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By Don Nelson

Verbie and I had known for several months that our mama-cat, Rainbow, was dying.

She developed mammary tumors during the winter, and they turned out to be not only malignant, but "highly invasive," which meant the cancer would spread rapidly to other parts of her body.

She came into our family by accident, as a half-grown kitten, almost 17 years ago. Someone evidently had dropped her off in town, and she started hanging around our house. But we already had a half-grown kitten, so every time I saw her I'd chase her off.

She was the ugliest excuse for a kitten I had ever seen. She had a big black nose-patch, a white blaze on her forehead, a black patch over her left eye and an orange patch over the right one, a black patch over her neck, a white Hampshire-type shoulder ring, black and orange patches running together on her back and tail, and a white chin, belly and legs. She looked like she had been dropped while she was still being stirred.

(I didn't know anything then about calico cats.)

One cold afternoon the fire siren sounded, and I ran to the car. When I started the engine, I heard a *thump-thump*, and then *yeow! yeow! yeow!* Then this kitten hit the driveway running, and disappeared around the corner of the house.

When I lifted the hood, I saw a lot of cat hair and a belt thrown off. I missed the fire.

When I told Verbie about it, she couldn't stand the idea of an injured, stray kitten out in the cold. She went out and fetched the frightened animal from the flower bed.

The kitten had lost only a patch of shoulder skin. But she had found a home.

Shortly afterward, our other young cat, Creampuff, was run over by a car in front of the house. We were a one-cat family again.

When you live on a highway, you get tired of your pets becoming traffic statistics. So we set about making the back yard a cat haven. I secured all the gates; we planted more trees and bushes; and when Dave and I built Verbie a grape arbor for her birthday that summer, we added a cat-ladder so Rain-

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County attorney wants to hire investigator



UNVEILING THE MONUMENT—Italian former Prisoners of War Armando Boscolo (left) and Valentino Barillaro (right) unveil the monument designating the POW Chapel in Castro County as an official Texas Historic Landmark. A waiver of the 50-year waiting period for landmark distinction

was granted so that the POWs could attend the ceremony while many of them are still able to travel. The unveiling ceremony was held Saturday afternoon with about 200 people attending, including 44 Italians. See related photos on Page 7B, and related story on Page 11. Photo By Linda Maxwell

County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews requested that the County Commissioners' Court consider adjusting next year's budget to allow hiring a criminal investigator to work with his office.

Matthews made the request at the Monday meeting of the Commissioners' Court. He said that some grant funds might be available to help pay the salary of an investigator, but the county would have to approve setting up the position and applying for the grant.

He said that some of the grants available are renewed annually and others are renewed on a declining share basis. For instance the first year, the grant would pay all of the salary for an investigator, and the next year, the grant would pay 80% with the county paying 20%.

Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson asked what would happen if a grant could not be obtained. Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos asked whether two counties could share the same investigator.

"Normally, there is one per county," Matthews said. "They would not only work on criminal investigation, but they also would be able to handle hot check cases."

Sheriff CD Fitzgearld agreed that Matthews "has his hands full" and could use some help.

Robertson said, "It's not a bad idea, but we need to find out what money is available first."

County Judge Polly Simpson said the expense would have to be considered when the commissioners work on the budget for next year.

Matthews said that was why he was bringing it up now, and because he needed to have county

support to apply for grant funding.

The commissioners told him to find out all he can about it and report back to them.

County Extension Agent J.D. Ragland asked the commissioners to consider an allowance for purchase of new computers in the Extension office. He said the order for the computers would have to be turned in soon in order to get one. He estimated the cost at \$1,900 for an upgrade in hardware, including a laser printer and expanded E-mail capacity. No action was taken on the request.

A line-item transfer for Precinct 1 was approved by the commissioners. County Auditor Maretta Smithson said that Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith needed more money in his budget category for vehicle maintenance and repairs. She suggested moving \$30,000 from capital outlay to maintenance.

Smith's bills for this month included repair bills for his motor graders, including one for \$11,730.48 and another for \$3,201. Those amounts would have put him over budget in that category.

Smith had also requested line-item transfers for road and bridge materials and part-time labor, but those transfers were denied by the other commissioners.

In approving the bills, a \$120 expenditure for membership dues in the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for the Sheriff's Dept. was denied.

The commissioners voted to accept the bid of Value Line for providing long distance service for the county. Smithson said there was not much difference between the bids submitted by Value Line and

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Italian visitors well received

The 44 Italians who visited here over the weekend were joined by more than 200 others in their activities connected with the World War II POW camp that had been located in northern Castro County.

Local events began Saturday with the unveiling of the Historic Landmark Distinction Medallion at the POW Chapel in ceremonies at 2 p.m. The Italians arrived in a chartered bus from Amarillo. They were joined by local citizens and by members of the Panhandle Chapter of American Ex-POWs.

Of the Italians, 23 were former prisoners of war, having been held either at the Hereford camp or other camps in the US or in camps elsewhere across the globe. They were joined by friends and family members.

The Texas Historical Commission, at the urging of the Castro County Historical Commission, granted a waiver of the requirement that a structure be at least 50 years old before gaining landmark status. (The official date would have been 1995.) For many of the Italians this

may have been their last chance to visit, due to failing health.

The wording on the interpretive plate with the medallion says, "This chapel is one of the few physical reminders of the days this site served as an Italian prisoner of war camp during World War II. The prisoners, several of them fine artisans and craftsmen, designed and built the chapel, crafting the concrete building to resemble marble. Completed in 1945, the chapel stands as a memorial to the five Italians who died while interned at

the camp. A restoration project, begun in 1987, was completed in 1989.

— Recorded Texas Historic Landmark—1992."

The monument holding the medallion and plate was made by South Plains Monument.

Unveiling the marker were two former POWs, Armando Boscolo and Valentino Barillaro. The marker was read in Italian by Piero Marzi and in English by Fernando Togni, both former POWs.

In a speech at the ceremony,

Barillaro said, "What happened to you and to us is a marvelous thing because when we come back here, we don't feel like we are coming back to a camp where we suffered, but we find friends that kiss us and hug us."

The raising of the US and Italian flags was performed by Dimmitt Boy Scout Troop 266 led by Jackie Roberts. Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and former Hereford Mayor Wes Fisher both gave welcoming speeches, along with local histori-

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Barrett resigns as DISD superintendent

DISD Supt. Bob Barrett tendered his resignation at the Monday night meeting of the brand new Dimmitt School Board.

He will take over as the superintendent of the Anahuac (pronounced Anna-wack) schools as of July 1. Anahuac is a medium to large AAA school located about 45 miles east of Houston on the Gulf Coast of Texas.

"I feel it is in the best interests of DISD and myself that the decision

to resign is made at this time," Barrett said in a prepared statement. "This will give the board of education an opportunity to start their tenure with a superintendent that they choose. Also, it will give me the opportunity to grow professionally."

The move will represent a substantial increase in salary for Barrett.

"It has not been an easy decision," Barrett said. "I know my

family has really enjoyed it here and so have I. (My son) Luke has made lots of friends. He fit right in from the beginning. My wife (Eva) loves her job and had chosen to stay in the field of special education, instead of taking another assignment when she had the opportunity.

"We have enjoyed the people we have known at church, at school and in the town, and we have made many friends," Barrett said.

Asked if his decision was made in anticipation of possible difficulties in adjusting to a nearly all-new school board, Barrett replied, "Maybe not difficulties, but I think the situation is problematic."

"When it became apparent that we would have to elect the entire board at one time, it caused me substantial concern."

"In speaking with other districts across the state that have gone through this situation and had a

significant or complete board turnover, there seemed to be a lot of pulling in different directions. That tended to create an unstable environment for the schools."

"After speaking to some of the individuals involved in these situations, it seemed that the situation always settled down after they had to come to a consensus or decision over a major issue — usually replacing the superintendent."

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STATE'S BEST CLUB PROJECT at the Texas high school industrial arts contest last weekend in Waco was this 1928 American La France fire engine owned by the Oasis Shriners and restored by a four-man team in the Dimmitt High School

Industrial Arts Club. On running board are Scott Hicks (left) and Greg Lay, holding the "Best in Show" trophy plaque. In the driver's seat is Brian Conyers. The fourth member of the restoration team was Eric Kinser. Photo by Don Nelson

Dimmitt project 'best at state'

Dimmitt High School's Technology students did it again.

The club project of the restoration of a 1928 American La France fire truck was named the outstanding project of the whole Texas State Technology students contest in Waco Friday and Saturday. The project also won a first place and best in division rating.

Two Dimmitt students won best in division honors on their individual projects, and were among the eight Dimmitt students who won blue ribbons. Nine students qualified to attend the National Technology Students Association convention, which will be held in Nashville, Tenn. in June. Best in division honors and blue

ribbons went to Chris Paxton in metalworking with the trailer he made and to Abel Vargas in power and transportation with his 350 Chevrolet engine.

Other first place winners were Woodworking I students Rachel Rivera, who built a night stand, and Susie Ramirez, who built a bed; and Woodworking II students Kyle Joiner, coffee table, Amy Chambliss, bed, Ventura Ibarra, china cabinet, and Lorena Silva, curio cabinet.

Safety poster winners who will advance to national are Crystal Rodriguez and Sonia Oltivero, who both won second place honors, and Alma Moctezuma, who won third.

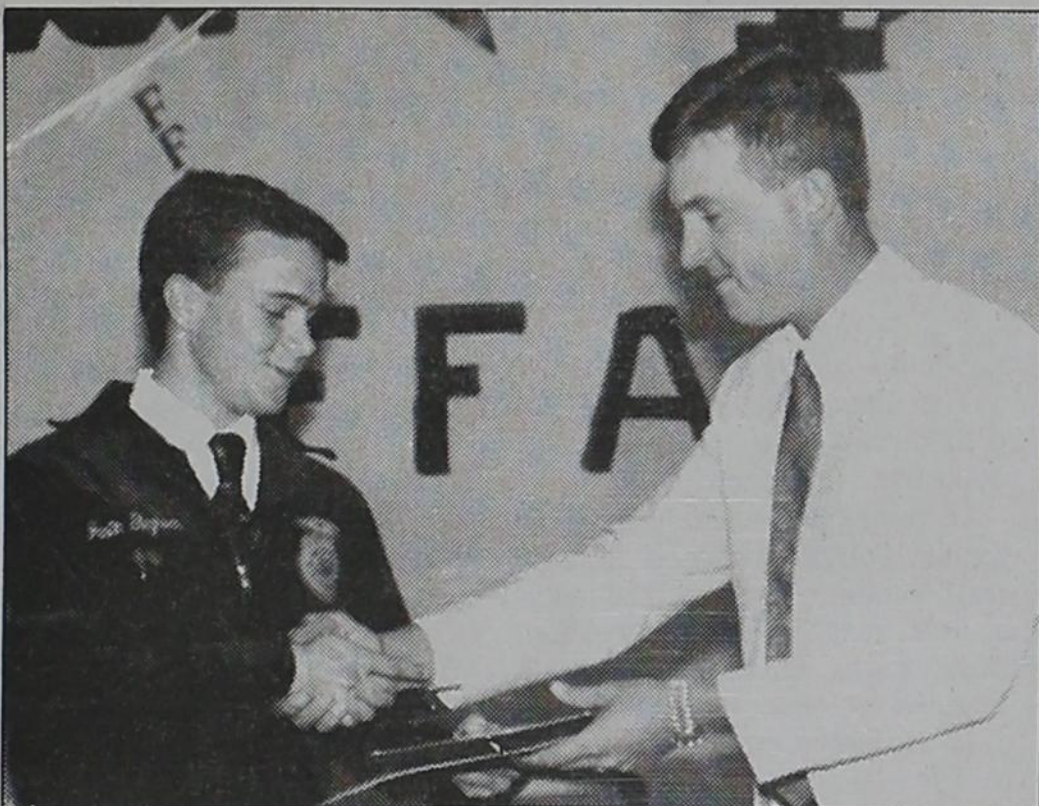
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DIMMITT F.F.A. ROYALTY for the 1992-93 school year, announced at the chapter's annual Parent and Member Banquet last Thursday night, are Jill Gfeller (left), Plowgirl, and Carla Petty, Chapter Sweetheart. They were announced by Chapter President Brady Nelson and presented with corsages by this year's Sweetheart, Haylie Wall. *Photo by Don Nelson*



'THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT'—Winners of the Dimmitt FFA's "Top Dollar Award" for being the highest bidder at the chapter's annual Slave Auction this year was Rafter 3 Feedyard, Inc. Here, Dustan Buckley (left) presents a custom-made appreciation plaque to Andy Rogers and Mike Baca (right) of Rafter 3 during the chapter's annual Parent and Member Banquet last Thursday night at the Expo Building. *Photo by Don Nelson*



STAR CHAPTER FARMER of the Dimmitt FFA this year is Justin Gleghorn (left), who was presented a plaque by Greg Odom of the Dimmitt Young Farmers during the annual FFA Parent and Member Banquet last Thursday night in the Expo Building. "There were five candidates who could have won this award in most other chapters," Odom commented. He commended Gleghorn for his overall work in FFA projects and especially for his success in livestock raising and exhibiting this year. *Photo by Don Nelson*

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City-wide garage sale set June 5

If you have a lot of used items you are ready to sell, Dimmitt's City-Wide Garage Sale Day will be a good time to market those belongings.

The sixth annual event will be held on June 5, and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is finalizing plans now.

The sale has drawn many out-of-town people in the past years, and organizers hope this year's effort will do the same.

"One gentleman from Corpus Christi called to find out when the garage sale day was, and said he is bringing his travel van to Dimmitt to attend the sales," said Delores Heller, Chamber of Commerce executive director.

Business, individuals and organizations are expected to hold "garage sales" on June 5.

For a \$10 fee, your sale will be listed on a map and it will be publicized throughout the area. Businesses may advertise a special on the map for \$20 (in a "business card-sized spot"). Deadline for being listed on the map is June 2.

The maps will be handed out at the intersection of Highways 86 and 385 on the morning of the sale.

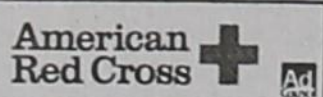
Participants in the sale will be given a yard sign.

Spaces are available for rent on the courthouse square for \$15, and the Chamber will rent these to individuals or groups.

A Salvation Army truck will be parked at the square at 4 p.m. on June 5 and you may donate any times that do not sell. If clothes and small items are to be donated, Salvation Army officials request that those items be boxed.

For more information about the day or to reserve a spot on the map, contact Heller at the Chamber of Commerce office, 647-2524.

How's your First Aid?



FFA honors members for top achievements

Chad Rogers was named the Star Greenhand out of nine candidates, Phil Thrasher was selected as Star Agri-Businessman and Justin Gleghorn was named Star Chapter Farmer at the Dimmitt FFA Banquet last Thursday night.

The barbecued dinner and awards program was held at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt and several FFA members and supporters were recognized.

The DeKalb Award, which recognizes scholarship and leadership in vocational-agricultural projects was presented to Brady Nelson.

Dean Kirby and Anthony Mays were recipients of the Handy Man Awards "for their help at the ag farm."

Rafter 3 Feedyard, represented by Andy Rogers, Mike Baca and Gene Bradley, was honored with the Top Dollar Award.

Winners of the scholastic awards (highest grade point averages) were freshman Chad Ellis, sophomore Adrian Sanchez, junior Stace McDaniell and senior Shad McDaniell.

Cory Mays was presented the Workhorse Award.

Honorary Chapter Farmers were Andy Rogers and James Simpson "for their active assistance" with FFA projects.

Dr. W.J. Hill was honored as Honorary State Farmer and he was presented an award by Chad Jennings.

The Distinguished Service Awards, presented to individuals for their assistance with chapter activities, were given to Mike Baca, Gene Bradley, Les Davis, Kevin Kelly, Greg Odom, Chas Summers, Don Moore, Donnie Nelson, Vic Nelson, Dana Nelson, R.L. Stockstill, Avery Thrasher and Rita McDaniell.

The FFA Sweetheart and Plowgirl, Carla Petty and Jill Gfeller, respectively, were honored.

Jennings outlined the chapter's accomplishments during the year and said that 125 animals made the bonus auctions, and that resulted in \$100,000 in earnings by members

from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show through the Houston Livestock Show.

Proficiency awards were presented to the following: Brian Simpson, swine; Michael Ellison, ag electrification; Ventura Rivera and Frank Rivera; Shad McDaniell, ag mechanics; Faustino Moira, fruit and vegetable production; Brady Nelson, extemporaneous speaking; Adrian Sanchez, turf and landscape; Chad Jennings, home and farm improvement; Cory Lust, volunteerism; Jill Gfeller, beef production; John Fuller, horse proficiency; Brian Simpson, forage crop production; Jill Gfeller, diversified livestock production; Amy Fuller, sheep production; Brian Simpson, fiber crop production; Brady Nelson, feed grain production and soil and water management; Dustan Buckley, cereal grain production; Brian Simp-

son, diversified crop production; Chad Jennings, outdoor recreation; Drew Jennings, wildlife management; Cody Fry, ag processing; Max Moore, lawn and nursery operation; and Shad McDaniell, ag sales and service.

The outgoing officers were recognized including Brady Nelson, president; Justin Gleghorn, vice president; John Fuller secretary; Stace McDaniell, treasurer; Carla Petty, reporter; Cory Mays, sentinel; Greg Lay, parliamentarian; Haylie Wall, FFA Sweetheart; and FFA Plow Girl, Jill Gfeller.

The new officers were introduced, including Stace McDaniell, president; John Fuller, vice president; Carla Petty, secretary; Jill Gfeller, treasurer; Chad Jennings, reporter; Dustan Buckley, sentinel; and Amy Fuller, parliamentarian.

Sheriffs' Assoc. seeking members

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld has announced that citizens who would like to join law enforcement officials in the fight against crime now have a way to show their support for that fight.

Fitzgearld is asking those citizens to become associate members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas. The association is 116 years old, a professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas.

Residents of Castro County may receive membership applications in the mail. Joining the association is voluntary, and Fitzgearld encourages as many as possible to join.

"It is difficult to get an application to everyone who might want to join," Fitzgearld said. "Anyone who does not receive an application by mail may come to the sheriff's office in the courthouse or send your name, address and check (\$20 for individual membership) to the

Sheriffs' Association of Texas, P.O. Box 4488, Austin, 78765-4488.

The dues are used to upgrade, professionalize and train sheriffs and other enforcement officers to protect the men, women and children of Texas. All associate members will receive a wallet membership card, two window decals, a subscription to the quarterly publication, *The Texas Lawman*, and \$1,000 accidental death and dismemberment insurance.

"I hope that all law-abiding citizens of Castro County will join me in the fight for good law enforcement by joining the association," Fitzgearld concluded.



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DHS Choir plans dinner theater

The Dimmitt High School Choir will hold its annual dinner theater tonight (Thursday) at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria.

The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by the show at 7:30 p.m.

Financial aid workshop set

A workshop geared toward helping students decide on careers and obtain financial aid for college will be held Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The program will be sponsored by League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and it will be directed by Marie Maestas, career education manager of the Students Training and Retraining program of Amarillo College.

The workshop is for high school juniors and seniors and anyone else interested (especially parents). Everyone is invited to attend the bilingual program.

For more information, call 647-4571 after 4 p.m.



UIL ACADEMIC PARTICIPANTS from Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School are (front, from left) third grade story tellers Raul Casas III, Dana Gonzales, and Rae Odom; (second row, from left) ready writing team Joanna Olson, Ryan Hays, Jose Garcia, and Kelsey Welch, who placed third; (third row, from left) second grade storytel-

lers Chance Cox, who won sixth place, Jill Merritt, Caitlin Buckley, who won second, and Ramey Rice; and (back, from left) third grade spelling team Benny Pompa, who won fourth, Sally Stahl, Sharla Kenworthy, who won fifth place, and Jason Harris. Photo By Linda Maxwell

Nazareth awarded grant; will drill new water well

The city of Nazareth will have a new water well soon, thanks to a \$250,000 grant it received from the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs.

The grant is the culmination of four years of work by city officials, according to Nazareth Mayor Ralph Brockman.

"We started working on obtaining the grant four years ago," Brockman said. "We received one grant for \$180,000 in 1991 and with that we built a supply tank,

added a chlorinator and lines. With this second grant we'll drill a new well."

Brockman said the new well will be drilled approximately five miles south of the city.

"We need more water, and we have to go south to find it," he said.

Consultants and engineers have been contacted and asked to submit bids for the project, and Brockman says "as soon as all the paperwork is completed, we'll drill."

He added that the city will have to borrow some money — about \$60,000 to \$70,000 — to make up the cost difference in what the grant won't cover.

Nazareth's grant is one of 189 grants which were awarded to cities and counties throughout Texas last week from the Texas Community Development Program.

"This program provides local governments with the funds necessary to make much needed community improvements," said Gov. Ann Richards.

The Texas Community Development Program provides cities with under 50,000 in population and counties under 200,000 in population, with financial assistance for public works, housing, economic development and planning. Each year, Texas receives an allocation of funds from the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to principally assist persons of low and moderate income. The funds are distributed by the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs through five funding categories to meet the diverse needs of the citizens of Texas.

Awards are the result of annual competitions in the Community Development Fund, Planning/Capacity Building Fund and Colonia Fund. The last two funding categories, the Texas Capital Fund and Disaster Relief/Urgent Need Fund, distribute funds on a continual basis.

Community Development Fund awards are selected through a shared scoring system between Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs and the Regional Review Committees. There are 24 Regional Review Committees comprised of 12 local elected officials appointed by the governor. The funding recommendations are then reviewed and approved by the State Community Development Review Committee.

Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs received 512 requests for funding under the Community Development Fund and 147 grants will be awarded to communities in 23 of the 24 State Planning Regions. The Community Development fund provides assistance for public facility improvements such as sewer or water improvements, roads and drainage.

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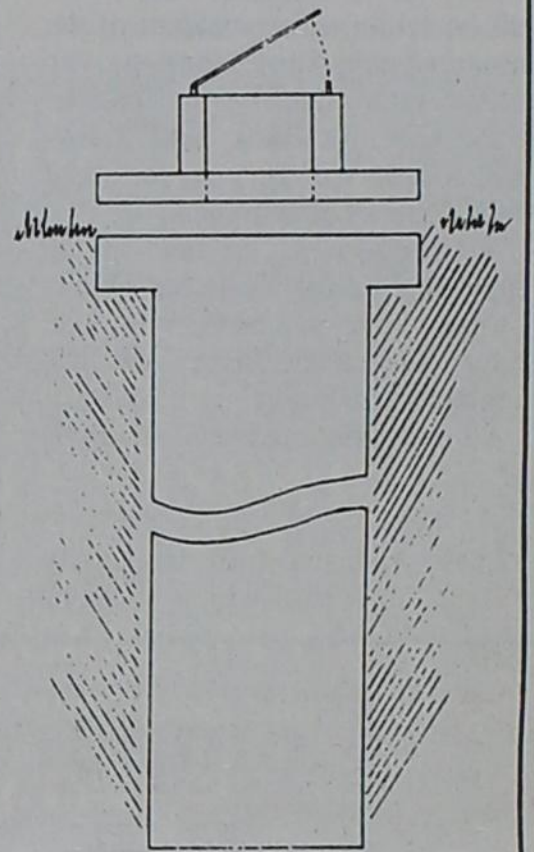
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- the value placed on your property
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the cancellation of an agricultural appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- any action taken by the appraisal district that adversely affected you.

Informal Review
(Insert description of appraisal district's informal review process, if any, then give name and telephone number of person taxpayer should contact.)

Review by the Appraisal Review Board
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at (Insert address.)

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More information
You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number.) You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at 4301 Westbank Drive, Building B, Suite 100, Austin, Texas 78746-6565.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

The deadline for protest is June 7, 1993

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

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First State Bank of Dimmitt names new vice presidents

Ray Bain, president and chief executive officer of the First State Bank of Dimmitt, announced this week that three new officers will join the bank's Dimmitt and Earth branches.

They are V. Kenneth Shaw, who will be senior vice president of the Dimmitt bank; Tony Gorman, who will be vice president and cashier of the Dimmitt Bank; and Randy Jordan, who will be vice president of the bank's Earth branch.

A reception will be held in the lobby of the First State Bank Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. to introduce Shaw, Gorman and Jordan and their families to the public.

All interested persons are invited.

Shaw graduated from University of Texas at Austin with a bachelor

of business administration degree. Before accepting the position in Dimmitt, he worked for Texas Commerce Bank of Irving since 1981, and was vice president and market manager for the Community Banking Group. He managed loan portfolio and business development efforts of six commercial loan officers, including the development of a business call/tracking program to monitor progress. He also managed a commitment commercial, real estate, Small Business Administration and limited agricultural loan portfolio; among other duties.

He also has worked for Texas Commerce Bank - Las Colinas of Irving, Texas Commerce Bank - Northwest in Dallas, and Dial Financial Corp. of Austin and Midland.

Shaw is active in community

affairs, having been a member of the Irving Rotary Club and serving on the board of directors of the Infant Intervention Center of Irving and the Irving YMCA.

He was born in San Angelo and attended schools in Robstown, Port Lavaca and Denton. He graduated from high school in Denton.

He and his wife, Cheryl have a seven-month-old son.

Gorman, the new vice president and cashier, comes to Dimmitt from Fort Worth, where he had served as assistant vice president and manager of electronic banking services at Team Bank. In his position he had statewide responsibility for information reporting, controlled disbursement, cash concentration and merchant credit card services.

He holds a bachelor of business administration degree, graduating from West Texas State University in Canyon in 1975. He played football under Gene Mayfield.

Gorman grew up in Hereford and lived in the Panhandle area for many years.

His employment experience also includes stints with the Texas Commerce Banks in Amarillo, Irving and Dallas; and with Allstate Insurance Co.

He and his wife, Debbie, have a son, Zackery.

Jordan is a native of West Texas, having grown up in Floydada and Wolfforth. He graduated from Pampa High School and he received a bachelor of science degree in animal science from West Texas State University.

After serving as a county Extension Agent in Cooke County and Stephens County, he began his banking career in 1987 at Citizens National Bank in Breckenridge as vice president. He was named president of First National Bank in Olney and was serving in that capacity when he applied for the job as vice president of First State Bank's Earth branch.

He has completed courses through the Texas Tech School of Banking, Intermediate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University and AIB and BAI courses.

Jordan is a bank representative to Independent Bankers Association of Texas and has won numerous other honors and awards.

While in Olney, Jordan was active in several civic and community organizations and projects including serving as president of the Olney Board of Industry and Commerce and Olney Rotary Club; director of Olney Industrial Development corp.; chairman of the Hamilton Hospital Advisory Board; director and coach of Olney Little League; director of Olney Chapter of the Salvation Army; chairman of Young County Junior Livestock Show Association; club manager of Olney 4-H Club; and president of Olney Friends of FFA Booster Club and Olney Athletic Booster Club.

He is married to the former Mickey Logan of Sudan and the couple has two children — Todd, 14; and Joshua, 11.

New wheat grading device to be shown at area ag day

A new device to test and grade wheat at grain elevators will be on display at the 1993 Ag Day program in Chillicothe Wednesday.

Scientists with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station say the tester may have a major impact on wheat growers of Texas and Oklahoma.

Other highlights planned at the field day will be seminars on specialty crops and agricultural enterprises for the Texoma area, tours of research plots, displays and continuing education unit training for pesticide applicator certification.

The program will begin at 9 a.m. at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station facility near Chillicothe (from Chillicothe, travel south on FM 91 until it intersects with FM 392, then continue south for about a mile on FM 392).

The wheat hardness tester has been under development by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Wheat Quality Laboratory, explained Dr. David Worrall, TAEX wheat breeder at the Vernon-Chillicothe Station. Previous systems for classing wheat have been inconsistent under some circumstances, such as with loads having a mixture of varieties possessing different characteristics, said Worrall.

The new device uses pressure to crush wheat grains and classify hardness. It will be explained by Dr. Timothy Herman of Kansas State University, Extension Service state leader for grain science and industry.

A concern for Texas and Oklahoma growers is how varieties popularly grown in this area will fare with the hardness tester.

"In this area, Chisholm is a big variety," Worrall said.

Developed in Oklahoma, Chisholm often tests out as a soft red winter wheat, although it has the baking qualities of the more desira-

ble hard, red winter wheats and is generally classed and marketed as hard wheat.

"If it gets labeled as soft, area growers will take a considerable dock in price," Worrall said.

Concurrent seminars at the Ag Day will focus on vegetable and melon production, organic and naturally-colored cottons and the raising of emus and ostriches. Tours of the research plots will highlight wheat varieties, a computerized tractor and drought-resistance.

Speaker for the sponsored lunch will be Dr. Jerry Parsons of San

Antonio, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Displays will include farm and ranch software, computer applications to agriculture, pasture aerator, certified seed, and educational programs of the Santa Rosa Cattlewomen.

The ag day program is being sponsored by the Agricultural Experiment Station and Extension Services of Texas and Oklahoma and a committee of agribusiness leaders in the Texas Rolling Plains and neighboring counties in Oklahoma.

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4-H Council plans meeting

Any county 4-H'er who is interested in running for an office on the South Plains 4-H Council should attend a council meeting on Saturday.

The South Plains Council will hold a meeting in conjunction with District Roundup on Saturday. The meeting will begin at 11 a.m. in the Blue Room at South Plains College in Levelland. New officers will be elected during the meeting.

The South Plains Leaders Association will hold a meeting that day from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gold room at South Plains College. New officers for the association will be elected and outstanding leaders from each county will be recognized.

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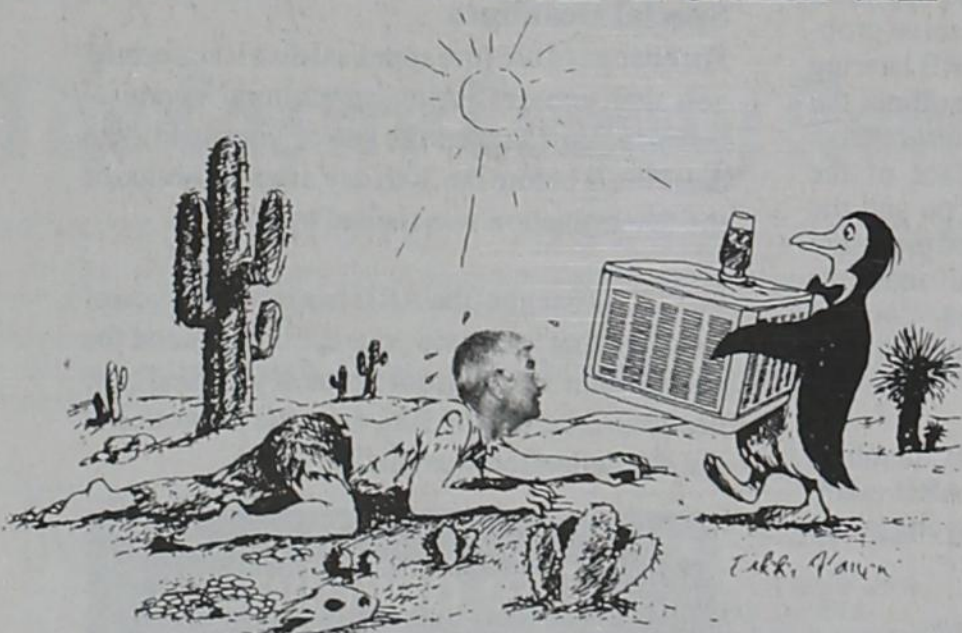
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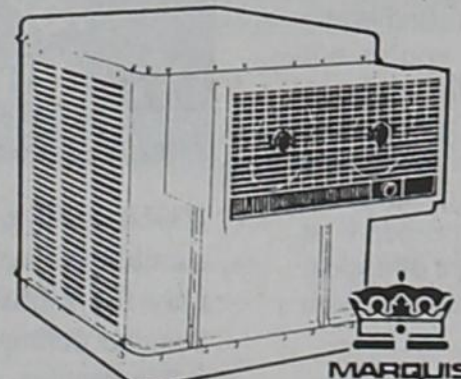
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Cotton Talks



The 1993 Upland Cotton schedule of accounts and premiums used to determine Commodity Credit Corp. loan prices brings a whole new meaning to the phrase "the good, the bad and the ugly."

The good news for producers according to Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. of Lubbock, is that a close examination of the new schedule reveals far more good news than bad.

For the High Plains, the majority of the good news results directly from the work done over the past few years by PCG and Cotton Incorporated's Barky Cotton Task Force, according to PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson.

The result of this cooperative effort is a new loan schedule that promises anywhere from three to slightly more than \$7 per bale in additional loan value on the grades most commonly grown here on the High Plains: Strict Low Middling (SLM), color grade 41; SLM Light Spotted, color grade 42; and Low Middling (LM), Light spotted, color grade 52. Loan values are based on average staple length of 33 or 1-1/32 inch.

The 1993 loan schedule promises to add as much as \$20 to \$25 million to the value of the area's cotton crop through increased loan prices.

fixed discount rate for Level One and Level Two bark had to be established. Unfortunately, the Level One bark discount is higher than the difference between most of the Middling (31) and better grades.

The High Plains, on average, has less than 15% of its total crop receive a grade 31 or better. By far, the bulk is in the 41 to 51 and 42 to 52 range. Work will continue to move the bark discounts even closer to the value research has shown the market actually places on bark.

For the Texas-Oklahoma region, Level One bark will require a 250-

point discount. Level Two bark was assigned a 600-point discount. The Level Two discount may seem severe; however, historically Level Two or a two grade reduction under the old system, will affect less than 1% of each year's crop and only reach a maximum of around 3% in a heavy bark year. A quick look at the 1992 loan schedule shows that a two grade reduction from grades 41 and 42 averaged more than 900 points, 300 more than the 600-point Level Two reduction for 1993. A 100-point discount is equivalent to one cent per pound.



UIL ACADEMIC WINNERS from Dimmitt Middle School are (front, from left) first place winners Kami Hand, Lillian Stewart, and Mindi Ethridge; (middle, from left) second place winners, Tracy

Grand, Nathan Killough, Michaele Bell, Andrew Teaschner, and Christina Fierro; and (back, from left) third place winners, Maria Garcia and Colby McDaniel.

Photo By Linda Maxwell

Crop scouting principles to be taught at workshop

Training of scouts who survey crops to assess pest infestations in integrated pest management programs across the area will be held in Plainview June 1.

The workshop will be held at the Ollie Liner Ag Center on South US Highway 87, and it is open to summer scouts of private consultants and aerial applicators as well as farmers who scout their own fields.

It will be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and training will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The course has been accredited by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for five continuing education units toward recertification requirements for private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators.

This year's workshop will provide instruction on scouting cotton and grains, identification of plant disease and nutrient deficiency symptoms, use of herbicides and safe handling of pesticides, said Dr. James F. Leser, Extension Service

Entomologist at Lubbock.

One of the topics on the program, "Pesticide Safety" will be given by Andy Williams of Dimmitt, pest management agent for Castro and Lamb counties.

Integrated pest management is a coordinated approach to management decisions based on pest infestation levels and economic thresholds. The goal of integrated pest management is to effectively control weeds, insects and diseases and maximize net profit while creating minimal harm to the crop or environment.

Scouts examine fields in a systematic pattern at regular intervals each week. Producer treatments for pests are based on economic threat to the crop, presence of beneficial insects which are enemies of the pests, and proper timing of pesticide applications for maximum returns with the lowest chemical input.

Topics for the workshop and the

instructors, all of whom are Extension Service specialists or pest management agents are "Principles of Integrated Pest Management and Sampling" by Greg Cronholm of Plainview, pest management agent for Hale and Swisher Counties; "Cotton Growth and Development" by Dr. Kater Hake of Lubbock, agronomist and cotton specialist; "Thrips, Fleahoppers and Aphids," Tommy Doederlein of Lamesa, pest management agent from Dawson and Lynn Counties; "Bollworms, Loopers and Armyworms" by Mark Logan of Snyder, pest management agent at Scurry County; "Beneficials" by David Kostraun of Crosbyton, Crosby County pest management agent; "Major Diseases and Symptoms" by Dr. Harold Kaufman of Lubbock, plant pathologist; "Plant Nutrient Deficiency Symptoms" by Dr. Michael Hickey of Lubbock, soil chemist; "Herbicide Injury and Common Weeds" by Dr. Petery Dotray of Lubbock, weed scientist; "Corn and Sorghum Growth and Development" by Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo, agronomist; "Sorghum Pests" by Dr. Pat Morrison of Lubbock, entomologist; and "Corn Pests" by Brant Baugh of Farwell, Parmer County pest management agent.

Additional information about the workshop is available at the county Extension office.

Nicole Kleman places third at state meet

Nicole Kleman of Nazareth snared a bronze medal in the University Interscholastic League (UIL) state academic meet this week.

Kleman was one of three Nazareth students who competed in the state meet, and she placed third in Feature Writing.

Jill Pohlmeier competed in News Writing and Scott Brockman was a competitor in Editorial Writing, but neither placed.

Kleman, who was making her second straight appearance at the state Feature Writing contest, conducted a 30-minute interview with Russell Todd, journalism director at the University of Texas. From that interview she compiled a feature story about his life, travels around the world and time spent working for the *Wall Street Journal*.

"Nicole did a good job and we're thrilled that she brought home a medal," said Nazareth Journalism Instructor Brenda Schulte. "The story wasn't one of her better efforts, but it was good enough to place."

Kleman and Pohlmeier are seniors at NHS and Brockman is a sophomore.



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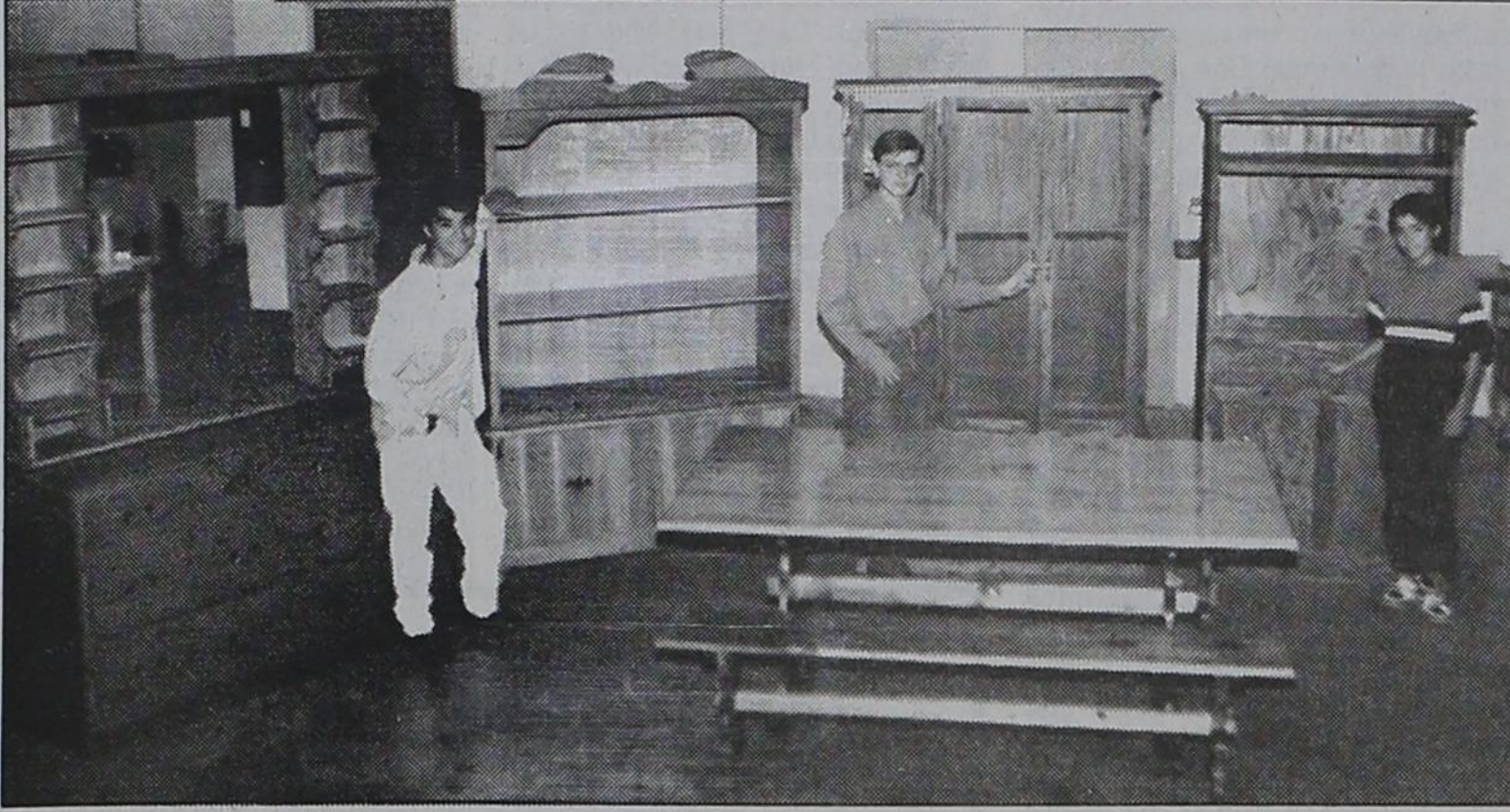
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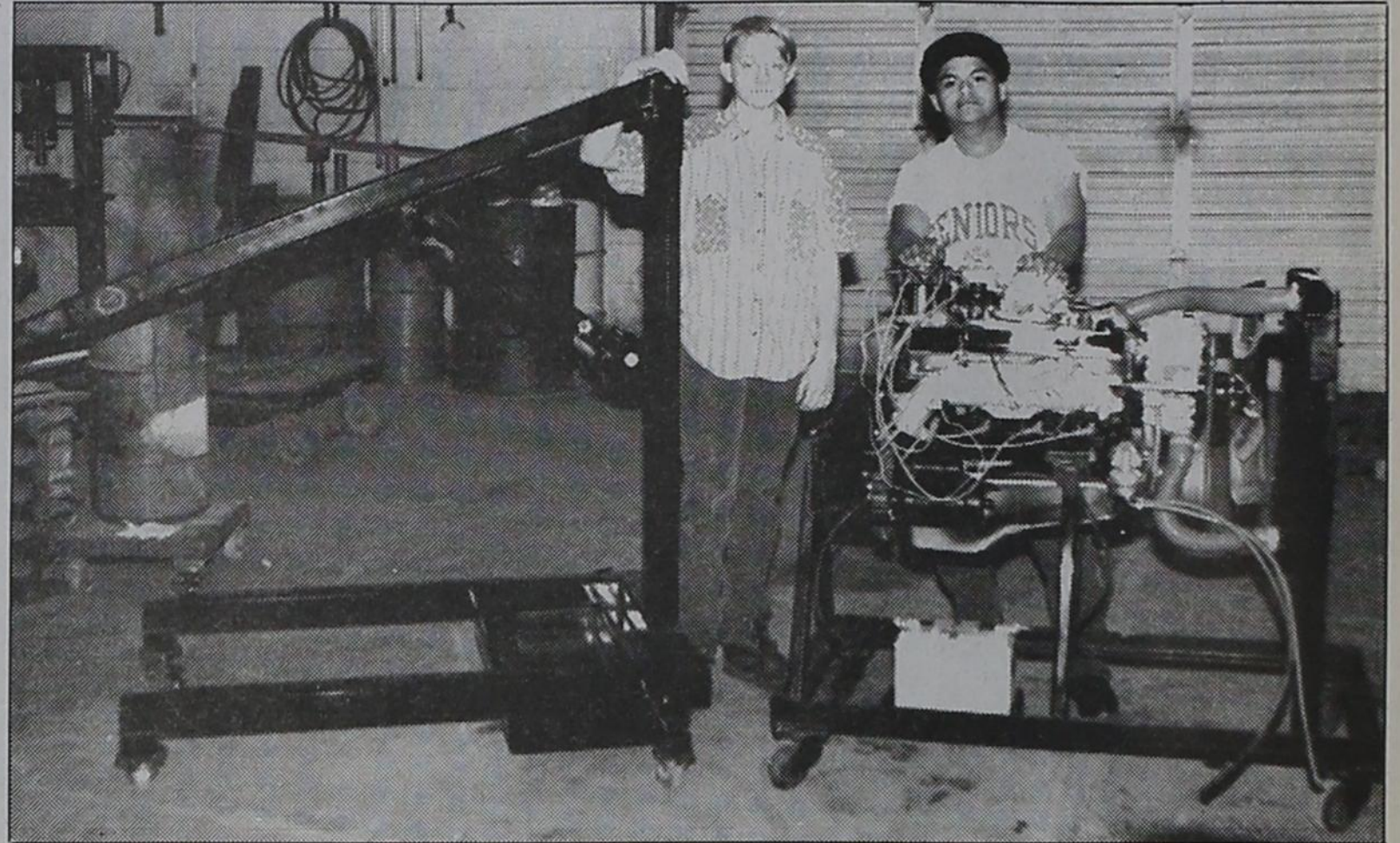
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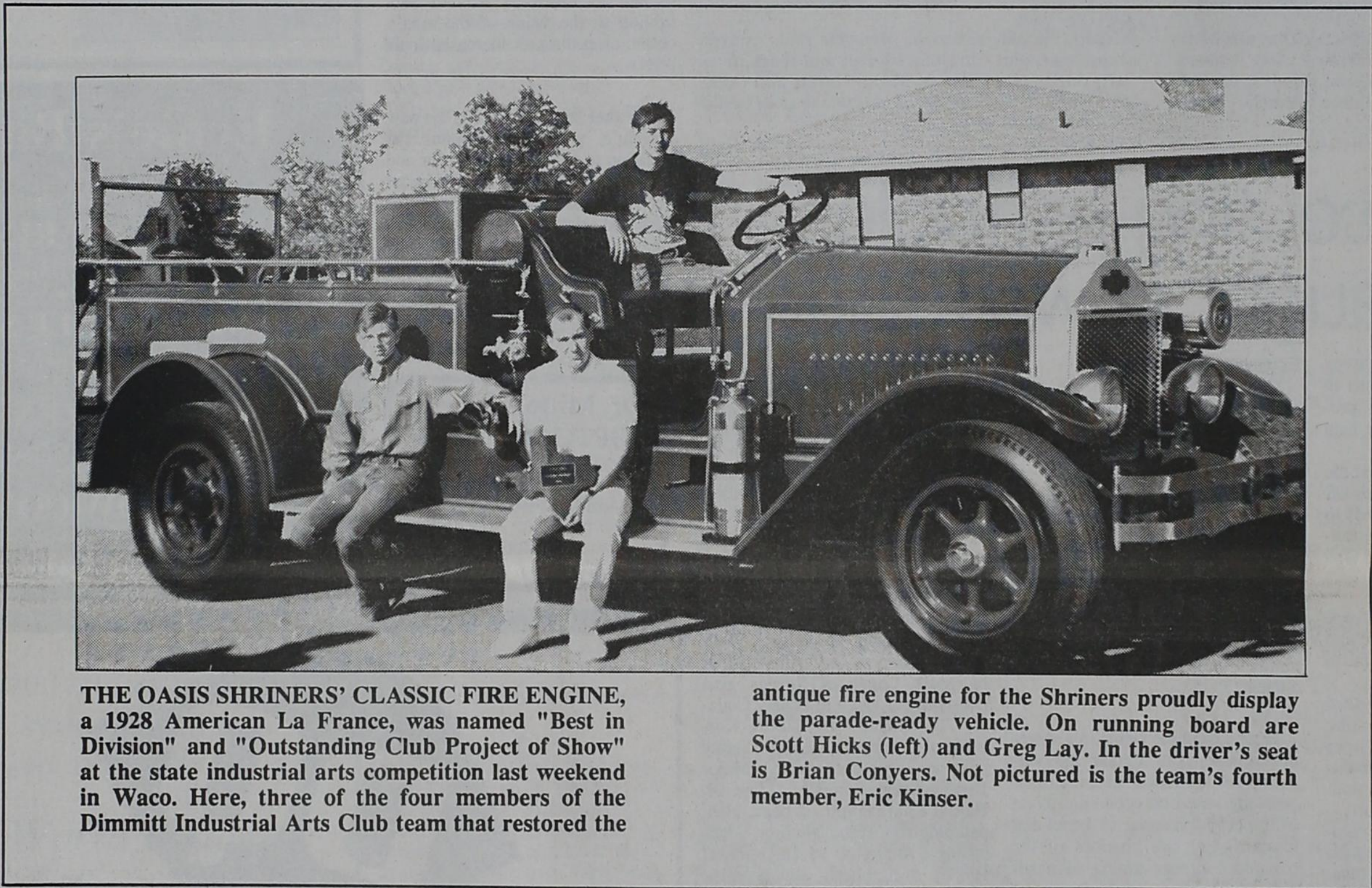
THIRD PLACE WINNERS in state competition with their Woodworking I projects were (from left) Albert Charles, bookcase with enclosed cabinet; Scott Heck, gun cabinet; and Rey Garcia, entertainment unit. Other third-place winners, not

pictured, were Frank Ibarra, who made the trestle table and benches in foreground; Chris Hudson, who made the triple dresser at far left; and Pete Patterson, gun cabinet.



STATE'S TOP ENGINE PROJECT was this 350 Chevrolet engine rebuilt by Abel Vargas (right), DHS power mechanics student. The engine was named "Best in Division" in Power and Transpor-

tation competition at Waco last weekend. At left is Steve Hoggard, whose engine hoist was a third-place winner in the metalworking competition.



THE OASIS SHRINERS' CLASSIC FIRE ENGINE, a 1928 American La France, was named "Best in Division" and "Outstanding Club Project of Show" at the state industrial arts competition last weekend in Waco. Here, three of the four members of the Dimmitt Industrial Arts Club team that restored the

antique fire engine for the Shriners proudly display the parade-ready vehicle. On running board are Scott Hicks (left) and Greg Lay. In the driver's seat is Brian Conyers. Not pictured is the team's fourth member, Eric Kinser.

Photos by Deana McLain and Don Nelson



JUAN HERNANDEZ shows his china hutch, a third-place Woodworking I project at state, and Sonia Cardona displays her rolltop secretary's

desk, a third-place winner in Woodworking I. In foreground is a cedar chest made by Crystal Rodriguez, a third-place Woodworking II project.



FIRST-PLACE WINNERS in state industrial arts competition at Waco last weekend included (from left) a hutch-and-dresser bed by Susie Ramirez,

Woodworking I; a curio cabinet by Lorena Silva, Woodworking II; and a night stand by Rachel Rivera, Woodworking I.

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STATE CONTEST WINNERS



SECOND-PLACE WINNERS at state included (standing, from left), Sammy Ramirez, cabinet, Woodworking I; Denicia Barrios, entertainment unit, Woodworking II; Sally Castillo, entertainment center, Woodworking I; David Herrera, curio cabinet, Woodworking I; and Claudia Dominguez, rolltop desk with hutch top, Woodworking II. In left foreground is a night stand made by Carlotta Castillo, Woodworking I. Kneeling, from left, are Adam Mondragon, matching night stands, Woodworking I; Marta Arredondo, night stand, Woodworking II; Michael Glidewell, coffee table, Woodworking I; and Juan Balderrama, TV cabinet, Woodworking I.



JENNIFER VICK won second place in state Woodworking I competition with this sturdy Santa Fe bed.



RUTH TORRES displays the four-poster bed that won her a second place in Woodworking II competition at state.



AMY CHAMBLISS shows her walnut four-poster bed, a first-place winner in Woodworking II competition at state. Also in photo are two other state championship projects in advanced wood-working—a corner china hutch by Ventura Ibarra and a coffee table by Kyle Joiner.



BEST IN DIVISION—Chris Paxton sits astride his jet-ski, which is mounted on the trailer he built in DHS metalworking that was named "Best in Division" at state industrial arts competition in Waco. Behind Paxton's trailer, Denicia Barrios displays her trailer that won a third-place award.



THE CHAPTER CONDUCTING TEAM from Dimmitt High School's Industrial Arts Club placed third in state competition last weekend in Waco. In front row, from left, are Lorena Silva, Denicia Barrios and Sonia Cardona. In back row, from left, are Susie Ramirez, Alma Moctezuma and Marta Arredondo.

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Sports

Class A tennis

State tourney is nothing new for Farris, Bennett

Seniors Adrian Farris of Nazareth and April Bennett of Hart are no strangers to the state tennis tournament.

Farris will be making his fourth straight appearance at the state meet while Bennett will be making her third trip to Austin this weekend. The two headline a list of five county netters who will be competing in the Class A tennis meet.

Farris won his fourth-straight Region 1-A championship last weekend, losing just four games in four matches along the way, and he's one of the favorites to win the boys' state singles title this weekend. He holds one gold medal in boys' singles already, winning the

state championship as a sophomore. He finished second his freshman and junior years.

"I really want to win it this year because it's my last year," Farris said. "It's gotten easier (to play at the state meet) in the last two years, and I'm hoping this year will be even easier. I remember the first year I went I was really overwhelmed by everything."

Bennett, who has qualified for state twice in Class AA girls' singles, switched to doubles this year and along with her younger sister, Shea Bennett, won the Region 1-A girls' doubles title (Hart dropped from Class AA to Class A this year).

Farris also has a sibling who will be playing in the state tennis tourney this weekend—younger brother Alston will be teaming with Scott Brockman in the boys' doubles division after the pair won regional last weekend.

April Bennett said the transition from singles to doubles was difficult.

"I was kind of tired of playing singles and Shea and I had talked about playing together at least one year. But it was hard to get used to at first. As the year has gone along, I think we've gotten better, though."

Like Farris, Bennett said she was "really nervous" during her first trip to the state meet, but now she knows what to expect and hopes this year she can bring home the gold with her sister.

"We've just got to play together and not lose it mentally," the senior said.

The tournament will begin Friday morning with the quarterfinal round.

April and Shea Bennett, and Brockman and Alston Farris will play their first-round doubles matches at 9 a.m. at the Texas Intramural Tennis Center, 51st and Guadalupe, in Austin. The Bennetts will take on a team from Ector while Alston Farris and Brockman will meet Jason Conley and Randy Weems of Trenton.

Adrian Farris will take on Mark Gonzales of Maynard in the boys' singles quarterfinals at 11 a.m. Friday, also at the Intramural Center.

After looking at the tournament draw, Adrian Farris said he recognized a couple of names from previous years, including one which he defeated last year, so he won't be the only "veteran" back at the state meet.

"I need to play like I have in tournaments through the year to be able to win it," said Adrian Farris, who captured gold medals in every tournament he played in, including the top division in the Amarillo Relays and Lubbock Invitational. "Some of those tournaments were tough and I played pretty well, so if I can keep that up this weekend, I feel pretty good about my chances."

The boys' and girls' doubles semifinals will be played Friday afternoon at 2 and the boys' singles semis will begin at 4 p.m., all at the Intramural Center.

The championship matches in the boys' and girls' doubles will be played at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Penick - Allison Tennis Center at 1700 Trinity in Austin.

The finals in the boys' singles also will be played at the Penick - Allison Center, with the matches scheduled to begin at 12 noon.

Welps will tee up in state golf meet

Bryan Welps will have a busy weekend in Austin.

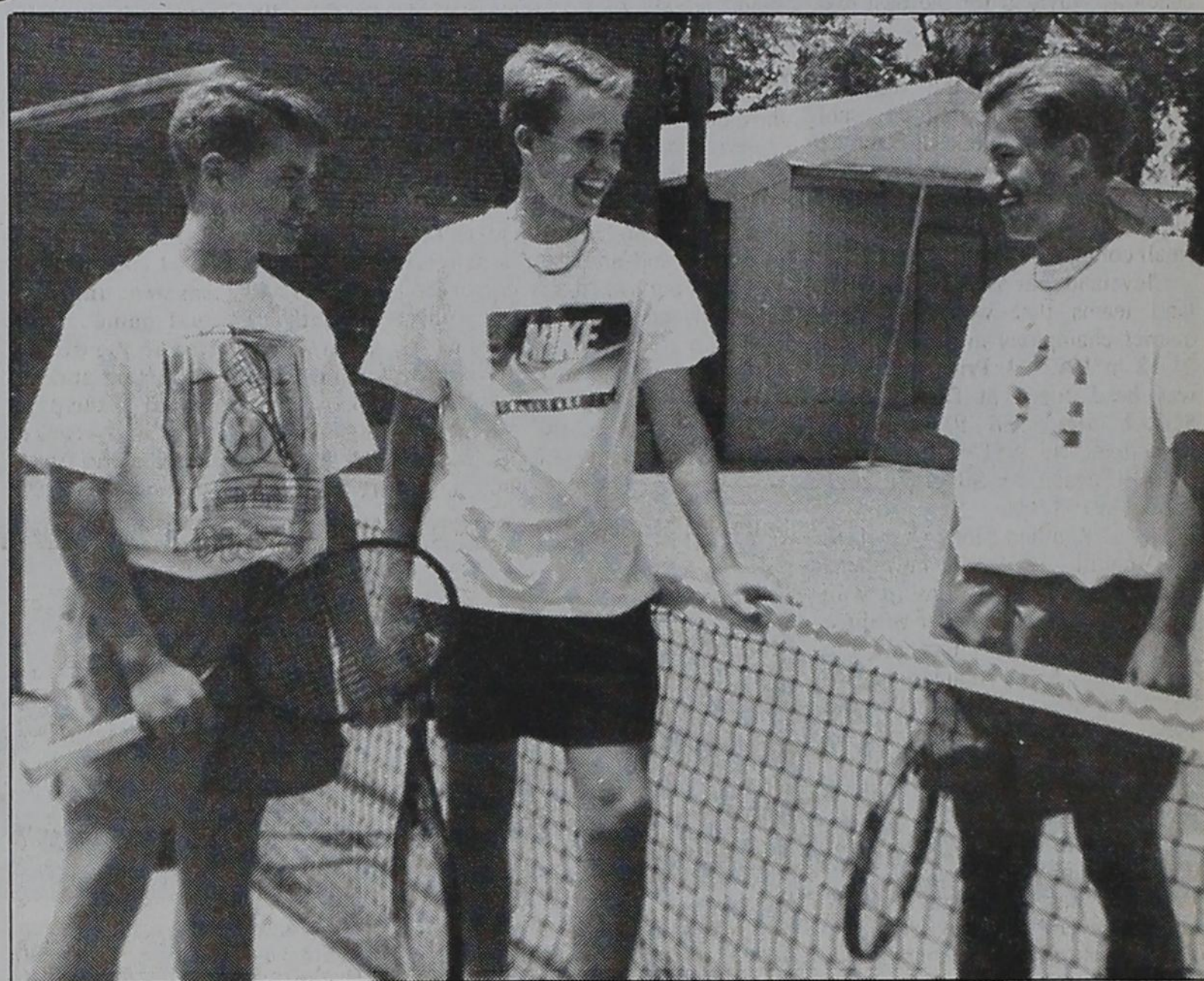
The Hart senior will be competing in three events at the Class A state athletic meet.

Today (Thursday) he will play in the Class A state golf meet; then he will throw the discus and shot put in the track meet later this week.

Welps earned the trip to the golf tournament by placing second in the Region 1-A meet last weekend.

Welps finished the regional meet with rounds of 74 and 82 for a total of 156.

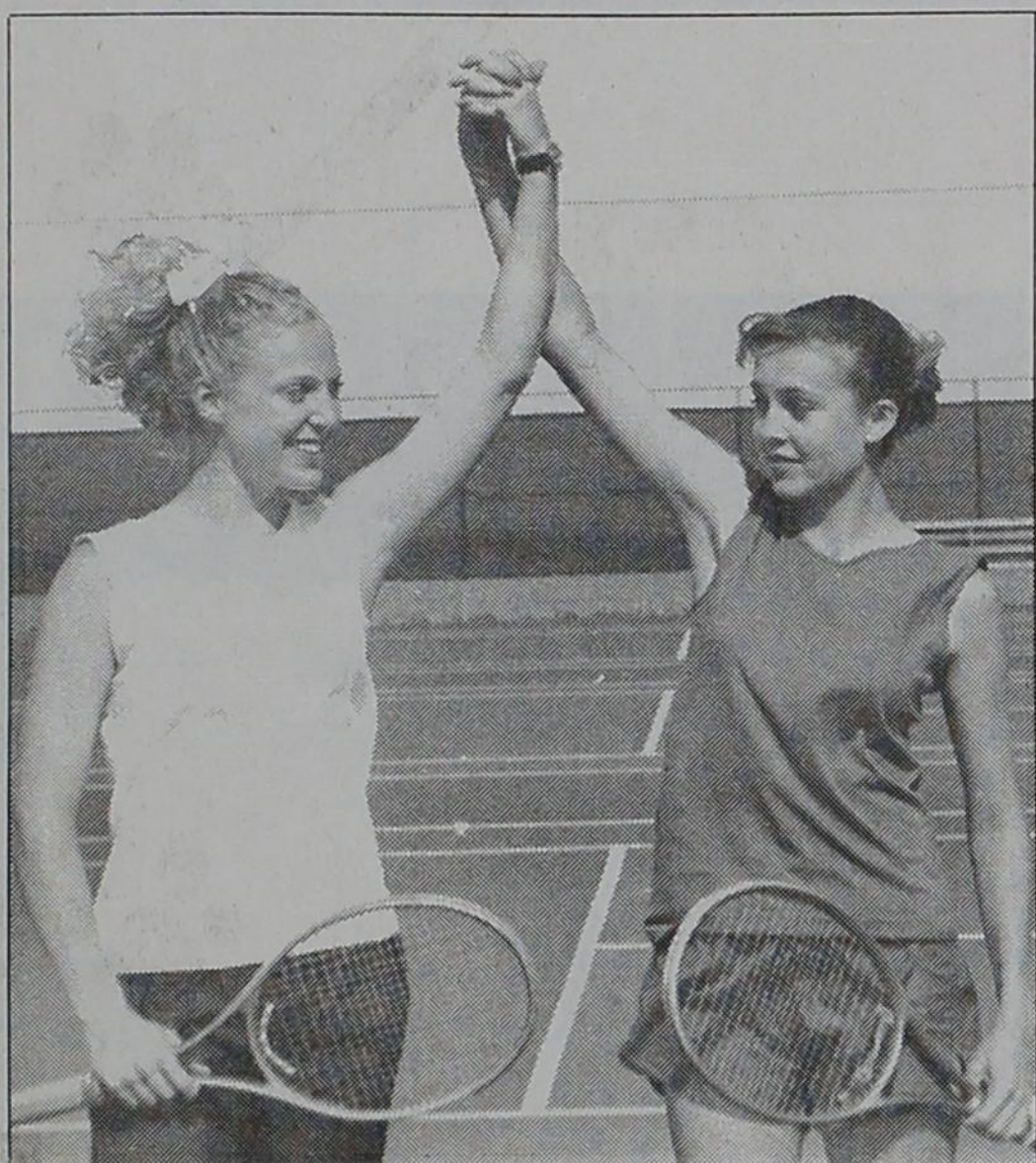
The 18-hole first-round of the state golf tournament will begin this morning (Thursday) at 7 at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin. The second round will be



STAY CALM AND PLAY YOUR GAME. That's what Nazareth senior Adrian Farris (right) tells his younger brother, Alston Farris (left) and Scott Brockman, who will compete in the Class A state tennis tournament Friday and Saturday in Austin.

The advice comes from experience. Adrian Farris will make his fourth straight appearance in the boys' singles state tournament this year while Alston Farris and Brockman are newcomers on the doubles scene.

Photo by Anne Acker



WE DID IT! Shea Bennett (left) and April Bennett, both of Hart, celebrate their Region 1-A girls' doubles championship. The sisters are preparing for the Class A state meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday in Austin. April, a senior, will be making her third appearance at the state tennis meet after qualifying as a singles player her sophomore and junior years.

Photo by Deana McLain

Track stars to throw, race for gold at state

The shot put, discus and 400-meter dash are popular events with county athletes.

Hart has three athletes who will throw the shot put and two who will compete in the discus; while runners from Dimmitt and Nazareth will compete in the 400 at the state track and field meets Friday and Saturday at Memorial Stadium on the University of Texas campus in Austin.

In addition to the field-event trio, Hart also qualified a girl in the 300-meter hurdles.

Hart will be represented in the boy's discus event by Bryan Welps, who won the Region 1-A meet with a throw of 152 feet. He also will compete in the shot put along with teammate Israel Garcia, who won regional with an effort of 53-4 1/2

feet. Frances Dozal will represent the Lady Horns in the state track meet, throwing both the shot put and discus. She won the discus at regional (116-8) and was second in the shot put (35-2 1/2) at regional.

Shea Bennett of Hart will race in the 300-meter hurdles event after winning the regional race in 48.30.

Kim Thomas will run in the Class AAA 400-meter dash after placing second at regional with a time of 58.33.

Another quarter-mile runner from the county, Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth, posted a winning time of 61.10 at regional to earn a trip to the Class A state meet.

Dozal will compete in the discus Friday morning at 11 and will throw the shot put Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

Welps and Garcia will compete in the boys' shot put event Saturday at 11 a.m. while Welps will throw the discus at 2 p.m. Friday.

Bennett, Schmucker and Thomas

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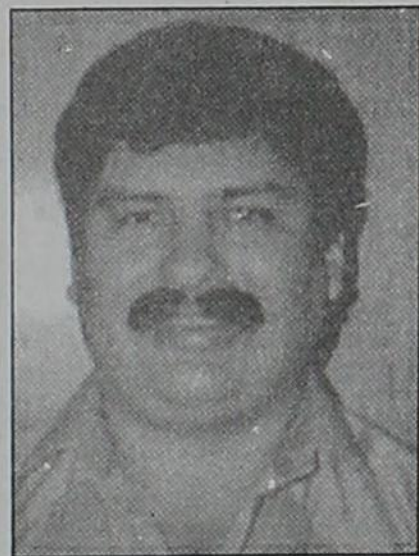
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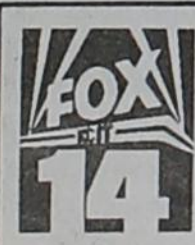
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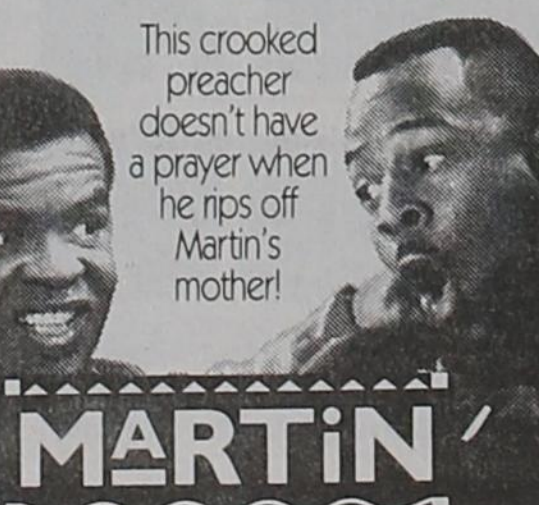
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Kevin Cleveland named Wayland Baptist's coach

Dimmitt native Kevin Cleveland has been named head coach of the Wayland Baptist University men's basketball team.

He will succeed Rick Cooper, who resigned a week ago to accept a similar position at West Texas State University.

Cleveland has been assistant coach at Wayland for the past two years.

"Kevin brings a wealth of talent and commitment to the Wayland Pioneer basketball program, said Dr. Greg Feris, athletic director. "I have no doubt that he possesses the knowledge and ability to be one of the best young head coaches in small college athletics."

Cleveland was assistant on Wayland teams that were 28-6 and district champions in 1991-92 and 21-12 in 1992-93. Prior to that he was head coach at Dumas High School from 1988-91 and head basketball and golf, and assistant football coach at Silverton High School in 1987-88.

Son of Ken and Libby Cleveland of Dimmitt, Wayland's new head coach began his relationship with the Pioneers as a member of three Wayland district championship teams under Mark Adams in 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87. The 1984-85 team advanced to the NAIA national championship game, losing in overtime to Fort Hays State (Kansas).

"I want to thank Wayland for this opportunity," Cleveland said. "Wayland has been a part of my life for several years as a student-athlete, assistant coach and now, head coach. I need to especially thank Rick Cooper and (Wayland administrators) Dr. Greg Feris, Dr. Bill Hardage, Dr. Weldon Beckner and Dr. Wallace Davis for having the confidence in me to give me this job."

Cleveland said he would like to emphasize his excitement about the Wayland program and what it has

done in the last decade under Mark Adams and Rick Cooper.

"It has been incredible," Cleveland said. "I'm a little bit in awe and nervous, but very, very motivated to continue that success and represent Wayland well throughout the country."

As a high school athlete, Cleveland was among the state's most notable players, playing on Class AAA state championship teams and being selected all-state in 1981-82 and 1982-83. He was a four-year starter and all-district selection, twice district Most Valuable Player and South Plains Player of the Year. He scored in double figures in 113 of the 115 games he played in. He's Dimmitt's all-time leading scorer with 2,728 career points.

Cleveland also was Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player of the *Amarillo Globe News* Super Team, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Texas High School Player of the Year, TABC Scholastic All-State, MVP of the TABC all-star game, and honorable mention Street and Smith All-American as a senior. He was later named to the Class AAA all-decade team by Texas Basketball magazine.

"We knew that we had in Kevin Cleveland an exciting young coach," said Dr. Wallace Davis, Wayland president. "When we compared his credentials with others interested in the job, we were absolutely convinced there was no need to look beyond the Wayland family to find someone to lead the Pioneers."

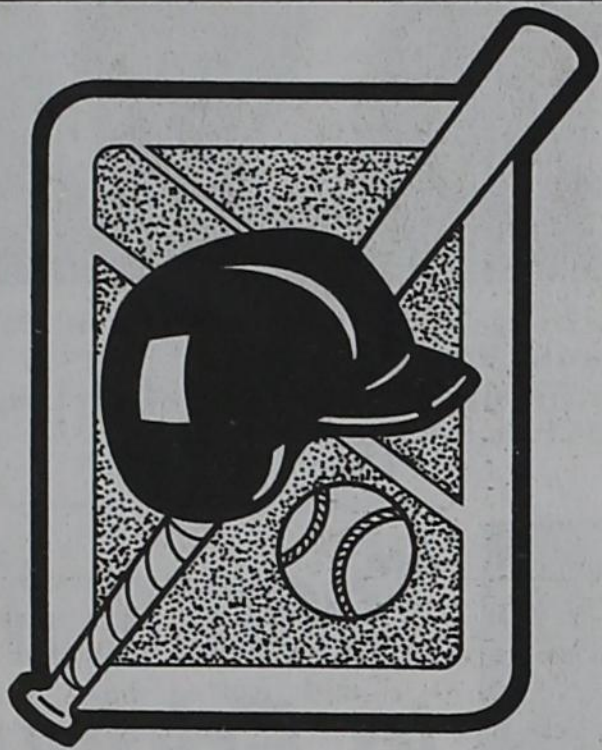
"The committee looked at other people and found that in terms of compatibility with the Wayland philosophy, willingness and ability to put on the court a team that would reflect well on the university as well as themselves, the ability to be a dynamic recruiter, the ability to be a person who understands the fundamentals of coaching but is willing to carry young people to the very boundaries of their abilities and beyond, Kevin Cleveland was the clear choice."

Feris echoed Davis saying "It may sound trite, but Kevin Cleveland has a Wayland heart. I mean by that, that he sincerely loves the institution and understands its mission and purpose. I am convinced that Wayland basketball next to his family and church, is the most important thing in his life at this moment."

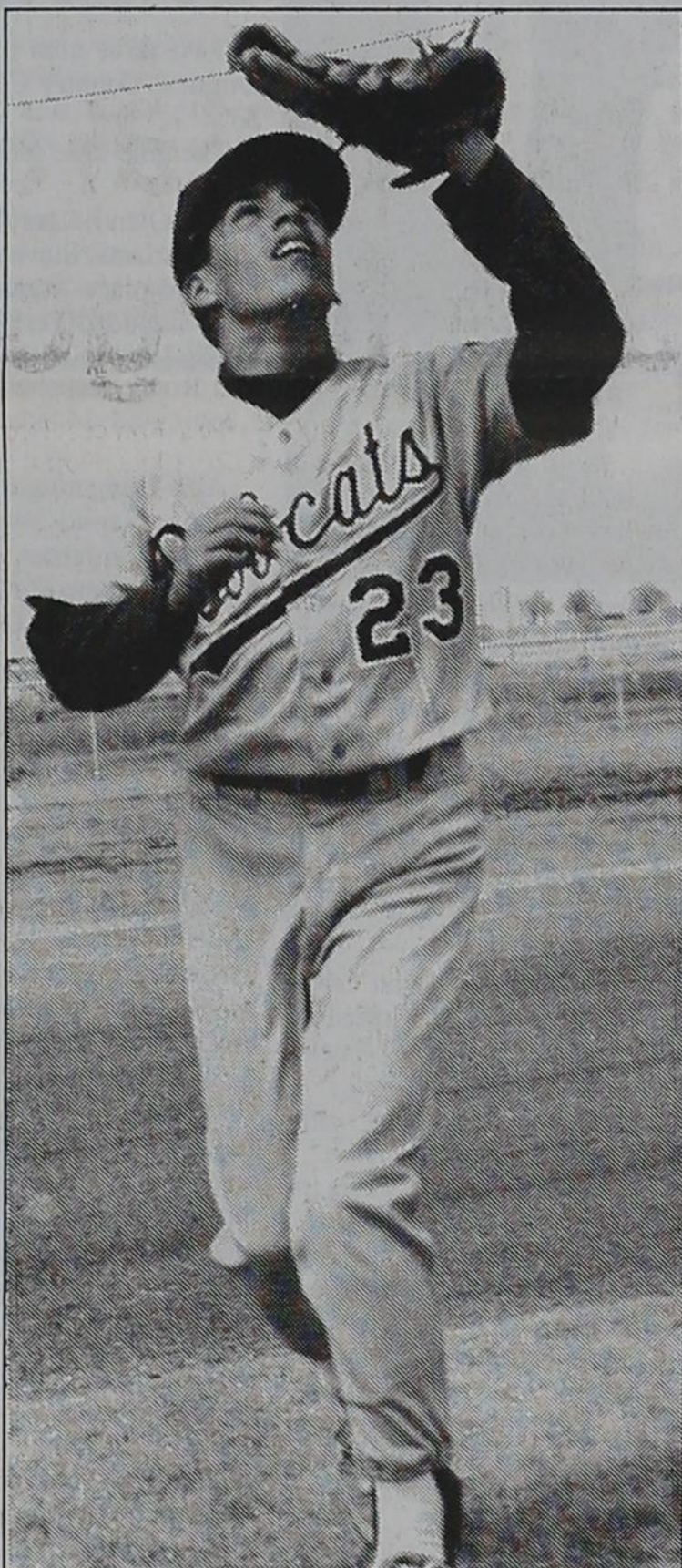
Cleveland holds the master of science of education and bachelor of science in physical education

degrees from Wayland. He and his wife, Lori, have one son, Eric, who is 3.

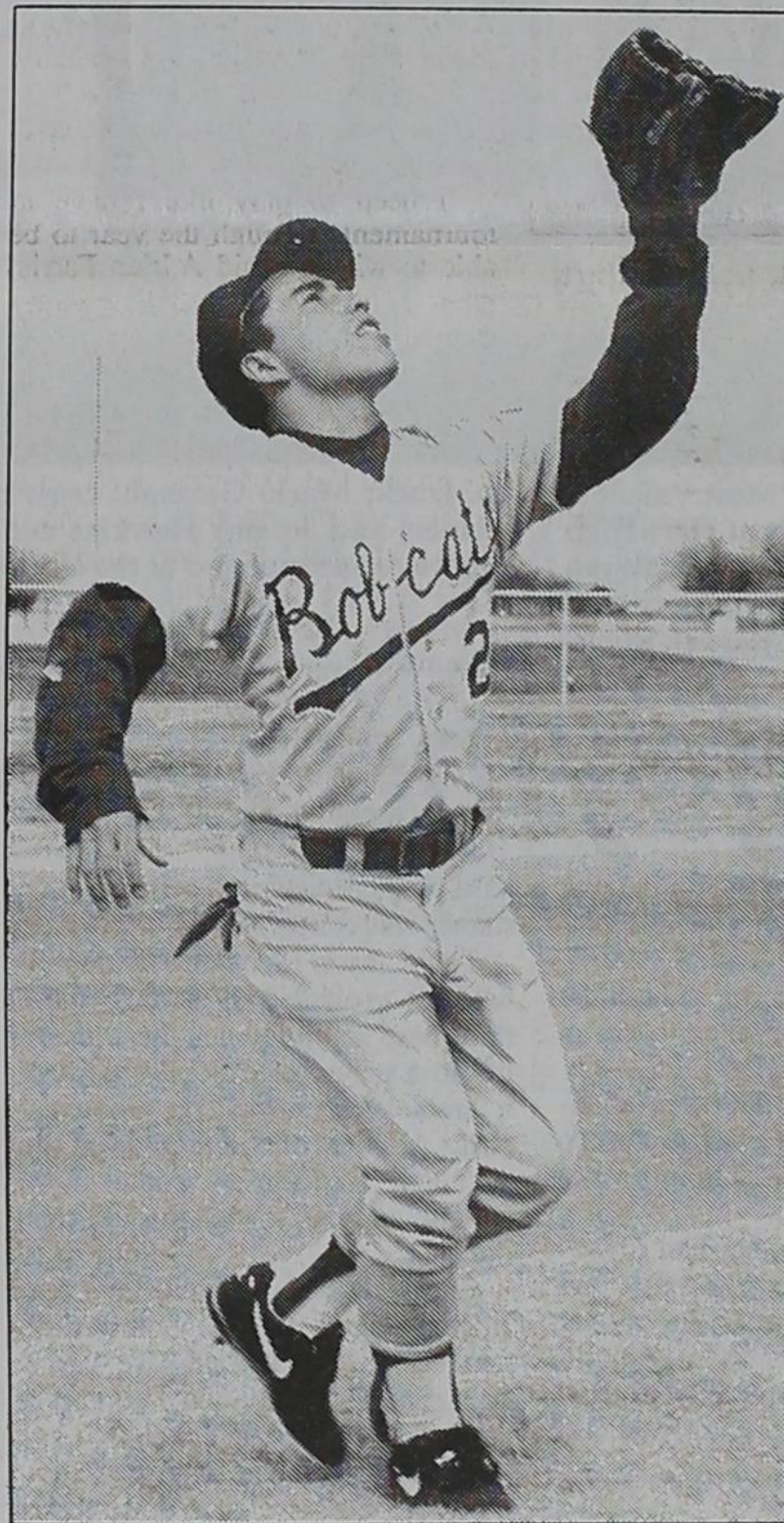
MICHAEL SCHMUCKER Nazareth (seated, right) signs a letter of intent to play football for Hardin-Simmons University this fall. On hand for the signing were Nazareth Coach Rick Price (seated, left) and Schmucker's parents (standing, from left) Jimmy and Bobbie Schmucker. Schmucker quarterbacked the Swifts for four years and led the team into the playoffs during the 1990-91 and 1991-92 seasons. The 1992-93 team went undefeated until the final game of the season and shared in the district championship with Hart and Sudan, which advanced to the playoffs on a coin flip and reached the state quarterfinals and finals, respectively. Photo by Anne Acker



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Sign up for Kids, Inc. baseball

Sign-ups are underway for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc. baseball program.

Players could have signed up Wednesday (May 12) from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at Richardson Elementary and from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

Another sign-up will be held Monday at the same times and places.

The fee is \$15 per player. Leagues include tee ball for ages 6 and 7; minor league for ages 8 and 9; and major league for ages 10, 11 and 12.

Bryan Welps, Shea Bennett honored as top Hart athletes

Bryan Welps was honored as the "Most Versatile Longhorn" and Shea Bennett was recognized as "Most Versatile Lady Longhorn" during Hart's annual athletic banquet Saturday night.

Welps competed in football, basketball, track and golf, and he was a key player in each. He led the team to the state quarterfinals in football, and will compete at the state spring athletic meet this weekend in discuss, shot put and golf.

In addition to the overall athlete honor, Welps earned the Most Valuable Player award in boys' basketball, received the "Trench Award" (to top offensive lineman) in football, shared in the football "Strike Award" with the defensive unit and in the football Fighting Heart Award with the entire Longhorn team. He was a co-Most Valuable Player in boys' golf, in addition to his other honors. He also was named Basketball King.

Former Hart Football Coach Alan Cherry termed Welps "the best football player I've ever coached. I don't know whether I'll ever get to coach another one as good."

Shea Bennett also will be competing in the state athletic meet this weekend—in tennis girls' doubles with her sister, April; and in the 300-meter hurdles. Shea shared the co-Most Valuable Player honor in tennis and basketball with April and won the award in Cross Country.

Other athletes earning Most Valuable player honors were Mario Guzman, boys' cross country; Jeremy Hawkins and Jason Aven, co-MVPs in boys' tennis; the 1993

girls' track team shared the honor; Harvey Robledo, boys' track; Dana Wilhelm, girls' golf; and Jason Wilhelm and Welps, boys' golf.

April Bennett was named the Basketball Queen and Football Queen.

Merit awards were presented to two cheerleaders and each girl received maroon carnations.

Cherry, who returned to Hart from his new home in Hamlin for the banquet, introduced and commended the 1992-93 football team for reaching the quarterfinals and other successes this year.

"I believe that our winning season this year was because we went 5-5 last year," Cherry said. "We came down to the last two games, we were beat up and we were 3-5. We determined that we were going to win those last two games and carry it into this year. We did it, then I asked them, 'Okay, is that what you want next year? Isn't it better to win than lose?' The winning season this year started when we were 3-5 last year."

Each coach recognized his or her individual team players.

Rachelle Wilcox, head girls' basketball coach, recognized her team, then said "the team that played the last eight games wasn't the same team that played the first 20-whatever games. They missed the playoffs by just one game."

The senior football players presented Coach Cherry with a plaque which read "A Town, A Team, A Dream — Thank You, Coach

Cherry" under a picture of the team. It also included the words "State Quarterfinalists." Cherry also received the District Football Coach of the Year Award from Joe Welps.

Cherry presented his "Strike Award" to the entire starting defensive unit and the Fighting Heart Award to the whole football team. Welps received the "Trench Award."

Each football player who received post-season honors was recognized including Jeremy Hawkins, Jerry Moroles, Welps, Wilhelm, Aven, Israel Garcia, Fred Reyna, Harvey Robledo, Cesar Salas, Fernando Urbina, Anthony Washington, Chris Hernandez and Manuel Minjarez.

The Bennett sisters and Welps were recognized for all-district honors in basketball.

The regional qualifiers in cross country—Shea Bennett and Mario Guzman were commended for their work as were the regional competitors in tennis, including April and Shea Bennett, Kristi Davis, Kim Grossman, Jeremy Hawkins, Jason Aven and Raynea Garcia. The Bennetts also earned honors for qualifying for state.

Special recognition also was given to track regional qualifiers Frances Dozal, Shea Bennett, Brandi Key, Welps, Garcia and Robledo; and to Dozal, Bennett, Welps and Garcia for reaching state.

Welps was honored as a state qualifier in golf.



TOP LADY HORNS—Receiving "Most Valuable Player" awards during Hart High School's annual All-Sports Banquet Saturday night were (from left) April Bennett, co-MVP in basketball and tennis; Dana Wilhelm, golf; and Shea Bennett, co-MVP in basketball and tennis, Most Versatile Lady Longhorn, and MVP in cross country.

Photo by Don Nelson



TOP LONGHORNS—These six athletes received the "Most Valuable Player" awards in different team and individual sports at Hart High School's All-Sports Banquet Saturday night. From left are Bryan Welps, basketball, golf co-winner, football Trench Award (outstanding offensive lineman) and Most Versatile Longhorn; Harvey Robledo, track; Mario Guzman, cross country; Jayson Wilhelm, golf co-winner; and Jeremy Hawkins and Jason Aven, tennis. The banquet drew a capacity crowd at the Hart Golden Group Center.

Photo by Don Nelson

Teams tie for first in Friday scramble

Two three-man teams competing in the Friday Night Scramble at the Dimmitt Country Club this week tied for first-place honors with scores of 33.

The nine-hole scramble drew 13 three-man teams.

Bill Glenn, Larry Carver and Max Carter finished with a 33 along with Cobb Adams, Steve Adams and Betty McClure.

Third-place honors were split between five teams finishing with 34s. They included Terry Widick, Van Hopson and Kenny Ebeling; Mike Bain, Sandy Lookingbill and John Kovacks; Gary Thompson, Jerome Brockman and Roger Haberer; Bret West, Mozell Hall and Terry Mixson; and Fred Lookingbill, Marshall Young and Jerry Stucki.

Also competing in the tourney were Don Cornett, Jo Beth Mays, Morris Wilcox, Harold Hyman, Audrey Shottenkirk Gary Whitfield, Brian Witt, Melissa Carpenter, Tony Fisher, Bob Barrett, Reyes Sandoval Jr., Ron Morgan, Allan McClure, Cindy Reynolds, D.H. Shottenkirk, Mark Bain, Russel Birdwell, Harold Gerber, Jean Bradford, Ewell Kelley and Bill Snider.

The next weekly scramble will be held Friday and anyone interested in playing must contact Bill Glenn at the Country Club by 5 p.m. that day. The scramble will begin at 6 p.m.

Bobcats enjoying two-game winning streak

Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster wasn't worried when his team came to the dugout after the top of the seventh inning Tuesday night, even though the team was down by a run.

"When the kids came into the dugout, I could tell we were going to win it," Feaster said. "The kids were up and excited and sure enough, they pulled out the win."

Dimmitt scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out a 7-6 District 2-AAA win.

It was the second-straight district win for the Bobcats.

Saturday the team blasted Muleshoe, 10-1, to win their first district game. The victory over Floydada Tuesday has Feaster walking on air.

"I'm still high from last night's win," said Feaster Wednesday morning. "We had excellent hitting—we scored at least one run for every hit. And Floydada had 13 runs, but only scored six, so our defense was playing well, too."

Feaster's Bobcats jumped out to a 4-2 lead after the first inning and they held a lead until the fifth inning, when Floydada tied the score. Dimmitt took back a one-run

lead in the bottom of the inning, but wouldn't score again until the bottom of the seventh.

Floydada added a run in both the sixth and seventh innings to go up 6-5.

The Whirlwinds had their chances to put the game away in the top of the seventh, but Dimmitt's defense held.

One Floydada runner had rounded third and scored, but that run was appealed because the runner hadn't touched third base. Dimmitt Pitcher Jacinto Quiroz tagged third

base and instead of scoring, the runner was called out.

Then Jason Wooten fielded a hard-hit ground ball deep behind third base and threw another runner out in a play which Feaster termed a "tremendous effort" on Wooten's part. A third out put Dimmitt in excellent position to come from behind, and that's what the Bobcats did.

Gerald Barrios singled, then Joe Juarez walked, giving Dimmitt runners on first and second base. Quiroz stepped up to the plate and hit a single which scored Fernando Ontiveros from second, who was running for Barrios. That tied the score at 6.

With runners on first and third, Floydada walked Ben Barrera, then pitched to Freddy Ruiz. Ruiz nailed a hit down the third-base line to drive in the winning run, Juarez from third.

Feaster said he was happy with his team's offensive performance.

"We only struck out two times in seven innings," Feaster said. Ruiz played an excellent game. He scored three runs himself and had two RBIs (runs batted in), so he accounted for five of our 10 runs."

Ruiz also had an excellent defensive game, according to Feaster. The sophomore threw out two runners at second and tagged another two runners at home plate.

Another thing that pleased Feaster was that his team played well despite missing two key starters—

catcher Barrios and first baseman Juarez, who were at a state Industrial Arts contest in Waco.

"We had to make four position changes to cover Gerald's and Joe's spots, and that fact that we were able to play so well without those two made the victory that much sweeter," Feaster said.

The wins over Floydada and Muleshoe gave the Bobcats a little revenge for earlier losses. In its first meeting with Muleshoe, Dimmitt fell 6-14; and also lost to Floydada in the first-half of district.

"I'm proud of the way the kids bounced back in the last couple of games," Feaster said. "I think we

have gotten better as the year's progressed, and things are starting to come together now. We've started playing good ball and I really think we're going to go after Tulia on Saturday."

The Bobcats close out the 1993 season by taking on the Hornets in Tulia Saturday at 1 p.m.

Correction

In last week's issue of the News, Jessie Tenorio and his wife, Kimberly, were misidentified in a story and picture about the family of murder victim Bessie Menchaca. The last name of the pair was listed as Rubalcaba. The News regrets the error.

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TRIPLES: Quiroz, Ruiz and Fernando Ontiveros, all of Dimmitt.	
HOME RUNS: Juarez of Dimmitt.	
Records: Dimmitt 6-14, 1-7; Muleshoe 8-15, 2-5.	

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LOSING PITCHER: Ochoa of Floydada.	
DOUBLES: Freddy Ruiz of Dimmitt; Mercado and Gilliland of Floydada.	
Records: Dimmitt 7-14, 2-7; Floydada N/A.	

Kids, Inc. results announced

First State Bank's Major Boys' team edged Nazareth, 35-33, to win the championship in the county-wide Kids, Inc. tournament recently.

The championship and third-place games in the Major Boys' division were played last week.

Easter Grain defeated Hart, 46-25, to claim third-place honors.

Babe Ruth sign-up scheduled

Sign-ups have started for the Junior and Senior Babe Ruth baseball programs in Dimmitt.

Forms may be obtained at the school offices, and must be turned in to Jerry Durham, along with the player fee, by Saturday. The fee is \$20. Late enrollees must pay \$25.

For the Junior Babe Ruth League, players must be age 13 and cannot turn 16 before Aug. 1.

For the Senior Babe Ruth League, players must be age 16 and cannot turn 19 before Aug. 1.

The leagues will be formed according to the availability of players and games.



'A TOWN, A TEAM, A DREAM'—Coach Alan Cherry (foreground), who guided the Hart Longhorns to the Class A state football quarterfinals last season, receives a plaque and hugs from his senior players in a touching moment during the HHS All-Sports Banquet Saturday night. The plaque included a team photo, a gold football, and the inscription, "A Town, a Team, a Dream. Thank You, Coach Cherry." Players, from left, are Chris Salinas, Jeremy Hawkins, Bryan Welps, Jayson Wilhelm, Cody Upshaw and Jerry Moroles.

Photo by Don Nelson

POW escape artist recalls adventures

(Editor's Note: Former Prisoner of War Alessandro Brighenti attended the ceremonies Saturday at the Italian POW Chapel in Castro County. He came to the US with the intention of "apologizing for his scandalous behavior" in trying to escape from the camp while a prisoner there during World War II.

Here is an account of his adventures in his own words:)

By ALESSANDRO BRIGHENTI

At last here is the long-ago promised report of my escapes from the Hereford POW camp.

As a foreword, I must ask your pardon for the delay owed partly to laziness, but mostly to the difficulty to expound thoughts and facts without tiring or annoying the readers (if there would be any). So, I beg you to be kind and cut out what you think useless or disagreeable.

In fact, I am aware of having been a nuisance while a prisoner of war in the US and must admit that then I didn't and now do not care, since I was and felt an enemy and thought and still think that it was my duty to try the utmost in order to regain my liberty and endeavor to return in the ranks of fighting troops.

It may seem fanaticism. It wasn't. Conforming to my family's tradition and to personal reasons, I enlisted as a volunteer initially in the Ethiopian War and at the end to remain in East Africa where, at the outbreak of World War II, I asked to be assigned to a fighting unit, notwithstanding my doubts that the war, without a veritable miracle, would be lost. Even after the first wound (a bad one), I requested and obtained to return in combat units.

At the end of fighting in North Africa as soon as I was separated from my troop, I tried to escape without success three times.

Transported to America and put in Camp Hereford, I didn't submit to bad luck and began again to prepare my escape regardless of the heavy odds.

The first try, made with scant preparation and without company, failed, but I wasn't caught. That time I contrived to make a blackout by short circuiting a couple of electric cables, and rendered smooth the barbed wires, enveloping them with rolls of stout cardboard. So, sliding between two card-boarded wires, I passed through the first fence, and, still in total darkness, was beginning to envelop the wires of the second fence; when, still in total darkness, I heard a metallic clang typical of a machine gun being loaded. Instead of getting out, I promptly got in—barely in time before being caught by the return of light and the ray of spotlight directed toward the spot where I was just before. Immedia-

tely after, a jeep came in the same area and found the rolls.

Then I had for a long time severe doubts, thinking at the facts. Safer, cooler reasoning suggested to me that probably the blackout had raised the alarm.

The same cooler frame of mind made me recognize that the attempt couldn't succeed anyway, owing to lack of means, foresight and preparation.

I hadn't money, scant victuals, no maps, and, worst of all, I was alone and had scant knowledge of English.

Being alone maybe is better in some cases; certainly not if one has to sleep (and sleep one must) in the open range.

I began to study the English and to search for somebody who would come along in the next attempt. With scraps, I built a magnetic compass, collected some money, which was very difficult, and prepared other little things which could be useful — all with the utmost secrecy.

In the meanwhile passed many months. At last, I found a comrade to a new try. He was an officer of my same rank, my senior, who had a perfect knowledge, amongst others, of Chinese and Japanese, and of English (which he spoke with an American accent). He had a most brilliant mind and was a perfect companion.

When we thought to be ready, in the summer of 1944, an evening during a black storm with down-pour like waterfalls, after the last twilight of sunset, we squeezed ourselves between barbed wire and mud. With scant help by forked sticks to spread apart the barbed wires, we crawled out after more than 20 minutes of exhausting work and danger, since we had chosen a part of the fence which was almost at the foot of a watchtower, between that and the main gate of the compound. I became entangled many times and opened the palm of my right hand to the bone. My friend was more lucky and passed unscathed out.

We were undetected as we hoped, having chosen the most dangerous spot practically under the tower during the storm that we thought would keep the sentries under shelter snug and dry.

At last, we were out—sodden to the skin, muddy but free. It was necessary to withdraw quickly as far as possible.

I wanted to walk on the paved road toward the northwest and the railroad. That didn't agree with my friend who preferred walking straight south in the prairie. I gave way and we meandered in the wet grass, by-passed other wires, sometimes running ahead of cattle who charged those two disturbers of their ease.

At the end of night, a little before sunrise, when I had little by little brought my friend toward the west, availing myself of his uncertainty in the matter of bearings, which I had just then noticed. In the pale twilight, we saw a raw field full of bundles of cornstalks arranged upright like conical tents. It was handy shelter in which to sleep off the day and we took the opportunity. I was soon asleep and was awakened from my doze very soon, or so it appeared to me. It was my friend telling me to get out at once because a patrol of two soldiers was about to open fire to dislodge us from the cornstalks. They had found us probably following the tracks left in the sodden soil.

The soldiers brought us back, fortunately lacking to reach accord on the proposal of one of them who said to let us go ahead sufficiently and then shoot us in the back like as we were running away.

The fell (punishment) was four weeks of confinement in a cell 2 x 3 yards, about an hour outdoors of exercise daily, and fare of bread and water for six days and one day with common food each week.

Returned to our barracks, my friend recovered from the frenzies of evasion and I from the wound in the hand. He dedicated himself to many activities: edited a newspaper handwritten by many helpers, taught English, and organized other things, all very efficiently, but was no more interested in escapes.

I still was, and never resigned, kept studying and preparing to evade again.

In normal life, we prepare for a voyage in a matter of minutes. In POW camp, everything was difficult: collect clothing, food, money, informations, devise the means to break out, getting companions and even the slightest mistake brought failure.

In the meantime, others did escape—first an officer of the Navy who stayed at large for quite a while. He went away alone and walked toward the south a long way. It was a thing well done, and observed better luck.

The second, an aged captain, on the contrary, was captured soon. I think that he let himself be taken, having seized by chance an unforeseen occasion and therefore being unprepared and without means to go on.

One day an officer went to ask informations about my experience of escapes. He and two other officers wanted to go. I asked to join them and was welcomed.

At last I found men willing without the necessity to contact people who may chatter around.

At the barbecue Saturday evening, Brighenti told about his third escape attempt in which he made it all the way to Los Angeles, where he was picked up by police when he was unable to show them his draft papers.

"Some may think from the stories that I'm a very big, bad man, but I was just a soldier doing his duty," he concluded softly.



JUST A SOLDIER DOING MY DUTY—That is how Alessandro Brighenti of Italy described his three escape attempts while he was a prisoner at the Hereford POW Camp in northern Castro County during World War II. Here, he is sitting

on an Army cot at the Castro County Historical Museum in a display area dedicated to the POW camp. Brighenti visited the area this weekend with 43 other Italians, many of whom were also former POWs.

Photo By Linda Maxwell

Red Cross offers new vacation idea

With summer drawing nearer, many people are beginning to wonder what to do for vacation.

The greater Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross may have an option.

The Red Cross is offering its first ever Multi-Day School on May 30-June 5, and will include a variety of day and night courses, ranging from classes designed for the general public to instructors.

The school will be held at Girl Scout Camp Kiwanis, five miles

west of Amarillo. Students can choose to camp out at the facilities or commute each day. Cost will be \$190 per student and includes meals, lodging and course materials. Commuters may skip the lodging and pay only \$165. Enrollment deadline is May 21.

Courses that will be offered include basic lifeguarding, preventing disease transmission, back injury prevention, and standard first aid. Also, on the instructor level, courses will be offered for water safety instructor, lifeguarding instructor, and first aid and CPR instructors.

For more information, call 376-6309.

Seminar postponed

A seminar on Workers' Compensation provisions sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has been rescheduled for June 15 from 8:30 to 1 p.m.

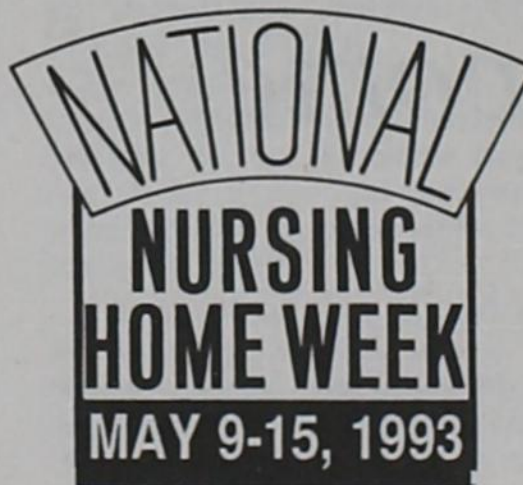
Registration deadline is June 8. The seminar had originally been set for Tuesday.

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Bands, choirs will perform

The annual Spring band concert for the Dimmitt schools will be Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School auditorium, followed by a musical salute to the Armed Forces.

Participating in the salute will be the combined choirs and bands of DHS and Dimmitt Middle School. The salute will begin at about 7:30 p.m.

All students participating in either program are requested to be at the high school by 6 p.m. Band students should meet in the band hall and choir members are asked to meet in front of the auditorium.

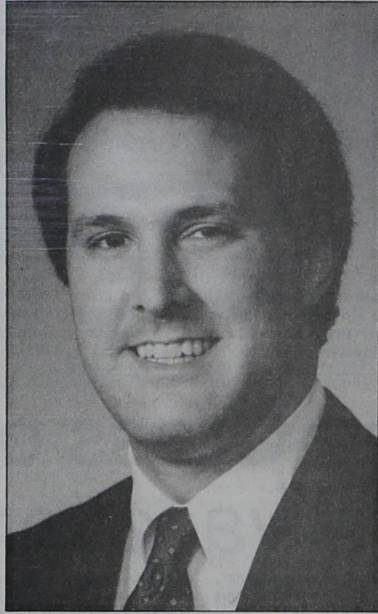
The band concert will include performances by the DMS sixth grade and Junior High bands (seventh and eighth grades), and the DHS Bobcat Band. Directors are Becky Allen and Michael Johnson.

Dwight Joiner is director of the choral programs at both schools.

The public is invited to attend both programs.

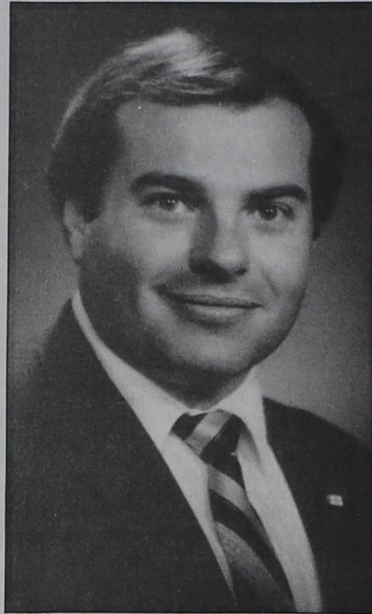
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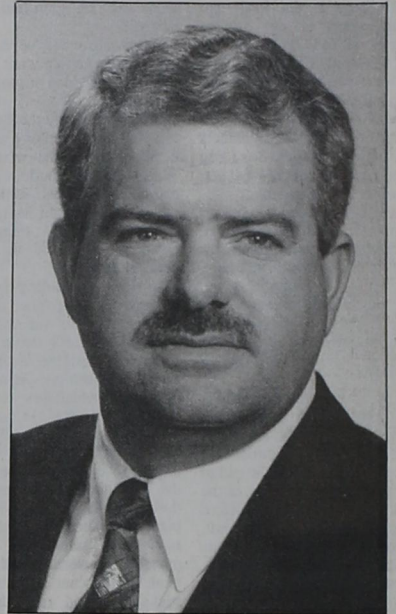
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Senior Vice-President

Kenneth has been with Texas Commerce Bank since 1981, advancing to the position of Vice President/Market Manager of the Community Banking Group. A graduate of Denton High School, he earned a BBA degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1978. He and his wife, Cheryl, have a seven-month-old son.



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Vice-President & Cashier

Tony comes to us from Team Bank in Fort Worth, where he was Assistant Vice President and Manager of Electronic Banking Services. He has 13 years' experience in banking. A native of Hereford, he received a BBA degree in 1975 from WTSU, where he played football. He and his wife, Debbie, have a 2-year-old son, Zackery.



Randy Jordan
Vice-President, Earth Branch

Randy has been President of the First National Bank of Olney since 1987. A native West Texan, he grew up at Floydada and Wolfforth, graduated from Pampa High School, and earned a BS degree in animal science from WTSU in 1973. He was with the Extension Service five years before going into banking. He has attended intermediate, advanced and graduate banking schools at Texas Tech and SMU. He and his wife, Mickey, have two children, Todd, 14, and Joshua, 11.

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Nino is elected board president

John Nino was elected president of the Dimmitt School Board at the first meeting of the newly constituted board Monday night.

Members were sworn in by DISD business manager Neal Bryan, and signed the pre-oath of office, before selecting officers and drawing for terms of office.

Lots were drawn for lengths of terms, so that the entire board would not come up for reelection at

the same time. Nino (Place 1) and Frank Welch (Place 5) both drew one-year terms. Paul Garcia (Place 4) and Earl Behrends (Place 2) drew two-year terms. Three-year terms went to Gracie Abrego (Place 3), Debbie Annen (Place 6) and Steve Buckley (Place 7).

Subsequent elections will be for three-year terms.

The board members voted among themselves for officers,

and Nino was elected by a 4-3 vote, with Abrego, Garcia, Nino and Welch supporting Nino. Backing Buckley as president were Annen, Behrends and Buckley. After Nino was named president, Buckley was elected vice-president and Annen was elected secretary, both in unanimous votes.

Buckley signed a conflict of interest statement, pointing out that his firm, Castro Oil and Gas, does business with the school district. Board policy states that the board shall take a separate vote on any budget item specifically dedicated to a contract with a business entity in which a trustee has a substantial interest. The affected trustee shall not participate in that separate vote, but may vote on a final budget if an affidavit has been filed and the matter in which he is concerned has been resolved.

In an executive session, the board members discussed accepting resignations and retirements, making reassignments and hiring new personnel. The board returned to open session to take a vote on the matters.

The resignation of DISD Supt. Bob Barrett was accepted, along with that of his wife, Eva, who taught content mastery at Dimmitt Middle School. Barrett has accepted a position with the Anahuac school system that represents a career advancement for him. A called meeting of the board will be held Monday at 7 p.m. to discuss plans for seeking superintendent candidates.

The resignation of DMS Principal Mike Smith was formally accepted. Smith is taking the job of superintendent for the Hart schools. Also, the board voted to promote DMS Assistant Principal George Raso to the principal's position.

Teacher Donna Terrell also resigned in order to move with her husband to Vernon.

The board voted to employ Marsha Chisum as a teacher. She is the wife of recently hired head football coach Danny Chisum.

On other business, the board discussed the energy management proposals that have been let for bids. The bids will be opened May 17, but the board decided to wait and see what the financial situation is before authorizing any large expenditures. The board will have up to 60 days to accept or reject the bids.

Barrett told the board that most of the expenses could be covered in the current year's budget. He said the settlement of the single-member district election lawsuit cost considerably less than the \$100,000 that had been budgeted, and some of those excess funds could be used for the energy management projects.

Nino asked whether the board would be obligated to honor the wishes of the previous board that any funds left from the \$100,000 be used for upgrading computer equipment for classroom use.

Barrett said the wishes of the previous board would not be binding on the present board, but if the funds had been dedicated in a motion, another motion could be passed to rescind that intention if the present board so desired. He said he would review the minutes of past board meetings to see if the matter was merely discussed or couched in an actual motion.

Barrett explained the career ladder to the board members, who gave approval for the payment of \$139,500 to be divided among 45 Level II teachers and 24 Level III teachers. That represents bonuses of \$1,500 for Level II and \$3,000 for Level III.

Barrett told the board that the career ladder is being phased out by the state.

Board members voted to designate Garcia as the district's official delegate to the Texas Association of School Boards delegate assembly in September. Nino was named alternate.



Colby McDaniel



Joshua Roberts

DMS names top students

Dimmitt Middle School recently named the top students of the eighth grade class.

The student with the top grade-point average was Colby McDaniel with 97.286. Second high was Joshua Roberts with 97.191. McDaniel is the son of Stan and Rita McDaniel of Dimmitt. Roberts is the son of Jackie and Beth Roberts of Dimmitt.

Other students named in the top ten of the class were Tawnee Matthews, Sy Olson, Cameron Lust, Andrew Teaschner, Lindsey Garza, Maria Garcia, Shaun Furr and Chad Ewing.

The rankings were based on the students' current grade-point average for the 1992-93 school year.

Seven hurt in accident

A 14-year-old Dimmitt girl was ticketed for no driver's license and failure to control speed as the result of an accident that caused minor injuries to seven people.

The accident happened Saturday at 9:26 p.m. at the intersection of the 700 block of south US 385 and the 600 block of Southeast Fourth Street.

Cicely Reyna was driving a car south on US 385 and struck the back of a pickup driven by Lizandra Oltivero, 18, of Dimmitt. Oltivero had been stopped, and was attempting to make a left turn onto Southeast Fourth.

All of those involved in the accident were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, where most were examined, treated and released. One passenger in the car was kept overnight for observation and was then released. The drivers of the vehicles and four other passengers in the car were treated for bruises and other minor injuries, according to Mrs. Joe Reyna, the mother of Cicely Reyna.

The car was rated as totaled and the pickup had heavy damage.

More about County . . .

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NTS. Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders made the motion to accept Value Line, saying that he preferred the service he has obtained through that company. Smith voted against, with the others voting in favor of Value Line.

Only one bid was received for the purchase of a pickup from Pct. 2. The commissioners agreed to sell the vehicle for \$357 to Johnny Vick. Winders said that he only paid \$350 for it when he bought it.

"It's in good shape except for the motor and the transmission," Winders quipped.

Dr. B.H. Lee was named County Health Officer for this year.

The commissioners gave approval to make a \$50 donation to the Hi-Plains Research Foundation, which performs agricultural research, working with the Extension service.

A company that helps counties get in compliance with federal wage and hour laws offered to review the county's policies and draw up job descriptions for a fee of about \$1,250 plus travel expenses. The company says that the program will help the county save more than what the program costs.

Simpson said the matter would not be considered during budget preparations.

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bow could scurry to the top in an emergency.

It worked. The back yard became her queendom. She would seldom stray to the highway side of the house. And she would never again go near a car that was moving or making noise.

Rainbow matured into a real beauty. Her hair grew long, her colors were bold, and her coat shined.

In the summer, when she wasn't snoozing under the forsythia bushes, she would climb the cat-ladder and lie on top of the grape arbor and survey the world for hours at a time.

I thought I had the back yard dog-proofed until one day a curious, half-grown dachshund managed to slither under the back gate. Bad decision.

Nathan and I were working in the yard, with Rainbow watching us. When that pup got under the gate and raised his head, Rainbow's back arched, her tail flared, and she emitted an ominous, throaty growl. Her domain was being invaded.

I looked at Nathan. He looked at me. We had the same thought at the same time.

"Sic 'im, Rainbow!" we yelled as we started chasing the surprised pup around the yard.

She didn't need any further encouragement. Off she took in pursuit, at a full gallop. It was the first time I could remember seeing a cat chase a dog.

After a round or two, she caught the hapless dog under a forsythia bush. We couldn't see what was going on, but we could hear it, and it was obvious who was winning. When the yelping dog finally got loose, he made a bee-line to the back gate and exited twice as fast as he had entered, while Nathan and I practically rolled in the grass with laughter.

She must have had 10 or more litters of kittens before we finally had her spayed. She was a good mother.

She had a special "meow" that she would voice to Verbie when it was birthing time. We would always fix her up with a box lined with towels, but usually that wouldn't suit her. What *did* suit her was the storage closet under the staircase. If anyone left that closet door open, that's where she'd have her kittens—'way back where you couldn't get in to see them.

If the storage closet wasn't available at the critical time, she'd go through the warm-box routine—and then she'd move them into the storage closet the first chance that she got.

Cats will instinctively move their newborn kittens several times for safety's sake. Rainbow would usually move hers from the storage closet to a closet in the boys' bedroom upstairs. It would take a lot of trips upstairs—sometimes with the boys trying to reverse the tide—and since she couldn't count, she'd keep going back to the storage closet to make sure she hadn't left one there.

For the rest of her life, she'd have to check out that storage closet anytime we'd open the door for her.

It wasn't hard for a grade-school

teacher to find homes for kittens, and Rainbow's offspring ended up in homes and barns all over the countryside. I imagine she outlived most of them.

We kept two of her sons from one litter—Van Dyke, a black-and-white, and Bevo, an orange-and-white. They lived full lives, too, but both are long since gone.

She had different games she'd play with different members of the family.

When Nathan would go up to bed, he'd give her a certain call and she'd perk up and head for the staircase, then race him to the top. No one could outrun her up the stairs.

In recent years, when I would go to bed, she'd always be lying at the foot of it, on my side, and would complain mightily when I'd pull down the covers and kick the sheets loose at the bottom. Then she'd come up between Verbie and me and wait to be petted until she had had enough.

When Verbie would make up the bed in the morning, Rainbow would get right in the middle. Verbie would throw the bedspread over her, then start scratching around the lump under the covers, and Rainbow would play chase-and-swat. It was just part of the morning routine.

When Verbie was having her wake-up coffee, Rainbow would always get into her lap and they'd talk for a while. Verbie would turn her chair sideways to the table for Rainbow's convenience.

Like most cats, Rainbow had a sixth sense about people. Some she would instinctively avoid, and others she would walk right up to and nuzzle. After the kids were grown and gone, as soon as any one of them would walk back into the door—no matter how long it had been—she'd be all over them. And she patiently let our small granddaughters pet her and hug her and maul her, without complaining.

Dr. Hill said the cancer would spread to her stomach and lungs. We followed its deadly progress as Rainbow started walking more slowly, almost quit eating, then started breathing more heavily.

We already had made the decision. If her suffering became too great, we'd have her put to sleep.

By Friday night, we knew it was time.

Early Saturday morning, I dug her grave just inside the west fence, under the corner of the grape arbor, just below the side-timber where she used to lie and survey her domain. I dug it deep, through the hard clay, so nothing would ever bother her there.

Later that morning we made the dreaded trip to the animal clinic.

Dr. Hill and Jody Huseman handled it very discreetly.

There'll be strawberries soon nearby, around the base of her cat-ladder. And the arbor will be covered again with shady grapevines, and red table grapes will ripen late this summer. It looks like the sweet-cherry tree near the arbor will make this year, too.

The seasons will change, and life will go on, and I'll continue to tend the back yard.

But it will still be her domain, as it has been these last 16 years.

More about

Italian visitors . . .

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cal commission members Clara Vick and Dale Winders.

The marker was accepted by Charles Schlabs, who granted the easement for the permanent location of the chapel and has been instrumental in the preservation effort for the structure.

The Italians presented a gift to the historical commission—a religious carving to be displayed in the chapel. Also, Francesca Barillaro, the daughter of former POW Barillaro, presented an engraved metal plate that said the carving is a "remake of Beato Angelico's fresco representing our Lord who sets free a soul from limbo. Gift of former Italian prisoners of war to their new friends of Castro County in memory of their dead comrades. A.D. 1443-1943-1993."

Following the ceremonies, the Italians drove to view more of the former prison camp site, then went to the museum in Dimmitt. There,

the Italians donated many artifacts and archive materials to the museum's POW archives.

Robert Wilhite and Kevin Shaw of Dimmitt gave a demonstration of cutting horse riding and roping. Wilhite allowed several of the visitors to sit on his horse for photographs.

From the museum, everyone went to Dimmitt's FUMC for a barbecue meal, hosted by the Historical Commission with help from many other organizations. The Dimmitt Girl Scouts served at the tables.

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald made a presentation to former POW Alessandro Brighenti, who told of his three escape attempts while a prisoner at the Hereford camp.

"I heard that one of his biggest wishes was for a cowboy hat, but since no stores are open, I'll give him mine," Fitzgerald said as he placed his hat on Brighenti's head.

More about

Barrett resigns . . .

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"This board might want to go in a different direction, and my decision would allow them to do that more easily," Barrett said.

Asked what he would warn a successor about, Barrett said, "I would tell them to make sure that instructional gains are the utmost objective and to continue to support the administrative and teaching staff, because they have proven that they can make those gains."

"I would say that if you have to worry about something, worry about consolidation, school finance and other legislative impacts on rural, sparsely populated school districts," Barrett said.

As for the advantages of Dimmitt, Barrett said, "I would tell them they are fortunate to live in a community that is small, but yet self-sufficient, that has businesses, recreational opportunities, schools and churches that will appeal to everyone."

"And there is an intangible about Dimmitt that is very appealing to me—our kids are very, very competitive in a vast number of different things. I am a competitive person and I love that competitive nature."

In summing up his tenure here, Barrett pointed to accomplishments in the instructional level.

"We had increases in our TAAS scores, especially in the exit-level exam. We met the education commissioner's goal of 90% of our

students mastering the writing portion of that exam.

"Our staff has worked hard to become much stronger. Enrollment has dropped, but with increased emphasis on attendance and a lower drop-out rate, our funding (which is based on attendance) has not dropped. We reduced staff in some areas without reducing the quality of our program."

"I feel we made significant progress in our instructional program. I would compare our test score improvements to any district's in the state that has the same demographics. Our test scores are up, our graduation rate is higher, and our drop-out rate has dropped through the floor."

"The district is in very strong financial shape. In case the court closes the schools June 1, we will be able to stay open as long as anyone in the Panhandle," Barrett said.

Barrett said, "DISD is not broken. It's rolling along just fine. I'm not leaving until July 1, plus whatever time is necessary to insure a smooth transition. I just came to the decision that it would probably be the best for the board to have the opportunity to select their own superintendent."

The board voted to accept Barrett's resignation and set a meeting for Monday at 7 p.m. to make plans for seeking a successor for the position.

More about

Dimmitt project . . .

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The chapter conducting team won third place and also will advance to the national contest. Team members are Denicia Barrios, Lorena Silva, Marta Arredondo, Sonia Cardona, Alma Moctezuma and Susie Ramirez.

Also qualifying for national was Roy Salazar with a fifth place finish for a graphic logo he designed.

Other winners at the state contest included:

Woodworking I

SECOND PLACE: Michael Glidewell, coffee table; Adam Mondragon, night stands; Carolotta Castillo, night stand; Sally Castillo, entertainment unit; Juan Balderrama, TV cabinet; David Herrera, curio cabinet; Jennifer Vick, bed; Sammy Ramirez, cabinet.

THIRD PLACE: Sonia Cardona, desk; Albert Charles, book shelf; Rey Garcia, entertainment unit; Juan Hernandez, china hutch; Scott Heck, gun cabinet; Frank Ibarra,

table and benches.

Woodworking II

SECOND PLACE: Ruth Torres, bed; Denicia Barrios, entertainment unit; Marta Arredondo, night stand; Claudia Dominguez, desk.

THIRD PLACE: Chris Hutson, dresser; Crystal Rodriguez, cedar chest.

Metalworking

THIRD PLACE: Denicia Barrios, trailer; Steve Hoggard, engine hoist.

Written Tests

Roy Salazar, fourth in communication graphics; Chris Paxton third and Danny Ramirez fifth in energy systems; and Lupe Vasquez fifth and Geraldo Barrios sixth in power-transportation systems.

Graphic Solutions

SECOND: Santiago Gonzales. Club sponsor Charles Cotter voiced thanks to Jim Wright, Don Moke and Kenny Paxton who furnished vehicles and helped transport the projects to Waco, and to others who went along as sponsors.

DMS students win at academic meet

Dimmitt Middle School students participated in the District UIL Academic meet held in Dimmitt May 1.

First place winners included fourth grader Lillian Stewart in spelling, fifth grader Mindi Ethridge in ready writing, and seventh grader Kami Hand in oral reading.

Second place honors went to seventh grader Michael Bell in calculator, sixth grader Christina Fierro in spelling, and eighth grader Andrew Teaschner in ready writing. Also, seventh grader Nathan Killough and eighth grader Tracy Grand won red ribbons for All-Star Cast honors in the One-Act Play competition.

Third place winners were Maria Garcia and Colby McDaniel, tied in Earth science.

Other placings included:

FOURTH GRADE: Stephanie Casas and Cherie Bell, tied for fourth in spelling.

FIFTH GRADE: Van Jeter, fourth, and Michael Penney, fifth, in spelling; and the picture memory team of Cynthia Hernandez, Christie Bryan, Lupita Rodriguez, Larissa Fuentes and Samuel Prieto, fifth.

SIXTH GRADE: Miranda Turner, fourth in ready writing; Adam Gonzales, fourth in number sense; and Shawna Kenworthy, sixth in oral reading.

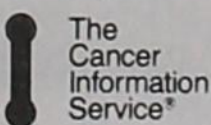
SEVENTH GRADE: Jacy Buckley, fourth, and Lisa Velo, sixth, in number sense; and Tracy Grand, fourth, and Lisa Velo, sixth, in oral reading.

EIGHTH GRADE: Colby McDaniel, sixth in number sense.

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Obituaries

David Frank Allen

Services for David Frank Allen, 76, of Clayton, N.M., former Dimmitt resident, were held Saturday afternoon in Wood Auditorium with Gilbert Reese and Owen Henderson officiating.

Burial followed in Clayton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Schooler-Hass Funeral Directors.

Mr. Allen died last Wednesday, May 5.

He was born in Aberdeen and had lived in Dimmitt before moving to Union County in New Mexico in 1961. He married Wilma Parker in 1938 at Clovis, N.M. He had farmed in Union County since 1959.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Larry Allen of Amarillo; three daughters, Evelyn Simpson of Texline, Linda Holmes of Ontario, Ore., and Helen Goodell of Amarillo; a brother, Dan C. Allen of Klamath Falls, Ore.; two sisters, Va Metcalf of Las Vegas, Nev., and Eddie Lee Smith of Dalhart; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Clayton Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 187, Clayton, N.M. 88415.

Roy A. Byrd

Services for Roy A. Byrd, 79, of Friona, were held Wednesday morning in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Rev. Gerald Aalbers, pastor of Hart's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home.

Mr. Byrd died at 10:35 p.m. Saturday in Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after an illness.

He was born Jan. 15, 1914, in Memphis and moved to Vivian, S.D. He moved to Friona in 1972 and currently spends six months of each there and the other six months living in Vivian. He married Vasca Kittrell on Jan. 1, 1972, in Hart.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Doris Chapel and Cathie Brown, both of Tucson, Ariz., and Earline Esmay of Stephenville, Mont.; two stepdaughters, Joyce Roberson of Amherst and Peggy Davis of Anton; two sons, Gerald Byrd of Downey, Calif., and Larry Byrd of Presho, S.D.; two stepsons, Jerry Kittrell of Hart and John Kittrell of Sherman; four sisters, Gladys Evans of Tucson, Jewel Wood Jenkins of Picacho, Ariz., Ruth Mogg of Plainview and Faye Cawthon of Tucumcari, N.M.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Merlin Hastings

Services for Merlin M. Hastings, 88, of Plainview, former Hart School superintendent, will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) in Lemons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plainview with Dr. Max Browning, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Plainview officiating.

Burial will follow in Plainview Memorial Park.

Mr. Hastings died Monday. Born and raised in Roscoe, he graduated from high school there. He attended Hardin-Simmons University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education from Texas Tech University. He married Althea Lee Grounds in 1935 at Abilene.

He taught elementary school at Hamlin and moved to Sagerton in 1937, where he served as superintendent. He moved to Pyron in 1940 and was superintendent there. He farmed for four years before moving to Hart to become superintendent of the school there. He served in that capacity for seven years before moving to Kress in 1958. He was grade school principal at Kress for 16 years. He retired in 1974 and moved to Plainview, where he worked at England Wholesale for a short time.

He was a member of the Texas State Teachers Association and First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, M.H. Hastings of Early; and three sisters, Jean Freeze of Sweetwater, Iona Bennett of Roscoe and Vesta Stephens of Van Horn.

Billy Furr

Billy Furr, 23, of Earth, brother of John Furr Jr. of Dimmitt, died at 7:26 p.m. last Wednesday, May 5, in Lamb County Health Care Center in Littlefield.

Graveside services were held Saturday afternoon in Earth Memorial Cemetery with Danny Sneed of the Earth Church of Christ, and Rev. Bryan Fink of Earth United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial followed in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Furr was born in Lamesa. He had been a resident of California before moving to Earth in 1981. He was a general laborer. He was preceded in death by his father, John Gene Furr Sr. in 1984.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Ruth Furr of Earth; a sister, Cammy Smith of Earth; and four brothers, John Furr Jr. of Dimmitt, Jimmy Furr and Randy Furr, both of Earth, and Robert Furr of Lubbock; eight nephews; and two nieces.

The family requests memorials be to Billy Furr Memorial Fund, in care of the First State Bank of Earth.

Josephine C. Jackson

Services for Josephine C. Jackson, 82, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home with Roger Velasquez, pastor of Pentecostal Holiness Church of Hart, officiating.

Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson died at 11:20 p.m. on May 4 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Corpus Christi and had been a Dimmitt resident since 1960. She married Edward Jackson in Corpus Christi. She was a member of the Dimmitt Senior Citizens and Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include a daughter, Elmina Garcia of Hart; a son, Claude Jackson of Mesa, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hart Cemetery, P.O. Box 174, Hart, 79043.

Joe Perez

Joe Perez, 50, of Dimmitt, died at 9:53 p.m. Saturday at Plainview's Methodist Hospital after a brief illness.

A vigil service was held Tuesday night at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Perez was born Feb. 2, 1943, in Mason. He moved to Dimmitt in 1965 from Plainview. He married Cande Zamudio on Nov. 16, 1965, in Dimmitt. He was a farmer, a Catholic and a member of the Sacred Heart.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Rachel Perez of Dimmitt; two sisters, Juanita Amaya of Plainview and Paula Flores of Garland; and four brothers, Jessie Perez, Domingo Perez and Vidal Perez, all of Dimmitt, and Teodoro Perez of Ed Couch.

Annabelle Ruiz

Graveside services for Annabelle Ruiz, infant daughter of Humberto and Lupe Ruiz of Amarillo, were held Wednesday afternoon at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt with Father Norbert Choong, pastor of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

The child was stillborn Tuesday at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Survivors include her parents; and her grandparents, Raymond and Teresa Ruiz of Delicias, Mexico, and Cesario and Manuela Aguero of Dimmitt.

Police Calls

Dimmitt police reported that a juvenile suspect gave a voluntary statement admitting to a March 30 theft and a burglary on April 30. In the theft, some money had been taken from the purse of Sydna Lynn, a teacher at Richardson Elementary. The burglary occurred at the home of Wannie Stevens of Dimmitt. She reported some money was taken while she was mowing her yard.

A 24-year-old Dimmitt man reportedly turned himself in to police on a warrant from Deaf Smith County for criminal non-support.

Cathy Jackson of Dimmitt complained to police that someone took her purse while she was working at Seale Florist. The purse and billfold, driver's licence, social security card, and various credit cards were recovered at the scene, along with Jackson's keys, but an amount of cash that had been in the purse

was missing. The theft occurred between 1 and 4:30 p.m. May 5.

Deputies received a report of someone firing a rifle around some children and causing a disturbance around 10:25 p.m. Friday. A 49-year-old Hart man was sought in connection with the incident and he had been reported as highly intoxicated. The suspect was charged with felony DWI.

The Dimmitt City police received a report of a break-in at the dog pound. Tin was pried off of a door to gain entry. The damage was reported Friday morning.

A gasoline spill was ignited in a driveway resulting in an incident of arson around 11:53 p.m. Friday.

Someone broke a window screen and window at the apartment of Carmen Oliviero of Dimmitt. The damage was reported at 12:20 a.m. Tuesday. Apparently a rock was used to break the window.

A 36-year-old Levelland man was arrested Sunday night for public intoxication. Two arrests were made for DWI, one Sunday night and one Monday night.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt man was stopped about 12:46 a.m. May 1 after he was observed driving in a reckless manner.

A Dimmitt woman told police that she has been receiving harassing phone calls.

An accident Saturday morning resulted in light damage to two vehicles, but no one was injured. Lydia Dones, 25, of Amarillo was driving west on East Bedford when her vehicle was struck by a 1989 car driven by Daniel Lopez Vasquez, 20, of Dimmitt. Lopez was ticketed for failure to drive in a single lane.

Saturday night at 9:45 a pickup driven by Louis Torres, 41, of

Dimmitt struck an unattended parked vehicle at the Azteca Complex. Damage to both vehicles was rated light, and no injuries were reported.

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Veal	1.9	0.9
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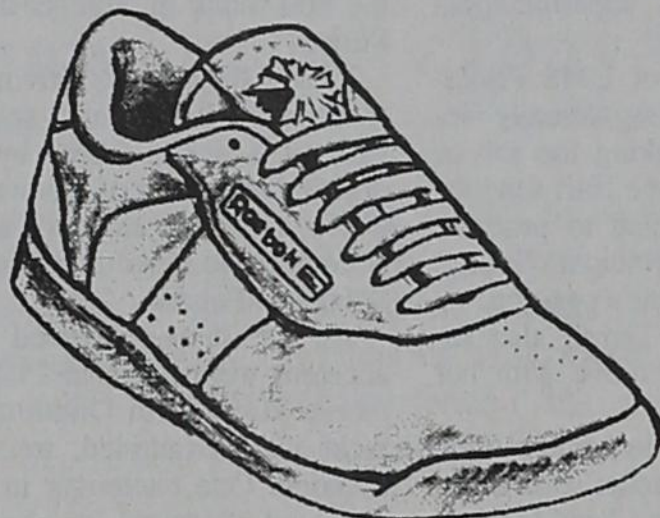
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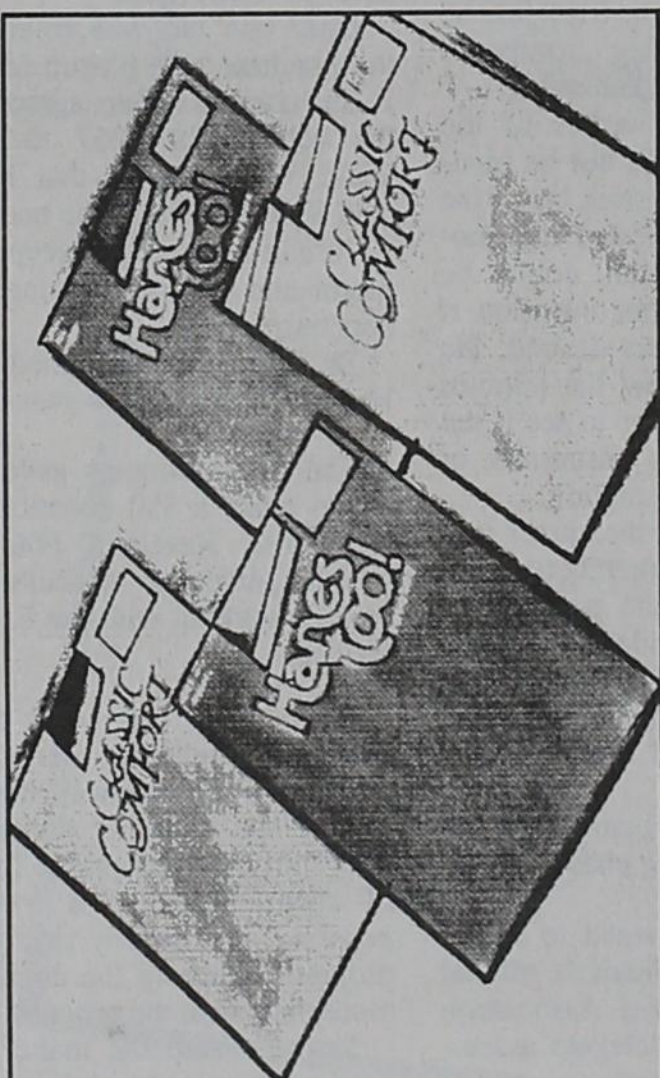
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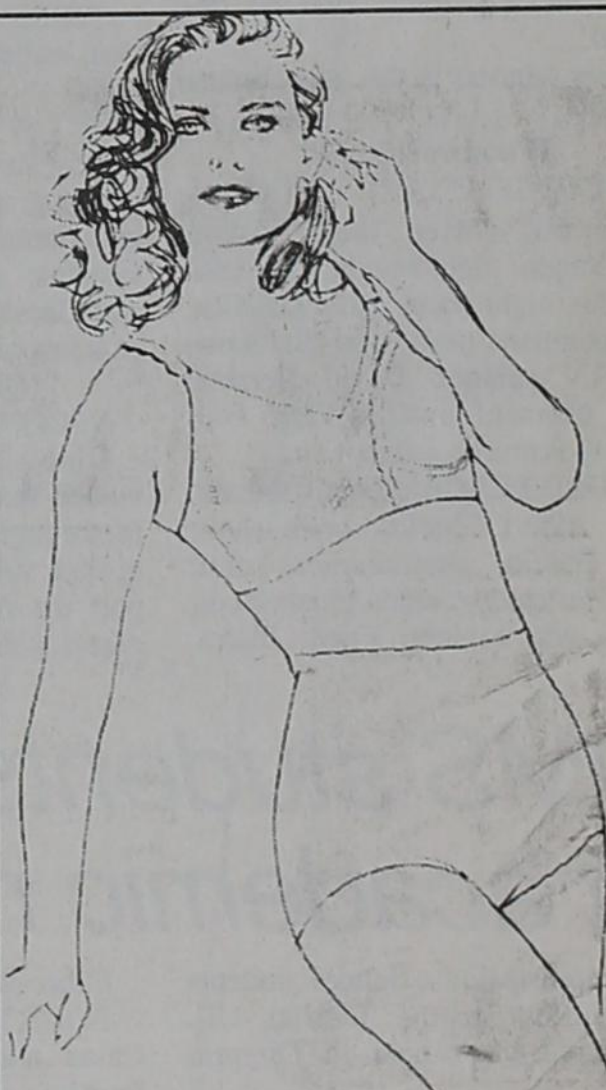
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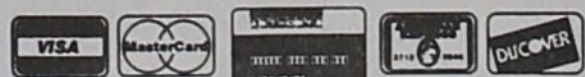
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Nelson weds Griffis in formal ceremony

Pamela Lee Nelson became the bride of Alva Edward Griffis III Saturday in a formal evening ceremony at the First United Methodist Church in Abernathy with the bride's brother-in-law, King Burney of the Church of Christ in Junction, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Hazel Nelson of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Alva and Yvonne Griffis of New Deal.

The altar was decorated with fresh spring flowers, spiral candelabras, and a unity candle. The pew markers were candles surrounded by cascading clusters of spring blossoms accented with ribbons.

Providing music for the occasion was Timothy Moore, who played both the organ and piano; and singers Kristi Lytal and Natalie Sims.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an elegant white gown designed by Mon Cheri Bridals. It was fashioned with a white satin bodice which delicately kissed the shoulders. Rich, imported Alencon lace encrusted with pearls and sequins adorned the princess bodice as well as the skirt and train of the gown. A fitted basque waistline allowed the multi-layers of tulle to cascade to the floor and sweep into a full, cathedral-length train.

She wore a delicate headpiece of pearls and silks with an attached veil of illusion.

She carried a cascading bouquet of mixed spring blossoms.

Melanie Burney of Junction, served her sister as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Heather Griffis and Holly Griffis, both of New Deal, sisters of the groom.

The attendants wore full-length gowns of twilight satin and tulle with keyhole back and rhinestone clasps. They carried clusters of seasonal flowers.



MRS. ALVA EDWARD GRIFFIS III
... nee Pamela Lee Nelson

Flower girls were Cassie and Samantha Myatt of Gruver, cousins of the bride.

Best man was Robbie Harkey of New Deal, cousin of the groom. Serving as groomsmen were Scott Weatherford of New Deal, friend of the groom, and Robert Nelson of Dimmitt, brother of the bride.

Ring bearer was Tyler Griffis, brother of the groom.

Don Bostick and Scott Nash lighted candles and seated guests.

The registry table held an arrangement of fresh spring flowers and Melinda Sutton of Lubbock and Krystal Clearman of Dimmitt registered guests.

The bride's parents hosted a reception at the home of the groom's parents following the wedding.

The groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at Cano's Steakhouse.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will reside in New Deal.

The bride is a graduate of Lubbock Christian University and she is employed at New Deal Independent School District.

The groom is attending Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and he is involved in agriculture.



FAMILY REUNION—These five brothers hadn't been together for 20 years before the recent wedding anniversary reception for the eldest brother and his wife, Emilio (right) and Refugio Nino of Dimmitt. At the celebration, the Nino brothers were reunited, including (from left) Amos of Washington, Mike of Dimmitt, Tanis of Lockhart, Felipe of San Marcos and Emilio.

Courtesy Photo

Calico

By Terri Loudder

I gave myself a Mother's Day present this year. And it wasn't the traditional macaroni necklace, baby food jar decorated with colored felt, or plaster hand print, though each of those is a precious treasure in its own right. But this year, I wanted something different... something I had to give myself.

I gave myself an afternoon with my children. I didn't wash dishes or clothes. I didn't make phone calls or watch TV. I didn't yell.

I played basketball and helped fix bicycles. I read a story, hugged and kissed away the pain of a fall and went for a ride in the country. We sang songs and made jokes and acted silly.

Then, before it was over, I let them talk and I listened.

My youngest daughter told me about what she calls "my world." It's a magic place where people are purple with white swirls and dogs, cats and birds can drive tiny little cars. In her "world" folks are only about two feet tall and made out of bricks!

She reminded me that a child's imagination is a limitless place without walls or boundaries... a place where anything is possible.

My son told me that he's going to invent a house where everything from turning on the water to finding what you want to make for dinner can be done with a remote control. He said he is going to be a scientist and discover a cure for AIDS and leukemia and find a way to help the homeless people.

He reminded me that all the world's problems are solvable if we can tackle them with the openness of

children... with determination and belief in our own abilities.

My oldest daughter said she wants to be a pediatrician because it would be fun helping little children. She wants to travel to New York and Hawaii and the Bahamas, but she wants to build her solar-powered home right here in Dimmitt.

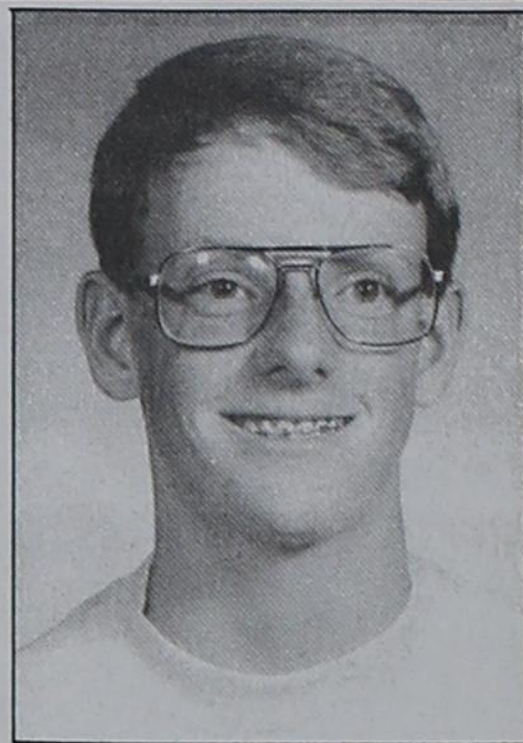
She reminded me how important it is to feel centered in a place where you are loved and feel at home... because home is where you start from.

I told them the things I remembered about my mother from my childhood. That she taught me to make shimmering, beautiful bubbles with a bar of soap and an empty thread spool. That she showed me how to make my own clothes, paint pictures and make cookies. And when my feelings were hurt, she cried with me.

That reminded me that she was the one who taught me how to be a mother. I hope I can do it half as well as she.

That was my Mother's Day present. It couldn't be wrapped with tissue or tied with ribbons, but it was, by far, one of the greatest gifts I've ever received. The only gift more precious is to have a mom, or to be one!

Happy Mother's Day!



Bradley Scott Phillips

Phillips earns USAA award

Bradley Scott Phillips, son of Bobby and Suzanne Phillips and grandson of Aural Davis of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Phillips of Clovis, N.M., has been named a United States Achievement Academy award winner in science.

Phillips, who attends Valley View Junior High School, was nominated for the award by Mrs. Marilyn Winders, science teacher.

His name and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook, which is published nationally.

DHS Choir earns 1s at festival

The Dimmitt High School Choir, directed by Dwight Joiner, earned several Division I ratings at the Greater Southwest Music Festival, which was held recently in Amarillo.

The small ensemble including Diana Anes, Tori Baker, Linda Fuentes, Nikki Kenley, Lupe Mendez and Heather Thomas received a Division I or "superior" rating for their performance. The large ensemble earned an "excellent" Division II rating for its performance of *My True Love Has My Heart*.

Fuentes, Kenley, Mendez, Thomas and Janna Parker each earned a Division I rating for her respective solo performance.

Terri Beth Teaschner, Joy Waller and Tori Baker earned Division II ratings for their solos.

Shower fetes Lisa Widick

Lisa Widick, bride-elect of Dr. Danny Trevino, was honored recently with a bridal shower in the home of Rita McDaniel.

Guests were greeted by the honoree and her mother, Ann Widick; and the prospective groom's mother, Yolanda Trevino.

The honoree received bed linens from Mrs. McDaniel and the 29 ladies who assisted with hostess duties.

Out-of-town guests were Miss Widick's great-aunt, Janice Smith of Floydada; and a friend, Christi Linville of Amarillo.



CUTEST MISS HEREFORD—Raquel Jasmin Guzman was named the 1993 Cutest Miss Hereford during the Little Miss Hereford Pageant April 25 in Hereford. She is the daughter of Richard and Delia Guzman of Hereford and the granddaughter of Elida Gonzales and Tommy Guzman, both of Dimmitt, and Frank and Lisa Aleman of Amarillo. She is the great-granddaughter of Narcisca Hernandez of Olton.

Courtesy Photo

Who's New?

Out of town

It's a girl for Jerry and Laura Rickert. Their daughter, Emily Kalise, was born April 25 in Canyon. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 19-3/4 inches long. She has a big sister, Ashlee, who's 4. Grandparents are Ed and Sandra Waggoner of Lubbock; and Ronald and Betty Rickert of Dimmitt. Great-grandparent is Mrs. John B. Stapleton of San Angelo.

Plains Memorial

Barbara Garza and Rene Rivera of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Diego Rene Rivera, who was born at 9:35 a.m. last Thursday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 5 lbs., 7 oz. and measured 19-1/2 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Amada Rivera and the late Jessie Rivera. Maternal grandparents are Abelia Martinez and Hector Rodriguez, both of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Cesario and Felicitia Garza of Dimmitt, Concepcion Rodriguez of Del Rio, Martha Mireles of Hereford and Beatrice Rivera of Plainview.

Elisa A. and Robert Anes are the parents of a new baby boy, Matthew Ray, who was born at 10:27 a.m. last Thursday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He entered the world weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. and he was 22 inches long. His paternal grandparents are Jose Anes of McAllen and Maria Anes of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Cesario and Manuela Agüero of Dimmitt.

Ball is feted

Lou Ball, bride of Randy Ball, was honored with a miscellaneous wedding shower Saturday in the home of Geneva Malone.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Malone and were presented to the honoree and the groom's mother, Ysleta Ball.

The serving table was covered with a lace cloth and it held fresh fruit, fruit breads, assorted cheeses and almond tea, which was served to guests.

Serving the approximate 50 guests who attended the shower were the groom's sister, Debra Ball, and the bride's sisters, Debbie Hightower and Valerie Martin.

Mrs. Malone was assisted by 27 ladies in carrying out hostess duties. The group presented the honoree with a card table and chairs, crock pot, iced tea pot and vase.

Special guests were the bride's daughter and granddaughter, Becky Shields and Tara of Lovington, N.M.; the bride's sisters, Debbie Hightower and Valerie Martin of Portales N.M.; and Gertie Waggoner and Patty Powers of Canyon, special guests of the groom.

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Missy Brockman
bride-elect of
Mark L. Kleman
Sunday, May 23, 1993
1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
in the home of
Vicky Kleman
225 South St. Mary, Nazareth

Selections at Hays Company, Lockhart Pharmacy,
Running M Bath Shop and Seale Florist in Dimmitt
and Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Pam and Eddie
Griffis
(the former Pam Nelson)
Saturday, May 22
10 to 11:30 a.m.
in the home of
Dorothy Nutt
1001 Maple, Dimmitt

Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Judilee's,
Lockhart Pharmacy, Running M Bath Shop
and The Village Shop.

You are cordially invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Wendy Gore
bride-elect of
Dennis Petty
Saturday, May 15, 1993
10 to 11:30 a.m.
in the home of
Barbara Hardin
2019 Plains, Hereford

Selections at Lockhart Pharmacy, Seale Florist,
and The Village Shop in Dimmitt
and Wishes in Hereford.

Engagements



Dennis Jay Petty and Wendy Elaina Gore

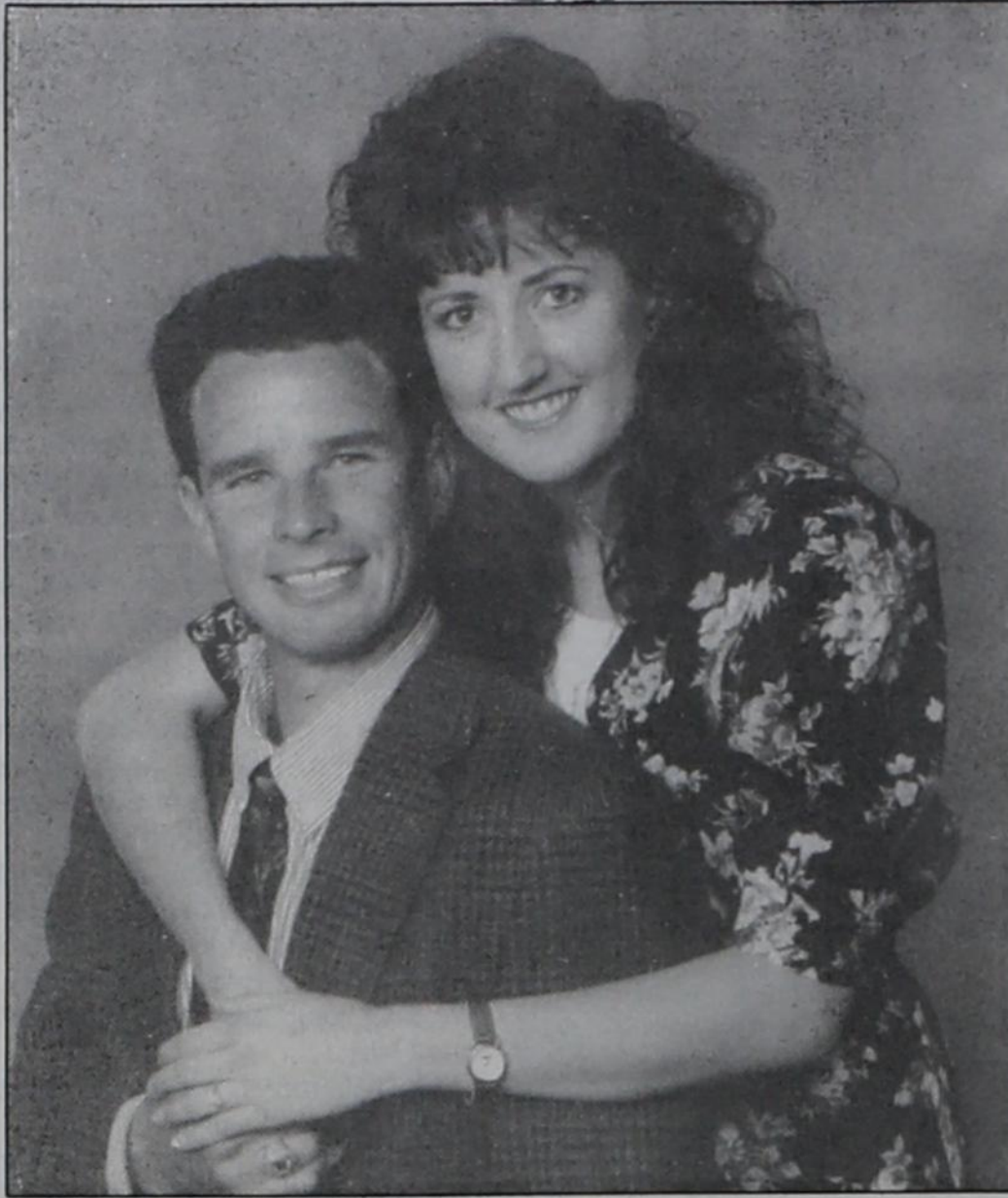
Petty, Gore plan vows

Wendy Elaina Gore and Dennis Jay Petty will exchange wedding vows Saturday, June 5, at 7 p.m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Thompson at Tulia.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Linda Davidson of Beeville and James C. Gore Jr. of Bay St. Louis, Miss. She is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School and she is enrolled in nursing courses at Amarillo College. She is working part-time at Texas Corn Growers Association in Dimmitt.

The prospective groom is the son of Jean Petty Thompson of Tulia and Dan Petty of Anton; and the grandson of Tommie Sue Nisbett of Dimmitt and R.O. and Allena Nelson of Lelia Lake. He is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He graduated from the Ranch Management Program at Texas Christian University in 1992 with an associate degree. He is employed at Andy Rogers Feedlot.

Following the wedding, the couple plans to live in Dimmitt.



Carla Frye and Coby McGee

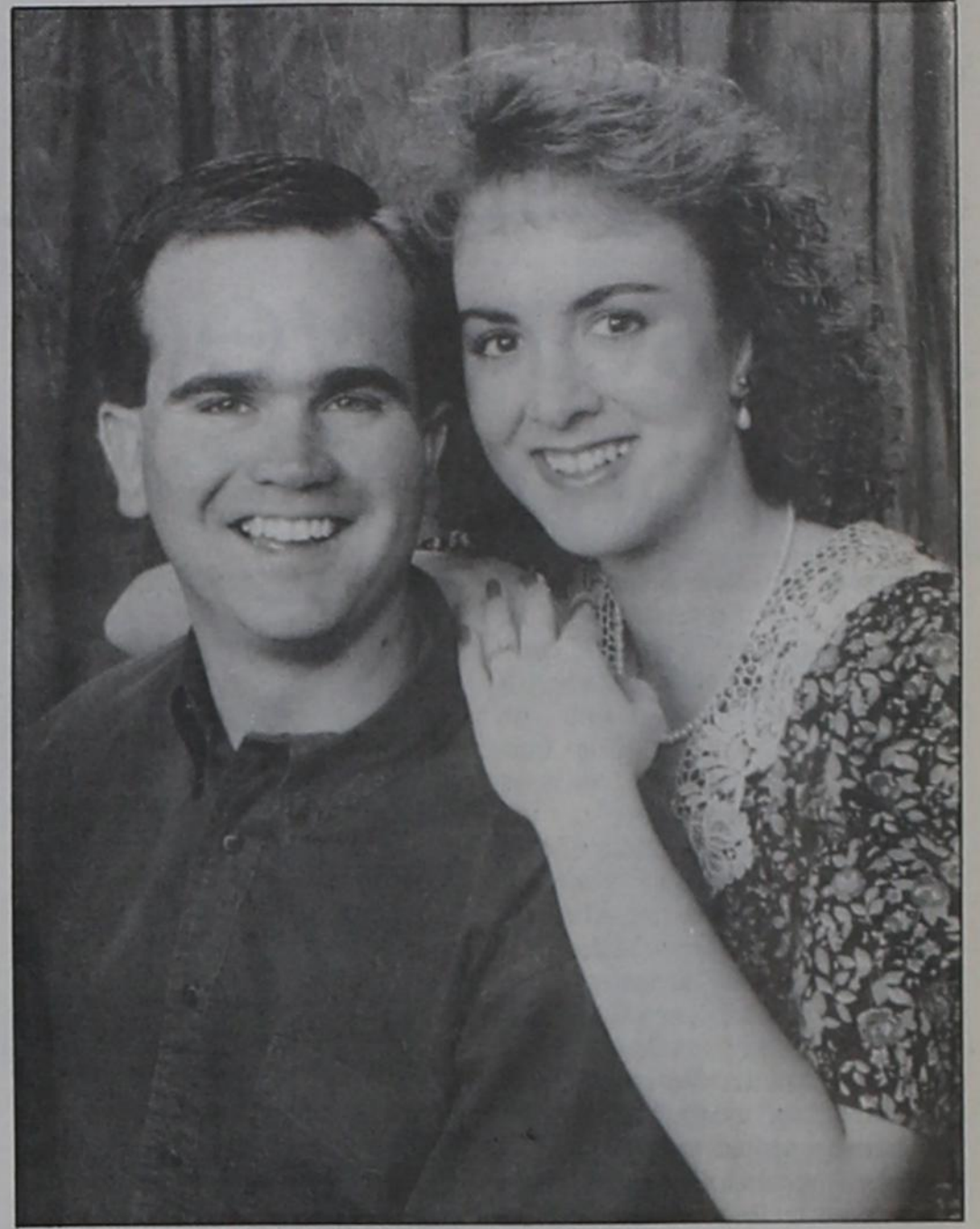
Frye and McGee to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Frye of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Carla Frye, to Coby McGee, son of Jackie Butler of Lubbock.

The wedding is being planned for June 25 in Lubbock.

The bride-to-be is a 1985 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Baylor University and is employed by Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Coronado High School in Lubbock. He graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in exercise and sports sciences. He is self-employed in Lubbock.



Mark L. Kleman and Melissa Brockman

June vows planned

Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Kay Brockman, to Mark Leo Kleman, son of Alphonse and Viola Kleman, also of Nazareth.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. on June 19 in Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Nazareth High School. She attended South Plains College from 1988-1990, then transferred to Texas Tech University, where she graduated this month with a bachelor of science degree in Human Development and Family Studies with a specialization in early childhood education.

The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Nazareth High School. He graduated in 1989 from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural finance. He is currently employed with the Dimmitt office of Plainview's Production Credit Association.

Following the wedding, the couple plans to reside in Nazareth.



Brian Thomas and Melinda Wilson

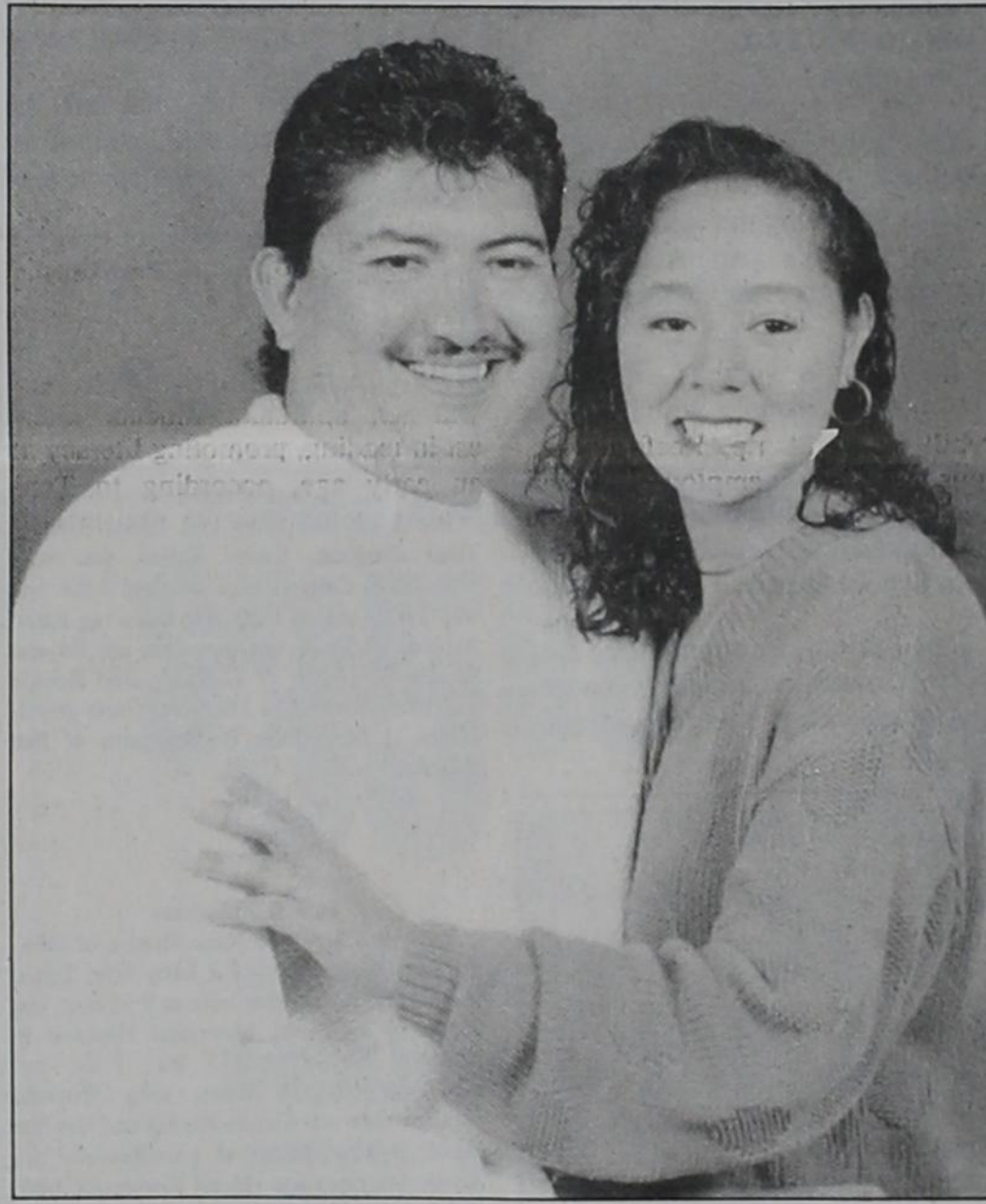
June wedding is set

Melinda Wilson will become the bride of Brian Thomas on June 12 when the couple plan to exchange wedding vows in the First Baptist Church at Hart.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wilson of Hart and the granddaughter of Mr. Jim Brooks of Clovis, N.M. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Thomas of Hereford and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Thomas and Mrs. Winnie Tyler, all of Hereford.

Miss Wilson is a 1988 graduate of Hart High School. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Texas Tech University and she is teaching seventh-grade English in the Bryan Independent School District.

Thomas is a 1988 graduate of Hereford High School. He will graduate from Texas A&M University in August with a bachelor of science degree in animal science.



Danny Ortiz and Roxanne Mullen

Engagement is told

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mullen of Las Vegas, Nev. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Roxanne Mullen, to Danny Ortiz, son of Natividad and Olivia Ortiz of Dimmitt.

The wedding will be held July 17 at San Diego, Calif.

The bride-to-be is an officer in the Women's Dept. at the Correctional Center in San Diego.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1980 and he joined the US Marines for four years. After that he studied at Panhandle State University for four years and graduated with a degree in physical education and health and recreation. He is a correctional officer at the Dept. of Justice Federal Bureau of Prisons in San Diego.



Jon Howard and Shelly Knox

Knox to wed Howard

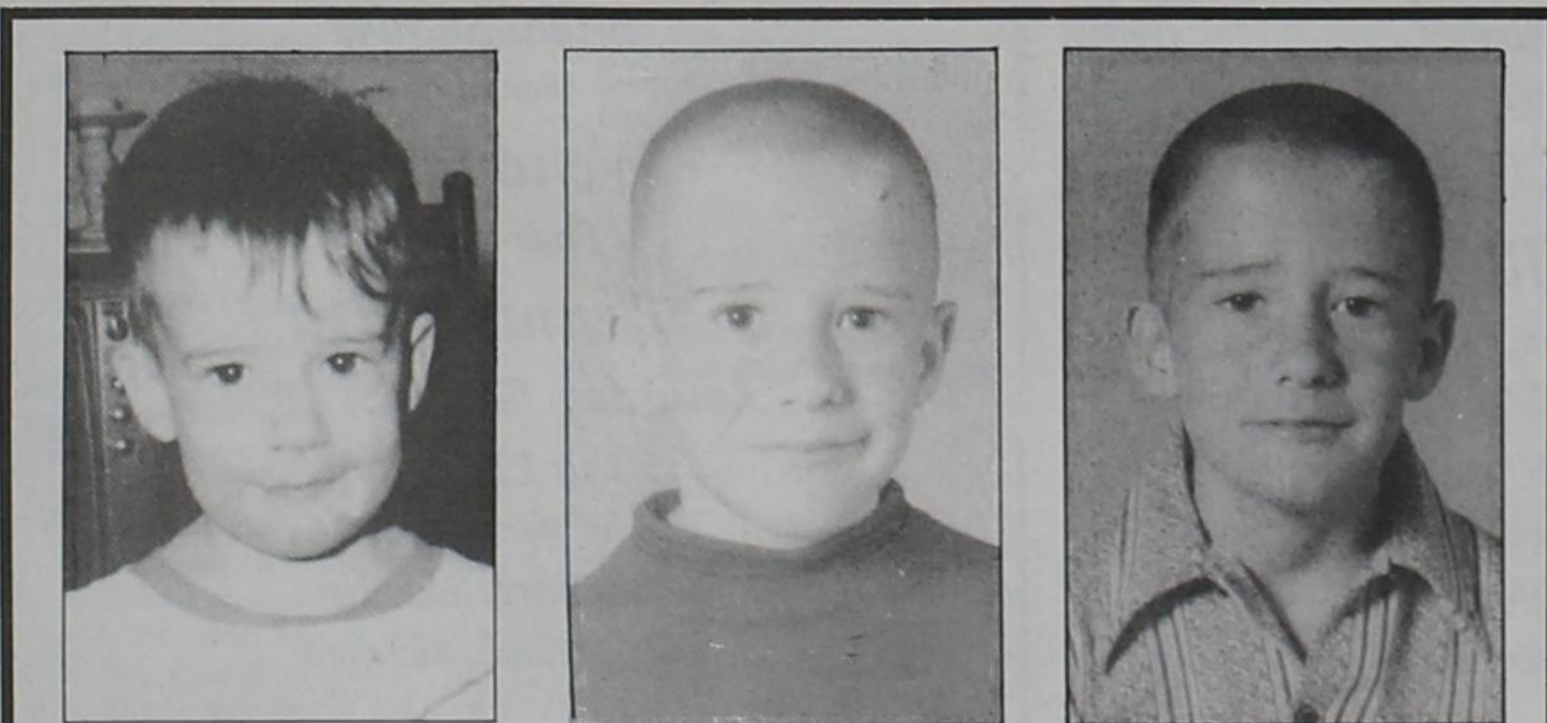
Mr. and Mrs. David Knox of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelly, to Jon Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Howard of Tulia.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of R.G. and Alva Henderson of Hart and Don and Gloria Knox of Spearman. The prospective groom's grandparents are Mrs. Julius Hansen of Tulia and Mrs. Love Howard of Breckenridge.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows July 10 at the First Baptist Church in Hart.

Miss Knox is a 1991 graduate of Hart High School and she is currently attending Texas Tech University.

The prospective groom is a 1988 graduate of Tulia High School. He is a computer science major at Texas Tech University.



**Did you know my Dad will be 29
the second time? (30)**

Pair to wed

Olan and Leslie Moore of Lubbock, formerly of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather, to Freddy Nino Martinez, son of Tony Martinez of Hereford and Jolanda Martinez of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange vows June 5 in Amarillo's Central Church of Christ. They will reside in Amarillo after the wedding.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Lubbock Christian High School, and plans to pursue nursing studies at Amarillo College in the fall. She is employed by Royal Optical in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He attended West Texas State University and plans to attend AC in the fall. He is employed by Best Buy in Amarillo.

You are invited to a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Heather Moore
bride-elect of
Freddy Martinez
Sunday, May 23
2:30 to 4 p.m.
in the home of
Steve and Emily Lemley
5228 29th St., Lubbock
Selections at Judilee's and Lockhart Pharmacy.

On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Ken and Robertha Cole were in Dimmitt last Thursday night to see friends and the group went to eat at K-Bob's. Ken is being assigned to the First Methodist Church in Shamrock.

The Mohons and Faye's father, Clell Bonifield along with Martha Jo Hyman, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson, and Van and Carole Hopson went out to eat and Cory and Cody joined them later for dessert.

Bill and Deanne Clark joined her sister, Suzi and her husband, Billy Hinton, in Lubbock for a yard workday for their mother, Elva Forrester. They will attend church at St. Luke's Methodist Church and also will get together with Jim and Kathy Harris and their children, Ian, Kay and Zak.

Four Dimmitt women attended the annual Springtime at Ceta Canyon and spent four days at the Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp.

Those attending were Jackie McElroy (director), her mother Mary Small, Mattie Seale (Jackie's assistant) and Cleo Forson.

There were more than 40 people from Methodist Churches in the Northwest Conference. They visited with three of Rev. Vernon O'Kelley's relatives.

Rev. Steve Campbell, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Amarillo did the worship service. Rev. Bert Jarvin, associate pastor of Lakeridge United Methodist Church in Lubbock did the Bible study.

There were several activities including crafts, a tour of the camp grounds, hike to falls, a nature walk or games. On Tuesday night there was a cookout. By the time they finished eating hamburgers, a wild turkey hen walked close by, looked around and flew to the top of a building.

There was a lot of good food and Fellowship.

The group returned home after lunch on Thursday.

Yvonne Wakefield went with her son, Steve of Grapevine, on a mission trip to Moscow, Russia. They went with a group of 100 from the Dallas area, Houston and other places in Texas.

Steve was a member of the play, *The Promise*, which performed in a theater in Moscow. Yvonne helped with the props used in the play.

The group stayed on a ship and the rooms were very compact. The meals on the ship were adequate, with breakfast and the three-course evening meal as a casual affair with four pieces of hard cheese and bread, beets, cabbage slaw, smoked fish and a bowl of soup. The third course was meat—maybe horse meat—and the desserts were ice cream, bread and apples. Sometimes they would put some of the cheese, bread and apples in their pockets for lunch while they were off the ship and in Moscow. They went to McDonalds for lunch twice while there. It is the largest McDonalds in the world.

Two Big Macs cost 1,000 rubles, which is one-fifteenth of a Russian's monthly salary.

There are beggars everywhere—even children. The teenagers tried to sell t-shirts, caps, pins, stamps, post cards and nesting dolls (dolls within dolls). The money exchange was different every day. A canned

cake was 250 rubles, and a bottle of Coke was 500 rubles. At the theater they could buy food, hot tea, cookies and boiled eggs.

Napkins couldn't be found anywhere.

The group ministered to a private school of 70 students and presented a flannel story of the *Life of Jesus*. The tuition for the school is 500 rubles per month for one child and that amount is one-third of a Russian's monthly salary. The school had a tea for the American visitors. While they were at the private school they saw only one car. Nearly everyone uses the public transportation there.

The janitor ladies wear blue uniforms and make 2,800 rubles per month. Besides cleaning the buildings, they sweep the snow off the walks.

The churches were turned into museums by the Communists after the revolution. The group toured the Eastern Orthodox Churches which were ornate, covered in icon Bible characters. The walls were decorated along a theme from a story from the Bible. Most of the buildings had the typical onion-top covered in gold.

Steve visited a seminary and a children's hospital while there.

As the group entered the theater they were required to take their heavy coats off, so Yvonne learned to wear the "layered look," so she could take off her coat and still be warm. As they left Russia, they gave all their warm clothes, toothpaste, aspirins and other items which are scarce, to the Russians.

As they were leaving on the bus which took them to their plane, Yvonne couldn't find an important paper she needed to leave Russia. One Russian woman kept telling her "It would be all right, maybe." Yvonne was scared that she might have to stay, and she only knew eight phrases in Russian. They did let her come home, even though she still hasn't found that important paper.

Before the group left the states, Yvonne prepared for the trip by eating yogurt and walking two miles every day. Several of her Dimmitt friends made necklaces with "God is Love," "Jesus Loves You," "God," and "Jesus" written on them. These were to be presented as gifts to the Russians. The children made cards and put a dollar bill in each card, and these were given to the Russian pastor.

The group returned home through England, where they saw the usual tourist attractions, including the Crown Jewels and Clothes.

Teresa (Lantz) Hopping and daughter, Kallie, and friends Kelly Bailey and daughter, Ashley, went to Orlando, Fla., courtesy of the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They went to Disney World, Sea World and MGM Studios. The girls have the same disease and became friends while receiving treatments.

Kenneth and Linda Frye enter-

ed friends for Mother's Day including Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hudman (Linda's mother) of Post, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Frye (Kenneth's mother) and their son, Reagan Frye of Canyon.

Charles Pitts and his friend of Amarillo spent Mother's Day with his mother, Ruby Ramsey.

The Dimmitt Classroom Teachers Association requests your presence at a Retirement Tea honoring Centrie Mayberry, Donna Smith, Billy Moyer and Lucille Odom at Rhoads Memorial Library on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Elizabeth Huckabay was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club which met at the Senior Citizens Center and she served apple cobbler for dessert. The group ate the "left over" food from the Book Club's luncheon. Virginia Crider won high score and Dude McLauren was second. Others playing were Susie Reeves, Johnnie Vannoy, Helen Braafladt, Louise Mears, Ferne Dickey, Ina Rae Cates, Loranel Hamilton, Edith Graef, Emily Clingingsmith and Neva Hickey.

The 45 Italians visiting here was big news in Dimmitt over the weekend. They attended the dedication at the POW Chapel and came on to the museum where they toured the Italian Archives Room and enjoyed the cowboys and their horses.

Then they traveled on to the Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall where they were treated to a barbecued dinner.

On Sunday they attended mass at the Umbarger Catholic Church, where some of the Italians had painted murals.

Sheriff C.D. Fitzgearld was very generous at the barbecue on Saturday. One of the Italian men wanted to buy a cowboy hat, but he didn't have a chance to go shopping. C.D. took of his own hat and gave it to the man.

Many volunteers worked to get the museum in shape for the Italian visitors. Our thanks to Elmer Berryhill, Jerry Stump, Reeford Burrous and his city employees, Kevin and Eric Bural, Emily Ramey, Teeny Bowden, Robert Duke, George Sides, Suzzie Hubble, Zane and Amy, Clara Vick, Jennifer Vick, Kimberly Proffitt, William and Rosetta Bellinghausen, Madge Robb, Dale Winders, Ralph Lambrigt, and Mary Edna Hendrix. If I have missed anyone, please let me know.

The highway department, represented by Junior Guzman, furnished the 45 packets for the Italians.

The Nazareth women cooked the red beans.

The Lions Club made the potato salad.

The Dimmitt School Cafeteria employees made the cherry cobbler.

Marshall Young cooked the barbecued meat.

Bill Birdwell and June Norris helped with clean-up duties.

Emily Ramey reported that all her family called her on Mother's Day.

Bill and Mary Lynn Lankford visited me for Mother's Day and David and Sue Vaughan called from Dallas. Kevin Lankford of Amarillo and Lauren Fezell of Houston, both called me on Mother's Day.

Little Alyson Smith visited her grandparents, Bobby and Wanda Murdock, for Mother's Day. Sgt. Brad Murdock of Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, N.M. also wished his mother a Happy Mother's Day.

James Gardner, noted church musician, accompanist and faculty member at West Texas State University, will be the guest organist recitalist for the First Baptist Church of Amarillo's fine arts series tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. Gardner brings to organ performance a dimension of technique and exciting musicianship not often heard.

The parish choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Amarillo will present the premiere of a newly-commissioned setting of the Magnificat and Nunc dimittis, as well as Franz Schubert's Miss in G with chamber orchestra Sunday at 3 p.m.

Hart school to feature new program

Hart Elementary School has been selected to participate in Kellogg's "Look Into Books With Dr. Seuss and Friends" reading program.

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for children to benefit from the creative writings of Dr. Seuss. Exposure to these fun and imaginative stories will help stimulate students' interest in reading, promoting literacy at an early age, according to Toni Waldo, administrative assistant at Hart schools.

Kellogg USA and local grocers will donate 500,000 Dr. Seuss Beginner Books to selected schools across the country and Hart Elementary School will receive three sets of hard-cover books for each pre-K, kindergarten, first- and second-grade classroom.

The books will be available for students to take home to read with their parents, Waldo said.

The book sets include five of Dr. Seuss' most popular titles including *Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Dr. Seuss ABC*, *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* and *Hop on Pop*.



RUB-A-DUB-DUB — Ruben Casas scrubs in a "bath tub" last Thursday during Richardon Elementary School's May Days celebration. Students demonstrated what children in the early days of Castro County did, including taking "baths," jumping rope, playing with corn cob dolls, marbles, doing laundry, gardening, and more. Other students participated in a history walk, watching the actors perform their parts. Selected students also wound the May Pole.

Photo by Anne Acker

DMS schedules awards program

Dimmitt Middle School will hold its annual awards ceremony on May 21 and May 28 and parents are invited to attend.

The schedule on May 21 begins with the fourth-grade awards program at 9 a.m. The fifth-grade program will begin at 10 a.m., the sixth graders will be honored at 11 a.m. and the seventh graders will be recognized at 1 p.m.

On May 28, the eighth-grade will be recognized in their own awards program, which is slated to begin at 1 p.m.



FIND "NEWSY"

We've hidden "Newsy" somewhere in the CASTRO COUNTY NEWS.

If you find him (and he may be any size, anywhere), come to the Castro County News office, 108 W. Bedford St., during business hours, 8-5 Monday through Friday.

The first two to come in and show us where they found "Newsy" in this issue will win a 2-liter bottle of soft drink. (One win per month, per family. No phone calls, please.)

Last week's winners:
Tracy Grand
Greg Lay

We Salute Our State Athletes

Castro County athletes will be all over the University of Texas campus in Austin this weekend—on the track, on the field, on the tennis courts and on the golf course.

It's time for the state meet in spring sports, and the finest high school athletes in Texas will be giving their all in their quest for medals and for personal bests.

It's a thrilling experience not only for onlookers, but for the athletes themselves.

Of our county's three school districts, Hart High School has the largest contingent of athletes at the state meet this year. Competing in the Class A state events are:

- BRYAN WELPS—Shot put, discus throw and golf.
- SHEA BENNETT—300-meter hurdles.
- FRANCES DOZAL—Shot put and discus throw.
- ISRAEL GARCIA—Shot put.
- APRIL AND SHEA BENNETT—Girls' tennis doubles.
- Nazareth High School will be represented again in the Class A state tennis tournament, with a chance of winning the team championship, and also will display the blue and gold colors in the Class A state girls' track meet. NHS athletes who will participate at state are:

- ADRIAN FARRIS—Boys' tennis singles.
- ALSTON FARRIS AND SCOTT BROCKMAN—Boys' tennis doubles.
- MELINDA SCHMUCKER—400-meter dash.

Dimmitt High School's hopes in the Class AAA competition ride on a lone state-class runner:

- KIM THOMAS—400-meter dash.
- The competition in Austin will be fierce. Because of our colder climate, Panhandle area athletes are generally at a disadvantage against athletes from warmer downstate climes, where they have a longer outdoor spring season with more workout days to develop their speed and form. It takes an extra measure of ability for Panhandle athletes to win against those from Central, South and East Texas.

Still, we wouldn't be surprised to see some of these fine athletes from our county come home with medals.

Whether they win or lose, we're proud to have them representing our county in Austin this weekend. Good luck, kids!



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24—Card Of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

To the people who supported the Castro County Stock Show and Dimmitt Buyers Club. Without your support, our projects would not be successful or as much fun.

WESLEY AND CORY MAYS
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CARD OF THANKS

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary wishes to thank all who donated for the drawing of the quilt, which was given away on May 7. The quilt was won by Donna Reinart, 702 Pine, 647-2243.

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CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Words cannot express our appreciation for all the support from our Community, helping to welcome our special Italian friends, on their return for the Landmark Dedication of the POW Chapel. Also, there are too many to name for their work and contributions toward this successful weekend.

The First United Methodist Church gave us the use of their church kitchen and dining rooms. The many persons that worked on reworking and painting the chapel and working at the Museum and Archive room. The Texan Chef, Marshall Young for his work on cooking the meat to perfection, the many contributors of many things that helped us to have the successful barbecue supper. The Dimmitt Lions Club, Walt Hansen, Chamber of Commerce of Dimmitt, the Dimmitt Public Schools, the First State Bank of Dimmitt, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Catholic Daughters Society of Nazareth, Kevin Bural, the Stanley Schaeffers, Castro County News, Sheriff's Dept. of Castro County, City of Dimmitt Police Dept., and many, many more persons that I cannot name due to space and time, all helped make it a success.

A special thank you to Rosetta Bellinghausen for all the translation and Mary Quattrone, a missionary from Rome, Italy, who came to help with the translation.

On behalf of the Castro County Historical Commission and the Museum, we are grateful to live where our community is concerned with our community functions and offer support we can always count on.

The Italian guests were very impressed with our county and our area. Thanks to each one that was involved in any way.

The cowboys, Robert Wilhite and Kevin Shaw, were in the limelight for their performances.

CASTRO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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24-5-1tc

25—Legal Notices

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This is to give notice that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, has issued a Proposed Administrative Order to the Nazareth Municipal Water System under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Development of the Proposed Order was based on a preliminary staff review by EPA, Region 6, with an invitation from the State of Texas and from the Nazareth Municipal Water System in Nazareth.

Any interested person may request a public hearing regarding the Proposed Order by filing a written request which must state the issues to be raised. A public hearing will be held if EPA finds a significant degree of interest within the next 14 days.

The EPA contact person for obtaining a copy of the Proposed Administrative Order, submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the Proposed Administrative Order and/or requesting a public hearing pursuant to the Proposed Administrative Order is Marietta Mount, Water Supply Branch (6W-SP), US Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202.

EPA will notify each persons who submits a written request of the final decision on the Proposed Administrative Order.

The Proposed Administrative Order requires the Nazareth Municipal Water System to attain compliance with the following requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act:

1. Upon receipt of this order, to collect routine total coliform samples at sites which are representative of water throughout the distribution system and to conduct total coliform analyses.

2. Upon receipt of this order, given notification to the public of users of any future failure to comply with the requirements to collect routine and repeat total coliform samples and to meet the mcl for total coliform bacteria.

3. Within sixty (60) days of receipt of this order, meet the maximum contaminant level for coliform bacteria.

4. Upon receipt of this order, collect total coliform samples and conduct repeat total coliform analyses within 24 hours of being notified of a positive total coliform analysis.

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Southwest Outdoors



with Mel Phillips

"Pick a fishing rod stiff enough to whip the neighbor's dog that is digging in your garden," says fishing legend Tom Mann, the man who invented the famous Mann's Jelly-flavored plastic worms.

His advice may or may not work on the neighbor's dog, but if you are using a bait casting reel with 14-pound or greater line, then using a stiff rod will make a world of difference in "feeling" your baits. Those light wimpy rods are just the ticket for light lines and finesse fishing, but they will lose the heavier bass when working the heavy cover.

Top water expert and professional bass angler Zell Rowland compares the different styles of fishing poles to the assortment of clubs that the average golfer uses.

Zell advises, "For top water fishing, use a limber tip rod and for spinnerbait fishing try AllStar's WR1 or WR2."

What goes around comes around. That old fiberglass rod exiled to the closet is not quite the rage for fishing crankbaits. It seems that the modern graphite rods are so quick that top pros like Ricky Clunn have rediscovered fiberglass rods and are losing fewer fish as a result.

Bennett wins scholarship

Hart senior April Bennett, daughter of Harold Bob and Ruth Bennett, has been awarded a \$1,000 college scholarship by the Cargill Foundation.

Bennett will graduate this month as valedictorian of her class at Hart High School. She plans to further her education by studying secondary education at Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

The scholarship is one of 250 awarded by the Cargill Foundation to 1993 high school graduates from US farm families in 48 states. This year's scholarship program drew 2,308 entries.

The \$250,000 Cargill Scholarship Program for Rural America is designed to recognize and encourage the academic achievement, accomplishments and talents of young people from farm families throughout the United States.

The selection process is managed by the national FFA organization; however, applicants do not have to be FFA members to receive a scholarship.

Howell, Klein will graduate

Kelly Moss Howell of Dimmitt and Brian Keith Klein of Nazareth will receive bachelor of science degrees during commencement exercises Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at Panhandle State University in Goodwell, Okla.

The ceremony will be held in the Oscar Williams Fieldhouse and a reception will follow in Goodwell's Garden Club Park, located across the street from the McKee Library.

Howell will be awarded a bachelor's degree in agronomy and Klein will receive a degree in agribusiness.

Graduation speaker will be Glen D. Johnson, Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt is requesting proposals for Engineering and Architectural Services for constructing and equipping a 4,500 square foot building to be used for food processing. The proposals should be in City Hall by 5 p.m. Monday, May 17, 1993.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in proposals received.

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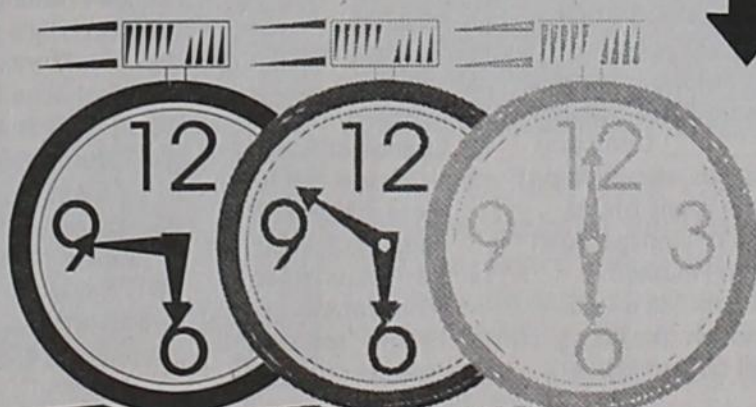


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AQE proposes business plan to support schools

(Editor's Note: The Alliance for Quality Education is a business group formed to develop a solution to the Texas school finance crisis.)

THE BUSINESS PLAN TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS:

A stable, long-term solution to the Texas school funding dilemma

Texas schools have been in a funding turmoil for years now, and are overdue for a long-lasting solution. Educators need to be able to focus on educating Texas students, not diverting their attention to school finance problems that are beyond their control. Only when schools are on solid financial footing will administrators be able to concentrate their full energies on educational quality.

Property taxes, the traditional way to fund public education, have soared, rising more than 60% since 1987. This has placed a tremendous burden on residential and business property owners to pay for Texas schools. At the same time, a large segment of the Texas economy—a sector of companies without much business property—does not contribute proportionately to public school finance. This inherently limits government in its ability to fund the schools.

THE CURRENT SITUATION

The current system for funding public schools may have worked well in earlier times, but the economy has changed. As Texas moves more and more toward a service economy, the problem for schools will only worsen under the current system. A school finance system that relies primarily on the property tax is not effective today, nor will it be in the future.

School Property Taxes

Of the \$15 billion spent for Texas public school education during the 1991-92 school year, about half, or \$7.3 billion, came from local school property taxes. Homeowners pay about 40% of local school taxes and businesses pay the other 60%.

Which taxpayers pay a lot of school property taxes? Companies with lots of business property—those with substantial amounts of land, buildings, facilities, equipment and inventory—pay a disproportionate amount of the property tax that funds schools. So do homeowners and renters, the people who pay the residential property tax.

Which businesses pay only a little in school property taxes? Other companies, those without much business property, pay relatively little in taxes to support the schools (i.e., companies in the expanding

service sector).

What is the effect? This disparity in tax payments to schools raises an issue of stability and growth. The system cannot draw funding from all parts of the business community, limiting the pool of funds available to schools. It can only effectively draw funding from two of the three major taxpayer groups. In effect, it asks the schools to educate all of the state's children with access to only part of the state's taxable resources. It is a funding system destined to fail.

Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax

The half of Texas school funds not raised by the local property tax comes from state and federal sources, most of it (\$6.4 billion in 1991-92) from state aid. State funds are distributed from general revenue. A number of taxes contribute to the state treasury. The primary state tax paid solely by business, however, is the Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax, which raised about \$1.3 billion in 1991. As with the business property tax, the Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax does not tax all Texas businesses equally or fairly.

Which businesses pay the Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax? The short answer is: corporations. Only businesses organized as corporations pay the Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax.

Which businesses don't pay the Franchise-/Earned Surplus Tax? Many businesses operating in Texas are not organized as corporations, and they do not contribute to the state treasury, or the schools, through this tax. Businesses not taxed under the Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax include partnerships, sole proprietorships, joint ventures and other unincorporated entities. Many of these also pay only small amounts under the property tax.

What is the effect of this? As with the local property tax, the Franchise/Earned Surplus Tax must overtax those who pay it to make up for its inability to tap other Texas businesses. Worse yet, by leaving large numbers of Texas businesses untaxed, the state's ability to raise needed revenue at reasonable tax rates is limited.

(To be continued next week)

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US should normalize relations with Vietnam

(Editor's Note: Jack Copeland, chairman of Copeland Consulting International, was part of an American delegation that made a fact-finding trip to Vietnam last month for the Center for National Policy. Purpose of the trip was to study the feasibility of normalizing trade relations with Vietnam. The 14-person delegation was headed by former Secretary of State Edmund Muskie; Copeland represented a number of major oil companies as an investment banker. Copeland, son of Nell and the late Floyd Copeland, is a 1953 graduate of Dimmitt High School. Here are his personal observations of present-day Vietnam.)

By JACK L. COPELAND

I was pleasantly surprised at how advanced the Vietnamese are on the road to capitalism. Coming in from the airport, I was amazed at the number of mom-and-pop owned enterprises, selling small amounts of wide-ranging products, from food to bicycles to construction materials.

Land reform in the agricultural sector, which is almost 100%, has led to Vietnam being the fourth largest rice exporter in the world last year.

The Vietnamese economy is very poor and needs capital badly. However, the people appear well fed and reasonably well housed. The geographic nature of the country makes it easier for the people to have the basic necessities, because of the abundance of fruit, food and other natural resources. Only 6% of the Vietnamese live below the Vietnamese-defined level of poverty. The average income is about \$400 per person per year. However, I guess with the unregulated marketplace, it is difficult to really put a handle on that number.

I was impressed by the number of senior Vietnamese, from top to bottom, who explained the failure of communism as an economic system. The dependence upon Russia led Vietnam down a path of economic disaster. I sensed a very strong admiration for Ho Chi Minh as a nationalist leader, but no one defended his Marxist/Leninist philosophy.

I also observed a warmth and openness toward Americans, with a clear desire for Americans to become involved in the Vietnamese economic community. In our meetings with the foreign ambassadors, everyone urged America to become engaged.

The Vietnamese and the rest of the region are anxious for the US government to ease its embargo and normalize relations, not only for economic reasons but also for security. There is a great fear in the region that the US will not stay engaged and will leave a vacuum.

Everyone that I spoke with is very worried about the Chinese and their aggressive attitude toward Vietnam. I personally think this is driven by the energy demand of China, which is far exceeding previous forecasts and estimates. The Chinese are probably nearing an energy shortfall for domestic demand, and as a result, are starting to cut into foreign exchange earnings.

Oil in the future will be a commodity that is in short supply and necessary for China to maintain its future growth patterns. As a result, the oil fields and prospects in the South China Sea become increasingly important. China itself has had disappointing exploration results. It is only in the past two months that it has a changed attitude toward inviting companies into the mainland area in an aggressive fashion. The military expansion of China is of great concern to the entire region.

In my opinion, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund will move forward in their Spring meetings. Vietnam will have the capital necessary to grow economically, with or without the Americans. Oil prospects are moving forward and being awarded to US competitors who have the technology and capital necessary to develop this resource base. The Vietnamese would like to see the Americans very much. However, they cannot afford a long delay for an uncertain future, as valuable as this resource base is to the future of Vietnam.

Oil exports should continue to grow, and they will be the foundation of a strong domestic economy. There is no question in my mind that the rest of the world community has crossed over into major engagement of participating in the Vietnam growth. The only thing that comes close, in my experience, is Thailand in the early '80s before it exploded into its current export and economic growth.

Recommendations:

I believe that the Bush Administration outlined a road map toward normalization. This road map should

be followed as a fundamental foreign policy initiative for the US.

The recent revelations (concerning the number of American POWs detained after the Vietnam War) have to be resolved, but the group's request and granting of the central files, which apparently General Vessey has accessed now, indicates this is the last road block to openness.

If the Vietnamese qualify under the road map to reduce the trade embargo, then in my opinion it should be reduced.

I do not think anything further will be served in the process of gaining information on any missing in action that would not be more achievable in a friendly atmosphere, rather than an adversarial relationship.

I believe that having more Americans in Vietnam on a daily basis will improve the chances of information flow and strengthen the principles that the US stands for. As someone once said, the business of the US is business. The quicker we engage commercially, the quicker it will benefit the mutual interests of both countries.

Based upon conversations with people who know far more than I do about the subject, I do not believe that there are any live Americans being held in Vietnam against their will. I seriously doubt, based upon statistics of past wars, that we will ever know exactly what happened to the total number of missing servicemen. However, it would appear from the outside that this is the most researched and thorough accounting that has ever been offered in the history of a major military conflict.

My recommendation is to focus on the positive and the national security issues that are vitally important to long-term interests of the US and those of our allies on the Pacific rim.

The decision to progress should also be based on consistency of foreign policy initiatives of the US government. The credibility of being able to deal with the US government in spite of changing administrations should be removed from foreign policy decisions. Our friends and foes should be able to depend upon agreements that take long periods of time for implementation, without fear of interruption because of a change in administrations.

This is the primary reason that the road map should be followed.

It appears to me that we essentially gained what we fought for: the reduction of the Communist threat, a better quality of life under a free market, and a less restrictive society. It will take time for all this to be accomplished.

I believe the dynamics of Vietnam are such that the chances of reversion to communism are much lower than in the old USSR, and that present-day Vietnam should be supported like other emerging democracies around the world.



Lawmakers out of touch

By DAVID DEWHURST

Chairman, Texans for Better Education

Though Proposition One (the Robin Hood amendment) has been defeated, the professional politicians and Austin bureaucrats have not given up on passing new taxes, even with their hidden agenda now in the open.

With the defeat of Robin Hood, you hear conflicting explanations of what the public was saying with their vote. The political cabal that proposed Robin Hood in the first place insists that voters were confused and misled.

It is the Austin bureaucrats and insiders who are confused and misled. They just don't get it. The voters of Texas saw through their schemes and sent a message that they are not willing to send more of their tax dollars to be wasted and squandered. Furthermore, Texans aren't willing to give up local control of their schools to a bloated, inefficient state government.

The fact that the governor, lieutenant governor and some lawmakers had the audacity to label Robin Hood "the best possible solution" simply proves how out of touch they are with voters. Texans signaled emphatically that they are not buying Austin's ploys and schemes.

There are plenty of good plans which have been submitted to the legislature, but have not received serious consideration. Any of these would solve the funding crisis and allow us to move on to the more important objective, making education a top priority, providing quality education for Texas.

Texas children deserve a first-rate education. They deserve no less. Our children should get first priority. One fast and certain way to address the funding crisis would be to take the first revenues the state brings in, regardless of the source, and dedicate those dollars to education. This plan would put an end to the perpetual school funding crisis.

Years ago, Texans were faced with an antiquated and woefully inadequate highway system. By dedicating the first revenues to rebuilding our highways, we created a model highway system which is still the envy of the nation. I say let's do the same with education. I say that our children and their education are more important than highways and should be Texas' first priority.

Our critics ask how the state is going to pay for its other programs. I say we have to prioritize state government, which has swollen 60% in the last four years. What happened to John Sharp's proposed \$4.5 billion of spending cuts? Why are the governor and lieutenant governor, who have been on the public payroll most of their adult lives, more interested in increasing your taxes than in cutting state spending?

State government should economize and be accountable as successful businesses have been forced to do.

Once we finally put this funding debate behind us, we need to focus our lawmakers' aim at the real problem, and begin reforming our educational system.

The entire education system needs to be revamped. For years, band-aid after band-aid has been applied. Unfortunately it is the special interest groups and educators performing the first-aid. While spending has gone up, test results have gone down. Educational funding is a travesty with special provisions, restrictions, limitations, ruses and stratagems.

We are rewarding those with the strongest pressure groups. There is no accountability. We should be rewarding achievement through accountability.

Texans want a top quality school system that produces literate, bright graduates prepared to work in today's competitive global economy. And for the \$17 billion per year that is spent on Texas' public schools, they have a right to expect a first-rate system.

Texas want their elected officials to meet their responsibility for establishing an educational system that educates our children and prepares them for the twenty-first century. We want our local school districts to take responsibility for educating our children, rewarding excellence and rejecting mediocrity.

I call on Ann Richards, Bob Bullock and all other elected officials to provide real leadership, quit playing political games and solve the school funding issue. Maybe then they will stop using our children as hostages to squeeze more money out of taxpayers' pockets and get down to the real business at hand, revamping our entire education system.

Letter

Ask legislators about lottery-education link

Dear Editor:

Didn't the state representatives imply that the income from the lottery would go to fund the schools?

That is the reason many people voted to approve it who otherwise would have voted against it.

What happened?

Why don't we write our representative and senator and ask them? Here are their addresses:

Rep. Pete Laney, Box 2910, Austin, 78768.
Sen. John Montford, Box 12068, Austin, 78711.
MILDRED BRADFORD

Last Puzzle Solution

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ACROSS

- home town of comedian Steve Martin
- shootin' or brandin'
- cloth weaver
- TX Joe Don Baker film: "Cool Hand"
- "Murder — Texas"
- campground found in Texas
- fateful JFK vehicle in Dallas
- TXism for a stupid person (2 wds.)
- TXism: "tight as a cinch — horse"
- Texans mail taxes in — envelopes
- Johnson had it before Super Bowl XXVII
- "Bonanza's" Blocker was born here
- TX music: C —
- " — and haws"
- Brownsville: "On the Border, By —"
- Fisher who married TX Debbie Reynolds
- TXism: "you can't — with eagles if you work with turkeys"
- Mesquite's hot-air festival (2 wds.)
- Moore Co. town was named for Oklahoma — Company
- enlists again (slang)
- blue jeans brand
- son of George Bush from Houston
- TXism: "he's rich enough to — Bill of Rights"
- this TX Rip was Nixon in "Blind Ambition" (init.)
- on hwy 59, Jackson Co.
- "como —" (how are you?)
- TX born C&W female singer Tucker (init.)
- TXism: "fits like ugly on an —"
- TX Keene accused of harrasing Stephen King
- historical TX ranch
- question response (abbr.)
- Rim State Park
- Alamo hero — Travis
- TXism: "scarce as grass — hog trough"
- TXism: "chief — and bottle washer"
- "it's —" (treat)
- Plainview FM
- TXism: "if it ain't true, there ain't an —"
- TXism: "high as popcorn — picture show"
- Ebanos or Fresnos
- a referee call to protect Moon or Aikman (3 wds.)
- Sam Bass horse: "The Denton —"
- TXism: "scared the dickens out —"
- TXism: "I'm — heap of trouble"
- sixty seconds (abbr.)
- donkey or fool
- this TX Tristram had .344 batting avg. (init.)
- Bob Lilly's position
- Marks helped save longhorns from extinction
- Ft. Worth AM radio
- TXism: "nary —" (no one)
- you get points for this in horseshoes
- TX advice: " — unto others..."
- "...before they — it to you!"
- TXism: " — through his teeth" (fibbed)
- Perot's naval carrier
- Happy, TX is "Town With — Frown"
- Hobby who replaced Gov. Ferguson (init.)
- TXism: "brave — a first grade teacher"
- Buda from Abilene
- military "john"
- TX's highest point: Guadalupe —
- Seminole's Tanya hit: " — Cowboy Luvin' Night"

Ceremony welcomes Italians



WELCOME—Clara Vick, secretary-treasurer of the Castro County Historical Commission, welcomes the crowd and recognizes special guests at the unveiling ceremonies Saturday at the POW Chapel in northern Castro County.



ADRIANO ANGERILLI, one of the men who helped construct the chapel while a prisoner at the POW camp during World War II, stands near the monument granting historic landmark distinction to the structure. The monument was made by South Plains Monument.



A GIFT FOR THE CHAPEL—A religious carving to be placed in the chapel is presented to the local historical commission by former POWs Valentino Barillaro (holding gift) and Mario Benelli (far right).



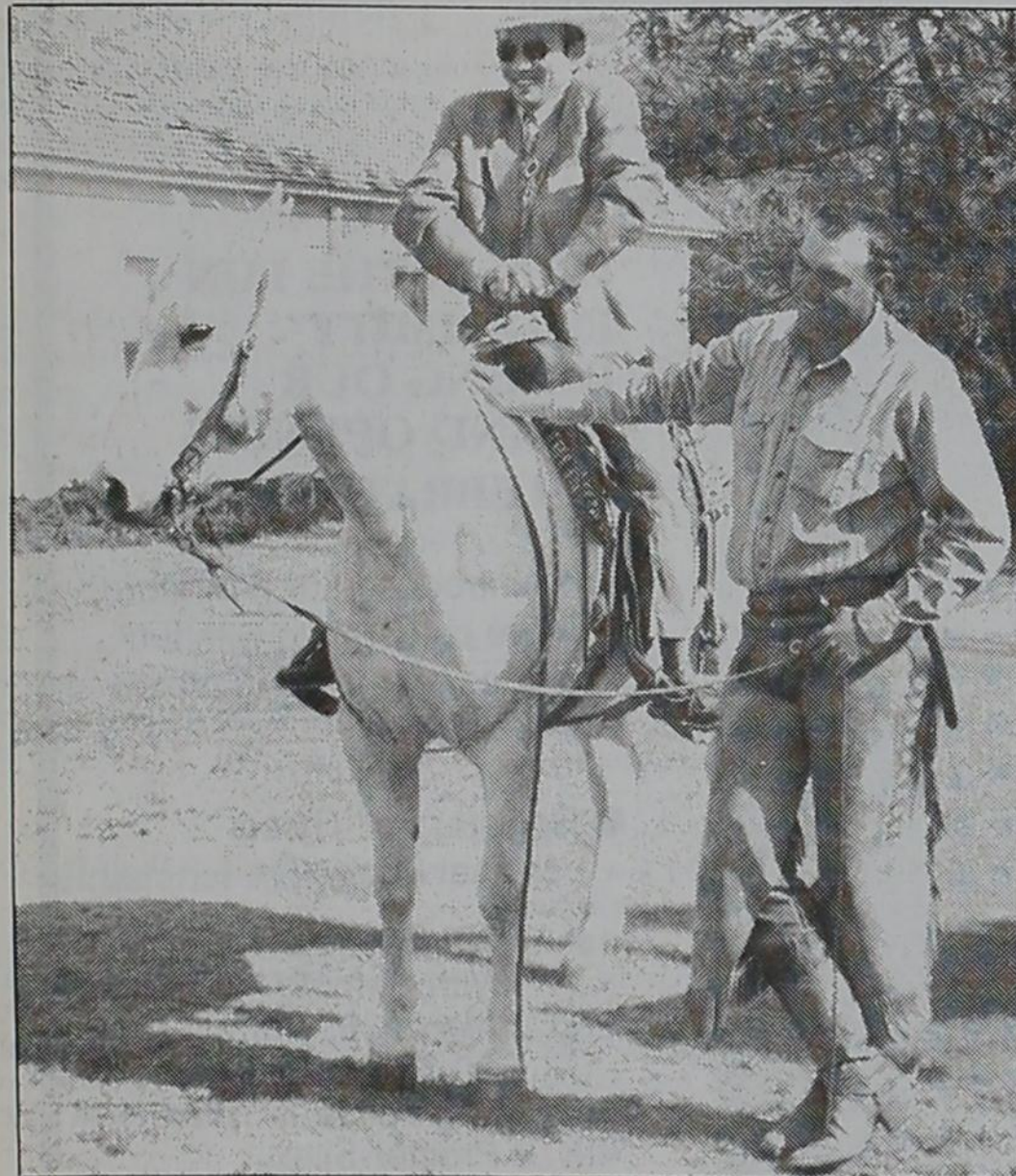
ENJOYING TEXAS-STYLE BARBECUE at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church Saturday evening are some of the Italian former POWs

and family members, including (from left) Piero Marzi, Orfeo Spilaceto, Pasquale Leonelli, two unidentified, and Antonio Anello and his wife.



AN EMOTIONAL GATHERING—Italian former POWs who were interned at the Hereford POW Camp in northern Castro County during World War II and other Italians who had been POWs in

other camps pose for a group shot at the unveiling ceremony at the chapel built by POWs to honor their fallen comrades.

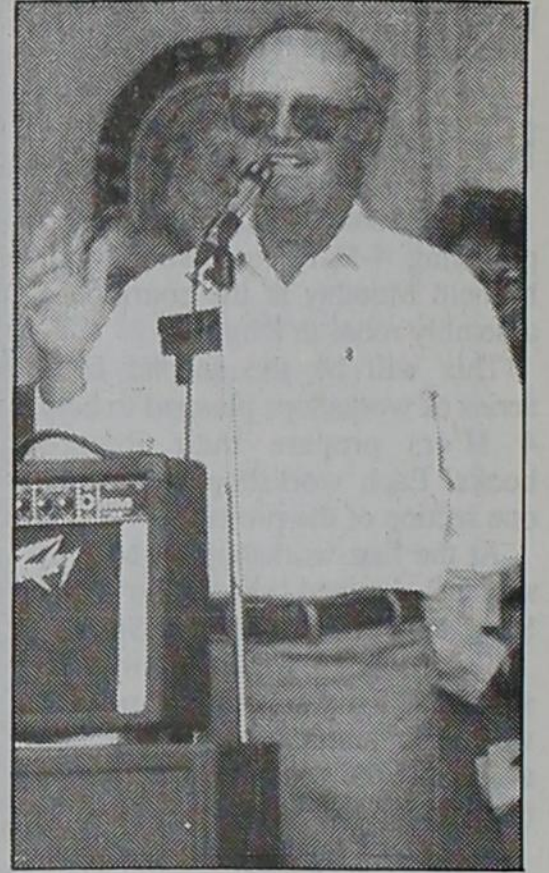


VITTORE LEONELLI, the nephew of former POW Orfeo Spilaceto, tries his hand at "cowboying," aided by Robert Wilhite of Dimmitt during the Italian entourage's visit to the Castro County Museum.



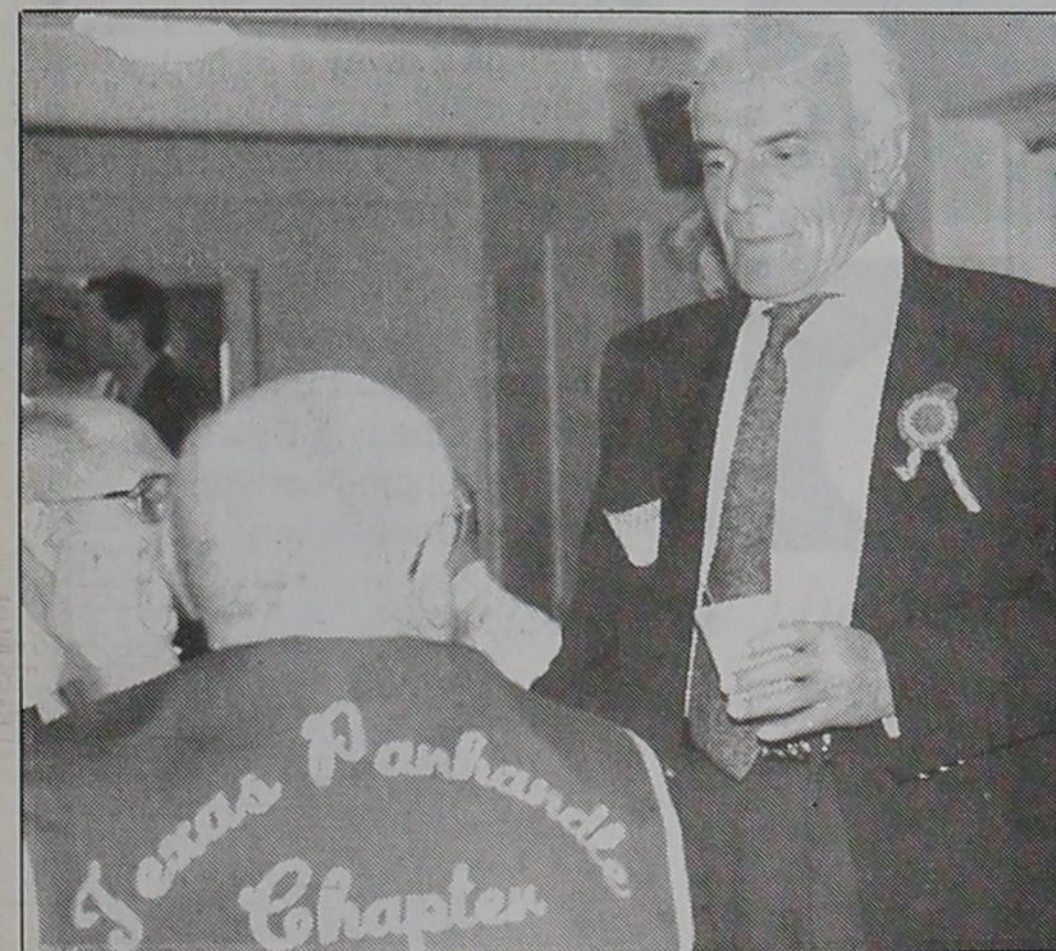
A REAL SHERIFF'S WESTERN HAT—Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld presented his hat to former POW Alessandro Brighenti after pretending to accost him about his escape attempts. (From

left) Rosetta Bellinghausen of Dimmitt, Grant Hanna of Hereford, Fitzgearld, Brighenti, and Clara Vick and Teeny Bowden of the local historical commission.



CHARLES SCHLABS accepts the historical medallion at the POW chapel. Schlabs owns the land on which the chapel stands, and he has been instrumental in preserving the structure.

PHOTOS BY LINDA MAXWELL



I WAS THERE—Charlie Smith (seated) of Canyon tells an Italian ex-POW about his (Smith's) experiences as a POW in Italy.



SO, YOU'RE THE ONE—Grant Hanna (left) of Hereford was a mess sergeant at the Hereford POW camp during World War II and said he heard about the adventures of Alessandro Brighenti (right), who made several escape attempts from the camp. Hanna also told a story about a batch of raisin wine that was brewed by prisoners assigned to kitchen duty. Brighenti is wearing a cowboy hat given to him by Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.



AMERICAN EX-POWS (from left) Oscar Webster and Ray Crouch of Amarillo, and Charlie Smith of Canyon join in the festivities with the Italian POWs, enjoying the barbecue supper Saturday evening, and having attended the unveiling ceremonies Saturday afternoon.

Clean Up, Fix Up, Pride Up day set Saturday in Dimmitt

Dimmitt needs your help to clean up the city this month as the Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee sponsors its annual Clean Up, Fix Up, Pride Up (CU-FUPU) campaign.

Saturday has been designated as a "major clean-up" day in Dimmitt and residents are asked to make sure their lawns are mowed, alleys around their homes are cleaned, trash is picked up, dandelions are sprayed or dug out, sidewalks and curbs are weed-free and all unnecessary junk is hauled off.

Businesses are asked to have grassy areas mowed, alleys cleaned, sidewalks and curbs free of weeds. Owners also should make sure their signs are well painted, bright and legible; windows are clean and shiny; outdated posters are removed; barrels or containers are planted, watered and fertilized; trash is picked up; and the back of their building is painted and/or spruced up.

Here are some helpful hints about how to dispose of pests, trash, etc:

Grass clippings: Bag clippings and place beside dumpster. Or create your own compost pile for future ground preservation. The city is in the process of providing separate dumpsters (which will be painted green) for grass and yard clippings only. Use when available.

Junk cars: If you own one, call David Cooksey at 647-5417. There are city ordinances against junk cars being parked in public view. Report violations to city police at 647-4545.

Tree limbs and shrubs: Cut into three-foot lengths or a length light enough for one person to handle. Place the limbs beside dumpsters and call the City Warehouse at 647-4492 for pick-up by flat-bed trailer. This is a free service and the owner will be placed on a list for the first available truck. (Other cities charge, and if you are in a hurry to dispose of the limbs, you may haul the items to the county landfill.) The city is mulching shrubs and you may get as much as you need from them at the city dump—free.

Record book workshop is planned

A workshop featuring tips on preparing 4-H Record Books will be held Monday at the courthouse assembly room in Dimmitt.

This will be the second in a series of workshops planned to help 4-H'ers prepare their Record books. Each workshop will cover one section of the project.

At the first workshop on May 3, students learned about the "4-H Story" and the "4-H Picture Story."

The Monday workshop will be split into two parts: at 7:30 p.m., it will cover junior report forms; and at 8 p.m. the topic will be senior national report forms.

Volunteer leaders Becky Book, Lucy Pohlmeier, Laura Hart and Joby Hales will help with these workshops.

Other practice sessions will be scheduled later.

Hill and Dell Club to meet

The Hill and Dell Extension Homemakers Club will meet Saturday to have a "Flower Exchange." Members living in town will meet at the Pancake House, bringing boxes or sacks of flowers to be exchanged. The group will then go out to the homes of country members to complete the exchange.

For the June 8 meeting of the club, a demonstration will be given on making a unique kind of T-shirt.

The Hill and Dell Club meets the second Tuesday of every month. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Retirement party is set

The Dimmitt Classroom Teacher Association will hold a retirement tea honoring Centrie Mayberry, Donna Smith, Billie Moyer and Lucille Odom on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend.

Old appliances, junk: Place by dumpster and call for flat-bed trailer. Be sure and remove latches to prevent harm to children.

Mosquitoes: Eliminate all standing water. Spray under bushes and in your alleyway with Malathion, reading and following all label directions.

Persistent weeds: A sharp hoe can work wonders. Or use hand sprayer on a still day and spray directly on target.

Flower beds: After weed-free, spread pine bark chips or pine needles to help keep weeds down and keep moisture in. Mulch is free from the city, just load and haul what you need.

Household trash: Bag and tie tightly and close the dumpster lid.

Aluminum cans: Collect and sell Saturdays to "man" parked across from IGA Foodliner.

Plastics: Rinse and place in "specially marked" dumpsters located west of library.

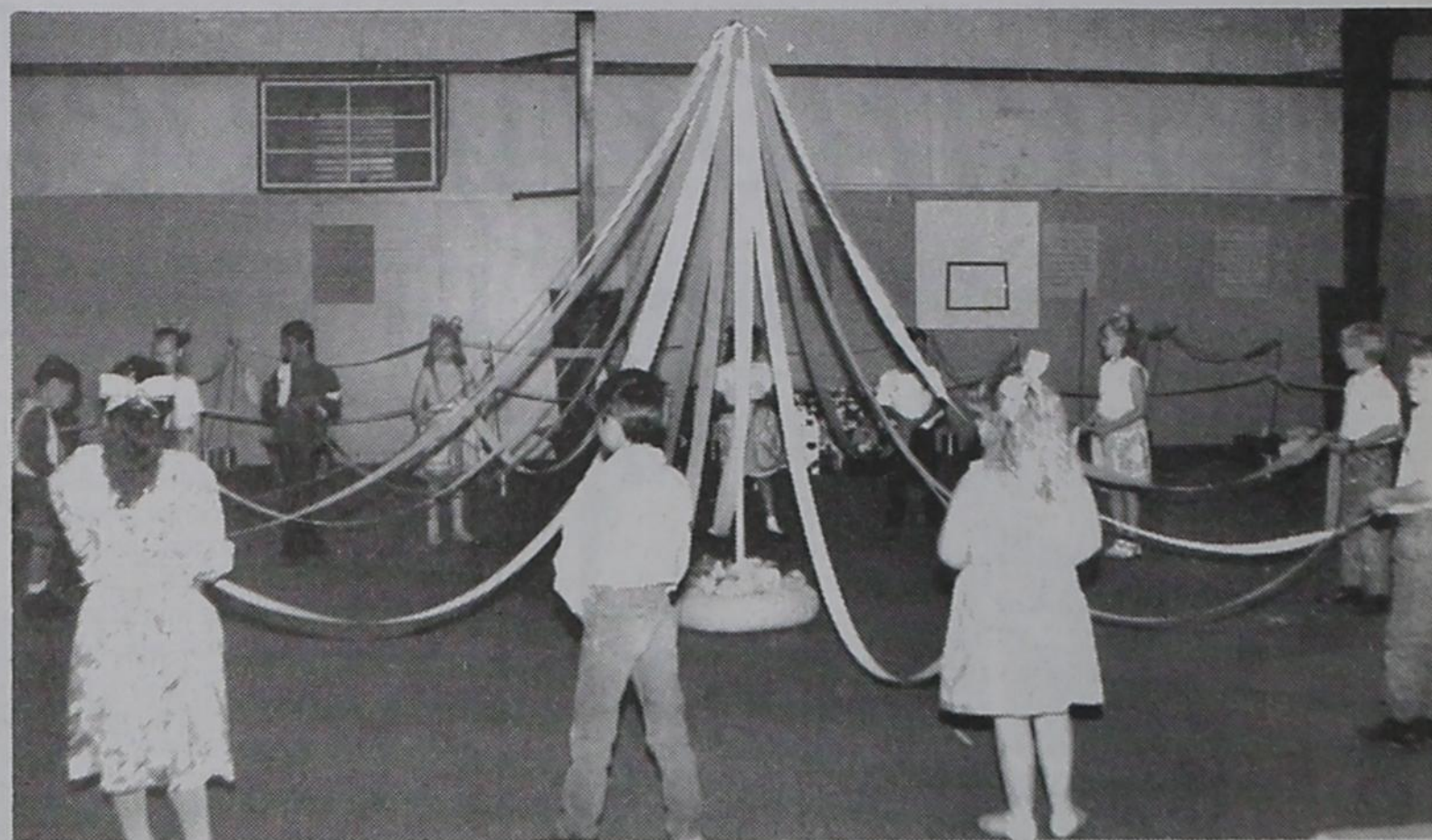
Tires: Haul to county landfill. Charges of \$2 for car tires, \$10 for truck tires and \$15 for tractor tires are mandated by state.

Batteries: May be taken to C&S Battery and Electric. It is illegal to dispose of batteries in dumpsters or landfills.

Used oil: Oil may be disposed of at Dimmitt Brake & Muffler or the city barns. It is illegal to pour oil on the ground or in the dumpster.

Vacant lots: City ordinances require lots to be reasonably maintained. You may report unkempt lots by calling 647-4492, but please be courteous.

Oil filters: Place in large, specially marked container at the city barn, east of the Expo on 403 SE Fourth Street.



MAY DAYS was celebrated at Richardson Elementary School last Thursday and this group of students took part in a program by winding the streamers around the May Pole. This activity kicked off a History Walk, in which other students walked through roped off areas. Each area featured students performing an activity which would

have been performed by youths in early-day Castro County. Among the activities featured were quilting, attending school, running a mercantile, branding cattle, artists at work, gardening, bathing, doing laundry, gathering eggs, playing with marbles and corn cob dolls and jumping rope.

Photo by Anne Acker

SAY YES! TO THE NEW ALCO Grand Opening Day May 18th

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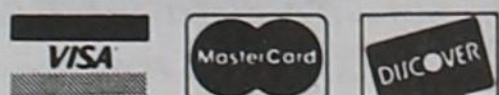
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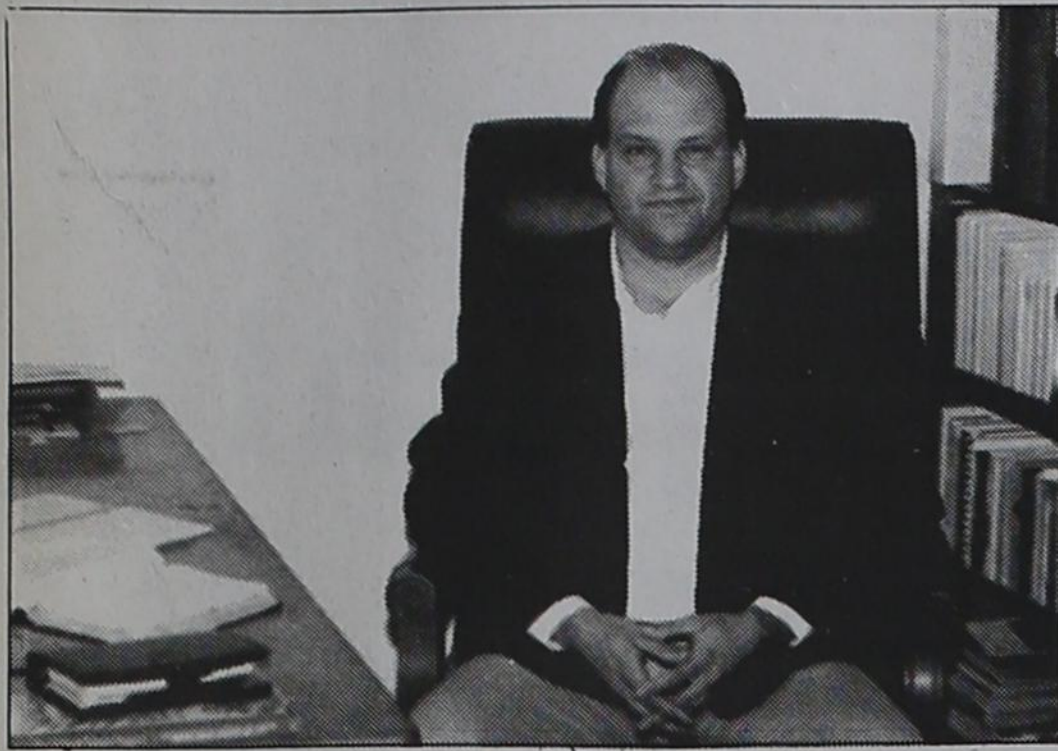
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CURTIS WOOD
Pastor at Grace Fellowship.

Curtis Wood is pastor for Grace Fellowship

Grace Fellowship in Dimmitt now has a full-time pastor.

Curtis Wood, who had been serving the non-denominational congregation on a part-time basis, began his full-time duties here April 17. He moved here from Clovis, N.M., having driven back and forth twice a week for almost two years.

He and his wife, Susan, have three children, Dustin, 12, Jeremy, 9, and Heather, 7.

"We're loving it here," Wood said. "It has been a relief to not have to drive."

Wood was born in Altus, Okla., and traveled all over the US as an "Air Force brat." He said he spent 3-1/2 years in Fairbanks, Alaska. He graduated from Clovis High School in 1976 and completed his Bible training at the Berean School of the Bible near Waxahachie in 1983. He said the school is maintained by the Assemblies of God.

He pastored the Assembly of God in Texico in 1984 and 1985, then served the Victory Chapel (an independent, non-denominational congregation) in Clovis from 1985 to 1988. He worked for KJLN, a Christian radio station at Farwell, for 3-1/2 years.

He said Grace Fellowship is si-

milar to the Trinity Fellowship congregations in Lubbock and Amarillo and the New Covenant congregations in Muleshoe and Plainview. He called it an "independent, full-gospel church."

The congregation in Dimmitt began meeting as a Bible study group about five years ago, and attendance is growing. Services are held Sundays at 6 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

"We would really like to make an impact on the community," Wood said. He added that the congregation, which currently meets in a store front building at 210 W. Jones, is looking around for a more conventional building.

"We hope to start a 'Children's Church' on Saturdays beginning the first part of June," Wood said. "We want to give children an alternative to watching cartoons on Saturday mornings. We will have Bible teaching and lots of singing. We hope to work into some other things, as well."

Wood said his hobbies include outdoor activities, including sports activities with his children. He also loves to be around horses, and used to help break and train Arabian horses.

Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Our annual May Crowning of the Virgin Mary was held in Holy Family Church last Wednesday with members of the Catholic Youth Organization and other school children participating.

Nicole Kleman had the honor of being the queen for the 42nd celebration.

A special thanks goes to Mary Beth Gerber, Georgie Kleman, Gladys Fortenberry and CCD teachers and parents who worked together to make it a beautiful celebration.

The Faithful Friends Choir, directed by Bernita Hoelting and Kathy Birkenfeld led hymns and we all enjoyed singing along. Father Neal Dee gave the closing benediction.

Mother's Day was a special day for every mother in Nazareth Sunday, as families gathered at one home or another. The weather even cooperated after a brief morning shower.

Virgil and Vi Pohlmeier and Meta Stork of Tulia joined the rest of Meta's family for dinner at the Nazareth home of LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. Others attending were Florene Leinen of Dimmitt, Virgie Gerber and family, LeRoy Pohlmeier and family and Denny Heiman and family.

On Sunday evening, Dan and Karen Gerber, Shawna and Clifford hosted a barbecue at their home for Gilbert and Dolly Schulte; Calvin, Leigh and Jade Schulte; Dwayne, Jolene, Stacey and Brady Schulte; Doyle, Rosic, Shane and Holly Kleman; Rodney, Mona, Tyson and Dustin Schulte; Joe, Elaine and Gayla Barnes; and Virgie Gerber.

Clyde and Bea Hoelting hosted dinner Sunday for their family including Kent Hoelting of Amarillo, Cheryl and Jeff Presnall of Claude, Cary and Kelly Buchanan of Canyon, Roger and Deanna Schulte of Lubbock, and their five grandchildren. Others attending were Joe, Amy and Janet Schmucker; Dan and Eihel Schmucker and family; Ray and Mary Lou Schmucker and family; Jim and Bobbi Schmucker and family; and Mary Ann Shulte family.

Jim Schmucker is recuperating at home after having knee surgery last Tuesday at St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Lindsie Marie Gerber and Carson Gerber both participated in a spring piano recital Friday evening at the First Baptist Church in Tulia. Enjoying the recital were Carroll and Denice Gerber, Virgie Gerber, and Whitney and Monty Hoelting.

Winifred Waggoner, who has always been a Nazareth resident, has moved to a new home in Amarillo. She will be missed, especially by the Faithful Friends Choir, for which she accompanied on the piano and in other ways. We hope she will be happy in her new home.

May Hochstein spent the weekend in Amarillo with her son, Alex and his wife, Mona. She enjoyed watching her grandson, Stewart, play soccer. She also attended the wedding of Michelle Acker Schulte and Rodney Bohr, which was held at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from May 13 to 21.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, grapes and milk.

FRIDAY: Rib-b-cue on a bun, corn on the cob, dill spears, sliced tomatoes, ice cream and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey, butter and milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dogs with chili, onion rings, pork and beans, wacky cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers, lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, onions, curly fries, banana pudding and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, creamed potatoes and gravy, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Bean chaluapas with cheese, whole kernel corn, shredded lettuce, fruit juice bars and milk.

HART
THURSDAY: Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Taco boats, pinto beans, tortilla chips, gelatin with fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Char steak, baked potato, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Beef taquito, salad, pinto beans, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Ham and cheese sandwiches, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, pickle spears, fruit and milk.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: Nachos, tater tots, applesauce, brownies and milk.

FRIDAY: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, buttered bread, gelatin and milk.

MONDAY: Pizza, peas, hot rolls, pears and milk.

TUESDAY: Burritos, chili, corn, pineapple, brownies and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, dessert and milk.

THURSDAY: Manager's choice, fried okra, green beans, hot rolls, applesauce, peanut butter cup and milk.

FRIDAY: Sandwiches, potato chips, carrot sticks, ice cream and milk.

Dr. Morris Webb

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Office Hours 9-5

Monday through Friday

647-4464

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New Hope Memorial Baptist
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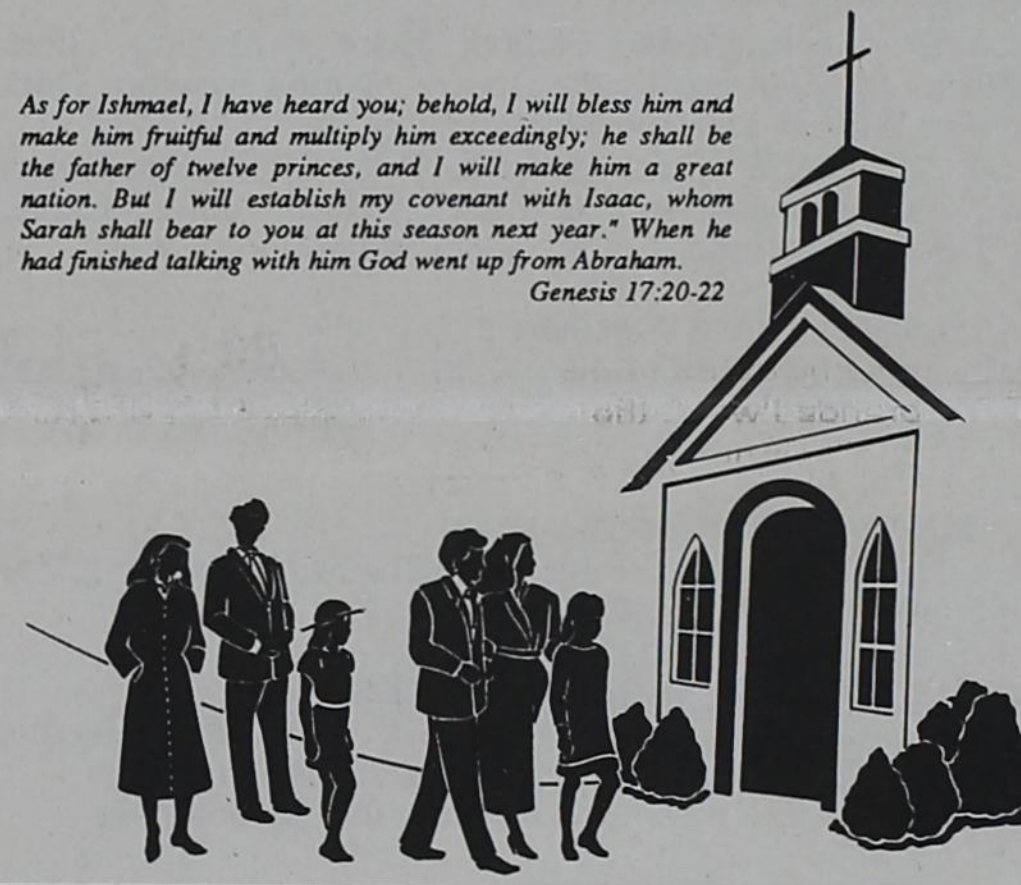
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As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I will bless him and make him fruitful and multiply him exceedingly; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year. When he had finished talking with him God went up from Abraham.
Genesis 17:20-22



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Neal Dee 945-2616

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Palo Duro Presbytery will meet Friday and Saturday at First-Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"Like a Big, Happy Family" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, slated to begin at 11.

"Hear and Do the Word" from James 1:19-27 will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study at the manse Wednesday at 7 p.m.

"Paul's Prayer to God for What We Require" will be the subject of the Ascension Communion Service next Thursday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at the church.

Ministerial Alliance

Pedro Gonzales will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Psalm 68:1-11, 32-35 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

The Pastoral Council will meet today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Maria's Room at the church.

The 5:30 p.m. mass Saturday will be in honor of our graduates.

The country and western five-session dance classes conducted by Royce Schulte will be held at the church's Community Center beginning Sunday from 6 to 8 p.m.

A workshop on vocational guidance will be held Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Maria's Room.

Father Choong will be on vacation Monday through June 16. During his absence there will be Communion service instead of mass on weekdays. The Sunday masses will be celebrated by Rev. Mario Stortz. The 5:30 p.m. masses and confessions will be cancelled. Next Wednesday will be the last CCD class for students in kindergarten through fifth grade. On Ascension Day (next Thursday, May 20), there will be a Communion Service at 7 p.m. to mark the solemnity. The special collection next Sunday will be for Catholic Communication.

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But can you believe she turned fifty!

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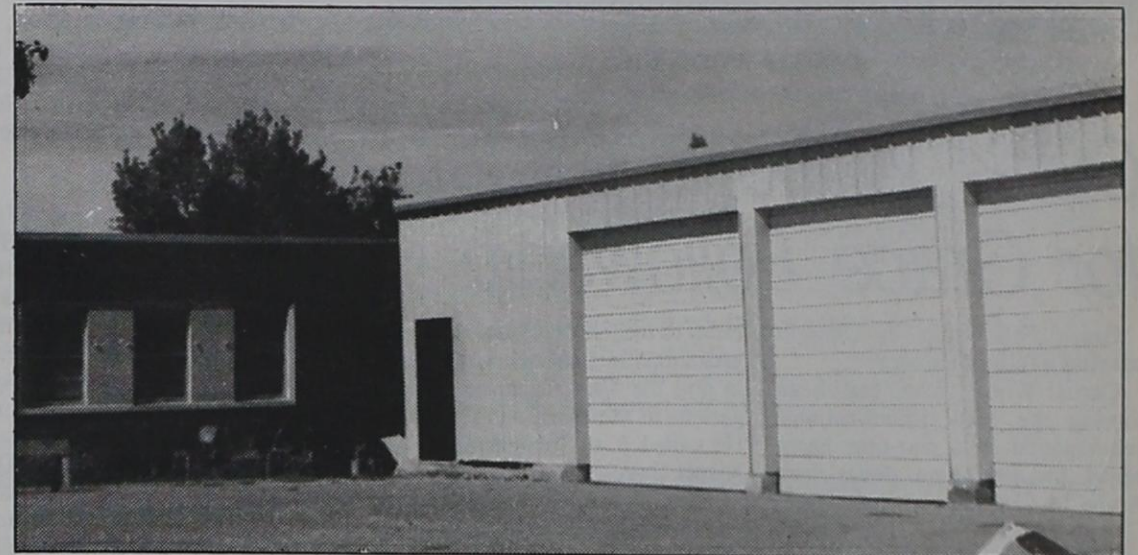
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New ambulance bays under construction near emergency room

Hospital Staff

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