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## Local VFDs are always there when they're needed

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

With the blazes that swept through the Panhandle recently, Volunteer Fire Departments have gotten some well-deserved recognition.

Here in Castro County, we have four volunteer departments: Dimmitt, Nazareth, Hart and Sunnyside. All rush to locations throughout the county whenever their help is needed. They seldom wait to be asked. Their aid is on the way as soon as word of a fire comes down.

Tommy Cleavinger, Chief of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department, said his department is very lucky to have a number of young men among its membership.

"A lot of people don't have time nowadays," he said. "It's that way everywhere, fire department, Kiwanis - that's what everybody says. I know in other towns' VFDs have more trouble getting people."

As for himself, working as a volunteer firemen "is something I always wanted to do when I was a kid, I guess.

"You've got to kind of want to do it or enjoy it," Cleavinger said. The membership meets the first Thursday

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## CC residents helping out Panhandle fire victims

BY DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

"Having seen the images of devastation that swept across the Panhandle," the president of the Texas Farm Bureau called on members to help out. And the Castro County Farm Bureau members answered quickly, according to Malcolm Sager, Agency Manager.

"By Friday afternoon, we had \$2,000 in cash and Castro County had shipped 20 semis full of round bales of hay to farmers in the Panhandle," Sager said. "We'll be carrying fencing supplies up there Wednesday. It's sure nice what everyone is doing out of the kindness of their hearts."

Jeff Ammons, an Area Field Rep., said he and several others had fielded hundreds of phone calls from people in the area wanting to help.

And help is needed in the Panhandle, where approximately 800,000 acres of grassland burned, taking cattle, fences and homes as well as human life. A winter storm that blew in last week helped stop the fires, along with

the hundreds of volunteer firemen who came from literally across the state and outside the state, to help.

Ammons said that Farm Bureau got into offering to get supplies to the farmers after they heard a call on the radio last Monday, detailing the unbelievable loss sustained by the farmers and ranchers in the far north Panhandle.

"We've had money coming from as far away as Colorado," Ammons said. "Some guys in North East Texas were sending fence posts. Hundreds of miles of fences have been lost."

Money may be sent to the: Texas Farm Bureau Research and Education Foundation/Fire Relief Fund, c/o TFB, P.O. Box 2689, Waco, TX. 78702-2689. Money contributed can be taken as a tax writeoff.

"One hundred percent of the money sent to the Farm Bureau goes to the victims," Sager said, adding, "This has snowballed into quite an undertaking. One truck driver from Waxahachie brought a load of supplies from Gainsville and

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Here is the scene from Wednesday's ground-breaking. In front, with hard hats are: Dr. Gregorio Matos; Linda Rasor, hospital CEO; Henry Ramaekers, board president; Brandon Bullard, hospital COO; Barbara Finley; Dr. Gary Hardee; Ray Bain, Joe Josslet, Mike Bain, all of First United Bank; and Dr. Skylar Bizzell. They are backed by CCHD employees.

## CCHD breaks ground for hospital improvements

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Everyone at the ground-breaking, held March 15, at Plains Memorial Hospital had a smile on their face. To go from where the hospital was five years ago - having to borrow \$1.8 million to keep its doors open to being able to operate in the black and borrow \$2.3 million for this project - many believed shows the hospital has come a long way in a relatively short period of time.

At the ground-breaking, CCHD Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers said the hospital board is proud to be in the position to improve the community, be a springboard for it.

"The board felt that the time is right. This is a big step and a little scary," he said. "However, what pushed the board into approving the project is that we feel our community and county deserves to have the best health care facility possible and as Mark Welch (a board member) said, 'We need to make an investment and a statement that we believe in the long-term well being of our community and we aren't dead!'"

Ray Bain of First United echoed Welch's comments, saying "a project like this will revitalize and help this community."

The board is borrowing \$2.3 million from First United to be repaid over 10 years. The project is scheduled to be completed within eight months. The money will come from hospital revenue, just as had the payments on the prior loan.

"Five years ago, who would have thought we'd be here today?" Ramaekers said. "In the last four years, we've made payments on the loan to keep the hospital open in excess of what the

payments on this project will be." The board recently paid off that note. Ramaekers had words of praise for those who work at the hospital, giving them the credit for the changes already made and those that are about to be.

"Through a lot of hard work and sacrifice by the best set of hospital employees and doctors anywhere, we are in a position to move forward and make CCHD a very modern and state-of-the-art facility," he said.

Hospital CEO Linda Rasor called the groundbreaking a sign of progress, "This community didn't exist just because of Cargill (referring to the 140 jobs lost when the plant closed in January).

"We have other businesses and services to provide to attract people." She listed the renovations and changes that are coming:

- \* providing new cabinets (the ones in place which were installed when the hospital was built in 1963) in the patients room as well as new wall coverings and carpets.
- \* moving forward in technology to electronic medical records
- \* locating the clinic on the same campus as the hospital, which will allow the district to implement the needed technologies at lower costs.
- \* in physical therapy the hospital wants to have a therapy pool for physical therapy patients and the location of the new clinic will allow Physical Therapy to begin developing a cardiac rehab program.

Other renovations will include lab, ultrasound, EMS services, nurse's station and medication room.

The hospital was able to show a positive balance this year for the first time in a number of years. Rasor credits that to several steps the board

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## Ogallala Quilt show set for March 31, Apr. 1

The Ogallala Quilters Society will hold its Ninth Annual Quilt Festival on Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 here.

Registration for the Festival will be held in the Expo Building. Other Events will be held at the Senior Citizens Center, Methodist Church, City Hall, Car Works, Chamber of Commerce, Richardson Elementary East Cafeteria and Rhoads Memorial Library. Entry fee is \$3 for two days.

The Festival features a quilt show with approximately 400 quilts, 16 different quilting classes, free demonstrations, quilt vendors, quilt appraisals and two suppers.

Special displays include the "Ogallala Challenge," "Women of Biblical Proportions," the "Hoffman Challenge" and "Timeless Treasures: A Tribute to Sharon Newman" and quilts by area quilters from Clovis and Portales, N.M.

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## Dates for early voting set; places on ballot drawn

The Dimmitt City Council on Monday approved the two days for the city to stay open for 12 hours during early voting in the City Council election.

Early voting for the City Council, with two places contested, starts May 1, Monday. During five of the seven days of early voting, the City Hall will be open for voting from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The two days when the City Hall will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. will be Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4. The final day to vote early before the May 13 election is Tuesday, May 9.

City Secretary Myrna Langford said that City Judge Garner Ball assisted with the drawings for places on the May 13 ballot.

In the two contested races, there are three candidates, but no

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## Politicians should aid funding, not attack schools

By **DIGGER ELAM**  
HISD Superintendent

The dreaded PEG (Parent Education Grant) transfer list was released in December. This state initiated list cites schools who have 50 percent or less of their students who did not pass math, science or both of these curriculums.

In 2005 the number of schools on the list jumped to 821 up from 420 in 2004.

537,000 students are affected by this PEG list. The rise was due to schools having two or more years of 50 percent of students passing math, science, or both.

Schools that make the PEG list must send out letters to all students informing parents that their students may transfer to another district. The good things for schools on the PEG list is



Digger Elam

these schools do not have to provide transportation.

Ironically, no more than 177 students have taken advantage and actually transferred. Most of the students want to stay in the school they love. So, in reality the PEG transfer rule is a big joke and a threat by Texas bureaucrats for schools to try to make things better.

A famous Texas politician once said, "If the 500,000 Texas students in these public schools were able to go to private schools, then public schools would have a true incentive to improve."

Once again our legislators want to attack public schools instead of properly funding the schools so these schools

can perform at a higher level. Besides, I have not seen where many private schools can do much better than public schools in the field of general diffusion of knowledge.

Also, most private schools will not take students who have failed state-administered tests.

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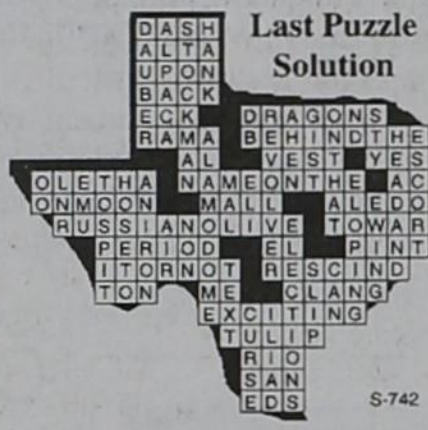
just set up camp in Dumas so he could help out.

"A lot of people in this area have donated hay and money. They didn't have a huge supply. Some said they were waiting to see if it rained and they had planned to sell the hay. Instead, they donated it to those people in the Panhandle who needed it so badly. It's been exciting to see."

Ammons said the need is everywhere the fire hit, but especially among the smaller ranchers. "Some of them have no place to put their cows," he said. "They've lost everything, but maybe their homes. Those people from Castro County who've donated the supplies have also helped out with donated the fuel to get the hay and fencing material sent to where it's needed. The people getting the hay were extremely

thankful. They the kind of people who don't like to take handouts. But they're in a bind right now and sometime you've got to take some help. That's hard for some people."

Ammons said if the government would turn the CRP loose to graze without penalty, it would not only help feed the cattle, it would "knock down the grass that's a fire hazard, since we haven't gotten enough rain to keep the fire hazard down."



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has taken, including getting the critical access designation, which allows the hospital to get paid cost by Medicare rather than a percentage; bringing the billing in-house; and an increased effort in collections.

In his remarks, Ramaekers said he believes an investment like this should have returns.

"Our goal is to get a return on our investment through efficiencies and increase in business to benefit our taxpayers," he said. "We are truly concerned about them. If we as a board felt this project would hurt or cost our taxpayers long term, we would never have approved it."

On Thursday, the excava-

## Quilters

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Suppers will be held March 30 and March 31 at

Richardson Elementary West Cafeteria. Awards will be presented at Thursday night's Mexican Food Supper. Our special quilt auctioneer, Greg Odom, will entertain at Friday night's Steak supper along with Debbie Caffrey's program. Supper tickets are available (\$12 for Thursday and \$13 for Friday). Reservations are required. Everyone is invited to attend.

Quilting experts will be attending from around the country. Some 175 quilts will be judged by Marci Kaylaki, certified judge and appraiser, from Austin. Caffrey, the feature teacher, previously lived in Alaska (she now lives in New Mexico) will be teaching for two days. Ann Podany, also from New Mexico, will be the spotlighted trunk show. Ann Turley, last year's

## Council

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incumbents, running.

In District I, Josh Arguijo is first on the list; Amos Quintero is second and Janie Bugarin is third. Incumbent Roy Garza announced last week that he would not seek re-election.

In District 2, Gloria Hernandez is running uncontested as is Bill Potts in District 3.

In District 4, Carla Miller is first on the ballot; Salvador Ortiz is second; and Chris Bradford is third. In District 4, incumbent Roger Malone resigned in mid-January, he said in part, to allow anyone considering running to have a chance to think about it and sign up.

Don't forget to vote

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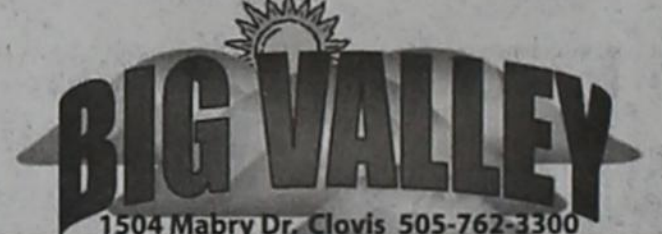
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### ACROSS

- 1 Gulf waves
- 5 TXism: "put \_\_\_ shut up"
- 6 TXism: "Lord willing and the creek don't \_\_\_"
- 7 actor Begley in film "Lone Star" ('52)
- 8 actor Vigoda
- 9 TXism: "thing \_\_\_" (gadget)
- 15 "\_\_\_ for Texas"
- 16 TXism: "plain \_\_\_ \_\_\_ on your face"
- 19 birth state of TX outlaw Sam Bass
- 21 TXism: "cream \_\_\_ to the top"
- 22 car dealer objective: "close \_\_\_"
- 27 east TX reptile, for short
- 28 TXism: "as welcome as \_\_\_ a picnic"
- 29 what many TXns fought against in early '40s
- 30 TXism: "goes together like a \_\_\_ candy store"
- 32 this Teddy trained "Rough Riders" in San Antonio (init.)
- 33 Titus Co.'s "\_\_\_ Festival"
- 36 TXism: "larrupin' \_\_\_"
- 37 Texas' flag, 1861-1865 (abbr.)
- 38 TXism: "from womb \_\_\_" (lifetime)
- 39 in Van Zandt Co. on hwy. 80
- 41 Billy Graham for 50 years (3 wds.)

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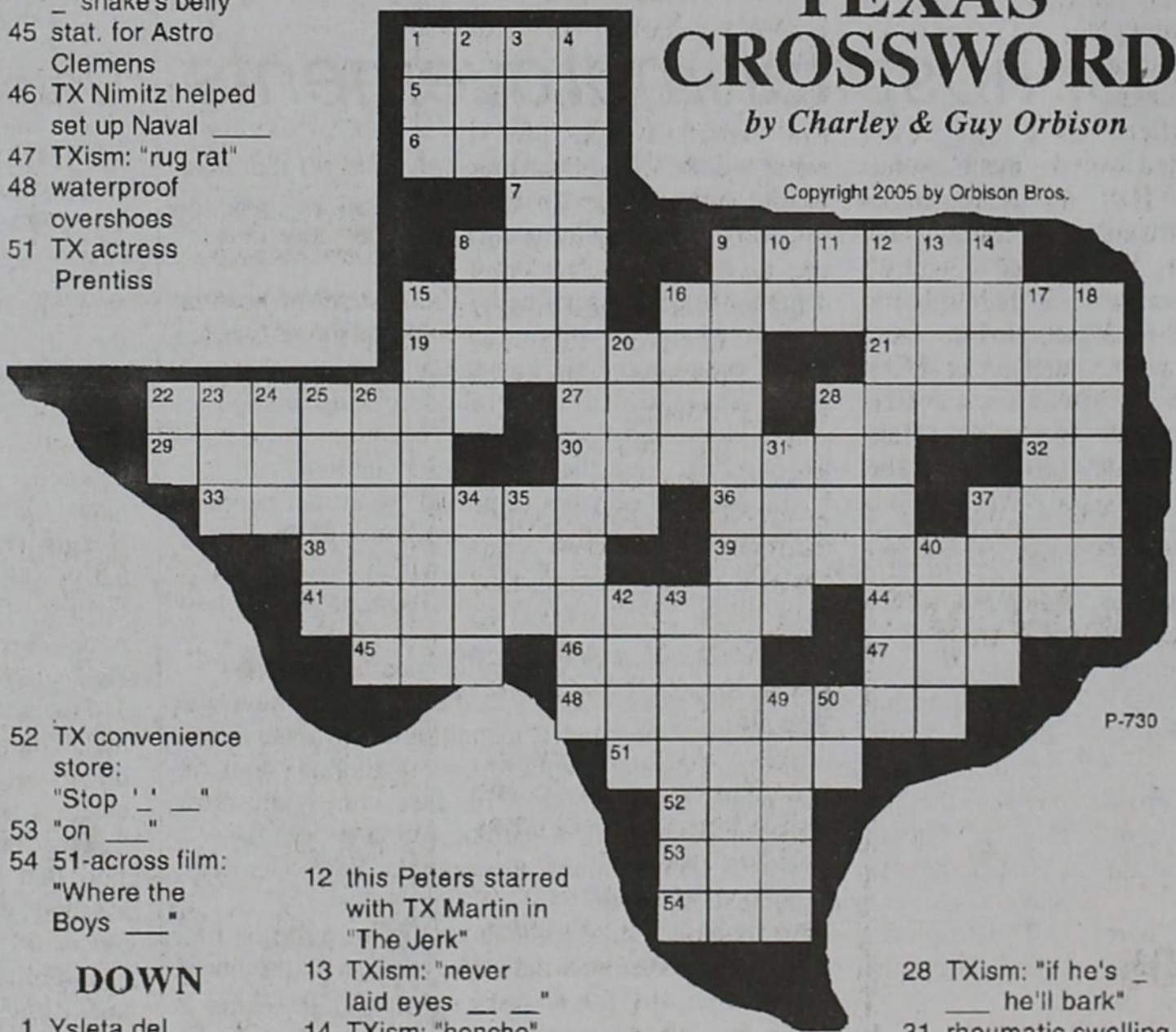
- 44 TXism: "lower \_\_\_ snake's belly"
- 45 stat. for Astro Clemens
- 46 TX Nimitz helped set up Naval \_\_\_
- 47 TXism: "rug rat"
- 48 waterproof overshoes
- 51 TX actress Prentiss
- 52 TX convenience store: "Stop '\_\_\_'"
- 53 "on \_\_\_"
- 54 51-across film: "Where the Boys \_\_\_"
- 1 Ysleta del \_\_\_ Pueblo Museum
- 2 news wrangler (abbr.)
- 3 in Falls Co. on 77
- 4 Gillespie Co. seat
- 8 TXism: "busy as \_\_\_-armed paper hanger"
- 9 TXism: "mean \_\_\_"
- 10 \_\_\_ Vernon, TX (abbr.)
- 11 TX media giant: \_\_\_ Belo Corp.

### The Original

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### DOWN

- 12 this Peters starred with TX Martin in "The Jerk"
- 13 TXism: "never laid eyes \_\_\_"
- 14 TXism: "honcho"
- 15 TX Joan Crawford, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 16 head gesture of agreement (2 wds.)
- 17 football fans try to get \_\_\_ the 50-yard line
- 18 Erik of "Honeyboy" with TX Fairchild ex-Mav. Roy Tarpley played with \_\_\_ Salonica in Greece
- 22 birth state of Sam Rayburn (abbr.)
- 23 TXism: "keep it under your \_\_\_"
- 24 "easy" in some business names it takes \_\_\_ play official volleyball
- 26 TXism: "busy \_\_\_ \_\_\_-armed fry cook"
- 28 TXism: "if he's \_\_\_ he'll bark"
- 31 rheumatic swelling
- 34 TX \_\_\_ Chica Bay
- 35 TX parent co. of American Airlines winter garment
- 40 TX Helmond show: "\_\_\_ the Boss?"
- 42 "Dallas" was a prime time \_\_\_ opera
- 43 in Cass Co. on 59 ski incline
- 49 ski incline
- 50 TX Bob Wills line: "Ah \_\_\_ take it away Leon"

WEATHER	High Low Prec. Snow			
	Tuesday	62	15	
Wednesday	71	26		
Thursday	63	26		
Friday	no report			
Saturday	50	35	.16	
Sunday	52	22	1.13	
Monday	51	20	.02	
March Rainfall		1.33		
2006 Rainfall		0.15		
2006 Snow				
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# Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106



*Lazbuddie Students do well at UIL meet*

Photo: Back Row (L to R) Addie Treider, Brittney Schacher and Jacob Schacher. Front Row (L to R) Jason Davis and Chelsee Nichols. Twelve Lazbuddie High School students recently competed at the Hub of the Plains invitational meet at Monterrey High School in Lubbock. They competed in the small school division which included schools through 3A classification. Those competing but not placing were: David Campos, Bryce Haney, Joaquin Campos, Erik Estrada, Mari Beliz, Regina Mata and Leticia Mendoza. Placing were: Addie Treider - fifth in Science; Brittney Schacher - sixth in 10th grade Number Sense; Jacob Schacher - fourth in ninth-grade Calculator; Jason Davis - 10th in 10th grade Number Sense and Chelsee Nichols - sixth in 10th grade Calculator and sixth in Editorial Writing. Sponsors accompanying the students were: Renita Pollard, Sarah Black and Sherrie Nichols.

## Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

On Monday, March 13, Vera Ramaekers had a successful liver transplant. On Tuesday, she was moved to a private room. Cards and letters may be sent to her and Rex at: Vera Ramaekers, Baylor Hospital, Twice Blessed, 2732 Gaston Ave., Apt. No. 114, Dallas, Texas 75226. Please, keep Vera, her family and the donor family in your prayers.

Many enjoyed the Pancake Breakfast at noon on Sunday at the school cafeteria sponsored by the Sophomore Class of NISD.

Also, on Sunday at 3 p.m., the Nazareth Art Club presented their Art Exhibit at the Home Merc, followed by the West Texas

Celtic Ensemble (Irish music/dance) at the Home Merc.

Congratulations to Lonny and Jeanette Huseman of Lubbock on the birth of a son, Colton Patrick, March 19, in Lubbock.

His grandparents are Al and Patsy Huseman of Nazareth and Tom and Harriet Lubenau of Alamogordo, N.M.

Kenny Schulte was honored Saturday evening on his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday with a party at the home of Heath and Nicole Schulte.

He should do well this coming year as Father Ken offered a little prayer for him in his "darkest moment!"

Congratulations to Jordan Hampton and Sierra Wilcox

who are both freshmen this year on the Lubbock Christian University basketball team.

They are playing in the NAIA tournament in Jackson, Tenn., and have now advanced to the Final Four which will be played Monday evening at 6 p.m. (March 20).

They will play No. 1 ranked Vanguard. Sierra had three really good games - Jordan was named Freshman of the Year at LCU in Lubbock.

We are proud of both of you!

We are also proud of Jake Hoelting and Dustin Schulte, who have been named to the All-Star team which will be playing in San Antonio.

Court Catholic Daughters of Hope No. 2567 of St. Teresa's Church of Friona was instituted in Friona on Saturday, March 18.

Father Johnson celebrated the Mass. First Vice State Regent, Carolyn Bachmann of Scotland, Texas, performed the Ceremony. Ruby Gabel, District Deputy of District No. 33, Amarillo, presented the 15 charter members.

After Mass, we were invited over to the Community Hall for a luncheon. Afterwards, the new Court held their first meeting where they elected officers.

The degree team, from Nazareth consisted of Mary Jean Hochstein, Flag bearer; Catherine Hochstein, Banner Bearer; Angela Acker,

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Como les gusto la lluvia? How did everyone like the rain? It was great to see it fall and fall. Maybe now we can finally fire up those rusty old BBQ grills. No se vuelvan locos todavia, pidan permiso antes de prender la parilla. Don't go crazy yet, make sure to get permission from the Sheriff's office before you fire up the grill. Well, I am sure everyone is just returning from spring break vacations, so I am not going to complain too much for not getting much info this week. I just hope I'll get it next week.

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Well, for those of you who haven't heard my BIG news yet, I'm gonna be a MOMMY!!! Josh and I are still in a bit of shock, but we are so excited. We've been married for almost six years now and people were beginning to wonder if we were ever going to have a baby. Well, it's on the way. I can't believe the wonderful support and excitement that everyone in our families and in the community has shown us. I have a feeling we are not going to have to worry about a thing. Oh and about my cravings, I've got a wonderful sister and five sister-in-laws who have already promised to bring me WHATEVER it is my heart desires. Grandpa Frank Mendoza Sr. and Robert Arguijo couldn't be happier either. Right now, like I said, I'm still in a state of shock, but I'm sure it's gonna be great. I have so much support and love around me and I am sure if I have any questions, I'll get answers. So, Moms, if you've got any advice or info you'd like to share, I'd truly welcome it. Please remember to keep me in your prayers so my pregnancy may be a smooth and most important of all, a healthy one.

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The family of Froilan and Maria Luz Mendoza gathered on Saturday March, 18 to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary. It was such a special and joyous event hosted by all of their children, children-in-law and grandchildren. Family and friends gathered at the ICC for a sentimental ceremony and later joined the Mendozas at the Expo building for a wonderful dinner and a night full of dancing. I don't want to share too many details about the event because I know the family is working on a piece about the event and want to include everyone who participated. But, one thing I can say is that it was a beautiful and well deserved evening for Mr. and Mrs. Froilan Mendoza.

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Feliz cumpleaños a mi hermano Frank Mendoza Jr. Frank will be celebrating his big birthday on March 21. I'd better just let him tell you how old he is, I don't want any problems. We just all want him to know we love him very much and hope he has a wonderful day.

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Please, don't forget to continue to pray for all of our military service men and women as they continue to serve our country. Also, pray for all of the sick in the community, may they all have a quick recovery.

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Bueno, esto es todo para esta semana. Well, that's all for this week. I hope to hear about everyone's spring breaks, whether they were super exciting or just so-so, let me help you share it with everyone.

As always, keep the info coming to angie79027@hotmail.com or call 647-0106 or 346-3882. Hasta luego

## Community Calendar

**Final day to turn in Lowe's receipts is April 5**

The Dimmitt PTO wants the public to know that we have a chance to participate in two programs that allow the PTO to earn free educational equipment and money for our schools. The final date to turn in Lowe's receipts for the schools is April 5, 2006. Please inset the receipts in the boxes around town and in the schools as listed below. Remember to keep saving Box Tops 4 Education and Labels for Education throughout the year, but Lowe's receipts only during the designated dates.

From Sept. 1 through April 5, 2006, the PTO will be able to turn cash register tapes collected from any Lowe's Supermarkets (Dimmitt, Hereford, Hart, Canyon, etc.) into valuable and important educational equipment we otherwise would only dream of getting. Also, all year long you can save all your Box Tops 4 Education found on many Betty Crocker, General Mills, Pillsbury and Old El Paso products.

To get our program started, you can help by shopping at Lowe's Supermarkets. Then give your Lowe's register tapes and Box Tops 4 Education to your child, or a child you know, to bring to school for deposit.

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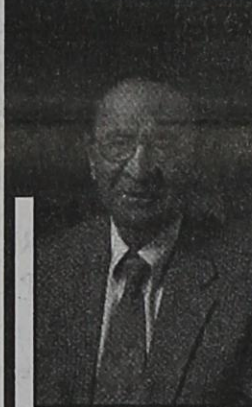
Boxes are set up at or near each principal's office. For your convenience, other boxes are set up around town to deposit your receipts and box tops into.

These boxes are located at 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Muleshoe, The Body Shop, First United

Bank, Castro County Courthouse break room (upstairs), Church of Christ, DISD Administration Building, Headhunters, First

United Methodist Church, Henderson's TV, Hereford Credit Union, La Coiffures and Rhoads Memorial Library.

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CGH Castro County Healthcare

- ◆ Certified by the American Board of Surgery.
- ◆ Completed training at the Puerto Rico School of Medicine.
- ◆ Trained in surgery at Winthrop Memorial Hospital in Long Island, NY.
- ◆ Completed a Fellowship in surgery at Mercy Hospital in Long Island, NY.
- ◆ Has been an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Puerto Rico and Texas Tech Department of Surgery.
- ◆ Interests include family practice, abdominal surgery, gynecological surgery and cancer of the breast, head and neck.
- ◆ Chief of Surgery for the Veteran's Administration of Amarillo for 11 years.
- ◆ Has been with Castro County Healthcare since October 2001.
- ◆ Dr. Matos and wife, Liz, have two children.

Se habla español.



**PROM TUXEDO HEADQUARTERS**

**HARMANS**

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Nazareth Prom April 1

Hart Prom April 22

Dimmitt Prom April 29

## "Conquering Debt God's Way" Seminar

Led by Bruce Ammons

**Sunday, March 26, 2006**

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## Maxwell-Haseloff

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shane Haseloff are at home in Farwell after a honeymoon trip to Ruidoso, N.M., following their Feb. 18 wedding at St. John Lutheran Church at Lariat.

The bride is the former Mindy Anne Maxwell, daughter of Leroy and Linda Maxwell, of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Richard and Pam Haseloff of Farwell.

The couple exchanged double-ring vows in a formal ceremony at 5 p.m. with Rev. David Symm, pastor at St. John Lutheran Church, officiating.

Matron of honor was Melissa Maxwell of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride. Bridal attendants were Chrissy Maxwell of Amarillo, sister-in-law of the bride; Dana Scoggin of Farwell, sister of the groom; and Marcia Haseloff of Farwell, cousin of the groom. Flower girls were Cambree and Kylie Haseloff of Farwell, nieces of the groom.

Serving his cousin as best man was Ray Haseloff of Farwell. Groomsmen were Darren Haseloff and Derrick Haseloff, both of Farwell, brothers of the groom; and David Maxwell of Amarillo, brother of the bride. Ring bearer was Logan Maxwell of Amarillo, nephew of the bride. Ushers were Daniel Maxwell of Amarillo, brother of the bride; and Kirk Lingnau of Farwell.

Candle lighters were Ethan Maxwell of Amarillo, nephew of the bride; and Cameron Scoggin of Farwell, nephew of the groom. Passing out bubbles to guests was Wade Brown of Amarillo, nephew of the bride. Soloist was Lorre Haseloff of Farwell, sister-in-law of the groom. She sang *The Parents' Prayer*. Special guests included Beulah Dean of Oklahoma City, Okla., maternal grandmother of the groom; and Adolf Haseloff of Farwell, paternal grandfather of the groom.

The bride chose a formal-length white gown with fitted bodice, halter neckline and a full, gathered skirt. Lace appliques and beading decorated the dress and the appliques featured illusion-filled cut-work on the cathedral-length train. Fabric roses delineated the center line of the back. She wore a chapel-length veil of illusion anchored by a rhinestone tiara and topped by a fingertip-length veil adorned with seed pearls. She also wore a blusher veil, which was removed by her father as he presented her to the groom. Her cascade bouquet of white and sapphire silk roses was accented with English ivy. Her jewelry included a horseshoe-shaped pendant necklace, a gift from the groom.

The bridal attendants wore matching floor-length gowns of sapphire taffeta with matching stoles and shoes. They also wore horseshoe pendants that matched the bride's. Each carried a single long-stemmed white rose adorned with blue ribbon. The flower girls wore matching white dresses, which were styled with a fitted bodice and full gathered skirt, accented with a matching sash. They wore jeweled tiaras in their hair and carried blue wicker baskets. The groom wore black jeans, a tuxedo jacket with tails and a white waist coat and bow tie. The male attendants all wore



**Mr. and Mrs. Duane Shane Haseloff** tuxedo jackets with sapphire vests and bow ties.

The church decorations included two large baskets of fresh white flowers, including roses and carnations, mixed with greenery, placed on each side of the chancel. Flanking them were two candelabra holding seven white and sapphire tapers and decorated with the same fresh flowers and greenery. White candles in hurricane glass chimneys sat on each window sill of the auditorium, surrounded with greenery and blue flowers. Arrangements of blue and white silk roses decorated the end of every other pew along the center aisle.

A dinner reception and dance followed the ceremony at Muleshoe Country Club. The bride's white cake was made of four heart-shaped tiers separated by pillars with cascades of roses and forget-me-nots down the sides. The toppers featured boy and girl figurines kissing in front of an inverted horse-shoe arch. The groom's square three-layer chocolate cake also carried out the western theme, featuring the outlines of cowboy hats and boots in the frosting. Donna Ratke of Farwell, who made the cakes as a gift for the couple, also helped in serving. Other members of the house party included Tina and Elizabeth Symm of Lariat and Sharla Smith of Farwell. Sandwiches and finger foods were served buffet-style, and a slide presentation was shown featuring photos of the couple from throughout their lives. Dance music was presented by D.J. Steve Phillips of Muleshoe.

## Military News

Brandon Jake Wright of Dimmitt has completed his Navy Basic Training, graduating March 17, 2006, from Great Lakes Ill. Awards he earned while in basic training included: Tops in class of National Defense Training, 1<sup>st</sup> in Division for Sharpshooter with a 9 mm pistol, 3<sup>rd</sup> in class in Swim Qualification.



**Brandon Jake Wright**

He's now in "A" school in Meridian, Miss.

He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 2004 and from the Job

Corps with an Electrician License in 2005.

## Castro County Grand Jury hands down indictments

The Castro County Grand Jury handed down nine indictments March 14.

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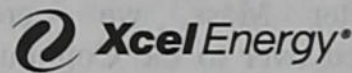
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- \* Denita Mirelez, Dimmitt, forgery of a financial instrument
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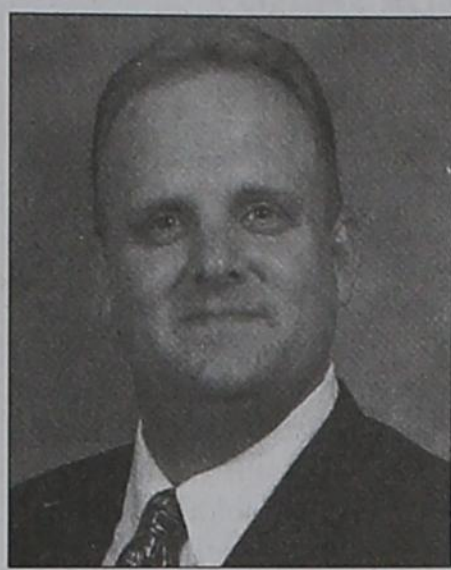
# CHURCH NEWS



## “But ...”

There is little one word in our English language that has the power to annul every acknowledgment of truth and seemingly noble intention - that word is “but.” When someone says, “I know I ought to, but ...” Immediately you know that what follows the “but” becomes a process of explaining why a particular truth does not apply to them - by the “but” they deny their responsibility. “I know I ought to obey the gospel, but ...” The truth is that God has provided a means of salvation through Jesus Christ and there are conditions in the simple gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16-17; Mark 16:15-16). Salvation from sins is dependent on man’s acceptance of Jesus as his savior and obeying what the gospel requires. “Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth ...” (1 Peter 1:22). The Hebrew

writer said of Jesus, “Though he were a son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered, being then made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey him.” (Hebrews 5:8-9). If you do these things then God washes away your sins through the blood of Christ (Acts 22:16). “I know I ought to, but ...”, so the disciple says. The excuses flow as rushing waters down the mountainside. That which follows “but” runs the gambit from, “I’ve got a hangnail on my pinky” to one-in-a-lifetime special events. “It’s OK to miss worshiping God for special events, as long as I don’t do it all the time (?)”. James says that man is inconsistent and acts contrary to what is natural when he, from the same source, speaks evil and good - “Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter?” (James 3:11) It is just as



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inconsistent to acknowledge what is truth, then deny its applicability to self. Why is it that people who know less than I do, are sicker than I am, and have more to do than I do, can serve the Lord, but I cannot? I should not say, “I know I ought to, but ...” Rather, I should say, “I know I ought to and I will be lost, if I do not.” Now what are you going to do about it?

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*Brett Page is the preacher at Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ.*



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## FRANK A. SHARP

TULIA—Frank A. Sharp, 86, died at 9:11a.m., Sunday, March 19, 2006, in Plainview. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2006 in the Calvary Baptist Church in Tulia with Rev. Jeffrey Lee officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery. Mr. Sharp was born Nov. 14, 1919, in Plainview. He attended schools there, Corpus Christi and Nazareth before graduating from Tulia High School in 1936.

He attended Texas Tech for 3½ years before he went into the Army Air Corps on June 16, 1942 at Shepherd Field AFB in Wichita Falls. He was an airplane maintenance tech. and also served in England and France during WWII for 2½ years where he received the Bronze Star.

He returned to Castro County in 1945 and started farming. He married Josie Smith on Oct. 18, 1946, in Tulia. They met when he was 13 and she was nine. He is a former commander of the American Legion in Nazareth and was a member of the VFW in Tulia.

He is survived by his wife, Josie Sharp of Tulia; two daughters, Cathy Hollis of Arlington and Martha McRee of Tulia; three sons, Steven Sharp of Tulia, Dan Sharp of Wills Point and Brad Sharp of Tulia; four nephews; 12 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Irene Sharp; and two sisters, Doris Sharp and Carol Shirley Clifford.

Memorials may be made to the Tulia Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 116, Tulia, Texas 79088. Online condolences may be made at [www.kornerstonefunerals.com](http://www.kornerstonefunerals.com).

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## NORMA LINDA TRIGO

Norma Linda Trigo of San Antonio, age 42, passed away Saturday, March 18, 2006.

She was born on August 9, 1963 to Alejandro and Linda Trigo in Dimmit. She graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and worked in sales and marketing for several radio stations nationwide. She served as a board member for the St. Pape Crisis Center and the Texas Lung Association. She is survived by her parents, Alejandro and Linda Trigo; sisters, Estella Saldana and husband, Abel; Delia Pena and husband, Mario; Lidia Tijerina and husband, Marcos; and Linda Valderaz and husband, Mano; brothers, Daniel Trigo and wife, Melissa; and Alejandro Trigo, Jr.; nieces and nephews, Crystal and Clarissa Tijerina; Jeremy, Jacob and John Pena, Brian, Bethany Saldana and Matthew Trigo; best friend, Heather Walleck; one godchild, Matilda Rowe-Bond. She leaves behind many friends who will miss her dearly.

Visitation was on Wednesday, March 22 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Porter Loring.

The Rosary was at 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2006, at Peter Loring Chapel, 1101 McCullough Ave., San Antonio.

The Funeral Mass will be at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 23, 2006 at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church, 111 Barilla St. in San Antonio. Phone number for the church is (210) 822-3367. Interment will be in Mission Burial Park South in San Antonio.

The family requests any memorials be made to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmit, 1001 W. Halsell Street, Dimmit, TX 79027 or the American Cancer Society, 8115 Datapoint Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229. You are invited to sign the guest book at [www.porterloring.com](http://www.porterloring.com).

# Governor calls Special Session for April 17

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry has officially announced that he is calling state legislators back to Austin for a Special Session of the Texas Legislature to convene at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 17.

"The Texas Supreme Court has ruled that Texas' current tax system must be reformed by June 1," Perry said. "This special session provides legislators of both parties a rare opportunity to significantly reduce property taxes, make substantial reforms to the franchise tax so it is fairer and broader, and ensure our schools have a reliable and constitutional

## Soil temperatures now of interest to cotton producers

It's the time of year when soil temperatures become of interest to cotton producers across the Texas High Plains as they ready for the planting season. We're providing some useful resources again this year, through our web site, to assist growers with background information that should help them with their planting decisions. Data on soil temperatures are available from the National Weather Service and its cooperators, the West Texas Mesonet, and the Texas High Plains Evapotranspiration Network. We'll be collating all the available data on our web page at: <http://www.plainscotton.org/weatherdata/index.php>

You should be able to find the latest high and low soil temperatures, at either the eight inch or six inch depth, along with the ten day average minimum temperature for a reporting station near your farming operation within PCG's 41-county area. As of today, 13 stations are listed. However, we expect to add a lot more before the end of March.

stream of revenue."

The governor will issue a proclamation outlining the specific issues for the session at a later date.

# School News

## Dimmitt Baseball

Date	Opponent	Place	JV	Varsity
Mar. 24	Olton*	Home	6:30	4:30
Mar. 27	Tulia*	Away	4:30	
Mar. 28	Tulia*	Away		4:30
Mar. 31	Lockney*	Home		5:00
Apr. 1	Kress	Home	Noon	
Apr. 3	Nazareth	Away	4:30	
Apr. 4	Floydada*	Away		5:00
Apr. 7	Fryona*	Home	6:30	4:30
Apr. 11	Olton*	Away	6:30	4:30
Apr. 14	Tulia*	Home	1:00	3:00
Apr. 21	Lockney*	Away		5:00
Apr. 22	Kress	Away	Noon	
Apr. 24	Nazareth	Home	5:00	
Apr. 25	Floydada*	Home		5:00

\* District Games  
Head Coach: Jesus Quiroz  
Assistant: Jayson Adams

## DISD Calendar

Thursday, March 23

National FFA Week  
High School Interact Meeting - 12:25  
DMS - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Choir Program - 2:45 -  
DMS Auditorium

Friday, March 24

Baseball: JV & Varsity Vs Olton - Here -  
4:30 & 6:30  
Track: Boys & Girls Junior High @ Dimmitt  
Bobcat Relays

Saturday, March 25

Track: JV, & Varsity Boys & Girls @ Dimmitt  
Bobcat relays

Monday, March 27

Baseball: JV @ Tulia - 4:30

Tuesday, March 28

Baseball: Varsity @ Tulia 5:00  
Softball: Varsity @ West Texas - 4:30  
Golf: Boys @ Tulia  
DHS Cheerleader Tryouts - 11:30

Wednesday, March 29

Golf: Girls @ Tulia

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# Bobcat Relay Schedules

## Friday March 24- Junior High

2:30 Scratch meeting for junior high running events. Field events will be scratched at the event.

3:45	2400 meter run		7 <sup>th</sup> girls, 8 <sup>th</sup> girls, 7 <sup>th</sup> boys, 8 <sup>th</sup> boys			
3:45	Field events:					
Time	TJ	HJ	LJ	Disc	SP	PV
3:45	7g	8g	7b	8g	8b	8b
4:30	8b	7g	8g	8b	7g	7b
5:15	7b	8b	7g	7g	7b	8g
6:00	8g	7b	8b	7b	8g	7g

**Opening Heights:**

Pole Vault 7<sup>th</sup> girls 6', 8<sup>th</sup> girls 6', 7<sup>th</sup> boys 6'6", 8<sup>th</sup> boys 7'

High Jump 7<sup>th</sup> girls 4', 8<sup>th</sup> girls 4'2", 7<sup>th</sup> boys 4'4", 8<sup>th</sup> boys 4'6"

Long Jump will be held on the East-West runway on the north end of the track.

Triple Jump will be held on the North-South runway on the east side of the stadium opposite the pole vault.

The discus ring is located outside of the stadium on the northwest side.

The shot put ring is inside the stadium on the southeast side.

Each participant will get four throws or 4 jumps in the field events for distance.

Running events take precedence over field events.

Field events for height take precedence over field events for distance.

**Running Events:**

Time	Event	Order
5:45	400 meter relay	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	100 meter low hurdles	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G
	110 meter Intermediate Hurdles	7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	100 meter dash	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	800 meter relay	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	400 meter dash	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	300 meter Hurdles	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	200 meter dash	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	1600 meter run	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B
	1600 meter relay	7 <sup>th</sup> G, 8 <sup>th</sup> G, 7 <sup>th</sup> B, 8 <sup>th</sup> B

We will use a rolling time schedule

## Saturday, March 25, High School

8:00 Scratch meeting for all running events. Field events will be scratched at the event.

9:00 3200 meter run Varsity Girls, Junior Varsity Boys, Varsity Boys

9:00	Field events:					
Time	TJ	HJ	LJ	Disc	SP	PV
9:00	VB	JVB	VG	VB	VG	JVB
10:00	VG	VB	JVB	JVB	VB	VG
11:00	JVB	VG	VB	VG	JVB	VB

**Opening Heights:**

Pole Vault Girls 7', JVB 8'6", VB 9'6"

High Jump Girls 4'6", JVB 5', VB 5'6"

Long Jump will be held on the East-West runway on the north end of the track.

Triple Jump will be held on the North-South runway on the east side of the stadium opposite the pole vault.

The discus ring is located outside of the stadium on the northwest side.

The shot put ring is inside the stadium on the southeast side.

Each participant will get three throws or three jumps in the field events for distance.

The top 7 will go to the finals. Running events take precedence over field events.

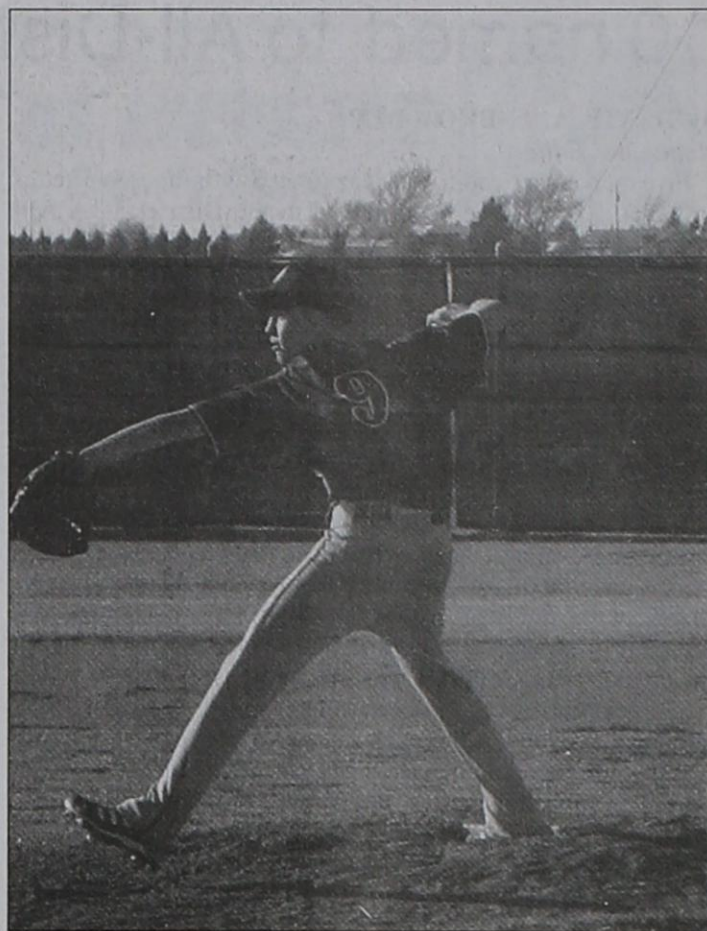
Field events for height take precedence over field events for distance.

**Preliminary Running Events:**

Time	Event	Order
10:00	100 meter low hurdles	VG
	110 meter Intermediate Hurdles	JVB, VB
	100 meter dash	VG, JVB, VB
	800 meter relay	VG, JVB, VB
	400 meter dash	VG, JVB, VB
	300 meter Hurdles	VG, JVB, VB
	200 meter dash	VG, JVB, VB

Finals will begin at 1:30 or one hour after the last preliminary event.

Time	Event	Order
1:30	Weight Man 400 meter relay	JV/Varsity Combined
	400 meter relay	VG, JVB, VB
	800 meter relay	VG, JVB, VB
	100 meter low hurdles	VG
	110 meter Intermediate Hurdles	JVB, VB
	100 meter dash	VG, JVB, VB
	800 meter relay	VG, JVB, VB
	400 meter dash	VG, JVB, VB
	300 meter Hurdles	VG, JVB, VB
	200 meter dash	VG, JVB, VB
	1600 meter run	VG, JVB, VB
	1600 meter relay	VG, JVB, VB



## DIMMITT'S KYLE WHATLEY pitches against Muleshoe. Bobcats fall to Muleshoe

The Dimmitt Bobcats fell to Muleshoe after starting the game off with a lead on Tuesday.

"We were leading, but our typical defense kicked in and made some errors," said head baseball coach Jesus Quiroz. "It wasn't a good defensive game for us."

But district starts this week and Quiroz is planning to make something happen.

"With district starting, we'll probably make a couple of moves, hopefully put the best nine offensively and defensively out there," Quiroz said. "We're still hitting the ball, that's the good part of our game."

The losses, he said, come from not being focused.

"I wish I knew the answer, because if I did, we'd be doing everything correctly," he said. "We need to start playing more as a team and we'd be better off. Each person needs to worry about his own position and not someone's else job. I think if they'd start worrying about their job, those things would kick in. They're little things, but they're real important."

"We hope those moves help us surprise some people."

Quiroz said everyone's had their fair chance at playing.

"Some will have to step up, some will be looking back," he said. "Probably will make some other kids work harder."

"As district starts, we're back at 0-0." The team's first home district game will be at 4:30 p.m. against Olton on Friday.

**The Dimmitt Bobbies have added a game at 4:30 p.m. at home on Thursday against the Clovis C team. Their next game will be March 28 against West Texas at home at 4:30 p.m. That will be a district matchup. They have had no games since the Ralls Tournament we reported on in the last issue.**

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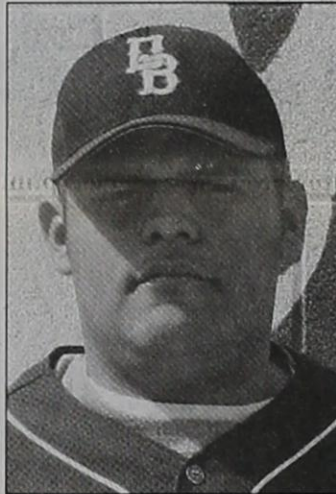
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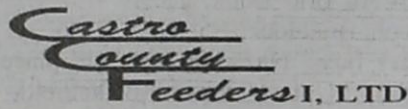


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# 10 named to All-District basketball teams

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER  
Managing Editor

Five players on both the Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes basketball teams have been named to the District 3-1A All-District teams. With good reason. And junior Holly Kleman has been named All-State by the Texas Girls Coaching Association.

The boys team wrapped up its season by winning the state championship in a nail-biting game against Lipan.

First the Swifts went undefeated in district, then had to play five tough games to get to Austin. They defeated Valley 85-40; Wheeler, 66-30; and Whitharral, 67-45, just to get to the bi-state games in Levelland.

That's when the nail biting started. In their first of two games in Levelland, the Swifts beat Paducah, 51-48, when Dustin Schulte hit a 3-pointer from about 75 feet at the buzzer with the teams tied at 48-all. That victory was particularly sweet, since it was Paducah that kept Nazareth out of the state finals last year.

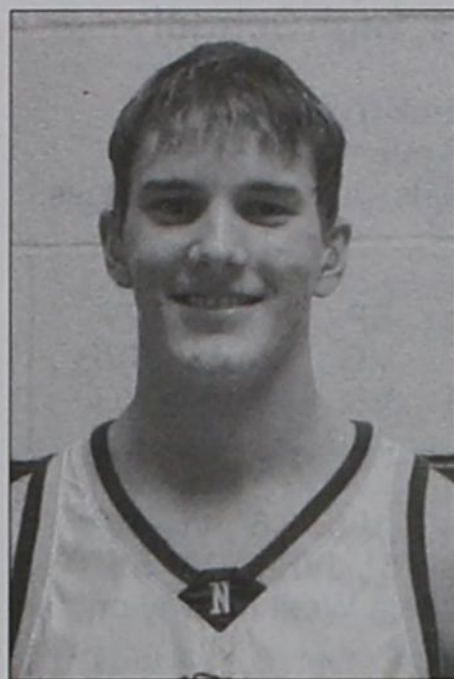
But the drama was far from over for fans. In their second game at Levelland - the one that meant the team was going to state and the game that Paducah won last year - the Swifts took it to overtime before defeating Throckmorton, 55-50.

On the boys side, named as MVP was senior Jake Hoelting, whose trademark 3-pointer helped the team on its trek to the state finals.

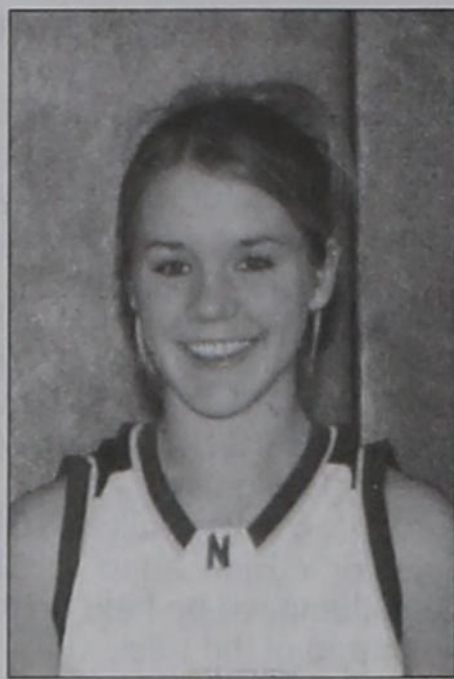
The other members named to the team were seniors Charlie Rundell, Alan Gerber, Zane Farris and junior Dustin Schulte.

The Swiftettes went through district undefeated, coincidentally defeating Springlake-Earth twice in district play. Then in the playoffs, the Swiftettes defeated Valley, 56-47; Channing, 55-43; and Whitharral, 49-24, with a near-flawless performance. That win got them to the bi-district games in Levelland.

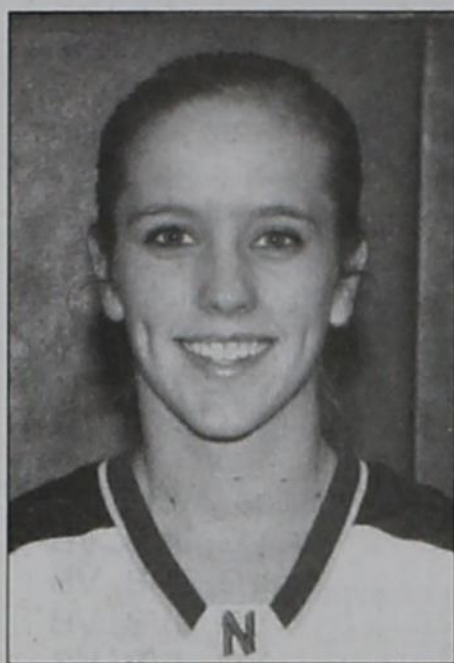
And the Swiftettes, who defeated Springlake-Earth in both district games this year, fell to that same team, 48-37, on a night when the Nazareth team was shooting 16 percent. That ended their run to the state game, but the team's performance was still good enough in district play - they were undefeated - to garner the All-District honors with the



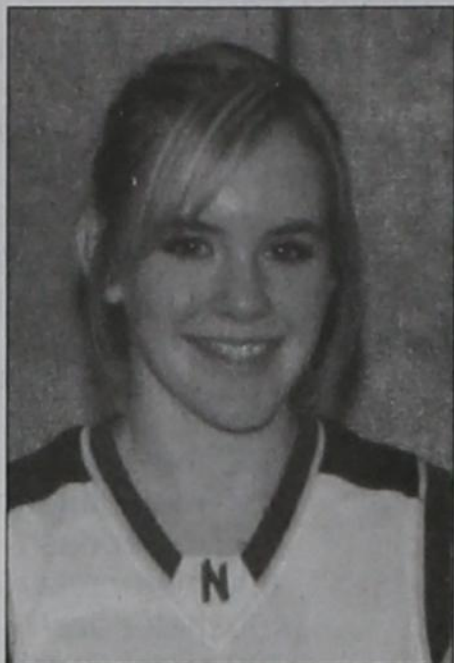
**Jake Hoelting**  
All-District MVP



**Kendra Huseman**  
All-District MVP



**Holly Kleman**  
Named to All-State Team by the TCGA

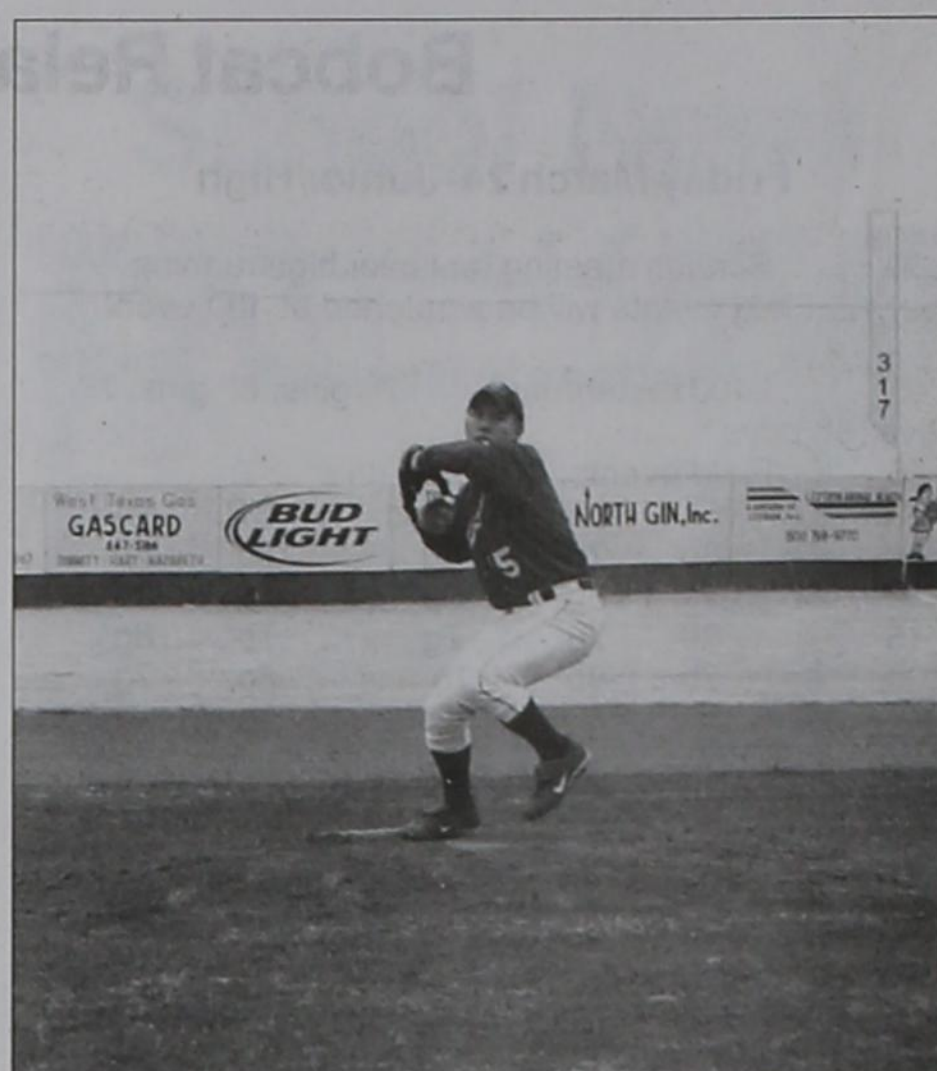


**Caitlin Huseman**  
All-District Newcomer of the Year

MVP award going to senior Kendra Huseman. Her sister Caitlin, a freshman, was named Newcomer of the Year. Also named to the All-District team were juniors Holly Kleman, Lacey Acker and Heidi Ramaekers.

"The girls went out every day in practice and worked hard, despite several having injuries," said head coach Amy Huseman. "Holly deserved the All-State Honors. She played with chronic back problems and a stress fracture of her leg. We held her out of several district games, but it was hard to do - she wanted to suit up for every game."

Kleman averaged about 16 points per game on the season and was named MVP in 2005 at the State Tournament when Nazareth defeated Kennard. (Kennard won the state title this year, defeating Springlake-Earth).



**NAZARETH PITCHER NATE HUSEMAN** winds up against Crosbyton on Friday.

## Naz run rules Crosbyton

The Dimmitt Bobcats downed Crosbyton, 18-8, on Friday on a day that was cold and windy.

"It took us a while," said head baseball coach Ralph Albracht. "Nate (Huseman) started as pitcher and pitched 5 1/3 innings. Dustin (Schulte) relieved him and got the final two outs in the top of the sixth."

Although the team didn't get to start playing until March 14, Albracht said his team is coming together, despite Monday's game having been rained out. On Tuesday, they played Bovina.

"We're just getting good," he said. "We've got our outstanding starting pitchers from last year back - Nate and Dustin. We're really pretty old, juniors and seniors on the varsity. But we lost four starters last year, so some of this year's starters haven't had much playing time."

Starting new this year is catcher Chase Black; Kean Lilley at left field; Tucker Waggoner at center field; and Tyler Waggoner in right, where Zane Farris may also get some playing time, Albracht said.

Returning starters include: Bryce Parker, first base and pitcher; Cliff Gerber, second base; Chris Acker played right last year but is playing third this year; Nate Huseman and Dustin Schulte (will take turns pitching and playing shortstop). When Parker pitches, Huseman plays first and Schulte is shortstop.

Albracht said Acker started at third base last year, but "we couldn't find anyone who could catch a ball in right field and we stuck him out there."

"He's doing pretty well on third this year," Albracht said. "He's a good hitter. Really, Cliff (Gerber) is hitting good, Nate (Huseman), those two have hit well in the first two games and Kean Lilley is hitting well, too."

The Swifts were scheduled to host Hale Center at home on Friday, but by Tuesday, no decision had been made on whether the game would be moved to Hale Center. For more information, call the Nazareth school.

## Nazareth Track Results

The Nazareth boys went to their first track meet on the season on Saturday at the Panhandle Relays. The 3200 meter run and some of the field events were in progress when a brief rainstorm halted the meet for about 45 minutes. After the rain, it was decided to run all the other races as finals and place runners based on their times.

**Varsity division:** Nazareth team, 7<sup>th</sup> place, 22 points. 400 relay, did not finish - dropped the baton. 110-meter hurdles, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Bryce Parker, 16.85. 100-meter dash, 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Chase Black, 11.25. 800-meter relay, 5<sup>th</sup> place, Eric Book, Tucker Waggoner, Chase Black, Jose Braddock, 1:36.14. 300-meter hurdles, 6<sup>th</sup> place, Bryce Parker, 45.52. 200-meter dash, 6<sup>th</sup> place, Josh Braddock, 24.00; Tucker Waggoner, 24:30, Eric Book, 25.9. Shot put: Jacob Braddock, 35-10. **Junior Varsity boys,** Nazareth team, 4<sup>th</sup> place, 37 points. 3200-meter run, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Steven Birkenfeld, 12:08.55. 800-meter run, 5<sup>th</sup> place, Kyle Birkenfeld, 2:32.94. 100-meter dash, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Thomas Schacher, 12.18; George Acker, 13.1. 400-meter dash, George Acker, 1:06.0. 200-meter dash, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Thomas Schacher, 24.78. 1600-meter run, 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Steven Birkenfeld, 5:44.18; 6<sup>th</sup> place, Kyle Birkenfeld, 6:09.09.

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The meeting closed with a prayer led by the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice State Regent, Carolyn Bachmann.

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Nazareth, Texas  
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# School Menus

## Dimmitt ISD

Friday: Breakfast - Pancake on stick, cereal, apple cinnamon loaf. Lunch - Chicken enchilada, fishburger, salmon casserole, Mexipinto beans, baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo, taco condiment salad, tossed salad, fruited gelatin, fresh fruit, Fritos, birthday cake.

Monday: Breakfast - Sausage and biscuit, Honey Nut Cheerios cereal bar, apples. Lunch - Hamburgers, Italian spaghetti, fajita sub sandwich, french fries, green beans, frijoles refrieto, hamburger salad, tossed salad, hoagie sub salad, fresh fruit, fresh melon, garlic bread, candy chocolate chip cookies.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter and strawberry sandwich, cereal, blueberry muffin. Lunch - Corn dogs, turkey salad sandwich, grilled cheese sandwich with soup, pork and beans, Mexicali corn, blackeyed peas, cole slaw, potato chips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, pickle spear, fruited gelatin, Fritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Fresh donuts, peaches, cereal, Honey Bun. Lunch - Fried chicken, bean chalupas, hoagie submarine sandwich, mashed potatoes, Spanish rice, vegetable medley, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, wheat rolls.

Thursday: Breakfast - Grilled cheese sandwich, cereal, apple muffin. Lunch - Stagecoach spaghetti, enchilada casserole, ham and cheese on bun, broccoli with cheese sauce, mixed vegetables, orange wedges, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, garlic Italian bread, tortilla chips, crackers.

## Nazareth ISD

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage patty on roll, cereal. Lunch - Baked potato and bread, cheese pizza, tossed salad, broccoli, apple sauce, s'mores.

Monday: Breakfast - Glazed donuts, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti and cheese sticks, pizza, salad, corn, pineapple, orange cake.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Waffles, sausage pattie, cereal. Lunch - Chicken pot pie, chef salad, carrots, peaches, peanut butter bars.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast pockets, cereal. Lunch - Soft tacos, pizza, lettuce, green beans, pears, brownies.

## Calendar

Continued from Page 12 managed and operated. It is vital that the business community be able to differentiate our role from that of State agencies."

"While we receive State funding, our resources come to us through the Panhandle Workforce Development Board, a group of business and community leaders from throughout the region that sets local goals and priorities," states Morris.

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Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake/sausage on stick, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, beans, apple sauce, cookies.

## Hart ISD

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits & sausage, cereal. Lunch - Tuna salad sandwich, hot dog on a bun, dill pickles, carrots, peaches.

Monday: Breakfast - Breakfast sticks, cereal. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrot sticks, dill pickles, tossed salad.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Nachos with ground beef, enchilada casserole, carrot sticks, dill pickles, tossed salad.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, ham sandwich, carrot sticks, dill pickles, tossed salad, peaches.

Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch - Beef burrito, chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, carrot sticks, dill pickles, tossed salad.

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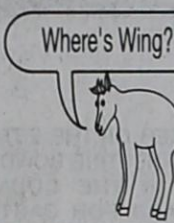
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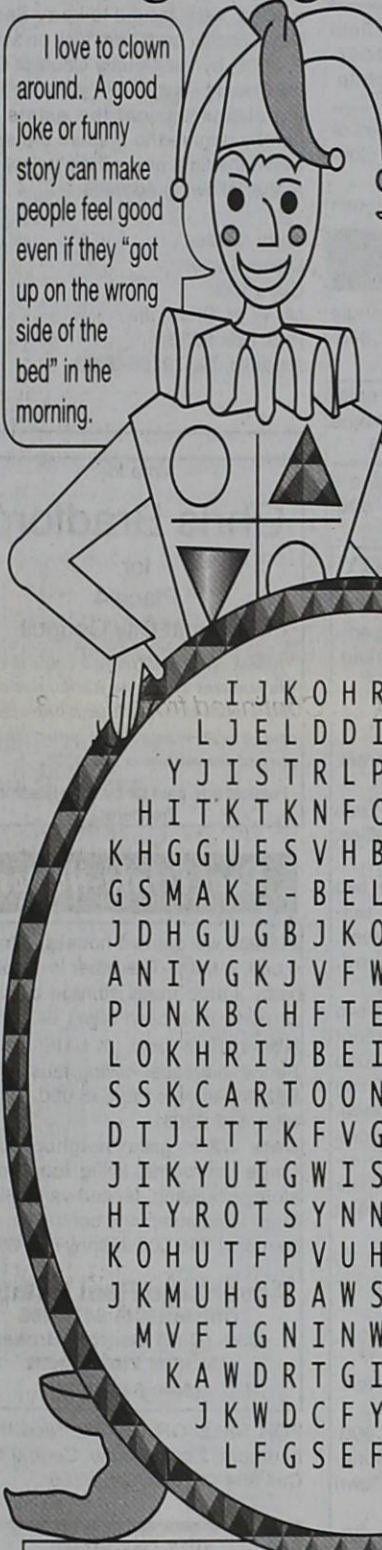
# Newspaper Fun!

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Can you find him?



## Laughing Matters!



I love to clown around. A good joke or funny story can make people feel good even if they "got up on the wrong side of the bed" in the morning.

Laughter helps us show our feelings of happiness or amusement. It is wonderful to have a good sense of humor. Being able to see and enjoy what is funny adds a lot of spirit to our lives. Laughing matters!

Entertainers and animal trainers will "jump through hoops" to amuse people. They work many long hours thinking of funny ideas and getting materials together for their shows.

The words below the hoop tell some of the ways entertainers try to make people laugh.

Can you find and circle them?

I J K O H R P H F  
L J E L D D I R J M T  
Y J I S T R L P A H G C E  
H I T K T K N F C C H J O K E  
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|---------|------|----------------|
| riddle  | pun  | funny story    |
| sounds  | gag  | wisecrack      |
| cartoon | jest | comedy         |
| prank   | joke | trick          |
|         |      | practical joke |
|         |      | make-believe   |
|         |      | clowning       |

Forest earned \$15.00 so he could buy props to help him become a magician. He knows that he needs to buy the top hat and the magic wand for \$7.54.

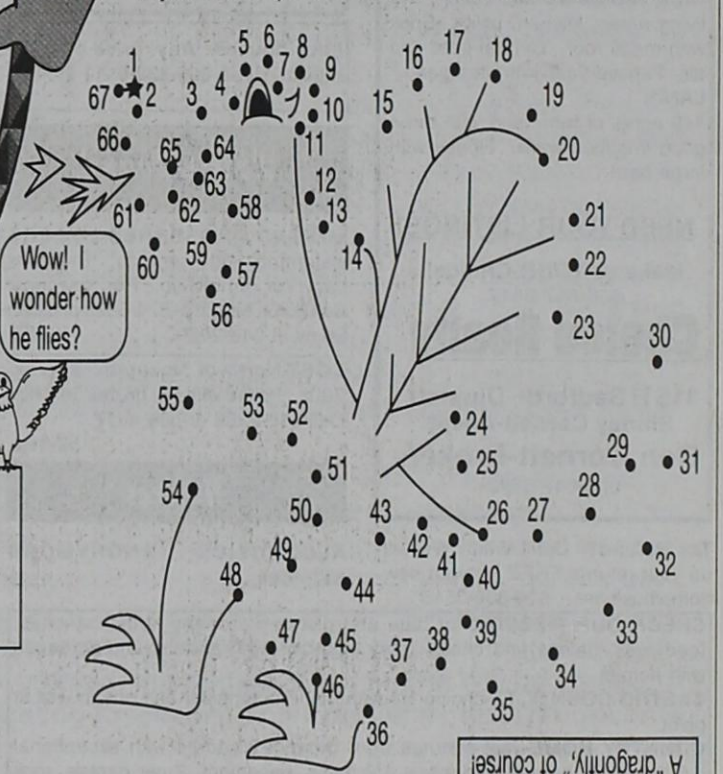


Next, he will buy 3 tricks that will cost him \$5.10 and leave him with \$1.36 in change.

What three tricks did Forest buy for \$5.10? Study the Price List below to find the three items that add up to \$5.10.

black ants - 1.17	Price List	top hat - 5.75
blue gum - 1.59		trick cards - 1.79
ice cube with bug - 2.43		gold coins - 3.33
relighting birthday candles - 1.84		magic wand - 2.79
rubber flies - 99¢		cups and ball set - 2.14
soap that turns black - 85¢		juggling balls - 4.19

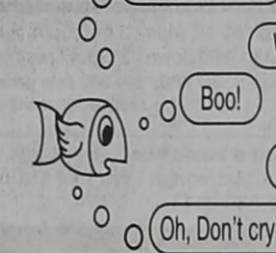
What "knightly" creature kept bugging the camping kids when they tried to sleep? Follow the dots to find out the answer:



A "dragonfly" of course!

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Knock, Knock!



Who's there?

Boo!

Boo who?

Oh, Don't cry!

## Sounds of Laughter

There are people who think that "clowning around" is no laughing matter! They take their work very seriously. They work hard to entertain and make people laugh. There are many kinds of sounds that people make when they laugh.

Can you match the kinds of laughs people make with their sounds?

- belly laugh
  - giggle
  - howl
  - cackle
  - bray
  - chuckle
  - snicker
  - guffaw
- sounds like a donkey
  - reminds one of a hen's "chatter"
  - a silly laugh
  - a deep, loud, hearty laugh
  - loud laugh, almost like a dog
  - a burst of loud laughter
  - to laugh quietly, a bit meanly
  - partly quiet laugh

Haw!

Squeak!



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# Castro County Classifieds

## Real Estate Homes & Land

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**1850 sq. ft.**-3 bedroom, 2 bath, office, den with fireplace, kitchen, dining, utility, storage buildings, storm cellar, 30' X 40' shop. 1.8 acres.

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**BRICK HOME**-3/2 living with wood burning fireplace, kitchen, sun room, fence, storage building and storm shelter, two car carport.

**EDGE OF TOWN**-2 acres, 14 X 70 trailer, water well, storage bldg., barn, boxcar, fenced.

**NICE**-3/1 living, kitchen, utility, single garage. Two lots.

**3/2/2 living**, kitchen, utility, storage building, cellar, fenced yard. 20' X 30' shop. Nice.

**BEAUTIFUL HOME**-3/2.75/2, den, living room, remodeled kitchen with new appliances, utility, storage building, basement, circle drive.

**2 acres**-3/2 den, living, kitchen, sun room, basement, single garage, two storage bldgs.. Building two rooms with bath.

**BUSINESS FOR SALE**-Springlake convenience store with coolers and equipment, gas station, deli, large shop on corner lot.

**INVESTMENT PROPERTY**-Mobile home trailer park-27 lots. Own 8 mobile homes and leases 9 spaces. Owner financing available.

**NICE** two bedroom, 1 bath, two living areas, kitchen, utility. Brick with metal roof. Central heat and air. Fenced yard with storage.

**LAND:**  
**Two lots**- great location to build home. Sunset Circle.  
**EDGE OF TOWN**-106 acres with two electric irrigation wells...4" pumps.  
**NICE two bedroom**, 1 bath, two living areas, kitchen, utility. Brick with metal roof. Central heat and air. Fenced yard with storage.

**LAND:**  
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**\$86,000-REDUCED**-3/2/2-Owner has moved, fireplace, great location, hot tub, nice shop. Seller helps with closing.

**\$80,000**-Great home-3/2/2-lots of new paint and carpet, fireplace, corner lot, nice shop, close to schools.

**NEW-\$80,000**-3,100 sq ft home/store on 14 acres, includes large quonset barn, compressors, tools, tractor, farm equipment, livestock barns and many more treasures. Lots of potential. Owner financing available.

**\$69,900**-3/2/2-Great home, lots of new paint and tile, basement, large corner lot.

**NEW-\$70,000**-3/2.25/2-Large House-LOT in back. Mother-in-law home in back. Brick Bar-B-Q. Seller helps with closing.

**NEW-\$70,000**-3/2/2-Excellent home, country living with city amenities, large trees and nice storage building.

**NEW-\$55,000**-3/1/0 Extremely nice well kept home. close to schools.

**\$53,000**- 3/2/1- Nice well-kept home with extra lot to park your truck or build a shop.

**\$45,000**-3/1/0 Two homes for the price of one, large corner lot. Rented unit rents for \$400.

**\$40,000**-2/2/0-Great home that has been well-kept. Soft water. Corner lots, trees, storage building, etc.

**NEW-\$40,000**-3/1.5/1-Extremely nice well-kemp home, close to schools, extra large fenced lot and storage building.

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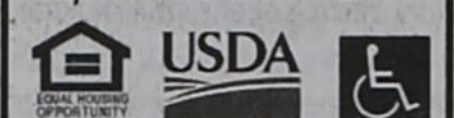
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No. PR-2677

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Velma Ernestine Bowden, Deceased, were issued to Larry Sadler, David Sadler and Clara Vick on March 2, 2006, by the County Court of Castro County, Texas. All persons having claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law and at the following address:

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of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Fire Station in Dimmitt. "You're on a one-year probationary membership before you're voted on permanent," he said. "Training helps, we try to supply some and there are schools in Canyon, Lubbock, College Station.

"We've been extremely lucky here in Castro County as far as fires so far. Hereford, I don't know how many they've had. Deaf Smith County is twice as big as Castro. It goes all the way west to the state line. Seems like they've had one almost every day in Deaf Smith County."

Sometimes you don't get the response you want, but with everyone having other jobs, it's to be expected, he said.

"We've got a pretty good bunch and some younger, new members - more younger, newer ones than we've had than in several years," he said. "We're just fortunate around here that there's a wheat field ever so often to stop a wildfire should it start. It will take more than one little rain shower to cure this fire problem."

He said without substantial rain in the area affected by the Panhandle fire, there will be a loss of soil.

"It's going to blow real bad after it burns," he said. "Used to, after it burned, there'd be some stick and root left. Lately, here it seems like it's slick like cement and makes the top soil blow away. The main thing is for people to keep being careful."

Fire Marshall Randy Griffitt is also the Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant Fire Chief. He's been fighting fire since 1975 and now he's been joined by his son, Tanner.

And there're not the only father-son duo on the Dimmitt VFD. There's Charlie and Corey Lane.

Griffitt said one of the positives of working as part of a VFD is the relationships you build, he said.

"There's a lot of camaraderie, the city reimburses us a little on our water bill; and at 55 we can draw a little retirement from the state," he said

Other than the two larger fires north of town, there have only been 15 or 20 small fires for the Dimmitt VFD to fight here. And for how, they're happy about that. They just want it to remain upmost in people's minds that the fire danger did not go away with an inch or two of rain.

County Judge Bill Sava who serves on the Emergency Management Committee, said in his opinion, "You would look long and hard before you'd find a more dedicated group of individuals in Castro County than the individuals who serve on the volunteer fire departments. Out of necessity, over the past couple of months I've talked with the Texas Equest Service and asked for their assessment of what our emergency response to fire was like here. They said they'd come into contact with the departments in the county and that in their opinion, they were a very well trained group of individuals and we were very fortunate to have them. And I do agree wholeheartedly."

Sava said all four departments seem to be well-organized.

"And when we have an emergency, they seem to get the job done," he said. "For all of us who benefit from their services for having lower insurance rates, we're grateful. This group works for us not only with fires, but with weather incidents. We need to be aware how much they do for us when there's a auto accident; they respond to those. There are a lot of reasons we should be thankful to them."

Griffitt said he wants to remind people that with tornado season right around the corner, the danger from fires caused by lightning is very real. "We'd like to ask any of the farmers or companies who have tractors or discs and would be willing to help should a fire, like the one that swept the Panhandle, occur, contact either Tommy Cleavinger or Randy Griffitt if you'd be willing to help plow a circle around the town should the need arise."

Both the Nazareth VFD and the Hart VFD were asked to come to the staging area at the Tri-State County Fair Grounds in Amarillo last week in case they were needed to help with the fires in the Panhandle.

Nazareth VFD chief Dennis Kern, caught on his way to the staging area, with the Nazareth tanker, said he was a volunteer fireman because "somebody's got to help out."

"A lot of folks don't realize how much money it takes and the amount of effort, plus the schooling involved," Kern said. "There's a lot of personal satisfaction in it for me and of course, we do it for the community. Myself, I've been doing since I got out of high school in the 70s."

Harvey Perez, Fire Chief at Hart said he's been fighting fires 21 years come June.

"I just enjoy doing it, helping people," he said. "It's kind of hard for these smaller towns to have paid departments. Volunteers are better when the people participating want to do it. That's the biggest difference in being paid and being volunteer. The volunteers are the ones that really want to do it. The paid guys do, too. But the volunteers don't get anything except the thanks you get from the people. That makes you feel better."

Hart has a total of 18 volunteers.

"Of course, with many having jobs, during the day, only so many will show up, but if it's something bad, you'll have all your guys show up," Perez said. "We have two EMTs on our department, too."

Last week Perez and Floyd Velasquez, a volunteer at Hart, also went to Amarillo to the

staging area. "We didn't get to fight any fires," Perez said. "When it started raining in the area, they told us to come on home. We carried our new brush truck up there, but didn't get a chance to use it. You can pump your water and move the truck at the same time - what they call a pump and roll."

Nazareth was there and there was a truck from Vega with us. We were going to go as a

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**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality  
EXAMPLE A  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN  
AIR PERMIT RENEWAL**

PERMIT NO. 5160

**APPLICATION** Hereford Grain Corp has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 5160 which would authorize continued operation of the Grain Elevator located at 1098 FM 1055, Hereford, Castro County, Texas. The facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 07, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Castro County Courthouse, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. Information in the application indicates that this permit renewal would not result in an increase in allowable emissions and would not result in the emission of an air contaminant not previously emitted. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** You may submit public comments, or a request for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.** After the deadline for public comment, the executive director will prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

After the technical review is complete the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If only comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on the mailing list for this application, unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. The applicant or the executive director may also request that the application be directly referred to a contested case hearing after technical review of the application. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may act on the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** According to the Texas Clean Air Act § 382.056 (o) a contested case hearing may only be granted if the applicant's compliance history is in the lowest classification under applicable compliance history requirements and if the hearing request is based on disputed issue of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission may only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emission of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following:** (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. **Request for a contest case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.**

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

**INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamara al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us)

Further information may also be obtained from Hereford Grain Corp, P.O. Box 910, Hereford, Texas 79045 or by calling Mr. Fritz Backus, Assistant Manager at (806) 364-3155.

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# Community Calendar

## Breast Cancer exam is April 13

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Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents age 50 to 64 who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call

(806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

## Community Prayer Gathering

There will be a community prayer gathering the first Wednesday of every month at 6 a.m. at Dimmitt Methodist Church, 110 SW 3<sup>rd</sup> St. There will be fellowship, a free meal, prayer and a devotional guest speaker. Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend. Help lift the whole community in prayer. The dates are April 5, May 3 and June 7.

## DARSPA offering two scholarships

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association will award two educational scholarships this spring. Eligible to apply for the scholarships are graduating seniors from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth High Schools and current college or university students. All applicants must be pursuing a career in the field of education. Application forms are available in each of the high school counselors' offices or from Mary Jo Brown at 1603 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt and by telephone at 647-3250. Deadline for application is April 10.

## Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship to be award

Delta Kappa Gamma will be offering a \$500 scholarship to a college students who has graduated from Castro County High School. The college student must be an education major and have been accepted into the Education Department. Verification of this must be submitted with the application. Students may pick up an application from Sue Howell at Dimmitt Middle School. The scholarship will be paid to the college or university or the student in the amount of \$250 per semester. Applications are due May 1.

## Drivers License office to be closed March 30 and 31

The Texas Department of Public Safety Drivers License office will be closed Thursday (March 30) and Friday (March 31).

## Texas Workforce Centers Completes Name Change to Panhandle WorkSource

Texas Workforce Centers have officially changed their name to Panhandle WorkSource. Trent Morris, who coordinates the region's eight facilities, says "the new name more accurately reflects who we are and what we do."

"Many people still think of us as the State's unemployment office, and that is not true," Morris explains. "We are locally

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## VFDs

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unit.

"I just think Castro County with the Hart, Nazareth, Dimmitt and Sunnyside VFDs, a lot of guys know each other and work real well together," Perez said. "We're kind of lucky in Castro."

Justin Bradley, Assistant Fire Chief at Sunnyside, said he's been fighting fires for 10 years now.

"I do just to help the community," he said. "We've got 12 members and that's just about right. We only have probably four or five that are real active, but if we had a big fire, everybody would show up."

"There's a lot of communities that just might burn up without volunteer fire departments."

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