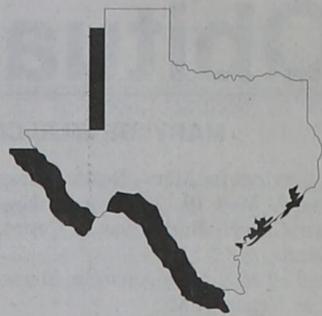


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Hale County 4-H Shooting Sports is sponsoring a Turkey Shoot at the trap field located 1/4 mile west of Excel on County Road 50 and 1/4 mile south on turnrow at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 25. For more information, call Pete Chambliss at 296-9277.

With summer on the way, students will need a Verification of Enrollment (VOE) from high school in order to renew their permits or licenses. Students can get it before school is out and it will be good for the summer. Bring the VOE to the Dimmitt Drivers License Office in the courthouse Thursday or Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those are the hours for the drivers license bureau until further notice. If a student is turning 18 years old, they won't need the VOE.

It's not too late! The Home Mercantile is still looking for various old photos to assemble its "History of Dairy Farming" exhibit by the July 12 date of the Nazareth German Festival. Please try to write a small descriptive caption with any photos. Anyone who has photos or is interested in working on this project can contact Norma Schacher at 806-945-2586.

Saturday, June 7, is the date that's been set for Dimmitt's 16th annual City-Wide Garage Sale, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

The charge for participating in the event and being listed on the directory is \$10 per resident. This fee also covers the cost of the yard sign, which is given to each participant. Booth spaces are available for rent downtown for \$35 each. Business card sized ads around the outer edges of the sale directory are available for \$25 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information is available from the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford St., or by calling 647-2524.

Elected to state office



NEW TSA TREASURER: Jinna Wright has been elected state treasurer for TSA for 2003-2004. As an officer, she will attend the National TSA Conference in Orlando, Fla., June 25-29. Jinna and her classmates recently returned from the state competition with numerous awards. For details and photos, please see pages 8 and 9.

Hospital will stop delivering babies

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

Some 35 pregnant women were recently notified by Castro County Healthcare that they must find other hospitals and doctors to deliver their babies, according to Linda Rasor, executive director.

"We'll be stopping our OB services as far as delivery on May 31," Rasor said. "The decision was reached by the board."

A letter, dated May 5, told the women that the District "will no longer be delivering obstetrics patients."

"With the loss of Dr. Joplin's services, we do not have a second surgeon available within 30 minutes of the hospital to do an emergency caesarian section," the letter said in part. It gives the women the names of three doctors in Hereford, three in

Town meeting held, Page 11

Plainview; as well as two healthcare centers in Amarillo.

Doctors at the clinic will be able to diagnose a pregnancy and start women on their vitamins, but pre-natal services will have to be done elsewhere, Rasor said. She said the hospital district has had some feedback about the decision. "For some it's a problem and for others it's an inconvenience because they'll have to go out of town."

That's an understatement, according to Jo Campbell, whose daughter, LaDawna and her husband Adam Anglin, are expecting their second child in September. With

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PLAY BALL!

MARIE HOWELL, LEFT, threw out the first ball Monday night as Dimmitt Kids Inc. 2003 got under way. At right is catcher Isidro Rodriguez of the Rangers who was a the plate. Center is Sal Ortiz, organizer. Some 250 kids on 19 teams showed up for the first night of play. The park is named after Howell's late husband, George, one of the original organizers.



Memorial Day events scheduled

At least three events have been set in Castro County for Memorial Day, Monday May 26.

VFW Post No. 8056 will have a free Memorial Day breakfast at 7 a.m., Monday May 26. At 7:30, there will be a flag raising and program by County Judge Bill Sava. The public is invited.

The post recently elected new officers for 2003-2004. They are: Commander, Bill Klein; Senior Vice-President, Jay Lee Touchstone; Junior Vice-President, Jack Ebeling; Quartermaster, Craig Fuller; Judge Advocate, Robert Perez; Chaplain, Ted Stubblefield; and Trustee, Lynn West.

Also, the Castro Memorial Garden Cemetery Work Day Service will be from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Monday. At 10 a.m., there will be a meeting and three members will be elected. Everyone is invited to come and bring work tools. Donations would also be appreciated.

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Council takes no action on employee plan

The Dimmitt City Council met in the Alderman's Chambers of city hall Monday evening. The first item on the agenda was that of a presentation by Edward D Jones' Kevin Knight related to the employee's 457 plan. The 457 plan is similar to a 401K retirement plan for hospitals and government entities. The plan would be

voluntary and allow up to \$12,000 in contributions per year by the employee. All contributions would be tax deferred.

Jones would charge \$750 per year to manage the accounts with an initial charge of \$500 for taking over the plan. These amounts are applicable up to 30 employees. No action was

taken by the council at this time.

Linda Rasor was on hand representing Castro County Healthcare requesting unspecified amounts in order to purchase three new ambulances as well as three new EKG monitors. Of the three present ambulances, one has 80,000 miles and the other two have in access of

100,000 miles each.

According to Rasor, "I don't need any operational money at this point."

Jay Forrester, EMS director stated, "This is not an essential service." The ambulances make 39-40 runs per month and require approximately \$200,000 per year to operate.

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Castro County pictorial history to be published

Castro County News will publish a hard-bound pictorial history book of the county.

The book, planned for release by Christmas 2003, will be a library-quality hard-bound collectors edition, featuring 96 pages of old photos and text depicting the history of Castro County.

"We feel Castro County is such a charming place, so rich in history, that people would love a historical keepsake like this," said editor and publisher Chris Bradford.

In addition to the standard hard-bound version, a limited

edition, leather-bound, collectors version will be available. No more than 50 numbered copies of this leather-bound edition will be published. It will include a custom bookplate affixed to the inside cover, which will be hand numbered.

To reserve a copy of "A Pictorial History of Castro County," you may do so by sending or bringing in your order now. The standard version is \$34.95 plus \$2.88 tax per copy. The first 500 to order will receive a \$10 discount, making your copy cost only \$24.95 plus \$2.06 tax. The limited edition will be \$75 plus \$6.19 tax.



Ribbon-cutting at Liberty Theatre

GRAND-OPENING: Chamber of Commerce members, as well as employees got together recently for the ribbon-cutting of the refurbished Liberty Theatre. They are, left to right: Roger Malone, Dimmitt Printing; Don Sheffy, City Manager; Sharon Self, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce; Jackie Shroyer; Chris Bradford, Castro County News; Brent Shroyer; and Jake Wright, Mindy Maxwell and Dalton Fisher, employees. The Shroyers bought the theatre recently after moving here from Colorado. Matrix Reloaded is currently showing.

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Scripture

"As for me, I said in my prosperity, 'I shall never be moved.' By thy favor, O Lord, thou hadst established me as a strong mountain; thou didst hide thy face, I was dismayed."

Psalm 30: 5-6

Castro County

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Wednesday.....	62	44
Thursday.....	85	59
Friday.....	92	55
Saturday.....	74	45
Sunday.....	89	47
Monday.....	104	54
Tuesday.....	79	44

Readings taken every day at 7:00 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Station Service

May moisture .14
2003 moisture 1.15

Obituaries

MARY 'BEATLE' CRESPIN

Services for Mary "Beatle" Crespin, 57, were at 11 a.m. Monday, May 19, 2003, at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt. She died May 15 in Amarillo. She was born Aug. 30, 1945, in Las Vegas, N.M.

Ms. Crespin moved to Dimmitt from Hereford in 1983 and moved to Amarillo in 2000. She was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She is survived by three daughters, Rachel West and Roxanne Vigil of Amarillo and Rebecca Vigil of Dimmitt; five brothers, Johnny Crespin, Al Crespin and Robert Crespin, all of Amarillo; Joe Crespin of Long Beach, Calif., and Lewis Crespin of Denver, Colo.; four sisters, Donna King and Rose Crespin, both of Amarillo; Nora Speaks of Texico, N.M., and Helen Crespin of San Angelo; and seven grandchildren.

Babies

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LaDawna out of town, Campbell talked about the problems her daughter has faced and will face up until delivery.

"I'm not knocking the hospital or the doctors, but

it's just not right for an OB patient to be told - Bam - you're got to go somewhere else because the insurance says we can't help you.

"If the doctors are OB doctors, they should be trained to do C-sections."

Council

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Winfred Shipp was on hand to show a new element that when attached to the motor of an electrical device, would create energy savings of 8 percent and up. The city ordered six of the devices, four for water well motors and two more for boosters. The total cost will be \$5,900-\$6,000.

AFLAC Insurance was on hand asking permission to present to the city employees a supplemental insurance plan that pays claims directly to the policy holder.

The council took no action. An easement was granted to Atmos Energy in order to reroute a gas line around one of Dimmitt's airport runways. The line currently runs under the runway and has frequent leaks. The present gas line is a two inch line. The new line will be a four inch poly line and will be able to accommodate increased demand from North Gin's expansion.

Dimmitt will join the city of Amarillo in protesting (called an intervention) a rate increase request by Excel Energy.

HAZEL ELSIE WILLIAMS WAGGONER



Hazel Waggoner

Hazel Elsie Williams Waggoner exchanged her 89-year-old worn and weary body for a new one Tuesday, May 13, 2003.

Hazel was born Nov. 27, 1913, in Butler, Mo., to Jesse Jewel and Frances Mary Williams. Her family moved to Kress in the 20s, then to Dimmitt, where she met a tall, handsome boy named Euleus Waggoner. They both graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1932. They were married Nov. 26, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. From this union, seven children were born, all of whom survive Hazel. They and their spouses are: Frances and Jesse Pharis of Abilene, Harold and Linda Waggoner of Cloudcroft, N.M., Winston and Judy Waggoner of Dimmitt, Alice and Larry Gamblin of Sulphur Springs, Edd and Sandra Waggoner of Lubbock, Evelyn and Rob Lindsey of Plainview and Delores and Alan Jackson of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Dora Potts of Denver, Colo., and Frances Armstrong of Arvada, Colo.; and one brother, Riehl Williams of Muleshoe. "Gammie" is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 34 great-grandchildren.

Mom and Daddy worked very hard most of their lives making a living to feed and clothe their growing family. She helped Euleus with the livestock, in addition to cooking and sewing for her family. She was an excellent cook and seamstress, stitching clothing and home decor items with professional quality. Mom learned to do without and make do with what she had. She lived through

the Great Depression by scrimping and saving.

One of the family's most cherished memories is of large family gatherings in which Mom cooked and cooked, making some dishes days ahead, and then staying up until the wee hours doing last-minute cooking. After the feast was spread out on the table and everyone had consumed their fill, humorous stories and jokes began to spin around the table and there was continuous laughter in the air for a time that seemed to last forever.

Mom had the ability to study an object, figure out how it worked, then she would fashion that object herself for whatever use it was needed. She could rewire old lamps again and again to keep them working instead of buying new ones.

Mom was a devoted wife and mother, but more importantly, she was a Christian, which was the role she took most seriously.

Because of her faithfulness, she has left behind a legacy of Christian children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, which proves what a tremendous influence she had on her family.

Mom loved little children. She could easily relate to them on their level. During

her later years, after her own children were grown, she began teaching the 4- and 5-year-old Bible school class. She thoroughly enjoyed teaching for more than 20 years. She painstakingly hand-made all of her visuals, the children's take-home work and attendance charts.

Gammie loved playing checkers, simple board games and reading books to her grandchildren. A couple of her favorite books she liked to read, and the ones her grandchildren fondly remember, complete with her voice inflections and facial expressions, was the story of Uncle Wiggly and the Skillery Skallery Alligator, and the story of the Lion and the Mouse. Her favorite songs she liked to sing to soothe a tired and fussy child as she rocked back and forth was "Little Red Bird in the Tree," or "My Little Playmate."

After devoting most of her life to raising her family, Mom decided to do something enjoyable for herself. She began painting lessons after the was 60 years old and continued the lessons through her 70s. She became quite a detail artist, painting in oils. She and her high school friend, Millicent Davis, drove to Amarillo for many years and took lessons. She usually painted duplicate pictures; one in class and one at home. With so many children in the family, the paintings were all spoken for by the time she finished each one. She looked forward to those sessions and called painting her "therapy." The last painting Mom did was in a craft class at the hospital about a year ago. It was quite primitive and childish, compared to the paintings of her past. But this last

painting of a butterfly will be as treasured and cherished as the other beautiful work she has left behind.

Mom was an uncomplicated person. She was patient, putting others before herself, making sacrifices her whole lifetime.

Until Mom became wheelchair-bound, she continuously stayed busy doing something. Her hands were never idle. She kept a daily, detailed journal for almost 20 years. Reading through her activities for just one day made one marvel at how she could have accomplished so much.

After double-knee replacement surgery 14 years ago, she was unable to walk without the aid of a walker; eventually became confined to a wheelchair; and finally, after a fall and a broken hip, she was totally unable to move about without help. She longed to be up, managing her home, and caring for Daddy, the love of her life.

Mom is free at last from that bed which held her captive for the last years of her life. We are so happy that her earthly toil is over, but the ones she left behind mourn the loss of a gentle, sweet-spirited, unselfish mother. We love you - Mama - Gammie.

Memorials may be made to In Search of the Lord's Way, P.O. Box 371, Edmond, OK., 73083.

Services were held Friday, May 16, 2003, in the Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home, Ivey Chapel, in Dimmitt, Texas. John Herrington, minister of North Main Church of Christ, Weatherford, Texas, officiated the service, assisted by Ben Scott of Dimmitt, Texas. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens, Dimmitt, Texas.

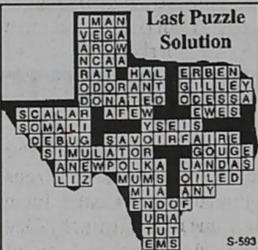
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Memorial

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In Hart, American Legion Post No. 3311 will hold its annual Memorial Day Service at Hart Cemetery at

10:30 a.m., Monday.

Roger Velasquez, pastor of Hart Pentecostal Church, will bring the message.

Following the service, there will be the annual covered

dish luncheon and business meeting of the Hart Cemetery Association at the HGG Center. The meat will be furnished by the Cemetery Association, as well as the drinks.

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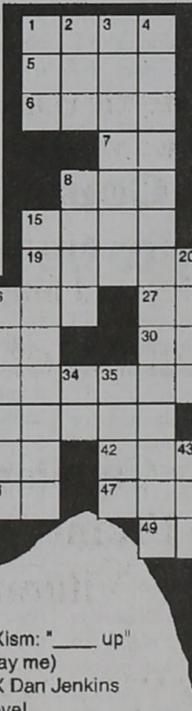
Mary Lou Lumbrera, Hispanic Voice

ACROSS

- 1 mostly in Tarrant Co. on hwy. 199
- 5 with "tender," a cut of TX beef
- 6 TXism: "mighty of" (like)
- 7 TXism: "that'll nicely"
- 8 TXism: "a flash in the"
- 9 Waco cultist Koresch thought he was the "God"
- 15 TXism: "cut from the same"
- 16 UT got to this NCAA level in '03 (2 wds.)
- 19 cent Arlington sales tax built the Ballpark
- 21 TXism: "six half a dozen of the other"
- 22 laundry time (2 wds.)
- 27 Gen. Robert
- 28 Milsap's "The Fifties Tonight"
- 29 TXism: "let the bag of the"
- 30 TWU's historic "Little Chapel" features glass windows
- 32 Worth (abbr.)
- 33 TXism: "more than skin a cat"
- 36 TX Kenny Rogers' "Can Make It On My Own"
- 37 UT has desk of Edgar Allen

- 38 Glen Rose benefit: Rhinos"
- 39 stick shift
- 41 TXism: "like red ants out of a burning stump"
- 42 this Burton wrote "Belle Starr" in '41
- 45 "no, no foul"
- 46 TX Tanya (init.)

The Original



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- 47 provide income for "chair" at a TX university
- 48 TXism: "heartbeat" (fast)
- 49 TXism for "lunches"
- 52 San Antonio AM station
- 53 "the" under the fleur-de-lis
- 54 TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- 55 org. for Cowboys & Texans

DOWN

- 1 ex-Cowboy Emmitt does commercials with this furry alien
- 2 TXism: "critter corral"
- 3 in Smith Co. on 69
- 4 Galveston event: "Dickens' Week"

- 8 TXism: "up" (pay me)
- 9 TX Dan Jenkins novel
- 10 TXism: "fits like ugly on ape"
- 11 Gov. " Ferguson
- 12 TXism: "got Romeo veins" (lover)
- 13 TX chili events: cook-
- 14 TXism: "loose and fancy free"
- 15 TXism: "that float"
- 16 TX staple: "market"
- 17 school clothing for some TX teens

- 18 leased
- 20 Monte TX
- 22 TX CBS Rather followed this Cronkite (init.)
- 23 Winters h.s. class
- 24 TX convenience: "N' Go"
- 25 Texas Stadium "Ring of"
- 26 TX Audie's "Silver Creek"

- 28 mother of TX Ginger Rogers
- 31 Wichita Falls dance hall: "TX Life"
- 34 Lucas drilled 1st Spindletop well
- 35 "days of"
- 37 "chute" or "graph" beginning
- 40 TX Rather
- 43 George H.'s "Star Wars" (abbr.)
- 44 "Our Miss Brooks" principal Osgood
- 50 Lake
- 51 husband of TX Dale Evans (init.)

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Evelyn Ann Heins, who lives in Platteburgh, N.Y., flew into Lubbock on April 29. She was here for a visit with her parents, Ben and Bernice Hill, and her brother, Benny, of Amarillo.

She attended the 45th reunion of the 1958 DHS graduating class in Amarillo May 2 and 3 at the Ambassador Hotel.

Benny came to Dimmitt Sunday and Monday and they all drove to the newly remodeled museum at Canyon. Evelyn Ann's visit was enjoyed by the entire family.

Louise Mears had a very special Mother's Day. These are her words: "My sweet niece Genell Craig took me to her favorite Mexican food place for lunch. It was delicious. Then my daughter Charlotte of Amarillo called. She and her husband, Zay Gilbreath were coming down on Sunday evening. They brought a lovely gift for me.

"Charlotte and Zay also had pictures of the Class of 1958 reunion that was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo that we enjoyed seeing.

"Genell joined the Mears family in the late afternoon of the Mother's Day get together. She brought a delicious chocolate cake with coconut and whipped cream topping

and a nice gift. I had a wonderful Mother's Day."

John and Carol Lantz have been to Nebraska to see their daughter Teresa and family. They attended granddaughter Callie's track meet and her confirmation into the United Methodist Church. Not only did they attend, but these Baptist grandparents got to participate in the ritual!

Granddaughter Becca had a soccer game. This was also a special treat for the grandparents from Texas. Carol said it was a fast weekend, but a very good early Mother's Day.

Oleda Schumacher's daughter Charlotte Rentfro, who lives in Purcell, Okla., had gallbladder surgery on Thursday morning. Oleda had received a good report before bridge club time and shared this news with us.

Mearle Morgan reports that her granddaughter Amy, her husband J. Mykutuck, and their son Benjamin came on Friday. They live in Oklahoma and are graduates of Wayland Baptist University at Plainview.

They attended the 2003 graduation ceremonies at Wayland while they were here. J's brother was one of the

graduates.

Mearle reports, "Those with me on Mother's Day were J., Amy, Benjamin and my grandson, Jonathon, all from Blanchard, Okla. And also, Randy and Renise of Dimmitt."

I want to thank the Senior Thursday Bridge Club for this news. Louise Mears called me desperate for the 12th player for Thursday's meeting. I could only go to play if they would furnish some news for "On the Go." Thank you for all the help. I enjoyed the bridge, lunch and fellowship.

Jerry and Delores Hellar spent Mother's Day with their children, Coby, and his family in Denison. Craig and his wife and children from Tishomingo, Okla., met them there.

Bo Hunter, a graduate of Nazareth High School, where he placed second in discus at the State Meet his junior and senior year, is competed in the NCAA Division II National Track Meet, set for May 24, at Edwardsville, Ill. Hunter, a third year student at Angelo State University in San Angelo, qualified in the discus. He is the son of Kim Sava of Dimmitt and Ricky Hunter of Canyon.

Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbreira 647-4266

Deacon John Nino and his wife Felis Nino were in town this weekend. It was a very special occasion for the Nino family. Luis and Crystal Nino baptized their daughter Haylie.

Deacon John was the celebrant and Luis's brother Johnny and his wife Tommie from Dalhart were the sponsors. Luis and Johnny are brothers and John and Felis's sons, which made it extra special. From out of town was Rosalita and (Charlie) Nino, John and Felis's daughter. Johnny Nino is a coach in Dalhart, and Charlie is a school teacher.

John and Felis now live in

Memphis and is a deacon there and also the chaplain at the Clements prison in Amarillo. Needless to say, he is a very busy man. Congratulations Luis and Crystal!

Angie Arguijo is doing much better after her illness. Thanks to many people of this wonderful town. Prayers were offered, kind words were given and Angie is so very grateful to many people. She said that she couldn't believe just how many people care about her. Her husband Josh has been by her side, every step of the way, along with her sister Elidia Dozal and family; her

dad Frank Mendoza Sr.; brothers Frank & Nacho and their families, the Arguijo families. Most of all to God, for hearing all of their prayers and allowing her to get over her illness.

She expresses her love to everyone and thank everyone for all their prayers.

Frank and Lisa Aleman from Amarillo sent me an e-mail the other day and here's what they have to say: "We are former Dimmitt residents and just wanted to let you know that our Mother's Day weekend was a great one for us. Our grandson Adrian D Guzman (son of Richard

Guzman) finished track season on Saturday May 10 and he got two first ribbons and two second ribbons and on Sunday, (Mothers Day), our son Richard Guzman had a great cookout for us. My sister Lupe Perez and her family from Olton, came over and my other sister Janie Mireles and her family, from here in Amarillo, came over also, as well as Richard's girlfriend, Zeniada Almendarez, and we all had a good time eating and playing games and enjoying our grandkids. We went to school in Dimmitt with Chevo (Lumbreira) way back when!!!

"Also on Friday May 9, we

all went to Lubbock to our granddaughter's Raquel J. Guzman's confirmation mass, that was pretty good too. There were 75 kids that made their confirmation as well. Afterwards, we took Raquel out to eat at River Smith's there in Lubbock. We enjoyed the company and conversation.

"I also wanted to tell you I really enjoy your Hispanic Voice article, it was about time you all did something like that here in Dimmitt. Keep up the good work and good luck. Blessings to all. Frank & Lisa Aleman."

Prayers are needed for Angie Arguijo, Alysa

Monreal, Maria Aleman, Rita Aleman, Marcelina Acevedo, Ricarda Acevedo, Julia Aguilar, Marcelo Aguilar and the military who have not come home yet.

I invite anyone who has an announcement, birthday, quinceanera, anniversary, going away, retirement, graduation party, anything you would like for me to print in the Hispanic Voice, I need to hear from you.

Please call me at 647-4266 or e-mail me at Middleace1966@Yahoo.com. Thanks and keep reading the Castro County News and thanks for the compliments ya'll, Your so nice to me!! Please call me!

Naz News with Virgie Gerber 945-2669

Baccalaureate was celebrated Sunday morning in Holy Family Church honoring 24 Seniors and 24 eighth-grade class members. Father John Hickey, pastor, officiated at the mass and Deacon Jerome Brockman gave the homily, congratulating the seniors and eighth-grade class. He stressed some of the more important responsibilities of college life. After the service, Craig Birkenfeld, se-

nior class president, thanked everyone who in any way had helped the class achieve its goal. Kim Brockman, junior class president, congratulated the seniors and eighth-grade class.

A breakfast was later served to the senior class at the school cafeteria, hosted by their parents.

The senior class then enjoyed a party at Shelby Wilhelm's home, hosted by

Rocky and Dianne Wilhelm. Many games were thoroughly enjoyed and for a very hot afternoon, two tanks of good, cold water were really attractive. Also, lots of good food and refreshments.

The eighth-grade class also enjoyed a party during the afternoon at Matt Birkenfeld's home, hosted by Greg and Glenda Birkenfeld.

Games were enjoyed but the swimming pool was the main attraction on a very hot afternoon. An egg-throwing contest was a lot of fun with Stacy Gerber and Brandon Wilhelm the winners. Somehow, teachers and sponsor Amy Huseman were "class egged" - wonder how she will get her revenge? Everyone enjoyed lots of fun as Bruce Braddock did a great job of barbecuing - of course, he had lots of help from the other dads.

Sunday evening, the Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the Center for a great meal and games. This meal was special as some of the men prepared it for a belated Mothers Day celebration.

Father John donated a ham and Alvin Kleman furnished the plastic silverware - wonder why? A big thanks to all who helped - it was great! May birthdays recognized were Betty Acker, Fritz Gerber, Shirley Whitehead, Catherine Hochstein and Wilton Whitehead. We were told to remember Michael Schacher is now a resident of the Dimmitt Nursing Home and Jose Sharp is in the Tulia Nursing Home.

Relatives and friends at-

tended the wedding celebration of Justin Braddock and Stephanie Garcia on Saturday afternoon at Holy Family Church with Father John Hickey officiating. Reception and dance followed at the Community Hall.

Fritz and Julene Gerber visited family in Wichita Falls last week and then went on to Waco to watch their granddaughter, Danielle Wilhelm, daughter of Neal and Colleen Wilhelm play in TAPPS-3A State Softball playoffs. They lost 2-1 to a team from San Antonio. Danielle is the team pitcher - she had 12 strikeouts in the game. Her record on the season was 14-3. Grandmother Betty Wilhelm was also there. She had two granddaughters playing, Danielle Wilhelm and Cassie Schmucker, daughter of Gene and Michelle Schmucker of Wichita Falls. Both girls made all-tournament State Team and First Team All State.

Danielle made District 3A TAPPS MVP and Cassie made first team All-District.

Fritz and Julene then went to Fort Worth to attend their grandson, Taylor Wych's, son of Lori Wych and Jon

Wych, first communion at Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Worth on Sunday morning. They also recently went to Dumas for their grandson, Rylan Gerber's, son of Chris and Kelly Gerber, first communion at St. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. Grandparents Roger and Edna Schilling of Dimmitt also attended.

Jimmie Schulte, Lou and Brad Wethington and Sara Schulte spent a week in Nashville, Tenn., with Jimmie's daughter, Jeanna Williams and family. Jimmie's grandson, Johnathon Williams, graduated from high school on Friday evening. Jimmie's niece, Marlene and Ken Vandergrift from Dayton, Ohio, also attended. All enjoyed being together for a wonderful visit. Everything is so green and the abundance of flowers are beautiful. So much rain!

Prayers are asked for David Noble, Rosemary Wilhelm, Leona Maurer, Michael Schacher, Alice Palazzini, Joe Schmucker, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman and Katy Ivey.



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Gonzales graduates from ENMU

Valerie Rose Gonzales, a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Eastern New Mexico University in Portales on May 12, with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and a minor in reading.

She is the daughter of Roy and Robin Gonzales of Dimmitt.

During her career at Eastern, she worked as a learning facilitator/mentor for freshman seminar classes and as a greyhound guide for freshman Green, and Silver breakthrough. She is a member of Eastern New Mexico Student Council of

Exceptional Children, as well as the National Reading Associating.

She was on the Academic Honor Roll, as well as the Dean's List all four year. She was inducted into alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society her freshman year and named vice-president in 2001 and junior advisor in 2002. She was awarded the ENMU Lone Star Scholarship all four years, the Hall Reed Tunnel Scholarship in 2001 and the Dessie Rierson Langston Memorial Scholarship in 2002. She has been selected as one of two elementary education majors to attend the New Mexico Teacher Excellence



Valerie Gonzales

Convention in Taos this June. She plans to seek a career in teaching in Texas, as well as continuing graduate studies.

People



Mr. and Mrs. Greg Rhodes
Garcia - Rhodes

Clarisa Garcia and Greg Rhodes were married April 26, 2003, at Grace Covenant Church in Austin with Dr. Matt Cassidy officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Francisco and Lilia Garcia of Rochester, Minn. The groom is the son of Howard and Belinda Rhodes of Dimmitt. Grandparents of the bride are Emilia Garcia and Jose and Lilia Vazquez.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and wore a white, satin spaghetti-strap A-line beaded wedding gown with a lace overlay bodice and train.

Matron of honor was Lisa Van Allen of Austin. Bridesmaids were Stephanie Green of San Antonio; Alicia Hampton of Arlington, MA.; Tsh Oxenreider of Austin; Amber Peacock, sister of the groom, of Mechanicsville, Va.; Jen Peterson of Colleyville; Kristi Saxman; and Casey Stefan. Best man was Jeff Rhodes, brother of the groom of Odessa. Groomsmen were Clayton Cozart of Lamesa; Gabe Garcia, brother of the bride, of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Paul Hildebrandt of Longview; Jeff Nuckols of Marvel; Jeff Suggs of Bullard; and Thomas Supercinski of Austin. Honorary groomsmen were Brandon Jones, who is serving in Kuwait, and Lane Watson, who is serving in Central Asia. Flower girl was Melody Peacock, niece of the groom, of Mechanicsville, Va. Ushers were John Hampton of Arlington, MA.; and Jim McClarty, Kyle Oxenreider and Paul Van Allen, all of Austin.

Pianist was Sharon Hampton; soloists were David Wilcox and Kelly Reed.

The reception was held at the Texas Women's Federation Building ballroom in Austin where the guests were served a buffet. Entertainment was provided by a mariachi band and a disk jockey.

After a wedding cruise to the Caribbean, the couple will live in Austin.

She is a graduate of Pflugerville High School and has a master of business administration/marketing from Texas A&M University. The groom is a graduate of Klondike High School in Lamesa and has a bachelor of science in animal husbandry and a master of science in agronomy both from Texas A&M University.



Kourtney Lenette Robertson & Wade T. Johnson
Robertson-Johnson

Kourtney Lenette Robertson and Wade Townsend Johnson announce their engagement to be married August 16 at the First Baptist Church in Canyon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jeff and Karen Robertson of Canyon, formerly of Dimmitt. Grandparents are Pat and the late Maynard Boykin of Amarillo and Ray and Joanis Robertson of Dimmitt.

The prospective groom is the son of Terri Jan Johnson of Friona, formerly of Hereford, and the late Terry R. Johnson. Grandparents are Fannie Townsend and the late Johnie M. Townsend of Hereford and the late Doc and Ginny Johnson of Plainview.

She is a 1998 graduate of Nazareth High School and graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2002 with a Business Administration in Finance degree.

He is a 1994 graduate of Hereford High School and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1998 with an Animal Science degree. He is employed by Micro Beef Technologies of Amarillo as a project specialist.

Harman named to Dean's List

Rachal Harman has been named to the Dean's List at Eastern New Mexico University for the spring semester. To be listed, a student must maintain a 3.25 GPA with a load of at least 12 hours. She had a 3.75 GPA and is a junior psychology major with a minor in social work. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi Band fraternity and is the club's

historian. She is the administration assistant for the band department under the guidance of director Dustin Seifert.

She was the recipient of the Dr. Roy Morgan Memorial Scholarship for the outstanding psychology major. She also received the general music scholarship, the Greyhound Sound Marching Band Scholarship and the Lone Star Academic Scholarship.

She graduated from DHS in 2001 and is the daughter of Billy and Carolyn Harman and the granddaughter of Bea Cole of Hart and Bill and Paula Harman.

Who's New in 2003

Shelby Ray Annen

Jon Mac and Lesly Bosch Annen announce the birth of their daughter Shelby Ray, born at 3:31 p.m., Sunday, March 3, 2003, at The Medical Center of Arlington in Arlington. She weighed 9-pounds, 2-ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Proud big brother is Garrett Hans, 3. Grandparents are Claude and Brenda Annen of Celina; Al and Sue Frisch of Newhall, Calif.; and Vivian Bosch of St. Augustine, Fla. Great-grandparents are Bob and Mozelle Mosier of Fritch; Jack and June Harvey of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and Helen Frisch of Hemet, Calif. Great-great aunt and uncle are Billy and Sybil Miller of Spearman.

Annen is the agronomy manager for Red River Farm Co-op in Gainesville. She is the Director of Development for the University of Texas at Arlington's School of Education. The family lives in North Richland Hills.

Six Castro County students graduate from Amarillo College

AMARILLO - More than 1,000 students, including six from Castro County, graduated from Amarillo College between the Fall 2002 and Summer 2003 terms.

More than 800 walked across the stage at the Civic Center on May 9 to receive diplomas and certificates.

They include Brian K. Conyers of Dimmitt, Fall 2002, associated of applied

science; Kristi Meranda Leal of Dimmitt, Spring 2003, associate in science; Tanner Griffith of Dimmitt, Spring 2003, certificate of completion; Miranda Suzanne Gfeller of Dimmitt, Summer 2003, associate in science; Tanner Griffith of Dimmitt, Summer 2003, certificate of completion; and Tanya Kay Wethington of Nazareth, Summer 2003, associate in science.

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Church News

How do you deal with temptation?

All of us are tempted daily to do something or some things that we shouldn't do. Sometimes we fail and yield to the temptation and other times we overcome the temptation by not giving in to it. Our enemy, the devil, is a liar (John 8:44) and deceiver (II Cor. 2:11) and he's bombarding us with as many temptations as he can. The devil's goal is to destroy every Christian's relationship with God by leading them into a life of sin through numerous temptations. It is clear to me that we need to know how to handle temptations when they come our way because they certainly will come our way.

The question we would do well to ask and answer is how did Jesus handle temptation? First of all, we need

to know that the Bible teaches that Jesus was tempted just as we are today. "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin." (Heb. 4:15) We see that Jesus was tempted but He never yielded himself to the temptation by giving in to it. You and I will not succeed as Jesus did by not ever sinning but we still should, and need, to strive to not take part in sin.

I believe the key to everything is how you handle it. Whether it is a church problem, family problem, a simple misunderstanding or a temptation, the key is how you respond



Chuck Ball

and handle the situation. Jesus is our best example in handling temptation in that He handled every temptation the same way and the correct way. In Matthew 4:1-11, the devil tempted Jesus with three different temptations and Jesus answered all of them with the words, "It is written ..." Jesus answered every single temptation by quoting Scripture.

There can't possibly be a better way to answer the devil's temptations than with God's Word. Two questions I'll leave with you to ponder. How do you handle the temptations the devil uses against you? Finally, do you know the Bible well enough to answer your temptations the way that Jesus did?

Becoming a peace-MAKER and not a peace-BREAKER

By The Rev. Doris Huckert
Are you a peace-MAKER, peace-BREAKER or peace-FAKER?

James 3:18 "Those who are peace-makers will plant the seeds of peace and reap a harvest of goodness."

Peace means right relationships between man and man and between man and God.

People sometimes attempt desperate means to find inner peace.

A mother abandons her husband and children; a man quits his job; a young person submits to peer pressure to try alcohol and drugs as ways that promise a seemingly new beginning.

As God washes us clean in the blood of the Lamb from our sins, we emerge as new creatures in Christ.

II Corinthians 5:17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Inner peace and peace with others are dependent on our peace with God.

Our PEACEMAKER calls us to be peace-MAKERS. Many times we struggle to make peace with someone we dislike or those who mistreat us. We then become a peace-BREAKER because we retaliate and attack others.

Or, as we reflect on any broken relationship or our unresolved conflict in our life, we become a peace-FAKER by running away or denying that conflict has broken our relationship.

Nothing good can ever grow in an atmosphere

where men are at odds with one another.

When there is bitterness and strife in your soil, seeds of righteousness cannot grow and no reward will come.

The one responsible for being a peace-BREAKER or a peace-FAKER has cut himself off from the reward which God gives to those who live as a peace-MAKER
Phillippians 4:7 "His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus."

The Rev. Doris Huckert is the Hospice Chaplain at Castro County Hospital District, as well as at Dimmitt Nursing and Rehab.

Wayland Baptist expanding summer missions program

PLAINVIEW - With finals safely tucked behind them and the start of the Fall 2003 semester 15 weeks away, many students return home for a little R-and-R.

A few brave souls, however, will barely have time to take a breath before hitting the mission field for a summer full of evangelism.

Wayland Baptist University is opening a new chapter in its summer missions programs this year.

Along with Rejoice and the WBU REC teams, which operate as employees of the university, working in church and youth camps throughout the summer, a new group will offer it services to area churches. Sponsored by the Office of Church Services and the Baptist Student Ministries, the Lighting the Way revival team will visit 10 churches in West Texas this summer, serving in a variety of areas.

The team is fashioned after the Shine Out revival teams that were sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas several years ago. "They were teams of three or four individuals that went out and conducted youth revivals, did surveying, canvassing, evangelism and things in a local church for a week," explained WBU Director of Church Services Michael Summers.

Summers explained that the Shine Out teams were phased out in recent years due to budget concerns, but there is still a need for that type of ministry. So when the area Directors of Missions and several church leaders approached Wayland with the idea, Summers jumped at the opportunity.

"Wayland is trying to be very responsive to churches' needs," Summers said. "The request came in this school year and we have put a team together. We are responding as soon as we can."

The team will be led by sophomore Shawn Mahannah, who will serve as the speaker/preacher of the group. Senior Josh Rieff will lead worship while freshman Anne Weaver and sophomore Britany Lewis will work with the children and youth respectively.

The summer will open with an on-campus retreat May 28-30 in which Summers and Baptist Student Ministries Director Donnie Brown will work with the group to prepare them for what they

will face. "One of the things we will get from each of the churches before the training retreat is an outline of what they are wanting to do and perhaps even the teaching materials so we will know ahead of time what the week will hold in store," Summers said.

Lining up 10 churches to participate in the endeavor was no problem.

"The need is greater than what we can supply," Summers said.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we could easily find another 10 churches to serve in."

Summers and Brown will evaluate the group this year and hopefully be able to increase the ministry next year, adding at least one more Lighting the Way team. "It may be better to have one team in the beginning to make sure it is successful and work out any bugs and kinks," Summers said. "Then we will build on that relationship with the churches and the testimony of the students to see if God can provide two teams next year."

The groups' activities this summer will consist of everything from working with Genesis Baptist Church, an Hispanic church which has been restarted just a few blocks from the Wayland Campus in Plainview, to leading a youth camp at the beach for First Baptist Church Junction.

While the university sponsors the team, Summers said, unlike Rejoice and the REC teams, the Lighting the Way team is not employed by the school.

The four members of the team work on a volunteer basis.

Churches are asked to provide \$50 for travel expenses and to take care of the team's room and board for the week, but no salary is involved.

Churches will take a love offering that will be divided among the students and Wayland will credit them with the equivalent of a micro-term's tuition as their only remuneration.

"This is definitely a missions commitment," Summers said, "to give 10 weeks of your summer to be in different churches every week with a different pastor every week, doing different activities every week."

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THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2002-2003 presented it's Spring Program recently in the Richardson Elementary Cafeteria. A crowd of more than 75 parents and teachers and the entire RES student body were present to watch the students perform the concert.

What's Cooking: Menus

DIMMITT ISD	Mashed Potatoes	Biscuits
May 23-	Rolls	Ham
Waffles w/Syrup	Milk	Cereal
Assorted Fruit Juice	***	Milk
White Milk	May 29-	Corn Dog
Turkey and Dressing	Student 1/2 Day	Chicken sandwich
Hot Dog on a Bun	Banana Nut Loaf	Chicken Strips
Chili	Assorted Fruit Juice	Nuggets
Fajitas w/Onions	White Milk	Rolls
Sweet Potatoes	Nachos	Gravy
Mixed Vegetables	Bologna	Mashed Potatoes
Ambrosia Fruit Salad	Mexican Enchiladas	Peaches
Tossed Salad	Mexipinto Beans	Cobbler
Cole Slaw	Mixed Vegetables	Tea
Rolls	Spanish Rice	***
Milk	Tossed Salad	May 28
***	Hamburger Salad	Biscuits
May 26-	Crackers	Sausage
Fresh Donuts	Milk	Eggs
Assorted Fruit Juice	HART ISD	Fruit Juice
White Milk	May 23	Milk
Lasagna	Biscuits	Lasagna Meat
Poor Boy Steak	Bacon	Pizza
Chicken Taco	Scrambled Eggs	Chef Salad
Broccoli Cheese	Fruit Juice	Toast
MexiCorn	Milk	Salad
Mexipinto Beans	Chef Salad	Corn
Sald	Chicken Sandwich	Carrot Sticks
Milk	Hot Dogs	Pineapple
***	Pinto Beans	Jello
May 27-	Chili	Milk
Frosted Flakes Cereal	Peaches	***
Assorted Fruit Juice	Applesauce	May 29
White Milk	Jello	Cowboy Bread
Steak Fingers	Brownie	Blueberry Muffin
Cheese Enchiladas	Tea	Cereal
Chicken and Noodles	***	Fruit Juice
Potatoes Au Gratin	May 26	Milk
Refried Beans	Breakfast Pizza	Sub Sandwich
Corn on the Cob	Cereal	Chicken Sandwich
Salad	Milk	Ham Sandwich
Fresh Fruit	Fruit Juice	Potato Chips
Milk	Burrito	Salad
***	Hamburger	Fruit Cocktail
May 28-	Pizza	Jello
Sausage Biscuit	Salad	Milk
Assorted Fruit Juice	Corn	Tea
White Milk	Peaches	
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Chili	Milk	
Chicken Fillet Strips	Kool-Aid	
Meat Loaf	Tea	
Pork & Beans	***	
Gravy	May 27	

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Dimmitt Retired School Personnel holds meeting

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association met on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at 7 p. m. at the Senior Citizens Center with President Joanne Snider presiding. Thirty-eight members and guests enjoyed a wonderful Fiesta "Stack-up" dinner hosted by Pat Keith, David Keith, Lorannell Hamilton, Merle Arthur, Daisy Langford, Laverne Bates, Karen Durham, Mary Jo Brown, Tomasa Leal, and Gloria Hernandez.

John Krodol of Amarillo, District XI, was a special guest as were soon-to-be-new retirees as well as spouses and friends of members.

Lucille Dollar, secretary-treasurer, read the minutes and gave the treasurer's report. She also began receiving dues for next year since they need to be sent to state before we have our next meeting next September.

Mary Jo Brown gave a report on the State meeting and asked for suggestions for programs and field trips for next year.

Twenty-first Century Awards for Outstanding Service to Local Unit went to Helen Berryhill for designing and making the wall hanging which we used for our fundraiser last fall and to Elmer Berryhill for selling the most tickets. Volunteer Service Awards went to

Jackie Edwards and Billie Kirby. The "Rookie of the Year" was Yuvonne Hufhines. Special Appreciation Recognition went to Janet Bain for making our creative srapbooks. Our local unit received a Special Gold Membership Award.

The ground breaking for the state TRTA building in Austin will be held in June. Plans for furnishing are under way.

One of the decorations will be a quilt made up of 20 blocks, each representing one of the 20 districts in Texas.

A contest will be held in each district for the design that will represent the district. Helen Berryhill will design our entry.

Avis Smith won the ticket money and several members and guests won door prizes.

The "Fiesta Ole" program was presented by Tomasa Leal and Gloria Hernandez assisted by Rufina Rodriguez, Lala Rodriguez, Oralia Valles and her daughter, Teresa. They explained that Mexican food is a blend of Spanish and Indian influence. They displayed a number of traditional utensils and containers and gave descriptions of traditional dishes. One alarming bit of information was that chilies are assigned a number for their hotness ranging from one to 120 and that jalapenos are only no. 20!

Rufina and Oralia made flour and corn tortillas from "scratch" while the others cooked and served them.

Several members of the audience tried their hand at rolling "round tortillas"! They also served an assortment of bakery made pastries.

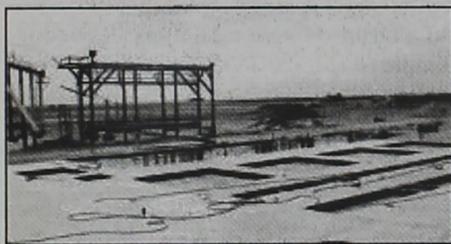
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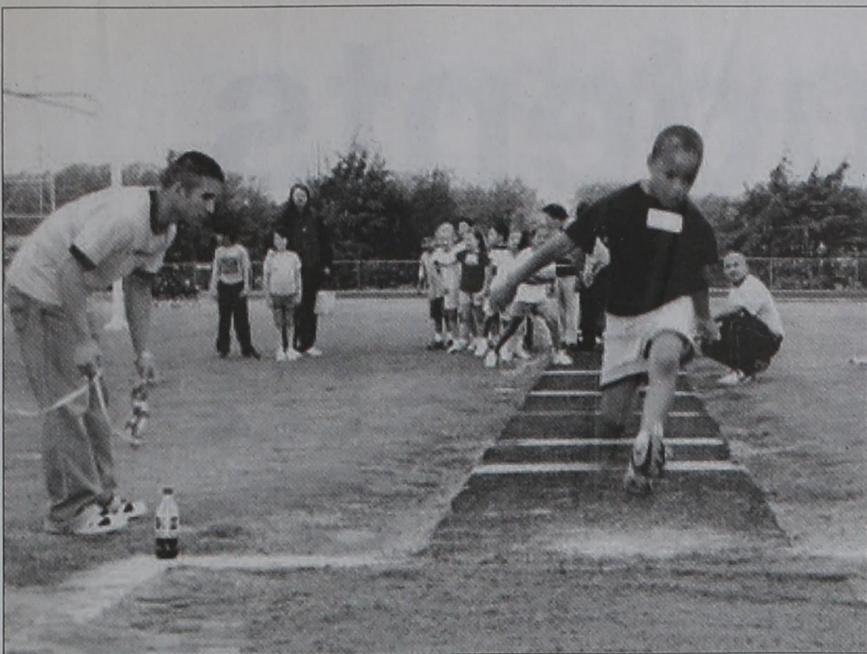
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JACOB PORTER JUMPS LONG in the first grade track meet last Thursday morning at the Dimmitt High School track. DHS students helped throughout the day in presenting ribbons and as shown here, LJ Soler prepared to measure Porter's long jump.



THESE NINE FRESHMEN at Dimmitt High School collected \$525 recently to give to the local Castro County Child Protective Services. They are, front row, left to right: Teresa Sanchez, Juan Medrano, Jennifer Montes and Marisa Allison; back row, left to right: Gabriel Mirelez, Jennifer Fuentes, Sabrena Patlan, Vanessa Caballero and Kathy Amador.

LJ Soler competes at state track meet

Photos by Brian Irons

L.J. Soler was the only Dimmitt student to compete at the State Track Meet, held recently in Austin.

He finished sixth in the long jump at 21-9 feet and eighth in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.01.

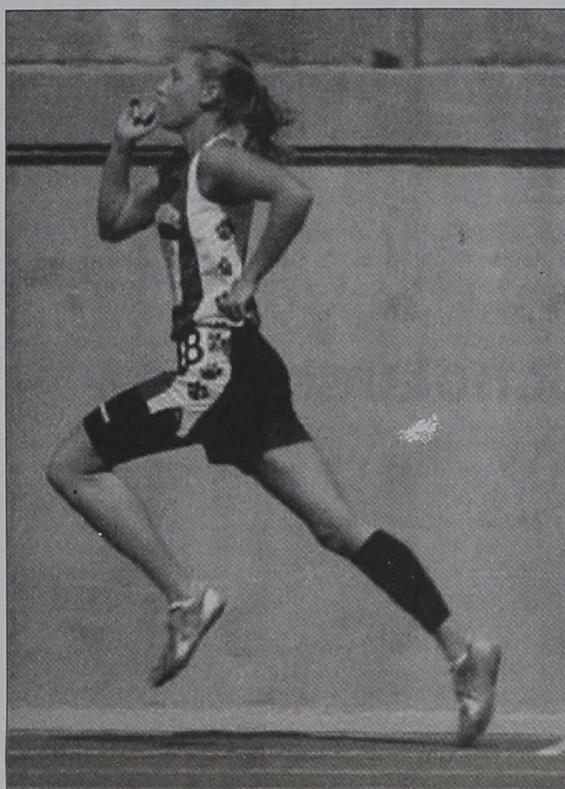
"When you get to State, that's an accomplishment in itself," said track coach Glen Dunnam.

"I'm proud of L.J. He did a great job."

AT NEAR RIGHT, ASHLEY IRONS ran her best time to date of 61.02 seconds in the preliminary round of the Texas Region 1-AAA 400 m. dash.

FAR RIGHT, DHS SENIOR JILL MERRITT comes in for a landing in the Region 1-AAA triple jump competition in Odessa recently.

Regional track meet



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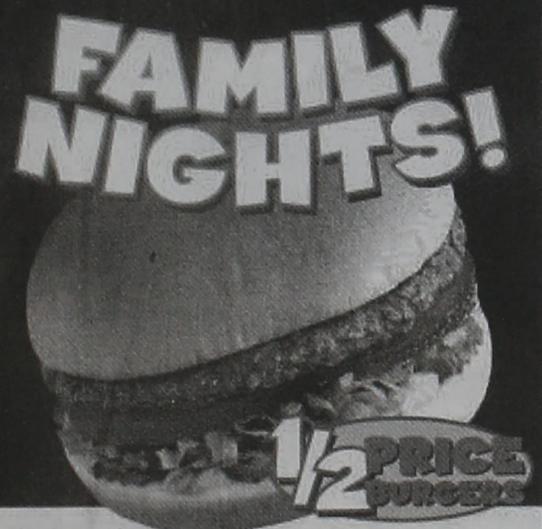
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TSA students stand out at state

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Wright elected state treasurer

Dimmitt High School students competed in the TSA State Student Contest, held in Waco, May 8-10.

Jinna Wright was elected Texas TSA state treasurer for 2003-2004. As an officer for next year, she will attend the National TSA Conference in Orlando, Fla., set for June 25-29.

Students attending the contest had an excellent showing, including two in the Top 10, four in the Top 100, 16 who were Best in State; 36 first places; 31 second places, nine third places; one fourth place; two sixth places; and one eighth-place.

Those who placed include the following:

WOODWORKING I

Jinna Wright, first, best in state and Top 100 for a changing table and a first and Best in State for a dresser; Chris Velasquez, first and Best in State, entertainment center; Mindy Maxwell, first and Best in State, dresser; Adam Wright, first, Best in State and Top 100, gun cabinet; Ryan Miller, first, computer desk; Kris Ross, first, cedar chest; Chris Casas, first, cedar chest; Andy Garcia, first, lamp table; Jordan Bell, first, entertainment center; Joel Puente, first, coffee table; Jinna Wright, second, clock, tray, bowl; Albert Ruiz, second, entertainment center; Omar Cantano, second, entertainment center; Osiel Rodriguez, second, book shelves; Layne Penny, second, bed; Harold Casas, second, dresser; April Torres, second, entertainment center; Reggie Wilkerson, second, gun cabinet; Carla Carpio, second, cedar chest; Veronica Aguero, second, key holder; Liliana Aguilar, second, picture frame; Jordan Bell, third, keepsake box, Queen Anne clock, pro stock truck.

WOODWORKING II

Elias Zepeda, first, headboard; Brandon Furr, first, gun cabinet; and Jared Bell, second, armoire.

WOODWORKING III

Amber Bell, first, clock and Queen Anne; Ray Lopez, second, gun cabinet; Amber Bell, second, clock, entertainment center; Abraham Salinas, second, bed, nightstand.

METAL WORKING I

Casey Hargrove, second, trellis; Luis Dominguez, second, lamp; Abel Espinosa, second, trailer.

SAFETY POSTERS

Amber Bell, second; Liliana Aguilar, second.

COMMUNICATIONS GRAPHICS

Amber Bell, first for web page, second for booklet, photo, card and photo booklet; Veronica Aguero, two third places for photos.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS - KITS

Jinna Wright, first and Best in State for kit-metal and first for kit - wood; Jordan Bell, first for kit - other.

MANUFACTURING SYSTEMS - RECYCLING

Amber Bell, first, popcorn bowl.

CLUB PROJECT

First and Best in State as well as Top 100 and Top 10 for Model-T truck; first and Best in State as well as Top 100 and Top 10 for motorcycle trike.

KNOWLEDGE CHALLENGE

Team 1, eighth place.

HOT ROD COMPETITION

Amber Bell, first; Jordan Bell, third.

UTE CO2 RACER

Layne Penny, first; Amber Bell, first.

RESEARCH RACER

Layne Penny, first and Best in State.

DRAGSTER DESIGN

Jinna Wright, first and Best in State; Jordan Bell, first.

TRANSPORTATION MODELING

Jinna Wright, second.

ROCKET CAR 1-C OR 2-B ENGINES

Jinna Wright, first and Best in State; Amber Bell, first; Jordan Bell, third.

ROCKET CAR 1-D or 2-C ENGINES

Amber Bell, first; Jinna Wright, fourth.

TEST

Energy, power, trans system: Layne Penny, sixth.

Communication graphics: Ramon Lopez, first and Best in State; April Torres, third.

Principles of technology I: April Torres, third.

GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS

Bio-related technology - GS: Jared Bell, first and Best in State; Ramon Lopez, second.

Construction systems - GS: Jordan Bell, first and Best in State.

Energy, power, trans system - GS: Luis Dominguez, first and Best in State.

Communication graphics - GS: Nalley Reyes, first and Best in State; Rolondo Ontiveros, second.



BANQUET-NIGHT AWARDS: Kneeling, left to right: Abel Espinosa, Chris Casas and Layne Penny. Standing, left to right: Rolondo Ontiveros, April Torres, Nalley Reyes, Abraham Salinas, Jared Bell, Harold Casas, Ramon Lopez, Luis Dominguez, Jordan Bell, Ray Lopez, Amber Bell, Albert Ruiz, Mindy Maxwell and Jinna Wright.

Scholarships awarded at TSA banquet

After a triumphant trip to state in Waco, TSA held its banquet on Thursday, May 15. All the students who attended the state meet were recognized and two scholarships were presented.

The Shawn Cotter Memorial Scholarship went to senior Abraham Salinas.

Senior Guadalupe Maldonado received the Gary Bruegel Memorial Scholarship.

An honorary life membership in TSA was presented to Richard Rickert, who has helped the students and even traveled to meet with them, said TSA sponsor Charles

Cotter.

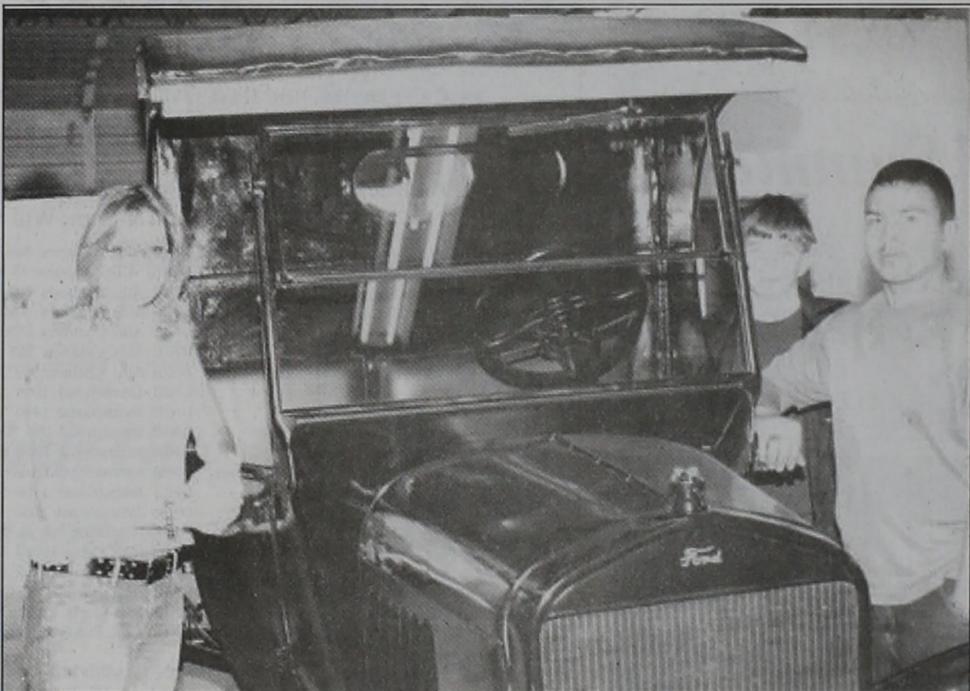
A total of 36 students qualified for the state meet, held May 8-10 in Waco.

Afterward, discussing the two club projects, a Model-T owned by Superintendent Les Miller and a motorcycle trike, owned by James Baker, Cotter pointed out

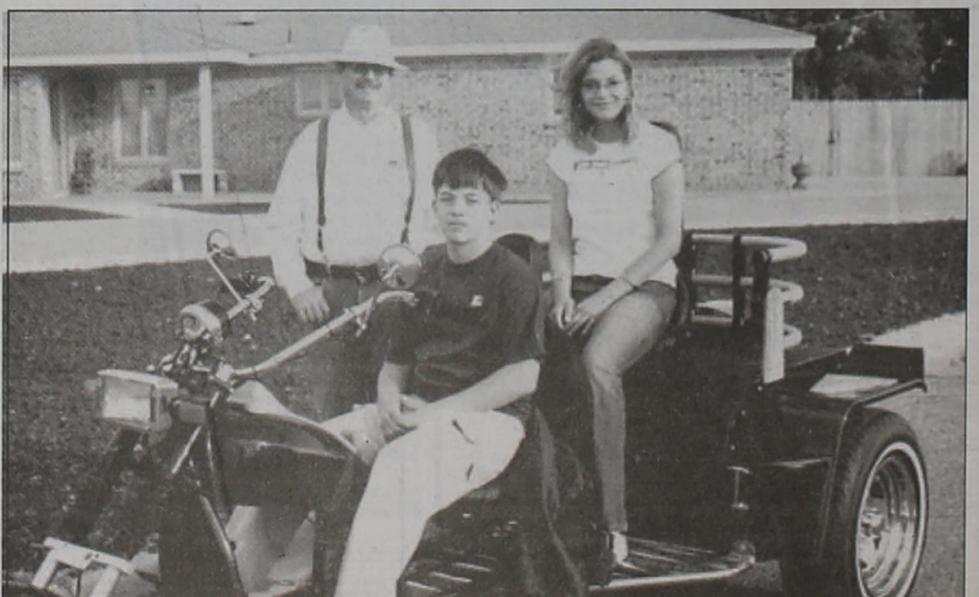
that all club projects are done after school hours.

"We had 20 kids sign up for the club projects, so we decided to have two," he said. "Most of the motorcycle trike was fabricated. The students working on it dreamed it up as they went along."

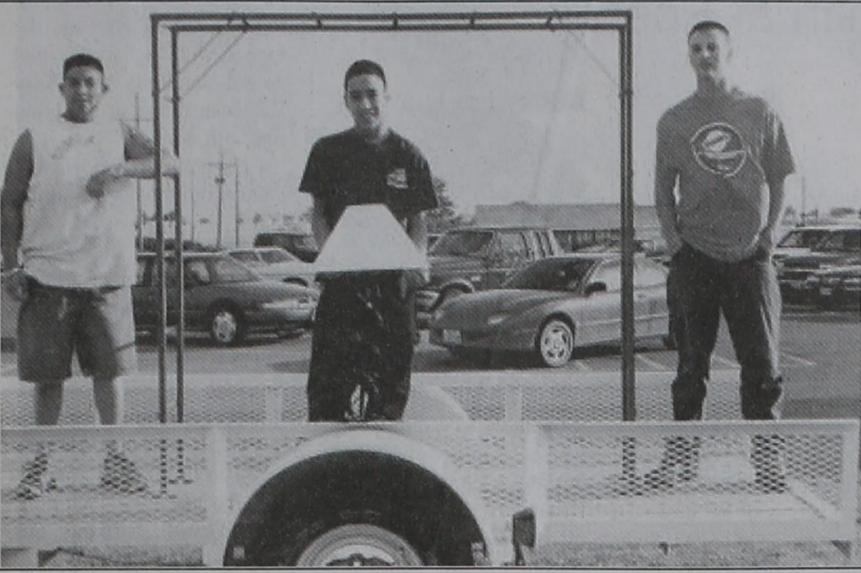
Club Projects



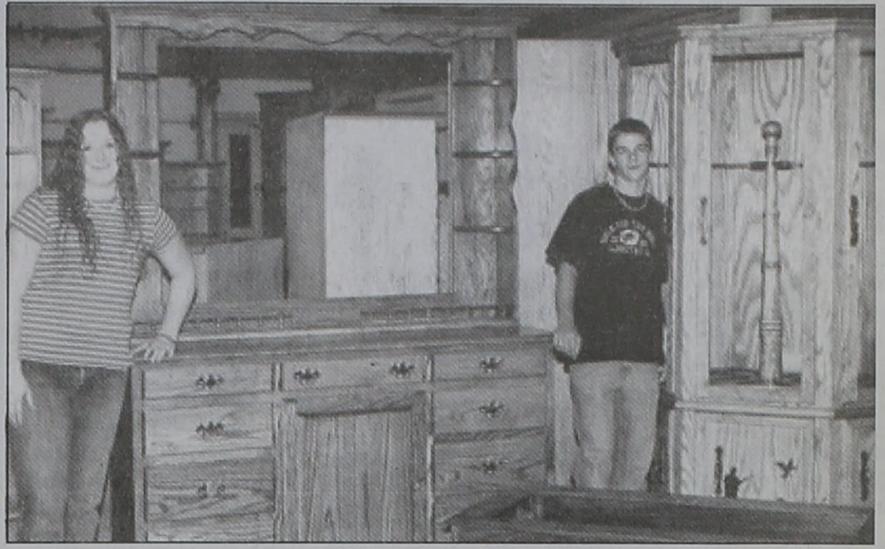
MODEL-T: Above, from left, April Torres, Kris Ross and Michael Guzman spent many hours working on this club project, along with other students in the TSA class. Below, seated is Kris Ross; standing at left is James Baker and seated in the back is April Torres, all of whom helped fabricate and then put together this motorcycle trike, which Baker fired up recently.



Individual Projects



METAL WORKING I: Left to right: Abel Espinosa took second with his trailer; Luis Dominguez won second for his lamp; and Casey Hargrove placed second at state with his trellis.

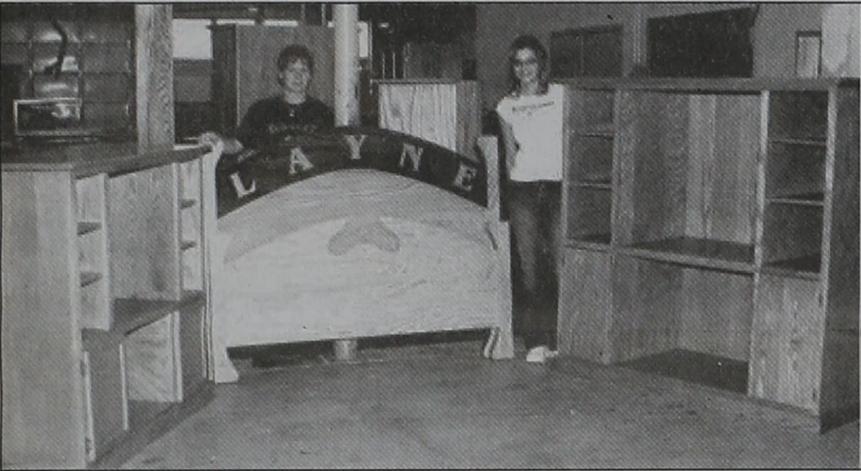


WOODWORKING I: At left, Mindy Maxwell won a first place and Best in State for the dresser she made; at right, Adam Wright also won a first-place and Best in State for his gun cabinet. Not pictured is Joel Punte who won a first-place award for his coffee table, seen at the bottom of the photo.

WOODWORKING I: Jinna Wright won a first place award, a Best in State and was in the Top 100 for her changing table at left; she also won a first place and Best in State for the dresser at right.



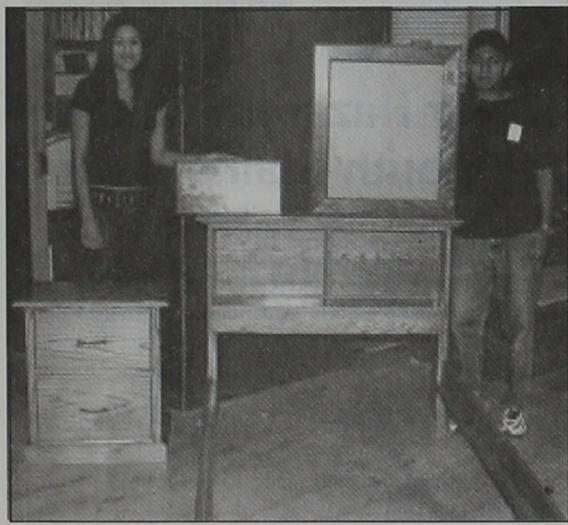
DRAGSTER DESIGN: Jinna Wright won a first-place and Best in State for her dragster, at left. Not pictured is Jordan Bell, who also won a first-place award for his dragster, at right.



WOODWORKING I: Center is Layne Penny, who won a second place award for his bed; at right is April Torres, who won second for her entertainment center. Not pictured is Omar Cantano, who won second for his entertainment center, which is pictured at right.



WOODWORKING I: At left, Kris Ross won first for his cedar chest; at right, Chris Casas also took a first-place award for his cedar chest. Not pictured: Center is a lamp table built by Andy Garcia, which took a first-place award; the computer desk by Ryan Miller also won a first; and the entertainment center made by Chris Velasquez won a first and a Best in State award.

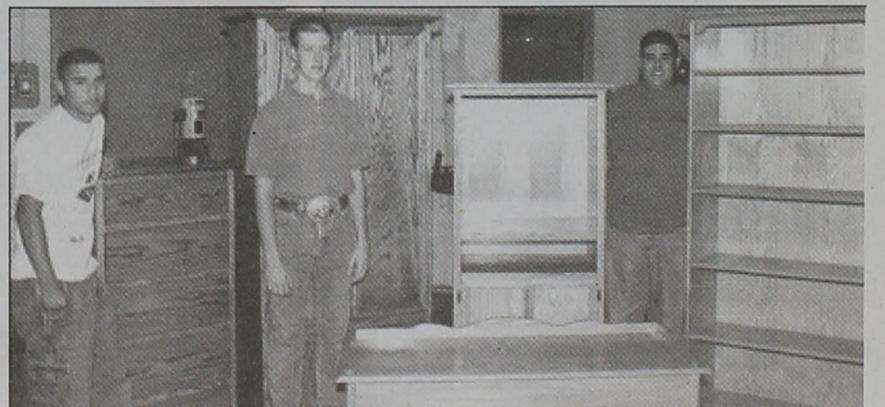


WOODWORKING: Veronica Aguero took second place with a key holder, while Abraham Salinas took second with a bed and nightstand. He also made a picture frame, key holder and sign.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Veronica Aguero won two third-place awards for her photos, including the one at right in which she is also pictured.



WOODWORKING II: Pictured is Jared Bell, who won second place for his armoire; not pictured is Elias Zepeda, who won first for his headboard at left and Brandon Furr, who won first for his gun cabinet, center.



WOODWORKING I: Left to right: Harold Casas won second for his chest of drawers; Reggie Wilkerson won second for his gun cabinet; and Albert Ruiz took second for his entertainment center. Not shown: The cedar chest, shown front and center, made by Carla Carpio won second place at Waco, as did the bookcase made by Osiel Rodriguez.

Swifts down Follett, advance to Sweet 16

The Nazareth Swifts advanced to the Sweet 16 in Class A baseball last Saturday, with a third-game victory over Follett in a best-of-three regional quarterfinal playoff at Frank Phillips college in Borger.

In game one, last Thursday, Follett jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the fourth inning before the Swifts responded with 15 unanswered runs to end the game in the sixth.

Follett also held the early lead in the second game on Saturday, only to watch Nazareth battle back and tie the score at five in the sixth inning. The Panthers managed to plate the winning run in the bottom of the seventh for a 6-5 victory to even the series at 1-1.

Thirty minutes following the second game, the teams returned to the field



Adam Acker

for the third and deciding game.

Nazareth led 1-0 after the first inning and 4-0 after two complete innings. The Swifts allowed just one Panther run in the top of the sixth and claimed the quarterfinal trophy with a 4-1 decision.

The Swifts used three pitchers in the series with the Panthers-seniors Adam Acker, who got the win in

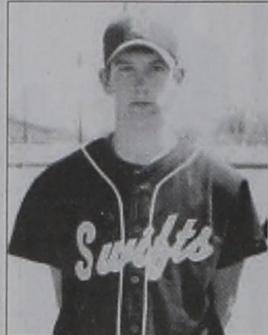
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Eric Schilling

game one; Eric Schilling, who suffered the loss in the second game but picked up a save in the third; and Chase Schulte, who handled the Panther hitters for the third-game victory.

Schilling was Nazareth's top hitter in the series, finishing with six hits and



Chase Schulte

three RBIs in 10 at-bats. Schulte was five-of-ten at the plate and he drove in four runs. Other top Swift hitters were Tyler Ehly, four-of-eleven with four RBIs; Koty Huseman, three-of-nine with an RBI; Acker, three-of-ten with four RBIs; and Nate Huseman, three-of-ten with three RBIs.

Game 1

Follett 5, Nazareth 15

The Swifts and Panthers had to battle each other and a strong gusty wind blowing in last Thursday. That high wind wreaked havoc with fly balls, making it difficult for players to judge where the ball would fall.

After to scoreless innings, Follett found a spark in the top of the third when Rustin Burke, Jared Robertson and Bryan Bell, all singled off Acker. With two outs, Follett catcher Tanner Woods popped up to shallow center. Schulte hustled in to make the play, but the ball glanced off his glove and two Follett runs scored for a 3-0 Panther lead.

Four Nazareth errors in the top of the fourth resulted in a pair of Follett runs, both unearned.

Trailing 5-0 in the bottom of the fourth, Nazareth started battling back. The first six Swift batters in the inning reached



Nate Huseman

base. Schilling, Koty Huseman and Acker all singled. Tyson Schulte walked, Jordy Rowland was hit by a pitch and Nate Huseman scored a double off of Robertson to give Nazareth four runs. A sacrifice b Chase Schulte scored Rowland to knot the score at five.

Acker held Follett at bay in the fifth and sixth, allowing just one base runner in the two innings, then the Swift offense put the game on ice in the bottom of the sixth.

A series of errors of the Panthers in the sixth, allowed Nazareth to extend its lead to 15-5, which was enough for the run-rule win.

Acker got the complete game victory, striking out six and giving up five hits as he improved to 4-0 on the season. Robertson suffered the loss for Follett.

Game 2

Nazareth 5, Follett 6

Nazareth opened game two with a triple by Chase Schulte and he scored when Evan Huseman singled. That run was all Nazareth would see until the fourth inning.

Nazareth had more hits than Follett (10-6), but the Panthers scored several outs on aggressive base running by the Swifts. Follett tied the game in the first after Cody Freeman singled, then headed home on a right field triple by Robertson.

In the third, Follett jumped in front with a 4-1 lead, and the panthers extended it to 5-2 after five complete. Nazareth closed the gap using four straight hits in the sixth. Ehly singled, then scored when Schilling picked

up a hit. Tyson Schulte sent Follett outfielders to the fence with a triple that scored Schilling, then Koty Huseman drove in the tying run with a single.

Nazareth shut down the Panthers in the bottom of the sixth.

The Swifts had Chase Schulte in scoring position in the seventh after he doubled with one away. He advanced to third, but was stranded.

Robertson, who came in to relieve starting pitcher Cody Freeman in the sixth, picked up the win. Schilling pitched well, striking out nine and allowing six hits.

Game 3

Follett 1, Nazareth 4

Follett stranded 12 runners in game three as Nazareth squeezed out a 4-1 victory. The Panthers loaded the bases in the first and fourth innings, but left all runners stranded.

Chase Schulte pitched 5 1/3 innings to get the win and Schilling collected the save.

Schilling's bat was on fire in the third game. He was perfect at the plate, picking up a double and a pair of singles in three at-bats.

Nazareth scored all of its runs in the first two innings, then did the job on defense.

The Swifts' big inning was the second. Acker doubled to left field, then Rowland reached on an error. Chase chulte delivered a two-RBI double, then scored Nazareth a 4-0 lead.

Follett's only run came in the top of the sixth when Justin Blau walked. He advanced on a single by Dunnam and a Rustin Burke walk. Blau scored when Freeman singled to right field.

Nazareth will continue in playoff games this weekend against Hamlin at Post this weekend. Game one will be tonite (Thursday) at 7 p.m. Game two will be at 1 p.m. Saturday and game three will begin 30 minutes after the completion of game two, if necessary.

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Former Nazareth student gets South Plains award

LEVELLAND - David Verkamp from Nazareth was among students honoredduring South Plains College's recent Student Awards Assembly.

Verkamp was named Outstanding Law Enforcement Student.

He is the son of the late Robert Verkamp and Mary Verkamp.

He has been named to the Dean's and President's Honor Lists.

He is a member of the Law

Enforcement Club.

Students were selected by faculty in their college departments for outstanding academic accomplishments and contributions to the classroom."

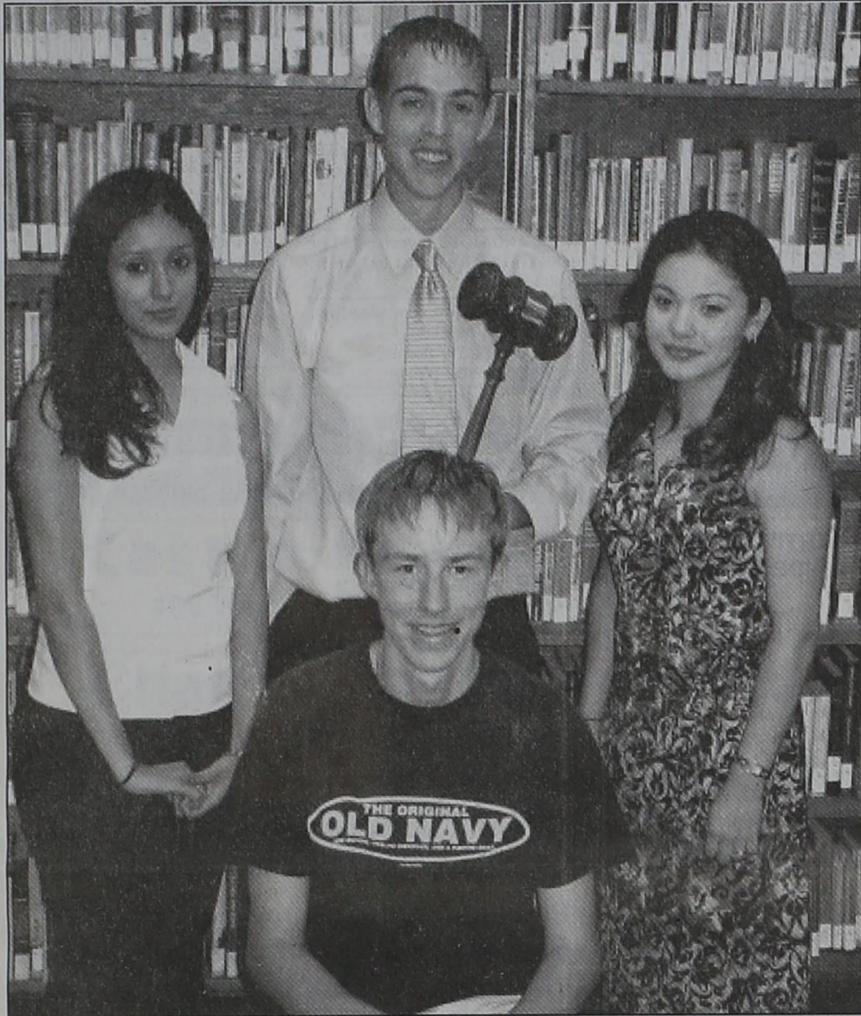
These students are among the best of the best at SPC and have been very involved in the life of the campus," said Terry Isaacs, associate professor of history and a co-master of ceremonies for the assembly May 8.



PANHANDLE PAPT ROAD-E-O WINNERS: The local winners in the Panhandle Association for Public Transportation, which was held recently, are, left to right: Dennis Price, Border ISD, third place; Mike Donathan, Childress ISD, second; Scott Shelton, Borger ISD, first; and Hank Fenn, Laidlaw, first place contractor. Winners will go on to state, which will be held June 16, in Lubbock.



HART NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES: Back row, left to right: Rene Gonzales, Sonyz Garcia, D'Neise Smith, Alex Reyna, Ezekial Barron. Front row, left to right: Sandra Menchaca, Marcy Morales and Adrienne Hart.



2003-2004 HART STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICER: Left to right: Angie Mata, reporter; Trent Barnes, president; Kathleen Diaz, secretary; Kyle Johnson, vice-president (seated).

Immunization clinic is today in Dimmitt

The Texas Department of Health will hold an immunization clinic at the Dimmitt Middle School nurse's office from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 22.

This will be the last immunization clinic by the Texas Department of Health this school year, so take advantage of this opportunity to get your child's immunizations caught up. Children are required to provide proof of immunization.

Children have until Aug. 11, 2003, to provide a copy of his/her shot record to the school nurse.

Students not providing proof of the indicated immunizations will not be allowed to register for the 2003-2005 school year until proof of immunization is provided to the school nurse. There is a \$5 charge or less, based on ability to pay. No one is refused services due to inability to pay and there is no added charge if a child is receiving more than one immunization. Please bring your shot record if possible. Medicaid/CHIP pay for shots, so please bring your card or copy if your child is on either.

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Only praise for proposed critical care designation

Approximately 15 community members, as well as hospital board members and personnel attended Tuesday night's Town Hall meeting, called to explain to the community the ramifications of the proposal recently approved by the board.

Linda Rasor, Executive Director of Castro County Healthcare told the audience that the Critical Access designation is a state and federal program that will improve Medicare reimbursements to the hospital.

"If this program had been in place last year, we'd have improved our bottom line by about \$400,000," Rasor said. "The purpose of the designation is to help small rural hospitals. It's not that our hospital is in critical condition, it's that the government thinks it's critical for rural communities to continue to have health care."

Right now, the hospital is licensed for 41 beds. That number will drop to 25 - 15 acute care beds and 10 swing beds and the average stay will be four days. All that fits what's going on at the hospital already, Rasor said. The average stay is 3.12 days and the average census is 6.73 beds for acute patients and 1.5 swing beds.

"This has been discussed by the medical staff and the hospital board and they've approved it," Rasor said. It will take about three months before the process is completed, all forms filled out and sent off and then the hospital should see an increase in reimbursements, she said.

Board member Henry Ramaekers pointed out that the decision to go to the Critical Access designation is unrelated to the hospital's decision to stop delivering babies. "The decision on babies is strictly because of

an insurance liability problem," he said. "Since Dr. Joplin left, we don't have a doctor close enough, should a C-section be needed."

Ramaekers said that the board is continuing to cut away fat, while retaining quality care for patients. "We have cut back a bunch around here and are trying to run a lean operation," he said. "Our folks are working hard to make this work."

The only program that won't continue will be the geri-psych unit because patients stay an average of 10 to 14 days.

Rasor was asked if the government program looked like it would be one that would continue to be funded.

"I think it will be a long term program," she said. "There are more than 400 hospitals across the country that have adopted it." From was the first hospital in the state of Texas to opt for the Critical Access designation.



ALREADY IN COLLEGE: Students with college credit include Melanie Davis, 28 hours; Corey Moore, 27 hours; Kellie George, 25 hours; Salvador Velasquez, 24 hours; Whitney Mitchell, 25 hours; Millie Longoria, 24 hours; Valarie Ellis, 24 hours; Sonya Garcia, 15 hours; Amanda Carrasco 6 hours, and Crystal Diego 21 hours.

Seasoned college students are also high-school seniors at HHS

Some 11 Hart High School Seniors are graduating with a high school diploma later this month, but they have already earned enough college credit to almost qualify most of them as college sophomores.

The 11 students have amassed 243 college credit hours in the last two years. By taking Dual Credit, online, and video conference classes, these students will have a big advantage in the fall when they enter the college of their choice.

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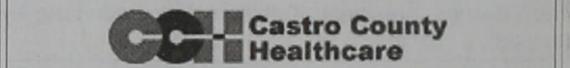
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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, May 27, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Alderman's Chambers at the City Hall, to discuss and consider a variance of section 14-21 of the City Code for Micaela De La Cruz who is planning to construct a carport located at 202 N.W. 9th.

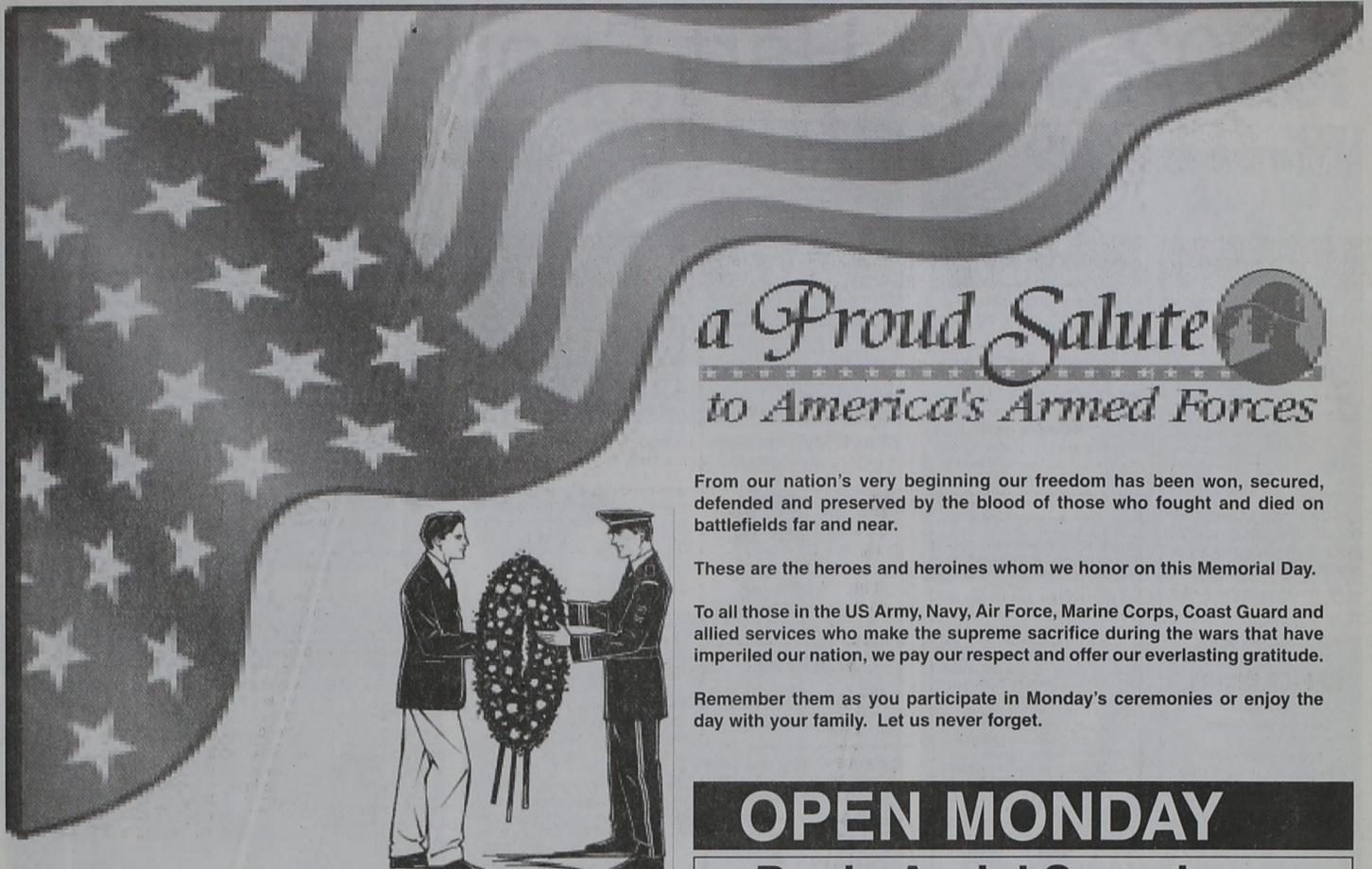
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Persons wishing to make comments both for and against this request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the Department of Public Works, 905 E. Bedford between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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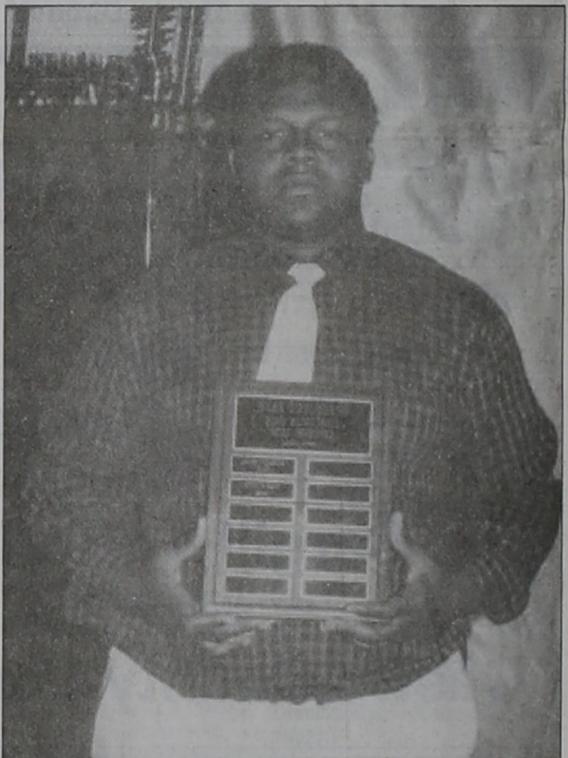
TENNIS MVP are A.J. Carrasco and Crystal Diego not pictured Amanda Reyna



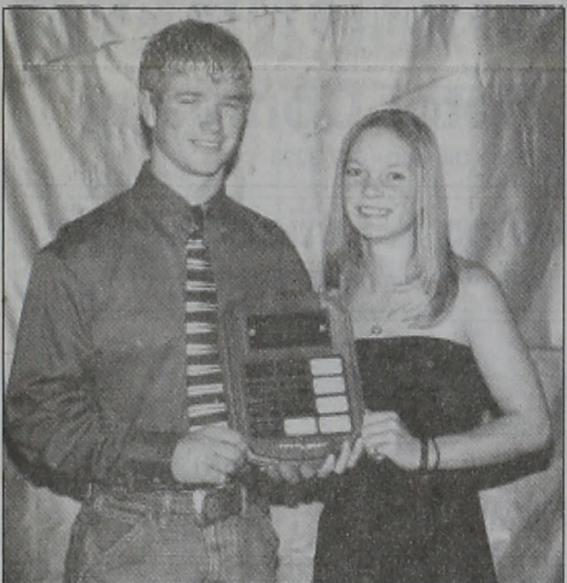
GOLF MVP- A. J. Carrasco, Melanie Davis and Ashley Marinez



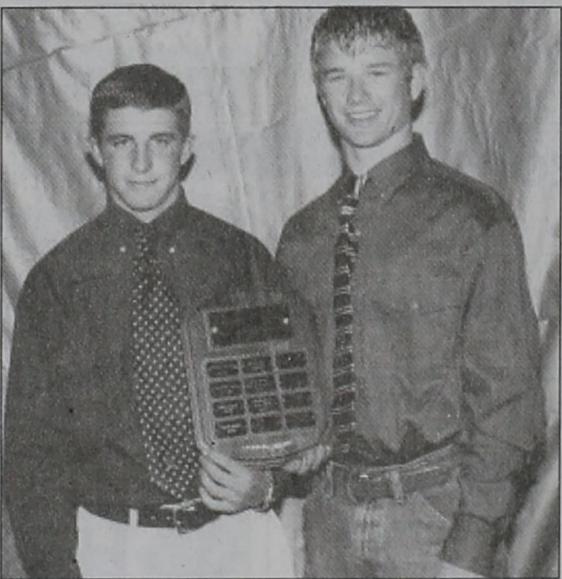
MVP DEFENSIVE PLAYER-Zachary Farris and Isaias Ponce



MOST IMPROVED BASKETBALL, MOST ATHLETIC LINEMAN AND MVP OFFENSE LINEMAN-Kenneth Wiley



SCHOLAR ATHLETES are Logan McLain and Kellie George



BASKETBALL BEST DEFENSIVE-Zachary Farris and Logan McLain



BEST DEFENSIVE LADY HORN BASKETBALL-Kellie George and Amanda Carrasco



OFFENSIVE MVP-Josh Finch **DEFENSIVE MVP**-Logan McLain



OFFENSIVE MVP-Eran Castillo



ALL STATE TEAM AWARD-Ray Robledo



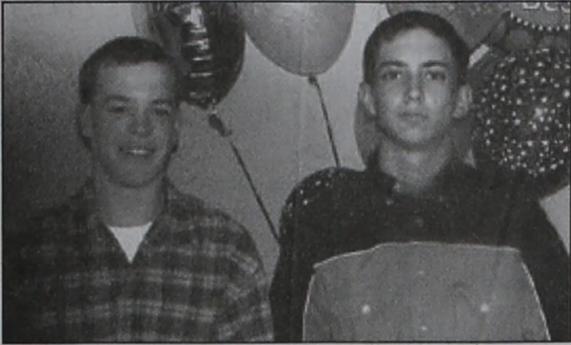
LONGHORN FIGHTING HEART AWARD-Javier Velasquez



LADY LONGHORN FIGHTING HEART AWARD-Sonya Garcia

Congratulations to all Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns on a great year!

2002-2003 Nazareth Sports Banquet



BOYS CROSS COUNTRY-Craig Birkenfeld and Cole McClurg



GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY-J'Lae Merritt, Kembra Albracht, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Megan Schulte, Jamie Birkenfeld, Kelsey Hochstein, Teri Ramaekers, Erica Gerber and Jamie Black



ACADEMIC ALL-STATE HONORABLE MENTION FOOTBALL-Adam Acker, Ross Schulte and Eric Schilling



OFFENSIVE FOOTBALL-MVP-Jordy Rowland
OFFENSIVE BACK-Chase Schulte
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN-Evan Huseman



DEFENSIVE FOOTBALL-MVP-Ross Schulte
DEFENSIVE BACK-Adam Acker
DEFENSIVE LINE-MAN-Eric Schilling



GIRLS BASKETBALL-NEW COMER AWARD-Kendra Huseman
FREE THROW AWARD-Jamie Birkenfeld
MOST IMPROVED-Jenna Acker
SPARK PLUG-Tanya Herring
MVP DEFENSIVE-Kimberly Brockman
FIGHTING HEART-Megan Schulte and Jenna Braddock
SIXTH MAN AWARD-Kristi Ramaekers
MVP OFFENSE-Erica Gerber
MVP-Teri Ramaekers
All ten players made the All-District Academic Team.



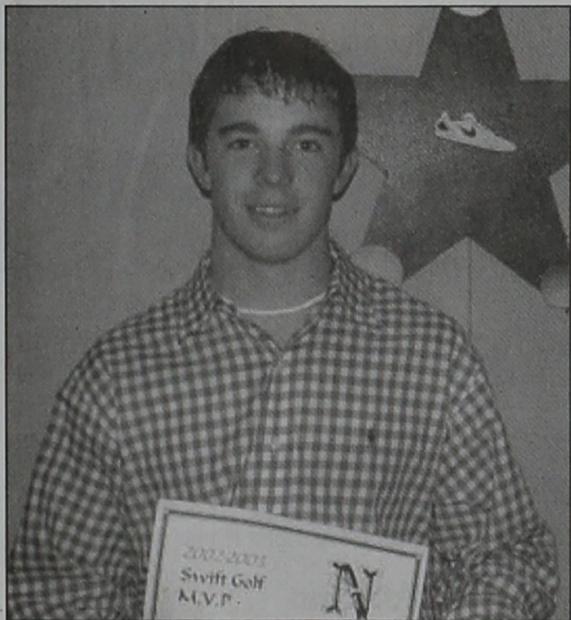
BOYS BASKETBALL-MOST IMPROVED-Adam Acker
GOOD HANDS BIG PLAY AWARD-Chase Schulte
SIXTH MAN AWARD-Evan Huseman
FIGHTING HEART-Justin Kleman
DEFENSIVE MVP-Trey Robb
OFFENSIVE MVP-Jordy Rowland
MVP-Eric Schilling
ASSISTANT COACH AWARD-Koty Huseman



GIRLS TRACK-Rebecca Olvera, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Kelcee Kleman, Jamie Black, Whitney Peacock, China Foster, Kendra Huseman, Kembra Albracht, J'Lae Merritt



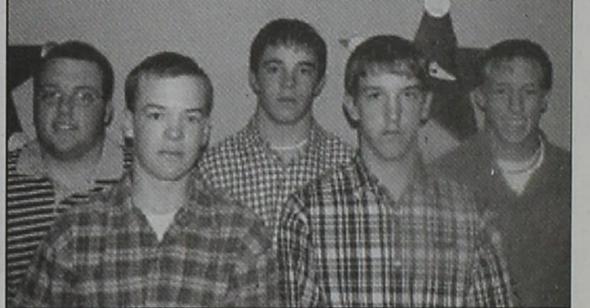
BOYS TRACK-MOST VALUABLE RUNNER-Trey Robb
MOST IMPROVED-Stuart Sheffy



GOLF-MVP-Jordy Rowland



TENNIS-Andrew Brockman, Jenna Braddock, Monty Hoelting, Erica Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Charlie Rundell, Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld



BASEBALL-SLUGGER AWARD-Chase Schulte
FIREMAN OF THE YEAR-Adam Acker
NEW-COMER OF THE YEAR-Jordy Rowland
GOLDEN GLOVE-Koty Huseman
FIGHTING HEART-Craig Birkenfeld
CO MVP'S-Adam Acker and Chase Schulte



2002-2003 CHEERLEADERS-Kembra Ablracht, Kendra Huseman, Jamie Black, Tanya Herring, Kimberly Brockman, Teri Ramaekers and Rebecca Olvera



SWIFT AWARD-Eric Schilling
DISTINGUISHED ATHLETE-Adam Acker
SWIFTETTE AWARD-Teri Ramaekers

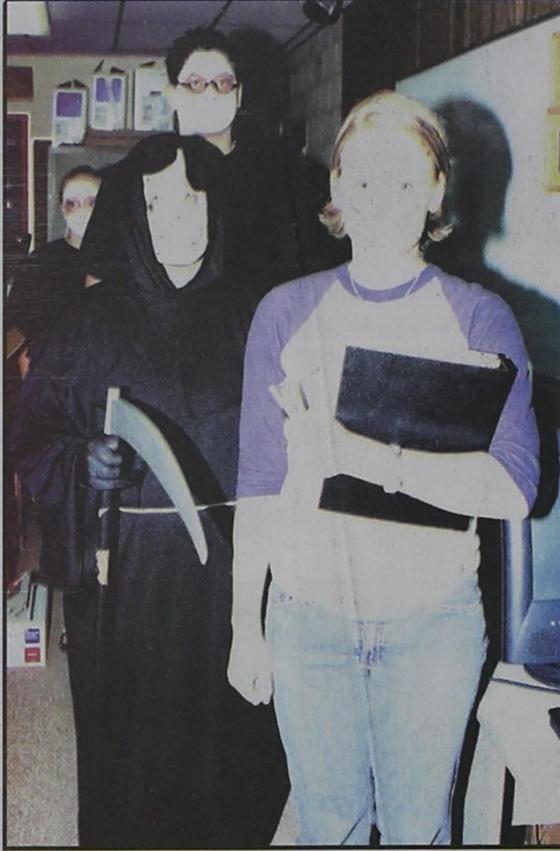


BOOSTER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP-Chase Schulte, Eric Schilling and Tyler Ehly

Swifts and Swiftettes

Prom Promise Week has impact on students

The Beginning



GRIM REAPER STRIKES: Lauren Waggoner is taken from class by Death during Thursday activities at the high school. Students were taken to mark the number of traffic fatalities that result from drinking and driving.



RESCUE WORKERS added realism to the mock crash. Everyone from paramedics to firemen to the Life Star crew made the scene look authentic. Below, one of the bodies is ready to transport.



The End



DELIO ARRENDONDO WAS one of 217 students, or 72 percent of those present who signed pledge cards after the assembly on the Friday before prom.

Mock accident hits home

By **DAVIE A. BROWDER**
Managing Editor

It was horrible. It was chilling. It was bloody.

Thank heavens, it was fake.

This time, at least. But the tears - and emotions - became real as students at Dimmitt High School spent the week leading up to the prom learning about the dangers inherent in drinking, using drugs and driving.

The week started off with students appearing in downtown Dimmitt dressed as Death. They handed out literature about drinking and driving.

Then on Thursday, the Grim Reaper started making calls on classes at DHS, taking students out to illustrate the number of students that die in Texas from drunk driving.

Later that day, a mock crash which resulted in three "dead" and one seriously injured and the driver "arrested" and

charged with vehicular homicide.

Friday was the culmination of the activities, as parents and students read letters to each other at an emotional assembly. Amid the tears and sentiment, students talked about how real the events had seemed.

"It's had a big impact on me," said sophomore Callie Mixson, one of the "dead" taken from class. "It made me realize noy to take things and people for granted."

Sponsor Connie Dickerson said the student volunteers who participated took all the activities seriously.

"We took the 'living dead' and mock crash victims to a retreat Thursday night," Dickerson said. "DPS officer John Gonzales and counselor Beverly Greiner from Lubbock talked to the kids about the perils of drinking and driving."

"She told the kids one of her jobs is to accompany officers who have to go to kids homes at 3 a.m. in the morning to notify parents that their children are dead."



TRAGIC RESULTS: Jake Porsch crouches beside the car after the mock wreck. When police arrived on the scene, they arrested him and charged him with three counts of vehicular homicide. Everything about the mock arrest was realistic. Porsch was even taken to the jail, fingerprinted and booked.

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