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By Don Nelson

If Confucious didn't say it, he should have:

Man with fever should not shave.

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All copy editors have written headlines which they later wished they could pull back off of the page.

The worse the goof, the more permanent the headline seems to become — collected, filed and reprinted forever.

(Once in a while I'll see a horrible headline that I don't believe was really an accident. Copy editors like to play games sometimes, too.)

Here are some sample headlines from the latest horror file:

Include Your Children
When Baking Cookies

Something Went Wrong
In Jet Crash, Expert Says

Police Begin Campaign
To Run Down Jaywalkers

Drunk Gets
Nine Months
In Violin Case

Panda Mating Fails;
Veterinarian Takes Over

Clinton Wins on Budget,
But More Lies Ahead

Plane Too Close
To Ground,
Crash Probe Told

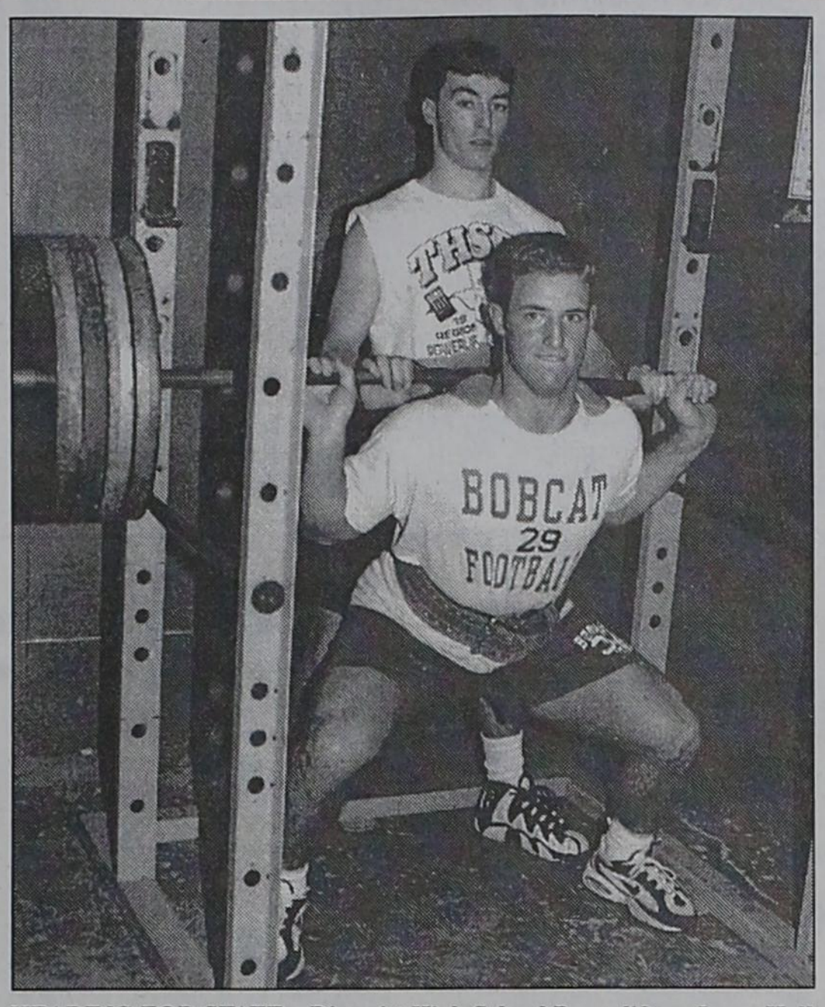
Miners Refuse to
Work After Death

Juvenile Court to Try
Shooting Defendant

Stolen Painting
Found by Tree

War Dims Hope for Peace

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HEADING FOR STATE—Dimmitt High School Powerlifters Jason Hall (above) and Beau Hill (squatting) make practice lifts in preparation for the State competition Saturday in Killeen. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

DHS powerlifters heading to state

Two Dimmitt High School powerlifters are going to the State Powerlifting Competition Saturday at Fort Hood in Killeen.

Beau Hill and Jason Hall qualified for the state meet after placing first and second, respectively, in their weight classes in Division II at the Regional Powerlifting Meet held March 14 in Colorado City.

Hill took first place in the 198-lb. Class with a composite total of 1,400 lbs. He was named Outstanding Lifter of the meet on the Heavy Platform, and tied the regional deadlift record at 560 pounds.

Hall won second in the 123-lb. Class, with a composite score of 905.

Division II includes teams from AAA schools, as well as AA and A schools. Division I includes AAAA and AAAAA schools.

The powerlifting team is coached by Monty Gothard.

Dimmitt Agri facilities are sold to AgriFarm

Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., has sold its facilities to a newly formed company named AgriFarm Industries, LLC, which will have its main business offices in Dimmitt.

AgriFarm is a joint venture between Dimmitt Agri and Farmland Industries, Inc., which is North America's largest farmer-owned cooperative, and is based in Kansas City, Mo. That joint venture came together last Thursday.

Dimmitt Agri, which was organized in 1934 and has 1,320 members, will remain an organized cooperative and will continue to represent the local producers in marketing through AgriFarm. Such representation will entitle the local producers to patronage refunds on a pro-rata basis.

"The only noticeable change will be the name and mail box number," said Bill Clark, interim chief executive officer of DAI. "All employees, telephone numbers and fax numbers will be the same."

DAI currently employs 60 people, increasing to about 150 during harvest season.

Clark said he will continue in his duties for a few more weeks to smooth the transition and wind up the affairs of DAI. He will turn over the job of interim CEO to Greg Allen of Custer City, Okla., who will serve until AgriFarm is able to receive and process information from applicants for the job.

Clark said AgriFarm plans to have a major upgrading of the main facilities and possibly the fertilizer department here.

"The variable rate technology that DAI is currently using in fertilizer application has increased the volume to the point that more equipment and employees will be needed," Clark said.

The cooperative's responsibility to its members is to provide adequate receiving, handling, storage and marketing facilities with which to handle the members' production. DAI is supplying those requirements. Farmland Industries operates a grain division over a wider territory that is involved in domestic markets as well as exports. They have large grain facilities in Enid, Okla., and Houston and Galveston, and are involved with exports of all grains.

Clark said the joint venture makes good business sense, adding that "the organization of this joint venture will strengthen the cooperative marketing system in this area and better prepare it for the future."

He said it should strengthen marketing activities for both DAI and Farmland.

Directing the AgriFarm operations will be a management committee composed of Tommy Martin of Dimmitt, chairman; Jack Clark, chairman of the Dimmitt Agri Industries board; Gary Holcomb of Kansas City, manager of Farmland Industries' grain marketing operations; and Jackie Dane of Denton, Farmland regional manager.

AgriFarm Industries will be taking the responsibility of operating and maintaining a 15 million-bushel capacity in grain facilities in Castro, Swisher, Briscoe and Armstrong counties, serving the needs of farmers in eight counties. They will have the drying capacity of 36,000 bushels per hour with which to process corn and milo.

Clark said he expects the financially troubled Dimmitt Agri to take the grain-handling operations back over eventually.

"Farmland really didn't want to get into the local grain-handling operation," Clark said, "so there's a provision in the operating agreement that Dimmitt Agri can buy back stock, so that eventually the entire grain-handling operation will revert back to Dimmitt Agri Industries."

Farmland Industries is one of the top 200 *Fortune* 500-listed companies. In 1997, company sales of $9.1 billion encompassed all 50 states and 80 countries. When including third-party sales of Farmland's venture businesses and the gross sales of its international grain marketing subsidiary, total sales exceeded $11.7 billion.

Focused on meeting the needs of its half-million farmer-owners in the US, Canada and Mexico, Farmland is a highly diversified company with major business lines in crop production products, livestock feeds, petroleum, grain processing and marketing, and the processing and marketing of pork and beef products.

Literacy Council hopes to teach 'basic skills'

Belle Braddock wants to help people help themselves and she's taken the first step by renewing the Dimmitt Literacy Council.

Braddock works for Texas Dept. of Human Services and through her position she has spotted a need to educate people so they can become self-sufficient.

Braddock, who is a certified English and history teacher, is volunteering her time and is chairing the Dimmitt Literacy Council. Yvette Barrera will be secretary-treasurer of the council and coordinators will be Stella Devers and Marilyn Neal. Several tutors also have volunteered their time.

"We want to provide basic skills training to community residents who are lacking these fundamental skills which, in turn, are prohibiting their success in the job market," said Braddock.

"I know how important education

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Friday	46	26	
Saturday	53	26	
Sunday	63	29	
Monday	73	35	
Tuesday	80	34	
Wednesday	81	37	

March Moisture 1.76
1998 Moisture 4.48

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

Party conventions Saturday; early voting will start April 6

The Democratic County Convention will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the District Courtroom upstairs in the Courthouse.

The Republican County Convention will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

Those attending the conventions will select delegates to the individual party state conventions, set resolutions for the local platforms and submit resolutions for consideration for the state party platforms. They also will elect county party officers.

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Early voting for the April 14 runoff elections will begin April 6, continuing through April 10, at the County Clerk's office.

Runoffs were necessary for both the Democratic and Republican parties after some races had candidates that did not receive at least 51% of the votes cast.

Locally, a runoff is required in the race for the Democratic nomination for Castro County Justice of the Peace. Tana M. Young and Garner Ball topped the field of six candidates vying for the spot.

Republican candidates facing runoffs include:

In the Attorney General's race, John Cornyn will face Barry Williamson.

For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, Mike Keasler will face Vicki Isaacs. In Place 2, Cheryl Johnson will face Harvey Hudson.

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Voters who voted in the Democratic primary may vote in the Democratic runoff. Republican primary voters may vote in the Republican runoff. Voters who did not vote in either primary may choose the runoff in which they want to vote.

The Democratic Party plans to consolidate some voting boxes for the runoff.

Voting box 105 will consolidate with Voting Box 101 to cast ballots at the Hart Golden Group Bldg. Voting Box 206 will consolidate with Voting Box 201 to cast ballots at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt. Voting Box 307 will consolidate with Voting Box 301 to cast ballots at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Voting Box 401 will vote at the courthouse in Dimmitt, and Voting Box 408 will vote at the Nazareth Community Hall.

"Some people won't like having to come to Dimmitt to vote, but we're trying to be cost effective," said County Democratic Party Chairman Don Newman.

A spokesperson for the County Republican Party said that the Republicans also will consolidate voting in the runoff, with just one voting box, located in the courthouse.

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Ballots may be requested by mail from the County Clerk's office at 100 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 79027.

A registered voter may write or call the clerk's office (647-3338) and ask for an application to vote by mail. The clerk will send the application to the voter. The voter must fill out the application and return it to the clerk's office. Then the clerk's office will mail a ballot to the applicant, and the applicant must mail the completed ballot back to the clerk, postmarked no later than April 14.

'Shoo-in' elections for May 2 cancelled

May 2 elections have been canceled for the City of Dimmitt and the City of Nazareth, and possibly for the Castro County Hospital District Board.

A state law allows the cancellation of an election if no candidates are opposed on the ballot.

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to cancel the election for four council members. All four council members whose terms are expiring had filed for reelection and were unopposed. They are Roy Garza in District 1, Gloria Hernandez in District 2, Charles Richard in District 3, and Roger Malone in District 4.

The council declared the four elected to office, and they will be sworn in for their new terms after May 2. City Secretary Jo Hamilton said canceling the election will save the city approximately $1,200 in election expenses.

The Nazareth City Commission voted Monday night to cancel their election, as well, since incumbent Mayor Ralph Brockman and incumbent City Commissioner Virgil Huseman were unopposed on the ballot.

Cancellation of the hospital board election is subject to action by the board members at their meeting tonight (Thursday).

Terms are expiring for two board members and two candidates have filed—W.J. Hill and Mark Welch.

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Candidates for positions on the remaining city and school governing boards, subject to the May 2 elections, are listed below.

April 1 is the last day unregistered voters may register to vote in the May 2 election. Early voting will be held April 13-28.

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For the Dimmitt school board, terms are expiring for Earl Behrends in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4.

Behrends, incumbent, and Rick Wright have filed in Place 2; and Garcia, incumbent, has filed in Place 4.

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City gets grant for water tower

The Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs has notified the City of Dimmitt that it has received a 1998 Community Development Fund Grant Award.

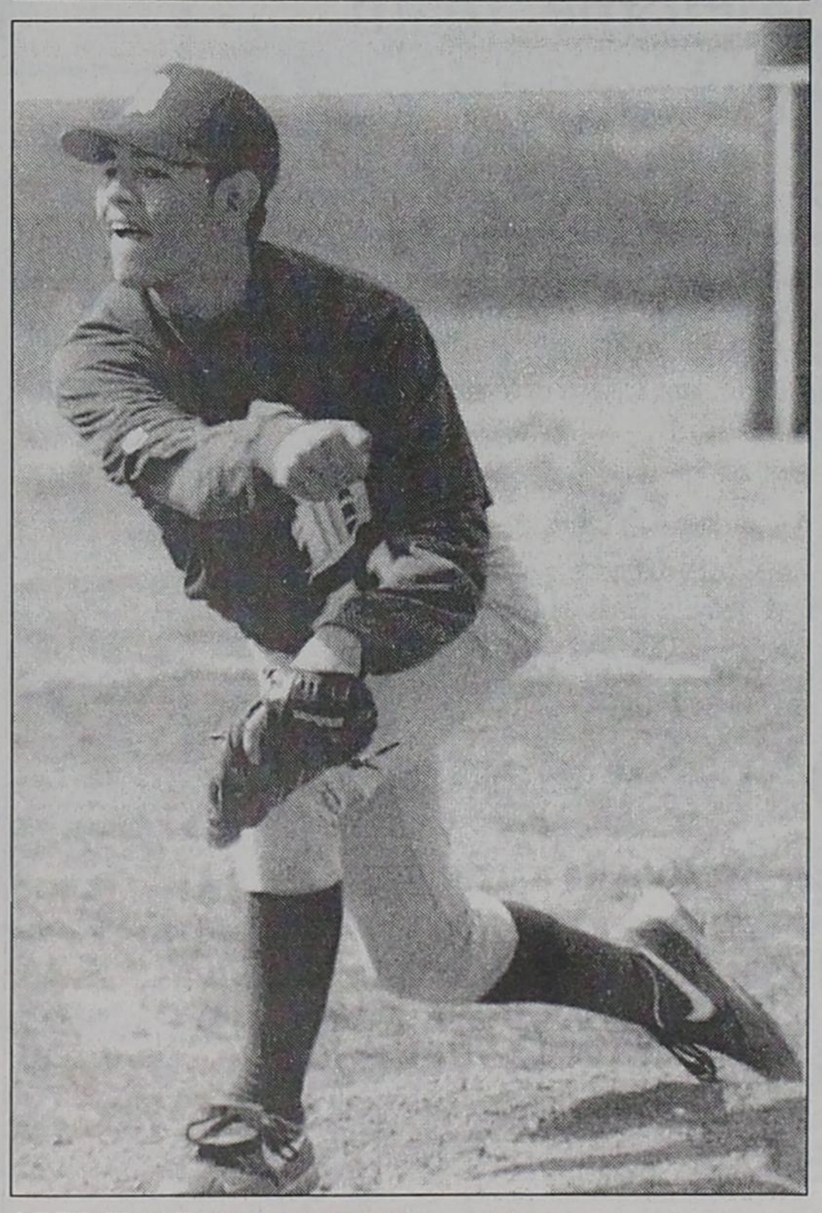
The grant was applied for to help pay for the replacement of the city water tower in downtown Dimmitt. The existing tower is almost 70 years old and in poor shape.

Monday night, the Dimmitt City Council approved a resolution establishing an interlocal governmental cooperation contractual agreement between the city and the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for administration of the grant funding.

Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy told the council that the grant amount is for a little over $200,000, with the city expected to contribute $60,000 over a two-year period. Sheffy said the replacement water tower will most likely be placed in the southeast part of town, near the large water storage tank in the vicinity of the Expo Building. He said removal of the old tower will be included in the cost of the project.

In other business, the council honored retiring city employee Ralph

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MICHAEL PEDROZA of Dimmitt fires a pitch during the fifth inning of the Bobcats' District 1-AAA opener against the Sanford-Fritch Eagles here Saturday afternoon. Pedroza was the second of three Dimmitt pitchers to face the Eagles during the game. The visitors won on the 10-run rule, 13-3, in six innings. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Fred Langford, son of Troy and Claudine Langford, spent last weekend in Dimmitt. He brought his son and a friend, Henry, from Dallas. They loved being in Dimmitt in the snow, since there is very little snow in Dallas.

Danny and Brenda Bruton and Richard and Charlene Hunter went to Lubbock to the Cactus Theater to hear the Fabulous 50s show. Also, Boyce and Ruth Carter were there as well.

Carole Dyer and Lois Wales went to the Civic Center in Amarillo to see the Marvin Hamlisch show. He is a famous pianist and entertainer as well.

Jimmy and Terrie Lynn Cleavinger and children, David, Audrey, Rachel and Nathan, of Baytown, have been in Dimmitt to visit Jimmy's parents, Jim and Ina Cleavinger. The kids thought they were going to see snow, but that didn't happen this time. They had fun playing outside, anyway.

Madge Robb drove to Tulia to visit her sister-in-law, Mae Robb, who is in the hospital.

Marzelle Powell visited her daughters, Vicki and Cindy, and her seven grandkids in Lubbock last week. The kids were on Spring break, so they had time to have fun with their grandmother.

Jean Kemp of Fort Worth was in Dimmitt last week on a business and pleasure visit. She still has many friends in Dimmitt and enjoys being here.

It was good to see Ronnie and June Parker of Weatherford, former Dimmitt residents, who were in Dimmitt for a few days during Spring break.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Jose, Annette, Otero and Murillo, Anna Vela and Juan Longoria of Hereford; Jeff Sanders of Earth and his little daughter; and Angie Hernandez brought her grandkids from Amarillo, Steffany, Francisco and Christopher Ruiz. They brought me a little basket filled with Easter eggs that were decorated and filled with confetti. They asked me to wait until Easter to break the eggs.

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Mattie Seale celebrated her 80th birthday at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall on Sunday afternoon. This special occasion was hosted by Mattie's sons, Jerral and David Seale. Jerral and his wife, Susan, and children, Adam, Jake and Rachel, and David and his daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, and grandson, Chase, attended, along with Mattie's brother and wife, Arthur and Fay Mae Seago, and Mattie's sister and husband, Opal and Howard Baker. They were able to take a four-generation picture, with Mattie, David Elizabeth and Chase.

The serving table was pretty with a fresh flower arrangement of tulips, carnations, gladioli, and greenery. The cakes were decorated in pink and yellow roses and the words "Happy 80th Birthday Mama Seale," and a large number 80.

Mattie had prepared and served dinner for 16 of her family and Rusty and Connie Dickerson, the pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt and his wife.

Some of the guests from out of town were Kathryn Vardell and her daughter, Ann Sessions, and Mrs. Blalock (the former pastor's wife), all of Hereford.

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Our sympathy to the family of Nell Copeland. Her grandson and granddaughter gave sweet memories of their grandmother. Walter Maynard played a piano selection, *Memories*, and Wayland Hazel sang *Amazing Grace* and accompanied himself on the piano.

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The First Baptist Church has been in a revival this week. On Sunday morning, Howard and Belinda Rhodes welcomed the guests and Elaine Steinle conducted the children's message on Spring cleaning in our homes as well as our body and mind. There were 30 singing in the choir led by the new choir director Wayland Hazel. The visiting preacher is Dennis Teeters of Lamesa.

The WMU ladies of Primera Iglesia Bautista served an enchilada luncheon in the fellowship hall of FBC following the morning worship service. They served enchildadas, beans, rice, salad and ice cream to 200 members and visitors.

There were 251 in Sunday school. Dorothy Hopson made the place mats that welcomed the guests and had the scripture from II Chronicles 7:14, "If my people who are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

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Edith Graef and Wilton and Joe Armstrong left March 14 for Florida for a visit with Carl and Denise Graef and boys.

On March 15, they had a picnic at John Chestnut Park with a group of Carl's church friends in celebration of Edith's birthday. They also had a church service, and Carl taught the lesson. They ate seafood at Red Roe.

They spent most of the time with the family, Carl and his three little boys.

They left Florida March 18 for Nashville to visit David Graef. They got to Tennessee and went to church with David, and they went to the "Prime Time Alive Show." Bill Engvall was the comedian. Patti Page was on the show and sang *Tennessee Waltz* and a love song dedicated to her husband of 50 years. Tye Hendon was a vocalist country star, and they saw Bob Eubanks of "The Newly Wed Game."

They ate at The Melting Pot, a fondue place, and went to the Wild Horse Cafe, and they got to tour The Country Music Hall of Fame. David showed them around in the places where he works, in a music recording studio.

They left Nashville Saturday in time to arrive in Burkburnette for the engagement party for Leisa Graef and Barney Fudge.

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Elois McMaster went to Graham with her sister, Nita Haggerton of Sundown, and her niece, Virginia Latimer of Lubbock. They went to see another sister, Faye Tiffin, who lives in a rest home there.

They had a real good visit with her, and also saw another niece and her family who live in Graham.

Elois stayed Thursday night with Nita in Sundown, then they picked up Virginia Friday morning on their way down. They had to come home Sunday, but they enjoyed great weather the whole trip.

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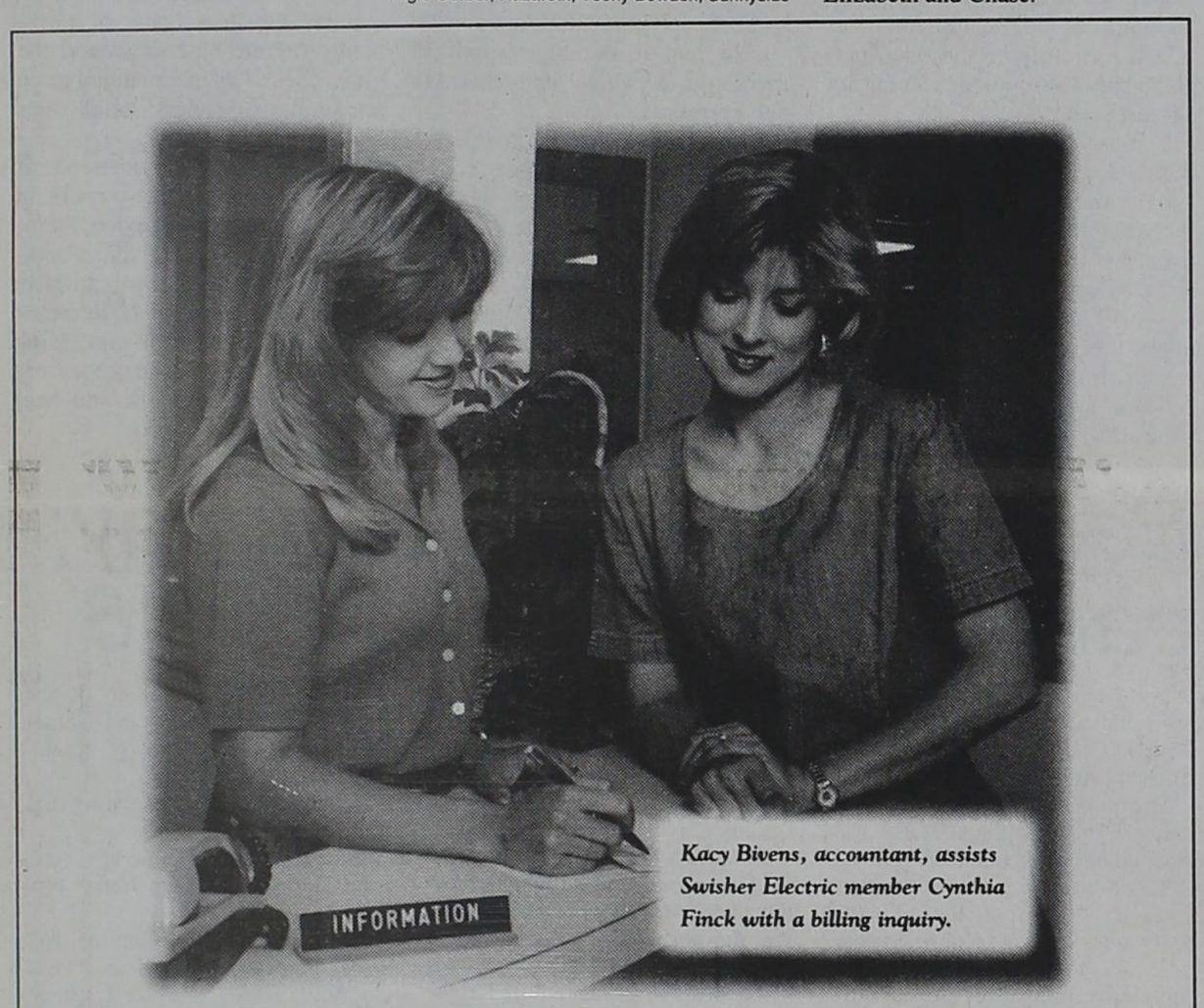
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Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A large group of relatives drove to Dallas to attend the wedding ceremony for Kevin Hoelting and Nicole Stewart, both of Carrollton.

Those attending were Cecil and Norita Hoelting, Keith and Karleen Hoelting and family, Gilbert and Dolly Schulte, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Joan Durbin, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, Marty Gerber, Tisha and Brandi Rice, Toby and Vincent Gerber, Bill and Bernita Hoelting and Bud and Rita Kern, all of Nazareth; Billy Steffens and his wife of Hereford; Beth Schulte of Kellar; Darrell and Kyle Hoelting of Wichita Falls; Mark and Vera Hoelting, Annette Hoelting, Kathy Britting and Kenny and Trudie Kern.

Everyone enjoyed being together after the wedding. It was special for Kyle Hoelting as they all celebrated his birthday,

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Going to Austin to compete in the Knights of Columbus's state free throw contest were Nazareth youths Jake Hoelting, Tyson Schulte, Craig Birkenfeld, Timothy Braddock, Melina Braddock, Becca Olvera, Terri Ramaekers, Elizabeth Olvera and Leslie Brockman.

Jake Hoelting won third place in the 10-year-old division and Leslie Brockman was third in the 14-year-old division.

The support group going with them to Austin were Sharon and Kimberly Brockman; Mary Lynn and David Olvera; Rex, Vera and Troy Ramaekers; Clyde, Jeanie, Mark, Candace and Steven Birkenfeld; Bruce Braddock and grandmother Alice Palazzini; Jim, Sandee, Wade, Jennifer and Nathan Hoelting.

Monty Hoelting spent the weekend with his uncle, Harold Gerber, at O.H. Ivie Lake. They did a lot of fishing and tried out Gene Gerber's boat on the lake.

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Kyle Hoelting of Wichita Falls spent spring break here in Nazareth with grandparents Ronnie and Regina Hoelting.

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Kane Fielding of Amarillo spent spring break here in Nazareth with his grandmother, Donna Charanza.

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Prayers are asked for Leonard and Rosemary Wilhelm, Janice Fisher, and Katie Brockman of Nazareth, Art Albracht of Houston and Billy Gerber of Dumas.

Area youths to participate in SA camp

A week of camping fun is planned for four children from the area at the Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle in Midlothian.

The camp, slated June 19-24, packs into one week fun, exercise, nature study, spiritual and character building programs which are often the focal point for a positive, life-changing experience," said Polly Simpson of Dimmitt, Service Unit Camp chairperson for Salvation Army.

"Because of the public's generosity, we are able to send kids who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend a summer camp," said Simpson.

Salvation Army's Camp Hoblitzelle covers 500 acres and provides opportunities for horseback riding, swimming, soccer, volleyball, miniature golf, archery, crafts and more.

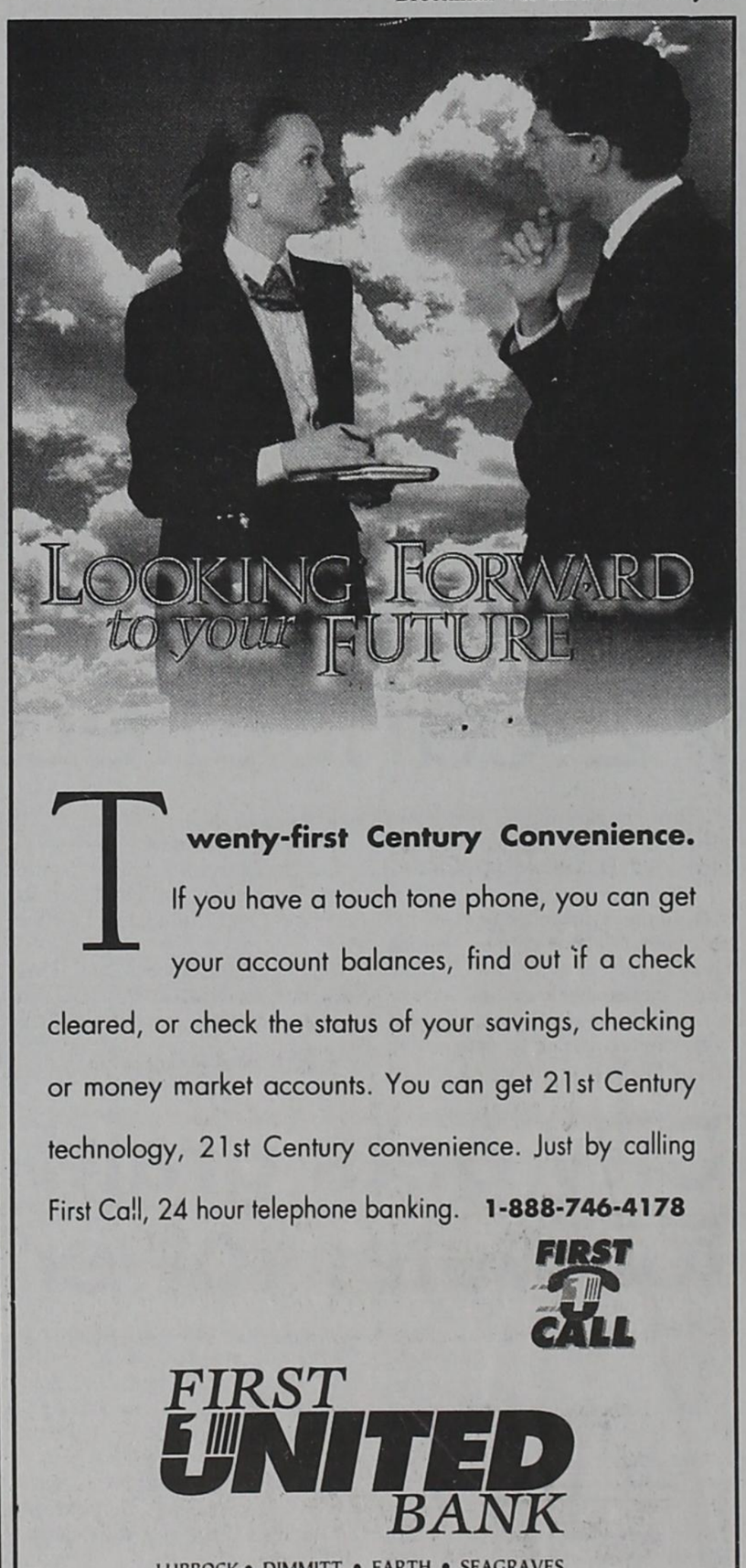
"It will not cost the children a cent to attend the camp, but it does cost the local Service Unit Committee to get the children there and The Salvation Army to provide this camping experience," said Simpson. "If people wish to help with this wonderful program, they can mail donations to our local Salvation Army treasurer, Krystle Nelson, at First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt 79027."

Methodist scholarship applications available

Application forms for the annual scholarships offered by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt are now available at the church office at 110 SW Third.

Completed applications must be turned in by April 15.

Call 647-4106 for more information.



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HTFCU accepting scholarship entries

The Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union is accepting applications for scholarships through April 15.

Seniors from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth High Schools are eligble to apply for the scholarships, which are available to seniors who are members of the Credit Union or whose parents are members.

Application forms may be picked up at the Credit Union office at 212 West Bedford in Dimmitt and must be returned to the Credit Union by April 15.

Benefit concert set for April 18

Reliving old memories will be rampant in the Dimmitt High School auditorium on April 18 when a group of present and former band members will stage a benefit concert on behalf of the area chapter of the "Make-a-Wish" foundation.

Admission to the concert will be free, but donations are being solicited. Also, local businesses are being asked to make donations to help meet the fund-raising goal of $5,000, according to DHS Band Director Robin Stephens, who will be directing the volunteer band.

The 110 participants in the band include adults who used to play in the band, in Dimmitt or elsewhere; and students selected from the high school, junior high, and sixth grade bands, along with two fifth graders.

The "Make A Wish" foundation grants wishes for terminally ill children and their families.

Stephens said those who want more information may call him at 647-3105 (school) or 647-3659 (home).

Vaudeville show slated in Hereford

A new musical group, Stock Company, based in Floydada, will present a "Salute to 80 years of Vaudeville" at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Hereford High School Auditorium.

Featuring comedy skits and routines from the "Golden Age of Vaudeville," the family show will include singing, dancing, music and magic.

The show will be sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and tickets are $7.50 for adults and $5 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from a Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce board member, a member of the Hereford Hustlers, or at the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce office.

Tulia CofC plans sidewalk chalk ArtFest

A Sidewalk Chalk ArtFest will be held in Tulia on May 2 and artists high school age or older are invited to participate.

The event is being sponsored by the Tulia Chamber of Commerce and entry fee of $15 is due along with entry forms by April 15. For that fee, the artist will be able to create his or her chalk art in a 4' x 4' sidewalk block. Chalk will be furnished.

Grand prize is $500 while the second-place entry will earn $250 and third-place will qualify for $100.

Entries received after April 15 will be charged $25.

Theme for ArtFest is "Childhood Memories." All work is to be done by one individual, with no notes or coaching allowed. Participants are asked to check in at the gazebo on the courthouse square in Tulia between 7 and 8 a.m. on May 2. Drawings must be completed by 12 noon that day.

Tulia artist Jill Wyatt will head the judging committee and entries will be judged between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on May 2. Winning artists must be present at the soda pop party, slated for 2 p.m. May 2 at the gazebo.

In the event of rain, the ArtFest and awards party will be held in the Swisher Memorial Building, and artist paper will be furnished for the canvas.

For a complete set of rules, including judging criteria, contact the Tulia Chamber of Commerce at PO Box 267, Tulia 79088 or call (806) 995-2296.

Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.

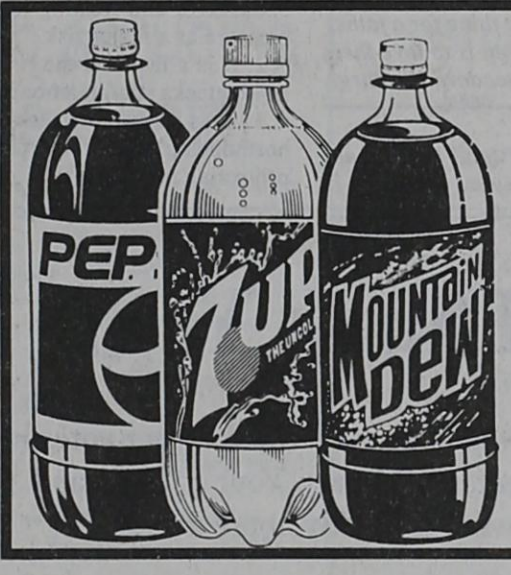
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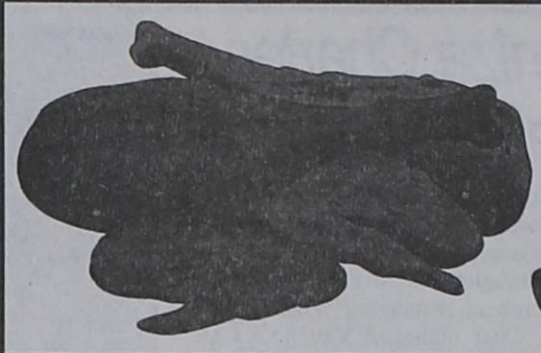


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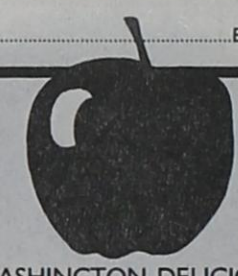
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People

Masons to recognize Charles Vaughn for 50 years of service

Charles H. Vaughn of Dimmitt will be presented a 50-year Masonic Pin from the Grand Lodge of Texas on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the lodge in Dimmitt.

The pin will be presented by Randy Thomas of Friona Masonic Lodge, District Deputy Grand Master of District 100 of the Grand Lodge of Texas, A.F. & A.M.

All members, non-members, friends and relatives of Mr. Vaughn are invited to attend the ceremony. Dinner will be served to those attending and Johnny Vick and Jerry Frazier of Dimmitt will present a musical program.

Vaughn was born in DeLeon on Dec. 11, 1919. He moved to Childress where he became a member of the Childress Masonic Lodge No. 695 A.F. & A.M. He was initiated, passed and raised to a Master Mason in 1947 and 1948.

He petitioned the Castro Lodge No. 879 in Dimmitt on Jan. 21, 1963, and was accepted. He has remained a Mason in good standing ever since his acceptance.

Vaughn started in Dimmitt as a merchant, managing White's Auto. He later managed Vaughn's Cafe, which is now El Sombrero Restaurant.

In recent years he has sold insurance, real estate and automobiles.

Vaughn is now retired and lives with his wife, Betty, in Dimmitt. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church.

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In 1973, Vaughn received a 25-year pin from the local lodge. He is a past Master and served in all offices of the Masonic Lodge. He is currently serving as Senior Steward.

He has been active in the Eastern Star, an organization of women connected to the Masons. He served as Worthy Patron for several years as a member of the Easter Star.



MR. AND MRS. HARRY JONES
. . . She's the former Celeste Hartman

Hartman and Jones wed

Celeste Hartman became the bride of Harry Jones on March 18 at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. Rev. Rusty Dickerson officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Albert and Rita Hartman of Lake McKenzie, close to Silverton. She is employed by First Bank and Trust Co. She is employed by First Bank and Trust Co. of Lubbock.

The groom is the son of Ferne Jones and the late W.W. Jones of Dimmitt. He is employed by Steere Tank Lines, Inc.

The bride was given in marriage by her sons, Matt Rosier and Zeb Rosier.

Matron of honor was Jenna Rosier, daughter of the bride.

Best man was Casey Jones, son of the groom.

A reception honoring the couple was held in their home after the wedding.

Hospice care training slated

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will be offering free training classes in April.

The series of classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings in April from 6 to 9, beginning April 13.

The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment. Volunteers are needed to become direct patient care volunteers, along with administrative volunteers. Federal regulations state than 5% of the total patient care hours be provided by volunteers.

Beginning sometime this spring, Hospice Care will be opening a Thrift Shop, which will be located on the west side of Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Proceeds from the Thrift Shop will benefit hospice patients who are not eligible for Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance.

Volunteers will be needed to run this operation for the hospice agency. Thrift shop volunteers will be required to attend some of the training classes, but do not have to complete the 30-hour course.

Those interested in registering for the classes may call Connie Nutt, director, or Shelly Rice, RN, at 647-3785. You will be required to schedule an interview before beginning the hospice classes. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, but the above-scheduled classes will not work for you, please call the hospice office to discuss alternative dates and times.

Together We Can

FUMC invites hungry to supper

The First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt invites anyone who is hungry to come to supper today (Thursday) from 5 to 6 p.m. at the church at 110 SW Third.

This week's meal will include soup, according to a church spokesperson.

"Everyone is welcome," the spokesperson said. "No proof of income is needed. There are no forms to fill out. If you are hungry, come. We want to help."

The most important thing for a father to do for his children is to love their mother. —Theodore Hesburgh

It may not be the load that breaks you down, but the way you carry it.

Local youth group publishes cookbook

The Nazareth Junior Catholic Daughters of America have compiled a cookbook and are currently selling copies of the printed books as a fundraiser.

The cookbook contains recipes compiled from the last Catholic Daughters of America Cookbook along with over 120 new recipes collected from friends and family members of the group's members.

The cookbook contains traditional and cherished recipies of area residents including appetizers, main dishes, desserts and a host of other recipes. Each donor's name is printed, so you can pick out relative's or friend's recipes. The recipes are also listed in alphabetical order in the index so they can be easily located.

Also included in the book is a special section called "Cooking for a Crowd," which offers helpful hints in estimating the amount of food needed to feed a large crowd for such occassions as weddings, reunions and anniversaries. Also included in that section are recipes for Wedding Potato Casserole and Mexican Fiesta for 300.

The JCDA/CDA Coobook is available at Merle Norman, Unique Gifts and Seale Florist, all in Dimmitt; Naz Stop, Shear Pazzazz and Between Friends, and 19th Hole, all in Nazareth; or from Christine Acker at 945-2683, Carolyn Wilhelm at 945-2602, or Vanessa Wilhelm at 945-2589.

Ivy reports to Camp Pendleton

Marine Private Jonathon K. Ivy, a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School, recently reported for duty with 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, at Marine Corps Base in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Ivy's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect US national interests by serving as the principle enforcers of peacetime engagement, deterrence and crisis response around the world.

Ivy joined the Marine Corps in August 1997.

ROW hosts county agent

Heart disease in women was the topic of Marilyn Neal, who spoke to the Republican Organization for Women (ROW) last Wednesday at K-Bob's.

Twenty-one members attended the regular meeting and heard reports, including one on pages needed for the state convention in Fort Worth June 12-13.

It was also mentioned that ROW members have been invited to attend a style show April 15 at The Village Shop.

The group also congratulated Kathy Hill, new Republican County Chairman.

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Néal told ROW that there were several important issues on heart disease that all women should be aware of. They include:

1. How to fight heart disease and stroke by stopping smoking, controlling the level of blood cholesterol and treating high blood pressure as a major risk.

2. It is a fact that the risk of fatal heart attacks is high among females.

3. It is a fact that estrogen and hormones play an important role in protecting one's health.



Patricia Enloe

Enloe named to Hall of Fame

Patricia "Susie" Howell Enloe, former Dimmitt resident, has been named to the Kansas Counseling Association Hall of Fame.

Enloe, a retired school counselor from Emporia, Kan., was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the association's spring convention March 5 and 6 at the Harvey House in Wichita, Kan.

She is the daughter of Moss Howell and the late Hattie Howell and she is the sister of Jack Howell and Jimmie Howell of Bethel; Herb Howell of Bovina, Charles Howell of Weatherford, Oran Howell of Ozona, John Howell of Texline, Gayle Stovall of Fritch, Linda Bethea of Weatherford and Karen Ahlerich of Bedford.

Her induction marks the second honor she received from the association for her counseling work. In 1979 she was recognized as "Outstanding Counselor" in Kansas.

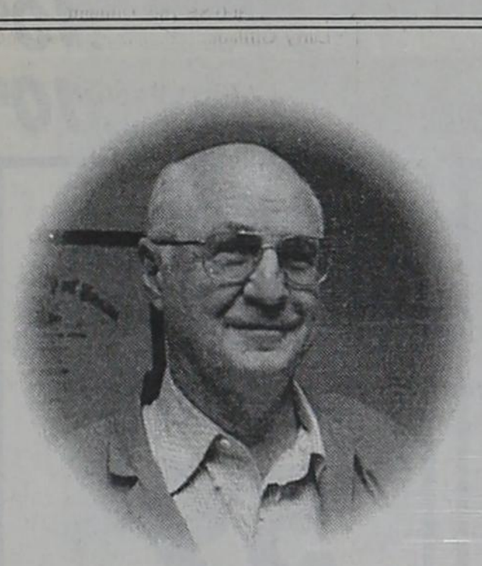
Enloe retired at the end of the 1996-97 school year after teaching and counseling in Emporia for 31 years. She has earned several honors for her work in education.

In 1979 she was named as Master Teacher for the Emporia School District and was one of seven Kansas Master Teachers in 1980. She served as the elementary vice president of the American School Counselor Association for 1978-80 and has been active at the local and state levels in the counseling and teaching organization.

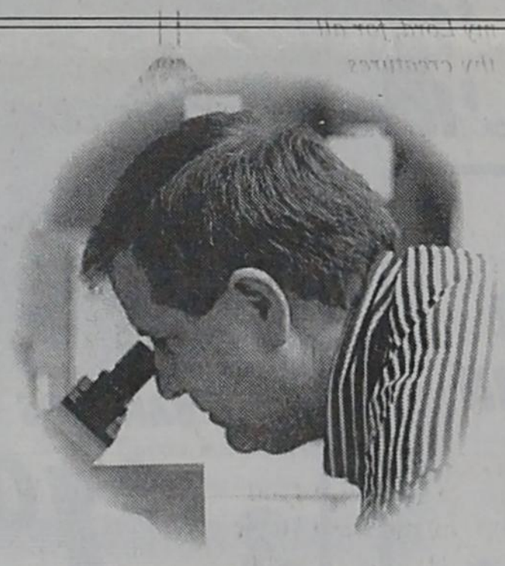
Since her retirement, she has married Jerrell Enloe, and the ceremony was held Feb. 14 at the home of Jimmie and Sue Howell in Bethel. The couple have moved to Derby, Kan., since their wedding. She is the mother of Steve Samuelson of Emporia, Samuel Samuelson of Lebo, Kan., and Sherri Curtis of St. Joseph, Mo.

Enloe graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1956 and she earned her bachelor of science degree in education from North Texas State University in Denton in 1960. She earned her master's degree in education from Emporia State University.

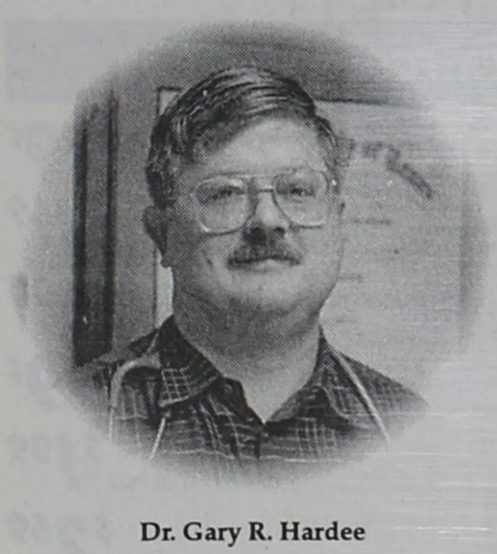
Before moving to Kansas, she taught school in Texas for five years.



Dr. Bill D. Murphy



Dr. Leon Joplin

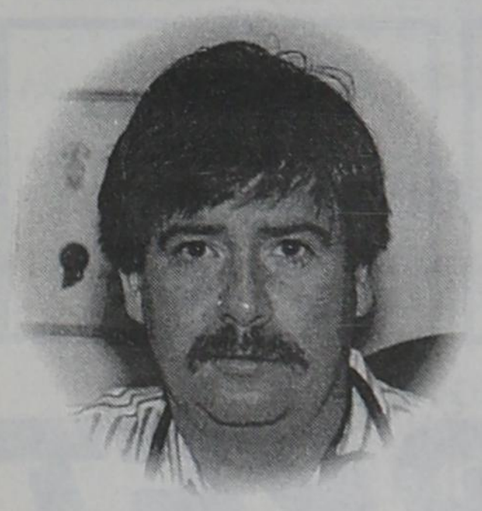


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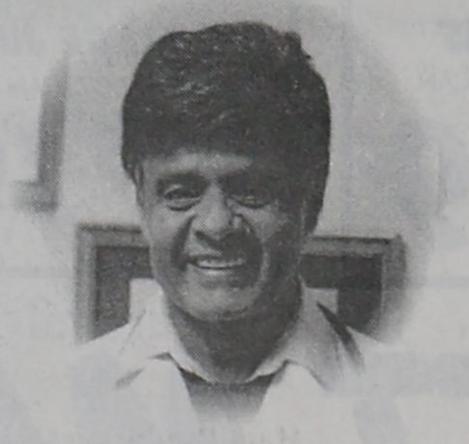
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Janice Shelton
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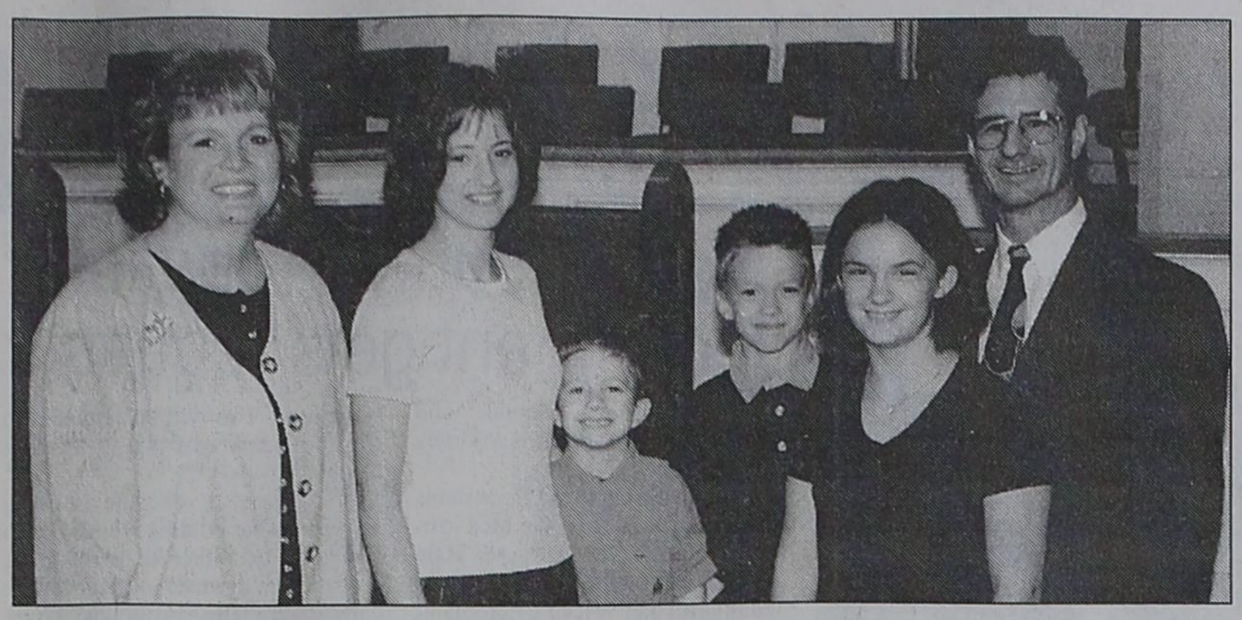
From all of us to all of you, thanks for another great year!

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THE HAZEL FAMILY includes (from left) Elaine, Morgan, John, Samuel, Stephanie and Wayland. Wayland is the new music minister at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Formerly from Kress, Wayland ministered at Farmersville before accepting the position here. The family will be giving a music concert at FBC Sunday night and the public is invited. *Courtesy Photo*

Sunday concert will feature, welcome Wayland Hazel family

Wayland Hazel, the new music minister at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, will give a concert of gospel music on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the church, and the public is invited to attend. Joining him in the singing will be his wife and children and his parents.

A church spokesperson said, "Come enjoy the music and take this opportunity to meet Wayland and his family."

Also, there will be a time of fellowship following the concert and everyone is invited to stay for that, as well.

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Hazel said he grew up at Kress, so returning to this area is a sort of homecoming for him. He moved with his parents to Lubbock in 1965, and later graduated from Estacado High School. He and his parents and his brothers and sisters formed a gospel singing group and traveled throughout the area from 1970-1985, so he has a long history of music ministry. The family also recorded four albums.

Hazel attended Texas Tech University, where he met his wife, Elaine (they were married in 1979), and obtained his bachelor of arts in music. In 1985 he went to the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

His first ministry was with the Rainbow Baptist Church at Glen Rose, southwest of Fort Worth. He was in the premiere performance of the outdoor pageant "The Promise," based on the life of Christ, that is staged each year in Glen Rose.

In 1990, he went to First Baptist Church in Farmersville, where he served eight years as the minister of music and recreation.

"I have a love for music and have always been involved in gospel music," Hazel said. "I even served as interim music director for some area churches around Lubbock while I was in high school."

Hazel sings bass, and plays piano and guitar. He has written several songs and has written musical arrangements.

He said he has been a member of "The Singing Men of Texas," which is comprised of music ministers from Baptist churches throughout the state. They get together once a month in area churches to sing.

Hazel built houses and did cabinetry and trim work before going into the roofing business with his brother, and he still enjoys cabinet making as a hobby. He said he also enjoys playing golf, reading and working in his yard.

He said his wife is a musician, too, and enjoys singing with the family. She teaches the fourth grade in Farmersville, so she won't be moving here until the end of the school term. He said she enjoys arts and crafts.

They have four children—daughters Morgan, 14, and Stephanie, 12, and sons Samuel, 7, and John, 5.

He said the girls both play in the band, Morgan on trumpet and Stephanie on clarinet. Morgan was named to the all-region band, and won district in the 800-meter run in track. She plays basketball, too. Stephanie also plays youth league basketball.

"I love it here already," Hazel said of Dimmitt. "There are good people here."

He said they seem to be "West Texas people, friendly and open, not like bustling, big city folks who don't have time to talk."

He said the congregation has given him a warm welcome and he looks forward to a great working relationship with the staff at FBC.

Letter

'Many helped with sprucing up Senior Citizens Center'

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the 62 members of the Castro County Senior Citizens, we want to give special thanks to everyone who helped in the cleaning up and fixing up at the center.

The Quilter's Guild put new floor covering in the restrooms and in the hallway. They painted and textured the restrooms. They put in extra electrical outlets in the main room.

An anonymous donor replaced the carpet in the big room. The new carpet has really helped the center.

Thanks to the Stanley Schaeffers for replacing the drapes in the front part of the building with venetian blinds. They will match the blinds that are already there.

The Republican Women and Judilee's are decorating the big room.

Thanks to Jim Baker for working on the lights, putting in new bulbs and ballasts and extra wiring.

With the monetary help the center has received the past two years, the center has been able to spend over $3,000 on the building.

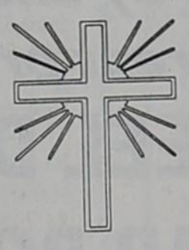
The following organizations have helped: United Methodist Women, DATA Club (proceeds from two car shows), Kiwanis Club, and two bridge clubs.

The money was spent to paint the kitchen, put in a new kitchen sink, place tile floor covering in the kitchen and in front of the kitchen, and install hand rails in the rest rooms.

Dimmitt will be proud of the center's new look for the Ogallala Quilters Festival. It will be enjoyed by many in years to come.

CLEO FORSON

Times have changed: what used to bring disgrace to a family now brings big book and movie contracts.



Our Savior Is Risen

- Palm Sunday/Easter Cantata ~ April 5, 10:45 a.m.
- Passover Supper ~ April 9, 6 p.m.
- Sunrise Service ~ April 12, 6:30 a.m.
- Easter Service/Children's Choir performing ~ April 12, 10:45 a.m.

Egg hunt after service

You are invited to come rejoice with us!

First United Methodist Church

Third and Bedford, Dimmitt



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for March 26 to April 3.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, refried beans, watermelon, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: Baked cajun fish, baked potatoes, pineapple sunset salad, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza supreme, corn on the cob, fruited gelatin and milk.

TUESDAY: Chili fritos with picante sauce, Mexipinto beans, orange wedges, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, tossed salad with dressing and milk.

THURSDAY: Chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, honeydew melon, wheat rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, macaroni salad, cornbread and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with cheese, macaroni, cheese and ham casserole or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked cajun fish, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potato, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or tomato slices; cornbread, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of ravioli with meat sauce, pizza supreme or taco pie; corn on the cob, scalloped potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, carrot-raisin salad or fruited gelatin; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of chili Fritos with picante sauce, chicken pot pie or Monterrey casserole; rice-vegetable casserole, quick-baked potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken patty with gravy, hoagie submarine sandwich or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes, Frito corn chips or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or waldorf fruit salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, sausage links with beans or beef enchiladas; mashed potatoes, orange wedges or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, shepherd's pie or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, herbed broccoli and cauliflower or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or coleslaw; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, potato chips, ice cream and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or hot dog on a bun with chili; sliced cheese, sliced pickles, salad, pinto beans, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or chicken fajita; sliced cheese, salad, corn on the cob, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, bean burrito or chalupa; gelatin dessert, salad, corn on the cob, Rice Krispie bar, fresh fruit and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, potato chips, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or hot dog on a bun with chili; sliced cheese, sliced pickles, salad, pinto beans, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or chicken fajita; salad, pears, refried beans, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, bean burrito or chalupas; gelatin dessert, salad, corn on the cob, Rice Krispie bar, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Fish or corn dog, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Ham with bread or corn dog, salad, scalloped potatoes, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Frito pie or pizza, salad, cornbread, green beans, peaches, pudding and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or corn dog, salad, cauliflower, pears, applesauce and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Baked potato or cheese pizza, salad, beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

(Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students, while secondary school students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

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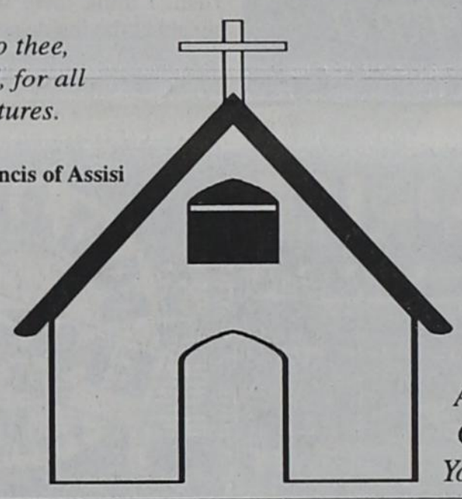
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Guillermo Morales.....647-4219

Jesus and the Love of God Church
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—St. Francis of Assisi



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THE RIBBON-CUTTING for the new AgriFarm Industries, LLC, Monday drew a crowd of Dimmitt Agri Industries employees and representatives of Farmland Industries, the City of Dimmitt and the Chamber of Commerce. Cutting the ribbon (front row center) are John F. Berardi of Kansas City, Mo., chief operating officer of Farmland Grain Businesses, and Tommy Martin of Flagg, chairman of the AgriFarm management committee. Others in front row, from left, are Mayor Wayne Collins; Deanne (Mrs. Bill) Clark; Pam Odom of DAI; Jackie Dane of Denton, Farmland regional manager and AFI management committee member; Jack Clark, DAI board chairman and AFI management committee member; Gary Holcomb of Kansas City, Farmland Grains executive and AFI management committee member; Gregg Allen, AFI's interim chief operating officer; Bill Clark, DAI chief operating officer; and Bill Sava, Chamber of Commerce executive director. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Castro County Probation Department gets requests

"We got what we wanted," said Castro County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews.

He was referring to the three items he had requested from the area Probation Dept. that serves Castro, Hale and Swisher counties.

Matthews had voiced a complaint about the distribution of the department's resources. He said he had two meetings with the Probation Dept., Donna Barton, probation supervisor, Terry McEachern, District Attorney for Swisher and Hale counties, 242nd District Judge Ed Self and 64th District Judge Jack Miller.

Matthews had requested a full-time misdemeanor probation officer for Castro County, a part-time worker to supervise community service, and GED and other programs for probationers to be held locally.

Matthews said with the support of Miller and Self he was able to get those things lined up for Castro County. He said the Probation Dept. had four computers with the GED programs on them that were not being used. Two will be delivered to Castro County and two to Swisher County.

In addition, a schedule is being worked out for holding workshops in each county, rather than requiring probationers to travel to Plainview to participate. The programs cover subjects such as substance abuse and anger control.

Matthews said the funding for the changes is already available in the Probation Dept. budget—it just has to be spread around a little differently.

"They're rolling some of it to Castro and Swisher counties now, instead of all of it going to Hale County," Matthews said.

"Both district judges were very supportive of our requests," Matthews said. "They seemed to feel they were reasonable requests."

Matthews said the community service supervisor for Castro County will work three Saturdays per month. Swisher County is gaining a community service supervisor, too.

Doris Holland retiring after 28 years at bank

Doris Holland had lived in Dimmitt only two weeks when she went to work for the First State Bank.

That was in January 1970.

"James Horton hired me, and he told me, '90% of your job is knowing the people,'" Holland said. "Well, if you think I didn't have a hard time, not knowing *anybody*!"

But she learned the job, and the people here, and went on to log 28 years with the First State Bank and its successor, First United Bank.

She is retiring this week, and the bank's lobby will be turned into the site of a retirement reception for her Friday from 9 to 3, with punch and cookies being served all day.

When Holland first went to work for the First State Bank, it was located at Southwest Third and Bedford. Bob McLean was the bank president.

Her first job was at the drive-in windows.

"At that time we had two windows at the drive-up facility, and I worked both of them unless there was a real rush. I think there were about four tellers at the inside counters then."

In 1977, when the bank moved to its present location, she was named the operations officer, and has held that title ever since.

"Gosh, that was over 20 years ago," she marveled. "It's hard to realize this bank building is that old."

But time flies. During her years with the bank here, her husband Bud completed his career with the phone company, and their two sons, Darrell and Mike, grew up, graduated and married.

Darrell, 43, lives in Amarillo, and Mike, 39, lives in Joplin, Mo.

The Hollands now have two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

In preparation for her retirement, the Hollands have spent the last six months moving their things to their retirement home.

"We're moving to Amarillo, where the kids are," she explained. "We have a five-acre country place."

Location of storm shelters sought

Many local homeowners have basements and storm shelters in their homes, and that is a good thing as the storm season approaches.

However, local emergency workers need to know the location of such shelters.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said that if someone took shelter in a basement and then became trapped in the case of storm damage to the structure, rescue workers might not know where to look for survivors.

To help prevent such situations, Aleman is working with other emergency personnel to find out the location of storm shelters and basements in the area.

"We want to reassure homeowners that this information will NOT be given out to anyone," Aleman said. "It will be kept confidential and maintained only for reference in times of disaster emergencies."

Aleman is launching Project CARE—Concerned About Real Emergencies. This program will enlist the help of students who are under the supervision of the Juvenile Probation Dept.

Supervised groups of students will be handing out leaflets throughout the town over the next few weeks. The leaflets explain about Project CARE and the need for emergency shelters to be registered with the police or emergency personnel.

Aleman said homeowners responding to the leaflets may come by the Police Dept. in the back of City Hall on East Jones Street, or call 647-4545. Also, they may report to the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. or call 647-2323.

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Contact your local ag chem dealer for more information about the TAG TEAM SOUTH program.

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Ethanol demand is increasing in US

The demand for ethanol and oxygenated fuels is increasing due to the reformulated gasoline (RFG) program, according to figures released recently by the Energy Information Agency and the American Petroleum Institute.

In comparing figures from 1996 to 1997, ethanol demand has increased from 63,300 barrels per day in 1996 to 83,000 barrels per day in 1997, close to a 24% increase. That translates into 3,486,000 million gallons per day for ethanol demand in 1997 to 2,658,000 gallons a day in 1996.

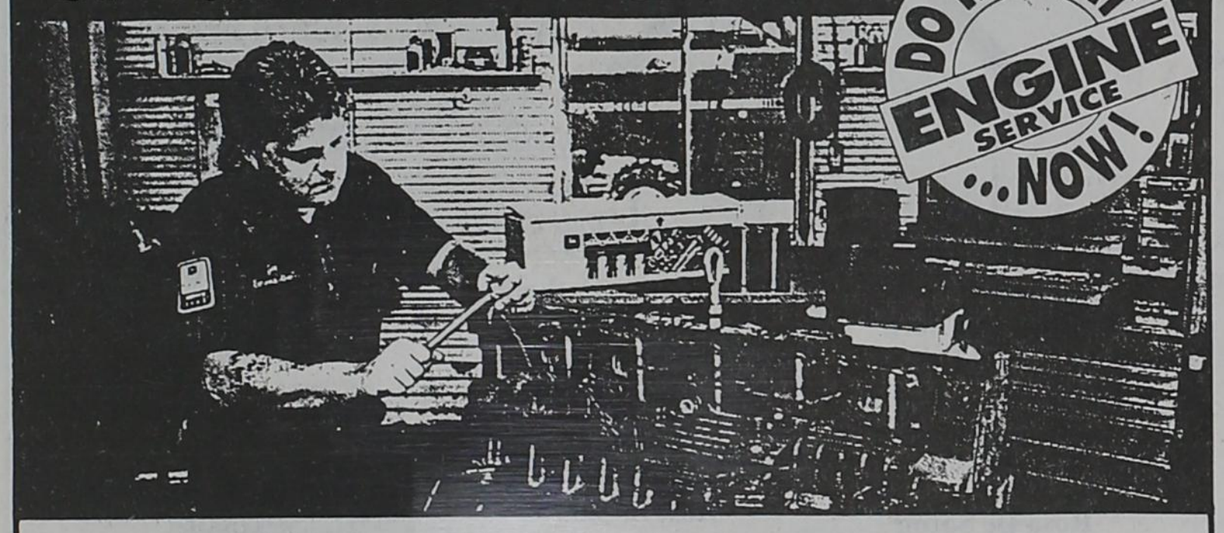
The push for RFG is spreading with many other areas looking to opt-in to its use. Texas is looking to expand its RFG areas from 4 to 101 counties, and Phoenix, Ariz., just opted in. Kansas City and Birmingham, Ala., are close to making RFG the clean fuel of choice in their areas as well, according to the American Corn Growers Association.

To keep this positive momentum moving forward, the American Corn Growers Association will be working with members of Congress to commercialize ethyl tertiary butyl ether (ETBE).

For ETBE to take its rightful place alongside other oxygenated fuels, certain tax changes are needed, including making the blenders tax credit non-taxable.

With reformulated gasoline already reaching 32% of all American drivers, the opportunity for greater demand of ethanol will continue, especially if ETBE is allowed to move forward under full commercialization.

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Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director

We received approval to accept 37,494 acres from 199 offers for the 16th CRP sign-up.

Some producers whose offers were accepted will begin their contracts on April 1 and the rest will become effective on Oct. 1. All producers have been notified if their contracts have been accepted.

We now have 90,276 total acres in CRP in Castro County. We still don't have the maximum acres allowable in the county for this program.

Crop insurance

Beginning with the 1998 crop year, Farm Service Agency no longer sells or services crop insurance.

Any questions on your insurance coverage and/or deadlines for acreage reports should be directed to your agent.

Failed acreage

Any planted crop, program or non-program, that fails and will not be carried to harvest must be reported before it is destroyed.

Failure to report this failed acreage could result in loss of program benefits and/or crop acreage base credit.

Final '97 loan availability dates

Tuesday is the final day producers can obtain a loan for 1997 crop wheat, barley and oats.

May 31 is the final day producers can obtain loans for 1997 corn, grain sorghum and cotton.

Call us if you have any questions about the commodity loan program.

Foreign investor reporting

All foreign investors who buy, sell or hold interest in US agricultural land must report their holdings and transactions to this office within 90 days of the transaction.

Failure to do this could result in penalties equal to 25% of the fair market value of the land.

'97 Census of Agriculture

The US Dept. of Agriculture, in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Statistic Service (TASS) is currently conducting a 1997 agricultural census.

The reporting period for these surveys has been extended. If you have received a census form, we encourage you to complete and return it in a timely manner. If you need assistance in completing the questionnaire, please feel free to contact our office or call 1-888-424-7828.

Fall seeded crop certifications

Although acreage reports are not required under the Production Flexibility Farm Program, we encourage producers to file an accurate and timely report for history and disaster credit purposes.

May 15 is the final date to report your planted 1998 fall-seeded crop acreage.

Reports filed after the deadline may not be accepted. Late filing fees may also be assessed. Measurement service is still available for a nominal fee.

'98 Production flexibility contracts

If you did not receive an advance payment or you haven't designated shares for 1998, you have until Aug. 3 to sign the production flexibility contract to be eligible for 1998 payments.

NAP program

Producers who want to be eligible for the non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) must certify acreages, including small grain forage and other winter forages.

In order for these crops to be considered "timely filed," they must be reported by the earlier of May 15 or 15 days prior to the onset of harvest or grazed if considered a forage crop.

Late-file fees will be assessed if the producer reports NAP forage crop after grazing has occurred.

Direct deposit

Direct deposit of your Farm Service Agency program is a free service now provided by the Farm Service Agency and Commodity Credit Corp., that allows producers to receive payments electronically deposited directly to their bank account.

Direct deposit is required for all new contracts for program participation and for any new producers. This includes the new CRP contracts and payments for EQIP, the new conservation program.

For more information concerning this form of receiving payments, contact our office for assistance.

'98 payment limitations

Fiscal year PFC payments are subject to $40,000 per determined person, $75,000 for marketing gains and $50,000 for CRP.

All persons must be determined "actively engaged" in farming and are subject to the three permitted entity rule.

Payment eligibility

Producers that have been determined to be "actively engaged in farming" who have not changed their farming operation from the previous year in any county that they have an interest will remain actively engaged for the current and subsequent years.

They will not be required to file a farm operating plan unless a change occurs that would affect the determination of requested benefits under an annual program.

It is a statutory requirement for the authorized representative of a trust, estate, corporation or limited partnership earning benefits subject to the limitation to provide names, addresses and identification numbers of the entities' members to the County Committee along with informing the entities' members of the requirements for designated permitted entities.

C&S earns sales award

C&S Battery, Inc., of Dimmitt has earned a Bronze Award from T-L Irrigation Co. for outstanding sales achievement.

There are three levels of awards given each year to the top percentage of T-L's dealers—a bronze award, a silver award and a gold award.

Sales manager for C&S is Cary Jackson.

T-L Irrigation Co., headquartered in Hastings, Neb., builds a complete line of hydrostatic powered irrigation systems, including center pivots, linears, corner systems and quick-tow center pivots.

T-L is currently in its 43rd year in the irrigation business.



ONE OF THE BEST—Hi-Plains Irrigation of Olton was recently recognized as one of the top Zimmatic dealers in the world at Lindsay Manufacturing Company's annual convention in Orlando, Fla. Representing High Plains Irrigation at the convention and accepting the award is Wes Conwan (center). Presenting the award are Ed Enriquez (left) and Farris Hightower. Hi-Plains Irrigation was one of only 40 dealerships to receive the Top-Forty Dealer Award, and there are about 210 Zimmatic dealerships in more than 90 countries worldwide. "Only Zimmatic dealers who have achieved a controlling market share receive this award," said Bob Snoozy, vice president of sales for Lindsay Manufacturing. "This award represents years of dedicated work and consistent performance improvements in a very highly competitive business."

Courtesy Photo

Swisher Electric plans annual meeting tonight

Election of directors and a barbecue and chicken supper will highlight the 58th annual meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative, slated today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the cafeteria on 501 Northeast Fourth Street in Tulia.

Two directors will be elected with incumbent Jimie Reed of Kress being opposed by nominee of Dan Kimball of Edmonson for Position One. Position Two candidates are incumbent Ross O'Daniel of Tulia and Gaylord Cogburn of Happy.

The candidates were selected by a six-member nominating committee on Jan. 22.

Other highlights of the meeting will be attendance gifts for members, a barbecue and chicken dinner for members and their guests, a brief management meeting, audit reports and door prizes.

The grand door prize will be a 27-inch GE color television with stereo sound.

All door prizes will be drawn at the meeting's conclusion. Members must register prior to the meeting's start time and be present to be eligible to win door prizes.

Voting is reserved for current members who registered in person or by proxy representative.

HTFCU to participate in MS Walk-a-Thon

Employees of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union in Dimmitt plan to participate once again in the MS Walk-a-Thon set for April 18 in Amarillo.

Anyone wanting to pledge an amount per mile walked or wanting to make a donation may go by the Credit Union at 212 W. Bedford or call 647-5169.

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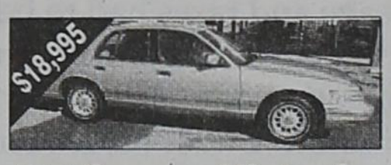
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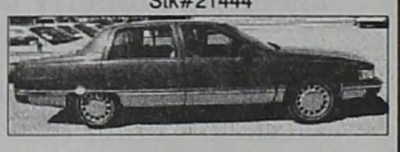
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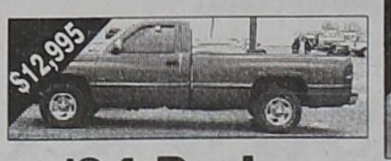

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Sports

Big 11-run inning boosts Bobcats over Boys Ranch

Bobcat sluggers pounded Boys Ranch pitchers to a pulp in one inning Tuesday and that inning was enough for a big 13-3 win.

Dimmitt recorded 11 runs in that pivotal second inning to take an 11-1 lead that Boys Ranch couldn't overcome.

"The things I preached about after Saturday's game must have worked because we played with a lot more composure. I was proud of the guys," said Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster.

Derek Buckley started his first game on the mound and threw about 45 pitches before he was relieved by Benny Navarro in the sixth, and Feaster praised both hurlers for their efforts in holding Boys Ranch batters.

Zack Matthews led a swarm of Bobcat batters who picked up extra-base hits in the game. Matthews earned two doubles and a triple while Rusty Wooten, Michael Pedroza, Wesley Wright and Derek Buckley all nailed doubles for the Cats.

Dimmitt improved to 5-5 with the win while Boys Ranch dropped to 1-6.

Dimmitt batted around in the second, and it all started with a lead-off double by Michael Pedroza. Then Navarro scored Pedroza with a single. Navarro stole second, then advanced to third on a single by Beau Hill.

A double by Wright scored Navarro, then Buckley nailed a double that scored Hill and Wright and the rout was on.

Next up was Sergio Pedroza who kept the streak alive with an RBI single. He scored after Matthews placed a double, then Matthews crossed home on a single by Rusty Wooten.

For the second time in the inning, Navarro got an RBI single, scoring Wooten. Then Hill hit a pop fly to first and the first baseman dropped the ball, allowing Navarro to score.

After Wright reached on an error, Buckley picked up a single that got away from the short stop and the error enabled Hill and Wright to score.

Boys Ranch, shook after the big 11-run explosion, couldn't find any offense in the bottom of the second, but managed to shut out Dimmitt in the top of the third, then came back in the bottom of that inning to cut the Bobcat lead to 11-3.

Dimmitt coasted from there, blanking Boys Ranch batters the rest of the way.

A Matthews double in the fifth followed by a Wooten single added another run to Dimmitt's total.

Then Matthews picked up his triple in the seventh and Wooten hit a sacrifice to first. Matthews crossed the plate before the ball got to first base, giving Dimmitt its 13th run of the game.

While Feaster was pleased with his offensive output, especially in the second inning, he praised several players for their defensive efforts.

"Juary Cavazos threw out a guy at home from left field and Zack almost threw out a guy at first from center field. Both were great defensive plays.

"Juary got hurt sliding into first base on a play in the third and we had to pull him. Then we had to make some adjustments and Courtney Joplin went to right field—it was her first time in right. She made a great catch out there," said Feaster.

"I'm really proud of our kids. We talked after spring break that we were going to have to come together to make a run at district and I hope that we did that against Boys Ranch."

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Dimmitt will resume District 1-AAA play Friday when Dalhart comes to town.

Feaster said he plans to recognize all seniors prior to the 5 p.m. start at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Bobcats drop district opener to Fritch, 13-3

Dimmitt bats were cold against Sanford-Fritch Saturday in a District 1-AAA showdown, and the Eagles were able to knock home 13 runs enroute to a six-inning run-rule win over the Bobcats.

Sanford-Fritch exploded for four runs in the second and fifth innings, then capped the win with a three-run sixth inning to claim the 13-3 district win.

"We're not real mature sometimes and we let things that we can't control affect how we play," said Dimmitt Coach Bobby Feaster. "We can't control an umpire's strike zone, so we have to adjust to what he's calling. We didn't do that Friday. But that comes with maturity and we just have to learn how to overcome that and compete.

"I'm not criticizing the umpire—I'm just saying each has a different strike zone and we need to learn how to adjust to that zone both on hitting and pitching."

Dimmitt took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first after Zack Matthews singled, then stole second. A Rusty Wooten single advanced Matthews to third, then Michael Pedroza reached on an error at second base and Matthews scored on the play.

Fritch found a groove in the second inning and picked up four runs to go ahead for good.

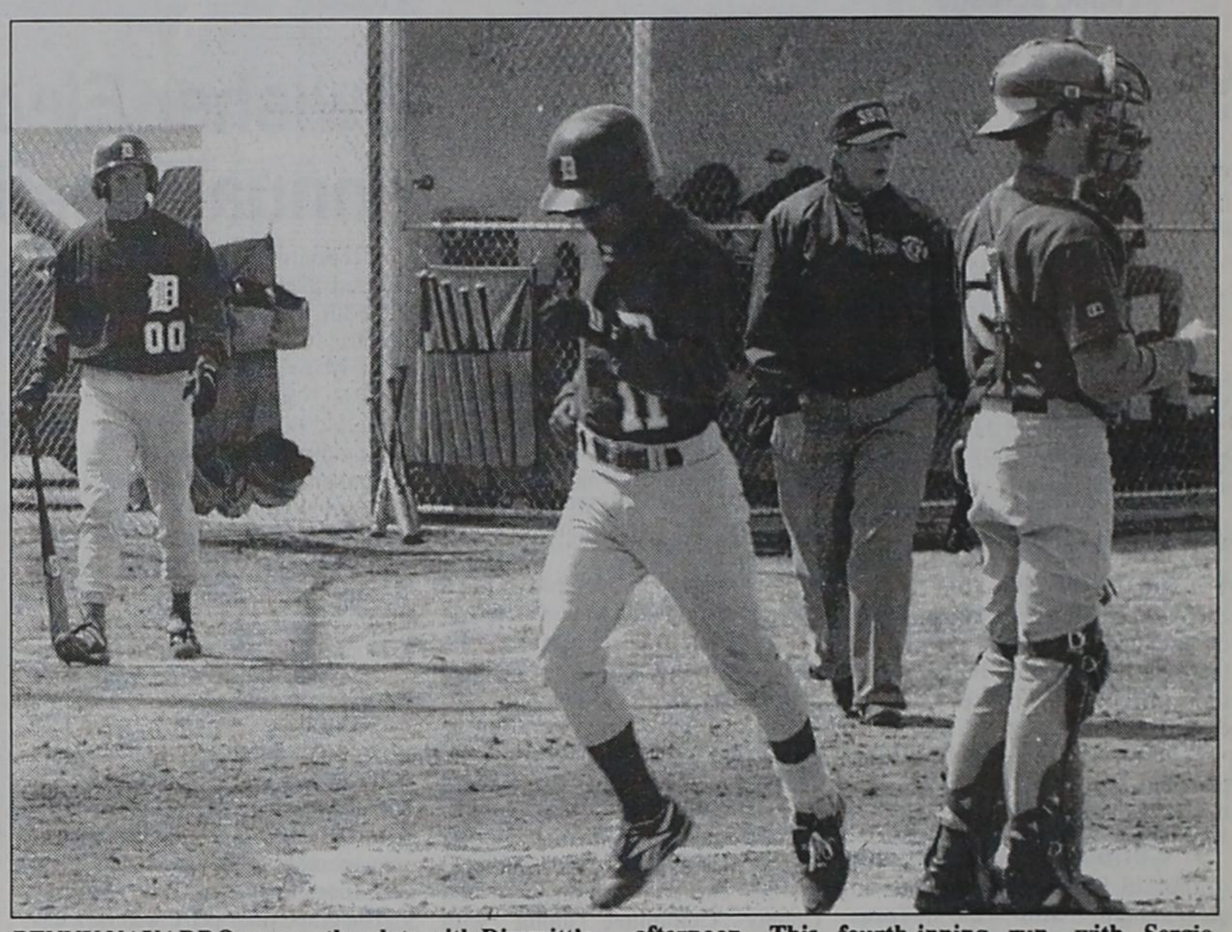
After a shut-out in the second inning, Dimmitt came back with one run in the third, when a Matthews' double knocked in Sergio Pedroza, who had reached on a single, then stole second.

Fritch took a 6-2 lead in the fourth, but Dimmitt came back with one run in the bottom of the inning to cut it to 6-3. Benny Navarro walked, then moved to second on a fielder's choice.

An error on the first baseman when Wesley Wright was up allowed Navarro to advance to third, then Sergio Pedroza nailed a single that scored him.

Fritch blanked Dimmitt in the fifth and sixth innings, and added seven to their tally for the win.

"I just feel like we need to work on taking care of what we can do and let the rest take care of itself," said Feaster.



BENNY NAVARRO crosses the plate with Dimmitt's third run in the Bobcats' District 1-AAA opener against the Sanford-Fritch Eagles here Saturday afternoon. This fourth-inning run, with Sergio Pedroza getting the RBI, cut the Eagles' lead to 6-3, but the visitors went on to win, 13-3, in six innings.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Amber Matthews earns 1-AAA MVP recognition

Dimmitt post player Amber Matthews was named the District 1-AAA Most Valuable Player and she headlines a list of Bobbies to make the district's honor squads.

Matthews, a senior, was joined on the All-District 1-AAA first-team by teammate Shawna Kenworthy, a junior guard. Dimmitt forward Jacy Buckley was named to the second team.

The first team also includes Friona's Tammy Spencer, Muleshoe's Lindsey Field, Perryton's Jaclyn Nowlin and Leigh Ann Ogden, and River Road's Laurie Adams and Mary Adams.

Second-team honorees include Buckley, Cindy Hermosillo of Dalhart, April Pope of Friona, Erin Wilhite of Muleshoe, Tobi Alexander of Perryton, Alicia Swain of River Road and Mandy Culwell of Tulia.

Thanks, Bill.

For more than 20 years, Bill Clark served as general manager of Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc. Under his management, the cooperative grew to new levels. His dedication and innovations resulted in a wider range of markets and greater dividends for local member producers.

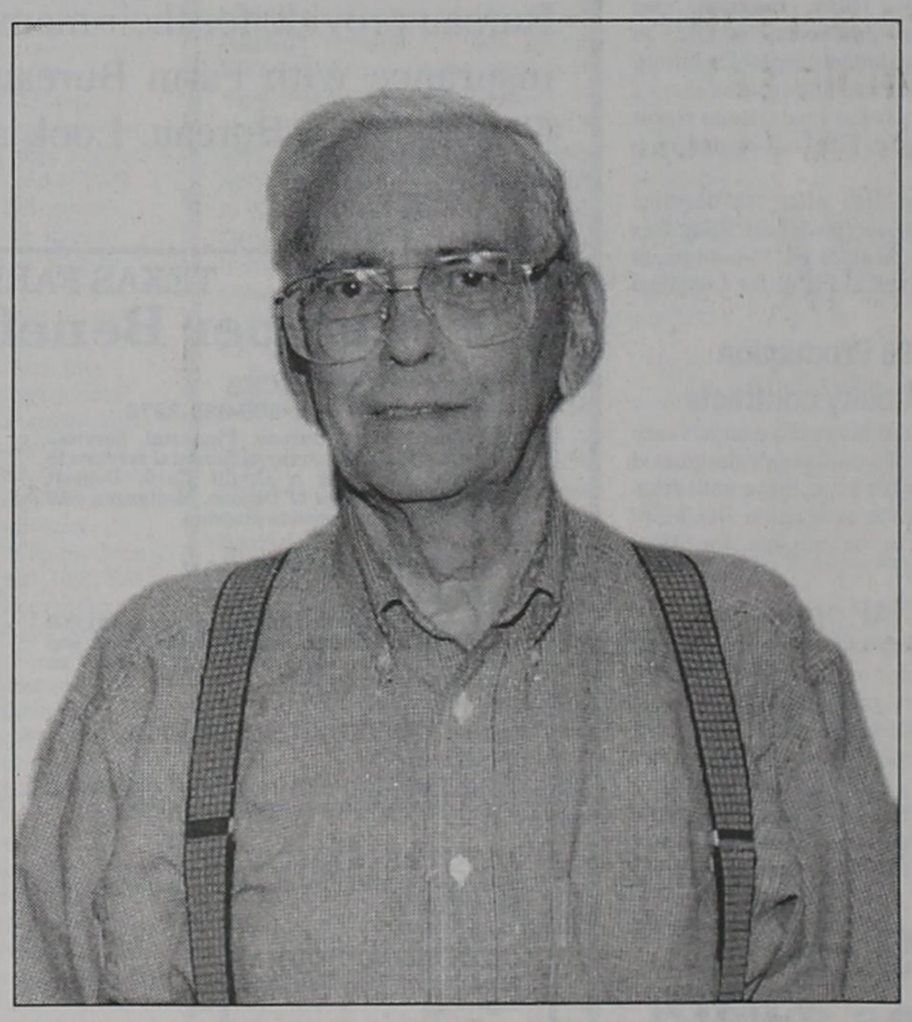
Bill retired from full-time management in 1993—only to be called upon to run for the Hospital Board the following year. He was elected to the board in 1994, and was elected chairman of the board in 1995.

Many hard decisions regarding personnel, expenditures, business management, property usage and taxes had to be made during Bill's tenure on the Hospital Board, and he devoted countless volunteer hours to the task. He took the lead in the consolidation of facilities and the construction of the new Medical Center of Dimmitt. Under his leadership and supervision, the hospital district has increased its number of doctors, expanded its services and greatly improved its financial condition.

Last July, the board of Dimmitt Agri Industries asked Bill to take over as interim CEO of the cooperative, which had suffered some major financial setbacks and was facing a crisis.

Again, Bill responded to the call. He worked tirelessly, and his work led to the formation of AgriFarm Industries, LLC, a joint venture of Dimmitt Agri Industries and Farmland Industries.

The local cooperative, the hospital district—and all the people of Castro Count—owe Bill Clark a big vote of thanks for the gruelling, and effective, work he has done on our behalf.



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Matthews, Lee on second team

K'Lynn Gerber named TABC first team all-state

K'Lynn Gerber of Nazareth earned first-team all-state honors by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches while Dimmitt's Amber Matthews and Hart's Charbra Lee were named to the second-team in their respective classes.

Gerber, a 5-10 senior post, averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds per game in leading Nazareth to the Class A state finals, where they lost to top-ranked Karnack.

Gerber earned all-state tournament honors, was named all-district and was named Class A All-South Plains Most Valuable Player this year.

Matthews, a 6-1 senior post, averaged 14.2 points and eight boards per outing for the Bobbies, who made it to the Region 1-AAA finals before losing to eventual state champion, Comanche.

Matthews was named to the all-regional tournament and was voted Most Valuable Player in her district and on the Class AAA All-South Plains team.

Lee, a 5-9 senior post, was one of Hart's mainstays throughout the season, leading the Lady Horns into the area round of the playoffs. Hart finished in a three-way tie for the district championship, then had to face two playoff games before they ever got to the bi-district round.

Third grade earns awards

Third graders at Richardson Elementary received awards for being on the honor roll, and for being good citizens and hard workers during the second nine-week grading period.

Here are the award winners:

AXTELL'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Jessie Lara, Chelsea Buckley, Micaela Salinas, Scott Martinez, KaShondra Sherman and Candis Rodriguez.

Best Citizens: Salinas, Tabatha McAllister and Martinez.

Hard Workers: Seth Noland, Cassandra Garcia, Clynt Moyers and Krystal Torres.

BAIN'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Anna Brockman, Randi Cates, Kirsti Edwards, Bryce Parker, Dana Sandoval, Victoria Sanchez and Eric Saenz.

Hard Workers: Brockman, Cates and Sandoval.

Citizenship: Brockman.

KOCH'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Joslyn Harmonson, Roger Ramirez, Brandy Smith, Daniela Zepeda and Clarissa Sanchez.

Best Citizens: Harmonson, Zepeda, Julia Falcon and Smith.

Hardest Workers: Mary Sanchez, Raul Casas and Jason Dones.

MERRITT'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Jerry Acevedo, Celena Gregory, Samantha Howell, Haley Lunsford and Thelma Medrano.

Best Citizen: Medrano.

Hardest Workers: Medrano and Howell.

STANTON'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Judith Meraz and Gladys Ruiz.

Best Citizens: Yaneth Gonzalez, Jorge Quintana, Ruiz and Anna Cecilia Gonzales.

Hardest Workers: Gerard Reyes, Isidro Villalba, Lorena Mendoza, Maria Hernandez, Meraz, Edith Velasquez and Edgar Vasquez.

Four Bobcats earn all-district honors

Two members of Dimmitt's regional semifinalist boys' basketball team earned first-team all-District 1-AAA honors and two others made the second team.

Jerry Thomas, a 6-1 junior; and Derek Buckley, a 5-11 junior, both made the first team while Casey Smith, a 5-11 senior; and Charley Sanders, a 6-2 senior, were named to the second team. Earning honorable mention was Dimmitt's Stuart Sutton, a 5-10 senior.

Mikey Marshall of Tulia, a 6-4 sophomore, was named the district's Most Valuable Player and headlined the first-team honorees. Marshall, Thomas and Buckley were joined on the first team by Dustin Cleavinger of Muleshoe, Charles Sims and Mark Dyer, both of Tulia, and Quint Ellis and Aaron King, both of Friona.

Other second-team honorees were Philip Marshall of Tulia, Matt Mason and Cyrus Norman, both of Muleshoe, Nolan Silvey of Sanford-Fritch, Justin Daniel of Friona and Jason Roye of Dalhart.

Three-person scramble set at Country Club

A three-person "Goo Shoot" will be held at Country Club of Dimmitt Saturday and Sunday, and those interested in competing in the scramble should call the Pro Shop at 647-4502.

Entry fee is $70 per player and that includes green fees, cart rental and a meal.

The third annual tournament will be flighted after the first round.

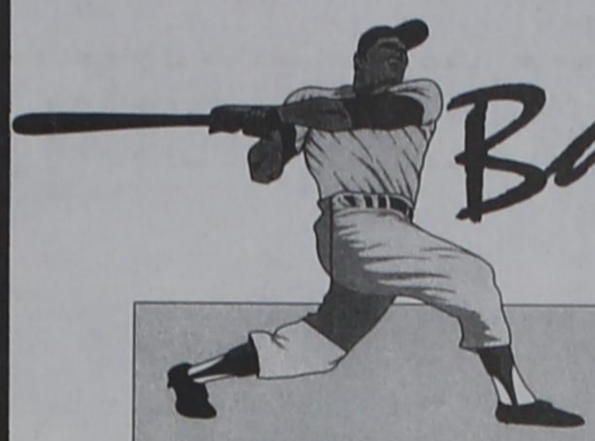
A meal and calcutta will be held on Saturday night, March 28.

Cash prizes will be awarded.

For more information, call the Pro Shop.

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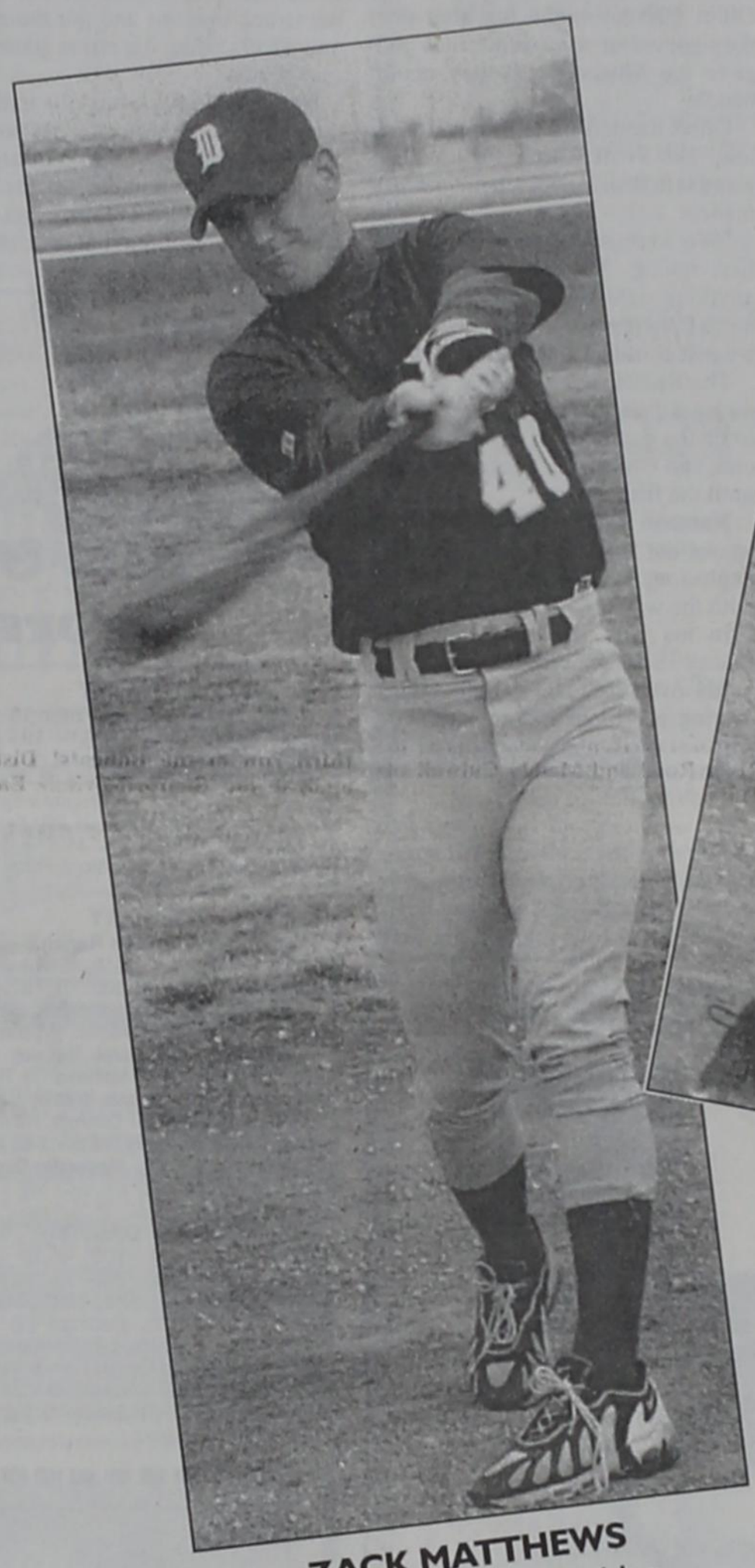
Good Luck, Bobcats!

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FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. Dalhart, Here, 5 p.m.

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TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Friona, There, 4:30 p.m.



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Longhorn Relays set Friday, Saturday

Some of the best Class A and AA boys' and girls' track teams from around the area will meet in Hart Friday and Saturday for the Longhorn Invitational Relays.

Teams from Hart and Nazareth will be fetaured at this year's meet.

The meet is slated to begin Friday afternoon with the varsity and junior varsity field events, and the junior high running events.

On Saturday, the junior high will compete in field events while the high school teams will compete in running events.

Teams entered in the varsity boys' meet are the Longhorns and Swifts, Motley County, Happy, Kress, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Olton, Sudan, Lockney, Vega and Hale Center.

The varsity girls' meet includes the Lady Horns and Swiftettes, Motley County, Happy, Kress, Lazbuddie, Bovina, Olton, Sudan, Springlake-Earth, Lockney and Vega, Hale Center.

The junior varsity boys' division features Hart, Hale Center, Vega, Lockney, Springlake-Earth, Sudan, Olton, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Happy, Motley County and Kress.

Here's the varsity and junior varsity meet schedule:

Friday Field Events

2:30 p.m.—Varsity boys' shot put, high jump and pole vault; varsity girls' shot put and triple jump; and junior varsity boys' discus and long jump.

3:30 p.m.—Varsity boys' discus and triple jump; varsity girls' discus and high jump; and junior varsity boys' pole vault and shot put.

4:30 p.m.—Varsity boys' and girls' long jump; junior varsity boys' high jump.

5:30 p.m.—Junior varsity boys' triple jump.

Saturday Running Prelims

9-9:15 a.m.—400-meter relay, all divisions.

9:15-9:30 a.m.—800-meter run, all divisions.

9:30-9:45 a.m.—Varsity girls' 100-meter low hurdles.

9:45-10 a.m.—JV and varsity boys' 110-meter high hurdles.

10-10:15 a.m.—100-meter dash, all divisions.

10:15-10:30 a.m.—Varsity girls' 800-meter relay.

10:30-10:45 a.m.—400-meter dash, all divisions.

10:45-11 a.m.—Varsity girls' 300-meter low hurdles.

11-11:15 a.m.—JV and varsity boys' 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

11:15-11:30 a.m.—200-meter dash, all divisions.

11:30 a.m.—3,200-meter run (final), all divisions.

All other running finals will be held Saturday afternoon.

Chili supper slated April 3 in Springlake

A chili supper will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 3, at the Community Building on Highway 70 in Springlake, and the public is invited to attend.

Performances by local talent will entertain guests as they enjoy chili, red beans, homemade cornbread and dessert.

Donations will be accepted by organizers of the event and all proceeds will go toward the community's Building Restoration Committee.

DYF to meet

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will meet Tuesday night at 7 in the Dimmitt High School Ag Shop to go over rules for next year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

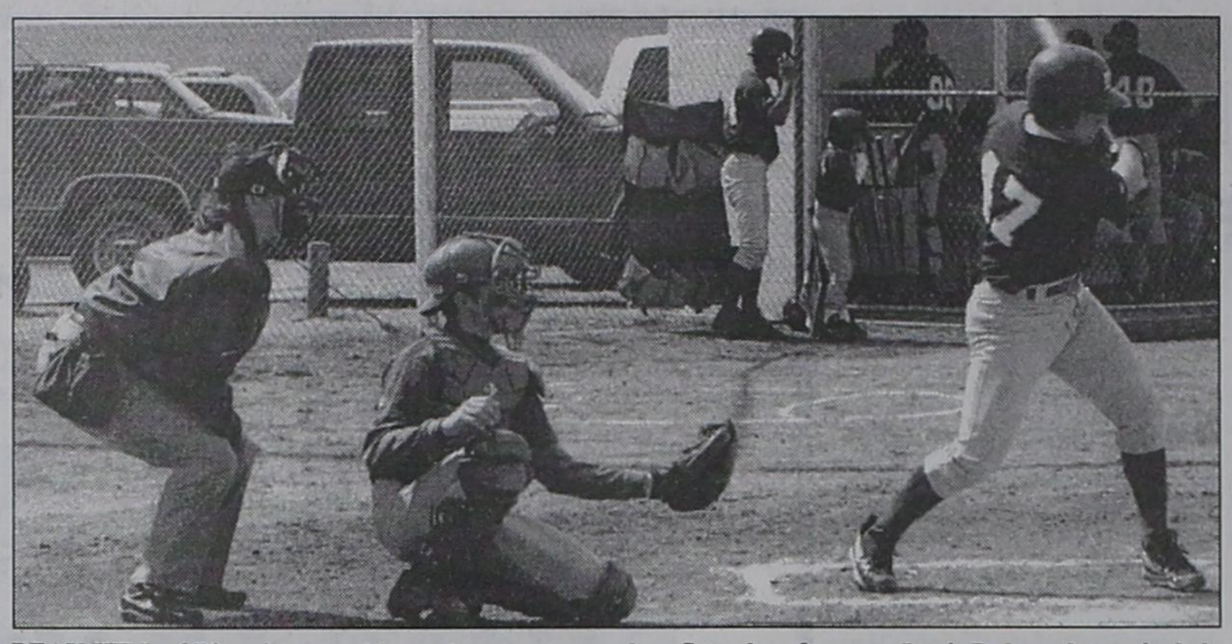
DYF President Kennen Howell said those present will also discuss the Dana Wall Memorial Scholarship.

All Young Farmers are urged to attend.

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BEAU HILL of Dimmitt gets a hit to advance teammate Benny Navarro in the fourth inning of the Bobcats' District 1-AAA opener against Sanford-Fritch here Saturday afternoon. Sergio Pedroza later singled to drive Navarro home with the Bobcats' third run. Sanford-Fritch won the game, 13-3, in six innings.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Olton edges Naz in slugfest, 16-13

The Nazareth Swifts might have looked like rookies in the first inning of their season and career opener at Olton Tuesday night, but after that they got rid of some butterflies and gave the Mustangs all they could handle.

Olton handed the Swifts a 16-13 loss, but Swift Coach Joey Waldo was excited about his team's performance.

"We were scared to death in that first inning. We just couldn't do anything right and they got 12 runs on us. We had some easy plays, but we just couldn't finish them off."

The Swifts didn't let that big inning get them down. They came back to tie the game in the top of the second, and Olton didn't regain control until the fifth inning.

Nazareth had built a 5-0 lead in the top of the first before the Mustang explosion, and Waldo was pleased with the way the Swifts hit the ball.

In his first at-bat of the year, Stacey Schulte cranked one 350 yards over the center field fence, driving in Mitchell Brockman who was on third, and that sparked the Swifts—until they took the field in the bottom half of the inning.

Six of Olton's 12 runs in the first inning were the result of Swift errors. Nazareth committed seven errors in the first, but after that only had three.

"They had four runs (in the first) and we had two outs on them. But then they scored eight runs after that. Their first four batters scored, then we struck one out and got the next out. That's when the errors started," said Waldo.

Nazareth finally ended the inning, then came right back to score seven in the second to knot the game at 12, and batted around in the process.

"I thought we'd lay over and die after that first inning, but we didn't. We came back with some fire and tied it up.

After Olton took a 16-13 lead, Nazareth still had chances.

"We had bases loaded with one out in the fifth and couldn't get anybody home. Then in the sixth we had guys on first and second with no outs and couldn't make it happen. But at least we had chances," said Waldo.

"We hit the ball pretty well. They helped us out with some errors, but at least we made them field the ball," said Waldo.

The Swifts got doubles from Darren Huckert and Dustin Ramaekers to go with Schulte's homer, and Waldo said several other Swifts got base hits.

Shane Ethridge pitched the entire game for the Swifts, and other than the first inning, did a "spectacular job," according to Waldo.

"Shane got himself out of some situations. He had a guy on first and second with no outs and pitched out of it. Then he picked off two runners."

Nazareth Catcher Matt Olvera also picked off a runner headed to third, then started a run-down with another attempted stealer and Nazareth was able to tag him out, too.

Waldo said short stop Mitchell Brockman did a super job fielding for the Swifts.



SATURDAY

Bobcats 3, Sanford-Fritch 13

Sanford-Fritch	040	243	13	9	2
Dimmitt	101	100	3	9	3

Shapley and Skaggs; Zack Matthews, Michael Pedroza (5) and Rusty Wooten. **WP:** Shapley. **LP:** Matthews. **2B:** Farmer of Sanford-Fritch; Zack Matthews of Dimmitt. **HR:** Skaggs, Sanford-Fritch.

TUESDAY

Bobcats 13, Boys Ranch 3

Dimmitt	0 (11) 0	010	1	13	16 2
Boys Ranch	1 0	2 000	0	3	9 6

Derek Buckley, Benny Navarro (6) and Rusty Wooten. Steinwachs, Wilson (6) and Hargrove. **WP:** Derek Buckley. **LP:** Steinwachs. **2B:** Zack Matthews (2), Rusty Wooten, Michael Pedroza, Wesley Wright and Derek Buckley for Dimmitt; Hawkins and Hargrove for Boys Ranch. **3B:** Zack Matthews for Dimmitt. ***Records:** Dimmitt 5-5, Boys Ranch 1-6.*

Swifts 13, Olton 16

Nazareth	570	100	0	13	710
Olton	12 01	300	x	16	1315

Shane Ethridge and Matt Olvera. Garcia, DeLeon (2), Pedroza (3) and Alvarado. **WP:** Pedroza. **LP:** Ethridge. **2B:** Darren Huckert and Dustin Ramaekers of Nazareth; Saldivar, Alvarado, Garcia and DeLeon of Olton. **HR:** Stacey Schulte of Nazareth and DeLeon.

Fish fry set Friday

A fish fry will be held Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt and the public is invited to attend.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and cost is $5 for adults and $3 for children.

The menu includes fried fish, red beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, dessert, iced tea or coffee. Take out plates will be available.

Lady Horns land three on all-district team

Hart's Charbra Lee, Ysa Rodriguez and Veronica Gonzales are among those honored as the top players in District 3-AA.

The trio earned all-district honors for their efforts this year in leading the Lady Horns to a share of the district championship, and into the area playoff game.

Other District 3-AA honorees are Bonnie Quintana of Bovina, Dana Martinez, Nicole Mosley and Stacy Bigham of Lockney, January Johnson and Imelda Ibanez of Olton, and Jametra Clark, Dana Black and Debra Massey of Hale Center.

Track Results

BORGER RELAYS

Boys

Team Totals: 1. Friona 160, 2. Borger 118, 3. Dumas 80, 4. Tulia 75, 5. Dimmitt 65, 6. Pampa 16, 7. Highland Park 14.

Shot: 2. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 49-5.

Discus: 2. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 139-11.

Vault: 1. Justin Sutton, Dimmitt,11-6.

3,200: 1. Israel Martinez, Dimmitt, 10:45.40.

1,600: 1. Israel Martinez, Dimmitt, 4:58.81.

Girls

Team Totals: 1. Pampa 167, 2. Borger 146, 3. Dumas 101, 4. Dimmitt 83, 5. Friona 62.

800: 2. Lindsey Welch, Dimmitt, 2:38.91.

400: 2. Amy Matthews, Dimmitt, 1:03.37.

1,600: 1. Shawna Kenworthy, Dimmitt, 5:51.05.

1,600 Relay: 2. Dimmitt 4:25.53.

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at Lockney

Boys

Team Totals: 1. Texico, N.M. 130 1/2, 2. Floydada 100, 3. Lockney 96, 4. Farwell 58, 5. Olton 48 1/2, 6.Hart 44, 7. Lazbuddie 40, 8. Anton 40, 9. Crosbyton 11, 10. Nazareth 11.

Shot: 1. Lucas Anzaldua, Hart, 43-1.

Discus: 1. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 135-2 1/4.

3,200: 1. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 11:03.78.

1,600: 1. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 5:04.32.

Girls

Team Totals: 1. Lockney 127, 2. Hart 114, 3. Farwell 105-1/2, 4. Crosbyton 58-1/2, 5. Texico, N.M. 50, 6. Olton 35, 7. Floydada 24, 8. Lazbuddie 24, 9. Nazareth 24, 10. Petersburg 16.

Discus: 2. Nykki Lee, Hart, 6801/4; 3. Shawna Gerber, Nazareth, 79-11 3/4.

Triple Jump: 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 31-8.

Shot: 2. Nykki Lee, Hart, 29-5; 3. Shawna Gerber, Nazareth, 29-2 1/2; 5. Melanie Book, Nazareth.

Long Jump: 3. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 15-4 1/2.

3,200: 1. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:12.39; 3. Lindsey Gerber, Hart, 13:39.56.

400 Relay: 2. Hart, 53.25; 6. Nazareth.

800 Relay: 6. Nazareth.

100 Hurdles: 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 16.86.

800: 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 2:39.08.

200: 3. Geneva Finch, Hart, 28.64.

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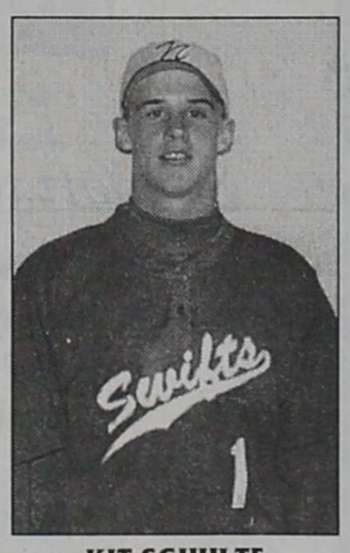
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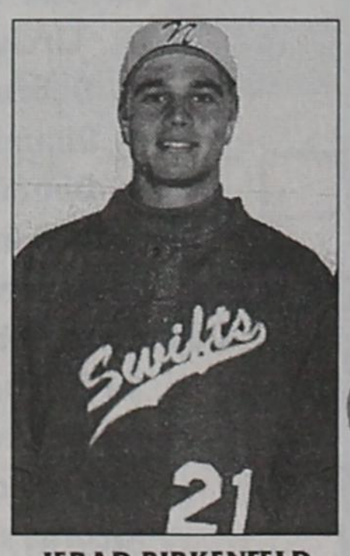
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RES first graders earn special awards

First graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt were honored recently for their citizenship, perfect attendance, improvement, handwriting and homework during the first nine weeks of school.

Here are the students recognized in various classes.

VILLARREAL'S ROOM

Most Improved: Armando Salas, Domingo Rodriguez, Julia Barrera, Angela Vasquez and Rubi Sanchez.

Handwriting: Joshua Correa, Fabiola Gomez, Antonio Molina, Oralia Rodriguez, Selina Sanchez and Nick Tijerina.

Homework: Joel Cardona, Joshua Correa, Fabiola Gomez, Rogelio Hernandez, Briana Lopez, Noe Lopez, Fernando Mendoza, Antonio Molina, Armando Prieto, Jesus Sanchez, Nick Tijerina, Vasquez and Erica Rivera.

Citizenship: Barrera, Cardona, Correa, Mendoza, Molina, Armando Prieto, Selina Sanchez, Vasquez, Martin Lopez and Tijerina.

Attendance: Gomez, Cardona, Oralia Rodriguez, Jesus Sanchez, Rubi Sanchez and Selina Sanchez.

SHANNON'S ROOM

Most Improved: Ray Velez, Lindsey Cates, Anthony Fuentes, Danny Lopez, Kellie Martinez and Casey Eby.

Homework: Eby, Isidro Rodriguez, Fuentes and Devonee Ortiz.

Handwriting: Carlos Munoz, Agustina Farias, Javier Ibarra, Fuentes, Rodriguez, Alyssa Saenz and Ortiz.

Citizenship: Eby, Velez, Cates, Tabatha Esquivel, Kassandra Chavers, Saenz, Ortiz, Fuentes, Ibarra, Farias, Lopez, Martinez.

Attendance: Cates, Ibarra, Munoz and Fuentes.

MATTHEWS' ROOM

Most Improved: Jacob Rodriguez.

Homework: Mayra Aguilar, Jake Ebeling, Jonathan Lule, Bailey Nutt and Melissa Ruiz.

Handwriting: Aguilar, Sally Arce, Stephanie Castro, Ebeling, Tommy Howell, Anthony Jackson, Lule, Nutt, Viviana Quiroz and Keshia Smith.

Citizenship: Aguilar, Arce, Fernando Fernandez, Elizabeth Hill, Howell, Lule, Kathleen Martinez, Nutt, Ruiz, Amy Saenz and Smith.

Attendance: Aguilar, Arce, Castro, Alex Lopez, Martinez, Ruiz and Arthur White.

FEASTER'S ROOM

Most Improved: Austin Heard.

Homework: John David Gonzales, Brooke Parker, Cornelio Salinas, Dustin Venhaus and Jazzalyn Sepeda.

Handwriting: Chase Hatla, Parker, Ethan Wales, Sepeda, Stephanie Mendoza, Salinas, Venhaus and Robert Barrios.

Citizenship: Gonzales, Hatla, Parker, Tabitha Caldera, Wales, Sepeda, Mendoza, Salinas, Venhaus, Frankie Castro, Isabel Garcia and Barrios.

Attendance: Damian Gauna, Gonzales, Heard, Erin Muniz and Sepeda.

ROBERSON'S ROOM

Most Improved: Jordan Fuentes.

Homework: Fuentes, Jessica Leivas, Anthony Puente and Chance Schilling.

Handwriting: Brittany Flores, Joshua Hill, Leivas, Phillip Perez, Puente, Stormy Nutt, Schilling and Hanna Wise.

Citizenship: Paul Acker, Stacey Cisneros, Flores, Fuentes, Hill, Leivas, Nutt, Perez, Puente, Casandra Rosalez, Isaac Sifuentez, Wise and Olivia Zambrano.

Attendance: Fuentes, Leivas, Nutt, Puente, Schilling and Wise.

KEITH'S ROOM

Citizenship: Becky Flores, Yvonne Lopez, Kimberly Martinez, Carlee Noland, David Oltivero, Stephanie Sanchez and Mona Sifuentez.

Homework: Jeremy Barrera, Michael Rials, Klarissa Martinez, Fabian Reyna, Laura Rodriguez, Megan Rohrbach and Nati Sias.

Handwriting: Alyssa Back, Martinez, Rodriguez, Rohrbach and Sanchez.

Most Improved: Noe Puente, Robert Sanchez and Markous Sifuentez.

Attendance: Sanchez and Sias.

Cotton marketing workshops slated

A series of cotton marketing workshops will be held across the South Plains during March and April.

The topics of each workshop include *Overview of Price Risk Management, Introduction to Futures-Basis, Introduction to Options, Estimating Costs of Production, Comparison of Pricing Alternatives, Developing a Marketing Plan, Cotton Situation and Outlook*, and *Organizing a Marketing Club.*

The sites and dates for the workshops are: Monday in Plainview, Tuesday in Seminole, Wednesday in Levelland, and next Thursday, April 2, in Friona. Each workshop starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m.

Speakers Carl Anderson and Jackie Smith wrote the following about the workshops: "A farmer may not be able to control price, but he can control how and when he prices. The cotton farmer can take advantage of profitable pricing opportunities only if he is prepared to evaluate alternative pricing opportunities."

All pricing alternatives are directly or indirectly related to the futures market. That means the workshops involve a study of the basics of futures and options.

If the workshop is your first introduction to using the futures market, you may want to check out a tape that will give you an introduction to using the future market for forward pricing.

The county agent in the sponsoring counties will have the tape and a handout to go with it.

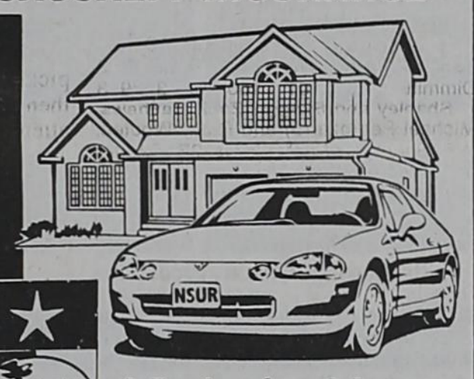
The registration fee for the workshop is $30.00 and registration forms may be picked up at any county Extension office. Fees and completed registration forms should be sent to Jackie Smith, Texas A&M Research & Extension Center, Route 3, Box 213-AA, Lubbock, Texas 79401-9746.

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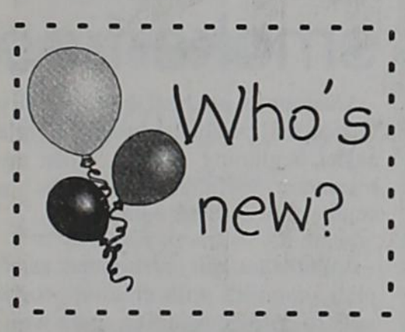
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Sue Ellen Dones is the mother of a baby boy, Brandon George Dones, who was born at 5:36 p.m. on March 16 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 2 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Great-grandparents are Lupe Ramirez, Estella Dones and George Dones.

4-H leaders plan meeting

The 4-H parent-leaders will meet Monday at 7 p.m. in the Extension office to plan summer activities and discuss county scholarships.

All adult leaders are asked to attend the meeting.

"These meetings are your chance to help in making policy that affects your child in 4-H," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

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Survey says license suspension will deter youth tobacco usage

Some 64% of Texas youth said the threat of losing their driver's license would keep them from smoking, according to a recent statewide survey conducted for the Texas Dept. of Health. Another 23% said the sanction would make them cut back on smoking.

Senate Bill 55 imposes a range of penalties for tobacco use by Texans under 18, including mandatory attendance at tobacco education classes, required community service, a $250 fine and suspension of the driver's license for repeat offenders.

The 75th Texas Legislature charged TDH with conducting a public education campaign aimed at curbing tobacco use among youth. NuStats International conducted the survey for the department to identify the attitudes of Texas children ages 10 to 17 and their parents about tobacco and the new state law that aims to keep kids tobacco-free.

"We surveyed young Texans and their parents to find out what would have the best chance of making kids think twice before using tobacco," explained TDH Commissioner Dr. William Archer. "Overwhelmingly, teens said that losing their driver's license is the sanction most likely to deter them from using tobacco."

NuStats interviewed 233 sets of parents and children (466 total), chosen to represent the geographic, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity of Texas. Survey findings include:

✦ Youth surveyed said the threat of losing driver's licenses (64%) and the $250 fine (48%) would be the top two deterrents for youth smoking.

✦ Tobacco education class (45%) and community service (44%) would be slightly less effective deterrents.

✦ More than half (58%) of Texas youth say family members smoke and about a third (34%) have close friends who smoke.

✦ About half the parents and youth were not aware of the new law.

✦ 86% of parents and 87% of youth approve of Texas' new youth tobacco use prevention law.

"Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable deaths in Texas, and it is the only product that, when used as directed, causes mass addiction, disease and death," Archer said. "Yet, the survey revealed that most parents and youth do not believe the fact that tobacco kills more Texans than alcohol, AIDS, illegal drugs, auto accidents, suicides, homicides, and fires combined."

While some of the provisions of Senate Bill 55 took effect in September, the most far-reaching aspects took effect in January. Highlights of the law include:

✦ Prohibits minors from buying, using or possessing tobacco products except in the presence of their parent or guardian.

✦ Allows law enforcement officers to write citations to minor caught smoking or possessing tobacco products.

✦ Penalizes minors for violating the law by requiring them to attend eight hours of tobacco awareness classes or pay a fine of up to $250.

✦ Allows judges to suspend the driver's license of repeat offenders and youngsters who fail to attend the required tobacco awareness class or pay the fine.

✦ Prohibits the sale of "kiddie packs" containing fewer than 20 cigarettes.

✦ Restricts cigarette vending machines and other self-service sales, except in places not open to those under 18 or in places used as cigar humidors.

Archer said, "Texas is getting tough on tobacco because we care about our children's future and because tobacco is seizing a death grip on our kids at increasingly early ages."

He said statistics from the Texas Commission on alcohol and Drug Abuse show that tobacco use by Texas youth increased 25% from 1992 to 1996. An estimated 410,000 Texas secondary school students, including 50,000 seventh graders, were using tobacco in 1996.

"It's alarming to know that 17% of all seventh graders are using tobacco products," Archer said.

More about
City gets grant . . .

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Salinas with a plaque commemorating his 37-plus years on the job. The past few years Salinas has served as supervisor of the Public Works Dept.

Sheffy also introduced Saul Arce, an employee of the Works Dept. for 13 years, who will be assuming the duties of works supervisor.

Mayor Wayne Collins expressed appreciation for Salinas's years of service.

"Ralph is one of the persons who has made Dimmitt a good place to live in," Collins said. He added that Salinas has helped keep city taxes low through his innovations and "can do" attitude.

In another matter, the council gave approval for calling off the city election, set for May 2, since all candidates on the ballot were unopposed. City Secretary Jo Hamilton said the city will save $1,200 in election expenses by calling off the election.

Four council members whose terms were expiring sought reelection. They were declared elected and will be sworn in for their new terms after May 2. Candidates were Roy Garza in District 1, Gloria Hernandez in District 2, Charles Richard in District 3, and Roger Malone in District 4.

Following an executive session, the council voted to buy Lot 7 in Block 75 of the Original Town of Dimmitt so that the city could maintain access to City Water Well No. 1 in northeast Dimmitt. The council approved payment of $1,500 to Don Elliott for the lot, located on Northeast Third between East Andrews and East Etter. Council member Trish Elliott, Don Elliott's wife, excused herself from the discussion and the voting on the matter.

In his manager's report, Sheffy told council members that despite muddy conditions in alleyways, city residents may still dispose of their trash. He said that residents may transport bagged trash to the extra dumpsters placed across from the City Works Dept. on East Jones Street.

In other business, the council approved seeking bids from financial institutions willing to serve as the depository of the city's money.

Things turn out best for those who make the best out of the way things turn out.



THE SB 1 WORKSHOP held in Dimmitt last Thursday featured presentations by Wayne Wyatt (right), executive director of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, and Ned Meister (left), Texas Farm Bureau Director of Commodities/Regulatory Services. Acting as emcee is Chris Cogburn (center), president of the Castro County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Water planning info offered at workshop

Last Thursday, the Castro County Farm Bureau organized a workshop session for local farmers, discussing the effects of Senate Bill 1 on our water supply.

The 61 who attended the session in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria were served a catered meal of barbecue and all the trimmings.

Other sponsors of the workshop were Terra International, Flagg Fertilizer, DeBruce Grain, and Lextron.

Speakers for the session were Ned Meister, Texas Farm Bureau Director of Commodities/Regulatory Services, and Wayne Wyatt, executive director of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. Also saying a few words at the conclusion of the meeting was Fred Kuntz of Flagg Fertilizer.

Wyatt told about the organization of the regional water planning areas set up by the Texas Water Development Board. He said that Castro County is in Regional Water Planning Area O. He encouraged local participation as the planning groups develop regional water plans for their own areas.

Some of the members of the Region O board are Ches Carthel with the City of Plainview, Hereford Mayor Bob Josserand, Hale County farmer S.M. True Jr., Jim Steiert of Hereford (representing environmental interests), and Don McElroy of Irrigation Pumps & Power in Bailey County, and Wyatt.

The regional water plans must be submitted to the TWDB by Sept. 1, 2000, and the following year the plans will be incorporated into the comprehensive State Water Plan.

Kuntz urged those attending to read the guidelines for the regional planning groups and get involved in the process by visiting with the members of the planning board and attending any public hearings.

Meister talked about various government regulations and how they can affect farming operations. He reminded farmers about placarding regulations for hauling and storage of hazardous materials. He said pertinent information can be obtained from the local Farm Bureau office at 304 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

Cotton Talks

A full slate of cotton-oriented meetings and trade shows will highlight a month of activity for High Plains cotton producers and allied industry leaders.

Leadership of Plains Cotton Growers recently concluded a meeting with the president of Monsanto Company and are now busy preparing for the PCG's 41st annual meeting, slated for April 17.

In conjunction with the PCG meeting will be a producer workshop on "Adjusting Cotton Production System for Boll Weevil Management." The workshop will be sponsored by PCG and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Prior to these events, PCG officials will complete the last of their 25-county director election meetings, and a meeting is planned with representatives of Cone Mills in Greenville, N.C., to discuss supply issues under the Freedom to Farm Act.

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Also on tap for PCG is the Texas State Support Committee Meeting, which will be held Tuesday in Austin.

The Texas State Support Committee, made up of producer representatives from across the state, oversees the distribution and targeting of research money returned to Texas by the State Support Program of Cotton Incorporated.

High Plains committee members of the Texas State Support Committee and regional representatives from the Cotton Board, Cotton Incorporated and PCG will meet prior to Tuesday's meeting to prioritize High Plains research needs.

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The Texas Cotton Ginners trade show and annual meeting will be in Lubbock April 16-17 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

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Hendrik Verfaillie, president of Monsanto Company, stopped in Lubbock recently and met with officials of Plains Cotton Growers about developing a stronger working relationship between Monsanto and the end users of its technologies.

Verfaillie was accompanied by Monsanto's area manager, Dave Rhylander.

Verfaillie addressed the group and was eager to listen to the concerns and suggestions of cotton, corn, sorghum, wheat and cattle producers.

Dr. Randy Boman, cotton agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, presented a comprehensive overview of the High Plains agricultural region and an overview of cotton production systems around the area.

Cotton producers Eddie Smith of Floyd County, Frank Jones of Dawson and Gaines Counties, and Mark Williams of Parmer County discussed their experiences with new Roundup-Ready cotton seed. They commented on ways to make the technology more accessible and user-friendly.

Also discussed were restrictions on the use of Bt corn and Bt cotton in the same production area, management of refugia in Bt production systems and suggested possible solutions that would be workable for producers, the environment, Monsanto and regulators.

Larry Nelson, a Swisher County cotton producer, ginner and seed dealer who is currently serving as president of the Cotton Foundation, presented views from the perspective of seed dealers.

Verfaille and Rhylander expressed their desire to work closer with Plains Cotton Growers and its members in the future.

Cotton industry leaders attended the meeting along with representatives from the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University, US Dept. of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service, Texas Corn Producers and Texas Corn Growers.

Local DQ restaurant smoke-free

Customers at the Dimmitt Dairy Queen will be able to breathe a little easier beginning April 1, when the restaurant officially becomes a smoke-free environment.

"We want our customers, especially families with children, to be able to enjoy our dining room without being exposed to second-hand smoke," said Larry Sharp, president of the company that owns the local Dairy Queen. "While we appreciate the right of our customers to smoke if that is their choice, we now ask that they abstain during their Dairy Queen visit."

Sharp said that his company, like other national restaurant chains, has received many requests for a smoke-free environment. He said other Dairy Queen operators in Texas who have made their restaurants smoke-free have had positive comments from customers.

Currently, 78% of American people do not smoke. For many, this smoking ban will probably come as a welcome sign of progress, according to Sharp. He added that he hopes those who do smoke "understand that we have little choice but to address the issue in this fashion."

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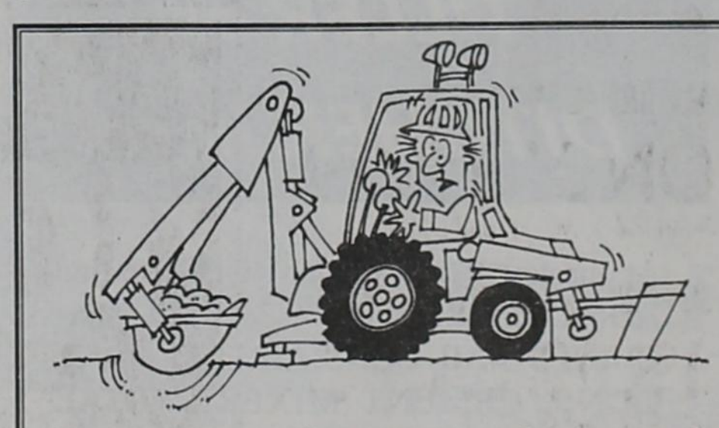
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4-H plans beef raffle

Local 4-H members plan to raffle off some beef donated by Dimmitt Feed Yard as a part of the fund raising effort for the construction of a meeting/educational building at the 4-H center north of town.

A local farmer-businessman has offered $20,000 in matching funds if 4-H'ers are able to raise an additional $20,000 for the project.

Tickets for the beef raffle may be purchased from any 4-H member or by calling the Extension office at 647-4115.

Two Dimmitt men, Ted Stubblefield and Don Howell, donated a $200 pair of handmade spurs that was raffled off, with members of the 4-H Horse Judging Team selling chances. Winner of the drawing, held last week, was Mandi Ebeling of Dimmitt. Over 200 chances were sold.

The "4-H'ers For Hire" project is continuing, with local citizens welcome to hire 4-H members to perform chores and then pay their wages to the 4-H building fund.

To schedule a time for work to be done by a 4-H member, call the Extension Office at 647-4115; or Earl Behrends at 647-4324 (work) or 276-5872 (home).

In addition, the 4-H has set up a trailer on the parking lot near Dimmitt Thriftway to collect aluminum cans. Other fund-raising activities will be scheduled at later dates.

Police Calls

March 17, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for assault/bodily injury/family member.

Sunday afternoon a 41-year-old resident of Coronado Acres was jailed on charges of aggravated assault.

Public intoxication charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 40, who was jailed last Thursday night.

A Nazareth man, 23, was jailed early Saturday on charges of DWI, first offense; amd early Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 31, was jailed for DWI, second offense.

A 24-year-old Hereford woman was picked up last Thursday on a Randall County warrant on charges of theft by check.

Theft by check charges were listed in Castro County warrants that resulted in the jailing of two Dimmitt men, ages 23 and 24, Friday evening.

Early Sunday, a 22-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a Randall County warrant on a bond surrender related to charges of making alcohol available to a minor.

Two outstanding DPS warrants resulted in the jailing of a 33-year-old Bovina man Sunday afternoon.

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Friday afternoon, a 1987 Ford pickup driven by Beth Stansell Joiner, 55, of Dimmitt, struck the back of a 1988 Chevy Suburban driven by Harvey Oltivero, 18, of Dimmitt. Oltivero had been stopped in the 400 block of South Front, attempting to make a left turn. A passenger in the Suburban, Monica Oltivero, 13, was taken by private vehicle to Plains Memorial Hospital with possible injuries. Joiner also was listed with possible injuries. Damage to the pickup was rated heavy and the Suburban was rated with moderate damage. Joiner was ticketed for failure to control speed, and Oltivero was cited for driving without a license.

More about Election. . .

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Hart

For the Hart Board of Aldermen, terms are expiring for L.C. McLain; Stanley Dyer, who is filling the unexpired term of Vicky Ethridge, who resigned; and Richard Entrekin, who is filling the unexpired term of Todd Pebsworth, who resigned.

Those filing include Entrekin, Dyer, and McLain, incumbents, and Harold Smith.

For the Hart school board, terms are expiring for Mark Bennett, current board president, and Sandy Farris, current board secretary.

Candidates are Farris, incumbent, Carmen Minjarez, Mickey Mendoza, and Daniel Higgins.

Nazareth

Nazareth school board members whose terms are ending are J.C. Pohlmeier, Kent Birkenfeld, and Keith Hoelting.

Incumbent Hoelting, Patti Kern, and Derwin Huseman have filed to fill the two places that carry three-year terms; and Rex Ramaekers has filed to fill the place that carries a one-year term.

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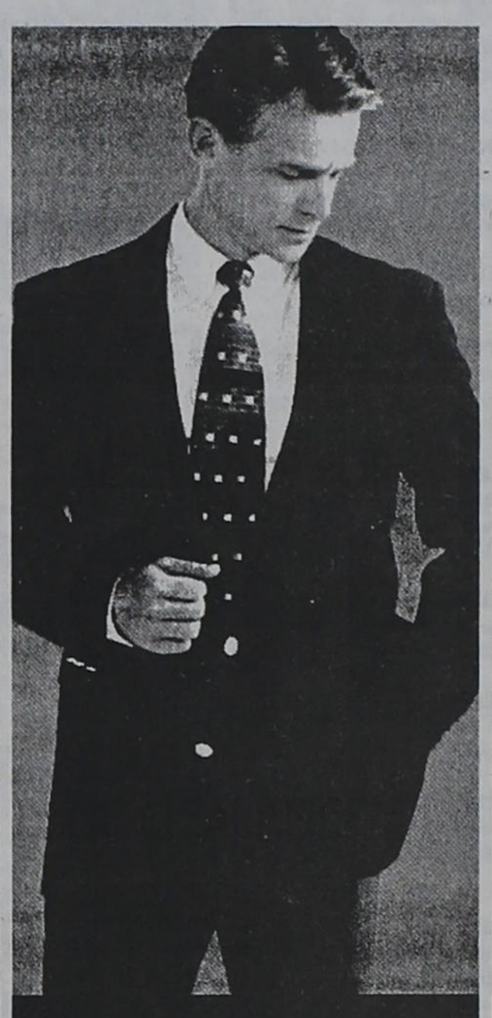
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More about

Literacy Council . . .

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is," said Braddock. "I grew up poor, but I got my high school education. I was a single mother, but managed to put myself through college."

Braddock said that from her personal experiences she understands how difficult it can be to obtain an education, but stresses that it is possible—and it is becoming necessary.

"With the new welfare reform, we're having to tell these people they have to go out and work. But how do they find jobs without basic fundamental skills like reading and writing? Some have virtually no education. I see a lot of young people in my office who might have a fifth or sixth-grade education. There is a definite need for a program like this here."

Braddock said the one-on-one method of instruction will be more beneficial to most students because "needs are so diverse." She also plans to offer English as a Second Language (ESL) classes.

A basic skills assessment will be conducted for each potential student, according to Braddock. Then tutoring will be offered on a one-on-one basis, with the curriculum designed to meet that student's particular needs.

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Tutoring will be conducted at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt during its regular business hours, and possibly at the courthouse basement in the evenings.

Braddock said she currently has six tutors who have volunteered their time, but others are needed. Literacy training for volunteers is available and those interested in volunteering should call her at 945-2314, evenings; or 647-4181, Ext. 24, days.

Currently, four students have signed up for the program, Braddock said, and others interested should call her to register.

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The original Dimmitt Literacy Council disbanded in 1996 because of a lack of leadership.

"Before, it was hard to get students and tutors together," said Rhoads Memorial Librarian Cindy Pottorff. "We hope to have the tutoring scheduled at set times now."

When the council was disbanded, there was money left in its coffers. The former council head had asked that the money be held by Rhoads Memorial Library and used for literacy needs in the library.

According to Pottorff, $720.61 was deposited into the library's memorial account and it has not been touched.

That money will be used to help Braddock with start-up costs for the literacy program, and will purchase materials. She hopes to obtain monetary support from local civic organizations.

"There are some materials available at the library, and others will be ordered," said Braddock. She added that she has a lot of teaching materials of her own that she will use.

She plans on distributing flyers around the county and also plans on promoting the project on the cable television channels in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

Braddock said she hopes to begin tutoring sessions on April 5, and her goal is to establish the sessions at specific times each week, probably on Fridays. She said a tuturing session will be from 45 minutes to an hour.

"Community support for this effort is being sought and will be greatly appreciated," Braddock said.

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Beware: There's another "Cancer Drive" letter going around, soliciting volunteers to go door-to-door to raise funds.

It's from the Cancer Center, and is headed, "1998 Castro County Area Cancer Drive."

The "Cancer Center" doesn't use any of its funds for cancer research or patient services. The majority of funds raised go to "public education in conjunction with fundraising appeals."

If you get one of their letters, toss it. Wait for the legitimate Cancer Crusade, conducted by the American Cancer Society. You'll be contacted by someone from the local chapter, not by mail. And the donor card will carry the ACS's copyrighted sword emblem.



SPRING BREAK BLAST—These children are among those who participated in the Spring Break Blast sponsored by Catholic Family Services to give students something to do during spring break last week. An organizer of the event said 21 participated in the three days of activities, held at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church activity center, and almost that many came to the concluding hot dog luncheon last Thursday, held at Panhandle Community Services. Edna Tucker, CFS counselor, said many local businesses and organizations contributed toward the success of the "Blast." *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Obituaries



Nell Copeland

Funeral services for Nell Copeland, 90, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home's Ivey Chapel with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Copeland died March 19 at 5:45 a.m. in Canterbury Villa Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 5, 1907, in Shelbyville, Tenn. She married Floyd Copeland on Dec. 15, 1929, in Grandfield, Okla. He preceded her in death on Jan. 6, 1993.

Mrs. Copeland was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt since 1930. She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge and a charter member of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. She was named valedictorian of her graduating class in Martha, Okla.

She is survived by a son, Jack Copeland of Washington, D.C.; two sisters, Ann Harmon of Dallas and Midge Railey of Altus, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Mildred Burnam of Dimmitt; and two grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Marvin Axe, Donald Wright, Bill Birdwell, Don Nelson, Bobby Jones and Steve Taylor.

The family suggests memorials to Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery, P.O. Box 452, Dimmitt 79027.

June Floyd

Memorial services for June Floyd, 82, of Friona, a graduate of Dimmitt High School, were held Saturday afternoon in the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Leon Tally officiating.

Burial was in Friona Cemetery under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Floyd died March 18 in Craig Memorial Nursing Home in Amarillo.

She was born June 12, 1915, in Oklahoma. She married Glenn Floyd on Feb. 6, 1938, in Plainview. He died Nov. 7, 1984. She was a member of the Church of Christ, and a graduate of Dimmitt High School. She moved to Friona from Lubbock County in 1948.

She worked for the State Line Tribune in Farwell from 1955 to 1956, and the Friona Star from 1956 to 1973. She was a columnist and feature writer.

She is survived by a son, Gerald Floud of Elkhart, Kan.; four daughters, Geneva Osborn of Tipton, Okla., Marilyn Floud of Lubbock, Frieda Dickson of Rowlett and Susan Phillips of Lewistown, Mo.; three sisters, Ola Bowers of Seagraves, Mary Bell Clements of Dalhart, and Rena Vaughn of Odessa; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or to a favorite charity.

Mabel Mathis Giles

Funeral services for Mabel Mathis Giles, 85, of Olton, the mother of Jerry Mathis of Hart, were held Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the First Baptist Church of Olton with Rev. Kyle Streun, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Olton Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill funeral Home.

Mrs. Giles died March 23 at 1:45 a.m. in Runningwater Draw Care Center in Olton after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 7, 1912, in Glen Dean, Ken. She married Henry Mathis in 1929. He died in 1967. She married Douglas Giles in 1972. He died in 1982. Mrs. Giles moved to Olton from Cottle County in 1930. She was a member of Olton's First Baptist Church and of the Hi-Plains Ladies Golf Association, as well as a past member of the Olton Order of Eastern Star Chapter #847. She was an avid fisher woman.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Billy Mathis, in 1992; three brothers, Cecil Jolly, Elza Jolly and Bob Jolly; and two sisters, Lillie Kiser and Jesse Ree Morriss.

She is survived by a son, Jerry Mathis of Hart; two daughters, Dorothy Williams of Mineral Wells and Nellie Fern Baker of Brandon; a brother, Willis Jolly of El Paso; three sisters, Mildred Reynolds of Amarillo, Sue Bennett of Amarillo, and Maxine Needham of Graham; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Cecil Maddox, J.T. Maddox, Arnold Jolly, Alton Jolly, Billy Kiser, Larry Kiser, and Mike Miller.

The family suggests memorials to Runningwater Draw Care Center, P.O. Box 409, Olton 79064 or to a favorite charity.

Owen Kimbell

Funeral services for Dimmitt native Owen "O.B." Kimbell, 76, of Lovington, N.M., were held Friday morning in the First United Methodist Church of Lovington, with Rev. Tom Broom, pastor, and Rev. Herbert Berkstrom, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial was in Portales Cemetery in Portales, N.M., under direction of Smith-Rogers Funeral Home of Lovington.

Mr. Kimbell died March 18 in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 24, 1922, in Dimmitt. He married Wilma Jean Anderson on Aug. 31, 1945, in Portales. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lovington, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Honor Guard. He moved to Lovington in 1956. He was a business owner.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Ronnie Kimbell of Aztec, N.M.; two brothers, Ray Kimbell of Lovington and Rex Kimbell of Portales; three sisters, Bernice Fields of Bridge City, Rosalie Anderson of Alamogordo, N.M., and Ruth Charles of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

LaVerne Rudd

Services for LaVerne Goldine Rudd, 85, of Edna, mother of former Dimmitt resident Rhonda Killough of Edna, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at First Baptist Church in Edna.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at at Englewood Cemetery in Slaton with Rev. Jim Gilbert officiating.

Mrs. Rudd died Tuesday.

She was born Sept. 18, 1912, in Quanah. She married Bernerd LaFayette Rudd on July 25, 1932, in Clovis, N.M. She was a retired hairdresser and a member of the First Baptist Church. She was a member of Baptist WMU and taught Sunday school for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, four sisters, a brother and her parents.

Survivors include two daughters, Barnadine Bullock of Durango, Colo., and Rhonda Killough of Edna; a son-in-law, James Killough of Edna, formerly of Dimmitt; three sisters, Bess May of Fort Sumner, N.M., Lois Monroe of Arizona and Gaynelle McCormick of Amarillo; a brother, Kenneth McCormick of Amarillo; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Steffens

Graveside services for Robert "Bobby" Steffens, 48, of Amarillo, were held Wednesday morning at Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth with Father Jerry Stein, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Schooler-Gordon Funeral Home, Inc., of Amarillo.

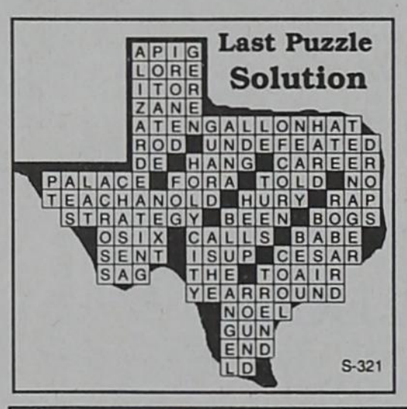
Mr. Steffens died Monday in Amarillo.

He was born in Oklahoma City, Okla., and lived in Amarillo for eight years. He was an office machine technician. He was a Catholic.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Shane Steffens in 1973.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Edward Steffens III of Dallas, Heath Shane Steffens of Tulsa, Okla., and Justin Joseph Lee Steffens of Dallas; a sister, Mary Lou Venhaus of Friona; a brother, Tommy Jene Dykes of Louisiana; and a grandchild.

Last Puzzle Solution



22—Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Castro County Sheriff's Department as a convicted sex offender:

1. 55-year-old male.
2. Coronado Acres
3. Dimmitt, Texas 79027
4. Convicted of indecency with a child.
5. The victim was a 12-year-old female.

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La siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento del Sheriff del condado de Castro, y fue convicto de una Ofensa Sexual.

1. Un hombre de 55 anos de edad.
2. Coronado Acres.
3. Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
4. Convicto de Indecencia con un niño.
5. La victima fue una niña de 12 años de edad.

22-50-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Nell Copeland would like to express their sincere appreciation for the food, flowers, cards and calls during the past few days. Thanks also to the staff at Canterbury Villa, Dr. Lee and Dr. Murphy for the excellent care and love shown during the past six years.

JACK, ROBIN & BILL COPELAND
JAMES & MILDRED BURNAM
BOB & JANE FITZPATRICK
24-51-1tp

25—Legal Notices

CALL FOR BIDS ON NEW CARGO VAN

The Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids on a 1998 cargo van.

Equipment should include the following: Full-size ½ ton standard cargo van (preferably with no rear windows); 6 cylinder engine preferred; automatic overdrive transmission; limited-slip rear end; all-season tires; air conditioning (front only); AM/FM radio; vinyl bucket front seats; rubber floor mats front and rear (NO carpet); cargo bulkhead; painted rear bumper with no hitch.

Bids should be sent to Plains Memorial Hospital D.M.E., Attn: Art Penaluna, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, TX 79027. Please have all bids in by April 15, 1998, at 5 p.m. CST. If you need more information, contact Art Penaluna at 806/647-2191, ext. 426.

25-50-3tc

CALL FOR BIDS ON NEW PICKUP TRUCK

The Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids on a 1998 Pickup Truck for equipment deliveries.

Equipment should include the following: Full size ½ ton pickup with standard cab and long wheelbase; 6-cylinder engine preferred; automatic overdrive transmission; four-wheel drive; all-season tires; air conditioning; AM/FM radio; vinyl bench seat; rubber floor mats (NO carpet); bed and tailgate rubber mats; rear step bumper; tall fiberglass camper shell.

Please send all bids to Plains Memorial Hospital D.M.E., Attn: Art Penaluna, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, TX 79027. Bids are due by April 15, 1998, at 5 p.m. CST. If you need more information, contact Art Penaluna at 806/647-2191, ext. 426.

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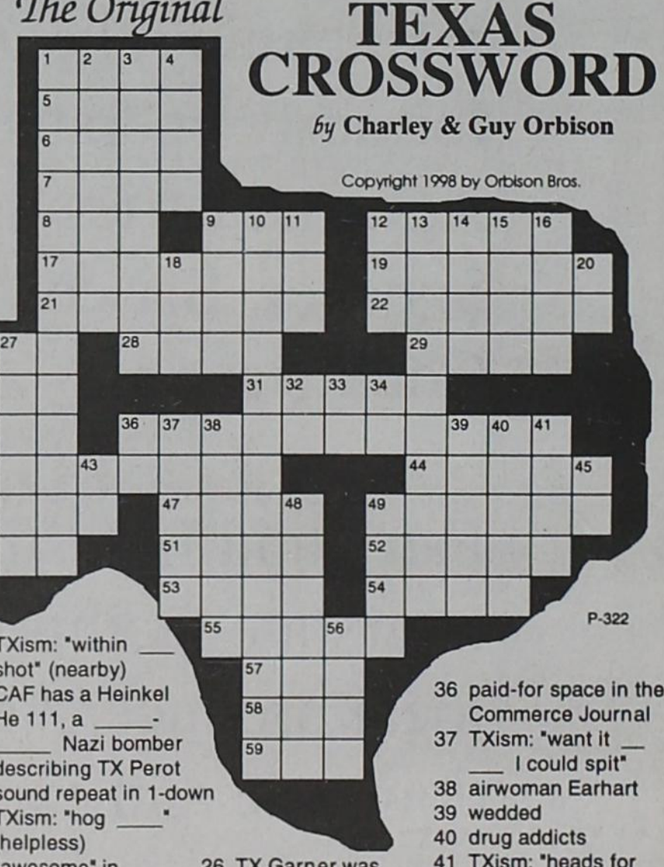
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ACROSS

1 San ____ claims title "Pecan Capital of the World"
5 TXism: "I smell _ ___" (suspicious)
6 U.S. District Judge in Dallas: ____foot Sanders
7 TX newspaper: Huntsville ____
8 TXism: "worked my fingers to the ___"
9 TXism: "call __ _ day" (quit)
12 bird seen on a TX bayou
17 TXism: "come _____ __ the seams"
19 wife of ex-coach Tom Landry
21 TX is site of oldest U.S. thoroughfare "__ ____ del Norte"
22 a pen name used by TX Sandra Brown: _____ Ryan
23 minor TX misdemeanor
28 Del Rio FM radio
29 TXism: "he rides rough ____ over everybody"
30 first paper in TX: "_____ de Texas"
31 TXism: "_____ the unvarnished truth"
35 TXism: "bring home the _____" (earn)
36 TXism: "happy __ _ ___ __ ___"
42 Houston Cougars played in this Japan arena in '90
44 desert haven
46 honky tonk sign gas
47 WFAA-TV parent co.: A. H. ____
49 TXism: "as much chance as _ _____ in a packing plant"
50 this TX Rather is anchorman for CBS
51 actor Baldwin
52 social equals
53 Yo Lo ____ Creek
54 does sums
55 "JFK" actor Ed
57 TXism: "six of ___, half a dozen of the other"
58 TXism: "got a hankerin' ___ it"
59 this Hayden played at Baylor and coached at UNT

DOWN

1 scenic area in TX Hill Country (2 wds.)
2 TXism: "fast as _ ___ __ _ rafter"
3 riding saddleless
4 TXism: "up and __ '__ juice" (coffee)
9 TXism: "____ do in a pinch"
10 TXism: "she could ____ ___ ____ ___ an iron stove"
11 TXism: "table grazed"
12 TXism: "within ___ shot" (nearby)
13 CAF has a Heinkel He 111, a _____-_____ Nazi bomber
14 describing TX Perot
15 sound repeat in 1-down
16 TXism: "hog ____" (helpless)
18 "awesome" in the 80s
20 Rangers league
23 panhandle rancher Goodnight (init.)
24 a fetchin' hound
25 TXism: "does _ ___ have a climbing gear?" (yes)
26 TX Garner was thirty-_____ U.S. vice president
27 TXism: "not enough coal to _____ _ furnace"
32 Santa's sound
33 Dan Morales title
34 TX electronics co.
36 paid-for space in the Commerce Journal
37 TXism: "want it __ ___ I could spit"
38 airwoman Earhart
39 wedded
40 drug addicts
41 TXism: "heads for the last roundup"
43 TXism: "dab it __"
45 George H. Bush to George W. (abbr.)
48 Port _'_____, TX
49 avg. score on a hole for TX Kite (2 wds.)
56 strange or scary

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