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Council sets city election Four single-member districts will have elections

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Dimmitt City Council has set city elections for Saturday, May 13 - the second Saturday of the month. Up for grabs will be all four single-member district places; Place 1, Roy Garza; Place 2, Gloria Hernandez; Place 3, Bill Potts, and Place 4, which was held by Roger Malone until his resignation in January.

The three at-large seats and the mayor's office will be up for election in two more years. The at-large members are Steve Buckley, Bob Murdock and Paul Wayland.

To run for the City Council, at least in the single-member districts, one

must be a resident of that district, be a registered voter and file for the job with the City Clerk. The earliest one can file is Feb. 13. Deadline for filing is 5 p.m., March 13. It costs nothing to file and no petitions are required. Early voting starts May 1.

The council, upon recommendation by Mayor Wayne Collins, declined to name an interim council member to fill Malone's vacancy, due to the proximity of the upcoming election.

The council also accepted two resignations, Gloria Garcia and Carolyn Jones, from the Board of Adjustments. Chosen to fill those two vacancies were J.R. Rials and Emilio

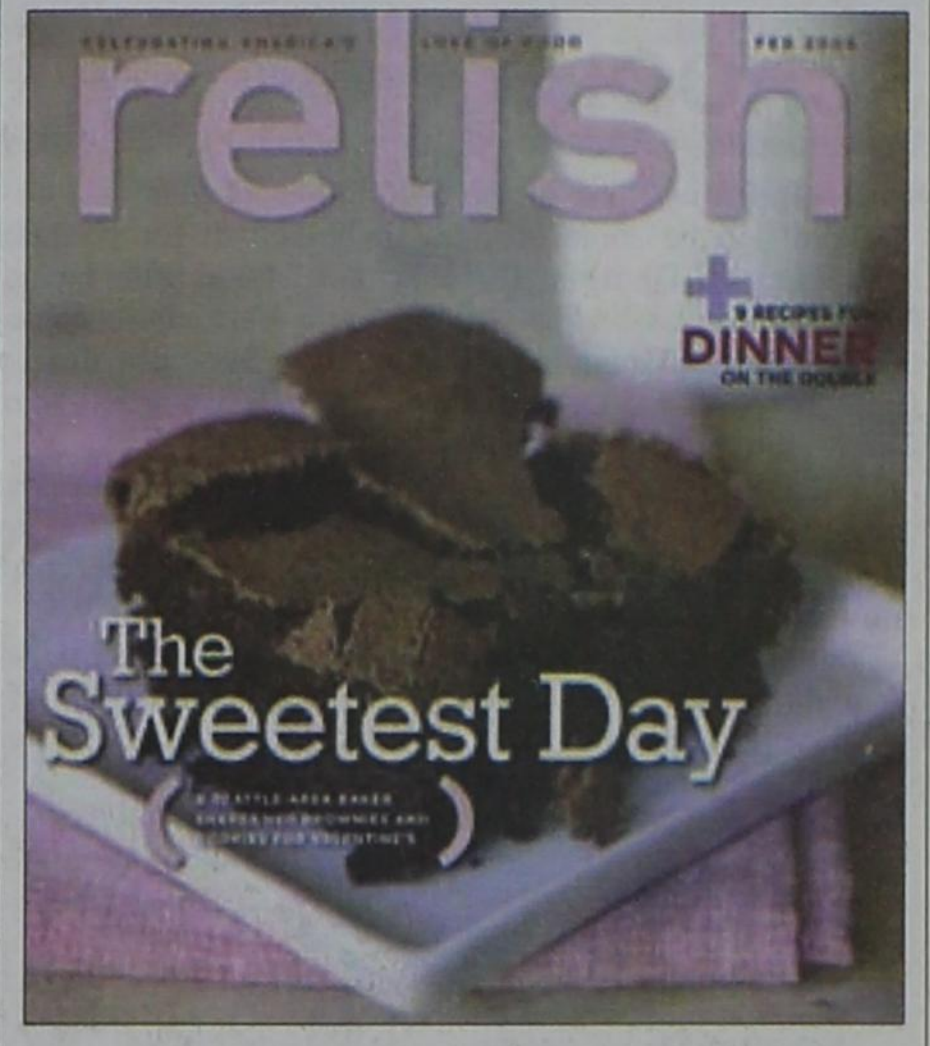
Nino.

In other business, the council heard a year-end audit report on city finances from Henry Ramaekers. Although the closing of Cargill has had a severe impact on the city in three areas - lost revenues from ad valorem taxes, lost money from franchise taxes that Cargill paid and the loss of about \$40,000 per month that Cargill was paying for water, Ramaekers said his report was overall a positive one, despite the city's being hard hit by the Cargill closing.

Council members also approved revision of the city's personnel policy that were discussed and authorized at an earlier meeting this year.

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Dimmitt Chamber celebrates its outstanding citizens, teacher and member



2005 Citizen of the Year

Linda Rasor was named 2005 Citizen of the Year by the Dimmitt Chamber. Above, Rasor stands with the three who introduced her at Saturday's banquet: Sandy Baker, A'llan Bradley and Dr. W.J. Hill.



2005 Citizen Through the Years

Jamie Mendoza introduced her uncle Fred Bruegel Jr. who was named Citizen Through the Years for his many years of work throughout the community.



2005 Teacher of the Year

Sara Hill, last year's Teacher of the Year, introduced this year's winner, middle school teacher Carla Miller, whom she praised for her work with students in the Dimmitt Independent School District.



2005 Member of the Year

Chamber President Roger Malone gives Evelyn Noble her plaque after she was named Chamber Member of the Year. Noble operates and owns Dimmitt Retail Merchants Association.

Re-alignment means a bigger district, more urban schools for DISD

Class 1A schools now rid of Stratford

By **DAVIE BROWDER**

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UIL realignment, a change that happens every two years to try and keep up with changing enrollment, has left all three Castro County school districts in their respective classes. Dimmitt will remain in 2A, while Hart and Nazareth are still in 1A. The cutoff enrollment numbers between Class 1A and 2A increased from 190 to 194.

Don't think however, that staying in the same class will mean the same kind of competition in the next two years.

Dimmitt, which will still be in District 2-2A has gone from a six-man district to a seven-man district, with two schools from Class 3A - Muleshoe and River Road added. This will be the first year for Bushland to have a varsity football season. Three of the teams in 2-2A this year went to playoffs in their respective classes last year. Another big impact in 2A across the state is the addition of Stratford from Class 1A to 2A. Stratford won state in 2005 in Class 1A.

For the next two years, District 2-2A will include new schools Muleshoe, Amarillo Highland Park, Amarillo River Road and Bushland. Remaining in 2-2A with Dimmitt are Friona and Tulia. Gone are Olton, Lockney and Floydada.

"The good news is that travel wise, we're still centrally located," said Athletic Director Alan Steinle. "As far as district, we'll have more teams and those teams have the ability to be stronger. Muleshoe and River Oaks have a chance to be strong in the district. They fell from 3A and that will make our district more competitive."

Everyone in Class 1A breathed a sign of relief with the news of Stratford moved up the ladder to Class 2A.

Especially Nazareth. For the last two football seasons, the Swifts have seen Stratford spoil their hopes for a state title. With Stratford in close proximity to the Swifts, that meant that by the second round of playoffs, Nazareth would meet Stratford - and then come home to Castro County.

In football for Nazareth, which remained in District 4-1A, there were no changes in the teams. Bovina, Springlake-Earth, Farwell and Sudan will join Hart and Nazareth.

Nazareth head football coach Ricky Peacock said he welcomes Stratford's departure to Class 2A.

"We had kind of been anticipating it, since their enrollment had gone up," he said. "But as far as district goes, nothing's changed for us - it's the same six teams that we've always had."

To know that Stratford is no longer waiting in the wings means the players now see an opportunity to go farther in

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New withholding rule applies to all non-resident alien workers

BY TIM W. MCALAVY

CANYON - All U.S. employers are now required to collect and file withholding for non-resident alien workers, according to a Texas Cooperative Extension economist. "That's the word from the Internal Revenue Service, effective Jan. 1, 2006," said Jay Yates, Extension risk management economist based at Lubbock, speaking to participants at the 2006 High Plains Vegetable Conference here. IRS Publication 51 details how this must be done and contains a chart to help you figure withholding for these

employees," he said. "The chart can help you figure withholding on weekly, monthly and other pay periods." Publication 51, Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide, is available online at: http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p51_05.pdf "I have been asked whether Quickbooks software is capable of handling this new requirement," Yates said. "At this point, I don't know." Yates also noted that non-resident alien employees are also required to file a W4 form. The IRS now has English and Spanish-language versions of this form available online at: <http://www.irs.gov/formspubs/lists/0,id=97817,00.html>. An IRS withholding calculator is available online at: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals>. "There is also a new W9 form for contractors that also is available in Spanish," Yates said. "And there is a new I9 immigration form available from the Immigration and Naturalization Service." President Bush proposed a new temporary worker program in early January, so we could see a change in the current program sometime this year or next. "The Social Security Administration has piloted a voluntary employee identification program for U.S. employers, he said. The Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) program enables Federal, state, and local government agencies and licensing bureaus to obtain immigration status information they need in order to determine a non-citizen applicant's eligibility for many public benefits. It also administers employment verification pilot programs that enable employers to verify the work authorization of their newly hired employees, according to the administration's program web site. The SAVE program is available online at: <http://ucis.gov/graphics/services/SAVE.htm>. "President Bush has mentioned this program, so it could become mandatory rather than voluntary," Yates said. "The online program is much faster for employers to use than the old Audix telephone system. "Increased emphasis on national border security may

bring temporary worker programs into the limelight, Yates said." A temporary or guest worker program of some kind is essential for many businesses in this country, across all sectors - agricultural and non-agricultural," he said. Yates coordinates Extension's FARM Assistance program in and around Lubbock. FARM Assistance is part of Texas Cooperative Extension's Risk Management Education Program. It helps individuals generate sound, statistically-based strategic financial analyses to make informed management decisions. Data from these analyses provide a significant amount of insight on the agricultural industry, as a whole, and enables FARM Assistance to conduct research to help industry groups, policymakers, and individuals identify trends and gauge impacts at the industry-level. Information on FARM Assistance is available online at: <http://farmassistance.tamu.edu>. Ed Curry, of Curry Seed

and Chile Company, Pearce, Ariz., encouraged conference participants to "talk to your Congressmen...let them know this (temporary worker program) is essential for agriculture and other businesses. "It's a myth

that we (agricultural employers) hire these workers because they are cheap labor," Curry said. "We need to pattern our guest temporary worker program after those that already exist successfully in other nations."

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state competition than in the past couple of years.

There will be some changes in basketball for Nazareth and Hart. In Division II basketball, 4-1A will include Happy, Kress, Lazbuddie with Hart and Nazareth, changing the district from nine-team district to a five-team district. Gone are Amherst, Cotton Center, Springlake-Earth, Cotton Center and Spade.

Going from a large number of teams in the basketball district to fewer teams will be in the Swifts and Swiftettes favor, said boys coach Mike Scarborough and girls coach Amy Huseman.

"We probably won't start district play until the first part of January with the smaller number of teams in our district," Scarborough said. "For the past two years, we've had to start district play in early December."

Huseman said that a shortened district schedule will mean that the team can get in some early games with bigger schools and tougher competition to get ready for district play.

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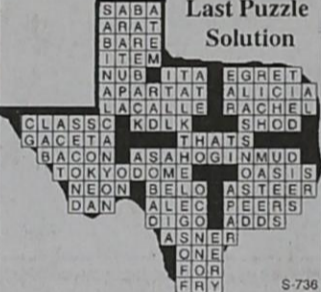


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- English mutton sheep
- TX Charley Pride's "___ I Losing You?"
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- pertaining to Valley citrus
- whooping cranes winter on TX coast and summer on the ___ Circle
- famous song: "___ Texas"
- neighboring state event: Mardi ___
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- Spanish-___
- ___ are atop many TX structures
- TXism: "___ as a church mouse"
- inventory unit for Dallas-based AA
- these are mounted in pickup cabs
- Cowboys Sunday aim: game ___
- TXism: "that ___ won't float"
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- TX artist James Swann did this

DOWN

- Stanley Marsh's 10 buried Caddys
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- Valley citrus
- TXism: "hard as putting up a tent in ___ storm"
- ___ Park, TX
- TXism: "___ 'bout"
- Ivanhoe, TX was named after ___ Walter Scott novel
- TXism: "he'd argue with a fence ___"
- kangaroo pouch
- TXism: "___ soul"
- TX-based TGI Friday's has a restaurant in Seoul, South ___
- late Rangers sportscaster Holtz (init.)
- fuel
- pickup wheel shaft
- TX must follow federal tailpipe ___ law
- TXism: "not one red ___"
- TXism: "it'll do ___ pinch"
- inquire
- born
- TX actress Cyd (init.)
- TX novelist Shelby coveted film award is named after TX ___ Pierce
- ex-Houston Rocket Thorpe
- TXism: "like a lamb ___ to slaughter"
- TXism: "hard as dodging ___ ___ wedding"
- TX-born ragtime composer Joplin
- an actor in the wings (2 wds.)
- TXism: "exciting as a fire ___ the IRS office"
- oil ___
- TXism: "ain't got a ___"
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- TX Larry Hagman TV series: "___ of Jeannie"
- video game coin
- use a cattle prod
- 17th century Brit Cromwell (init.)
- most TX accused do a ___ bargain
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- TX Red Duke
- Dallas Grand Prix initiator Buddy
- Austin Spamarama event: Spam ___
- sport of the great TX Cecil Smith
- Dalhart AM/FM
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- TXism: "ain't got a lick of ___"

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	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	73	30		
Wednesday	64	28		
Thursday	68	23	.12	
Friday	54	19		
Saturday	54	20		
Sunday	69	18		
Monday	52	17		

Feb. Rainfall 0.12
2006 Rainfall 0.01
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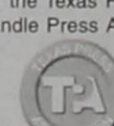

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Dimmitt Rotary Club hears guest speaker

Elin Geittle, foreign exchange student from Bergen, Norway, spoke to the Dimmitt Rotary Club recently. She gave a very interesting slide presentation of her native country. Her Dimmitt family is Steve, Vicki and Chelsey Buckley. Picture: Trish Elliott, (local Rotarian), Elin Geittle (foreign exchange student), Kevin Gerber (Dimmitt Rotary President)

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, amigos. Hello friends. Well, I always pay for having a big column one week. I didn't get any news for the Hispanic Voice this week so I had to go digging through my old columns for news. I hope next week is better.

First of all, I'd like to wish my husband, Josh a very Happy Valentines Day. I have no idea what we are doing this year, but it's always great. I'd like to let Josh know that I love him very much and I'd like to say thanks for making every day special. He sent me a beautiful robe a few weeks ago and has been busy repainting my kitchen this week, so may I need to give him the day off on Valentine's Day.

Huge congratulations go out to Peter Arguijo. Peter, who is the son of Sally Arguijo, and is in the first grade won several awards last week. He made the A Honor Roll, won a Citizenship award and to top it all off, was awarded a Math Whiz award. Good Job Peter. Keep up the good work.

A very special birthday wish to Miranda Velasquez, Miranda will be celebrating her big day with her husband Carlos and her family on Feb. 14.

Que Suerte! What a lucky girl, Valentine's and birthday gifts. Miranda, we all love you and hope you have a great day-from Angie

Naz News

with Vergie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary beginning

with Mass in Holy Family Church on Saturday evening. Their nine children and families then hosted a party for their parents at the Senior Citizens Center. After a delicious meal, tapes were shown on TV of birthday parties, Christmas, Easter and family weddings. Everyone really enjoyed a fun evening.

Breakfast was enjoyed Sunday morning at the Pohlmeier home before families had to head back to Colorado, Dallas and Levelland.

Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for their annual Super Bowl party. Lots of good food and fun!

The Nazareth Volunteer Fireman's Super Bowl party and annual fund-raiser was held Sunday evening at the American Legion Hall. A large crowd enjoyed a great steak dinner, visiting and watching TV. Richard Franks won the first quarter; Kevin Gerber, the second quarter; Keith Gerber, the third quarter; and David Bounds won the big-screen TV.

Many relatives and friends attended a party on Friday evening, given in honor of Glenda Gerber of Canyon on her 50th birthday. The party was held at the home of Joel and Mary Beth Gerber. A delicious lunch was served and candles blown out on a beautiful birthday cake. Gifts were

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Sixth-grade A-Honor Roll First Semester

Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Haley Bonnilla, Brittany Enriquez, Juana Garcia, Carter Hill, Brittany Lindley, Brennan Lytle, Candace Munoz, Kelsey Schilling, Jesslyn Smith, MorgAnne Thompson, Ryan Wilcox.

On the Go

Mrs. Hopson has decided to lay down her pen and take a well-deserved rest from her work here. So we're looking for someone who'd like to submit a weekly column on the goings-on in Dimmitt. Please call 647-3123 for more information. NOTE: You need to be able to submit your columns via e-mail.



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**Ryan Wellman & Sharla Kenworthy
Kenworthy-Wellman**

Tommy Kenworthy of Dimmitt and Sherri Kenworthy of Amarillo have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sharla Kenworthy, to Ryan Wellman, son of Jack and Deborah Wellman of Quitaque.

The bride-elect is a 2002 graduate of Dimmitt High School and will graduate from WTAMU in May with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She works at the NWTH in the Emergency Department.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Valley High School and attended Amarillo College, where he majored in paramedicine and fire protection. He is employed with AMS Paramedics.

The wedding is set for July 1, 2006, at Country Home Weddings in Canyon.

The couple will live in Amarillo.

Who's New?

Marty and Tisha Gerber are the proud parents of Kattey Ryce Gerber, born at 5:07 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13, 2006, in Amarillo.

She weighed 6-pounds and 15-ounces and was 19-inches long.

She has two sisters, Blakely and Merry.

Grandparents are Danny and Shelly Rice and Toby and Vincent Gerber.

Great-grandparents at Jimmie George and Mary Gerber. Her great-great grandmother is Irene Carpenter.



**Cari Annette Foster & Aaron Russell Hart
Hart-Foster**

The celebration and blessing of the marriage uniting Cari Annette Foster and Aaron Russell Hart was Saturday, Jan. 28, at First Baptist Church in Sterling City with the Rev. Jason McGuire and Dr. Shane Barnes officiating.

Parents of the bride are Gary and Cindy Foster of Sterling City. Parents of the groom are Vic and Laura Hart of Hart. The bride is the granddaughter of Jo Foster of Sterling City. The groom is the grandson of Joe Percy and Sarah Hart and J.C. and Donnie Miller, all of Hart.

Erica Foster, of Austin, cousin of the bride served as maid of honor; and Jessica Price Louder of Midland, a cousin of the bride, was matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Betsy Wyatt of Fredericksburg, Shanna Bynum of Rankin, Iva McCaleb Williams of Austin and Jennifer Copeland Sears of San Angelo. Ashtin Nicole Knittel of Sterling City, Kennedy Marie Foster of San Angelo and Kiely Toss Johnson of Eldorado, all nieces of the bride, served as flower girls.

Adam Hart of Hart, brother of the groom, was best man. Groomsmen included Ross Copeland of San Angelo, Tim Hayter of Fort Stockton, Sims Price of Lubbock, Thomas Parks of Snyder and Brandon Elders of Amarillo, cousin of the groom.

Blaine Hilton Foster of San Angelo, Cross Foster Knittel of Sterling City and Jesse Kas Johnson of Eldorado, nephews of the bride, served as ring bearers. Kaden Scott Johnson of Eldorado, nephew of the bride, served as bible bearer.

Todd Foster of San Angelo, brother of the bride and Matt Bly of San Angelo, cousin of the bride, were ushers.

Amanda Bodine Louder of Stanton and Hollie Aycock of Abilene, registered the guests.

The wedding reception was held in the fellowship hall following the wedding.

Vic and Laura Hart hosted the rehearsal dinner for approximately 80 friends and family on Friday night at the Community Center in Sterling City with a catered meal by Old Time Barbecue from San Angelo.

The bride is 1997 graduate of Sterling City High School; the groom is a 2001 graduate of Hart High School. He attended two years of college at Howard College in Big Spring. While at Howard College, he was a member of the Livestock Judging Team both years, where he won numerous awards as an individual and as a team. He then transferred to Angelo State University in San Angelo, where he graduate in December, 2005, with a bachelor of science in agricultural business and a minor in finance. The groom is employed with the Archer-Daniels-Midland Company, Beech Grove Facility in Indianapolis, Ind.



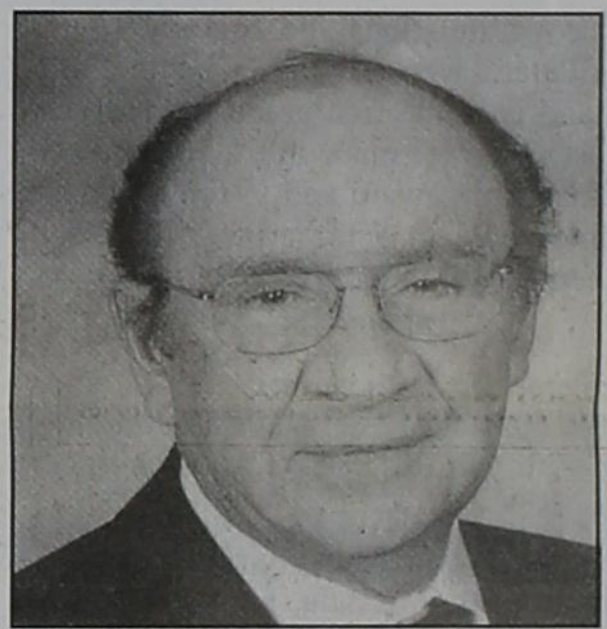
**Raymond Stanley Smith & Cassie Dyan Owen
Owen-Smith**

Jerry and Dianne Cartwright of Dimmitt are excited announce the engagement and approaching marriage their daughter, Cassie Dyan Owen to Raymond Stanley Smith. He is the son of Marilyn Smith of Richland, N.Y. and Randy Smith of Chittenango, N.Y.

A Saturday, May 20, wedding, is planned in Oswego, N.Y. at the Bayshore Inn.

The prospective groom is with the 65th MP Co. ABN of the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Bragg, N.C.

The bride-elect attended West Texas University and was transferred with Linens & Things to Raleigh, N.C. in 2001.



Greg Matos, MD is certified by the American Board of Surgery and performs general and gynecological surgery, i.e. uterine prolapse, hysterectomies. He completed his training at the Puerto Rico School of Medicine and received a general surgery residency at Winthrop Hospital in New York. Dr. Matos has been an assistant professor of surgery at the University of Puerto Rico and Texas Tech Department of Surgery. His interest include family practice, abdominal surgery, gynecological surgery and cancer of the breast, head and neck. He was Chief of Surgery for the Veteran's Administration of Amarillo for 11 years. He has been with Castro County Healthcare since October 2001. Dr. Matos and his wife, Liz, have two children.

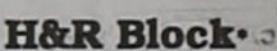
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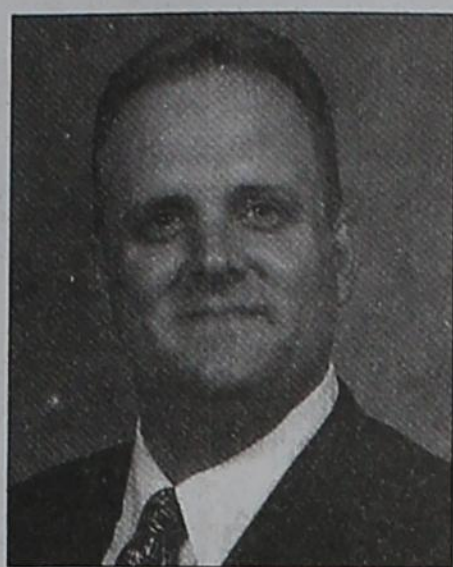


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What's wrong with people?

There is so much craziness going on across the world today: People flying jet airliners full of innocent people into buildings full of more innocent people. People strapping explosives to themselves and blowing themselves up in public places filled with innocent men, women and children. People torturing other people in the name of religious and cultural purity. People calling themselves religious leaders sexually assaulting women and young children. People kidnapping young girls, sexually abusing and then murdering them. People using young children for pornography. People taking liberty with other people's money while getting rich themselves. People defending perversion as being normal. And, there's a myriad of other terrible things taking place, due to



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people's warped thinking that could be added to this list.

What's behind all of this? Why would people act in such ways? What's wrong with people? Sin! That's the answer. Oh, there are a token percentage of people for whom some mental illness might explain their disastrous behavior, but for the most part plain old sin is at the heart of the matter. Sin

is the problem.

This answer is too simplistic, not sophisticated enough, for many people. In other people's thinking, there is virtually no such thing as sin. For still others, sin is not something they feel they can realistically deal with in solving these ills. So, all kinds of philosophizing are done as to the reasons behind mankind's self-destructive behavior. A lot of experimental social engineering gets tried. Often, the government is seen as both the culprit and the savior. If the government had done more, these problems wouldn't exist, at least not to the degree that they presently exist. So, the way to solve them is for the government to pass a lot of new laws and spend a lot of new money on new social programs designed to, some-

how, change people's thinking and enforce their compliance to the new standards.

But, because the heart of the problem is not dealt with, the overall problems continue. In order to bring about qualitative and consistent change in a person's behavior, the person has to change on the inside. It is as Jesus said in Matt. 15:19; "For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." For the most part, people do not do things that do not conform to their inward values or that do not appeal to some inward desire or motivation.

Until we recognize that we're dealing with a force (the devil) that is more evil, conniving and insidious than anything we could come up with on our own,

we will never solve the problems of wickedness in the world. We will never solve the socially deviant problems of mankind until we admit that they are, primarily, a sin problem to begin with. Until then, we

will continue to shake our heads, wring our hands and wonder what's wrong with people.

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

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800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

Breast Cancer Screening set for Feb. 9

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on Feb. 9. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. 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-

After-school program set for FUMC

First United Methodist Church will be starting back with its after-school program, Disciple Makers, on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Pick-up will be at the same place, west side of the Kenneth Cleveland Gym, in the parking lot immediately after school each Tuesday. Those in grades K through fifth are welcomed to join the Christian fellowship starting with snacks about 4 p.m. followed with stories, crafts and songs until 5 p.m. at which time the parents are to come into the church to sign their child out. (If we do not have a current home phone number and address or any important information on your child, please let us know when you pick your child up.) For more information, please call FUMC at 647-4106.

All students not riding the bus will be released in front of Richardson by the flag-pole and the orange barrels. Students will not be allowed to exit from the west doors (back doors). The west doors will be locked. Parents should travel in the lane closest to the school on Stinson to pick-up students. All students are required to stay behind the orange barrels until they see their ride.

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 3rd 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 March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7.

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Bobcats

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more important to them than it was to us." Lockney broke on top, 17-11 at the end of the first quarter but Dimmitt came back to trail only by four; 25-21. At the end of three periods, Dimmitt had seized the momentum and led by one, 33-32. Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Junior Limas with 19 and Omar Catano with 14. On Friday, the Bobcats travel to Friona and then host Olton on Tuesday. "Friday's game will be a huge one for us," Steidle said. "Depending on how things go with us, next Tuesday's game will be big as well. The next two games will have a lot of significance as to how things go in our district."

Junior Varsity

On Friday, the Dimmitt JV downed Tulia, 52-39. Dimmitt jumped out to a 12-10 first-quarter lead, but Tulia came back to lead 26-21 at the half and 34-33 at the end of the third period. However a 19-point fourth quarter by Dimmitt gave the Bobcats the win. Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Ross Myatt with 12 points, Evan Page with 11 and Kaden Griffitt with 10.

Dimmitt JV 39, Lockney JV 37

In a game that went into double overtime, the JV Bobcats defeated Lockney. Lockney led 9-5 at the end of the first period, but the teams were tied at 16 at the half. Lockney led after three periods, 24-20, but the teams were tied at 33 when the final buzzer rang. Each team scored two points in the first overtime, but in the second overtime, Dimmitt scored four points, to two for Lockney. Leading scorers for the Bobcats were Kaden Griffitt with 16 and Evan Page with nine.

Obituaries

Sister Maurine Schmucker 1917-2006

A funeral mass for Sister Maurine Schmucker, 88, of Fort Smith, Ark., were Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2006, at Saint Scholastica Monastery Chapel with burial at Saint Scholastica Cemetery.

Sister Schmucker died Saturday, Feb. 4, 2006, in Fort Smith, Ark. She was born on July 14, 1917, in Nazareth. She was an elementary teacher for 49 years in Arkansas and Texas, had a BSE in education and made her religious profession of faith on June 24, 1936.

Survivors include a sister, Agnes Warren of Woodward, Okla.; two brothers, Alvin Schmucker of Hereford and Arnold Schmucker of Tucson, Ariz.; several nieces and nephews and her religious community.

Memorials contributions may be made to: Saint Scholastica Continuing Care Fund, P.O. Box 3489, Fort Smith, AR. 72913.

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A DIMMITT BOBCAT shoots a jumper against Tulia.



DARCY FISHER SHOOTs a two against Tulia.

Bobcats split a pair of games

The Dimmitt Bobcats downed Tulia, 60-48, in district play at home on Feb. 2.

The Bobcats had a slight, three-point lead, 10-7 at the end of the first quarter, but by the half led 27-11.

After three periods, it was all Dimmitt, as the Bobcats had established a 42-28

advantage.

Junior Limas led all scorers with 15 points, followed by Nick Ortiz with 14, Isaac Aguilar with 11 and Omar Catano with 10 points.

**Lockney 58,
Dimmitt 52**

The Bobcats fell in what

could have been a pivotal game against Lockney on Friday.

"I take the responsibility for that," said head coach Alan Steinle. "I did a poor job on our team in getting them ready to play Friday - we didn't play as well as we're capable and lost to Lockney. We had lots of opportunities. Lockney just played with more enthusiasm. The game seemed to be

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Bobbies fall to Tulia

The Dimmitt Bobbies fell to Tulia, 60-51, at home on Feb. 2.

Tulia jumped out to a 14-9 first-quarter lead that they expanded to 34-19 at the half. By the end of the third quarter, Tulia led 52-29. However, the Bobbies scored 22 points in the final period to narrow the winning margin.

Leading scorers for

Dimmitt were Clarissa Herrera with 16 points and Kendra Smith with 15.

Dimmitt is 5-22 on the season and 0-8 in district.

Junior Varsity

In the Junior Varsity game, Dimmitt edged Tulia, 48-44 in overtime.

Erin Black led the team with 17 points, followed by Molly Bradford with 12 points and six rebounds.

On Feb. 3, the JV Bobbies downed Lockney, 49-41.

Daniela Neri led the team with 15 points, followed by Dana Sandoval with 11 points and five rebounds and Lana Reinart with nine points and three assists. Molly Bradford had six points, five rebounds and six blocked shots.

At the end of January, the Bobbies also handled Lockney, 41-13.

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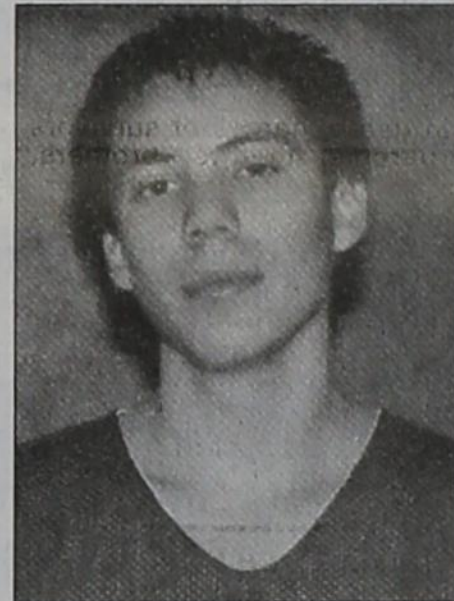


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Harrison resigns at Nazareth ISD Will go to Reagan County ISD in West Texas

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Nazareth ISD superintendent Marshall Harrison confirmed Tuesday that he has accepted a job as the superintendent with the Reagan ISD, a large, 2A district southeast of Midland.

"It kind of all happened at one time," he said. "I

interviewed on Saturday afternoon and was named the lone finalist. I'll be hired officially on Feb. 27. The new school is one hour away from my family and where I grew up in Andrews."

Harrison said all this started about two months ago. "We had some contacts about different positions," he said. "My wife is expecting our third child next week, so it's important for us to have that opportunity to stay home for the first part of its life. God has really blessed us."

The new district is a fairly wealthy one, based on its property, he said. And while he and his family are excited about the move, they're reluctant to tell the people in Nazareth "good-bye."

"We have developed friendships here," Harrison said. "They took us in made us a part of the community. We'll have friends here in Nazareth for the rest of our lives. It's special place. We love Nazareth - the people, the students, the community."

However, he said he couldn't turn down this opportunity. "It's provided me with a chance to do what's right for our family," he said. "And first and foremost you have to do what's best for them. Leaving Nazareth isn't going to be easy. There are great kids, parents and school board members here. It's just a good place."

Harrison's family will finish out the school year here and they'll officially move in May.

However, Harrison will be leaving soon, so a representative of Region 16 will present the board with a list of interim superintendents - many of them retired. They'll be looking at putting one of them in place by the first of April. Then they'll start their superintendent search to have one in place by the middle of May, he said.

"Nazareth is a hard place to leave," he said. "It's a great place to live, raise kids. The people have their heart and soul in their school which makes it a great place to work. We appreciate the opportunity to have been part of it for a short time."

Wright concert set for Feb. 19

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, the Home Mercantile will present one of the premier events of its season with a musical performance by the Buddy & Tina Wright Family from Lubbock. The concert will take place from 4-6 p.m.

Buddy & Tina are International recording artists,

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Zane Farris scores two on a breakaway.

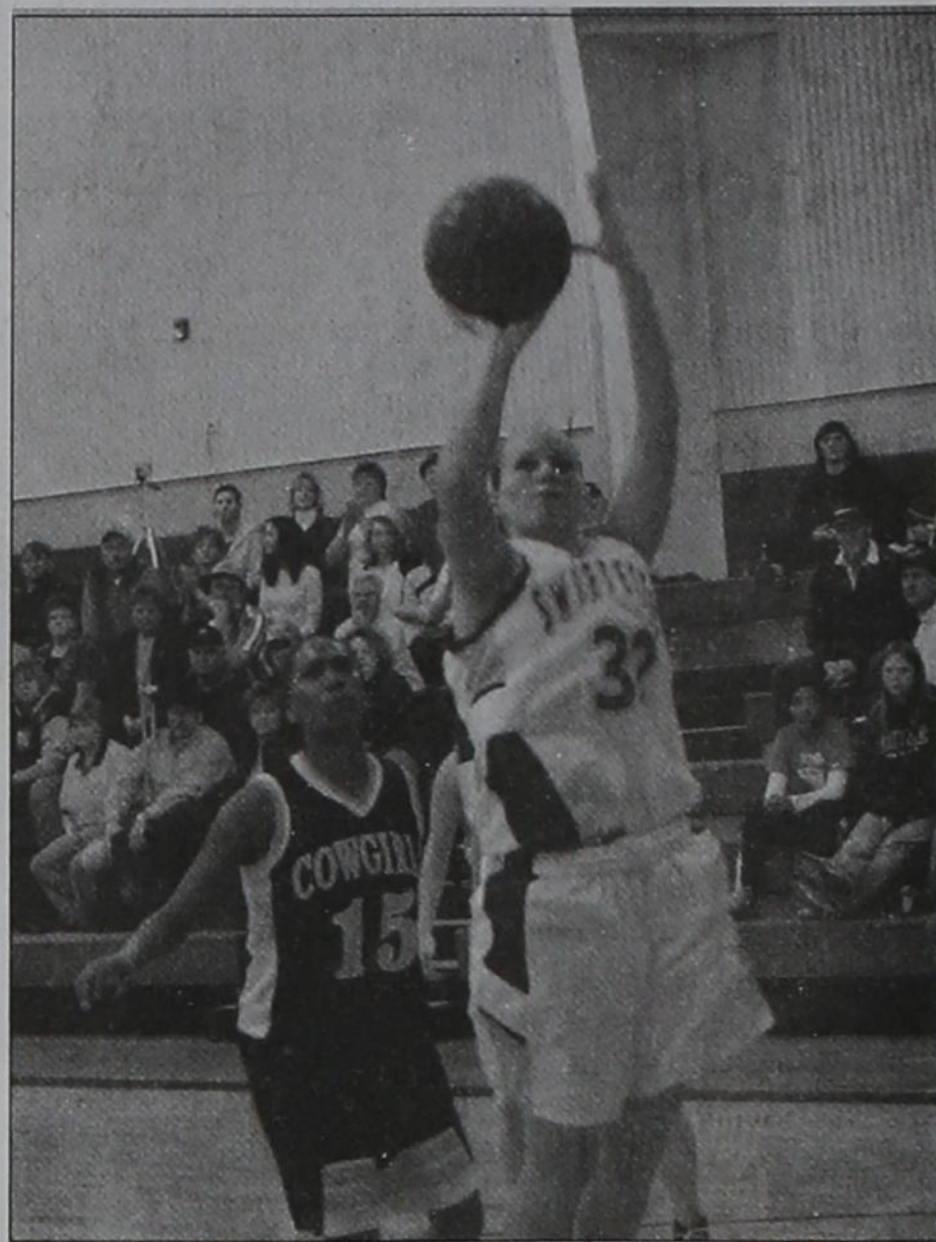
Swifts handle Happy

The Nazareth Swifts defeated Happy, 82-72, on Friday night.

Nazareth led 15-7 at the end of the first half and 44-10 at the half. Happy outscored Nazareth 16-14 in the third quarter, but the Swifts still had a comfortable margin, 58-26.

Leading scorers for the Swifts were Alan Gerber with 18 points and Jake Hoelting with 14.

Nazareth is 23-4 on the season and 10-0 in district.



Lacey Acker, No. 32, lays up a two-pointer against Happy.

Swiftettes remain undefeated in district

The Swiftettes handily defeated Kress, 70-33, on Feb. 2. Nazareth led from the start, taking a 28-3 first-quarter lead that expanded to 42-12 at the half.

By the end of three quarters, the Swiftettes had a commanding 59-18 advantage.

Leading scorers for the Swiftettes were Lacey Acker with 20 points, followed by Heidi Ramaekers with 19 and Kelcy Albracht with 10.

Nazareth is 23-5 on the season and 10-0 in district play. The Nazareth Swiftettes handled Happy, 36-23, in their last district game of the season on Friday.

Nazareth jumped out to a 6-3 first-quarter score that was expanded to 15-11 at the half.

By the end of the third period, Nazareth led, 25-14. Leading scorers for the Swiftettes were Holly Kleman with 12 points and Kendra Huseman with six.

Nazareth is 23-4 overall and 15-0 in district.

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opened amid lots of laughter and the many cards were hilarious!

Lots of time to visit and get acquainted with new and old friends.

Dolores Heiman, Deanna Huseman and Virgie Gerber enjoyed watching "Thoroughly Modern Millie," a two-hour production at the Amarillo Civic Center on Wednesday evening.

It was really great to watch! Friday night's basketball game with Happy was a special night as the Nazareth players and cheerleaders were given recognition on the court with their parents.

Our five seniors presented their parents with roses. Both of our teams won.

Remember to pray for all of our sick people and those serving in our Armed Forces.

Jeannette Brockman is still at M.D. Anderson in Houston. She will have surgery on Friday.



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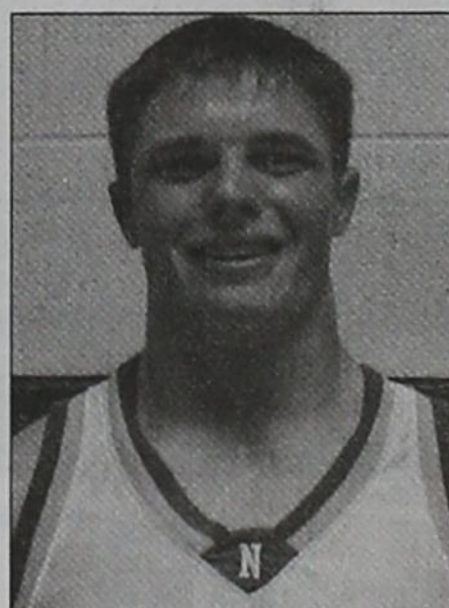
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Horns, L-horns fall in district play

Bovina downed the Ladyhorns after a hard-fought battle on Feb. 2.

Bovina opened up with a 19-12 first-quarter lead that expanded to 30-22 at the half. By the end of the third period, Bovina had a comfortable 47-28 lead.

Leading scorers for the Ladyhorns were Samantha Menchaca with 10 points, Corrie Rincon with eight and Amber Guzman and Julie Centeno with six points each.

Farwell 64, Ladyhorns 37

Farwell had only a one-point lead at the end of the first period, 12-11, but expanded it to 29-13 at the half. By the end of the third period, Farwell had a comfortable 51-19 lead.

Leading scorers for the LadyHorn were Corrie Rincon with 13 points and Sara Reyna with eight.

Hart Longhorns Bovina 72, Hart 59

At the end of the first quarter, the teams were tied at 10. By halftime, however, Hart had taken a two-point, 27-25 lead that dissolved in the third period, as Bovina led 51-47 to start the fourth quarter. Then Bovina went on to score 21 points in the final period for the decisive win. Eric Menchaca led the



HART S CORRIE RINCON

shoots over a player. team with 16 points followed by Joey Martinez with 11.

Farwell 48, Hart 28

The Longhorns fell Farwell in district play on Friday.

At the end of the first quarter, Farwell held only a slim, two-point lead, 9-7,

which they expanded to 22-14 by the half.

At the end of the third period, Farwell was ahead, 36-19.

Leading scorer for the Longhorns was George Chapa with eight points.

The Farwell Junior Varsity narrowly defeated Hart s JV, 51-44.

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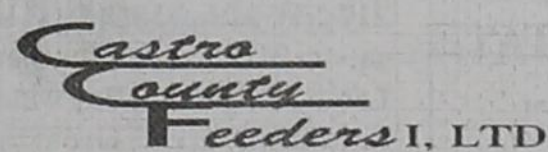
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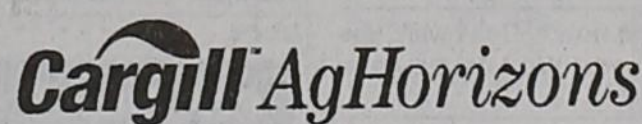
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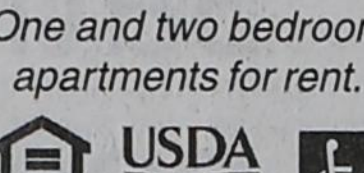
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Monday: STUDENT HOLIDAY

Tuesday: Breakfast - Peanut butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff Cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Corn dogs, turkey salad sandwich, grilled cheese sandwich and soup, pork and beans, Mexicali corn, blackeyed peas, cole slaw, potato chips, tossed salad, fresh fruit, pickle spear, fruited gelatin, Fritos.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Strawberry Pop Tarts, cereal, Danish. 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 - Cinnamon rolls, peaches, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bars, bananas. Lunch - Stagecoach spaghetti, enchilada casserole, ham and cheese on a 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 - Chicken fried steak and rolls, pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, peaches, Jell-o.

Monday: Breakfast - Banana mini-loaf, cereal. Lunch - Sloppy joes, corn dogs, tossed salad, fried okra, fruit salad, s'mores.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon French Toast, sausage patty, cereal. Lunch - Popcorn chicken, steak fingers, bread, tossed salad, potatoes, peaches, Valentine cupcakes.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast Pockets, cereal. Lunch - Pigs in a blanket, baked potatoes, chili, carrot sticks, corn, pears, pudding.

Thursday: Breakfast - Cinnamon Toasties, cereal. Lunch - Hamburgers, chicken sandwich, curly fries, lettuce, beans, apples, cookies.

Hart ISD

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage, cereal. Lunch - Hot dog on a bun, beef burrito, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrots, peaches.

Monday: Breakfast - Pancakes with butter and syrup, cereal. Lunch - Fajitas, beef burrito, tossed salad, dill pickles, carrots, Spanish rice, refried beans.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, cereal. Lunch - Spaghetti and meat balls, lasagna with ground meat, green beans, tossed salad, carrots, dill pickles.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, cereal. Lunch - Barbecue beef on bun, ham sandwich, carrots, tossed salad, dill pickles, fruit cocktail.

Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, cereal. Lunch - Enchilada casserole, carrots, tossed salad, dill pickles, bean burritos.

DISD Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 9

San Antonio Stock Show
Kid s Inc. Meeting - RES - 5:00 - 7:00

Friday, Feb. 10

San Antonio Stock Show
FCCLA - Leadership Conference
Basketball: JV & Varsity Boys @ Friona - 6:00 & 7:30

Saturday, Feb. 11

San Antonio Stock Show
Choir UIL - Solo & Ensemble
Baseball Scrimmage: JV & Varsity @ Muleshoe - 11:00
Softball Scrimmage: Ralls - Here - 1:00

Monday, Feb. 13

NO SCHOOL - Teacher Comp. Day
San Antonio Stock Show
National FCCLA Week
Softball: Varsity @ Ralls - 4:30

Tuesday, Feb. 14

San Antonio Stock Show
DMS & RES - All School Assembly - Motivational Speaker
Basketball: JV & Varsity Boys vs Olton - Here - 6:00 & 7:30

Wednesday, Feb. 15

San Antonio Stock Show

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I'm crazy about Valentine's Day!
I spent all last weekend making Valentines for all of my family and friends.

Which Valentine surprise did I get in the mail?

Sending Valentine Surprises!

Happy Valentine's Day

Can you decode this special Valentine message?

A fun way to say "hello" on Valentine's Day is to use a coded message. This code is easy to make and to figure out. Tell your friends to fill in each blank with the letter of the alphabet that comes before the one given. (Hint: if you use the last letter "z" in your message, you would use the first letter "a" in the code and let your friend know that.)

UP B HPPE GSJFOE XJUI
B MPUG IFBSU!

ABCDEF GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

To find out: 1. First, use the key to color in the spaces below to see what is hidden. 2. Next, unscramble the letters to name the three items that could be sent to me. 3. Last, follow the 3 arrows through the maze to see which item I found.

ADYCN

Y = Yellow
G = Green
B = Blue

S R O E

start →

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Don't forget to color everything!

Newspaper Fun

I like funny Valentines!

Be Mine!

R A D C

A Sticky Valentine!

Do the dot-to-dot puzzle to see me! Then, cut me out. Next, cut out the paper Valentine heart. Make the slots on the slanted lines. Put the heart on one of my spines to make a "sticky" valentine.

I'm kind of clumsy and kind of slow. My spines protect me wherever I go. When people see me they say, "Oh no!" I can't shoot my spines but my heart I can throw!

Have a heart! Check out our website: www.newspaperfun.com... or write to tell me what you like best about Valentine's Day at Chatter@newspaperfun.com.

Can you find and circle at least six words that have 3 syllables as in the word "Valen•tine•?"

I am a R O P P U C E I N

You can let people know how much you care about them every day, but Valentine cards can be a fun way to send them a message of caring.

If you want to make cards, you can look around the house and ask Mom or Dad for things to use. You might need or like to use: colored paper, light cardboard, glue, scissors, envelopes, ribbons, lace, pencils or magic markers, glitter or beads.

Valentine Greetings!

You can make special coupons in which you promise to do something to help someone:

Happy Valentine's Day, Dad!

This coupon entitles you to one free hour of my time during which I will do chores with you without any complaining.

I like to cut out lots of small hearts and put them in my cards...my own confetti!

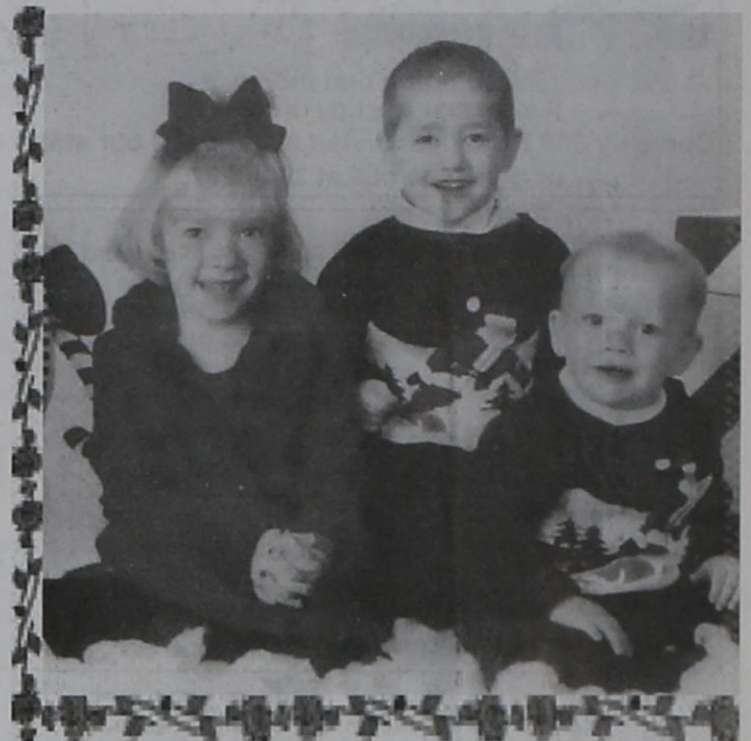
BEE My Valentine



Back row: Colton O'Brien, Chance Schilling, Kelsey Schilling, Keila Schilling. **Front:** Carsyn O'Brien, Alexa Brain, Kaitlyn Summers, Chase Summer. Grandchildren of Gerald and Patty Summers. Great-grandchildren of Melvin and Juanita Summers and Bobby George



Karleigh Smith
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Great-granddaughter of Bobby George and Carol Warren



Sydney Settle, Sam Settle and Luke Settle
Grandparents: Martha Jo Hyman, Harold Hyman, Mike Settle. Aunt: Kay Kellar

Top row: Sara Wall and William Wall
Middle: Adrian Ellison and Ashton Ellison
Bottom: Kaden Ellison and Ellery Ellison

Top: Children of John and Sharon Wall
Adrian, Ashton and Kaden are the children of Michael and Brandy Ellison
Ellison and Ellery are the children of Troy Dale and Kim Ellison
Grandparents are Zane and Carole Ellison



Grandchildren of Dorothy Nutt
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Bottom row: Jake Devin Kelsey, Jarrison Dylan Kelsey, Jensen David Kelsey, Madison Michelle Petty, Grant Taylor Petty.



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Grandchildren of Don and Trish Elliott and Lorraine Kush



Maraya Corrales

Parents: Israel Jr. and Mechelle Corrales
Grandparents: Anna and Timo Valdez
Don and Patty Leinen
Israel and Ema Corrales
Great-grandmother: Eloisa Leal



Ja Lynn Kaylee Velasquez
Daughter of Chris and Evonne Velasquez
Granddaughter of Armando and Norman Velasquez and Sylvia and Floyd Velasquez.



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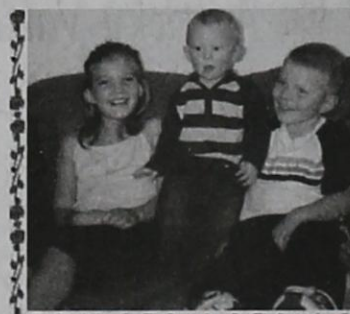
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We Love You, Papa and Meme!!!

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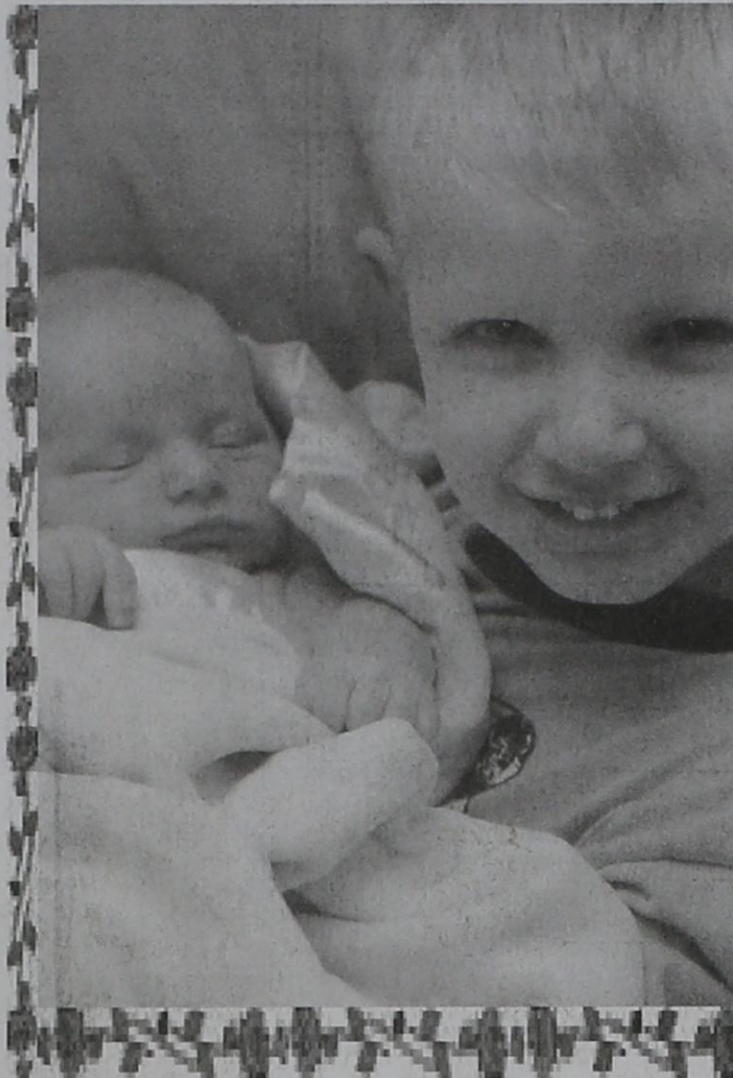
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Donnie and Mary Clayton
Great-grandmother: Alberta Baker



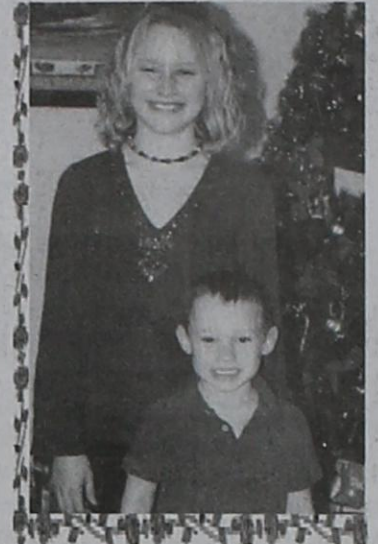
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Baker and Frank Mendoza, Sr.
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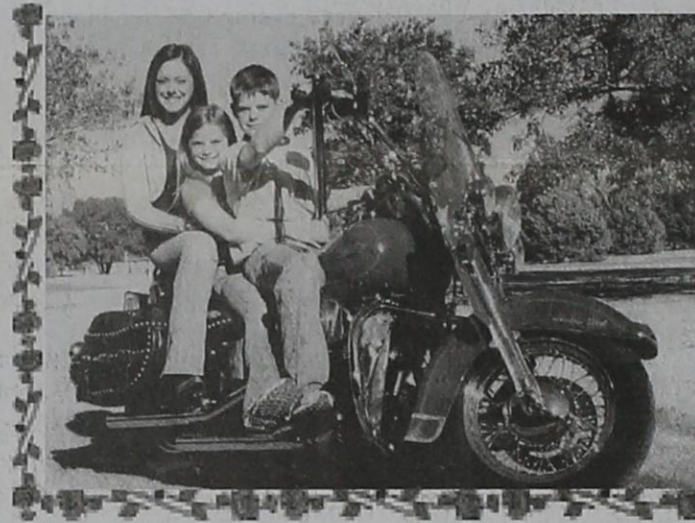
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Bridwell
Grandparents: Cliff & Jerry Lou
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Community Calendar

Castro County Kids Inc. signups set

Castro County Kids Inc. will have basketball sign-ups for first through sixth-grade boys and girls. Sign-ups will start on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 5-7 p.m. and again on Thursday, Feb. 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary cafeteria. The fee is \$30 and payable at the time of the sign-up. If there are three or more children in one family, the fee is \$25 per child. Payment arrangements can be made if needed. Castro County Kids Inc. is seeking volunteers to serve on the C.C. Kids, Inc. Board. If you have ideas, suggestions or complains now is the time to step up and be heard. We need good, hard workers of all ages that are concerned and care about our kids and our community. If you are interested, please contact Nick Lara at 647-8687 or Melissa Carpenter at 647-3657.

Grains workshop set for Feb. 9

Texas Cooperative Extension will sponsor a Feed Grains Workshop on Thursday Feb. 9, 2006 for producers, private consultants and all other interested parties. This event will take place at the Exposition Building in

After-school program set for FUMC

First United Methodist Church will be starting back with its after-school program, Disciple Makers, on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Pick-up will be at the same place, west side of the Kenneth Cleveland Gym, in the parking lot immediately after school each Tuesday. Those in grades K through fifth are welcomed to joined the

Christian fellowship starting with snacks about 4 p.m. followed with stories, crafts and songs until 5 p.m. at which time the parents are to come into the church to sign their child out. (If we do not have a current home phone number and address or any important information on your child, please let us know when you pick your child

up.) For more information, please call FUMC at 647-4106.

New pickup schedule at RES

Starting Jan. 16 Richardson Elementary began releasing students at staggered times in order to relieve traffic congestion. Students in Headstart will be released at 3:30 p.m. Headstart parents are Not required to come into the building to pick-up their child. Kindergarten and Grade 1 will be released at 3:30 Grades 2, 3, 4 will be released at 3:45 All bus students will stay until 3:45. All students not riding the bus will be released in front of Richardson by the flagpole and the orange barrels. Students will not be allowed to exit from the west doors (back doors). The west doors will be locked. Parents should travel in the lane closest to the school on Stinson to pick-up students. All students are required to stay behind the orange barrels until they see their ride.

College News

Three area students at Angelo State University have been named to the Dean's List for the 2005 Fall Semester.

The honorees are: Whitney Jaymes Hoelting, majoring in kinesiology with option in exercise science; Rita Del McDaniel, majoring in nursing; and Charley Isidro Saenz, majoring in accounting.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Sadra Cheyenne Daniels, a 2002 graduate of Dimmitt High School, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for

the Fall Semester at Texas A&M University. To be eligible for this distinction, a student must have a GPA of 3.75 to 4.00 and complete 15 graded semester hours.

In the College of Science, only 125 students of the 2,117 enrolled, were named to the Dean's Honor roll, which puts Daniels in the top 5 percent of the students.

She is the daughter of Gail and Peggy Daniels-Crum of Dimmitt. Sadra also received a letter of congratulations on her distinction from the Terry Foundation. She is a Terry scholar at A&M. She plans to graduate in May with a major in biology.



Champions

This fifth- and sixth-grade Dimmitt team recently brought home the championship trophy from two Hereford tournaments. In the St. Anthony's tournament, they posted victories over Wildorado (28-15) and Nazareth (23-19). In the championship game, they defeated the St. Anthony's Saints, 28-23. At the Nazarene Christian Academy Tournament, they prevailed over Walcott 20-19. In the championship game, they were victorious over the St. Anthony's Saints, 24-12. Team members include (standing) Kelsey Schilling, MorgAnne Thompson, Jessica Bradley, Brennan Lytle and Haley Bonilla. (Kneeling) Carly Gilbreath, Elida Bonilla, Jesslyn Smith and Katy Aljoe.

Cotton Report

Robust weekly export sales and continued dry conditions on the Texas High Plains contributed to heavy cotton trading on the New York Board of Trade this week. Local shortcovering and commodity fund buying drove cotton futures to their highest close of the marketing

year on Thursday. While weekly export sales maintained a steady pace, shipments were above expectations but continued to lag behind the average pace needed to achieve USDA's marketing year estimate. Merchants have continued to encounter problems securing enough

trucks and containers to meet shipping commitments.

Net export sales of 445,400 bales for the week ended Jan. 26 were 58 percent more than the previous week and 94 percent over the prior four-week average. Major buyers were China, Turkey, Mexico, and Brazil. Export shipments of 280,600 bales were 17 percent more than the prior week and 36 percent more than the four-week average. Primary destinations included China, Turkey, Mexico, and Indonesia. To reach USDA's all-time high export estimate of 16.4 million bales, shipments now need to average roughly 398,600 bales per week for the remainder of the marketing year. On the spot cotton scene, online trading by producers in Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas in the week ended Feb. 2 totaled 40,616 bales compared to the previous week when 73,488 bales were traded. Average prices received by producers in the most recent week ranged from 45.19 to 48.89 cents per pound compared to 47.94 to 50.35 cents per pound the previous week. Meanwhile, above-average temperatures for this time of year continued throughout Texas with no substantial rain in the immediate forecast. Therefore, outside activities were limited as drought-like conditions persisted.

What's the Law?

Q. My husband and I signed a one year lease. Shortly after we moved in he became abusive. I have obtained a protective order against him and moved out. Now the landlord says I will still be responsible for rent if my husband does not pay. Why should I owe rent if I can't live there?

A. As a general rule, your landlord is correct. Even if a co-tenant moves out, he or she is usually remains obligated to pay the rent. The problems between co-tenants are not the fault of the landlord, and do not terminate the tenant's obligation to pay rent.

Under a new law, however, a tenant may terminate his or her obligations under a lease and avoid future liability for rent, if the tenant is a victim of family violence who has obtained a temporary injunction or

protective order. To exercise your rights under this law, which became effective on January 1, 2006, you must move out and deliver a copy of the order to the landlord. From that point on, you have no liability for rent. In fact, if the landlord attempts to collect rent in violation of this law, he is subject to a civil penalty of one-month's rent plus \$500.

Q. My lease is up. I want to renew it but the landlord wants more money for the security deposit. Can he do this?

A. If your lease has ended, you and the landlord are entering into a new relationship and either of you may propose new terms. For example, your landlord could ask for more rent, lengthen the term of the lease, or ask for a larger security deposit. On the other hand, you may propose a lower rent or a shorter term. The bottom line is that unless you both agree, there is no lease.

I suggest you discuss this with the landlord and see if he will consider not raising the security deposit. If he refuses, your options are to pay what he has asked, or move into a new apartment.

Q. I run a small business. I am often asked for recommendations about my former employees. Can I be sued if I give a bad recommendation?

A. You cannot stop someone from suing you, if that is what he or she wants to do.

Under the law, however, you generally have no liability for giving an honest recommendation or evaluation. For an employer to be liable, the employee must show that the recommendation was know to be false when made, or made with malice or reckless disregard of the truth.

Q. I inherited \$25,000 from my aunt. Do I need to pay inheritance taxes?

A. The person who inherits property does not pay taxes. It is the estate that pays taxes. Under current law, estate taxes are due only if the value of the estate is over \$1.5 million.

Q. Can a collection agency sue me for non-payment of a credit card debt that is more than 3 years old? Can they keep on calling me at work, even after I tell them to stop? I am afraid I will be fired. I live in Texas, but the debt collector is in Colorado.

A. It doesn't matter where the company is located; it will be subject to Texas and federal law. Under federal law, the company must stop calling you at work once it knows your employer prohibits such calls. You should notify them of this when they call and follow up with a letter, sent by certified mail, so that you will be able to prove they know that your employer prohibits such calls. If they continue to call, they are violating the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act. Let them know you know about this law. Under Texas law, they can file suit for this type of debt up to four years after you defaulted. They will, however, have to file suit in Texas.

We have selections for the following showers:

Taryn Hayes
bride elect of *Jess Owen*
February 18, 2006

Cassie McLean
bride elect of *John Lyon*
February 25, 2006

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