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Sava and Merritt will meet in general election

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

It took a while - until 10 p.m. or so - before the results of Tuesday's elections were posted at the courthouse.

Republican chairman Karron Smith said the holdup came because: "They were putting in the votes and didn't have a separate printer installed.. They were afraid to stop putting the votes (from the machines) in, so they finished that before they installed the printer."

Finally, after a day of first - first time with the new machines and first time to hold the Democrat and Republican primaries in the same locations - everyone found out what they were wondering about: who will be which party's nominee for the position of County Judge in the fall.

In the Democrat Primary, Lint Merritt defeated Jerry Cartwright, 321 votes to 129.

And in the Republican Primary, incumbent County Judge Bill Sava easily defeated his two opponents. Sava received 323 votes to 126 for Melinda Timms and 13 for Michael Colley.

After learning of his victory, Merritt said he is "honored to be the Democratic candidate for Castro County Judge."

When asked about issues, he said, "There are lots of issues. I'm looking forward to the November election and serving the people of Castro County."

Cartwright had this to say in a statement, issued earlier Tuesday: "Today is a great day for Castro County because important issues have been brought to the attention of many of us."

"No matter how the elections end this evening, we as a County can expect to move forward and hopefully respond to these issues," he said.

Sava said he was

delighted with his win in the GOP Primary.

"This is great," he said. "I'm really pleased to have a chance at a second term. You've been a great bunch of friends and Jacque and the kids have been saints. ... Hopefully, you'll stick with me and give me the opportunity to serve you four more years. The real bottom line is 'what's best for Castro County.' I'd like to keep working on that."

Timms had this to say after the election: "I would like to say 'Thanks' to everyone that took the time to go vote."

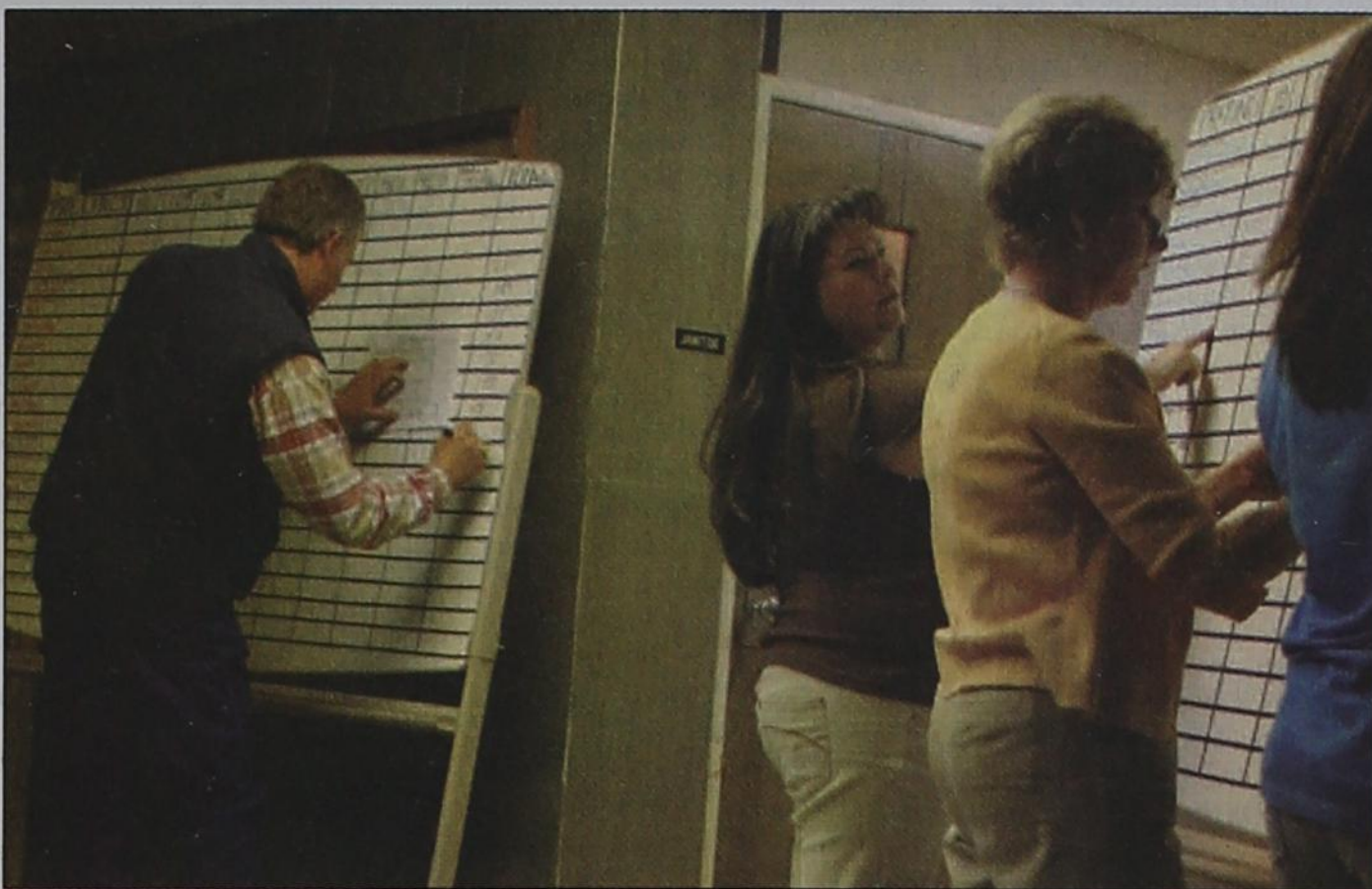
"It is important to have a voice within the communities," she said. "... I knew from the beginning that this was going to be a challenge. Without speaking out, my voice would have never been heard. Castro County needs Officials that will take a stand against the people destroying our communities.

"As a life long competitor, I learned how to accept defeat. I would like to congratulate Bill Sava and wish him well in his endeavors, as well as Lint Merritt."

Following are the unofficial votes for Castro County only. Only the county-wide and precinct-wide elections stand alone. The other votes are totaled with the rest of the state or district, as the case may be.

Republican Primary All Precincts:

U.S. Senator: Kay Bailey Hutchison, 308
U.S. Representative, District 19: Randy Neugebauer, 353
Governor: Rhett R. Smith, 44 ; Rick Perry, 303; Larry Kilgore, 34; Star Locke, 13
Lieutenant Governor: Tom Kelly, 100; David Dewhurst, 292
Attorney General: Greg Abbott, 292
Comptroller of Public Accounts: Susan Combs, 389
Commissioner of the General Land Office: Jerry Patterson, 335
Commissioner of Agriculture: Todd Staples, 345
Railroad Commissioner: Elizabeth Amos Jones, 237; Buck Werner, 114.
Chief Justice, Supreme Court - unexpired term - Wallace Jefferson, 310.
Justice Supreme Court, Place 2:



COUNTY AND PARTY workers post the "unofficial" results Tuesday night.

Don Willett, 165; Steve Smith, 159.

Justice Supreme Court, Place 4: David M. Medina, 305

Justice Supreme Court, Place 6: Nathan Hecht, 304

Justice Supreme Court, Place 6 - unexpired term - Phil Johnson, 300

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: Tom Price, 173; Sharon Keller, 158.

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7: Barbara Parker Harvey, 294

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8: Tom Keel, 68; Charles Holcomb, 193; Robert W. Francis, 46

Member, Board of Education, District 15: Bob Craig, 303

State Representative, District 88: Warren Chisum, 357

Chief Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, unexpired term - Brian Quinn, 293

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 2: Mackey K. Hancock, 294

Justice, 7th Court of Appeals District, Place 3: Walt Weaver, 182; Pat Pirtle, 146

District Judge, 64th Judicial District: Bob Kinkaid, 334

District Judge, 242nd Judicial District: Edward L. "Ed" Self, 346

County Judge: Michael Colley, 13; Bill Sava, 323; Melinda L. Timms, 126

PRECINCT 2 ONLY
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: Bobby Jack Angeley, 54

PRECINCT 4 ONLY
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4: Dan Schmucker, 138

Propositions:

Photo ID: The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring that voters provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas. For: 325 Against: 73

Private Property Protection: The Texas Legislature should place on the next constitutional amendment election ballot a proposition to protect private property from being taken for economic purposes. For: 355 Against: 46

Spending Cap: Every governmental body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in spending to the combined increase of population and inflation, except for additional spending authorized by a vote of the people or for official state of emergencies declared by the federal or state government. For 327 Against: 53

Appraisal Cap: In order to address the inequity of homeowner's property taxes increasing at a rate far above the rate of inflation, the current 10 percent cap on the rate of increase of appraised value for all homesteads shall be reduced to 5 percent or less. For: 350. Against: 51

Democratic Primary All Precincts:

U.S. Senator: Darrel Reece Hunter, 103; Barbara Ann Radnofsky, 94; Gene Kelly, 129.

U.S. Representative, District 19: Robert Ricketts 254
Governor: Chris Bell, 185;

Bob Gammage, 97; Felix Alvarado, 56; Rashad Jafer, 3.

Lieutenant Governor: Benjamin Z. Grant, 190; Adrian DeLeon, 65; Maria Luisa Alvarado, 61.

Attorney General: David Van Os, 288

Comptroller of Public Accounts: Fred Head, 290

Commissioner of the General Land Office: VaLinda Hathcox, 274

Commissioner of Agriculture: Hank Gilbert, 246; Koecadee Melton Jr., 64.

Railroad Commissioner: Dale Henry, 290

Justice Supreme Court, Place 2: William E. "Bill" Moody, 287

Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals: J.R. Molina, 281

County Judge: Jerry Cartwright, 239; Lint Merritt, 321

District and County Clerk: Joyce M. Thomas, 433

County Treasurer: Janice Shelton, 419.

Justice of the Peace: Tana Young

PRECINCT 2 ONLY
County Commissioner, Precinct No. 2: Richard H. Rickert, 71

Proposition:
Do you support lifting millions of families above the national poverty line by increasing the state minimum wage above its current level of \$5.15 per hour? For: 305. Against: 115

Do you support the restoration of Texans' full rights to a trial by jury in civil cases? For: 343. Against: 61

City OKs loan for rail district

The Dimmitt City Council voted unanimously on Monday to loan \$25,000 for the formation of a rail district.

Right now, that district is pending with Commissioners Court, who heard about the district from Mayor Wayne Collins at its last meeting.

Collins said he wants to present the offer of the loan at this Monday's meeting.

"We've voted to loan the money to fund the formation of a rail district," Collins said. "That pays to help the district get set-up and have someone work with it for a year. That person would work with Burlington-Northern to get the railroad. The district would also apply for

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Schaeffer seeking re-election

Citing his six years of experience on the Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees, incumbent David Schaeffer has announced that he will seek re-election for Place 5.

"I have been privileged that the citizens of this community have trusted me to serve them as a trustee," Schaeffer said in a statement. "I am offering again to continue serving if that is the wish of our community. I am a strong advocate of the public education system in Texas and specifically in our community."

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David Schaeffer

Birkenfeld named NAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year

JOHNSON, VT - Cassie Birkenfeld, formerly of Nazareth, and the head women's basketball coach at Johnson State College has been named the North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Coach of the Year. The first-year coach earned the honor, voted on by her fellow conference coaches, by leading the Badgers to a 9-9 conference record and 12-13 record overall; an eight-win improvement over last season's 4-21 record.

She is the daughter of Sidney and Peggy Birkenfeld of Nazareth.

The Badgers, picked to finish 11th out of 13 teams in the NAC pre-season poll, won six of

their last seven regular-season games to finish third in the West Division of the NAC. JSC was knocked out of the playoffs by Castleton State College in the conference quarterfinal round on February 21.

Birkenfeld, who is currently a graduate assistant in the Johnson State College athletic department, was a standout player at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

As a member of the NAIA Division I power Flying Queens, Birkenfeld was a two-time All-Sooner Athletic Conference team member and a member of the Academic All-Conference team. She was also the Texas High School 1A Player of the Year as senior at Nazareth High School in Nazareth.



Cassie Birkenfeld

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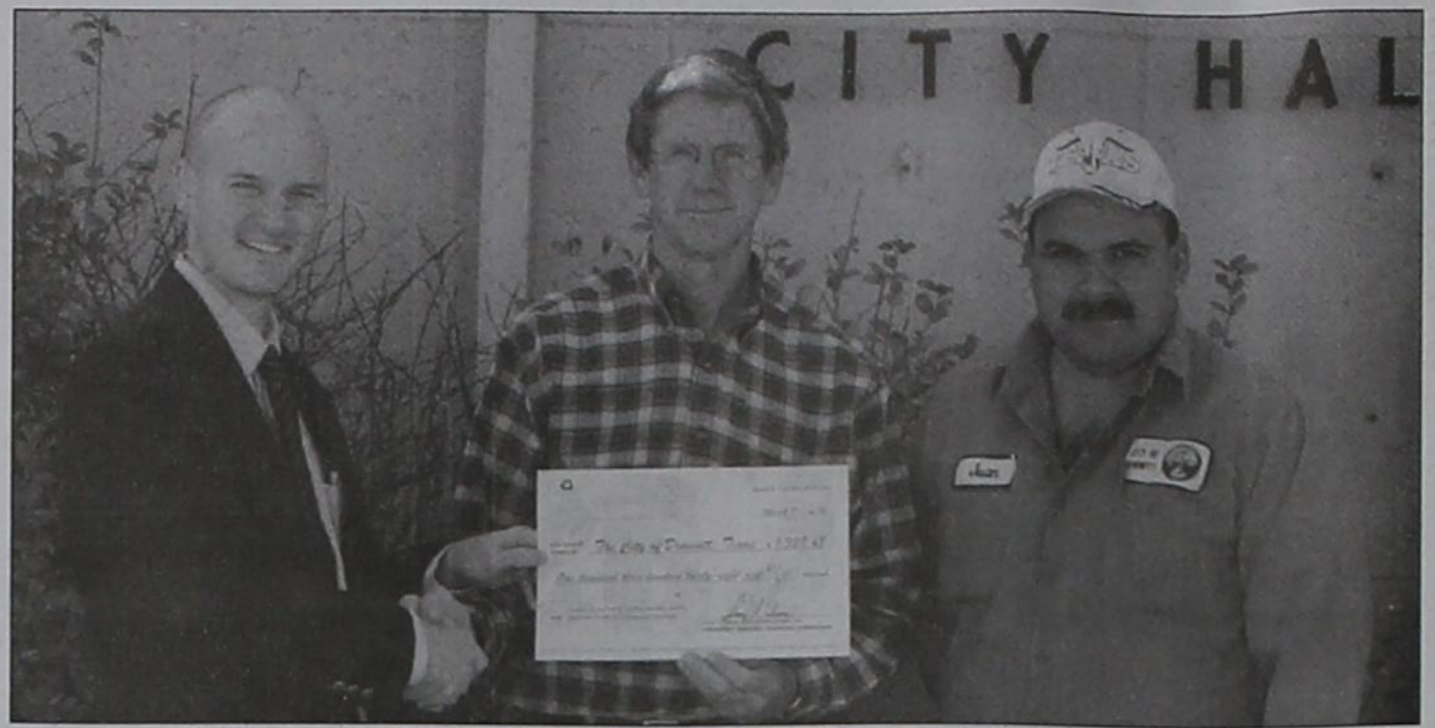
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 Fourth Six Weeks
 Mrs. Bradley's Class
 Citizenship: Nathaniel Herrera, Gabe Walton, Abbey Gonzales, Lori Saenz, Victoria Arcos, Morgan Nelson, Aylin Melendez, Kaymee Howell, Mark Marquez.
 Perfect Attendance: Victoria Arcos, Leonardo Saucedo, Abbey Gonzales, Gabe Walton
 A Honor Roll: Victoria Arcos, Morgan Nelson, Josh Ramirez, Samantha Leahy, Emily Weaver.
 A-B Honor Roll: Nathaniel Herrera, Mark Marquez, Kaymee Howell, Aylin Melendez
 Miss Thames' Class
 A Honor Roll: Peter Arguijo, Diamond Luna, Sage Reed, Luis Zepeda.
 A-B Honor Roll: Larissa Castillo, Matthew Oltivero, Daniela Rodriguez, Oscar Pena
 Citizenship: Peter Arguijo, Larissa Castillo, Jayson Larra, Diamond Luna, Brittany Medrano, Matthew Oltivero, Sage Reed, Daniela Rodriguez, Zachary Tackett, Luis Zepeda, Elizabeth Spencer, Oscar Pena, Devon Silva.
 Perfect Attendance: Peter Arguijo, Lindsey Burris, Larissa Castillo, Joe David Lopez, Sage Reed, Luis Zepeda
 Mrs. Venhuas' Class
 Citizenship: Christina Corral, Anyssa Enriquez, Misael Flores, Paola Garcia, Bianca Ramos, Marissa Rodriguez, Mario Sanchez, Katie Sweet, Kirsty Taylor, Whitney Thomas, Abigail Willian, Israel Montoya, Jovanny Villalba
 Perfect Attendance: Misael Flores, Paola Garcia, Ezekiel Lopez, Brandon

Quiroz, John Justin Ramirez, Richard Ramirez, Bianca Ramos, Marissa Rodriguez, Mario Sanchez, Whitney Thomas, Jovanny Villalba.
 A Honor Roll: Misael Flores, Paola Garcia, John Justin Ramirez, Marissa Rodriguez, Kirsty Taylor, Whitney Thomas, Abigail Willian
 Miss Vick's Class
 A Honor Roll: Mercedes Camarillo, Brandon Dones, Monica Gonzales, Maegan Hart, Carlos Luna, Daniel Mora, Cassie Page, Evelyn Perez, Nathan Quiroz, Joshio Rodriguez, Camri Waller
 A-B Honor Roll: Cris Calderon, Isaiah Saenz and David Vargas
 Citizenship: Mercedes Camarillo, Brandon Dones, Monica Gonzales, Maegan Hart, Carlos Luna, Daniel Mora, Cassie Page, Evelyn Perez, Nathan Quiroz, Joshio Rodriguez, Camri Waller, Cris Calderon, Isaiah Saenz, Sammy Perez, David Vargas
 Mrs. Axtell's Class
 A Honor Roll: Brock Boozer, Christopher Damron, Suzette Fuentes
 A-B Honor Roll: Xavier Apodaca, Dontra Ewing, Abigail Gil, Audelia Lara, Maricela Quiroz, David Porras, Brady Luna, Vicente Pacheco.
 Best Citizen: Audelia Lara, Christopher Damron, Xavier Apodaca, Suzette Fuentes, Sarah Hinojosa, Maricela Quiroz.
 Hardest Workers: Xavier Apodaca, Christopher Damron
 Mrs. Goolsby's Class
 A Honor Roll: Kaden Hatla
 A-B Honor Roll: Gavin Flores, Olivia McDonald, Brantley Powers, James Patterson
 Citizenship: Kaden Hatla
 Perfect Attendance: Gavin Flores, Diana Gonzales, Santos Jackson, Joe Martinez, Olivia McDonald, L.J.

Rodriguez, Robert Woolbright.
 Mrs. Merritt's Class
 A Honor Roll: Odalys Garcia, Wesley Lindley, Alex Machado, Maria Olmos, Priscilla Salas.
 A-B Honor Roll: Jessica Aguilar, Maricsa Arredondo, Landon Carpenter, Veronica Fabela, Roland Gregory, Morelia Porras.
 Perfect Attendance: Maricsa Arredondo, Iraiz Hernandez, Wesley Lindley, Alex Machado, Madison McDaniel, Nathan Ramirez, Jose Rivera, Hailey Schilling, Landon Carpenter.
 Hardest Workers: Maria Olmos, Wesley Lindley, Alex Machado, Roland Gregory, Priscilla Salas.
 Citizenship: Dillon Beames, Roland Gregory, Wesley Lindley
 Mrs. Steinle's Class
 A Honor Roll: Cynthia Garcia, Tristan Hernandez, Britny Rodriguez, Jayden Venhaus.
 A-B Honor Roll: Ricardo Alvidrez, Dora Gallardo, Mavrik Gfeller, Dulce Ontiveros, Evelyn Rascon, Isiah Trevizo.
 Citizenship: Dule Ontiveros, Alondra Mendoza, George Fehr, Jayden Venhaus, Tristan Hernandez, Benny Fehr, Dora Gallardo, Christina Barrios, Mavrik Gfeller, Britny Rodriguez.
 Hardest Workers: Dora Gallardo, Tristan Hernandez, Alondra Mendoza, Dulce Ontiveros, Evelyn Rascon, Britny Rodriguez, Ashely Sanchez, Jayden Venhaus, Benny Fehr, George Fehr.
 Perfect Attendance: Benny Behr, George Fehr, Tony Jimenez, Isiah Trevizo, Jayden Venhaus
 Mrs. Clark's Class
 A Honor Roll: Caitlan Smith
 A-B Honor Roll: Ryley Burris, Blas Cadena, Stephanie Fuentes, Darron Hart, Tobie Keese, Meggan Lytle, Marissa Oltivero, Jas Villanueva
 Mr. Thompson's Class
 A Honor Roll: Marisol Quintana
 A-B Honor Roll: Elizabeth Mejia, Vanessa Flores, Kassandra Gomez



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...and help the city make a little money. Above, Stefan Bresler of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, presents David Denman, center, and Juan Almanza, Dimmitt's Director of Public Works with a check for \$1,338.48 for cardboard collected by the city in the blue dumpsters found behind most buildings. Before, the city had to find a way to dispose of cardboard waste. Since the city received a grant to buy machinery to bundle the cardboard, Dimmitt is now able to sell the baled bundles of cardboard. This check represents the first sale.

Naz students participate at San Antonio

The Nazareth FFA recently participated in the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. This is how the Nazareth students did:
 Reserve Grand Champion, Beau Bradley
 Reserve Champion Heavy Weight Duroc, Briann Wethington
 Second place Cross: Taylor Bradley, Makenzie Cornett
 Second place York: Tyler Cornett
 Third place Berk: Samantha Kleman
 Third place Chester: Amanda Kleman
 Fourth place York: Zane Farris
 Fifth place Chester: Hayden Sager
 Fifth place Cross: Makenzie Standlee
 Fifth place Landrace: Braden Wethington
 Sixth place Hamp: Karis Kleman
 10th place: Cutter Johnson
 Lamb Show

First place medium wool: Steer Show
 Beau Bradley, Taylor Bradley
 Third place Brahma: Stormie McClurg

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank Rudy Flores and all the workers who came to help clean up our park last Saturday. What a good job you did! We greatly appreciate it, and we hope you will all come back this summer to enjoy it when it is pretty.

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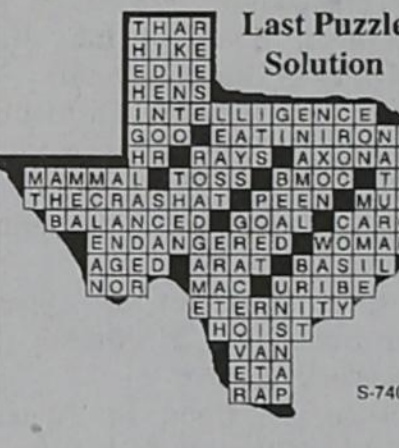
Fish fry set for ICC

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1001 W. Halsell, will have a Fish Fry every Friday, starting Friday, March 10, through Friday, April 7, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for a donation of \$6.

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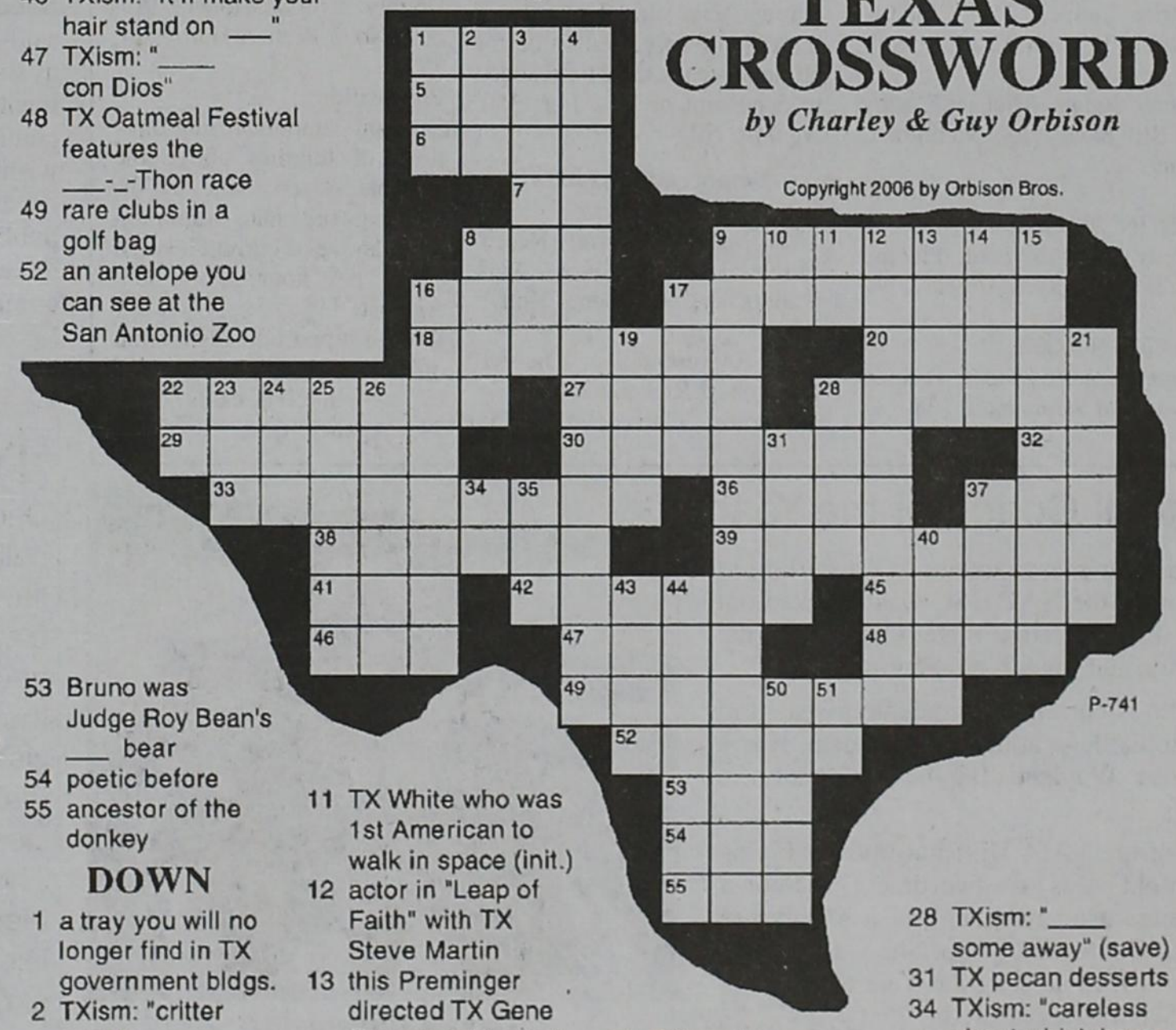
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1 in Parker Co. on hwy. 199
 5 earth for plowing
 6 swimmin' or waterin'
 7 this Bing was in "Say One For Me" with TX Debbie Reynolds (init.)
 8 TX Bonnie & Clyde were a "daring" ___
 9 big cats of the Rio Grande Valley
 16 TXism: "naked as a jay ___"
 17 dreaded TX police code 10-32 means "___ gun"
 18 in Hunt Co. on 69
 20 TXism: "hard as putting up ___ in a windstorm"
 22 TX-based Mexican Buffet
 27 former Sen. Gramm
 28 TXism: "___ as silk"
 29 TXism: "cowboy ___" (jukebox)
 30 grease up to cook chicken fried steak (3 wds.)
 32 Einstein (init.)
 33 TXism: "I'd rather be a live coward than ___"
 36 Egyptian river
 37 what some TXns fund for retirement
 38 take into custody
 39 it's illegal to use a metal ___ on Padre Island shore
 41 TXism: "___ the mark"
 42 kitchen or bathroom floor installers

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1 a tray you will no longer find in TX government bldgs.
 2 TXism: "critter corral"
 3 Colleyville named for Dr. ___ Howard Colley
 4 a Spanish language Dallas newspaper
 8 "God" south of the border
 9 a California foe of the Houston Texans
 10 he's Walker, Texas Ranger (init.)
 11 TX White who was 1st American to walk in space (init.)
 12 actor in "Leap of Faith" with TX Steve Martin
 13 this Preminger directed TX Gene Tierney in "Laura"
 14 Dr. Huxtable's son on TV
 15 in Cameron Co. on hwy. 107
 16 TX Tanya Tucker's "___ and Goin' Down"
 17 TXism: "you're reading my ___" (think alike)
 19 Sam Houston once caned a congressman from this state
 21 TXism: "it gave me a shot in ___" (vitalized)
 22 letter afterthought
 23 TXism: "high as popcorn ___ picture show"
 24 Jim ___ Creek
 25 bring into existence
 26 this TX Shelby wrote "Painted Dresses; A Prince of a Fellow"
 28 TXism: "___ some away" (save)
 31 TX pecan desserts
 34 TXism: "careless about which horse ___ saddles" (thief)
 35 WA time (abbr.)
 37 TXism: "take ___ face value"
 40 TXism: "tax wranglers"
 43 actress Turner
 44 black-___
 50 credit cards charge high interest ___
 51 TXism: "strong as an ___"

WEATHER	High	Low	Prec.	Snow
Tuesday	86	38		
Wednesday	80	48		
Thursday	67	30		
Friday	52	32		
Saturday	73	35	.01	
Sunday	71	37	.01	
Monday	82	41		
March Rainfall			0.02	
2006 Rainfall			0.15	
2006 Snow				

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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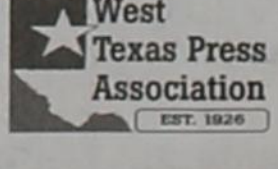
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Community Calendar

RES to host Book Fair through Friday

Richardson Elementary is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair through Friday, March 10, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Families, teachers and the community are invited to attend the Fair, which will feature a special camping theme: Camp Read a Book - Let the Book Bugs Bite!

On Thursday, March 9, from 6-7 p.m., the Book Fair will feature a special Family Night. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books and current bestsellers from more than 150 publishers.

Anyone who would be interested in helping with the Book Fair should contact Diann Leatherwood at Richardson Elementary Library at 647-4131. The public is invited to help build classroom libraries by purchasing books and donating them to your child's class through the Classroom Wish List program.

Cancer breast exams March 9

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center Comprehensive Breast Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W Halsell, in Dimmitt on March 9, 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. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents age 50 to 64 who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. Call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

St. Patty's Celebration

On Sunday afternoon, March 19, the Home Mercantile will host its annual St. Patty's Celebration from 4-6 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend, and there is no admission charge, though donations are always appreciated. At 4 p.m., the event will kick off with a performance by the High Plains Irish Dancers (Rinceoiri Gaelacha Na Machairi Arda) from Lubbock. The veteran troupe will display jigs, reels, hornpipes, and step dancing. At the intermission of the concert (5pm), an Irish stew dinner will be served to all in attendance. After the break, Roan Inish, a well-known West Texas Celtic Ensemble from Lubbock, will take the stage. This powerful four piece group performs a wide variety of invigorating Irish, Scottish, and American Civil War jigs, slip jigs, reels, slides, slow airs, hornpipes, barn dances, and polkas on traditional and non-traditional instruments.

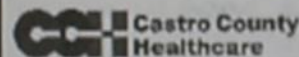
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- ◆ Interests include family practice, abdominal surgery, gynecological surgery and cancer of the breast, head and neck.
- ◆ Chief of Surgery for the Veteran's Administration of Amarillo for 11 years.
- ◆ Has been with Castro County Healthcare since October 2001.
- ◆ Dr. Matos and wife, Liz, have two children.

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Congratulations to our Swifts basketball team, coaches Scarbrough, Ricky Peacock and Wes Johnson as they won their Bi-District games, which will allow them now to go to the state finals in Austin. Basketball fans were treated to two terrific games as we won the Friday game with Paducah, 51-48; and then the Saturday game with Throckmorton, 55-50, in an overtime! As my grandson Jake Hoelting said, "We should be able to play well together - we've done it since fourth grade." We appreciate all the fans from Dimmitt, Hereford, Tulia and other surrounding towns who supported us at the Regional playoffs! We all wish for you the best in Austin!

Our sympathy to the family of John Schacher, 90, who was buried in Holy Family Cemetery on Thursday after a funeral mass in Holy Family Church with Father Ken Keller officiating. He is survived by his wife, Norma; four sons, Bill, Rusty and Ben, all of Nazareth and Ivan of Nebraska; three daughters, Mary Jo of Santa Fe, N.M., DeZane and Simona, both of Dallas.

The nieces of Sister Norbert Hoelting converged on Fort Smith, Ark., this weekend to surprise her on the grand occasion of her 92nd birthday. On Friday, March 3, 32 Hoelting nieces from Texas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas and Connecticut traveled to the St. Scholastica Monastery in time to surprise Sister Norbert after 5 p.m. prayers. That evening each niece lit a birthday candle for her as they shared memories and paid tribute to the life of a very remarkable person. Saturday was spent touring, catching up, laughing and general Hoelting style fun! We all enjoyed a very special weekend with an Aunt we admire and love dearly.

Thanks to Joyce Ratcliffe for coming up with the wonderful idea to celebrate Sister Norbert's birthday in Fort Smith at the Convent. Thanks especially to the St. Scholastica Community for a warm welcome and such gracious hospitality.

The Sisters all send their love to everyone!

The 1996 Class 1A Champion Swiftettes were honored at the Girls State Basketball Tournament in Austin this past weekend. A fun time was had by all that were able to attend. Ten years had passed way too quickly!

Thursday night everyone met and had supper together with lots of laughing and "do you remember" stories. The girls attending were Carie Wethington, Tanya Wethington, Lynsey Hoelting, Amy (Pohlmeier) McAllister, Robin (Schulte) Straley, Courtney Hoelting, Jamey (Schmucker) Hoelting and baby Ty, Coach Johnny Hampton and wife Sharon.

Friday morning everyone went to the Frank Erwin Center. At halftime of the Class 1A Division II State final game, everyone was introduced. It was a very special time with lots of pictures taken and visiting was enjoyed by all. They decided that lots of things had changed but memories and friendships last forever!

Johnson State College of Vermont's Head Women's Basketball Coach Cassie Birkenfeld has been named the North Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year. The

first-year coach earned the honor, voted on by her fellow conference coaches, by leading the Badgers team to a 9-9 conference record and 12-13 record overall, an eight-win improvement over last season's 4-21 record.

Birkenfeld, who is currently a graduate assistant in the Johnson State College Athletic Department, was a standout player at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview, and was a member of the NAIA Division I power Flying Queens. She was also the Texas High School 1-A Player of the Year as a senior at Nazareth High School.

We welcome Edwin and Irene Huseman of Dumas who have moved back to Nazareth to live. As Irene said, "We've come back home."

Please remember to pray for all of our sick people and those who are serving in our Armed Forces. We are happy that Dustin Ramaekers had a few days here with his parents, Rex and Vera Ramaekers. He served his time in Iraq and is now back in Abilene.

Thanks to Darryl Ball, who has sketched a new piece, entitled, "In the Palm of His Hand." It is displayed in the foyer of Holy Family Church for a few weeks. It is beautiful! Come by and study it anytime.

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.

Hispanic Voice

with Angie Arguijo, 647-0106

Hola, amigos. Hello, friends. Que esta pasando? What's going on? I have received absolutely no news for my column. Remember, I can't write without your news. So, don't be too disappointed with this week's extremely short column. I hope with Spring Break just around the corner the news will start to flow in.

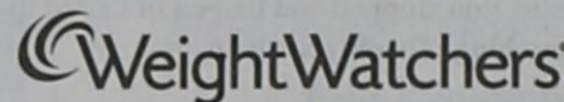
My hubby Josh and some of the other guys on the Volunteer Fire Department attended a very interesting extrication class on Saturday in Wofford. They learned and got hands-on-training that may someday help them save a life. They were able to practice taking vehicles apart using heavy equipment such as the jaws of life to get to victims trapped inside vehicles. Josh says he learned a lot from the class and is thankful for the opportunity to attend the class. He says they all learned things about how vehicles are put together that will help them manage emergency situations in a more calm and efficient manner.

Don't forget to keep prayin' for rain. If I'm not mistaken, I felt a few sprinkles on my face last week and it felt sooooo good. Well friends, like I said, I don't have much info to share. I really hope I don't have another week like this. I hate to write short columns. So please, please please send your info to angie79027@hotmail.com, 647-0106 or 346-3882. No se les olvide que sin su ayuda y noticias no hay Hispanic Voice. Don't forget that without your help and news, there is no Hispanic Voice.

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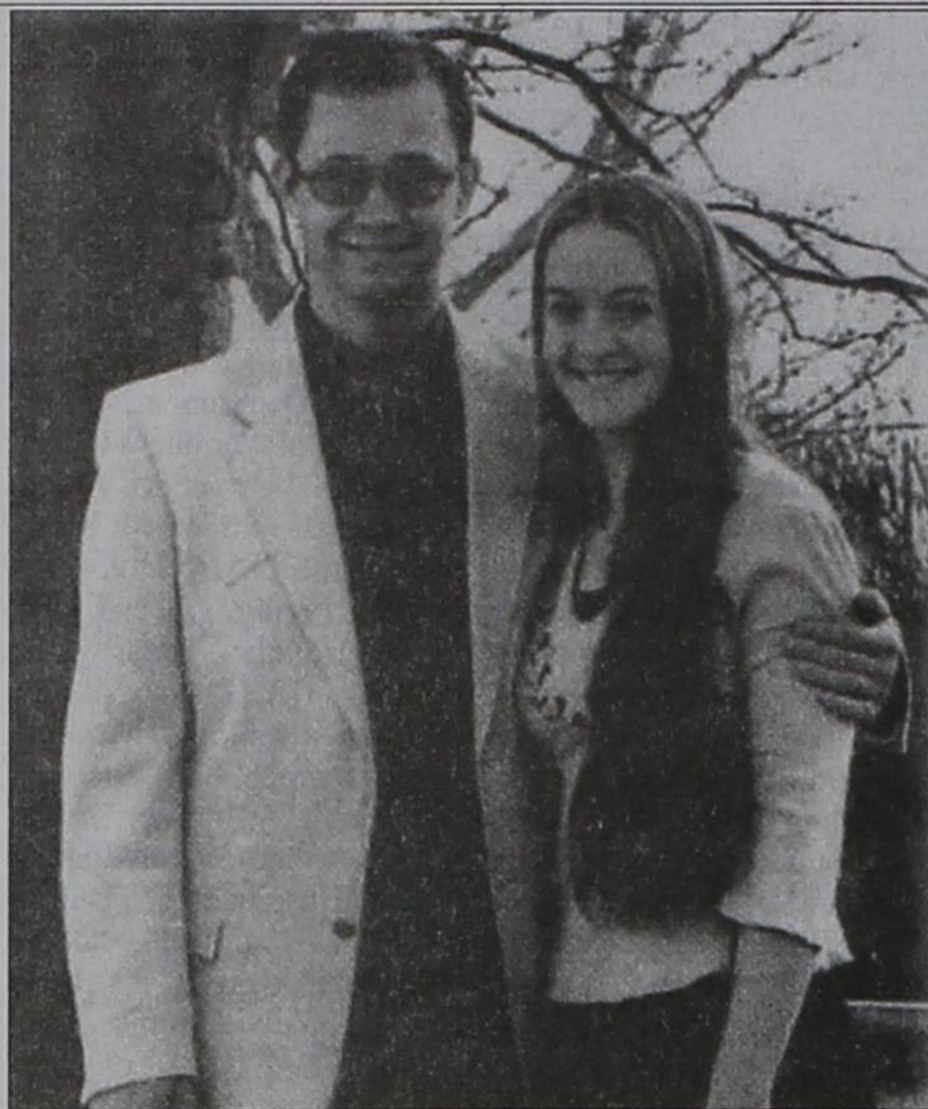
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Sutton promoted

Dimmitt native, Stuart Sutton has been promoted to Banking Officer at First United Bank Canyon. Sutton graduated from Texas Tech University in 2002 with a Degree in Business Administration and Finance. He began his career in Operations at First United Bank Dimmitt in February 2003. In December 2005 he moved to Canyon to work in First United's newest banking center where he serves as loan officer. Sutton is the son of Eddie and June Sutton of Dimmitt.



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Thank You to all who stopped and helped us, or checked on us at the accident in Lubbock last Tuesday. As quickly as he came out in front of me, there was no avoiding it. It could have been so much worse. We are all a little sore but getting better day by day. I want to say a special Thank You to Joe Alvarez for being a witness to what happened, for calling 911 and for staying until the police arrived; To Terry and Lisa Mixson, Layne and Sue Rita Myatt, and Les and Carla Miller for helping us clean out the van and making sure we all had a ride home; and to Coby and Connie Gilbreath and Bryan and Donna Reinart for giving us all a ride home. If I have left anyone out please accept my apology and I thank you. Sometimes, living in a small town, we take it for granted but in times like these, it makes you take a step back and be thankful for all of the friends you have. We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all our Dimmitt friends, even though we were in Lubbock, it was getting late and everyone was trying to get home, you stopped and helped or called to see if we needed anything. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Carla, Chance and Kelsey Schilling and Agnes Schilling

Kropp-Follis

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kropp of Hereford and Mr. and Mrs. James B. Follis of Matheson, Colo., have announced the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Matthew Eaton Kropp and Malisa Marie Follis.

The wedding is set for May 6, 2006 in Colorado. The couple will live in Dimmitt.

Garcia-Hatzis

Paul and Ortensia Garcia have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Garcia, to Greg Hatzis, the son of Paul and Dora Hatzis of River Vale, N.J.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from Texas Tech University in 2001 in child development and family studies.

In 2003, she received her Masters Degree from the University of North Texas in development and counseling. She is a child life specialist at Childrens Medical Center of Dallas.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Pascack High School.

He received his Bachelor of Arts from Rutgers University in 1995 and graduated in 2000 from Columbia University's Dental School.

He received his M.D. in 2003 from the University of Texas Medical School. He is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

The wedding is set for 5 p.m., July 8, 2006, at Santorini, Greece, at Fira Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral.

After the wedding, the couple will live in Princeton, N.J., where the prospective groom is joining a private practice.

School reform is difficult proposition

By **DIGGER ELAM**
HISD Superintendent

In an article by Larry Cuban in the February edition of *School Administration* Cuban answered the question-Why Can't Schools Be More Like Businesses? In the article he told the story of a CEO from an ice cream company as he addressed a room full of hostile teachers during an in-service meeting.

This CEO told this group of teachers that schools need to be like businesses because of two major things. One thing was that schools are old and designed for the Industrial Age. The other thing he told was that school administrators were happy and snug in their little nests protected by tenure and shielded by a bureaucratic monopoly.

At the conclusion of his talk, he hesitantly asked for questions. This was his big mistake because one of the hostile teachers ask him about his ice cream company. The teacher asked, "What is your most sold ice cream flavor? After taking a deep breath the CEO said, "Blueberry."

The lady asked, "Sir what happens if you get a load of bad blueberries?" The CEO replied, "We throw the sorry things out!" "That's right, you see sir, schools can't throw out bad blueberries and that is why schools can't be more like businesses" replied the hostile teacher. "Sir, we take all kinds of blueberries that are big, small, rich, poor, gifted, abused, homeless, rude, and brilliant. Sir, we take all of them."

"An explosion was heard throughout this city as 290 teachers, aides, bus drivers, and custodians all jumped to three feet and began yelling, Yeah Blueberries! Blueberries!" So as the speaker began putting his notes away he told his secretary, "School reform is going to be more difficult that I thought!"

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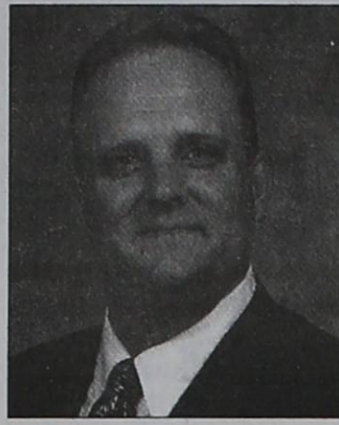
CHURCH NEWS



The ABCs of the Bible

A is for **Abraham**, the father of the faithful.
B is for **Baptism**, the way believers get into Christ.
C is for **Christ** who died on the Cross.
D is for the **Deacons** who serve in the Lord's church.
E is for the **Elders** who oversee the work of the church.
F is for **Faith** which comes from hearing the word of God.
G is for **God** who created this world.
H is for the **Holy Spirit** who revealed God's word.
I is for the **Israelites** who were God's chosen people.
J is for **Jerusalem**, where the church was established.
K is for the three great **Kings** of Israel: Saul, David and Solomon.

L is for the **Love** God showed when He gave His only Son.
M is for **Moses** who led God's people out of Egypt.
N is for the **Narrow** road which leads to heaven.
O is for our **Obedience** which pleases God.
P is for **Peter** and **Paul** who preached God's word.
Q is for the **Quaking** of the mountains when God gave the Law.
R is for the **Rainbow** God gave Noah after the Flood.
S is for **Satan**, the enemy of God's people.
T is for the **Ten Commandments** given to Moses at Mt. Sinai.
U is for the **Unity** of God's people.
V is for the **Victory** that will be ours.



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W is for the **Word** of God revealed in the Bible.
X is for the **Exodus** of God's people from Egypt to Canaan.
Y is for the **Young** who must always remember God.
Z is for the **Zeal** shown by Christians.

Community Calendar

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Community Prayer Gathering is April 5

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.

Rotary selling flags

It's time to buy 2006 memorial flag contracts from the Dimmitt Rotary Club for a fee of \$30 per year. If you would like a flag flown at the courthouse on 8 holidays this year in memory or honor of some special person, please call Trish Elliott @647-4624. If no answer, please leave message

and Trish will get back to you.

DARSPA offering two scholarships

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association will award two educational scholarships this spring. Those who are 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.

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DID JESUS REALLY CURSE THE FIG TREE ?

IT IS RECORDED THAT JESUS, ON HIS WAY FROM BETHANY TO JERUSALEM, AND BEING HUNGRY, STOPPED TO PICK FRUIT FROM A FIG TREE (MARK 11:12-14). BUT, ALTHOUGH THE TREE WAS IN LEAF, THERE WERE NO FIGS AND JESUS SAID, HEREAFTER, NO MAN WOULD EVER EAT FRUIT FROM THAT TREE!

SOME AUTHORITIES SAY JESUS, FOLLOWING THE ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF HOLY MEN, PUT A CURSE ON THE TREE, FROM DISAPPOINTMENT AT NOT FINDING FRUIT. OTHER AUTHORITIES STATE THAT BECAUSE THE TREE WAS IN LEAF AND THEREFORE SHOULD HAVE HAD FIGS, JESUS WAS POINTING OUT THAT, WHEN ONE OUTWARDLY SHOWS A GOOD CHARACTER WITHOUT THE FRUITS THEREOF, HE IS A HYPOCRITE, OF NO VALUE TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BUT....

...STILL FURTHER AUTHORITIES MAINTAIN THAT, FOR JESUS TO CONDEMN A TREE, FOR NOT GIVING FRUIT, DOES NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH HIS GENTLE LOVING NATURE AND, SINCE JESUS WAS AT JERUSALEM FOR THE PASSOVER, THIS PLACES THE TIME OF YEAR AT EARLY APRIL WHEN THE FIG TREE HAS JUST BEGUN TO LEAF AND GROW FIGS, WHICH THEN MATURE IN LATE JUNE... THUS, ALL JESUS MERELY DID, WAS REMARK THAT, BECAUSE THE TREE HAD ALREADY BEGUN GROWING LEAVES, BUT NO FRUIT, IT WAS BARREN, AND NO ONE WOULD HARVEST FIGS FROM IT WHEN THE FRUIT SEASON ARRIVED!

EACH OF THESE THEORIES SEEM TO HAVE VALID POINTS, SO IT REMAINS FOR THE STUDENT TO MAKE HIS OWN CHOICE - WHICH DO YOU THINK ?

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Obituaries

OFELIA ANES

Services for Ofelia Anes, 78, of Dimmitt, were Saturday, March 4, 2006, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Lupe Mayorga officiating. Burial will be at West Lawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Anes was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a member of the Guadalupanas for many years. She was a homemaker for most of her life.

Survivors include five daughters, Petra Padilla of Friona, Maria Virginia Anes, Annette Gonzales and Maria Elena Sias, all of Dimmitt, and Adelita Sanchez of Springlake-Earth; six sisters, Gualupe Mansias and Fidela Rodrigues, both of Lubbock, Celia Alvarez, Imelda Saenz, Elida Gonzalez and Maria de la luz Anes, all of Dimmitt;



Ofelia Anes

26 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Anes was preceded in death by her husband, Rogelio Anes Sr. and the sons, Rogelio Anes Jr., Natividad Anes and Ramon Anes.



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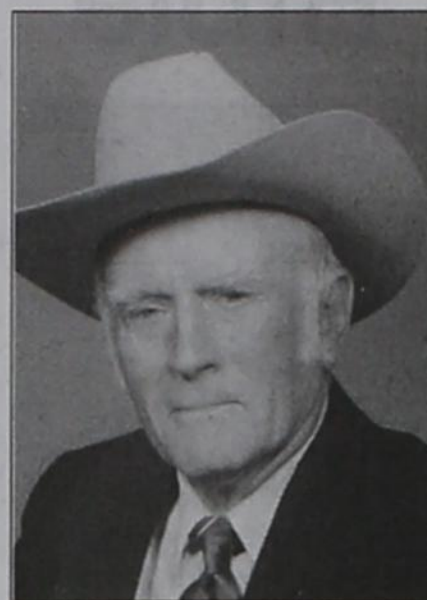
JOHN HENRY SCHACHER

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Services for John Henry Schacher, 90, of Nazareth will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 2, 2006, at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth with Father Ken Keller officiating. A vigil service was set for March 1, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Nazareth. Arrangements are being handled by Colonial Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Schacher died Monday, Feb. 27, February 27, 2006, at his home. He was born Aug. 3, 1915, in Cedar Rapids, Neb., and moved to Nazareth in 1917 from Nebraska. He married Norma Braddock on Sept. 19, 1949. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, fourth degree Knight, and an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a charter member of the American Legion and served 12 years on the Nazareth School Board. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was drafted on Jan. 27, 1942, and served in the Fifth Army under General Patton in the 433 coast artillery battery. He was often used as an interpreter for Gen. Patton due to his fluent German and Italian dialect. While on duty in the three years he received six Bronze Stars and one Marksmanship medal. He was honorably discharged on Step. 15, 1945. He was engaged in farming and ranching his whole life.

Survivors include his wife, Norma; four sons, Bill, Rusty and Ben, all of Nazareth and Ivan of



John Henry Schacher

Stapleton, Neb.; three daughters, Mary Jo of Santa Fe, N.M., DeZane and Simona, both of Dallas; 16 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Schacher was preceded in death by one son, Thomas Schacher; and his parents, George and Mary.

Pallbearers include his grandchildren: Rusty Schacher, Jeff Schacher, Joey Schacher, Coby Schacher, Wes Pope, Derrick Schacher, Tyler Schacher and Tanner Schacher. Honorary pallbearers are: Lawrence Schmucker and former pastors, Neal Dee, Jerry Stein and Dennis Boylan.

Memorials may be made to Home Merc, P.O. Box 248, Nazareth, TX. 79063 and to Catholic Daughters of America Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 91, Nazareth, TX. 79063.



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DISD Calendar

Thursday, March 9

Houston Livestock Show - All Week!
Baseball: JV @ Bovina Tournament
Softball: Varsity @ Ralls Tournament

Friday, March 10

Baseball: JV @ Bovina Tournament
Baseball: Varsity vs Fritch - Here - 4:30
Softball: Varsity @ Ralls Tournament
Track: Boys & Girls Junior High @ Tulia

Saturday, March 11

Baseball: JV @ Bovina Tournament
Softball: Varsity @ Ralls Tournament
Track: JV, & Varsity Boys & Girls @ Tulia

Monday, March 13

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!

Tuesday, March 14

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!
Baseball: JV & Varsity vs Muleshoe - Here - 4:30

Wednesday, March 15

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK!

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low-interest loans and grants. Our next step is to get it put on Monday's agenda for commissioners."

If the commissioners approve, they will appoint a Rail District Board, which could then get to work on making the district a reality, Collins said.

"We're anxious to move ahead for two reasons," he said. "If we get the former Cargill plant up, the rail line needs to be upgraded. If we're not successful there, this will give us a local mechanism to keep the railroad. We're afraid it could be abandoned or sold off otherwise."

Collins said that the money will come as a loan to be repaid to the city as soon as the district is established and funds are available.

In other council business, Councilman Bill Potts has signed up to run in Place 2. Councilwoman Gloria Hernandez hasn't sign up yet, but said Monday night that she intends to run again in Place 3. Place 4 is vacant after Roger Malone resigned in mid-January. And in Place 1, Councilman Roy Garza said he hasn't made up his mind yet whether he will seek re-election.

"I won't know until March 12," he said Monday. The deadline for signing up to run is 5 p.m., Monday, March 13.

Only specific geographic districts are at stake in the city elections. The at-large elections will be in two more years.

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Schaeffer, who serves as board president, said he has spent a number of years learning the intricacies of the public education system and "I feel that I can further serve this community as we face trying financial times due to the changes pre-

dicted with state funding and due to the loss of a major portion of our local tax base."

He said he has no "specific agenda," except the "continued excellence in the well-rounded education that our school system, our teachers, provide the children of this community."

Kelby Bradley also signed up to run in Place 5.

Also up for election this year is Place 1, where incumbent Robert Woolbright is seeking re-election.

Deadline for signing up to run is 5 p.m. March 13 at the administration building on Halsell.

Cotton Report

Despite a supportive export shipment figure from USDA and the continued drought in Texas, May cotton futures on the New York Board of Trade settled lower Thursday, touching lows not seen since late December.

The trade barely reacted to USDA's export sales report in spite of healthy export shipment figures. Export sales, however, were not as healthy as most had anticipated. The department reported export sales of U.S. cotton totaled 100,900 bales in the week ended Feb. 23. The figure was 63 percent less than the previous week and 75 percent less than the four-week average. Primary buyers were China, Taiwan, Turkey, and Brazil.

At 387,500 bales, export shipments were three percent more than the previous week.

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Bobcats bury Bovina

The Dimmitt Bobcats baseball team is right now a "work in progress," according to coach Jesus Quiroz.

On Saturday, the Bobcats overwhelmed Bovina, 20-3, but have a 2-3 overall record.

"We're still working on trying to get everyone in the right spots," Quiroz "We're not there yet."

One reliable spot is Aaron Herrera, who's been handling the catching duties for two seasons.

But Quiroz has only two of his four pitchers - Kyle Whatley and Tucker Self.

"We have two freshmen pitchers, too, but it's probably to their benefit that they stay at their level and get more innings in pitching," Quiroz said. "With the hitting - you just don't know. On Friday, we couldn't hit the ball, but Saturday, against Bovina, we were swinging the bats."

"On Saturday we put the ball in play and scored a lot of runs. But as a whole, we have a lot of work to do to get better. So far, when we've lost, it's because the other team has had one big inning."



Although the team sports six returning players, they're not all returning to the same positions, so it's going to be a transition for a lot of players, he said.

"I think this team is capable of finding the No. 2 seed in the playoffs, hopefully better," he said. "My biggest concern is our pitching and that's because we're young there. Our only returning pitcher is Kyle (Whatley) and he was a reliever last year. This year he has to be a starter and maybe a reliever. We need to get two more good arms for our rotation."

"We've got some other throwers, but we need two more pitchers."



Photos by Ron Carr

Bobcats top Bovina

Top photo, Nick Ortiz runs to first base during the Bobcats game with Bovina on Saturday. Directly above, Junior Limas tags out the Bovina runner in Saturday's game.

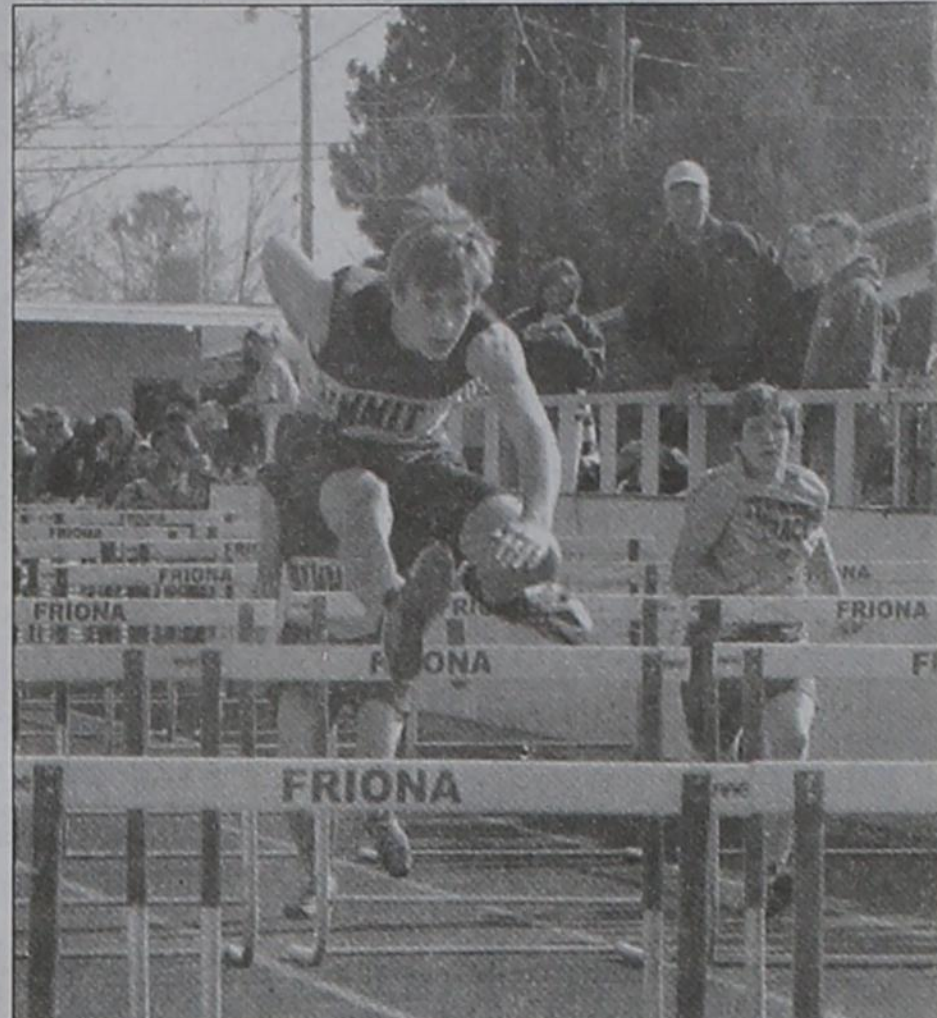


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SAM HAZEL COMPETES at the Friona track meet over the weekend.



Daniel Jackson



Camryn Steffens

Dimmitt lifters compete at Plains

Marcus Perez, Aaron Arcos, and Scott Martinez competed in the Plains High School Invitational Power Lifting Meet on Saturday, Feb. 25. Perez placed second in the 114-pound weight class with a total of 700 pounds. Martinez placed fifth in the 148-pound class with a total of 875. Arcos placed 4th in the 198-pound class with a total of 1,025. The lifters compete in the squat, bench press, and dead lift.

Perez's 700-pound total qualifies him for the regional meet at Brownfield High School on Saturday, March 11.

Bobcat Baseball 2006

Date	Opponent	Place	JV	Varsity
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Mar. 10	Fritch	Home		4:30
Mar. 14	Muleshoe	Home	6:30	4:30
Mar. 16-18	Tulia Tour.	There		TBA
Mar. 21	Friona*	Away	6:30	4:30
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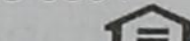


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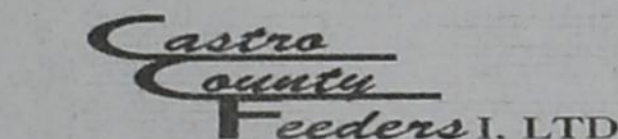
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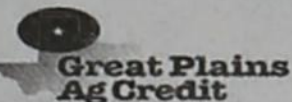
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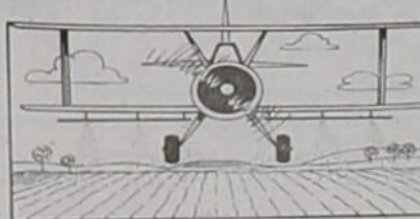
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THE SWIFTS WITH their Bi-State trophy after Saturday's game with Throckmorton.

Swifts headed for State Will meet Lipan on Friday

By DAVIE BROWDER
Managing Editor

Swift fans only thought they sat through a suspense-filled game on Friday as Dustin Schulte hit a 75-footer at the buzzer for the win over Paducah.

But Saturday, in the semi-state game, this time against Throckmorton, the fans had an extra four minutes of suspense, as the Greyhounds took the Swifts to overtime, before Nazareth pulled out the win, 55-50.

This is the same team that fell to Paducah in the Semi-State game last year. This year, senior Jake Hoelting said that Friday's 51-48 win against the Dragons was "redemption."

After Saturday's game, Hoelting said that going to state "is what we've wanted to do ever since we were

little."

On Friday, the Swifts take on Lipan at 9:30 a.m. in Austin. Many of the Lipan players are well-known to Nazareth families, who board Lipan players when they come to play in the Nazareth tournament each year.

On Friday, against Paducah, the Dragons led 13-11 after the first quarter and 28-24 at the half. However, in the third period, Nazareth came out and scored 18 points, including six from Schulte and five from Hoelting, to take a 42-35 lead. But Paducah came out and reeled off nine straight points in the final period to take a two-point lead with 3:50 left in the game. Hoelting then hit a 3-pointer to keep the Swifts in the game as Nazareth went on a six-point run to lead 48-44 with

27 seconds left. A successful free-throw (the Paducah player missed the first one) and then a 3-pointer by Paducah tied the game with a little over two seconds left. Paducah may have been thinking overtime.

The Swifts weren't.

The ball was inbounded to Schulte who heaved it from about mid-way from the Paducah end of the court - the ball slammed against the backboard and then swooshed through the basket. The Nazareth players erupted. The Paducah players were stunned. And the crowd wasn't really sure what to do. Everyone was looking at the officials, who signed that the 3-pointer was in time, which meant that the Swifts were heading for the Saturday game.

Hoelting led the team

with 18 points. Charlie Rundell, who played aggressively at the post, had 14 points and Schulte had 12.

After the Friday game, Schulte said he was "very much surprised," at the way it ended.

Head basketball coach Mike Scarbrough called the 3-pointer an "incredible" shot.

"We were lucky," he said. "Neither team could get anything going offensively. But I think this year we did a lot better job rebounding. I'd like for us to have a little more patience on offense."

Senior Zane Farris said the team had been trying to pressure Paducah.

"We had to keep them from getting in front of us," Farris said. "We had to keep No. 1 from getting inside." And they did. Hemphill had 12 on the night - and was the team's highest scorer - he traditionally scores much oftener.

Seniors Alan Gerber and Charlie Rundell were asked about the winning shot - but both claimed to be "speechless, but happy."

One of the officials said after the game he was amazed at the poise of the team - that with 2.3 seconds left the team had the presence of mind to not only get the ball inbounds, but to get it into the right hands - Schulte's - for the deciding shot.

In Saturday's game, Nazareth led much of the afternoon, taking a 26-20 lead into the half. At the end of the third period, Nazareth still had a two-point lead, but the game had seesawed much of that period. In the fourth quarter, Hoelting hit a two and was fouled. After sinking the free-throw, Nazareth had a 40-35 lead. However, Throckmorton



NAZARETH'S JAKE HOELTING, No. 32, shoots a 3-pointer in the regional tournament held in Levelland at South Plains College.

kept coming back. At 5:37 left in the game, Throckmorton led 41-40 and again at 4:02 the Greyhounds had a one-point edge. With 2:23 left in the game, the Swifts led 46-43. Throckmorton scored, then Farris was fouled. He hit both his freethrows, which left Nazareth with a 3-point lead. However, a 3-pointer from Throckmorton tied the game. And it went into overtime at 48-all.

In the overtime, Nazareth scored the first four point - on a bucket and two free throws by Hoelting, to take a 52-48 lead with 2:32 left in the OT. Nazareth continued to deny Throckmorton as time ticked down. The only score the Greyhounds got was from two free throws, but they failed to hit a basket from the field for the entire period, sending the Swifts to State to meet Lipan.

Hoelting led the team with 20 points, followed by Rundell with 13.

After the Throckmorton game, Hoelting said the team "knew if we'd be patient and run our offense, we'd get into a rhythm. I didn't want to play all these years of basketball and not get to state. I'm very excited."

Scarbrough said his team had played several overtime games during the regular season and won them all.

"It was a tremendous effort on our team's part," he said. "I haven't even digested what happened yesterday (Schulte's winning shot)."

"I thought that Throckmorton kept us off-balance much of the game. But we played good enough defensively and made some plays on offense when we needed to."

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Monday through Friday, March 13-17: Student Holidays

Nazareth ISD

Friday: NO SCHOOL

Monday: Breakfast - Honey Buns, cereal. Lunch - Chicken nuggets, steak fingers, bread, salad, potatoes, pears, peanut butter chews.
Tuesday: Breakfast - Waffles, sausage patties, cereal. Lunch - Pig in a blanket, baked potato, chili, baby carrots, corn, pineapple pudding.

Wednesday: Breakfast - Breakfast Pockets, cereal. Lunch - Barbecue sandwich, hamburgers, potato cubes, lettuce, beans, apricots, cookies.

Thursday: Breakfast - Pancake/sausage on a stick, cereal. Lunch - Chicken spaghetti and rolls, pizza, salad, broccoli, bananas, peach cobbler.

Hart ISD

Friday: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage, cereal. Lunch - Fish sandwich, hamburger on a bun, potato puffs, tossed salad, carrot sticks, dill pickles.

March 13-17: No school

FSA allocates loans for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) allocates a portion of its farm loan program funds specifically for socially disadvantaged applicants (SDA) including minority and women producers.

"FSA farm loans are available to all qualified applicants, but by setting aside funds specifically for minorities and women, the Agency ensures members of these specific groups can receive a portion of available funds - assuming they meet FSA loan eligibility requirements," said Tom Taylor, Farm Loan Manager for Castro County FSA.

may be made for one to seven years with a current interest rate of 4.875 percent, which is subject to change.

"Applicants requesting direct real estate loans should be aware that funding for this program is limited and may require a waiting period before funds are available and applications approved," said Taylor.

FSA guaranteed loans are made by banks or other commercial lenders and are guaranteed by FSA for up to 90 percent of any loss.

The guaranteed loan program includes both operating and real estate loan programs. If a loan applicant is able to obtain financing from a private lender equal to 50 percent or more of the total funds needed to jointly finance the purchase of the farm, the interest rate on the FSA direct loan would be fixed at 5 percent.

SDA loan applicants do not receive automatic approval. Individuals must be U.S. citizens with a satisfactory history of meeting credit obligations, have sufficient education, training or experience managing or operating a farm, possess the legal capacity to incur debt, and be unable to obtain credit through traditional lending means.

"Qualified loan candidates are provided information and assistance to develop sound management practices, analyze problems and utilize available resources essential for successful farming in the ever-changing agricultural environment," said Taylor.

For direct loans made by FSA to purchase a farm the terms may extend to 40 years with a current interest rate of 5.125 percent. Direct operating loans

Where's Chitter?
Can you find him?

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Your Eye Upon a Leprechaun!

Old Irish folklore and stories tell us that the leprechaun has a pot o' gold hidden. It is said to be almost impossible to find a leprechaun as he does not care for human company. If you do spot one, make sure that you keep an eye on the leprechaun while you trick him into showing you his treasure. If you do not, he will surely disappear!

I'm going to eat my share of corned beef and cabbage!

Northern Ireland

Ireland

Hi everyone! I have have traveled to Ireland to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day! I came here to swim around the Emerald Isle to try to spot a leprechaun. I haven't seen one yet. Do you see any?

We're three leaf clovers. We are part of the shamrock family. It is said that if you can find one of my relatives with four leaves, that you will have good luck. Can you find one?

I'm feeling lucky today!

Use the alphabet code below to fill in the blanks and see the answer to the riddle.

Where does the leprechaun go when spring rains make the ground soggy?

9 14 8 9 19 13 21 19 8 18 15 15 13

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Every good gardener knows that a shamrock is a plant that has leaves with three small leaflets. Every good leprechaun grows and takes care of his own patch of this green symbol of Ireland. But, the shy leprechaun below has a special "green thumb."

Connect the dots to see what treasure he keeps in his pot on top of the gold.

A Green Thumb

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Music to My Ears!

Irish jigs and reels are an important part of Irish celebrations. Flat, goatskin drums called bodhrans and drumsticks called bones are used by drummers. Reed pipes are played by pipers. At one time, the music of harps was the favorite sound in Ireland.

Follow the color key to color in this puzzle to see what fiddlers play:

Use this Color Key:
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Castro County Classifieds

Real Estate Homes & Land

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NICE-3/1 living, kitchen, utility, single garage. Two lots.
3/2/2 living, kitchen, utility, storage building, cellar, fenced yard. 20' X 30' shop. Nice.
BEAUTIFUL HOME-3/2.75/2, den, living room, remodeled kitchen with new appliances, utility, storage building, basement, circle drive.
2 acres-3/2 den, living, kitchen, sun room, basement, single garage, two storage bldgs.. Building two rooms with bath.
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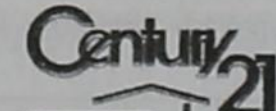
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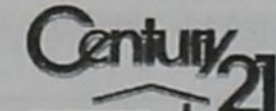
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