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Commissioners pass wind energy resolution

Castro County Commissioners on Monday demonstrated once more that they will back projects that focus on alternative fuels. The Commissioners also changed their personnel policy so that if a worker is injured on the job the state Workers Compensation plan takes effect immediately. No action was taken on the Railroad District Board, but commissioners discussed it briefly.

In a unanimous vote, the commission approved a resolution that re-stated the county's dedication to renewable energy and other domestic sources of energy.

In the resolution, it is noted that the "flat, open terrain of the Texas Panhandle allows for relatively low-cost construction of transmission lines, especially compared to areas with higher population density, trees, complex

topography and other barriers to transmission line routing, development and construction."

The specific resolution relates to wind power, a proposition that the commissioner dealt with last year when it approved a resolution that would give companies bringing wind power to Castro County certain tax breaks.

Monday's resolution read, in part, that the County "supports designation of Competitive Renewable Energy Zones in the Texas Panhandle, development of wind energy and other renewable energy projects in the County and Panhandle Region, construction of new transmission lines to transmit wind power from the Panhandle Region to consumers of electricity in ERCOT; and stands ready to help facilitate siting, permitting and development of such

transmission lines and wind energy projects in the Texas Panhandle."

In other action, the Commission, voted unanimously to let Workers Comp handle job-related injuries and changed the personnel policy to reflect it. Previously, the county had been paying full wages and insurance, etc., for up to a year for work-related injuries, on top of paying for Workers Comp insurance.

And commissioners were told that there were six people who had expressed an interest in being named to the newly formed rail district. However, commissioners said they are in no hurry to name a permanent board. When they voted to form the district at their last meeting, it was decided that the

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Spring has sprung - or has it?



They SAID it was spring, but the weather late Wednesday belied the fact as the area around Castro County got more than a dusting of snow - about 1-inch. Clockwise, from left: snow covers dried up sunflowers; horses grab a snack to keep warm as a bird looks on; and the courthouse marker and the big evergreen there are covered with snow early Thursday morning.

CC Fair Association needs volunteers

The Castro County Fair Association is looking for more than "a few good men - and women" to help keep the Castro County Fair alive and well. They're inviting anyone interested in helping with the 2006 event to attend a planning session that's scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m., in the Board Room of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford St.

"The County Fair is one of our oldest traditions here in Castro County and it's for everyone," said Fair Association President Brenda Bruton. "Anyone who's interested in photography, horticulture, canning, quilts, crafts, parades, games, entertainment - or just eating traditional 'fair foods' can find something to enjoy at the fair.

"It's a real family event and it's really not expensive. That's why we want to keep it going."

The annual county-wide celebrate is held each year on the Saturday after Labor Day - this year on Sept. 9. For the last several years, the fair has been a joint project of the Fair Association and the Chamber of Commerce. But now, more than ever, volunteers are needed to help plan the activities and then keep the events moving on fair day.

"We always like to have some fresh ideas," Bruton said. "And we will welcome anyone who'd like to join us. If you are interested but can't come on Tuesday, let us know that you are willing to help and we'll have a place for you.

"Let's make this the best fair ever."

Don't shoot the ducks Police step up patrols around South Park

By DAVIE ANN BROWDER
Managing Editor

Walkers around the playa lake at the city's South Park recently noted a few dead ducks. One of those walkers took the trouble to take one of those ducks to a vet for an autopsy and it was concluded that that particular duck had died of pneumonia. But the pneumonia, according to City Manager David Denman, probably came as a result of the duck being hit by a pellet or rock, which broke the skin and allowed infection to set in. Add that to sightings of youngsters with sling shots and pellet guns around the park and you have a problem, according to police chief Ray Aleman.

"It's illegal to discharge weapons in the city limits," Aleman said. "This can be anything - handguns, shotguns, pellet guns. A lot depends on the circumstances, the purpose it's being used for. Take a baseball bat. It's used to play baseball. But if you take it to use as a club, it's a weapon."

The police have increased patrols of South Park and Aleman wants the public to know that if someone is found in possession of a weapon it will be confiscated. Depending on the circumstances, the owner of the weapon could also be hit with criminal charges, he said.

Basically, he said, it's disturbing to think that there are

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Faustino Porras, Police Chief Ray Aleman, Francisco Sanchez and City Manager David Denman survey the new signs at the lake at South Park which Porras and Sanchez, who work for the city's Public Work's Department, recently installed.

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 commissioners court would act as the interim board.
 "We're going to stay on as the interim board until we find out a lot more about the district," said County Judge Bill Sava.

"We don't want to incur any debt right now until we find out a lot more about what the district will do and before we talk with Hart."

Once the railroad agrees to handing over the rail line to a district, those tracks come off the tax rolls. For Hart, that's \$400,000 in value. For Dimmitt, that's a \$4.5 million evaluation.

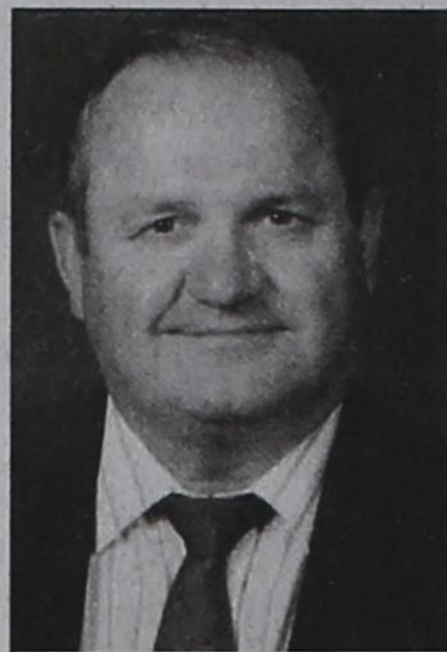
Lobbyists ready to descend on Austin

By DIGGER ELAM
HISD Superintendent
 A call to arms has been sounded for all big businesses in Texas.

"We must stop any new Business Franchise Tax that is being courted by members of the Texas Legislature," said a CEO of a large

insurance firm located in Dallas.
 You can look for hundreds of new lobbyists to converge on Austin during the Special Session coming soon.

These lobbyists are there to stop any legislation that will cause businesses to pay



Digger Elam

more taxes for education. Seems strange to me that these same businesses continue to hammer schools to produce better workers, but these same companies are not willing to pay their fair share to produce a new,

potential work force. These same companies continue to force homeowners to have the burden of financing public schools. Local taxes account for about 60 per cent of finances for public schools. John Sharp says he has a great idea to fund schools without raising the sales tax. Of course this plan calls for increased franchise taxes. The largest companies that operate in Texas pay no money toward public education.

His plan is to raise the tobacco taxes and bring other things under the sales

tax. Sharp's biggest plan is to tax lawyer fees. The Texas Lawyer Association has already hired hundreds of lobbyist to be in Austin to fight this legislation. It just seems that industry is not about to play ball in this situation. I can only say that someone or something else must be taxed to take the burden off property owners. Look for another push by industry to have a state income tax passed by the Legislature that will convene in January 2207.

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 people who find sport in shooting at defenseless animals. "These are tame ducks, they come to you expecting to be fed," Aleman said. "Then people take advantage. Parents need to know where their children are and what they're doing, especially if the children have pellet or BB guns. They need to have a designated place for them to go to discharge their weapons - not on city property and not shooting at tame ducks."

The Dimmitt Police Department has gun locks for the public. They are free of charge. Just go by City Hall and ask. Also, Aleman, suggests that parents of children who have guns of any sort enroll them in a hunter safety course. For more information on the course, contact the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

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 viernes, el 7 de abril, 2006
 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Richardson Elementary School
 Dimmitt, Texas

Early Head Start Beneficios	Calificaciones	Qué necesita traer para aplicar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exámenes médicos Exámenes dentales Observaciones de bienestar mental Clases para los padres GED ESL Juntas para padres 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familias que satisfacen guías de ingresos Familias que reciben asistencia pública Nino/a que tenga documentación de inhabilidad Nino/a adoptivo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acta de nacimiento Tarjeta de seguro social Tarjeta de inmunizaciones Verificación de sueldo Prueba de Asistencia Pública (WIC, Medicaid, Estampillas de comida, CCMS, etc.)

Do you know a four year old?

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Come to Application Day
 Friday, April 7, 2006
 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Richardson Elementary School
 Dimmitt, Texas

Head Start Benefits	Qualifiers	What to bring to enroll
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medical Exams Dental Exams Mental Health Observations Parenting Classes GED ESL Parent Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family meets income guidelines Family on public assistance Child with documented disability Child in foster care 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Birth Certificate Social Security Card Immunization Card Proof of Income Proof of Public Assistance (if applicable)

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- TXism: "take a ___ at it" (try)
- well with no oil: "dry ___"
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- Paris, TX FM
- "___ More Beef"
- beginning of "son," "mate," or "mary"
- heron found in east TX
- at Alamo, Travis drew ___ the dirt
- pirate Jean Lafitte's Galveston house: "___ Rouge"
- late TX astronaut "Deke"
- "the bull" south of the border
- hush!
- TXism: "I need that like I ___ a third foot"
- "___ on down the road"
- TX Ivory Joe Hunter's "___ Met You Baby"
- furniture brand: "___ Allen"
- Bryan, TX AM
- mountains where TXns competed in XX Olympics (2 wds.)
- location of fatal plane crash of TX Buddy Holly: "Clear ___"
- TX actress Prentiss
- TX Blue Bell flavor: "___ Cream"
- TXism: "so bad I could spit"
- TXism: "___ a spell"
- hot tub
- "believe it ___"
- "tit for ___"
- Plainview FM
- film: "The ___ and Times of Judge Roy Bean"
- Larry, Curly & ___
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WEATHER

	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	47	20		
Wednesday	29	22	.13	1.00
Thursday	43	21		
Friday	63	24		
Saturday	70	24		
Sunday	80	35		
Monday	60	36		

March Rainfall .28
 2006 Rainfall 1.46
 2006 Snow 1.00
Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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The third Annual Lenten Pastoral Conference: Relationships - Key to Health and Wholeness was held Friday evening in Holy Family Church after the Stations of the Cross and Saturday morning in the Home Merc. Joe and Elaine Sullivan of Dallas were the presenters. They have a wonderful way of making the programs interesting, educational and fun! Some 60 people were in attendance from Nazareth,

Dimmitt and Hart. ***
The Nazareth K of C's and Christian Mothers will sponsor a Benefit Fish Fry on Friday, March 31, for Janette Brockman, to help with medical expenses. The meal will be served from 6-9 p.m. There will also be a raffle.
We were happy to see Art and Janette attend church Saturday evening as they are now home from M.D. Anderson in Hous-

ton. ***
Norma Schacher, Jimmie Schulte, Nellie Wilhelm, Carl and Mary Kleman, Bobbie Schmucker, Mona Brockman, Karleen Hoelting, Fred Ball and Jim and Evelyn Ball traveled to McKinney to celebrate Esther Braddock's 70th birthday. The event was held at the Coleman Ranch and hosted by her sons - Kenneth, Clifford, Richard, John, Allen and Kevin Braddock and their families. Everyone enjoyed the crawfish boil, catfish and shrimp dinner, prepared by the Braddock guys. ***

Katie Lupton of Hereford spent Sunday afternoon in Nazareth with her long-time friend, Evelyn Backus. ***

Please, remember to pray for our Seminarian, Nicholas Gerber, for all of our sick people and those who are serving in our Armed Forces and for Rick Rickert, brother of Woody Rickert, who passed away March 24.

Dannette Ramaekers, who has been in Dallas with her mother, Vera Ramaekers, said Vera is doing very well. She is supposed to walk every day so when the weather was cold, she took her to Walmart and did her walking there! Vera returns to the hospital on Tuesdays and Fridays for lab work. Her address is: Rex and Vera Ramaekers, Baylor Hospital, 2732 Gaston Ave., Twice Blessed, Apt. 114, Dallas, TX. 75226.

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Community Calendar

Final day to turn in Lowe's receipt is April 5

The Dimmitt PTO wants the public to know that we have a chance to participate in two programs that allow the PTO to earn free educational equipment and money for our schools. The final date to turn in Lowe's receipts for the schools is April 5, 2006. Please inset the receipts in the boxes around town and in the schools as listed below. Remember to keep saving Box Tops 4 Education and Labels for Education through the year, but Lowe's receipts only during the designated dates. From Sept. 1 through April 5, 2006, the PTO will be able to turn cash register tapes collected from any Lowe's Supermarkets (Dimmitt, Hereford, Hart, Canyon, etc.) into valuable and important educational equipment we otherwise would only dream of getting. Also, all year long you can save all your Box Tops 4 Education found on many Betty Crocker, General Mills, Pillsbury and Old El Paso products.

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Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, amigos. Hello, friends. I guess we're gonna have to deal with all the dryness for a while longer. I don't even know if the burn ban was lifted here in Castro Co. I just couldn't believe we got snow!!! What's going on? Well, I didn't hear about anyone's Spring Break, se quedaron en casa? Did everyone stay home? ***

Guess what? Josh and I got to see our baby for the first time last week. It was amazing. I think Josh almost passed out when he saw the baby on the screen. I had never seen something as breathtaking as that. It was waving it's little hands and moving around like it had somewhere to go. Va hacer bien trabieso. It's going to be a rowdy little one. Tambien escuchamos su corazoncito. We got to listen to it's little heartbeat too. It's just so amazing to know that the baby has it's own little heartbeat already and it's beating soo fast. It was just the most beautiful thing I've ever seen. It's going to be a long 6 months. I can't wait. Don't forget to keep me in your prayers, a healthy pregnancy is very important. Oh, and send your motherly advice my way, I can certainly use it. ***

Veronica Gil sent me this bit of info. Veronica says she had a car accident last week and had to go to the emergency room. She says the first person to get to side was her sister Laura. Then after a couple of minutes, her twin sister, Monica arrived and then her aunt Rita. They all waited by her side and held her hand and told her everything was going to be okay. Before Veronica realized it, it seemed like the whole family was in the emergency room. She says it was a great feeling to know that she had her whole family beside her to offer their support. She would like to thank all of her tias, tios, primos, primas, sisters and all of her coworkers from DeBruce and of course her mom and dad for all of their love and support they offered her at the ER and are still offering. Veronica says she loves and appreciates you all very much. She says she feels lucky to have so much love and support for her family and couldn't have done it without them. That's what family is for. Viva la familia! ***

I have a lot of birthday wishes to send out. Seems like April's gonna be a busy month. Fiestas por todos lados. Parties everywhere. ***

Mia Annice Arguijo, daughter of Michael and Natasha will be celebrating her birthday on March 31st. Mia is the granddaughter of Albino and Maria Vasquez and Susana and Alex Fuentes and great-granddaughter of Robert Arguijo. ***

Happy birthday to Lora Correa. Lora will be celebrating her 28th birthday on April 1st. She's an April Fool's Day baby. Lora, hope you have a great day. ***

Abraham Alvarado will be celebrating his big day on

April 2nd. His big brother Jesus will be celebrating his birthday on April 6th. Muchachos, que pasen un buen dia. ***

Karina Dozal will be celebrating her birthday on April 3rd. Kari, don't grow up too fast, the best part of life is being young. Have as much fun as you can. We all love you very much. ***

Mrs. Santos G. Perez would like to send a HUGE

thankyou to all of her friends and family who have been by her side. She's been having a few bad months healthwise. She wants everyone, especially all of her Comadres, to know that she appreciates everything that they do for her. Santos is fixing to have a few surgeries done and asks that everyone pray for a quick recovery for her. She says that she feels extremely lucky to be surrounded by so many loving people. She

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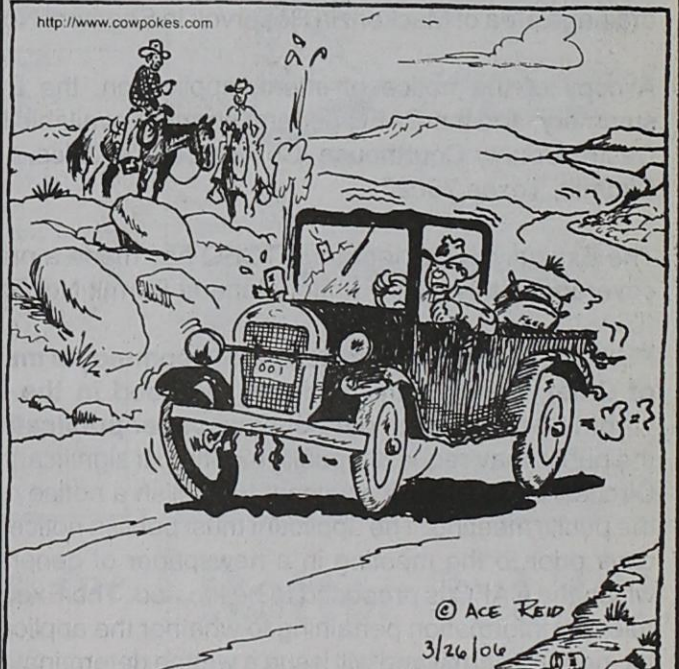
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On the Go

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



FCCLA Officers: Candice Rodriguez, Isela Velo, Brittany Sanchez and Haley Heard.
Below: FCCLA Star Event: Knealing from left: Elin Gietle, Monica Dozal, Sarah Lopez, Marissa Allison. Standing from left: Naoli Corral, Valerie Villarreal Thelma Medrano, Mary Sanchez, Chris Gregory, Gladys Ruiz, Natasha Jordon, Anna Reyes, Vanessa Caballero, Casey Maurer, Kathy Amador, Krysta Kay, Viktorya Tarrango, Desiree Sanchez. Not pictured: Clarissa Sanchez and Shenea Wright



Dimmitt FCCLA attends conference

The Dimmitt Chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America attended the Region I Conference in Odessa last month. The chapter members were among 900 delegates attending the two-day conference. The youth developed theme, "FCCLA: The Brand of Excellence" was carried out through tracks featuring a series of specialized workshops and general

sessions in which members discovered ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth.

STAR Events (Students Taking Actions for Recognition) are competitive events in which members can participate in at the regional meeting. These events allow members to showcase their life skills in

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

General Permit Authorization No. TXG920671

APPLICATION. SHIRLEY LEON GARRISON, 3702 4th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79415, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) under General Permit No. TXG920000 for authorization to operate a new dairy facility at 4,800 total head, of which 3,200 head are milking, in Castro County, Texas. The notice of intent was received by TCEQ on October 27, 2005. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this general permit except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions or events. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The proposed facility will be located on the south side of County Road 606, approximately 0.5 mile west of the intersection of Farm-to-Market Road 1055 and County Road 606 in Castro County, Texas. The facility will be located in the drainage area of Mackenzie Reservoir in Segment No. 0228 of the Red River Basin.

A copy of the notice of intent, application, the Executive Director's technical summary, and the CAFO general permit is available for viewing and copying at the Castro County Courthouse, County Clerk's Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 101, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The Executive Director of the TCEQ has made a preliminary decision to approve coverage of this facility under General Permit No. TXG920000.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. In addition, the public may request a public meeting. If significant interest exists, the Executive Director will direct the applicant to publish a notice of the public meeting and hold the public meeting. The applicant must publish notice of a public meeting at least 30 days prior to the meeting in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the CAFO is proposed to be located. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements of the general permit and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the notice of intent for coverage under the general permit.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the general permit process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance a 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at our web site a www.tceq.state.tx.us.

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Don and Donny Carpenter of Dimmitt were first and second place winners in the No Till/Strip Till Irrigated class of the 2005 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association. The award was presented during the March 2-4 Commodity Classic in Anaheim, CA. From left: Leon Corzine, Assumption, Ill., NCGA chairman; Don Carpenter; Donny Carpenter; and Ken McCauley, White Cloud, Kan. NCGA first vice president.

Carpenters win first, second at NCYC

ST. LOUIS - Three area corn growers have been named one of 27 national winners in the 2005 National Corn Yield Contest (NCYC), sponsored annually by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA).

Don Carpenter placed first in the nation in the No Till/Strip Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 311.7813 bushels per acre.

His son, Donny Carpenter, placed second in the nation in the No Till/Strip Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 296.2879 bushels per acre.

Also, Donny Carpenter placed second in the state in the Irrigated Class with a yield of 309.0858 bushels per acre.

There were 512 state winners nationwide. The contest, which includes nine different classes, had a total of 2,997 entries from 47 states, and showcased 561 different hybrids from 71 seed companies.

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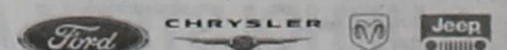
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Missionaries working in a foreign country were attempting to get the natives to practice better sanitation. They showed them some water from a sacred river under a microscope in order to warn them of the filth and disease it contained. The natives responded by stealing the microscope and destroying it.

Whenever the sin of those

who love darkness is revealed, the reaction is the same.

Whenever truth is brought into view, the reaction is the same. The messenger is shot, because the revealing news he or she brings is not welcome.

Prophets are always opposed and persecuted, and sometimes they are killed. The same reaction is even present to a lesser degree amongst those who walk in the light.

Sometimes we get too comfortable in our usual ways of doing things and with our inherited patterns of thought, so that we do not like anyone to challenge us to think anew or to look at things from a different perspective. An open investigation in the "light" is sometimes prevented by the

knee jerk accusation: "I don't believe that" or "That's _____" (fill in the blank as appropriate).

Part of what it means to be one who "lives by the truth" is to have a willingness to put things to the test, to question, to ask, and to have an open mind. The Bible has been given to us for our knowledge and understanding. To allow a person to influence one's beliefs and to never call into question those things that are contrary to the Bible is a form of ignorance. We can put man on the moon, satellites in orbit, we can send a message across the ocean in a matter of seconds but when it comes to our own soul we would rather accept what one person has to say rather than investigate and research the Bible in order to find the



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answer. Paul giving instruction to Timothy said, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). One who "lives by the truth" is not afraid of honest investigation, because that person is not afraid of the "light."

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

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can't wait to start to feel better and get back to her old self, but she knows that for now she has a lot of love and support around her. So, please, keep her in your prayers. We all love you very much Santos and can't wait to see you feeling better.

Bueno, esto es todo para esta semana. Okay, that's all for this week. I hope everyone has a great week. Easter is just around the corner, lets all pray for pretty weather. Please send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882. Hasta la proxima semana.

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Obituaries

NORMA LINDA TRIGO

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

A memorial service is set for 3 p.m., Saturday, April 1, 2006, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

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

The Funeral Mass was Thursday, March 23, 2006 at St. Peter Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church, 111 Barilla St. in San Antonio. Burial was at Mission Burial Park South in San Antonio.

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

JULIE FAITH NELSON

Infant daughter of Justin and Tami Nelson of Dimmitt, Julie Faith Nelson, passed away March 23, 2006, in Lubbock. A private family graveside service was held Sunday, March 26, 2006, at West Lawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Dimmitt.

Survivors include her parents, Justin and Tami Nelson of Dimmitt; two brothers, Tyler and Jake Nelson of Dimmitt; maternal grandmother, Jan Fleet of Dimmitt; paternal grandparents, Donny and

Wanda Nelson of Dimmitt; and a great-grandmother, Alma Nelson of Dimmitt. She is preceded in death by a sister, Kyla Nelson, in 1995, and a brother, Justin Nelson in 2005.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt, TX. 79027.



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DORIS LACY FRAZIER

Services for Doris Lacy Frazier, 75, of Dimmitt, were Monday, March 27, 2006, at Lee Street Baptist Church with the Rev. David Denman, pastor at Lee Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Hart Cemetery in Hart.

Mrs. Frazier died March 23, 2006, in Lubbock. She was born Feb. 26, 1931, in Castro County. She married Bill Lacy on Aug. 19, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. She graduated from Hart High School and South Plains College - Plainview Campus - in 1981. She served as Activity Director for Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt for several years. She has been the primary care-giver for her aunt for the past 15 years. She was a homemaker and a member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Sandra Helton of Hart; a son, Carl Lacy of Wichita Falls; a sister, Joyce Beavers of Hart; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Frazier was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Lacy in 1976; and her parents, Leroy and Ruth Shive.

The family suggest memorials be to: Lee Street Baptist Church, 510 SW Second, Dimmitt, TX. 79027.

LUDDY HATLA

LITTLEFIELD

Graveside services for Luddy Hatla, 71, of Littlefield, were Tuesday, March 28, 2006 in Littlefield Memorial Park with the Reverend Robert Baker, pastor of Bible Missionary Church, officiating.

Mr. Hatla died Monday, March 20, 2006 at his home in Littlefield. He was born on Sept. 5, 1934, in Levelland to Luddy Frank and Frances Rose Hatla. He married Doris Glumpler on Aug. 28, 1956, at Pep. That marriage ended in divorce and he married Linda Talley on May 18, 1979 at Littlefield. He worked for Harrah's Antiques in Las Vegas, Nevada and had also worked in Reno. He farmed for several years in the Littlefield area. He also drove a bus for the elderly and handicapped. He was a



Luddy Hatla

former member of the Knights of Columbus and has lived in Dimmitt and Nazareth.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Hatla of Plainview; nine daughters, Georgia, Erika, Ann, Beth, Paige, Nancy, Julie and Jamie; six sons, Joey, Val, Matthew, Zach, Brice, and Chris; a brother, Glenn Hatla of Dimmitt; a sister, Doris Frances Gagliano of Hattiesburg, Miss. and 48 grandchildren.

RICKY DON RICKERD

Graveside services for Ricky Don Rickerd, 45, were Wednesday, March 29, at Roosevelt Cemetery in Mangum, Okla., with Justin Chapman and Don Ross officiating.

Mr. Rickerd was born July 16, 1960 in Culver City, Calif., to Charles Rickerd and Glenda Rickerd Glasscock. He died March 24, 2006 in Oklahoma City. He was a 1979 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

He was a tax consultant and worked with his mother, Glenda, for many years.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Edker and Myrtle Miller, Butch and Elreno Rickerd; his father, Charles Rickerd; and his step-father, Billy Glasscock.

Mr. Rickerd is survived by his mother, Glenda Glasscock of Roosevelt, Okla.; his step-mother, Joyce Rickerd of Dumas; two brothers, Rusty Rickerd of Mangum, Okla., and Wood Rickerd and wife Janet of Nazareth; a sister, D.D. Sanders and her husband, Tony; four nieces and nephews and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins.

FCCLA

different areas of competitions. Also, the new officer team for 2006-2007 was elected to carry the organization forward.

The following individuals and teams placed at the Region I STAR Event Competition:

National Programs in Action:

Occupationally Specific Category:

1st Place: Clarissa Sanchez, Thelma Medrano and Mary Sanchez.

Senior Category: Chris Gregory

5th Place: Desiree Sanchez, Krysta Kay

Illustrated Talk

Senior Category:

3rd Place: Monica Dozal, Elin Geitle, Natasha Jordan

4th Place: Shenea Wright, Kathy Amador

Job Interview

Senior Category:

3rd Place Gladys Ruiz

5th Place: Viktorya Tarrango

Other students who participated are: Naoli Corral, Anna Reyes, Valerie Villarreal, Sarah Lopez, Vanessa Caballero, Marissa Allison, Casey Maurer, Roger Ramirez, Brenda Silva.

Haley Heard and Candis Rodriguez are Dimmitt High School current Region I Officers. They completed their duties for the Region I meeting. Candis is the Vice-President of Correspondence. She was responsible for planning and conducting Leadership Enhancement Opportunities Tests that were available to all students. Haley Heard is the Vice-President of Programs. She was responsible for preparing the power point used in the general sessions and presenting the slide show during the meeting.

DHS also had two students who ran and were elected as 2006-2007 Region I Officers. They are Isela Velo, the new Vice-President of Records and Brittany Sanchez, the new Vice-President of STAR Events.

DISD Calendar

Thursday, March 30

DHS - FFA to Texas Tech Invitational Contest

DHS - UIL Academic Meet in Friona

Friday, March 31

DHS - FFA to WTA&MU Contest

DHS & DMS TSA - Regional Onsite Contest - Levelland

Baseball: Varsity vs Lockney - Here - 5:00

Track: Varsity Boys @ San Angelo Relays / Girls @

Amarillo Relays

Track: JV & Jr. High Boys & Girls @ Hart

Saturday, April 1

Softball: Bobbies vs Fritch - Here - 4:30

Baseball: JV vs Kress - Here - 12:00

Track: Varsity Boys @ San Angelo Relays / Girls @

Amarillo Relays

Track: JV & Jr. High Boys & Girls @ Hart

Monday, April 3

Baseball: JV vs Nazareth - Here - 4:30

Tuesday, April 4

DHS - Fine Arts Club Meeting - 12:20

Baseball: Varsity @ Floydada - 5:00

Wednesday, April 5

Band - DHS & DMS - UIL Contest & Sight-reading @

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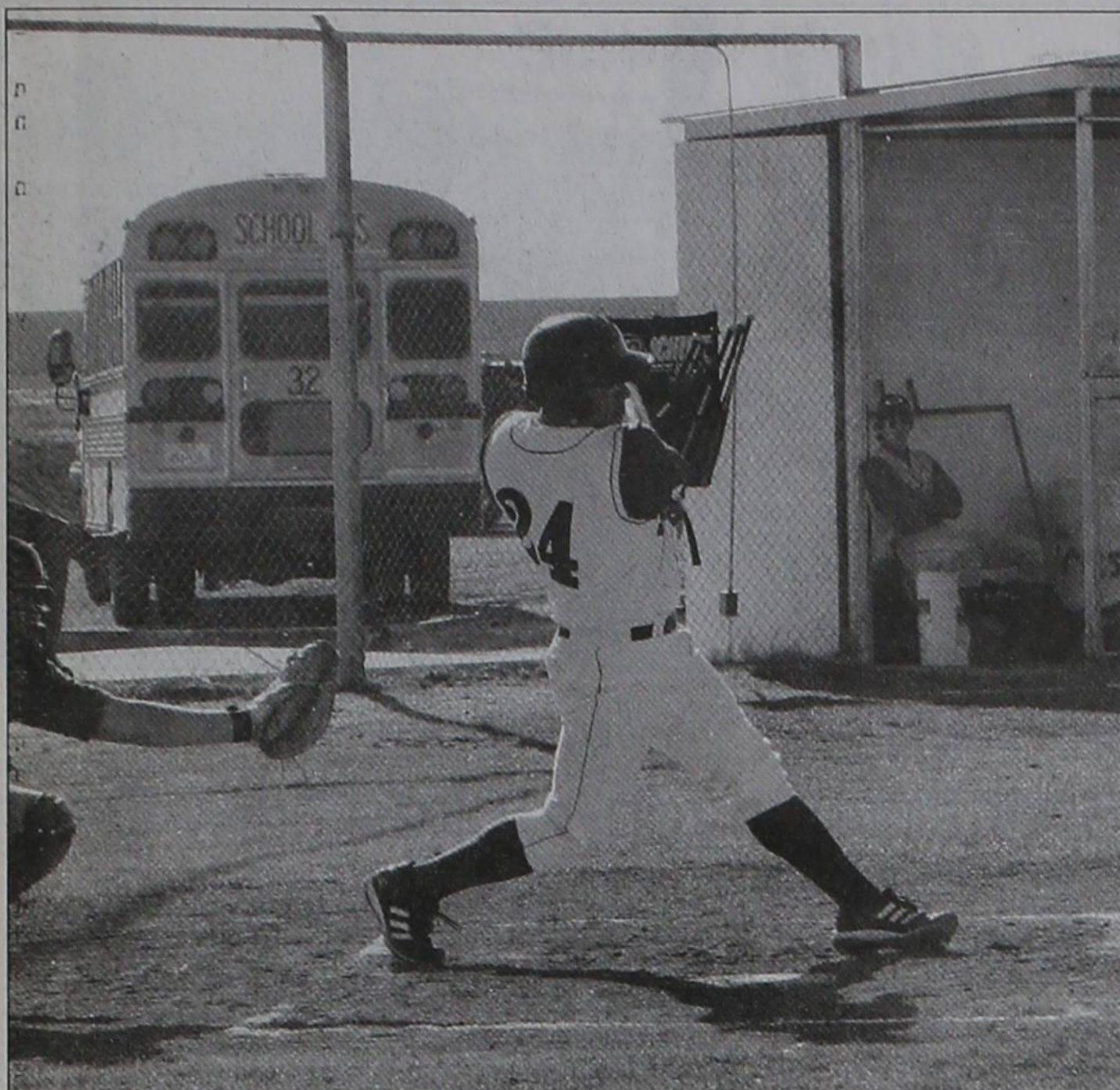
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Gone!

Above, Aaron Herrera follows through on his swing after hitting a one-run homer against Olton in Friday's district matchup.

Bobcats down Olton in district play

The Dimmitt Bobcats are 1-1 in district after downing Olton, 10-9, on Friday at home. "We started slow, but finished strong," said head coach Jesus Quiroz. "It was a good thing. The kids needed that game - one where they could come from behind and win. They've

gained a lot of confidence from it. "We've had good practices since then and have been more focused. I know we'll continue to play that way. Our kids are working real hard right now." Also, earlier in the week, the Dimmitt JV shutout Olton as freshman pitcher

Armando Prieto threw a no-hitter and the Bobcats run-ruled the Mustangs. Last week, in the first district game, the Bobcats fell to Friona, 9-7. Even in the loss, however, Quiroz said his defense was looking better. "They played a lot better against Friona than earlier in the season," he said. "Until the seventh inning a lot of positive things happened. We were up 7-4. We made two errors and it cost us five runs. "What makes the loss hurt See BOBCATS, Page 11



Photo by Carter Townsend

Record-breaking performance

Above, Michael Rasor races over the 110-meter high hurdles, breaking Kelly Howell's record set in 1989. In 1989, Howell ran the hurdles in 14.79. On Saturday, at the Bobcat Relays, Rasor had a 14.58 time.

Sports Notes

Five Bobcats named to All-District teams

Five Dimmitt boys basketball players were named to the 6-AA All-District team. Seniors Junior Limas, Omar Catano and Nick Ortiz were named to the All-District Team. Junior Alex Chavira was named to the All-District defensive team and senior Isaac Aguilar was named to the Honorable Mention team.

10 DHS students named academic All-District

Ten students who participate in sports in Dimmitt

High School have been named to the Academic All-District Team members. On the girls side, named were juniors Chelsea Buckley and Kylah Riddle and seniors Clarissa Herrera, Darcy Fisher and Brittany Williams. On the boys side, junior Alex Chavira and seniors J.D. Fowler, Junior Limas, Casey Maurer and Gabriel Mirelez were named.

Golf teams fare well in outings

Both the boys and girls golf teams are performing well this season, according to coach Alan Steinle. At the Olton Tournament, the boys team brought home a second-place medal. Individual scores were: Houston Sutton, 87; Landon Porsch, 102; Casey Maurer, 107; Colton Bradley, 111; and Evan Page, 133. Sutton's 87 was one stroke short of the third-place medal at 86. At the same tournament, the girls brought home a third-place team medal in a six-school meet. Top finishers for Dimmitt were: Chelsea Buckley, 112; Kylah Riddle, 115; Darcy Fisher, 120; and Heidi Villalba, 150.

Buckley finished second overall in the tournament out of 30 girl golfers to medal. "Well, I think we can do better," Steinle said. "We've had some decent rounds. I think some of our kids - some of our boys and girls - have an opportunity to finish in one of the top spots and go on to regionals. When they get on the course, they're going to have to play like they're capable of. If they do that, put a couple of rounds together, they may move on." The girls district tournament is here on April 6; the boys will play at the Floydada Country Club the same day with 10 a.m. as the starting times. More recently at the Lubbock Christian Tournament.

At Lubbock, Chelsea Buckley tied for 19th with 117; and Kylah Riddle tied for 39th with a 130. On the boys side, Landon Porsch tied for 12th with a 103; Houston Sutton tied for 19th with a 109; and Casey Maurer tied for 22nd with 111. The boys team finished fourth with 436.

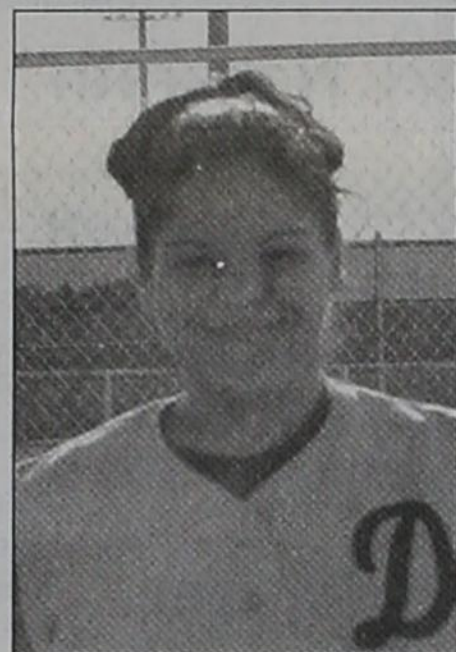
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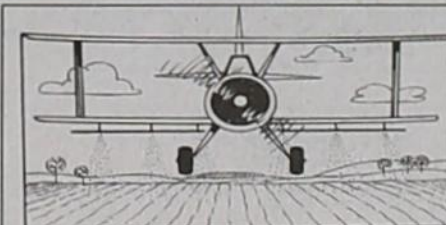
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NAZARETH'S TUCKER WAGGONER, a senior, goes all out in the 200-meter dash at the Bobcat Relays on Saturday.

Swifts finish third at Relays

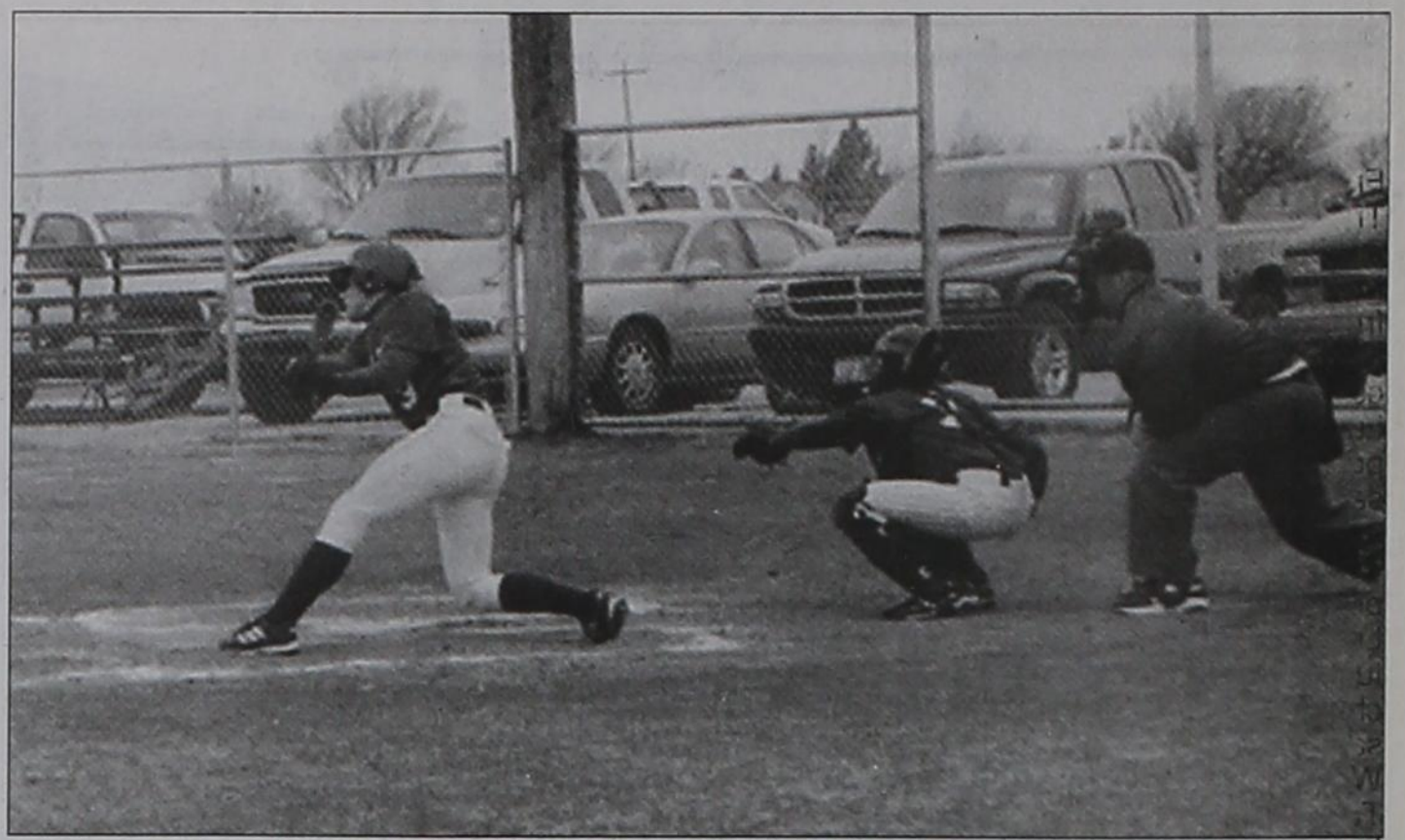
The Nazareth boys varsity team finished in third place at the Bobcat Relays held in Dimmitt over the weekend.

Placing first was the 400-meter relay team of Zane Farris, Chase Black, Josh Braddock and Tucker Waggoner with a

time of 44.33. Chase Black won first in the 100-meter dash with a time of 15.18 and Bryce Parker was second in the 110-hurdles with a time of 15.18.

The 800-meter relay team of Farris, Tucker Waggoner, Black and Braddock also placed

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NAZARETH'S CHASE BLACK swings at a pitch during the Swifts game with Crosbyton.

Swifts down top-ranked New Deal

By **DAVIE BROWDER**
Managing Editor

The Nazareth Swifts baseball team got off to a rocky start on the season, but they've been rolling ever since, run ruling every team after falling to Ralls in the first game this year.

On March 21, they defeated Bovina, 11-1 in five innings with pitcher Dustin Schulte striking out 14 en route to the win. Big hitters in the game were Kean Lilley with three hits and Zane Farris, Nate Huseman and Chase Black with two hits each.

Friday, the Swifts took care of Hale Center, 13-2, in five innings. The winning pitcher was Nate Huseman. "It was more of a team effort, with no one having more than one hit," coach Ralph Albracht said. Huseman had four strikeouts in the game.

And on Monday, the Swifts downed the previously undefeated New Deal Tigers 19-3 in six innings.

New Deal was No.1 in district and Albracht said he had hoped his team would make a good showing in its outing. They did much more.

"We just hit the ball," he said. Kean (Lilley) had two hits, Bryce (Parker) had two; Dustin (Schulte) had a double, a single and homer; while Nate (Huseman) had three hits and Clifford (Gerber), Chris (Acker) Tucker (Waggoner) and Zane (Farris) had one hit each.

"It's the best hitting we've ever done," he said.

Schulte was the winning pitcher. The Swifts gave up

one run in the first inning, two in the second and then "Dustin shut them down," Albracht said. "We pitched really well. We played great defense. Tucker made some good plays in the outfield; Zane caught a ball in the outfield and Nate made some tremendous plays at short stop. He was probably the defensive standout. Chase (Black) did a great job catching. He's getting more comfortable back there all the time. With those two good pitchers (Schulte and Huseman), we can be pretty

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Three Naz students win at Houston show

HOUSTON—Junior exhibitors from across the state gathered at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo to compete in the Junior Market Barrow Show March

12-16, 2006. For the 10th year in a row, the Texas Pork Producers Association offered special premiums and awards to the exhibitor and breeder of the highest placing Certified Texas Bred barrow in each class. The exhibitor of each Certified Texas Bred class champion was awarded a \$100 check and a cap, while the breeder of these pigs received a cap sponsored by the National Pork Board. The Texas Pork Producers Association paid out \$6,200 in premiums at Houston this year.

Nazareth's FFA program had three students, Charlie Black, Cutter Johnson and Kenley Kleman to win.

The exhibitor and breeder of each Certified Texas Bred class champion is listed by breed and class below.

Berkshire

Class 26 Exhibited by Charlie Black of Nazareth, and bred by Huseman Berks & Polands of Nazareth.

Class 27 Exhibited by Cutter Johnson of Nazareth, and bred by Bert Byrd of Hart. (Also Champion Berkshire)

Yorkshire

Class 73 Exhibited by Kenley Kleman of Nazareth, and bred by Fischbacher Show Pigs of Amarillo.



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Apr. 4	Kress	There	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 8	Ralls	Here	1 p.m.*
Apr. 11	Crosbyton	There	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 14	Bovina	Here	4 p.m.
Apr. 21	Hale Center	There	5 p.m.
Apr. 27	New Deal	Here	4:30 p.m.
May 5	Kress	Here	4:30 p.m.

JV Schedule			
Apr. 3	Dimmitt	Here	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 7	Olton	There	4:30 p.m.
Apr. 10	Claude	TBA	TBA
Apr. 22	Tulia	TBA	TBA
Apr. 24	Dimmitt	There	5 p.m.





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 Monday: Breakfast - Egg omelette and cheese breakfast burrito, cereal, Honey Bun, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, apples. Lunch - Fish nuggets, beef enchiladas, barbecue hot links on bun, potato rounds, Mexipinto beans, vegetable medley, tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin, fresh fruit, muffins, arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancakes, scrambled eggs with biscuits, peanut butter sandwich, Cocoa Puff cereal bar, orange wedges. Lunch - Cheeseburgers, Kung Fu sweet and sour beef stew, turkey fajitas with onions and peppers, potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce, fideo Mexicano, Mexipinto beans, hamburger salad, tossed salad, fresh fruit, Flour tortilla, garlic Italian bread.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, Strawberry Pop Tarts, Danish, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, bananas. Lunch - Burrito with chili, chicken fried steak, pigs in a blanket, seasoned blackeyed peas, mashed potatoes, frijoles refrieto, taco condiment salad, orange wedges, tossed salad, fresh fruit, muffins, golden nugget rolls, crackers.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast Bites, cinnamon rolls, peaches, Cinnamon Toast Crunch cereal bar, cereal, apples, bananas. Lunch - Shrimp poppers, tuna salad sandwich, cheese enchilada with sauce, potato chips, butter beans, pork and beans, tossed salad, guacamole salad, taco condiment salad, fresh fruit, hot Kaiser rolls, tortilla chips, Spanish rice.

Nazareth

Friday: Breakfast - Sausage patty on roll, assorted cereal. Lunch - Sandwiches (sack lunches), lettuce, cheese, potato chips, apples, Rice Krispie Treats.
 Monday: Breakfast - Sausage patty, rolls, cereal. Lunch - Pizza, stir fry, tossed salad, peas, pears, gingerbread.

Tuesday: Breakfast - Pancake/sausage on a stick, cereal. Lunch - Burritos, baked potatoes, tossed salad, Spanish rice, corn, fruit salad, peanut butter chews.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast Pockets, cereal. Lunch - Chicken fried steak and rolls, tossed salad, pizza, potatoes and gravy, peaches, Jell-O.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Waffles, sausage patty, cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, beans, grapes, cookies.

Hart

Friday: Breakfast - Scrambled eggs, biscuits and sausage, variety of cereal. Lunch - Fish sandwich, pizza with ground beef, corn, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles, fruit cocktail.
 Monday: Breakfast - Waffles with syrup, variety of cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, mashed potatoes, green beans, cream gravy, carrot sticks, dill pickles, tossed salad.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal. Lunch - Chicken sandwich, beef burrito, dill pickles, carrot sticks, tossed salad.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Sausage breakfast, variety of cereal. Lunch - Salisbury steak, corn dogs, carrot sticks, dill pickles, mashed potatoes.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Breakfast sticks, variety of cereal. Lunch - Hamburger on a bun, ham sandwich, dill pickles, carrot sticks, fruit cocktail.

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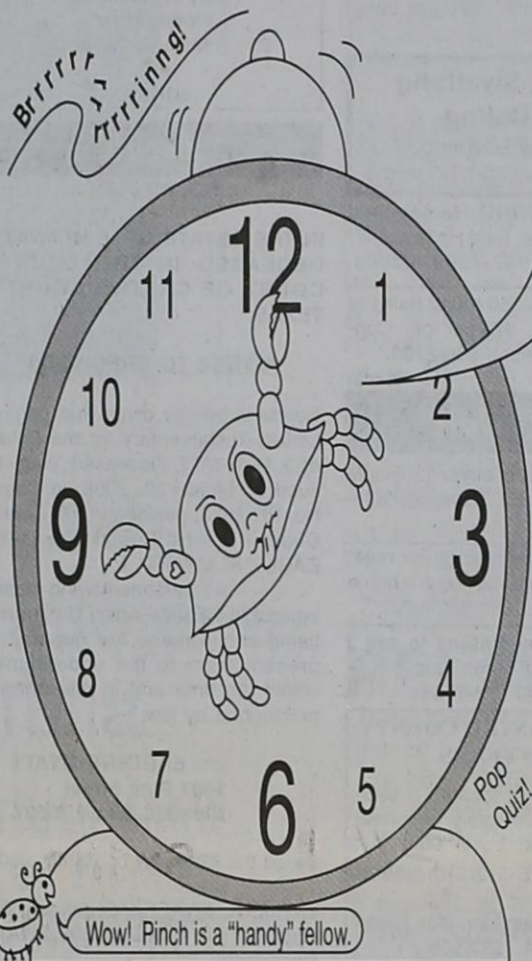
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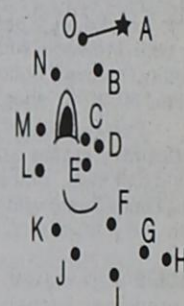
Time to get up! Time to eat! Why do we have to keep track of time anyway? Why is it so important?

I guess time is precious to us because we feel that we have only a limited amount of it. We have to choose how we spend our time each day. I need time to look for food and to burrow holes and tunnels in the sand.

Keeping track of time also connects people. By having and using measured units of time, we can cooperate with others. We need to keep our places of work, schools and the rest of our communities running smoothly.

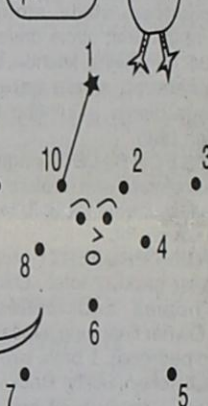
If no hours were kept, you would not know when to go to places to meet people. You might spend all day looking for a favorite cartoon on your television because there would be no scheduled time for it. It's all about time!

1. A _____ is the amount of time it takes the earth to travel once around the sun.
2. A _____ is the amount of time it takes for the earth to turn once on its axis.



It's about time to spring your clocks ahead one hour!

I'll help wake you up!



It's my billionth birthday!

People are always talking about the time. Study these pictures. Next, read the sayings below the pictures. Match the pictures to their sayings by writing the letter of the saying in the box next to each picture clue.

1. and again

2. on

3. all in

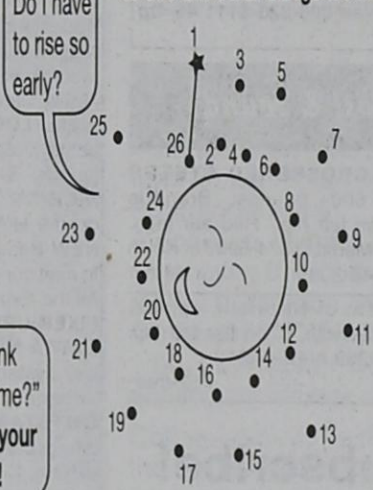
4. is

A. time marches on
 B. time and time again
 C. all in good time
 D. time is money

What Do We Use To Tell Time?

Throughout history people have figured out ways to measure time using the seasons, the skies, shadows, water, calendars, sundials, pendulums, stopwatches and even parking meters! Can you do the dot-to-dot puzzles to see the other things we have used?

Yawn! Do I have to rise so early?

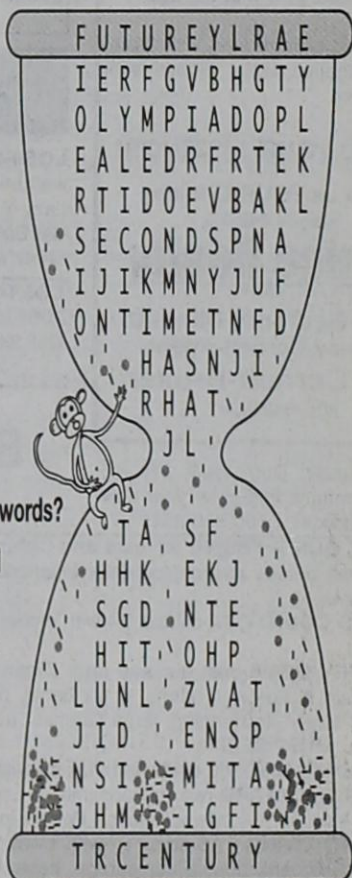


Can you find and circle these "timely" words?

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| late | on time | century |
| past | leap year | seconds |
| future | midnight | annual |

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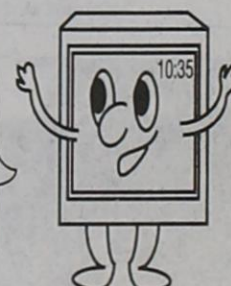


What About Time?

We use many expressions about time in our language. Here are a few favorites. Can you match them to their meanings?

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 1. it's about time | A. it is the best time to do something |
| 2. the time of your life | B. having great fun |
| 3. time out | C. to make trouble |
| 4. the time is ripe | D. very often |
| 5. time and time again | E. to finally do something after putting it off |
| 6. to give a hard time | F. when a game is stopped for a reason |

Lots of people on the go check their cellphones for the time. Lots of people working look at the corner of their computer screens to see the time.



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A diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease hits families like a load of bricks. Patients and their families have many questions that need to be answered, and they feel overwhelmed with much of the information that they receive.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle and the Alzheimer's Association Star Chapter, two of the Alzheimer's Academy partners, will be holding an educational meeting on Friday, March 31 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Golden K room at the Hereford Senior Citizens, located at 426 Ranger.

As frightening as Alzheimer's disease is to the patient and their families, the Alzheimer's Academy offers hope and a variety of services for Alzheimer victims, their families, and their caregivers.

You may not have ever wanted to know about Alzheimer's, but the Alzheimer's Academy will bring you hope and practical information about respite services that offer a temporary break for caregivers, diagnosis and treatment options for Alzheimer victims by physicians specializing in the care of geriatric patients along with information and assistance in understanding and applying for a variety of government benefit programs, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Hospice honors the memories of loved ones

A special memorial candle-lighting service conducted by Hospice Cares will be held to "honor the memory of loved ones."

Hospice Cares, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will hold its "Celebration of life" service on Sunday, April 9, at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Traditionally, this service has been used to honor the memory of persons who were on hospice service. If anyone would like to have a candle lit for a special person who was not on hospice care, please call 647-3785 to notify the hospice office of your wishes and arrangements will be made.

Vergil Ichtertz, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will share a short lesson. Music will be provided during the service. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow the lighting of the candles.

Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Breast Cancer exam is April 13

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on April 13, 2006. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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Community Prayer Gathering

There will be a community prayer gathering the first Wednesday of every month at 6 a.m. at Dimmitt Methodist Church, 110 SW 3rd St. There will be fellowship, a free meal, prayer and a devotional guest speaker.

Everyone is welcome. Come and bring a friend. Help lift the whole community in prayer. The dates are April 5, May 3 and June 7.

DARSPA offering two scholarships

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

Delta Kappa Gamma scholarship to be award

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

AC scholarship fund drive set

Amarillo College is sponsoring a region-wide scholarship fund drive that benefits students in the 26-county Panhandle area.

A coalition of state and local agency representatives is organizing the Living Independently Through Education (LITE) Luncheon, scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza from 11:30 to 1:00. Faith Miller-Barger of KAMR-TV/NBC-Four is serving as Master of Ceremonies.

College-bound students with disabilities in this area are the beneficiaries of scholarship funds raised during the next month. Along with corporate and individual donations, additional dollars are expected through a silent auction and vendor booths the day of the luncheon. The goal is to award at least 40 scholarships this fourth year, according to Brenda Rossnagel of Amarillo College.

Scholarships will provide funds for tuition, books, fees, supplies or living expenses, as deemed appropriate. People with disabilities residing in the 26-county Panhandle region are eligible to apply. Applications may be picked up and returned to Amarillo College Student Services Room #125, Washington Street Campus.

Scholarship recipients will be honored at the LITE Luncheon on April 19. Rossnagel says the success of this project relies on support from throughout the region. Monetary contributions or donations of prizes are especially needed this year. Information about scholarship applications or luncheon is available by calling Brenda Rossnagel at Amarillo College (371-5436) or Susan Stokes at 655-7151.

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The Bobbles softball game with Clovis was called due to weather. They host Sanford-Fritch at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 1.

BOBCATS

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is we know we can play Friona. But a lot of positives came out of it. We played well on offense, just had a couple of let downs and we swung the bat fairly well in the beginning. After our letdown, we couldn't get the bats going again."

SWIFTS

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good this year.

"We were amazed that we beat them that badly. I was just hoping we'd play respectable against them because from all the information we had they're a very good team. We hit more line drives Monday night. It was probably all around it was one of the best games since I've been here. Good offense, good defense, good pitching."

RELAYS

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first at 1:34.22.

In the 200-meter dash, Josh Braddock was first with 22.71 with Farris at fourth in 23.78 and Waggoner in fifth at 23.8.

The Nazareth JV boys team had 24 points at the meet. Thomas Schacher was second in the 100-meter dash at 11.8. Schacher was also second in the 200-meter dash at 24.0 and took second place in the long jump at 17-6.

Also, the junior high boys team finished the meet in third place with 94 points.

Friday, March 31 and Saturday, April 1

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