## In proposed affiliation agreements

# local control not at risk, CCHD says

In a Town Hall meeting Tuesday night, Castro County Hospital Dis- intended to benefit all parties by sharing resources, information, com- Barnhart said. trict officials emphasized that a proposed affiliation with two regional mon experiences, training, etc. health-care systems would not threaten local control.

and the Amarillo-based Northwest Texas Healthcare System.

On hand to join the board in a public airing of the proposed agreement they want to go to another facility." were the regional service coordinators for the two metro systems - Jim Bullard of Covenant and Jeff Barnhart of Northwest Texas.

hall. Most of those attending were associated in some way with the local health-care system.

that residents here might think that the hospital district was giving up local control.

In fact, they said, the proposed agreement is a "cooperation pact"

The board distributed copies of the five-page affiliation agreement that takeover or a merger for the control of our facility by either one of these can share. it proposes to sign with the Lubbock-based Covenant Health System regional systems," Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers said. "It will in no way override any sort of a patient choice that a patient might have if the region," he said. "We want to be a partner to the region, and want

Barnhart explained how Northwest Texas Hospital decided to develop The Town Hall meeting drew only a small crowd to the Dimmitt city a regional outreach program with rural hospitals in the Panhandle.

"I noticed that we were losing a lot of business to BSA (Baptist St. Anthony's) next door, and with that in mind, I went to our administra-The main concern of local trustees and administrators seemed to be tion and said, 'Look, I think we need to get somebody out on the road to work with these hospitals and regional doctors" to attract more patients from outside Amarillo.

"Basically, this is all going to come down to customer service,"

He explained that the Northwest Texas system "is owned by the third "This is a very loose affiliation, and is in no way to be considered a largest conglomerate in the United States," so it has lots of resources it

> "We changed our mission statement recently at Northwest to include to be the patient's choice when it comes to receiving health care (beyond the capabilities of the local district).

> "We don't want to come in and run your hospital. We're not interested in that at all," Barnhart said.

> Bullard explained that Covenant is a three-year-old system that resulted from the merger of Methodist Hospital and St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock

Both of those hospitals had a "regional presence" before the merger (Continued on Page 2)

#### By Don Nelson

The article on Page 4 gives an

unbalanced account of the event. In an effort to compensate for sexism in our social pages, here's the rest of the story:

In a formal, double-ring ceremony Saturday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, Justin Levi Conway of Cheyenne, Okla., became the bridegroom of Lacy Loudder of Dimmitt.

The groom's parents are Tom and Janice Conway of Cheyenne. Parents of the bride are Lance and Terri Loudder of Dimmitt.

Officiating at the ceremony were the bride's grandfather, Dr. William R. Fleming of Lubbock, a retired Methodist minister, and Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the local church.

Dr. Fleming was attired in a John Wesley doctoral robe in cathedral gray with black velvet chevrons, and a white embroidered stole. Rev. Dickerson wore a John Wesley master's robe in traditional black, with black velvet chevrons, and also chose a white embroidered stole.

Ushers were Jake Loudder, the bride's brother, Gabriel Juarez, Laramie Wood and Moi Garcia. They wore black cotton slacks and black cotton/polyester shirts with monochromatic, waist-length traditional ties in bright red or bright yellow. Each wore a boutonniere of a single confetti rose.

Marcella Jennings, organist, and Adeana Carlyle, pianist, performed "Always" by Berlin during the seating of the grandparents and parents.

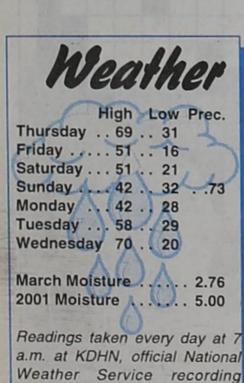
The bride's mother, a former humor columnist for The Castro County News, was escorted to her seat by her son, Jake, who received an unwelcome kiss which he wiped off of his cheek as he recessed.

The bride's mother wore a yellow dress and the groom's mother wore red. Grandmothers of the groom and bride also dressed up for the occasion.

Accompanied to the altar by the officiants, best man and groomsman, the bridegroom wore a traditional tuxedo of blended wool with black evening coat.

His ivory shirt was of pure cotton with pleated front panel, formal wingtip collar, long sleeves and French cuffs. The collar was fastened with a circular mother-of-pearl button, and the shirt front was secured by silver studs, with matching silver cufflinks at the wrists.

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station for Dimmitt.



READY TO RALLY-Plans are being made for the second annual Relay for Life in Dimmitt and the kick-off Rally has been set for Wednesday (March 28) at noon at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church . The Relay is held as a fund-raising effort for the American Cancer Society. Helping with the planning and lending support are (standing, from left) Castro County Judge Irene Miller, Gwen

Bryant, chairman of the Castro County Chapter of the ACS, Barbara Bain, Relay for Life publicity chairman, and Beth Buckley, co-chairman of the Relay for Life; and (seated, from left) Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. Lori Wilhite, Relay co-chairman, and Hart Mayor Marguerite McLain were not available for the Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Relay for Life Rally set for Wednesday

American Cancer Society will hold a rally Wednesday (March 28) at noon at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church and all interested persons are urged to attend.

prizes will be given away, and partic-Life event, which is scheduled for

This will be the second Relay for a fund-raiser, the event brings fami-

The Castro County Chapter of the Life event in Castro County. It will lies and friends together to celebrate benefit the research programs of the those who have survived cancer and ACS.

"It is a unique, challenging and fun way to raise community awareness and to raise money for the A free lunch will be served, door American Cancer Society," said Barbara Bain, publicity chairman for ipants will learn about the Relay for the event. "It is a nation-wide event for the ACS.

Bain said that in addition to being

to remember those who have not.

success and was enjoyed by participants and spectators alike," she said.

The event raised over \$22,000, with 289 walkers participating on 23 teams. There were 56 cancer survivors honored and a couple hundred others were named on the luminarias lining the high school track, where the event was held.

## Counterfeit money warning is issued

Local law enforcement personnel cab, decorated with a sticker that said are cautioning citizens to be on the Nebraska. look out for counterfeit money.

counterfeit \$20-bill at Higgin- Aleman said. He said that the report botham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt was given to the Sheriff's office and Monday around 3:45 p.m., according they also helped in the search and to Dimmitt Police Chief Ray radioed to Hereford to watch for the Aleman.

He said the suspect was described as a white male, age 40 to 45, driving Higginbotham did not take the \$20a white Ford pickup with extended

"We attempted to locate the sus-A suspect attempted to pass a pect, but we were unable to," pickup.

Aleman said the manager at (Continued on Page 2)

## **Post Office supporting** 9-1-1 addressing system

Those in Castro County who have a rural address are being notified by the 9-1-1 addressing authority what their physical address is. They should begin using that address immediately, according to Dimmitt Postmaster Karen Martin.

Martin said a few addresses within the city limits have changed, too, including those on South US 385 and those on South Front Street or "Cemetery Road."

Those receiving the new addresses are asked to begin notifying all their correspondents and publishers. In addition, they also should notify utility service providers, especially their telephone company, and request that their service address be updated.

"Mail that shows your old address will continue to be delivered for up to 12 months from the date of your notification," Martin said. "This is "Last year's event was a great deemed a reasonable time to exhaust stationery supplies on hand bearing your old address and to notify your correspondents of your new address."

> display the new address on their houses or driveway entrances with three-inch or larger reflective numbers so that it will be clearly visible to emergency personnel from the find out what your Zip-plus four is,'

"This will enable emergency personnel to locate you easily in the event you require their assistance," Martin said.

Martin suggests that residents also display the new address on their mailboxes, using letters and numbers that are at least one inch high. The address should be displayed on the side of the box the mail carrier would see on his or her approach.

If several boxes are grouped together, Martin said the addresses should be displayed on the door of each mailbox.

"If you have been sharing a mailbox with another address, you should install your own mailbox showing your new individual address," Martin

"Some people have been complaining that the new addressing is an 'invasion of privacy' because now other people will be able to locate them out in the country, but it is to everyone's advantage, especially in cases of emergencies," Martin said.

Another thing that could help Martin said rural residents should speed mail delivery for all postal patrons would be using the ZIP-plus four code for individual addresses, Martin said.

> "You can call the Post Office to Martin said.

# Write-in candidate deadline is Monday

Monday is the last day that writein candidates may file for positions on local governing boards, subject to the May 5 elections. Candidates may sign up at the administrative offices of the entity they wish to serve.

Write-in candidates have until Monday to sign up, but they will not be listed on the ballots.

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

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

Early voting will be held April 18-May 1.

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

Castro County Hospital District

Terms are expiring for Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, and Jerry Annen. Sides and Ramaekers have filed for re-election. Frank Mendoza also has filed as a candidate.

### Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins and the three at-large council members, Trish Candidates will draw for a place Elliott, Bobby Murdock and Clint on the ballots on Friday, and Tues- Seward. Incumbents Collins and day is the earliest an election may be Murdock have filed. Diane Parker also has filed as a candidate.

> DISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Rick Wright in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4. Wright has filed for re-election.

### Hart

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

HISD: Those whose terms are

ending are Daniel Higgins and Sandy

Farris. Both incumbents have already

Nazareth

filed for re-election.

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

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

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

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

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



APRICOTS OR NOT?-Trees all across the county are full of blooms, but they may not last long if predicted cold weather hits in the coming week. These blossoms are on a tree in the 400 block of Southwest Sixth in Dimmitt. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Police Calls

Sunday night, a 26-year-old to jail for assault/bodily injury/family member for assaulting

March 13, a suspect was stopped for running a stop sign and was reported to have an odor of marijuana on his person. A search of the vehicle turned up some drug parapherna-

Dimmitt Market told police that an unknown suspect walked out of the store without paying for some gro-

that the tires on a pickup had been cut by a sharp object, causing \$310 in damage to them.

Sunday a 23-year-old Hart man was jailed for public intoxication.

Early Monday, a Hereford man, 22, was jailed for DWI, first offense. Those jailed on warrants during the past week included:

-March 14, a Dimmitt man, 29, Dimmitt man was arrested and taken on a motion to revoke probation on charges of possession of marijuana; and a Dimmitt man, 30, for no driver's license.

> -Last Thursday, a Muleshoe woman, 38, on a motion to revoke on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

—Friday, a Dimmitt woman, 30, for forgery of a financial instrument; Saturday afternoon, personnel at a 19-year-old Dimmitt man, for minor in possession of an alcoholic beverage; and a 22-year-old Dimmitt woman for disorderly conduct.

-Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 17, for A Dimmitt woman told police no driver's license; a 23-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, third or more and possession of drug paraphernalia; and a Dimmitt man, 19, bond forfeiture for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

**Jail Count** 

There were 9 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, with two others on work-release.

## Precision agriculture is the future of farming

Texas High Plains is facing many challenges to remain competitive in the global marketplace and producing a quality product at a competitive price while using farm practices that will not harm the environment is a difficult yet essential task for many.

With these challenges in mind, producers are striving to adopt new methods to conserve irrigation water and still grow a high-quality crop. Many of these producers are opting for better technology to enhance their crop management programs, and in turn, remain competitive in the world economy.

technology is a method to address these issues. Precision farming, or site-specific management, is designed to identify, analyze and manage site-spatial and temporal variability within fields for optimum profitability, sustainability and pro-

tection of the environment. Dr. Eduardo Segarra, a researcher in the Cotton Economics Research Institute at Texas Tech University, has studied the effects of precision farming in a production program. Segarra has determined optimal input decision rules for the use of irrigation water, fertilizers and insecticides. He also has evaluated the economic impacts of precision farming practices in the main crops produced on the Texas High Plains.

Through his studies, Segarra found that the cost of adopting precision farming techniques may be greater than conventional whole field farming practices for cotton, corn and grain sorghum; however, it could prove to be economically beneficial in the long run.

"In the future, it is likely that the benefits of adopting this technology

### More about Counterfeit (Continued from Page 1)

bill because it didn't seem right. The

man then paid for his purchase with other money and left. Aleman said that merchants and

individuals should examine money carefully and make sure that it is genuine. If there are any suspicions at all, call the police or Sheriff's

Phoney \$100-bills have turned up in Dimmitt in two recent incidents.

Real money has a visible watermark and other characteristics that are not present in counterfeit money.

and National Newspaper Association.

Production agriculture on the will far outweigh any cost the grower will incur to implement the practice," Segarra said. "When analyzing the production ability of the land over an extended period of time, precision farming techniques will benefit both the environment and the sustainability of the land."

Segarra noted that the precision farming-site specific analysis can be used to effectively identify "management zones" within fields where the potential for improvements in profits are likely.

"Research indicates that for all the crops we analyzed, drought tolerant varieties should be used when possi-The adoption of precision farming ble," Segarra said. "This is important because roughly 40 percent of our water source, the Ogallala Aquifer, has been depleted."

> Despite its effectiveness, Segarra's studies did find that the economic benefits of precision farming practices are not evenly distributed across fields. He found that precision farming practices magnify spatial variability of both yields and profits across fields as compared with conventional production practices.

> "If a producer can adopt better technology such as precision farming practices, it will have a significant impact on the overall productivity and profitability of the cropland while conserving a vital natural resource," Segarra said.

> For more information, contact Segarra at (806) 742-0277, Ext. 242, or you can e-mail him at eduardo.segarra@ttu.edu.

### Local school seeks box tops

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School is participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program sponsored by General Mills.

Schools may send in the specially marked box tops and labels to the food company and receive money for purchase of equipment or other

There is a school bus-shaped box in the elementary library where the specially marked box tops and labels may be deposited by community members who want to help the school. Also, the tops may be sent to school with the students.

The school will receive 10 cents for each box top or label that is sent

"We have a goal of \$500 this year, but of course we would love to get more," said RES Librarian Diane Leatherwood.

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School, won first place at the Girls' Regional Powerlifting Meet in Colorado City on March 2. She qualified for the meet by being ranked second in the region for her weight class. She handily defeated the number-one ranked girl, and qualified for the state meet, entering it with a seventh-place ranking. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Casas wins first place at Regional Powerlift meet

Dimmitt High School, won first in her weight class at the Girls' Regional Powerlifting Meet March 2 at Colorado City.

She entered the regional meet ranked second in the region, just behind a girl from Coahoma.

Her total score was 670 pounds for her lifts, catapulting her to a seventh-place ranking among competitors from across the state, and assuring her a place at the state meet, which was held recently at Killeen.

There were 81 schools represented at the Region 1 meet, and only the top two in each weight class were selected to advance to state.

"I can't say enough words about the determination, desire and heart she displayed at the state contest," said Trent Wilson, who coaches the powerlifters. "She weighed in at 6 pounds over the limit for her weight class and managed to lose them in 21/2 hours to be able to compete."

He said she ran in a steam room and even cut three inches off her hair to make weight.

Her lift scores left her at 10th place.

### DISD trustees renew contracts

Following an executive session Monday afternoon, the Dimmitt School Board voted to accept the resignation of Head Start teacher Sydna Lynn, who will be retiring at the end of the school year.

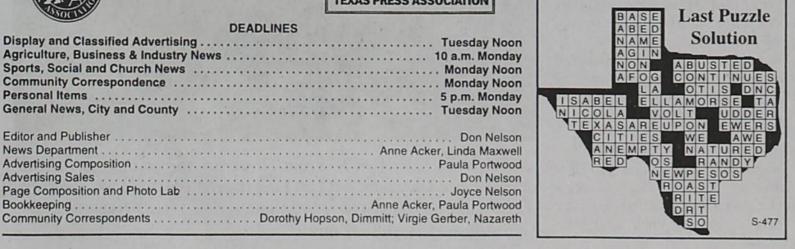
The board also voted to renew the contracts of all contracted personnel. Before the executive session, the board heard departmental reports on the powerlifting program, girls and

boys basketball, FFA, and BPA. In other business, the board voted to adopt the list of textbooks approved by the state, with teachers

able to make selections from that list. The board also approved a policy update as recommended by the Texas Association of School Boards. All changes were recommended to meet legal requirements.

A lightning bolt generates temperatures five times hotter than the 6000 degrees Celsius found at the surface of the sun.

Popcorn will pop better if you leave it in the freezer for a full 24 hours before using.



Wilson said that the pressure is Casandra Casas, a senior at very overwhelming at the state contest, with a large crowd observing in total silence until after a lifter completes a lift. He said it was very easy for a lifter to get "red-flagged" or disqualified.

> He said as small a thing as moving a foot or wiggling the fingers during a lift can lead to disqualification.

"It requires a lot of discipline and precision," Wilson said about the sport. "Casandra displayed a tough mental attitude. She put that disci- proved?" Mendoza asked. pline requirement on herself."

four representatives to the Boys Regional Powerlifting Meet March 2 at Levelland. They qualified by being ranked in the top ten in the region in their weight classes.

On entering the regional meet, Mitchell Gentry, a senior, was ranked fifth in the 123-lb. weight class; Tanner Self, a junior, was ranked seventh in the 165-lb. class; T.J. Reyna, a junior, was ranked eighth in the 190lb. class; and Casey Villanueva, a junior, was ranked eighth in the 240lb. and above class.

All four were "red-flagged" in their lifts.

"The pressure is really put on. A lot of people are watching and they only get one shot at it," Wilson said. "No one thought Dimmitt could even get to regional.'

Wilson said he is already looking forward to next year and anticipates more students coming out for the

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### More about

## Local control . . .

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and are working to strengthen it, he said.

"We're a faith-based organization," Bullard explained. "Part of our mission . . . is to give back to our region and to our communities some of what the region has given to us. We look at our regional services effort as being part of our mission."

He said that when the two hospital systems merged, "we created a vast primary service region of about 50,000 square miles, consisting of 26 hospitals outside of Lubbock. Sixteen of those we either manage or lease, and 10 of those we have some kind of affiliation with.

"We'll have 45,000 admissions in our Lubbock hospital this year, and we'll have \$1.7 billion in gross revenue," Bullard said. "And of all that, about 50% comes from outside of Lubbock County."

The metro hospital systems have a selfish interest in helping rural hospitals in the region stay healthy through mutual cooperation as outlined in the proposed agreement, Bullard said.

"Today in Lubbock we'll probably have close to 800 patients," he said. "If you were in a situation where you had to be in a hospital bed at Covenant, you'd probably spend the night in the emergency room or the hallway.

"The metropolitan hospitals are pretty max'ed out. If (the rural hospitals in Covenant's service region) were to go away, what would we do with their 350 patients a day?

"So our interest is a little bit selfish in this respect, that rural hospitals have become our safety net," he said.

During a question-and-answer session, Frank Mendoza, who was an employee of the CCHD until he started his own business recently, asked Bullard: "Are these affiliation agreements something that our hospital district sought out, or was it your system that came to us?"

Ramaekers answered, "Four or five years ago at a board retreat, we developed a strategic plan, and one of the items in that strategic plan was to develop an affiliation with a regional hospital. . . . So we actually initiated the conversation. Obviously, (the NWTS and Covenant) think they can benefit, too."

"What was your criteria for the selection of these two particular systems, instead of maybe BSA?" Mendoza asked.

Sloan answered, "We transferred most of our cardiology patients south to Lubbock and our orthopedic cases to Amarillo. I looked at Covenant and (University Medical Center in Lubbock) to see who had the most services and who knew the rural area better. Obviously, Covenant had a much broader base. . . .

"Ten years ago we sent a lot of patients north to BSA, but in the last 10 years there's been a switch, for whatever reason. Northwest has gotten much more rural friendly, and they're offering much more and trying to work with us more.

"We just think these two systems would be the better match for us." "Are there any financial obligations at all involved in the agree

ments?" George Sides asked. "Legally, a hospital district cannot obligate to another entity, or can any entity ask for an obligation of that kind," Bullard said. "There are pretty strict laws to assure that there are patient choices."

In answer to a question from Paul Wayland, Bullard explained some of the training courses and programs offered by the Covenant system, "some of which are taken to rural hospitals in the region," and Barnhart said Northwest "tries to meet the needs where we see them," and is working to expand its education program.

"How soon will these agreements become effective if they are ap-

Ramaekers, who had said earlier that the hospital board would discuss the agreements at its monthly meeting tonight (Thursday), said they Dimmitt High School also sent would become effective "when every point in the contract is approved and signed by both parties, I imagine."

Sloan added, "Probably within a month."

The Original

Copies of the proposed agreement are available at the hospital busi-

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# On the GO with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

that our Gideon Bible Ministry comes to churches in Dimmitt to share experiences.

Guests in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt were Randy Morgan of Dimmitt and Tom Carter of Amarillo.

There are 172 countries that the Gideon Ministry is carried on—Bibles are distributed in hospitals, hotels and schools.

The Bill Sava family enjoyed having their family from Colorado spend a few days with them. Their family visit included Capt. Greg Sava, his wife, Becky, and their three children, Sarah, Anna and Dallas Ann.

This was the big occasion for the baptism of Dallas Ann, and it was held at a church in Amarillo attended by Greg's sister and brother-in-law, Debra and Bill Bridenbaugh, Several other family members were present

## Deadline set for writing competition

The 23rd annual Lubbock Arts Festival is currently accepting entries for the Young Writer's Competition, open to all students in K-12th grade in the Panhandle and South Plains of

Each year the festival encourages students to explore and increase their writing skills by composing original works in prose or poetry in English or Spanish.

The deadline for entries is March 30. Entries are accepted on any subject. The competition is sponsored by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. Entry forms have been distributed to some schools and also will be printed twice during the month of March in the Avalanche-Journal.

For more information or entry forms, call 806-744-2787.

A hibernating animal sleeps through the cold winter months, but an estivating animal spends the hot dry summer in a cool moist place. The African lungfish, for example, lives inside a leathery cocoon surrounded by mud, through the long dry season! ovitoutto omicead ?

Once again, this is the time of year including Becky's mother, Vernie Schacher of Lazbuddie.

> Bill and Jacque Sava have fond memories of Jacque's mother, Rose Freymuth, and some of her activities in Tucumcari, N.M., so during the spring break they journeyed to Tucumcari to attend the St. Patrick's Day festivities in Rose's church.

Some of the interesting things were centered around special foods made by church members, and the many games that were played.

Before returning to Dimmitt, the Savas visited the family grave sites.

Mildred Bradford has just returned from California where she visited with her son, Kent, and his family. Mildred especially enjoyed the water front and sightseeing-and by the way, she just had a very important birthday! Congratulations, Mildred, you look younger than your years.

Saint Patrick's Day, March 17, was remembered by wedding vows for two Dimmitt families-The Lance Loudders' daughter, Lacy, was married to Justin Conway of Oklahoma and the service was held at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. The second wedding united Karen Curl and Britt Boozer, son of Monty and Sue Boozer of Dimmitt. This wedding was held at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

Congratulations to the two newlywed couples. Next week you can

## Red Cross plans disaster training

The Tri-County chapter of the American Red Cross will sponsor a disaster training session on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Hereford.

The training is for individuals or groups concerned with community support during a disaster, and the class will be offered at the Red Cross office, 224 South Main in Hereford.

Topics covered in the training will be shelter operations and disaster functions.

Those interested in taking part in the training should register by calling 364-3761.



AT THE WAILING WALL-Rabbi Samuel (right) in Jerusalem poses for a picture with Randy Morgan of Dimmitt during a recent tour of the Holy Land enjoyed by Morgan and his wife, Renise Blair. The two men are standing in front of the cover that is put over some of the Torah scrolls in the synagogue that abuts the Western Wall portion of the Wailing Wall. There will be a detailed account of their trip in the March 29 issue of the News in "On the Go." Photo by Oscar Scott

read the details of these two beautiful weddings and all the highlights that make up special occasions.

Sunday, March 18, found Dale and Marie Winders celebrating 50 years of marriage. Friends and family members joined for the very western celebration at the Wootens' barn north of Dimmitt. The admission "fee" was to be dressed in boots and jeans. Thanks to Dale and Marie's children for the fun time everyone had.

### Handweaver's Guild is meeting today

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will hold its monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

Anyone who is interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is

For the meeting location or more information, call Becky Martin at

Worth Jones' neighbors are happy he returned home after having surgery in Dimmitt and undergoing recuperation in Amarillo at the home

## Class of 1991 plans reunion

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

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

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

"We are working hard to try to make this a memorable occasion, but we need your help," Mendoza said.

of Harold and San Rhodes. When you drive by Worth's home on Highway 385, honk your horn to let him know you are thinking of him.

Donald McGrorey and family, Michelle, Marissa, Patrick, Donny, Eric and his friend, Gabriel Garcia, enjoyed a ski trip to Vail during the spring break. And they all returned without casualties!

Members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met on Wednesday, March 14, with Laquetta West presiding over the business meeting. Jackie Edwards read the minutes the public is invited to attend.

and Gertie Waggoner gave the treasury report.

Joe Sloan was in charge of the program and he gave an informative report on the hospital. New members are Melody Brooks and Martha Jo

Plans were discussed for an "Enlistment Tea," which will be held April 19 in the Plains Memorial Hospital Solarium. The come-andgo event will be held from 2 to 4

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The Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor the "Enlistment Tea," and

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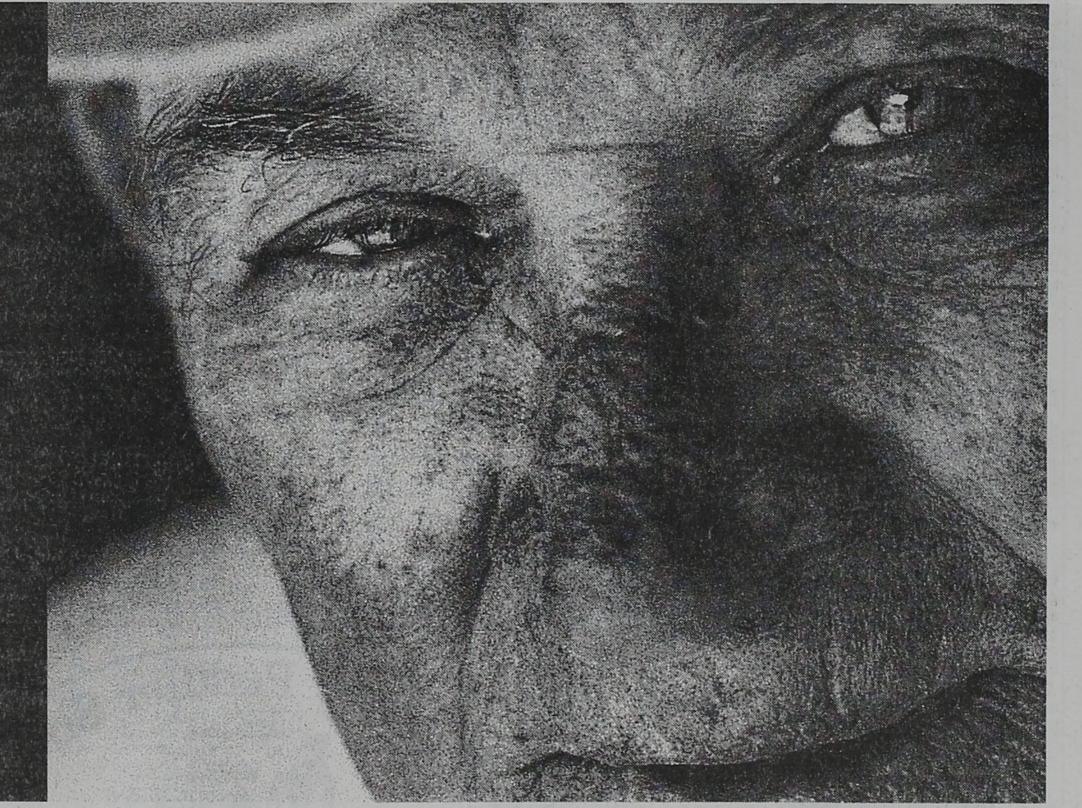
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# People









## Red Cross hopes to raise \$25,000 during the month

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is dedicated to being prepared in times of disaster, but the group needs your help to do

During the month of March, the chapter has established a fund raising goal, hoping to earn \$25,000 to help with its disaster preparedness programs.

Local businesses have agreed to place a "March is Red Cross Month" bank on their counters, and donations can be made in these designated "banks." Donations also may be sent to the Tri-County Branch, PO Box 1371, Hereford 79045.

The money raised will be used to purchase materials, supplies and for training people to work in times of disaster. A donation toward Red Cross will help fund these items.

The National Weather Service has indicated that we can expect several severe weather systems to pass across the Texas Panhandle this year, and the Red Cross hopes to be prepared in the event that a disaster happens.

"When a disaster strikes, we need to have the ability to respond quickly. With your help we can reach that goal," said a Red Cross spokesperson.

### Porter installed to Phi Sigma Theta

Brittany Porter, daughter of Randy and Paula Johnson of Dimmitt, has been initiated into the Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Texas Tech University.

Induction ceremonies were held Feb. 1 on the Texas Tech campus. Porter, a 2000 graduate of Dimmitt High School, is majoring in nursing at Texas Tech.

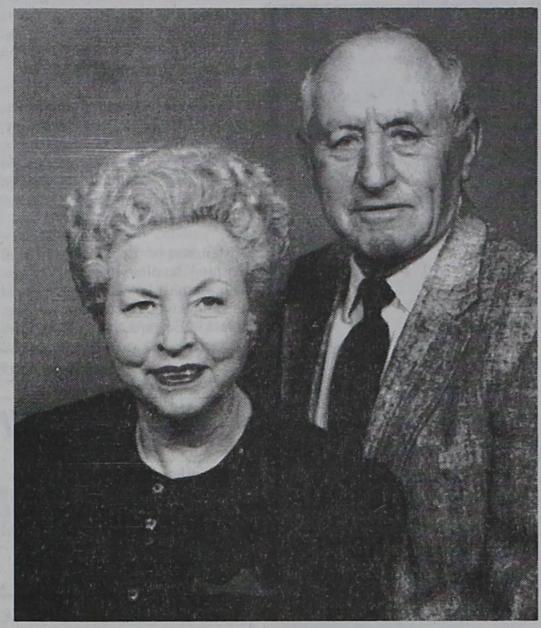
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**Earlene and Pete Steiert** 

## Steierts will celebrate 55th wedding anniversary

Pete and Earlene Steiert will cele- including Janis McAdams of brate their 55th wedding anniversary on March 26 and their family will join them in observing the occasion with a dinner at their home near Hart on Sunday.

Pete Steiert married the former Earlene Goodman on March 26, 1946, at Holy Family Church in Nazareth. Both are descendants of pioneering Hart-area families and have been longtime family farmers in the Hart and Nazareth area.

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Ropesville, Jim Steiert of Hereford, Theresa Fleischman of Wisconsin and Patrick Steiert of DeSoto. The couple has seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

## Interact will collect recycled phone books until Friday

Interact, a Dimmitt High School club, is gathering old phone books for a recycling contest and club members will be accepting the books until Friday.

If you would like to contribute to the collection, you may drop phone books off at one of the following sites: Dimmitt High School, Thriftway Supermarket, Dimmitt Market, the courthouse, First United Bank, Hereford Federal Credit Union, Medical Center of Dimmitt, Richardson Elementary School, the Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Hart Church of Christ or First Assembly of God Church.

For assistance or more information please call Ashley at 647-5753 or 647-5110; Molly at 647-4756; or Jenna at 647-5329.

### Auxiliary plan 'Enlistment Tea

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

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

attend the tea.

## Loudder, Conway are married Saturday in double-ring ceremony

Lacy Loudder and Justin Conway were united in marriage Saturday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The bride is the daughter of Lance and Terri Loudder of Dimmitt. Tom and Janice Conway of Cheyenne, Okla., are the parents of the groom.

Dr. William R. Fleming of Lubbock, grandfather of the bride, officiated in the traditional double-ring ceremony and he was assisted by Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a candlelight matte satin two-piece wedding gown by Exclusives. The princess-style strapless bodice featured a Basque waistline and was made of floral embossed matte satin. The top of the bodice was enhanced with a threeinch band of crystal bugle beads and small crystal beads outlining the floral design of the satin embossing and edged at the top and bottom with narrow bands of satin. The back of the bodice was laced with satin streamers.

The skirt was made of bouffant matte satin and flowed into a semicathedral train. Two pairs of wide satin streamers with embossed panels and angled tips draped from the back waistline of the skirt. A band of the embossed satin, similar to the band at the top of the bodice, decorated the bottom of the skirt and train.

The bride wore a fingertip ivory veil of tulle edged in satin ribbon that was gathered at the top onto a halo of gathered satin. A sheer ribbon bow centered with a knot of satin cording completed the look.

She wore baby blue tennis shoes covered in pearls and bridal lace. She wore diamond earrings which had been made from her great-grandmother's engagement ring. The earrings had been worn by the bride's mother in her own wedding.

She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies surrounded by cardinal red roses and white hydrangea blooms hand-tied with a red sheer ribbon. The bouquet and floral arrangements were created especially for the bride by her aunt, Peggy

Serving as maid of honor was Katy Loudder, sister of the bride. Aspen Boyett, friend of the bride, served as a bridesmaid.

The bridal attendants were attired in red satin gowns, similar in design



to the bride's gown. The attendants' satin streamers.

They carried ivory porcelain tussie mussies filled with confetti roses.

The groom wore a black tuxedo with an ivory pleated shirt and red bow tie.

The best ban was Chris Barton, friend of the groom. Brandon Drinnon, cousin of the groom, was a groomsman. The groomsmen wore tuxedos similar in design to the one worn by the groom.

The flower girl, Lindsey Loudder, daughter of Lane and Peggy Loudder, wore a princess-style gown with a bodice of candlelight embossed satin which was laced in the back by a strand of tiny ivory pearls. Her red satin skirt featured a band of the embossed candlelight satin at the base. She wore red tennis shoes covered in pearls and bridal lace.

Ring bearer was Jakotah John, son gowns were fashioned with fitted of Roger and Darla John. He carried bodices laced in the back with red the wedding rings on an ivory satin pillow topped with a sheer satin bow like the one on the bride's veil. He was also outfitted in a black tux.

> Tosha Conway, sister of the groom registered guests. She wore a red satin gown.

The couple's parents and grandparents were seated to Irvin Berlin's Always. Following the chiming of the hour, David Jones performed the hymn, Be Thou My Vision, a capella from the balcony of the church. Mr. Jones had also sung this hymn in the bride's parents' wedding.

The attendants proceeded down the aisle as Pachelbel's Canon in D was performed.

The bride entered the sanctuary on her father's arm as organist Marcella Jennings played Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring.

After the bride was given in marriage, the song Brand New Family was performed. The song was written and performed for the couple by the bride's mother.

As the couple lit the unity candle, Savannah and Shonnah Black, friends of the bride, and Katy Loudder, sister of the bride, sang Quietly This Hour, as they were accompanied on piano by Adeana Carlyle, the bride's high school choir

The bridal party exited the sanctuary to The Wedding March by Men-

A reception honoring the couple was held in the church's Fellowship Hall following the wedding.

The couple will be making their home in Cheyenne, Okla.

### School board candidate workshop set for today Area school board candidates and Topics to be covered include the

interested citizens can learn more school board's duties and responsiabout the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop today (Thursday) from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center at 1601 S. Cleveland in Amarillo.

ested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain Admission is free. For more informaboard members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

bilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants also will view A Call to Service, a The workshop will provide inter- Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone tion about the workshop, call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 1-800-580-8272, ext. 6104.

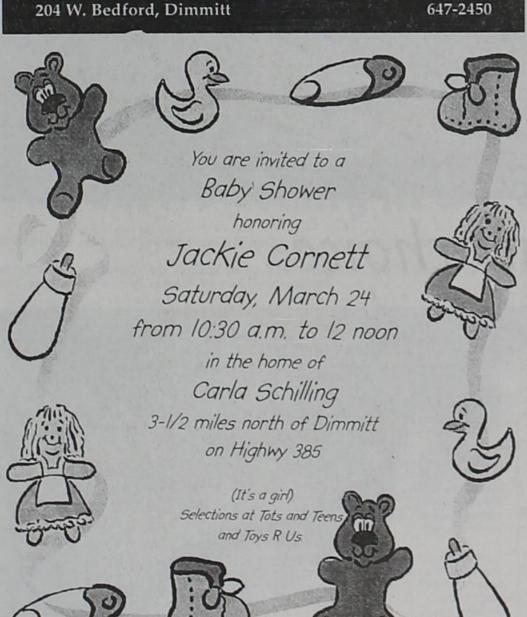
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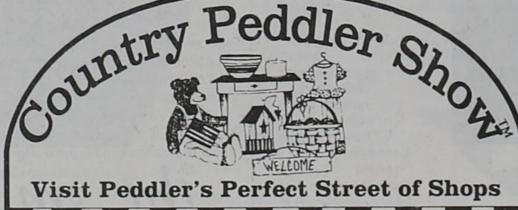


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## White credits seatbelt with saving a life

Curtis White, 17, of Tulsa, Okla., grandson of Noonan and Betty White of Dimmitt, can give a testimony about the life-saving power of seat

He was in a crash Feb. 28 when his 1998 Isuzu Rodeo ran off an icy bridge about three miles from his home as he was driving to school.

White suffered compression fractures in three vertebrae in his back and had some severe bruising, according to his father, David White.

"The car became airborne, landed atop a guard rail, and slid to the end of the guard rail. The car then became airborne again and rolled three times down an embankment and landed upright," David White said, describing the crash. He said the car was destroyed—the frame rails were bent, breaking the frame cross members, engine, transmission, transfer case and gas tank mounts.

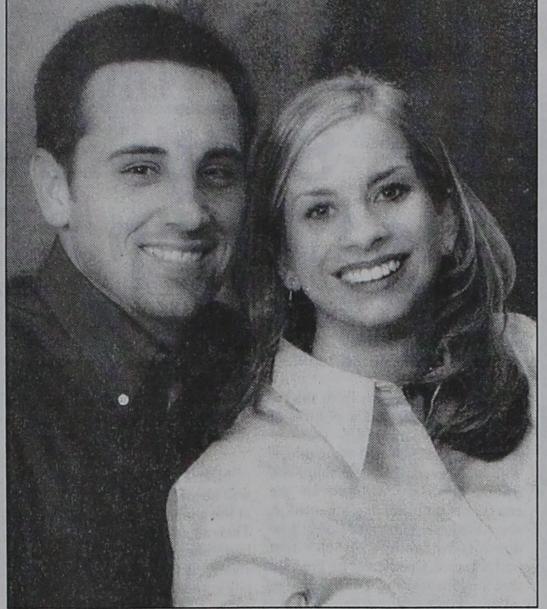
"The engine was still running and smoking badly. Fearing a post-crash fire, my son was unable to kill the engine because the key was broken off in the ignition," David White reported. "Curtis tried kicking the windshield out and eventually got into the back seat, where a person who witnessed the accident helped him get out. He was transported to the hospital in a private vehicle."

David White said the severe bruises Curtis suffered were from his seatbelt and shoulder strap.

"He does not remember buckling or unbuckling the belt," David White said. "He must wear a back brace for eight to nine weeks and is expected to recover fully. That is a relatively small price to pay considering the severity of the accident.

"It is hard to think about what my wife, daughter and I would be doing right now if it were not for those seatbelt bruises."

David and his wife, Janie, are former residents of Castro County.



Tory Bryant and Lee Scarborough

## June wedding is planned

Jack and Cindy Scarborough of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lee Scarborough, to Tory Bryant, son of Mike and Vicki Bryant of Graford, formerly of Plainview.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Jimmie Wilson and the late Pete Wilson, and J.B. and Betty Scarborough, all of Petersburg. The prospective groom is the grandson of Dale and Marie Winders of Dimmitt, Russell Bryant of Las Cruces, N.M., and the late Peggy Bryant of Muleshoe.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. on June 16 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

The bride-to-be is a 1998 graduate of Lubbock Monterey High School. She is majoring in computer information systems at West Texas A&M University in Canyon and expects to graduate in May with a bachelor of business administration degree. She is currently employed by Panhandle Plains Student Loan Center.

The prospective groom graduated from Plainview High School in 1994. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in exercise and sports science from Texas Tech University, graduating in May 1999. He is pursuing a master's degree in interdisciplinary studies at West Texas A&M University, and is slated to graduate in May. He currently works as an assistant women's basketball coach at West Texas A&M University.

## Boozer and Curl exchange vows Saturday in Fort Worth

Karen Curl became the bride of Britt Boozer Saturday when the pair exchanged wedding vows at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

The bride is the daughter of Sam Curl of Stillwater, Okla., and Betty Curl of Belton. Parents of the groom are Monty and Sue Boozer of Dimmitt.

The Rev. Kent Kilbourne officiated at the formal evening ceremony. Flowers and candles decorated the

Music for the ceremony was provided by Jack Noble White, organist; and soloist Stacy Starkes.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a sleeveless ivory dress designed with a beaded

top, tulle skirt and train. She carried a bouquet of hydrangeas and ivory roses.

Maid of honor was Julia Curl and Jane Parker served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Susannah Mercer, Kristi Crader, Holly Wright and Stacy Starkes.

The bridal attendants were outfitted in ivory blouses and iridescent periwinkle taffeta skirts.

Each carried a bouquet of hydran-

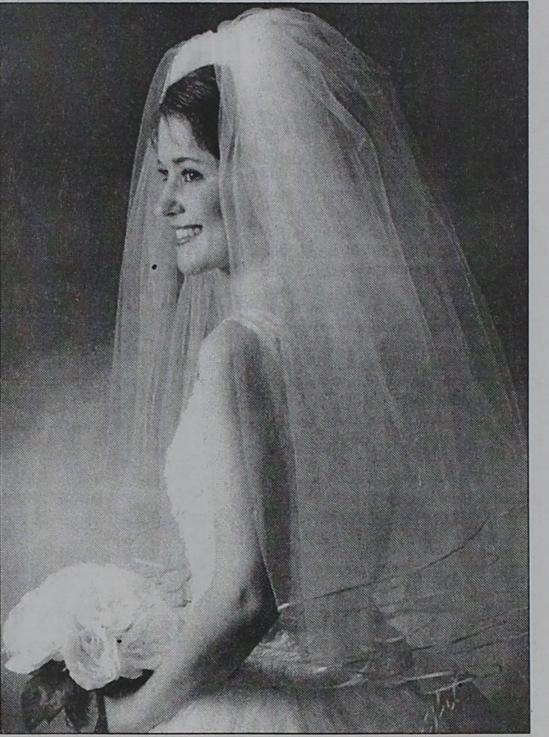
Best men were Robert Boozer and Bart Wyatt. Groomsmen were Terry Riley, Clay Henderson, Matt Bradley and Jon Bruegel.

Guests were seated by Kyle Shelton, Kevin Bruton and Robert Lightcap.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception honoring the newlyweds was held at the City Club of Fort Worth. A string trio provided entertainment during the evening.

After a wedding trip to New Orleans, La., the couple will establish their home in Dimmitt.

The bride attended Texas Tech University and the groom studied at West Texas A&M University.



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## Luncheon, style show highlight Junior League benefit March 30 The Junior League of Amarillo Heart's Content" and a David

will present the Best of Texas 2001 Civic Center Grand Plaza.

The Texas Tulip Luncheon and Style Show, sponsored by Duncan and Boyd Jewelers, will begin at 11 a.m. with silent auction shopping.

Deep in the Heart of Texas Gala kicks off at 7 p.m. with a CapRock wine tasting. The event will include a cocktail buffet, live and silent auctions, gaming tables and dancing to the music of Rambler.

Tickets for each event are \$20 per person and can be reserved by calling 374-0802.

Theme for Best of Texas is "Deep in the Heart of Texas," according to co-chairmen Paula Steele and Dee Dee Tiffany. "The committee looked 'Deep in the Heart of Texas' and to regions beyond for inspiration," Steele said.

The luncheon will be catered by Porter Crawford of Unlimited for You and the menu will be Tex-Mex

cuisine. A raffle will be held with the top prize being a David Yuman bracelet donated by Duncan and Boyd Jewelers. The winner will choose from two styles of the bracelet. Tickets are \$2 each or six for \$10.

The Deep in the Heart of Texas Gala will feature a buffet with food stations filled with favorite fair from Texas regions.

The live auction, conducted by Spanky Assiter, will include pack-

Yurman "Quatrefoil Collection event on March 30 at the Amarillo Suite" donated by Duncan and Boyd Jewelers.

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## SEC plans shareholder's annual meeting

Swisher Electric Cooperative members will elect two directors next Thursday, March 29, at their

61st annual membership meeting. The meeting and catered buffet supper will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the

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

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

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

will be challenged by Brad Sharp in the other race. Candidates for both positions were

selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January. This year's meeting centers around "The Smart Choice," when it comes

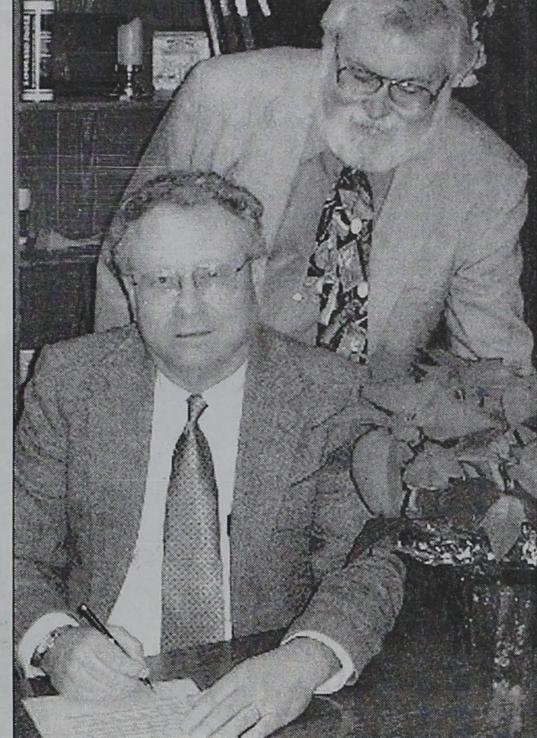
to electric utility deregulation. In an annual report to members, the cooperative's management explains that in the states where deregulation has been tried, it hasn't worked very well for most consum-

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

Drawings for door prizes will conclude the meeting.

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MARCH IS AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH-Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (seated)is signing a proclamation declaring the special observance for Dimmitt, witnessed by Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. Dimmitt is covered by the Tri-County Branch of the American Red Cross, which serves Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer counties. Last year, the branch trained nearly 1,200 people in life-saving CPR and first aid, lifeguarding and water safety, HIV/AIDS Photo by Linda Maxwell education, and mission related caregiving.

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## Deaf Smith Electric sets meeting Tuesday

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative and nominee Jerry Roach; and those 60's, rhythm and blues, gospel and members will receive capital credit refunds at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner on Tuesday, starting at 5 p.m. in the Hereford Bull Barn.

The refunds will be from the remainder of 1989 and a portion of 1990, totaling \$1 million.

A fish, chicken and beef dinner will be served. Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy will provide the entertainment following the meal. A short business meeting to elect two directors will follow Bishop's first performance. Candidates for Position styles, such as classic country, nos-One are incumbent Vick Christian

vying for Position Two are incumbent Jerry Roberts and nominee Jared Blankenship.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,000, with a color television for are joined by a group of multi-talthe grand prize.

will be making their first appearance at the cooperative's annual meeting. harmonies and a variety of musical talgic rock and roll of the 50's and said.

patriotic music.

"In addition to the music, the onstage banter of Mike and his wife, Dale, is reminiscent of Lucy and Ricky Ricardo," according to information about the entertainers. They ented "hand-picked" musicians who perform on over a dozen instruments Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Sassy collectively and are each experienced

entertainers in their own right. "Mike Bishop and Sweet 'N' Their act includes strong vocals, rich Sassy and the band always succeed in giving their audiences a show they won't soon forget," a spokesperson

## Cotton talks

#### By SHAWN WADE

meeting on April 6.

Ginners Association's 94th annual Lubbock.

Featured speakers at the PCG meeting will be John Maguire, vice president of Washington operations for the National Cotton Council; and Phillip C. Burnett, newly-announced chief executive officer of The Seam.

changing political climate influenc- maximum of two consecutive terms ing important agricultural issues in in each of the three elected officer Washington. He also will update positions. growers on the status of efforts to expand budget authority for agricultural programs and on prospects for approval of additional emergency aid to growers in 2001.

Burnett will introduce The Seam to rowers and explain the role that organization hopes to play in the cotton marketing system. Burnett is a 30year veteran of the cotton industry and he is a former chief executive officer of the National Cotton Coun-

The Seam is described as a totally neutral electronic global marketplace for the buying and selling of cotton and related products. The Seam's vision is to be the comprehensive marketplace for the global textile fiber industry.

The Seam hopes to increase the profits of its users through improved transaction process efficiencies, expanded exposure to potential customers and suppliers, access to realtime market information, and guaranteed trades.

Other scheduled presentations include a president's address from PCG President Ronnie Hopper of Petersburg; an update on boll weevil eradication activities by Woody Anderson, chairman of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's board of directors; and an update on research conducted by the Plains Cotton Improvement Program by Dale Swinburn, chairman of the

Swinburn will also discuss a

recently-completed evaluation of the Plains Cotton Growers has final- cotton breeding system in the United ized its lineup for its 44th annual States commissioned by Cotton Incorporated. The report brings into The meeting will be held in focus the situation facing the indusconjunction with the Texas Cotton try in terms of yields and what potential exists for making further meeting and trade show, April 5-6 in advancements in both yield and quality.

Following the annual meeting, the PCG board of directors will come together for its regular quarterly meeting. The PCG board will elect its 2001-02 executive committee.

PCG officers are elected each year. Maguire will be discussing the Individuals are limited to serving a

> The 2001 Committee for the Advancement of Cotton (CAC) fundraising campaign is gearing up and the timing is critical for growers and individuals involved in the cotton industry at every level.

> The CAC is the industry's political action committee and its purpose is to help support legislators that have shown strong support for agriculture and cotton in the past, and to identify those legislators willing to support agriculture in the future.

> The ability to cement relationships and help retain the industry's strongest congressional allies has never been more important than it is

With agriculture focused on surviving another bleak marketing year, the economics of farming are once again going to rely heavily on the approval of additional Federal

That is where the CAC can and does make a tremendous difference. Contributions made to the CAC support the re-election funds of key members of congress that represent cotton production regions or who are strong supporters of agriculture in general.

"When we look back at the tremendous economic support provided through the effort of cotton's friends in the House of Representatives and the Senate and the need to I've a little back is painfully clear," said PCG Executive Vice President

Steve Verett. "Just thinking about how much additional Market Loss Assistance, Cottonseed Assistance and Crop Loss Assistance has meant to this industry re-emphasizes our need to support the people that have made it all possible."

The 2001 CAC fundraising effort is also being pursued with the knowledge that mid-term elections are just around the corner. That, plus closely balanced representation in the House and Senate, makes building strong bi-partisan support for cotton initiatives imperative. The months leading up to the mid-

term elections also could see completion of the new farm bill, adding to the importance of CAC's The next 12 to 18 months are

critical and it will be important for CAC to have the ability to support old friends and develop new relationships that will strengthen support in the future.

## Redistricting hearings set

The Texas House of Representatives Committee on Redistricting will hold public hearings in Austin to receive public input on redistricting for the Texas House, Congressional districts, and the State Board of Edu-

Congressional and SBOE districts will be the subject of a hearing on April 5 at 4 p.m. in the Capitol Extension Auditorium in Austin. Texas gained two seats in the US House as a result of the 2000 Census, increasing the state's total to 32 Congressional districts.

Individuals and organizations interested in redistricting are encouraged to attend and testify at the hear-

For more information, you may visit the Texas Legislative Council's web site: www.tlc.state.tx.us/tlc/ research/redist/redist.htm.

Redrawing the 150 districts for the Texas House was to have been the focus of a session Wednesday.

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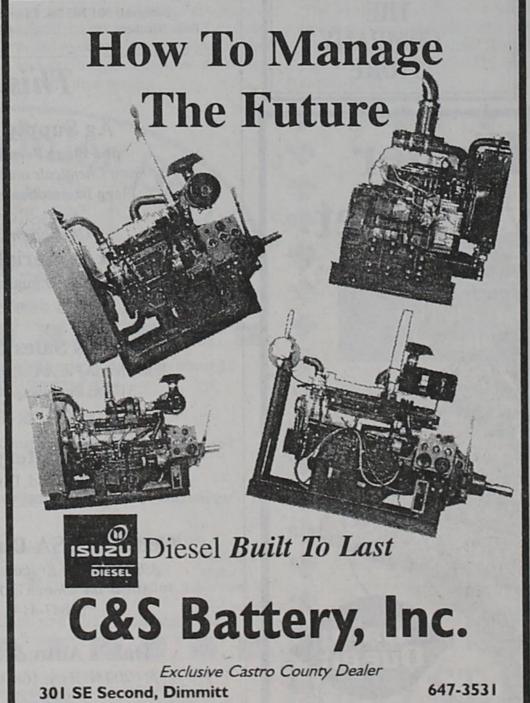
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## Texas High Plains growers raise 20% of nation's cotton

link in the cotton production chain in the United States and nearly 20% of the total US production during the last decade has come from this re-

A number of critical factors must merge each season for producers to make a profit and produce the quantity and quality of cotton necessary to succeed in today's competitive

Cotton production is affected by factors including weather conditions, irrigation rates, fertilization methods and rates and variety selection. Researchers in the Cotton Economics Research Institute at Texas Tech University are analyzing the effect of these factors on lint yields and quality to help growers made good management decisions that benefit their bottom line.

in the Cotton Economics Research Institute, and researchers in other departments in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, have developed six production response functions that describe the relationships between weather conditions, critical management

The Texas High Plains is a critical decisions and cotton ouput, specifi- quality of the lint produced to vary cally lint and seed yield, micronaire, significantly. strength, staple and turnout.

> weather and management have a definite predictable impact on the quality and quantity of irrigated cotton a grower can produce.

> "Profitability lies in the producer's ability to implement effective crop management practices given the changing weather conditions of this region," Ramirez said.

Predicting the weather is not an exact science, especially when making critical management decisions for a growing season.

"Our research shows that if we can get improved weather information, that is, better rainfall and temperature predictions, a typical producer using the production response function developed in this research could Dr. Octavio Ramirez, a researcher increase profitability between \$20 and \$25 per acre," Ramirez said.

> The study also found that irrigation water and nitrogen and phosphorous fertilizer use have a considerable impact on lint quality. Different application rates of these inputs, combined with weather conditions and variety selection, may cause the

"The impact of changes in the According to Ramirez, both amount of these inputs applied to the crop on lint quality is so substantial

that it could heavily affect the premiums and discounts obtained under current cotton pricing practices," Ramirez said.

"Our research suggests that if

producers make more informed management decisions that take into account these quality effects, they could improve the profitability between \$10 and \$20 per acre on aver-

For more information, contact Dr. Octavio Ramirez at (806) 742-0277, Ext. 245; or e-mail him at octavio.ramirez@ttu.edu.

## DPS expands qualifications for applicants

The Texas Dept. of Public Safety recently announced that the qualifications for applicants for trooper training have been expanded.

Correctional officers and jailers with two years of service now meet the experience qualifications to apply as a trooper trainee.

Jailer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid employee performing jailer duties in a

Sunflower

production

meeting set

A sunflower production meeting

will be held in Dimmitt Wednesday

(March 28) at 1:30 p.m. at the Exten-

Agricultural Extension Service

agronomist, will discuss production

agronomic for both confectionary

and NuSun oilseed sunflowers, as

well as concerns common to sun-

flower production and how to com-

IPM agent for Castro and Lamb

counties, will outline control strate-

gies for sunflower moth and other

and seedsmen representatives will be

on hand to answer questions about

2001 pricing, delivery and hybrids.

New TAEX sunflower production

publications, including "Common

Concerns in West Texas Sunflower

Production and Ways to Solve

Them," will be available for growers.

Castro County Extension office at

647-4115. The meeting is being

sponsored by the Texas Agricultural

Extension Service.

For more information, contact the

One CEU will be offered.

Johnna Patterson, former TAEX-

pensate for them.

insects.

sion Office, 205 N. Broadway.

in another state. Correctional officer experience is defined as time spent as a full-time paid correctional officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, or the equivalent in another state. Applicants with at least 60 hours of college or two years law enforcement or military service also meet the minimum experience qualifications. the next six-month recruit school

position that requires a license as a

certified Texas jailer or its equivalent

DPS will accept applications for (which begins Sept. 3) until April 16 for out-of-state applicants and April 27 for in-state applicants. Anyone interested in applying should contact the nearest DPS office for more information and an application packet. Information also is available on the DPS web site: www.txdps.state.tx.us

An applicant must be a US citizen, at least 20 years of age by the time they are accepted for training, of good moral character, and must meet Calvin Trostle of Lubbock, Texas certain vision requirements.

A final conviction (including probation) for any driving while intoxicated, driving under the influence, family violence or felony will automatically disqualify an applicant. The screening process will include verification of written and oral statements and a thorough background investigation of the applicant. Written exams, physical agility, psychological and drug testing also are re-

After gaining experience, troopers Sunflower contractor, processor, may apply for a variety of assignments including promotion to super-

> If the air conditioning were turned off in the Houston Astrodome, the entrance of war humid air could cause it to rain in

Holy mackerel! A mother cod can lay as many as five million eggs at a time. Usually only six survive. If they all produced live fish, there would be no room left in the ocean for water.

visory positions; and assignments such as aircraft, training, recruiting, and many criminal investigator positions, including the Texas Rangers.

"Diversity is a priority at DPS and we're encouraging minorities and women to apply," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., DPS Director. "This is a chance to make a difference by being part of a law enforcement agency known to be one of the best in the

## **Texas Boll Weevil Foundation** announces its new employees

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation recently announced the hiring of several supervisors who will help direct the eradication effort in Texas.

In the newly-created Northern High Plains Zone which encompasses Hale, Floyd, Swisher, Briscoe, Armstrong and Randall counties, Trent Parish was hired as the assistant zone manager. Wes Jones is the zone manager.

Parish, a fourth-generation farmer, grew up in Springlake. He joined the foundation in 1999 as a field unit supervisor and was promoted to district supervisor the next year. Parish will complete a degree in agricultural business administration at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview in May.

The Souther High Plains/Caprock Zone includes Cochran, Hockley, and Lubbock counties, most of Crosby County and the parts of Lynn and Garza counties located above the Caprock. This zone, which includes more than a million acres of cotton, hyas named two assistant managers to join one manager Patrick Burson in directing operations.

The two new assistants are Michael Hester and Charles Scarborough.

Hester, originally from Rochester, has been with the foundation since 1996, working as a field unit supervisor before becoming assistant zone manager in the Western High Plains Zone. He has an associate degree in farm and ranch management from Vernon College. He spent several Texas.

years working on a cotton farm, and worked in a variety of agriculturalrelated businesses before joining the foundation.

Scarborough is part of a management team that oversees farm operations in Floyd and Hale counties. He is co-owner of a seed business. Born in Lubbock, he was raised in Petersburg. He obtained a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from Texas Tech University in 1967.

Scarborough also worked for Texas Instruments for 18 years in production and financial planning.

Barbara Jones has been named zone manager for the Northern Rolling Plains Zone, replacing Joey Hogan who is the zone manager of the newly-created Blacklands Zone.

Jones is a Childress native who has farmed cotton for 30 years. She joined the foundation in 1999.

Joining Hogan as assistant zone manager in the Southern Blacklands Zone will be Michael Marugg of

Marugg joined the foundation in 1996, working part-time as a ground observer. He became an environmental monitoring specialist the next year and also has worked as a field unit supervisor and a field unit manager. He grew up on a farm and has worked with a chemical application business. He received a degree in agricultural business from Tarleton State University in 1993.

The Southern Blacklands Zone covers 65 counties in central and east

## Master Marketer program is planned for ag lenders

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will offer a four-day Master Marketer for Ag Lenders program in June at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo.

"This is an in-depth risk management education program specifically designed for ag lenders who work with producers and agribusinesses," said Jackie Smith, Extension economist based in Lubbock. "We will focus on understanding price risk, and the best tools available to manage that risk.

"Government farm programs are changing and commodity markets are highly volatile. Producers and agribusinesses who can manage the risks of this environment stand a better chance of surviving and thriving in the future. Lenders who know and understand risk management tools and technology can help their clients make better credit decisions, reduce their credit risk and remain in business?"

The four-day course will occur in two sessions: June 13-14 and June 27-28. The first session will focus on marketing plans, basic marketing strategies, crop insurance, lender liability, weather's impact on production and markets, special contracts, legal issues, and supply-demand analysis for feed grains and

livestock. Session two will focus on cotton supply-demand analysis, basics of technical analysis, new farm policy legislation and new and creative ways for lenders to help clients adjust to changing times.

Several expert instructors will lead these sessions including Carl Anderson, Wayne Hayenga, Danny Klinefelter and Abner Womack of Texas A&M University; Alan Brugler of DTN director of research and commodity strategy; John Huffake, attorney with Gibson, Oschner and Adkins in Amarillo; and Randall Reeder and Robert

Extension economists Smith, Steve Amosson, Stan Bevers and Mark Waller will also teach segments of these sessions.

Registration for the program is \$750 per person and registration deadline is April 15. Checks should be made payable to Texas Extension Education Foundation.

An optional introduction to futures and options workshop will be held on June 12, and is open to anyone who wants to refresh or increase their understanding of these tools.

"Lenders who sign up for this four-day program will receive a letter confirming their registration and additional details about the sessions," Smith said.

Registration forms or more information on this event are available by calling Smith at (806) 746-6101; Danny Klinefeller at 979-845-7171 or Joe Pena at 830-278-9151.

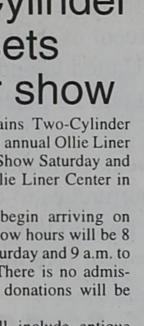
## Two-Cylinder Club sets tractor show

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host the annual Ollie Liner Antique Tractor Show Saturday and Sunday at the Ollie Liner Center in

Plainview. Exhibits will begin arriving on Friday and the show hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. There is no admission charge, but donations will be

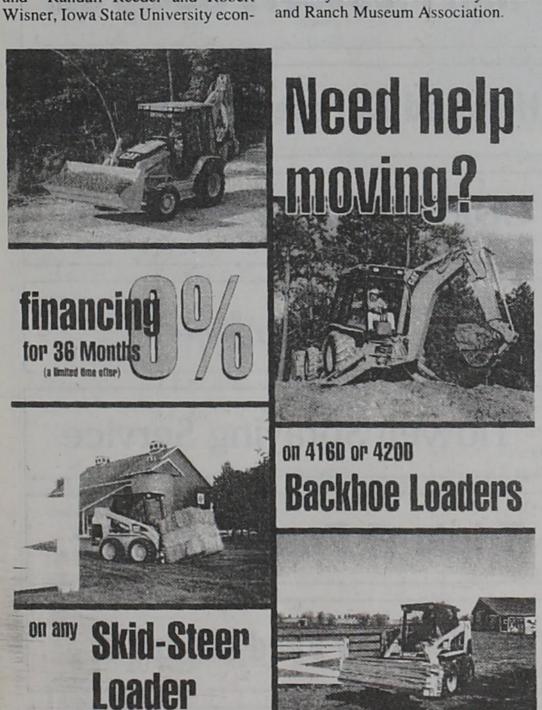
accepted. The show will include antique tractors, antique farm machinery, stationary engines, miniature replicas, and much more. Activities will include a parade of the tractors each day at 2 p.m.

and Ranch Museum Association.



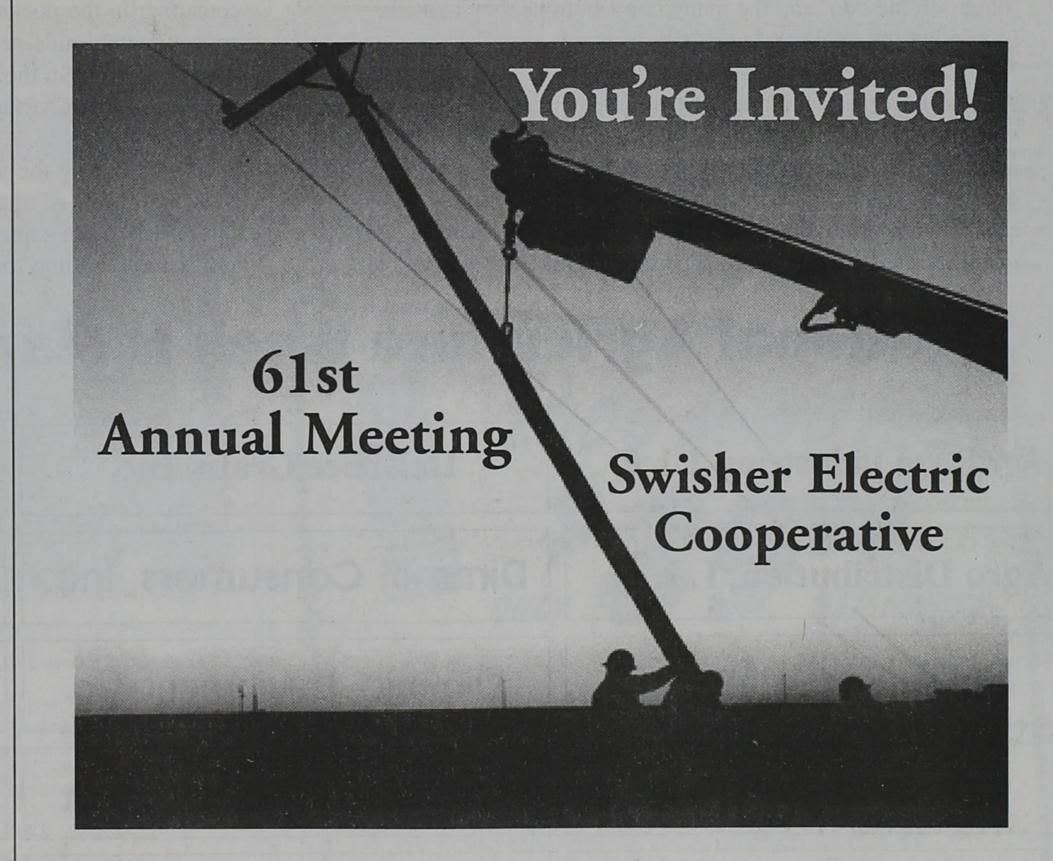
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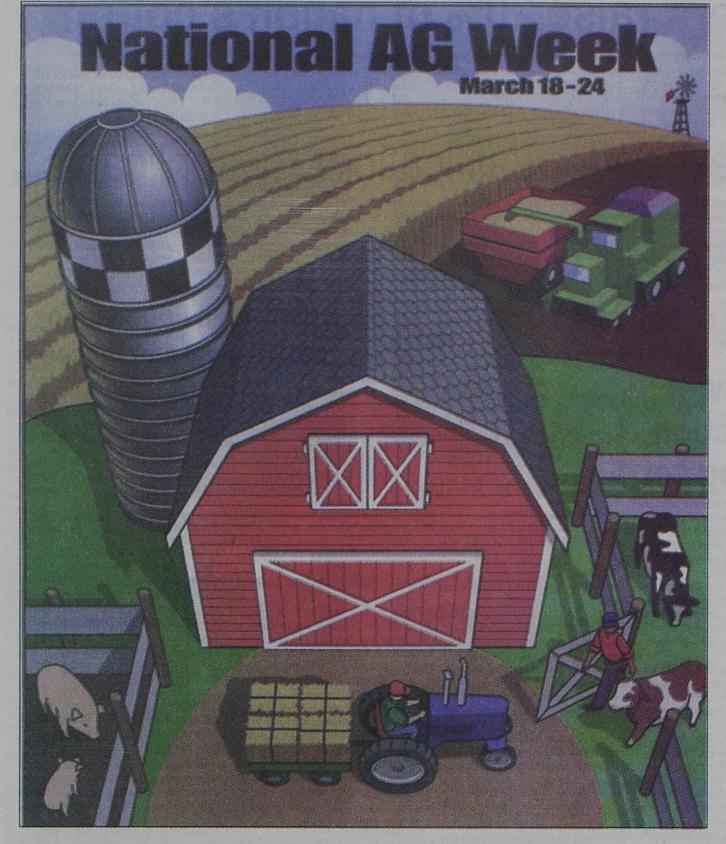


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supply enough food to feed 129 people everyday. Our farmers account for 42.7 percent of the world's production of soybeans and 34.4 percent of the world's production of corn.

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## Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Jake Hoelting and Heidi Ramaekers, who won first place in their respective divisions in weekend with her son, Harold the Knights of Columbus state free Gerber, in his home at Lake Ivey throw contest in Austin this week-

The contest was held at St. Edwards University.

to win the 13-year-old boys' divi- It was a good weekend. sion. Heidi made 21 of 25 free throws in the 11-year-old girls' divi-

Thiel of Nazareth and Johnny Schmucker's two children, Haley and Kyle, from Dumas.

Jim, Sandee and Nathan Hoelting and Matt Birkenfeld drove to Austin for the state free throw contest. They spent the weekend with Wade Hoelting in Austin and visited with Rick, Robbie, Jessica and Nick Gerber; and Rhonda (Hoelting) Boyett and children, Blake, Megan and Tommy Lee.

Congratulations to Carson Gerber, Craig Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman and Brook Moyers of Nazareth High School who competed last weekend in Austin at the state debate contest. Their coach is Scott Carouthers.

Virgie Gerber spent an enjoyable are sort of like one big family.

The Hoeltings came from Austin Saturday evening and we drove back Jake made 24 of his 25 free throw home to Nazareth Sunday evening.

Albracht of Amarillo spent last Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ray Also participating were Adam Thursday afternoon in Nazareth Schmucker, Mary Gerber, Ernie visiting with Rosena's brother and Brockman, Philip Brockman and sister-in-law, Leonard and Alvina Brenda (Birkenfeld) Crouse.

Glen Ramaekers, Joel Gerber, Keith Hoelting and Dan Gerber renear Ballinger. His friends at the lake cently spent a long weekend at Harold Gerber's home and had very good luck fishing. They returned home with quite a few bags of fish

Prayers are asked for Leonard Shirley Skarke and Rosena Gerber, Edith Huseman, Lori

## Swisher Electric to send two youth to Washington

Gerber.

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

Any students ages 14 to 19 who

An all-expense paid trip to Wash- are attending school in Hart, Nazaington, D.C., will be awarded to two reth, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, area youth by Swisher Electric Coop- Silverton or Olton, or who are home schooled in Swisher Electric's ser-The winners of the trip will be vice area are eligible to enter the

Representatives of the cooperative will visit area high schools during the remainder of March to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest. Anyone interested in more information may contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia at 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344. Also, information is available on the cooperative's web site: www.swisherelectric.org.

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

visit their US Congressmen, watch Falls; and Dist. IV, Jack Norman of the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court Building, and visit the White House.

more memorable sites in Washington, D.C., including the Smithsonian Institute, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theatre, the FBI head-



READY FOR LIFE-These books and video have been donated to Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt for parents and caregivers to have an additional source of bilingual parenting information. The materials may be checked out from the library and have been made available to raise awareness about the importance of early childhood development. Materials include the video, Ready for Life, and an accompanying discussion guide, copies of Helping Baby Grow; and directions for using www.firstimpressions.org, a web site intended to serve as a bilingual gateway to information on the same topics explored in the video. Looking over the materials are RML Librarian Marie Howell (right) and Joe Josselet, a member of the Castro County Child Protective Services Board, which encourages parents to take advantage of the items. The packet was developed through the efforts of KERA-Dallas/Fort Worth, the Texas Library Association, and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## TWPB sets election March 30-April 12

(TWPB) will hold its 15th biennial mail election between March 30 and April 12.

David Cleavinger, farmer-elected chairman of the organization, said that five board members are at the end of their six-year terms. They are: Dist. I, Cagle Kendrick of Stratford; Dist. II, Tommy Womack of Tulia; In Washington, the students will Dist. III, Fred Dwyer of Wichita Howe and Ken Davis of Grandview.

Texas is eligible to vote for a board The youth also will get to tour the member for the district in which he resides. Castro County is included in Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall,

Parmer, Hale and Floyd counties.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election, Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to days before the election date may obtain one at the County Extension office, as provided by the Texas

The TWPB is engaged in wheat Any farmer producing wheat in research, market development and services designed to add to the value of the crop. The board was formed by producers in 1971 as a self-help Dist. II, along with Carson, Potter, program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas.

The Texas Wheat Producers Board Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher,

vote who does not receive a ballot 14 Commodity Referendum Law.

#### LGA elects new officers quarters, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Viet Nam Memorials, and more. The Ladies Golf Association held Shottenkirk, director; Mozelle

March 13 at Country Club of Dimmitt and elected new officers to serve during the coming year.

dinner before the meeting began.

organization's president while Sheryl Brown was vice president and Carla Luna was named treasurer. Members of the tournament committee are Kellie Bradley and Kayla Weaver.

High-Plains Ladies Golf Association officers elected include Audrey

its annual membership meeting on Lilley, president; and Cyndy Reynolds, secretary. A putting contest was held during

the event and Shottenkirk finished Those present enjoyed a potluck first while Luna finished second. The group set its next meeting for

Betty McClure was elected as the April 24, and has planned a tournament for June 30-July 1. The tournament entry fee will be

> \$65 per person and that includes mulligans. The first play day of the season

will be on April 2.

Anyone who would like to join the LGA should call any member.

### Church serving fried fish dinners on Friday nights

March 22, 2001

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

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

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

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

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

## Catholic Life announces scholarships

Catholic Life Insurance is now accepting applications for the 2001 Leadership Scholarship Program, with 10 \$500 scholarships to be awarded to Catholic Life members who attend any private or public college or university full time.

The 10 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded to based on scholastic achievement, leadership qualities and community service. Winners will be announced in August. Those who apply must be a Catholic Life Insurance member for at least a year before the application

Interested persons may call 1-800-262-2548 or (210) 828-9921 for an application. All applications must be postmarked on or before July 11.

### Women in criminal justice to meet in April Panhandle Area Women in Crimi-

nal Justice, a new organization of professionals, has been organized to promote a higher degree of confidence and skill in its members, and its first conference will be held April 12 in Amarillo.

The meeting will be held at the Business and Industry Center of Amarillo College at 1314 South Polk Street.

Organizers of the club have determined a need to support interest in this field by encouraging students, as well as others of all ages who seek a new direction in their lives and ca-

The Amarillo meeting will be the group's first conference in the Texas Panhandle and three keynote speakers are being scheduled for general assemblies and several break-out sessions centered around practical lessons in specialized law enforcement areas.



## These two wear ois of hori

We're pleased to announce the recent addition of two new professionals to the hospital district staff: Connie Gibson, R.N., and Scott Ermis.

Between them, they wear quite a few hats.

Connie is the director of utilization review, employee health, infection control and quality assurance.

She spends most of her time reviewing inpatients' records, to make sure that the hospital is providing each patient with the best quality of care possible via the most cost-efficient and time-efficient means, in compliance with professional standards and federal regulations.

She also makes sure that all hospital district's employees have their inoculations up-to-date and their personal health records in place, for the protection of the patient as well as the employee.

Connie came here from her hometown of Spearman. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse six years before earning her R.N. degree in 1993 and worked 13 years in the 85-bed nursing home that is attached to the hospital there.

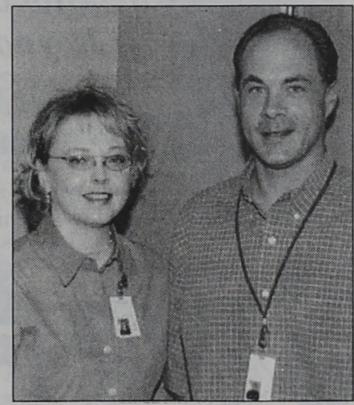
She has attended Amarillo College and Frank Phillips College, has done coursework at Panhandle State University, and currently is enrolled at West Texas A&M, working toward a degree in business management.

Scott is an information technologist with the official title of Information Services Director.

That means he keeps the district's electronic communications system humming, which he said entails "everything from fixing calculators to printers to computers in order to keep everything running."

Although he has attended Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma, Scott's technical skills are

mostly self-taught. "I started when I was 14 and taught myself computers and electronics, using



Connie Gibson, R.N., and Scott Ermis

trial and error, and getting in deeper and deeper."

The hospital district utilizes the latest information technology—a wireless networking system that enables all departments, plus individual doctors and even the hospital board members, to have instant, wireless access to the hospital Web site and to the Internet from their individual computers.

Before coming here in January, Scott was an information technologist with the Pioneer Electric Cooperative in southwestern Kansas, working out of Spearman.

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# Sports

# Veteran Swifts want return trip to playoffs

The Nazareth Swifts didn't have a ago," Albracht said. lot of time to fine-tune their fielding and hitting before the critical part of the season arrived, but Coach Ralph Albracht believes his team can return to the playoffs.

season Friday at Tulia-after just four days of practice.

The Swifts won that game, 8-7, then had to turn around and begin preparations for district play, which opened Tuesday when they hosted Amherst.

Although the Swifts didn't have a said. lot of hours logged on the field before district started, the team is loaded with experienced veterans who have been working hard and plan to make a run for the district championship.

The entire starting lineup is intact from last year's district title team, including a pair of hurlers that Albracht thinks will give the Swifts an advantage.

Sophomore Eric Schilling and junior Blake Birkenfeld were the Swifts' main pitchers a year ago and each returns to anchor this year's rotation.

In Friday's game at Tulia, Birkenfeld pitched one inning, striking out two of the three batters he

Schilling got two innings of work, retiring six straight hitters on strikeouts after giving up an initial single.

Sophomore Adam Acker struck out three hitters in two innings and only allowed one hit.

Friday's starter, senior Nick Bermea, allowed four hits, but did

Albracht said. "Both seemed to have into one of our best hitters." good command and were in control. Adam looked good, too."

Albracht said he's got five pitchers outfield. Albracht said. he plans on using this season, and those joining Birkenfeld and Schilling on the mound will be Acker, sophomore Chase Schulte and

Tulia and he did a good job. He has a lot more velocity than he did a year

"Pitching is always a big thing in Class A, but I think we've got some good arms that should help us a lot."

While the first nine all started a year ago, they are still young. Sec-Nazareth had its first game of the ond baseman Mark Birkenfeld is the only senior in the starting lineup. Two juniors and six sophomores are returning regulars.

"We could start five or six sophomores, but each played last year and they got a lot of experience on the field, despite their age," Albracht

Junior catcher Daryl Pohlmeier, an all-South Plains selection at catcher a year ago, is a solid anchor behind the plate and his presence is one of the strengths of the team, according to Albracht.

"Our catching game is solid with Daryl back there," Albracht said. "That's probably one of strongest positions. He was also our leading hitter last year."

Infield veterans returning to the starting lineup include sophomore first baseman Tyler Ehly, second baseman Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld or Schilling at shortstop and Acker at third base.

The outfield features a trio of veteran sophomores including Justin Kleman in left field, Chase Schulte in center field and Evan Huseman in right field.

That lineup could change slightly because Ehly suffered a severe high ankle sprain in Friday's game with Tulia. Albracht wasn't sure how long it would be before Ehly will return.

Sophomore Koty Huseman and get one strike out in his only inning Schulte are the backup first basemen. "We're not sure what we'll do yet.

"Nick struggled a little against Having Tyler out has hurt us a little. Tulia, but Blake pitched well against He gave us a lot of speed on the Tulia and Eric looked great," bases and I felt like he could turn Albracht said.

If Schulte move to first, then junior Aaron Kern could move into the

Kern is a newcomer to the roster, and he brings a lot of power to the

Mark Birkenfeld will be the starter at second and Albracht said he's had "Adam pitched two innings at three years of work at the position and should be a good asset. He will be backed up by sophomore Shane

Kleman, who also has proven capable of fielding.

"Shane has come a long way this year and he's going to be a solid backup for Mark.

Schilling and Blake Birkenfeld will rotate from the mound to short stop, and both are good hitters and fielders.

'Eric's a heck of a hitter and he's got tremendous power. He and Blake both field well. They are real assets to the team.

Albracht said Acker's fielding is improving and he has a better arm than he did a year ago.

"I think Adam's got what it takes at the plate. He was our second-leading hitter last year," Albracht said.

Evan Huseman has been one of the surprises this season, Albracht said. "Evan has made a real stride in his hitting and in his fielding from a year

ago," Albracht said. Also expected to see action in both the infield and outfield is freshman Brock Birkenfeld, who Albracht says has been impressive in early work-

"You can't watch Brock play and not notice him," Albracht said. "He does a lot of things right and he knows what to do with the ball. He could crack the starting lineup before the season's over."

Backup outfielders include sophomores Reece Hales, Shelby Wilhelm and Craig Birkenfeld, freshman Brett Hoelting and senior foreign exchange student Philip Bergendahl.

Hales and Bergendahl are both hard hitters capable of taking pitchers deep.

"Reece looked good Friday. I think he's going to be a good hitter. Philip also hits well, especially considering he's never played the game before."

Albracht has stressed hitting this year, and he's hoping that the bats will develop soon.

"I noticed Chase has a little more whip in his bat and he could be a better hitter. Koty has a lot of power and he keeps improving. I think overall our hitting should be im-

'We've worked hard on hitting and we've made it a priority. I'd like to see the guys get 100 swings each



THE NAZARETH SWIFTS will field a young team this year, but the entire starting lineup returns with hopes of earning a playoff berth. Team members are (bottom row, from left) Shelby Wilhelm, Chase Schulte, Craig Birkenfeld, Brock Birkenfeld and Brett Hoelting; (middle row, from left) Adam Acker,

Koty Huseman, Reece Hales, Aaron Kern, Blake Birkenfeld, Mark Birkenfeld and Shane Kleman; and (back row, from left) Head Coach Ralph Albracht, Evan Huseman, Daryl Pohlmeier, Tyler Ehly, Philip Bergendahl, Eric Schilling, Justin Kleman and Assistant Coach Buster Brown. Photo by Anne Acker

day in practice.

Overall team speed is another plus for the squad, and Albracht was encouraged Friday when the team was able to steal several bases against the Hornets.

The Swifts are in a six-team district this year versus the two-team conference in 2000. Albracht is thrilled with the change.

a competitive district. If you win a Albracht expects the Swifts to face

district game, you feel like you've him twice this season. accomplished something. I think it's just going to improve our team and make it stronger.'

Nazareth will face Amherst, Crosbyton, Cotton Center, Kress, Smyer in district, and Albracht feels the teams to beat are Cotton Center, Crosbyton and Amherst.

Cotton Center's ace hurler, J. "I think it's so much better to have Land, is still on the mound, and

Crosbyton and Amherst are loaded with experience. Kress is fielding a rookie team this season and Albracht said he hasn't heard much about Smyer.

"Our goal is to make the playoffs," Albracht said. "If we can do that, then we'll just take them one game at a time."

## Hart Relays slated this weekend

Hart will host its annual track in the Hart High School gymnasium. meet, the Hart Relays, Friday and Saturday at Longhorn Stadium.

The Lady Horns and Longhorns and the Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes will battle athletes from Springlake-Earth, Crosbyton, Valley, Vega, Bovina, Kress, Sudan, Smyer, Adrian, Lazbuddie and Trinity Christian Friday and Saturday in the meet.

Friday's activities open with a scratch meeting from 2:30 to 3 p.m.

High school field events and the junior high running preliminaries are scheduled for Friday afternoon,

On Saturday, junior high field events and high school running prelims are planned for the morning, with the finals in all running events slated to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Here's a complete schedule of the events planned for the meet:

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varsity boys' discus and high jump; and JV boys' shot put and triple

4:30 p.m.: Varsity girls' triple

5 p.m.: Varsity boys' triple jump and pole vault; and JV boys' high

**Junior High Running Prelims** 3:30 p.m.: The running events will

be in the following order: 1,600meter run (final), 400-meter relay, 100-meter low hurdles, 110-meter intermediate hurdles, 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 300-meter low hurdles and 200-meter dash. The seventh-grade girls will start first, followed by eighth-grade girls, seventh-grade boys and eighth-grade boys, in that order, in each race.

SATURDAY

Junior High Field Events 8 a.m.: 8th boys' shot put and long jump; 7th boys' discus; 7th girls' discus, long jump and high jump; 8th girls' shot put and triple jump.

8:45 a.m.: 7th boys' shot put and long jump; 8th boys' discus, triple jump and high jump; 8th, girls, discus and long jump; and 7th girls' shot put.

9:30 a.m.: 7th girls' triple jump; and 7th boys' triple jump and high

10:15 a.m.: 7th boys' pole vault and 8th girls' high jump.

11 a.m.: 8th boys' pole vault.

#### HIGH SCHOOL RUNNING PRELIMS

9 a.m.: The varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys will run the following races, as follows: 3,200-meter run (final), 400-meter relay, 110-meter low hurdles, 110meter high hurdles, 100-meter dash, 400-meter dash, 300-meter hurdles and 200-meter dash.

FINALS

1:30 p.m.: All events will be run in the following order: seventh-grade girls, eighth-grade girls, seventhgrade boys, eighth-grade boys, varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys. In the hurdle races, the girls will run first, followed by the

Here's the order of the races: 400meter relay, 800-meter run, 100-meter low hurdles, 110-meter high hurdles, 100-meter dash, 800-meter relay (girls only), 400-meter dash (boys first), 300-meter hurdles, 200-meter dash, 1,600-meter run (high school only) and 1,600-meter relay.

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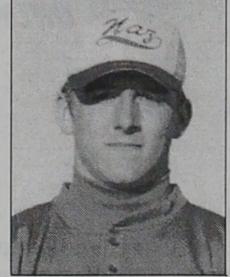




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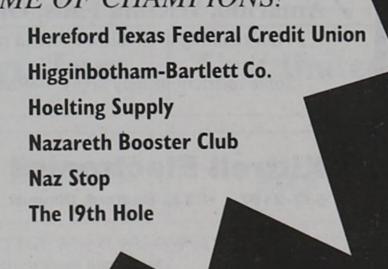
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# Bobcats' confidence building as district race begins

The Dimmitt Bobcats have played four close games this season, and although they came up on the short end in three of those four outings, their confidence has grown and now they're ready to test their skills in the games that count—District 2-AAA

dropping its next three games to Friona, 11-12; New Deal, 5-7; and Friona, 6-9.

"The guys are having a lot of fun. We have three losses, but they've all been close games," said Dimmitt Coach Jesus Quiroz, who is in his third year as the Bobcats' manager. "We've been right in the hunt in every one of the games we've lost. Those losses could easily have been our wins."

The Bobcats opened district play Tuesday night at Shallowater and will continue with conference games against Muleshoe, Lubbock Cooper,

Littlefield and Lubbock Roosevelt. The district is a tough one and the team to beat, according to Quiroz, is Lubbock Cooper, currently ranked

second in the state.

"Cooper will be tough. They're ranked second in the state and they've been beating 5A and 4A Dimmitt opened the season with a schools. With them, we're going to big 12-10 win over Tulia before have to play sound, solid defense, have good hitting and good pitching," Quiroz said.

> "The rest of the district is pretty well matched up. Shallowater has one good pitcher and Littlefield has a good pitcher. As a whole, I think the other teams are pretty balanced. The No. 2 and 3 spots in district will go to whoever wants it the most."

Dimmitt has a legitimate shot at earning one of those playoff berths, and the Bobcats are loaded with experienced players who have the

"We have everybody back from

last year. We were a little nervous last year, but now we're more confident," Quiroz said.

Quiroz will use a three-man rotation on the mound through district, starting off with senior Tanner Griffitt. Seniors B.J. Hill and Wesley Harkins will figure into the rotation. Junior Brent Josselet and Hill will also see time in a relief role.

"We seem to be a lot more comfortable on the mound this season," Quiroz said. "Harkins pitched against Friona when we lost 11-12, and he had an 11-10 lead going into the seventh. But we had a couple of errors in that inning and allowed them to come back and beat us."

"B.J. Hill has been a surprise with his pitching. I pitched him the entire game against New Deal and he averaged about 16 pitches per inning. That's not bad at all. I'm going to try and use him some as a closer. He'll start some and relieve some. He shows a lot of control out there."

Outfield starters will be junior Thomas Brockman in center field, senior Daniel Proffitt in left field and either junior Matthew Wright or senior Jeremy Furr in right.

Furr has been playing the early games because Wright was still involved in basketball, but Quiroz has been encouraged by what he's seen score a lot of runs in games, but from Wright in practice.

"Right field is really wide open now. Matthew Wright's back and he's doing a good job. It's still open though and I'm going to have to make a choice pretty soon. It's just going to come down to who works harder in practice and shows me more during games—basically, who wants it more."

The infield starting lineup is set, with Harkins at third, senior Bobby Hill at shortstop, Josselet at second base, senior Jonathan Stevens at first base and B.J. Hill at catcher.

Griffitt could also see quite a bit of time at catcher and Wright could

Other Bobcats on the varsity roster



THE 2001 DIMMITT BOBCATS are ready for District 2-AAA foes and hope to claim one of the three available playoff spots. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Bobby Hill, Jonathan Stevens, Thomas Brockman, Jeremy Furr and Albert Campos; and (standing, from left) Head Coach Jesus Quiroz, manager Mary Bradley, Wesley Harkins, B.J. Hill, Tanner Griffitt, Matthew Wright, Daniel Proffitt, Brent Josselet, Tanner Self and manager Caitlin Buckley. Photo by Don Nelson

## Hunter safety class set in Tulia this weekend

will sponsor a hunter safety class on Friday and Saturday at the Court- of \$25 plus court costs, ranging up to house Annex in Tulia.

Class space is limited to the first 30 who sign up, so those interested are encouraged to register as soon as possible by calling Game Warden Audie Hamm at 668-4437.

Those wanting their hunter safety certification must attend both sections of the class, with instruction from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. The cost is \$15 per person, with lunch included free on Saturday. Also, prizes will be given to the participants who have the top three scores on the end-of-course exam.

All hunters who were born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, are required to complete a hunter safety course. The minimum age for the course is 12.

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> Hamm said that four or five instructors from four counties will be leading the course. Areas of instruction will include hunting ethics, hunting safety and responsibility, firearm responsibility and handling, muzzle loader (black powder) firearms, archery, survival, first aid, conservation and wildlife management, lease preparation, and how to obtain a lease.

'This will be hunters' only other option for a hunter safety course in this area, unless they go to Amarillo cover second base on occasion. or Lubbock," Hamm said.

include sophomore catcher/outfielder Freddy Flores, junior outfielder Albert Campos, sophomore first baseman Caleb Dickerson and sophomore second baseman Harold Casas.

The Bobcats have the potential to Quiroz said the team's hitting is still not where he would like it to be at this point in the season.

"I think in every game we've lost we've left the bases loaded in at least one inning," Quiroz said. "We can get on base, we just need to find a guy who can handle the pressure and bring them on in.

"We've had a couple of games where we've hit in the first half of the game, then we die out in the last half. Or we start off flat and then wind up hitting well at the end. If we can just put together a full game and swing the bats well every inning, we'll be okay.

"We just have to make the guys believe they can finish the job.'

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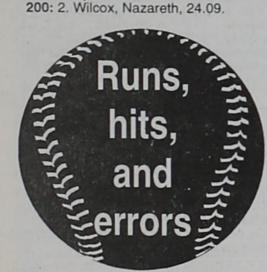
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BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Tulia 81, 2. Hart 61, 3. Friona 49, 4. Boys Ranch 49, 5. Crosbyton 39, 6. Farwell 35, 7. (Tie) Lockney and Sundown 28, 8. Nazareth 10, 9. Ralls 8, 10. Highland Park 6, 11.

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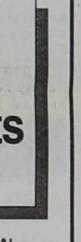
FRIDAY Swifts 8, Tulia JV 7

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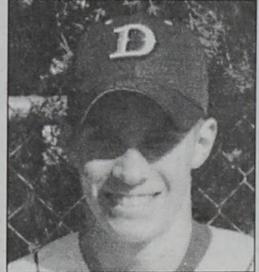
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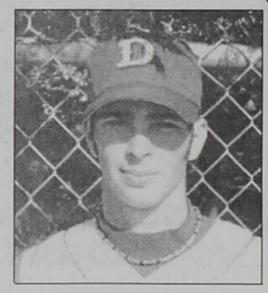




**TANNER GRIFFITT** Senior Pitcher/Infield



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**WESLEY HARKINS** Senior Third Base/Pitcher

## SCHEDULE and SCORES

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3, \*Shallowater 4 March 23-\*Muleshoe, Here, 5:00 April 13-\*Cooper, Here, 1:00

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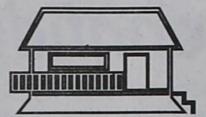
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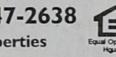
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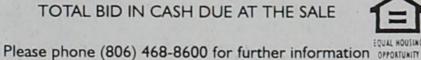
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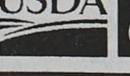
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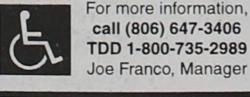
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NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

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### 25—Legal Notices

Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids for banking services. Sealed bids should be delivered to the CEO of Castro County Hospital District at 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 29, 2001. Bids should explain investment methods available for reserve funds, all interest rates to be paid by bank, any charges to be assessed by bank and method of securing the funds deposited. In addition, all services available such as, but not limited to, checks sorted in number order, overdraft protection, and free checks should be explained. The Castro County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and

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## Farmers may qualify for EQIP cost-share help

Applications for cost-share assistance for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) are currently being accepted by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and ranked for the 2001 program year.

Castro County is one of nine counties in a Water Conservation Priority Area to help stabilize the decline of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Special emphasis will be to fund the applications with the greatest water savings, environmental and economical benefits. Priority practices available include converting sprinklers to low pressure systems, irrigation pipeline to new sprinklers, replacing leaky pipeline and subsurface drip irrigation.

The deadline to apply for EQIP is March 30.

To apply, contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service or the Farm Service Agency.

### Correction

Oops! Newborn Jaxson Pierce Cope was reported in last week's issue to be a girl. He isn't.

His birth announcement should have read this way:

Wes and Kristi Cope of Timpson are the parents of a baby boy, Jaxson Pierce, who was born at 10:53 a.m. on March 12 at Nacogdoches Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 201/2 inches long. He has a big sister, Kelci Ka, who is 11/2. Grandparents are Glenda Morgan of Waco, James Sims of Dimmitt, and Darrell and Judy Cope of Houston.

The *News* regrets the error.



### 2000 Best of Show

Jackie Kuhn Reis's creation, "The Colbin Collection" was judged as the best quilt in last year's Ogallala Quilt Festival, and this year's event, slated for April 5-7 in Dimmitt, promises to be full of impressive creations again. The quilt show is one of the many attractions at the annual event. Classes in quilting, special meals and various other activities are planned. surprise, chili Fritos or fajitas with sauteed Photo by Anne Acker

## Meal reservations needed for Ogallala Quilt Festival

tival has been set for April 5-7 in proceeds going to the Ogallala

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

The deadline for meal reservations is Tuesday. For more information, contact Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637

The evening of April 5 there will be a fajita supper at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided and ribbon award winners will be announced, in addition to the winners of the Fat Quarter and Silver Dollar Awards. Tickets for the meal are \$11 per person, and must be ordered in advance.

At 7 p.m. on "Fantastic Friday," April 6, there will be a steak dinner are required. In addition to the meal, the 2001 "Feature Teacher" Sharyn Craig will give a lecture and show some of her quilts. Also, the minia- Circle, Dimmitt 79027.

The annual Ogallala Quilters Fes- ture quilt auction will be held, with Quilters Society to help defray the

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

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

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

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 3. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop II in Lubbock, The Old Blue Quilt Box in Lockney, the Patchwork Place in Clovis, N.M., The Needle Nook in at \$13 per plate. Again, reservations Midland, Jill's Fabric & Quilts in Roswell, N.M., or call Michelle Watts at (505) 623-1826, or mail your quilt to Davis at 1606 Sunset

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## What's Cooking In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 22-30.

> DIMMITT Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh ba-

FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

MONDAY: Apple cinnamon cereal bar, apple juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Apple Danish, peaches and

WEDNESDAY: Super donuts and milk. THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage,

fresh banana and milk FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, orange juice

Preschool-First Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mixed vegetables, pears, hot wheat rolls, cran-

berry sauce and milk MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno

peppers and milk. TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk. THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sand-

wich, peas, hamburger salad and milk. FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.

#### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing onions; parsley buttered potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or pears; and wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili or enchiladas; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or jellied applesauce; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; onion rings, refried beans or spinach; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, hot wheat rolls or flour tortilla; chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, commeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; or chocolate milk, white milk or

THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir-fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni

pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, commeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

#### HART **Breakfast**

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Waffles, sausage, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Blueberry muffin, peanut butter bar, variety of cereal, assorted fruit

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

#### Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; chips, tortilla pieces, corn, salad, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch

FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, pizza with cheese topping or chalupas; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burnto or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, sliced cheese, peaches, assorted fruit juice, salad and milk, punch or

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or steak finger basket; green beans, salad, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun; sliced cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit, pears, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, Pizza Hot Pocket or large slice of pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, white cake

with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea. FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, com dog or fish nuggets; combread, potato

wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, pea-

nut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.

#### NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange

MONDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, or-

ange juice and milk. TUESDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, or-

ange juice and milk. WEDNESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll,

cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk

#### Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, pinto beans, pineapple, strawberry shortcake and milk or juice. FRIDAY: \* Bean chalupa or chef's salad.

lettuce, Spanish rice, applesauce, peanut butter bar and milk or juice. MONDAY: \* Frito pie or pizza, combread,

tossed salad, broccoli, peaches, chocolate pudding and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: \* Ham sandwich or hamburger, tater tots, lettuce, beans, pears, cookies and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: \* Corn dogs or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, fruit salad, orange cake and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: \* Burrito or chef's salad, tossed salad, green beans, apple, peanut butter

FRIDAY: \* Baked fish or baked potato, hush puppies, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, brownies and milk or juice.

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

## Wildflower hotline open

Motorists searching for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways now have help at their fingertips.

The Texas Dept. of Transportation's (TxDOT) wildflower hotline at 1-800-452-9292 gives callers information on the best spots to find wildflowers along the 79,000-mile

Texas highway system. To make it easier to find where the wildflowers are in bloom, callers may request information by seven different regions in the state. Those regions include Big Bend, Gulf Coast, Hill Country, Panhandle, Piney-Woods (East Texas), Prairies and Lakes (North Central Texas) and Southwest Texas.

Information on the hotline comes from TxDOT's maintenance offices

as well as from chambers of commerce and parks officials.

"The stage is set for an excellent crop of bluebonnets," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT landscape designer. "The dry summer and unseasonably cool and wet winter have made excellent conditions for a colorful spring show of wildflowers."

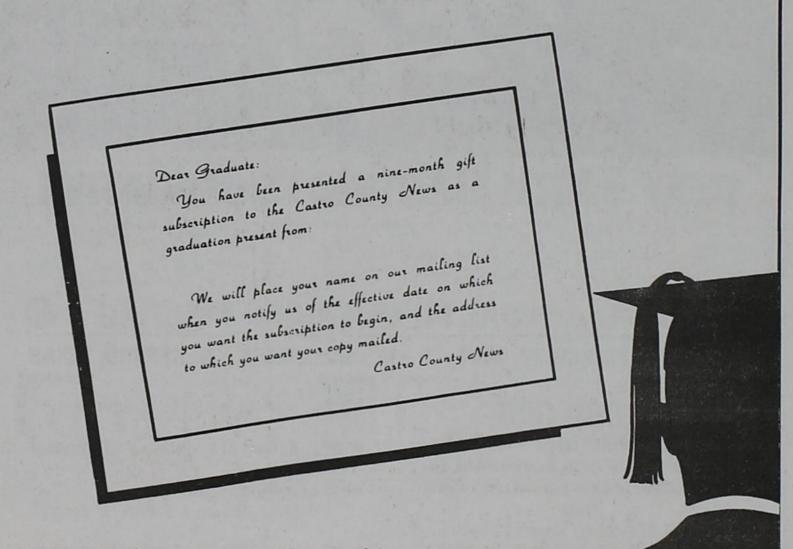
April is considered to be the prime blooming month for wildflowers, according to Neimann.

The department's wildflower program is part of a comprehensive vegetation management program, which encourages the growth of native species that require less mowing and care.

The hotline will be active through early May.

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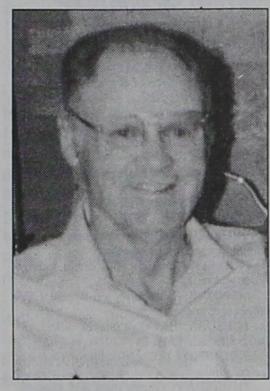
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## Obituaries



### R.N. Carpenter

R.N. Carpenter, 85, of Dimmitt, died at 4:15 a.m. Sunday in Dimmitt. Services were held Tuesday morning at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Ronnie Parker, retired minister, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Carpenter was born Aug. 29, 1915, in Roby. He married Anna Phares in 1931, in Clovis, N.M.

He was raised in Littlefield, where he attended high school. In 1936 he moved to El Paso, where he drove a bus for American Continental Bus Lines. He moved to Dimmitt in 1958 from El Paso and he began to farm with his son. He continued farming until his retirement in 1976. He was a member of the Church of Christ for over 30 years.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Don Carpenter of Dimmitt; a brother, Cal Carpenter of Santa Rosa, Calif.; six sisters, Jewel Watkins of Houston, Faye Shearer of Plainview, Opal Purvis and Oma Carpenter, both of Santa Rosa, Pat Howington of Amarillo and Lillian James of Plainview; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Smithlawn Home, 711 76th Street, Lubbock.

Pallbearers were his grandsons, Dustan Buckley, Derek Buckley, Deacon Buckley, J.R. McLean, Jordan McLean, Isaac Walker, Beau Bradley and Lee Cejna.

Honorary pallbearers were Dan Nelson, Gary Webb, Carroll Webb, Carl King, J.H. Myatt, Elvis Barker and Bill Harman.

This will give you an idea of how large a blue whale is: the largest dinosaur, along with an elephant and a man could stand on a blue whale with plenty of room to spare.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can.

### Bradley K. Klein

Bradley K. Klein, 32, of Nazareth, died at 8:45 p.m. on Saturday at his

A rosary was recited Tuesday evening and a vigil service was conducted Wednesday evening at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Peter Otto, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Klein was born Nov. 21, 1968, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He moved to Nazareth in 1980 from Walnut, Iowa. He graduated from Nazareth High School in 1987. He attended Central Methodist College in Fayettville, Mo., then transferred to Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla., where he graduated. He was a graduate assistant at Eastern New Mexico State University and Texas Tech University. He played football in high school and at Central Methodist College. He was a student and worked at Bartlett Cattle Feeders and the Veterans' Hospital in Lubbock.

Survivors include his parents, Bill and Bertha Klein of Nazareth; three brothers, Brian Klein and B.J. Klein, both of Nazareth, and Eric Klein of Duncomb, Iowa; a sister, Wendy Will of Ogden, Iowa; and his maternal grandmother, Maria Vargas of Mexico.

The family requests memorials be sent to Hospice Cares, 112 W. Jones, Dimmitt.

#### Helen M. Wassom

Services for Helen M. Wassom, 93, of Plainview, mother of Doyle Wassom of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning at Hale Center Church of Christ in Hale Center with Matt Swanson, pastor, officiating. Burial was held Wednesday afternoon in Elmwood Cemetery in Wagoner Okla. Local arrangements were handled by Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Wassom died at 2:45 a.m. on Sunday at her home.

She was born Feb. 9, 1908, in Wagoner and she was the first baby born there. She was raised in Wagoner and attended schools there. She worked in Bovina for several years in the school cafeteria. She moved to Plainview in 1985.

She was preceded in death by a son, George Wassom; six brothers; and three sisters.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Davis of Henrietta, Loretta Jane Haney of Plainview and Christine Fay Johnston of Hobbs, N.M.; two sons, Allan Wassom of Okmulgee, Okla., and Doyle Wassom of Dimmitt; 14 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and 10

## Cats edged by a run in district opener

put the Mustangs up 3-1.

ters as the Mustangs took a 2-0 lead

errors by the Mustangs, and that

pulled the Bobcats within a run, 1-2.

tie Shallowater, but the Mustangs answered with a run of their own in the bottom of the inning and that was enough for the win.

The Bobcats suffered their first three hits while striking out nine.

Dimmitt rallied in the top of the District 2-AAA loss Tuesday in sixth inning, erasing a 3-1 deficit to Shallowater, 3-4, but the game was a good one from the opening pitch.

> Tanner Griffitt was on the mound for the Bobcats and he gave up just

Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth struck out 10 and allowed Amherst just four singles as the Swifts opened district play with a 5-0 shutout of the

The win was Birkenfeld's first of the season in as many outings and improved the Swifts' overall record

Amherst pitcher Harmon was charged with the loss after going the

hits in the game, two of which came from the hot bat of catcher Daryl

to left field for a two-RBI double, then reached third on a throwing error by the left fielder in the first

Nazareth would plate three runners in the first and that would be all the Swifts would need.

Pohlmeier's hit scored Birkenfeld and Eric Schilling. He would score himself on a fielder's choice shot by Evan Huseman.

The Swifts added runs in the second and fifth innings, taking advantage of Amherst errors, wild pitches and passed balls to add to their lead.

Nazareth took a 4-0 lead in the second when Adam Acker scored on a wild pitch. He reached on an error, then advanced to second on a passed ball. A pair of wild pitches brought him home.

In the fifth inning, Nazareth got another run when Pohlmeier nailed a shot up the middle that sent Amherst outfielders racing toward the fence. Before the ball was back in the infield, Pohlmeier was safely on second. Another wild pitch by Harmon allowed Pohlmeier to pick up his second run of the game.

Tanner Self gave the Bobcats a lead-off runner when walked in the fourth inning. He was able to score after a couple of passed balls and

> Kitchens' home run in the fourth gave Shallowater a little thicker

cushion at 3-1, and that's the way the

One of those hits, though, was a score would stay until the sixth. solo homer by Shallowater's Kiel

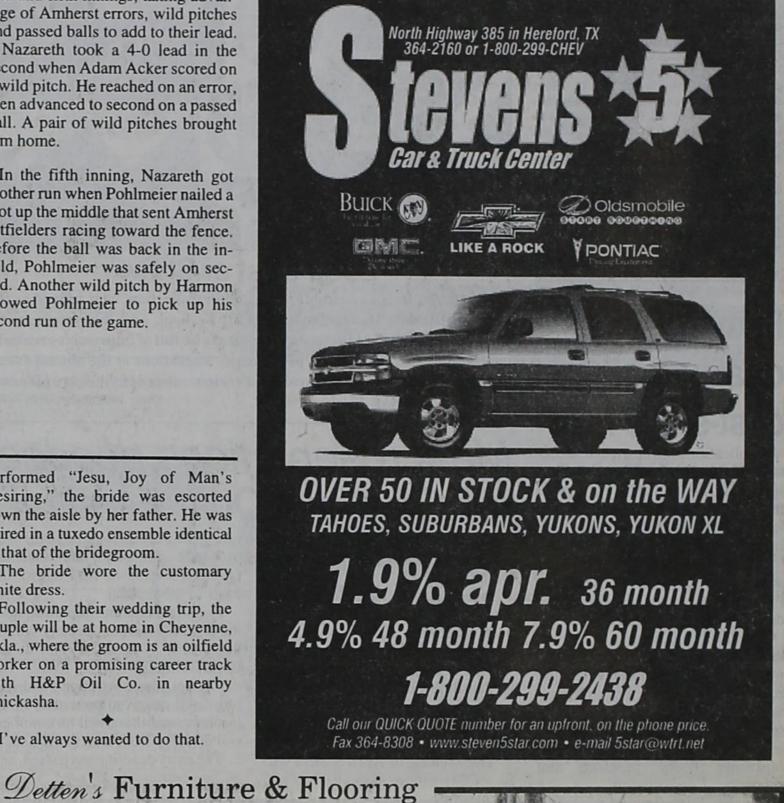
Lead-off hitter Wesley Harkins Kitchens in the fourth inning. That walked to start the inning, then made it to third on a pair of passed balls.

Dimmitt struggled at the plate for After striking out Self, Bewley three innings against Shallowater walked Bobby Hill, then gave up a hurler John Bewley. Bewley struck single to Griffitt that brought home out nine of the Bobcats first 10 hit-Dimmitt's second run.

> A deep sacrifice fly ball to right field by Jonathan Stevens scored Hill to tie the game at third.

> Shallowater took a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the sixth when Jerrod Kerr walked, then made his way around the diamond on passed balls. He scored on a single by Kitchens.

> Bewley struck out Dimmitt's seventh, eighth and ninth hitters in the top of the seventh to preserve the



## Birkenfeld pitches shutout; Swifts open district with win

Bulldogs in Nazareth Tuesday night.

distance for the Bulldogs. Nazareth batters picked up five

Pohlmeier tagged a 2-2 pitch deep

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Completing his ensemble were a

Best man was Chris Barton, and

the groomsman was Brandon Drin-

non. Jakotah John was the ring

bearer. They wore black denim boot-

cut jeans and ivory shirts of pure

cotton with pleated front panels and

wingtip collars, and red bow ties.

Black roper boots completed their

Accompanying the ring bearer

down the aisle was the flower girl,

Lindsey Loudder, who wore a red

The maid of honor, Katy Loudder,

While the organist and pianist

sister of the bride, and the

bridesmaid, Aspen Boyett, wore red

red bow tie on a red elastic neck-

band, a matching red cummerbund

and a confetti rose boutonniere.

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performed "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring," the bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. He was attired in a tuxedo ensemble identical to that of the bridegroom.

The bride wore the customary white dress.

Following their wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Cheyenne, Okla., where the groom is an oilfield worker on a promising career track with H&P Oil Co. in nearby Chickasha.

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