnel policy, effective July 1, 1997.

'World's biggest cotton patch' threatened by weevils

Unless each farmer protects his fields, boll weevils may take a big bite out of yields and profits in the "the world's biggest cotton patch," the more than three million acres around Lubbock which is annually planted to the crop, warn entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"We're looking at a \$100-million to \$200-million cost across the (20-county) area for individual farmers to battle the increased weevil problem this year," said Dr. James Leser, Extension Service cotton entomologist.

Farmers with weevil problems will have to pay from \$32 to \$60 an acre, depending upon the number of times they have to spray, he projected. "Even with this level of control we will still have yield losses (from the weevil)," he said. "On 75-cent (a pound) cotton, that could average \$31 an infested acre."

Boll weevil traps monitoring the emergence of weevils which overwintered following last year's crop snared "significantly more weevils in April than ever before," said Dr. Don Rummel, Experiment Station entomologist who has been tracking and studying the pest here for almost 30 years.

"We're seeing a more cold-hardy weevil," Rummel said. "All early indications are that this may be the greatest boll weevil population ever on the High Plains."

"The only thing that can moderate that," said Leser, "is a poor growing season for cotton. What's good for cotton is also good for the weevil."

He said scientific research and experience show three things: "The boll weevil is definitely overwintering everywhere across the High Plains that we're trapping; it is continuing to spread across the area, and the infestations are increasing in magnitude."

"This is the first year that many producers who have doubts about the presence of weevils will become believers."

In 1994 the legislature created the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation with authority to assess growers to pay the control efforts. Regional programs were established on consent of growers in various production regions.

The High Plains eradication effort began in 1995 with an expansion of the Plains Cotton Growers' (PCG) 30 year-old diapause weevil control program which had delayed the pest's advance into the area.

With funding from assessments by the foundation, that expanded program sprayed more than five million acres of cotton at a cost of \$12.5 million in 1995. But in 1996 many growers objected to the fees and refused to pay their assessments. Ten filed a lawsuit against the foundation. As a result, only 3 million acres of the 6.5 million needing treatment were sprayed.

Then on April 30, the Texas Supreme Court ruled that while the assessment was legal, the legislature had given the foundation an unconstitutionally broad delegation of authority, ending the statewide effort. On May 2, the PCG Boll Weevil Steering Committee canceled all plans for its diapause weevil spray program this fall.

"We're still capable of running a program, but we've lost the ability to

collect the fees to pay for it," said Roger Haldenby, who heads the control programs for PCG. "The weevil is going to make an assessment on High Plains cotton in 1997, no matter what the law says."

"Without an area-wide spray program, cotton farmers are going to need all the information they can get," Haldenby said. "We will provide all possible information for producers to conduct their own individual control efforts."

"The Agri-Partners program of the Extension Service will continue monitoring traps in 21 counties. PCG also will run some traplines for the pest. Findings from these traps, along with additional reports from county agents and private crop consultants, will be publicized weekly."

Overwintered weevil trapping is conducted from April through July. "Over the years we usually see the peak emergence (of overwintering weevils) in late May to mid-June," Rummel said.

"We've only trapped for one month, but in many counties we've already caught more weevils than we caught for the entire emergence period of 1995 and 1996," Leser said. They aren't emerging early, just in record numbers, he stressed, and have appeared as far north as Randall County, at the upper edge of the producing area.

"North of Lubbock it will be much like what producers south of Lubbock faced last year," the extension entomologist said.

Rummel said hope that two periods of cold weather last winter had devastated the weevils was false. "We had some very low air temperatures, which we as humans noticed. But what counts for the boll weevil is the temperature down where he is, below the leaf litter and ground trash." That's where the researchers measured temperatures, he said.

The cold period in mid-December was accompanied by dry weather and "did us some good," Rummel acknowledged. But the mid-January cold spell was different, he said.

"During that period we had a snow cover. At our (monitoring) site on the Texas Tech campus, for example, the air temperature was 9 to 10 degrees. But under the snow cover, where we were measuring under the leaf litter (where the weevils were), it was only in the high 20s. That caused very little (weevil) mortality."

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the laundry there for people to use, and we regret having to close it. I hate to see a business that's been there 30 years go out. I know it's going to be an inconvenience for a lot of people who really need a laundry close by. I just don't know what to tell people to do, but it's out of my hands."

Since renovating the shopping center into a clinic two years ago, the hospital district has added Hospice Care offices, a classroom and a meeting room, and has plans to expand the education complex and perhaps add a medical equipment leasing facility, as well as accommodations for more doctors.

Three physicians now practice at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, and Dr. Gary R. Hardee will move his practice into the clinic this summer. The hospital board also is actively seeking a fifth physician to practice there.

Barrios is named Student of the Week

Raul Barrios has been named Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

He is the son of Debbie and Ray Sanchez. He was born in Dimmitt and wants to be a professional football player when he grows up.

His favorite food is pizza and his favorite animal is a monkey. He says that his favorite book is *Pippi Longstocking*. He wishes he were better at English, and he admires teachers. He enjoys helping the teachers in his free time.

He likes Dimmitt Middle School because of the teachers.



AMERICAN HISTORY AP STUDENTS at Dimmitt High School compiled "museum" displays as a special project for their class. The gathered items are on display at the high school library. Students chose their own subject area and then narrowed it down, selecting a time period between 1920 and the present.

This group chose transportation and then narrowed it down to "muscle cars." Group members who worked on the display are (from left) Jeremy Hargrove, Andy Hill, Mekesha Atchley and Juary Cavazos. The class is taught by Dana Beck.

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