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A BASKETFUL OF SMILES—Anticipating a visit from the Easter Bunny are these students from Pybus Preschool: (from left) Darcy Fisher, daughter of Tony and Darla Fisher; Cameron Cluck, son of Tami and Mark Cluck; Justin

Trotter, son of Alvin and Patricia Trotter; Brittany Williams, daughter of Gary and Teresa Williams; Chris Bruegel, son of Curtis and Deanne Bruegel; and Hayli Wise, daughter of Gary and Rhonda Wise.

Photo By Deana McLain

City council approves settlement of lawsuit

In its Monday night meeting, the Dimmitt City Council agreed on terms for the settlement of a lawsuit filed against the city by former Dimmitt policeman Felix Balderas.

The litigation was discussed in executive session, with the council returning to open session before voting on a course of action. Council member Wayne Proffitt made the motion, which was seconded by Roger Malone. Six council members voted in favor. Council member Larry Gonzales abstained.

Mayor Wayne Collins said the terms of the settlement will be revealed when it is approved by the judge hearing the suit. The suit was filed in Travis County.

Balderas reportedly was dis-

missed from his job back in 1990 for insubordination and failure to follow procedure. He claimed in the lawsuit that he was dismissed because of being a "whistle blower," one who calls attention to unlawful or unsafe practices of an employer.

In other business, the council gave approval for the city to join with other cities in forming a steering committee to study a rate increase proposal by Southwestern Public Service Company. SPS local manager Calvin Marsh told the city in a letter that SPS had no intention of making a filing, but a "cost-of-service study identifies a small revenue deficiency and a need for costs to be reallocated among clas-

ses of customers on a fair-share basis." He continues in the letter by saying SPS was only responding to a rate review order from the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The rate increase proposal would incorporate an overall increase of 5.1% for residential customers, including an 8% increase in the base rate and a slight decrease in fuel costs.

An SPS residential customer on the "lighting rate" who uses 700 kilowatt hours each month would see a monthly bill increase of \$2.05—a raise from \$46.71 to \$48.76 per month.

SPS claims that even with the

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OM team qualifies for World contest

The Dimmitt Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team won first at the state OM contest Saturday in Lubbock and has qualified to compete at the World contest in Maryland in June.

Members of the DMS structure team, "Robin Wood and the Magical Widget," are Jeremy Matthews, David Terrell, Timothy Proffitt, Hank Morgan, Jared Townsend and Michael Keith. They are coached by Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt.

Also competing at the State contest was the Dimmitt High School classics team, "The Old Man and the Sea," which garnered a fourth place. Team members

include J.D. Gonzalez, Carlo Ontiveros, Jimmy Bryan, Joel Townsend, Monica De La Cruz and Addison Foskey. They are coached by Bill Sava and Dana Beck.

"We had an almost perfect score on our stage presentation, but we didn't do as well on the spontaneous competition," Sava said.

The structure competition had a field of 65 contestants. The DMS team faced 23 other teams in its division, and registered the top score among all 65 teams.

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Farmers hope for moisture as planting season arrives

As planting season draws near, farmers find themselves praying for a little help from Mother Nature—in the form of rain.

J.D. Ragland, county Extension agent, said many farmers are pre-watering their farms now, trying to bring the soil moisture to field capacity before planting corn.

Getting beets planted is keeping farmers busy right now, Ragland said, but he expects farmers to begin sowing corn next week. After that, he said cotton and sorghum will be planted, probably in the latter part of April or in May.

"They (farmers) are just waiting on a good rain now," Ragland said. "About 65% of the beets have been planted, and right now, that's the main thing farmers are focusing on. Next week I think they'll start to plant corn."

Ragland said the soil moisture is adequate in most areas now, but "it won't last long."

"We sure could use a good rain. After the corn is planted, most farmers will probably have to water it in order to get it up."

The wheat could also use a drink from Mother Nature, but Ragland said the crop looks good so far.

"At this point, we don't have a big problem with Russian Wheat Aphid populations in wheat, but the potential (for problems) is there," Ragland said. "Once we see a long trend of warmer weather, the aphids could start appearing."

He said leaf rust has been spotted in some wheat fields and producers are urged to "stay on top" of the problem and treat it before it gets serious.

'It doesn't get better than this'

By ANNE ACKER

Winning state championships may seem like the ultimate victory to many basketball players in Castro County, and Noel Johnson, who played on two state championship teams at Nazareth, once believed that was true.

She doesn't believe that anymore.

Johnson was a two-time all-stater and was a member of the Nazareth Swiftettes' state championship teams in 1990 and 1991. She signed with Texas Tech after graduating from high school in 1991. Little did she know that two years later she would be celebrating another milestone in her basketball career—winning a national championship.

"Once I thought it wouldn't get

any better than winning state, but let me tell you, it does," said Johnson after she and the Texas Tech Lady Raiders captured the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I championship Sunday with an 84-82 victory over Ohio State.

"This is the ultimate high. Nothing can beat this," said Johnson, a 5-7 sophomore point guard and starter for the Lady Raiders. "Winning national is a dream come true for me. I think I'm still recovering from the thrill. My cheeks are sore from smiling since we won. This is something I'm going to remember for the rest of my life."

She said there are a few similarities between playing in a state tournament and national tournament, but there are obvious differences, also.

"Playing in both tournaments is a big time feeling and you're playing in front of capacity crowds. That really pumps me up. Both are big championships in their own right."

But nothing can compare with actually playing in the national tournament for Johnson.

"This was a worldwide event. I mean people all over the world were watching us play. It still sends shivers up my spine just thinking about all the people that were watching," she said.

Johnson was one of Tech's reserve guards last season when the Lady Raiders advanced to the Sweet 16, only to lose in the first round of the regional tournament to eventual national champion Stanford.

Johnson said after that game the team made a pact that they would take the Lady Raiders' program to a higher level in 1992-93.

And they did that in impressive fashion.

The Lady Raiders breezed through the West Regionals, beating Southern Cal, 87-67; and Colorado, 79-54, to earn their first trip to the Final Four.

Winning regional wasn't enough for Texas Tech.

"We weren't satisfied with just making it to the Final Four. We intended to go out and win it, but we wanted to have fun, too. We had a lot of fun by winning it."

Texas Tech beat top-ranked Vanderbilt, 60-46 in the semifinal game Saturday before knocking off Ohio State Sunday in Atlanta, Ga.

For Johnson, the most special moment of the weekend's tournament was cutting down the nets

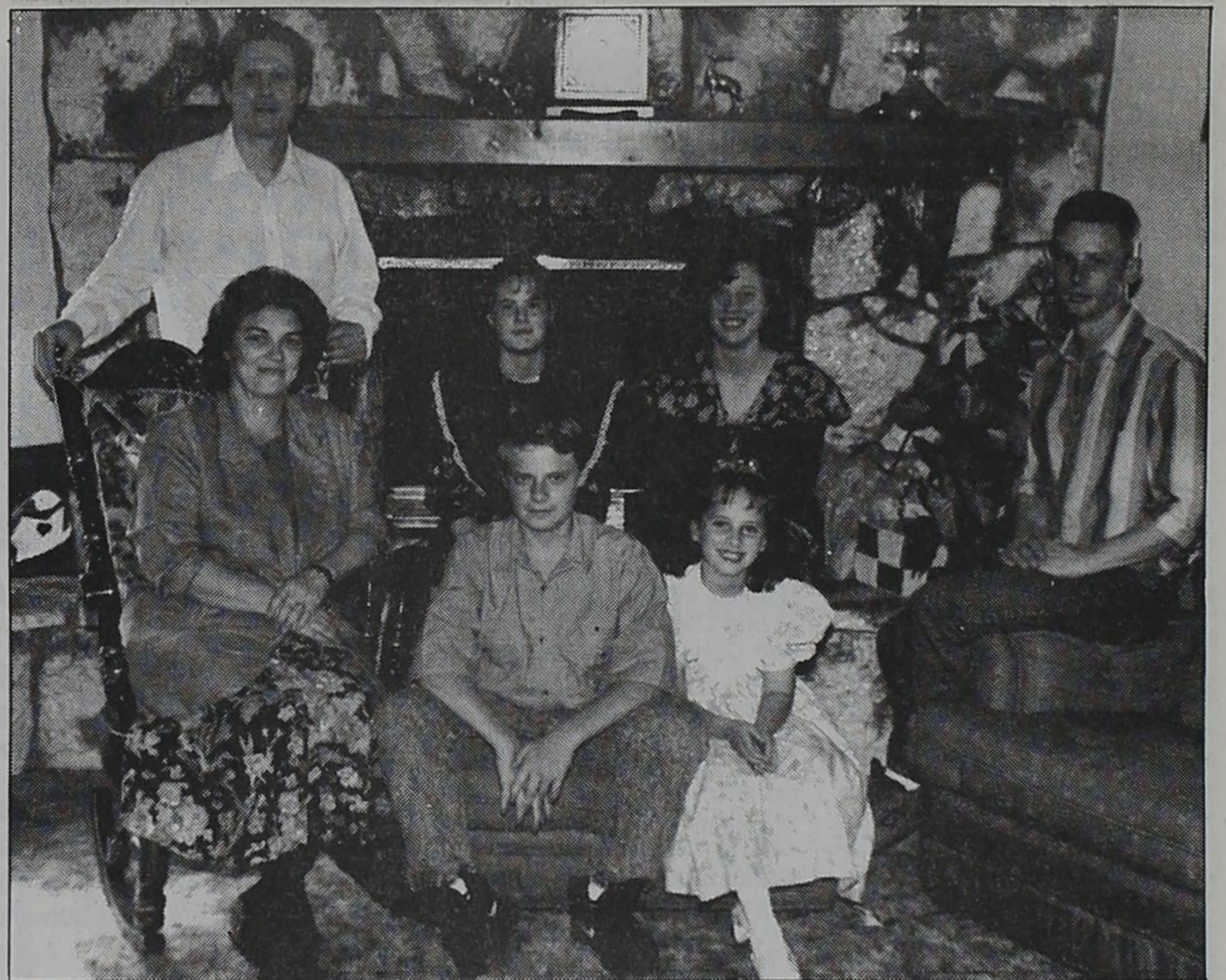
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Weather

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Tuesday	73	33	
Wednesday	79	37	.01

April Moisture 0.01
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US Weather Observer



A COMING IN PARTY—The Scroggins family of Dimmitt was honored with a reception recently in the home of Tex and Norma Conard to help welcome the two newest members of the family.

Family members are (front, from left) Barbara Scroggins, Joshua Sorrels and Chelsia Young; and (back, from left) Randy, Kendra, Kara and Billy Scroggins.

Photo By Linda Maxwell

Scroggins family adds new members

By LINDA MAXWELL

As the Easter season approaches, symbols of new life and hope are displayed all around us.

Joshua Sorrels has found hope in knowing that when he finishes this school year he can look forward to attending the same school next year.

His sister, Chelsia Young, has found hope in being with her brother and realizing that she will get to stay with the same family for a long, long time.

The two children recently came under the conservatorship of their aunt and uncle, Randy and Barbara Scroggins of Dimmitt.

After being removed from a neglectful home situation, the two had been separated and lived in various

foster homes for the past two and a half years. The Scroggins had attempted to gain custody of the children ever since they were removed from the home.

Joshua, 13, and Chelsia, 7, also have another brother, Kenneth, 10, who has remained in a group home setting called New Horizons (similar to Boys' Ranch).

"The court wouldn't allow us to take Kenneth, too, right now," Randy said, "but we hope to eventually get custody."

Randy and Barbara have three children of their own: Billy, 17, Kendra, 15, and Kara, 13.

"We talked about it with our kids from the beginning, and we're really proud of how they have accepted it," Barbara said. "There have been

some adjustments to make, just like with any family, but Josh and Chelsia have adapted in real well."

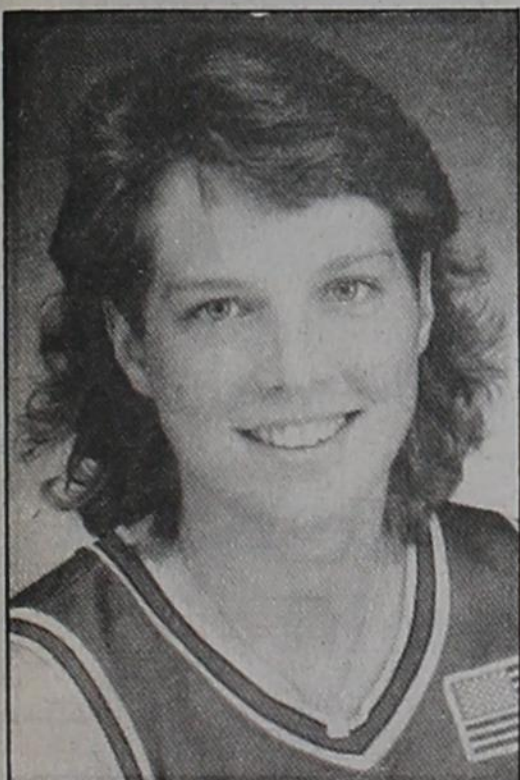
The Scroggins family lives in a four-bedroom house with one bathroom. Two of their children had to start sharing a room with the newcomers. Billy and Josh room together, and Kara and Chelsia share quarters. Kendra got to keep a room all to herself.

One of the adjustments that had to be made was Kara getting used to sleeping with the closet light on—a requirement for Chelsia's night-time security.

Josh's "addiction" to Nintendo video games has required some adjusting for his new parents.

Barbara said their kids had al-

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Noel Johnson

On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The members and friends of Dimmitt's First Baptist Church enjoyed four days of successful revival. The theme was "A Time to Return." The evangelist was Dr. Milton Cunningham of Baylor University in Waco, and the song evangelist was Bill Newland, the new choir director at FBC.

On Sunday evening, the Singing Farmers of Hart entertained with a mini-concert. Group members are Weldon Davis, his son, Leslie, and Preston Upshaw, and his nephew, Freddie. They are accompanied by Weldon's wife, Gaylia. Each day at noon, the Sunday School departments served lunch to about 100, and Dr. Cunningham brought a mini-sermon. Bill Neland sang a special each day, and on Tuesday Paul Kenley sang a duet with him, accompanied by Walter Maynard. Walter and Ronda Wise were the pianist and organist for all the services.

On Tuesday night following the services, a fellowship was held in three homes—the younger group met in the home of George and Linda Rasor, the youth met in the home of Eddie and June Sutton, and the adults met in the home of Dan and Oma Dee Heard. Refreshments were served in each home, and Paul Kenley and Dr. Cunningham went to every home and enjoyed the food. They ate sandwiches at the Heard home, and Paul ate some chips and dip from my plate!

On Wednesday evening, Tracy Saul was the guest speaker in three services — for the seventh and eighth grade, the youth, and adults in the main service that was a record crowd. Tracy's mother is Doris McDermitt Saul, who is a former Dimmitt resident; and the late Lester and Ettie McDermitt were the grandparents. Cindy Ellis and Audrey Shottenkirk are relatives still living in Dimmitt. Tracy is the All-American safety with the Texas Tech Red Raider football team. Some of us saw him play basketball when he was in high school.

Since I attended Texas Tech 60 years ago, I was interested in the Lady Raiders basketball game that was played in Atlanta, Ga. last weekend. They won the first game with Vanderbilt on Saturday, and won the second game with Ohio on Sunday. The game was interesting to many in this area, since some of the girls are from surrounding towns: Noel Johnson of Nazareth, Krista Kirkland of Spearman, Janis Farris of Lubbock, Stephanie Scott of Plano, Cynthia Klinger of Wyoming (the only out-of-state player), and the famous Sheryl Swoopes of Brownfield. Marsha Sharp is the coach. Sheryl Swoopes' mother was excited for several reasons — because her daughter was such an outstanding basketball player, and it was her first time to be out of Texas and her first time to fly in an airplane.

Ferne Dickey was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. They took their brown bag lunches and Ferne served a fruit cake. Johnnie Vannoy and Neva Hickey were the high scorers. Others playing were Susie Reeves, Ina Rae Cates, Emily Clingingsmith, Edith Graef, Elizabeth Huckabay, Helen Braafladt,



FIND "NEWSY"

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

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

Last week's winners:
Jerry Matthews
John King

Bernice Hill, Virginia Crider, Louise Mears, Loranel Hamilton, Alma Kenmore and Cleo Forson.

Our sympathy to the family of Oleta Golden, a Dimmitt resident for many years and a lovely lady loved by everyone.

Also to the family of J.T. Morgan of Lubbock, a cousin of Kate Beecher, and a good friend to some of us. He always took us to the Community Concerts in Hereford and Plainview, including Oleta Gollehon, Irene Carpenter, Geneva Dennis and Johnnie Boothe.

And our sympathy to the family of Lorena Cates, another long-time resident of Dimmitt and a friend to many.

Several attended the Texas Library Association Conference March 9-12 in San Antonio, including Dimmitt school librarians Ruth Cochran and Jean Morris and her husband, Larry; Rita Vasquez, and Rhoads Memorial Library librarian Cindy Pottorff.

Ruth and Rita also attended the Texas Bluebonnet Award Luncheon and Children's Round Table Breakfast. They heard several noted children's authors and illustrators, including Brian Selznick, winner of the 1993 Texas Bluebonnet Award for his first book, *The Houdini Box*. Mr. Selznick autographed copies of his book for three Dimmitt Middle School students, Kylie Webb, Jennifer Saenz and Ashley Davis.

Ruth and Rita enjoyed a boat trip on the San Antonio River and shopping in the Rivercenter Shopping Mall. Ruth went on to Texarkana to visit her dad and step-mom, Horace and Margaret Cochran, who just celebrated their first anniversary.

Several women from Dimmitt

Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Instead of the usual Sunday night services the new Billy Graham film was shown, titled *Eye of the Storm*. It features Connie Selleca, Jeff Conaway and Deborah Tucker playing a father, a mother, a daughter and a decision. There was a good crowd, including several visitors.

Ezell and Verba Sadler and Randy got home from the lake Monday night. Denea Sirmans of Amarillo came and visited with them Wednesday.

Becky Ott went with her dad, Elton Gulley to Arkansas on Tuesday for a few days' visit with relatives there.

Mrs. Lucille Gilley of Amarillo visited Sunday with Frances and Robert Duke. She is Robert's aunt. She attended church with them in Dimmitt, and they all attended the movie at Sunnyside Sunday night.

Sharon Sadler went to Methodist Hospital with her parents, Tex and Norma Conard, for the surgery of Bob Davis, who is Tex's brother-in-law.

Emma Jean King and Teeny Bowden attended the meeting of the Historical Commission Thursday afternoon.

Verba Sadler visited Saturday in Amarillo with Patricia Powell of Canadian at the home of Tresa Sirman and children, Ken, Amber and Tiffany Sirman.

Brandi Green of Springlake attended the morning church service with her granddad, Doug Loudder.

Glen and La Wanda Wilson left Sunday morning for a vacation trip to Tucson, Ariz. They spent the first night at Deming, N.M. They went on to Bisbee near Tucson. They visited Boot Hill at Bisbee and Mt. Herman State Park at Pichacho and the copper pits there. They were told that there would soon be open-pit mining of the copper, and the town of Bisbee might have to move because it could be sitting on a rich copper deposit.

The Wilsons went on south hoping to see the organ pipe cactus in full bloom, but they were told the area didn't have rain at the right time. They were close enough to Old Mexico to see the International Bridge. They went on to El Paso,

attended Spiritual Growth Retreats this past weekend. Attending the United Methodist Women's retreat at Ceta Canyon were Shirley Wise, Margaret Parsons and Mildred Bradford. The music leader was Jane O'Kelly, formerly of Dimmitt.

The 14th Annual Women's Spiritual Life Retreat in St. Stephen's Methodist Church in Amarillo was held this weekend. The key speaker was Bonnie Thomas of Estes Park, Colo., daughter of Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham team.

Attending from here were Debbie Annen and her mother, Mary Dove, Geneva Malone, Patti Summers, Kathy Burks, Shelly Rice, Susan Coleman, Betty Freeman, and Deanne Clark, along with Ruby Moultrie of Levelland, Rhonda Schaeffer and her friend, Carl, of Lubbock, and Robertha Cole of Amarillo.

The families of Eddie Matthews, Carter Townsend, Mike Terrell, David Keith, Deann Morgan and Wayne Proffitt spent Saturday in Lubbock while their sons participated in the Odyssey of the Mind State Competition at Texas Tech. Team members are Hank Morgan, Jeremy Matthews, David Terrell, Jared Townsend, Michael Keith, and Timothy Proffitt, and coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt.

The Dimmitt Middle School team of "Robin Wood and the Magical Widget" competed against 24 teams in their division, winning first in State and qualifying to advance to the World competition in Maryland in June.

The Dimmitt High School classics team, "The Old Man and The Sea," also competed at State, winning fourth place. Only first place teams may advance to World.

where they visited with Glenda and Alan Turnado and children, Jazz and Alex, and spent Saturday night with them and came home last Sunday.

At Mt. Lemon they visited with a couple from Sweden who were just vacationing, too. It is near a ski lift. They also saw a vacationing couple from England and visited with them. On the way home, they saw several cotton gins and a few irrigation wells, but there were no crops at this time of year.

Larry and Sharon Sadler went to Muleshoe Sunday afternoon to help their grandson, Matt Hurtado, celebrate his seventh birthday.

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HERE COMES PETER COTTONTAIL — This trio of boys gets ready to celebrate Easter with their rabbits. Pictured, from left, are Timmy Barnes and Patches, Trent Barnes with Peter and

Trevor Barnes with Flopsy, who was born last Easter. The children are the sons of Brad and Karen Barnes.
Photo by Deana McLain

Letter

Education: 'sky not falling'

Dear Editor:

THE SKY IS NOT FALLING.

The education funding crisis has nothing to do with the dilemma created by the judge in Austin. The school finance bill, Constitutional Amendment, Proposition #1 (the Robin Hood plan), gives the Legislature new authority to raise the County Education District (CED) tax rate from the present 82 cents to \$1.

REMEMBER, the voters assumed that the lottery proceeds would be used to fund education, but that is not what happened. The money went into the general revenue fund and not to fund education.

There is no assurance that the new tax dollars raised would be spent on students, books or even more teachers. Since 1979, spending per student has increased 127% while school enrollment in Texas has risen only 33%. It does, however, legally create another taxing entity (bureaucracy).

GET READY! Currently, superintendents and board presidents are being sent media kits to "sell the SJR amendment" to communities. Fabricated questions and answers are included in the kits. School closings and consolidation threats are being used to influence the voters into voting for a tax that could raise property taxes another \$2.4 billion or 67%.

THERE ARE OTHER OPTIONS to solve the fabricated crisis. The Legislature has known about this problem since January 1992.

NEVER vote for anything when

you do not know how much it is going to cost, how it is going to impact your schools, or provide bureaucrats more money without safeguards.

This amendment is somewhat like signing a mortgage contract which says your interest rate can go up to 25% any time the bank feels like it, but the banker gives you a handshake and a promise that it will only go up to 10%.

Anyone unwilling to sign a blank

check for the legislature and anyone who is troubled by this issue and other amendment propositions call 647-3228 or 647-3487 for more information.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW to protect our constitutional rights. Once it passes, you will never get to vote on whether your taxes go up again.

Worried and concerned,

RITA McDANIEL
DEANNE CLARK

Has your Mom had a mammogram?

The risk of breast cancer increases with age. It is one of the leading causes of death among women 65 and older. Early detection through regular mammograms could prevent many of these deaths. Yet as women get older, they are less likely to get mammograms. Has your Mom had a mammogram? If not, encourage her to get one. It might be your chance to give her good advice.

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We Salute Easter

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the sepulchre.

And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

"He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.

"Come see the place where he lay.

"Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him."

He is risen!



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Nazareth

By Virgle Gerber, 945-2669

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's convention was held in Nazareth last Tuesday with 96 women attending, including 47 from Nazareth.

"Youth in Contemporary Society" was the topic of the keynote address given by Father Ken Keller of Amarillo.

Thanks to Father Neal Dee, Christian Mothers President Catherine Huseman, and other officers and people who helped make the convention a success.

Many basketball fans enjoyed watching the Texas Tech Lady Raiders compete and win in the

Final Four playoffs this weekend. We were happy to see Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson and his wife, Agatha, among the Texas Tech fans as he watched his daughter, Noel Johnson, help lead the team to victory.

Louise Braddock and Joan Backus of Nazareth and Susie Gerber of Odessa spent the weekend in Fort Worth with Hilda Duer, Louise's sister.

A baby shower was enjoyed Sunday at the home of Mary Ann Schulte in honor of her niece, Danne Barber and her infant son, Carson Bryce of Lubbock.



FAMILY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP—Castro County Extension Homemakers including (from left) Diane Hatla, Oneida Hutto and Jackie McLeroy are congratulated by Hale County's Extension Agent-Home Economics Colleen Chadwick after the trio completed the Family Community Leadership program recently. The program is designed to increase the leadership capabilities and involvement of women in the public policy decision-making process. It is based on teaching materials and leadership concepts developed through a grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation by six western state Cooperative Extension Services and Extension Homemaker Associations. The program was held during the annual District 2 Texas Extension Homemakers meeting and 47 members completed the course.

Courtesy Photo

Horse judges sweep overall team honors

Castro County's 4-H horse judging teams "cleaned up" at the South Plains District contest in Lubbock Saturday.

The senior team of Kodie Bagley, Kori Bagley, John Fuller and Zach Smith placed first in halter and reasons and won the overall judging title.

The junior team of Rusty Wooten, Rusty McDaniel, Justin Sutton and James Wilhite finished first overall and first in performance and placed third in halter.

Among the senior judges, Kodie Bagley was named the top individual in halter and reasons and was the overall high-point individual. Fuller was the second-best individual in reasons. Kori Bagley placed fifth overall.

Wooten was the top overall individual among junior judges and he also placed first in individual halter.

Coby Summers, an alternate for the senior judging team, placed

second in the individual halter competition and was third overall.

Other members of the county's horse judging team are Amy Fuller, Cody Annen, Sage Annen and Kyle Wood.

The horse judging team also competed at the Clarendon College judging contest on March 27, and it competed against 19 counties within a 250-mile radius of Clarendon.

Fuller was first in Halter and Zach Smith was 10th overall.

The team of Summers, Smith and Fuller finished fourth overall and third in reasons.

Wooten placed sixth overall, eighth in individual halter and seventh in individual performance.

Wilhite was third overall, ninth in halter and sixth in performance.

The junior team, which featured Wooten, McDaniel, Wilhite and Sutton, finished third overall.

Others judging at Clarendon were the Bagleys and Amy Fuller.

Extension Homemakers attend district meeting

Nancy Cruse, Swisher County homemaker, was honored as the first District Extension Homemaker of the Year at the District 2 Texas Extension Homemakers Association meeting, which was held last Thursday in Plainview.

Cruse has served the organization in a variety of leadership roles for the past seven years.

Several Castro County Extension Homemakers attended the meeting and the group enjoyed several educational programs as well as mention of the top homemaker honor.

Those attending from Dimmitt were Margaret Womack, county TEHA chairman; Oneida Hutton, county TEHA vice-chairman; voting delegates Maxine Myers, Rosa Acker and Betty Freeman; and members Diane Hatla, Jackie McLeroy and Mary Small.

TEHA District Director Sylvia Steen of Hale County presided over the day's events.

Recipient of the 4-H scholarship was Chad Jones of Lubbock County. Cruse was awarded the adult scholarship.

Among the educational programs was an announcement of a new toll-free phone number, 1-800-886-4351, which will help troubled teens and adults. The 24-hour hotline is being sponsored by Contact Lubbock, Inc.

A "Teamwork" program was presented by Swisher County Homemakers and Extension Agent Linda Fogerson.

Juanita Pool and Vivian Curtis of

Floyd County demonstrated the fine art of making panarama Easter eggs.

Other highlights of the meeting included greetings from Hale County, given by Judge Bill Hollars; entertainment by Briscoe County Judge Jimmy Burson and Pam Landis of Swisher County; and information from TEHA State Treasurer John Frost and Young Family Issues Committee Chairman Amy Adrian on activities at the state level.

During the business session, the group endorsed Frost as a district candidate for the state's second vice president and planned for the 1994 state conference, which will be held in Lubbock.

Host counties for the meeting were Briscoe, Floyd, Hale and Swisher.

Livestock judges win at area contests

Castro County's 4-H livestock judging team including Tawnee Matthews, Moriah Olson, Shad McDaniel and Justin Gleghorn captured overall team honors at the Clarendon College contest on March 27.

Gleghorn placed first in the individual cattle judging, fourth in swine judging, sixth in sheep judging, third in reasons and was second-place overall individual.

Olson finished third in cattle, seventh in swine and sheep, fifth in reasons and was fourth overall.

McDaniel finished third in swine. Others competing were Kristin Hales, who finished ninth in cattle judging; and Jeremy Furr, who placed seventh in swine.

On Saturday, the county judging team competed in a South Plains College contest and placed second overall with Gleghorn placing first in swine and third in cattle. He also was named the top individual. McDaniel was third in sheep judging and fifth overall and Furr placed third in sheep.

Other 4-H'ers competing were Kaci Schulte, Sy Olson, Shane Furr, Taylor Matthews, Joanna Olson, Reece Hales and James Jackson.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from April 8 to 16.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Sandwiches, potato chips, lettuce, pickles, tomato, chocolate clusters and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, tomato, orange cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken patties, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, spicy applesauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, dill spears, pinto beans, ice cream and milk.

THURSDAY: Corn dogs, onion rings, whole kernel corn, fruit cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, corn on the cob, fried okra, chocolate pudding and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Burritos, cheese wedge, salad, corn on the cob, Rice Krispie bar and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheese enchiladas, Spanish rice, salad, tortilla chips, Jello with fruit and milk.

MONDAY: No school!

TUESDAY: Ham sandwiches, pickles, potato chips, fruit, cookies and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, pickles, lettuce, French fries, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Fajitas on flour tortillas, Spanish rice, salad, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos with beef, corn, pinto beans, cookies and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Nachos, tater tots, applesauce, peanut butter bars and milk.

FRIDAY: No School!

MONDAY: No School!

TUESDAY: Frito pie, corn, applesauce, cornbread, Easter cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, dill pickles, apple cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Lasagna, tossed salad, peaches, hot rolls, and milk.

FRIDAY: Roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot bread, pudding and milk.



SPRING FLOWERS are blooming around the county as warmer temperatures settle in the Texas Panhandle. Tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and more brighten yards and flower beds, promising a bright, beautiful spring and summer. Photo by Deana McLain

Happy Birthday Angie Hernandez!

Two daughters: Blanca Estela Diaz and Mary Lou Ruiz. Two son-in-laws: Marcus Diaz and Frankie Ruiz. Grandchildren: Juanito, Michael, Angel Baby and Baby Dino Diaz; Francisco Pancho, Christopher, Steffany, Raulito Ruiz—all from Amarillo.

Happy Birthday, Mom Saturday, April 19, 1993



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15—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION
To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., on Saturday, May 1, 1993, for voting in a regular election...

15—Legal Notices

AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL
El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Dimmitt tendra una eleccion especial el 1 de mayo de 1993, para elegir un administrador en siete (7) distritos. La eleccion sera conducida en la sala de concierto de la escuela mediana de Dimmitt (Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium) de las 7 a.m. a las 7 p.m.

More about Scroggins . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
ways had a "take it or leave it" attitude about the electronic entertainer, but Josh seems to want to play it all the time.
Another adjustment has been trying to get Josh and Chelsea to work toward more self-directed activities.

Barbara said that the paperwork for the conservatorship went through "really fast." She said several people expressed amazement that the process went so quickly, and their home study and court hearings went so well.
"It has to be the Lord's doing," Randy said. He added that their church, Lee Street Baptist, has been very supportive of them in their decision, and they have received help and encouragement from many friends and co-workers.

Chamber planning Institute

You can take charge of your Worker's Compensation costs.
A seminar to show you how will be held May 18 at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 West Bedford. Registration cost for the 4-1/2-hour course will be \$145 per person. Pre-registration is required and will be handled through the chamber office.
Leading the seminar will be Dick Kidwell, an acknowledged expert on the workers' compensation system.

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Needs Assessment Survey

This survey is designed to determine the needs of children's health care in your community. This document should be completed only by parents with young children.

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME ON THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

City _____ County _____
The ZIP CODE of your residence _____
1. How many children do you have? _____
2. What are their ages (please list): _____
3. What are their sexes (please provide a number):
___ Male ___ Female
4. Where do you take your child(ren) for their immunizations? (Name the clinic or doctor AND the city). _____
5. Have any of your children been to a doctor or clinic in the past year? ___ Yes ___ No
In what city was the doctor or clinic located?: _____
6. What was the reason for the visit to the doctor or clinic? (please check all that apply)
___ Checkup/Physical Exam ___ Immunizations
___ Illness ___ Injury
___ Other: _____ ___ Did not visit a doctor
7. Have any of your children ever been hospitalized?
___ Yes ___ No
8. If yes, what was the name of the hospital and in what city was the hospital located? _____
9. Can you go to a hospital or doctor's office whenever you need treatment?
___ Yes (If yes, go to Question 12) ___ No
10. If you checked "NO" on #9, why? (check all that apply)
___ Costs ___ Location
___ Convenience ___ Inadequate Care
___ Lack of Transportation ___ Other (please describe): _____
11. Please check the type of medical insurance that your child(ren) is currently covered under.
___ No Medical Insurance ___ Private-individual policy
___ Private-group policy ___ Private-Health Maintenance Organization
___ Medicaid ___ CHAMPUS
___ Indigent/Charity patient care ___ Other
12. Please check those services which are available in your community
___ Doctor's Office ___ Clinic
___ Hospital ___ Home health care
___ Household help ___ Social Services Assistance
13. Please check whether you are satisfied with the following:
Availability of timely medical appointments: ___ Yes ___ No
Availability of hospital services: ___ Yes ___ No
Availability of financial assistance to help with medical care: ___ Yes ___ No
Degree of concern of health care providers: ___ Yes ___ No

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
Dimmitt Independent School District will hold a special election on May 1, 1993, to elect a trustee in seven (7) places. The election will be conducted at Dimmitt Middle School Auditorium from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Dimmitt ISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Monday, April 12, 1993, and ending Tuesday, April 27, 1993.
Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Al Gibbs, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Applications for ballots by mail must be received by no later than the close of business on Friday, April 23, 1993.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
To the registered voters of the County of Castro, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1, 1993, for voting in a special election for US Senate and Constitutional Amendments and for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 73rd Texas Legislature, Regular session of the State of Texas.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACES:
Precinct 1, Hart Golden Group Building, Hart, Texas; Precinct 2, Driver's License Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas; Precinct 3, District Courtroom, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas; Precinct 4, Adult Probation Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas; Precinct 6, Flagg Fertilizer, Flagg, Texas; Precinct 7, Frio Baptist Church, 4-1/2 miles North of Easter on FM 1055; and Precinct 8, Community Building, Nazareth, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on April 12, 1993 and ending on April 27, 1993.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Joy Jones, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 23, 1993.

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2. Sex: ___ Male ___ Female
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___ Asian ___ Other
4. How much education do you have?
___ None ___ 1 to 8 Years
___ 9 to 11 Years ___ High school graduate/GED
___ Some college ___ College graduate ___ Post graduate
5. Please indicate with whom you share your housing (check all that apply):
___ No one ___ Spouse/partner ___ Friends
___ Relatives ___ Children ___ Other (please describe)
6. Are you (the parent or guardian) currently employed?
___ Yes ___ No
7. What is your annual household income (please choose only one):
___ Less than 15,000 ___ 15,000 to 20,999
___ 21,000 to 25,999 ___ 26,000 to 30,999
___ 40,000 or more
Thank you for your cooperation in completing this survey.

People



Candy Jones and Michael Kern

Jones and Kern to wed

Candy Jones of Littlefield and Michael Kern of Dallas will exchange wedding vows on May 22 in Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth. The bride-elect is the daughter of Ann and Buck Chadwick of Quitaque and Sally Jones of Flomot. Parents of the prospective groom are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kern of Nazareth. Miss Jones is a 1983 graduate of Valley High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in May 1988 with a bachelor of science degree in early childhood. She currently teaches at Littlefield Primary School. Kern graduated from Nazareth High School in 1982 and from Texas Tech University in May 1986. He holds a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering and he is employed by Factory Mutual Engineering Association in Dallas.

DHS qualifies eight for regional meet

Kathy Patterson captured the gold medal in Headline Writing at the District 2-AAA University Interscholastic League's literary meet. Patterson and seven other DHS youths will advance to the Region 1-AAA academic meet with places at district. Those advancing will be David West, Renee Garcia, Chad Sandoval, Holly Edwards, Terri Beth Teaschner and Nikki Kenley. Dimmitt's Current Issues and Events team of Murray, Justin Roberts and Teaschner placed second overall, but will only compete at regional if the first place team from Friona drops out. Dimmitt received second-place finishes at district from West in Editorial Writing, Sandoval in News Writing, Teaschner in Current Issues and Events and Kenley in Literary Criticism. Students earning third place awards and a spot in the regional meet were Edwards in News Writing and Garcia in Feature Writing. Rocio Garcia of Dimmitt placed sixth in accounting.



Karla Sheffy and Ronald H. Harris

Texas preschoolers are not immunized

By DAVID R. SMITH, M.D.
Texas Commissioner of Health

Texas leads the nation in cases of vaccine-preventable diseases. This sad fact should come as no surprise, since immunization levels for preschool children in this state are less than 50%. That means that one out of every two young children in Texas are at high risk of serious, sometimes life-threatening diseases such as measles and whooping cough. Within the past five years, 3,717 Texas children under 5 years old have developed measles and 12 have died from complications of this totally preventable disease. Needless whooping cough outbreaks also have occurred.

In addition to causing unnecessary, senseless suffering and death, preventable diseases are economic burdens on our already over-burdened health care delivery system. For example, during a 1990 measles outbreak in Dallas, 238 children and adults were hospitalized at a total cost of \$3.4 million. Vaccine for the same 238 people would have cost less than \$3,700.

For years we have been aware of the problem, but as a society we have ignored the blinking yellow warning lights — the reports and statistics that told us that fewer and fewer preschool children were adequately immunized. Now the lights are no longer yellow. The warning signals have been replaced with the piercing red of a moral stop light. Can we morally continue to ignore needless sickness among our children? I

think not. It is time to slam on the brakes.

Proposals now pending in the state legislature will expand the Texas Dept. of Health's existing immunization efforts, making immunity from childhood diseases the birthright of every boy and girl born in this state. It will mandate early childhood immunizations and create mechanisms to overcome barriers that leave so many of our children vulnerable to disease.

For example, this legislation will allow public health clinics to open earlier and stay open later to accommodate the schedules of working parents. It will make hospitals and physicians responsible for reviewing children's immunization histories and administering any needed vaccinations or referring them to an appropriate immunization clinic.

This legislation also mandates that all health insurance policies cover 100% of the cost of all requisite childhood immunizations, exclusive of the policy deductible.

With these changes, we will be investing in prevention and in the healthy future of all our children. And we will, in the long run, actually be saving money because we know that for every dollar spent on immunizations, approximately \$14 in health care expenses are saved.

These proposals offer Texas the chance to take the national lead in health care reform, beginning logically with the children. It is a sound, sensible start, both morally and economically. If enacted, it will serve as a model for the federal immunization initiative recently proposed by President Clinton.

Until now, we've been on a collision course, running through the flashing yellow warning lights. It is time to heed the moral stop light, then proceed with a strategy to guarantee all our kids the health care they need and deserve. Otherwise, the inevitable crash will not be an accident, but the sad consequence of willful neglect.

Survey asks health care of children

The "All Kids Count" immunization task force is asking all parents to fill out a survey form.

The task force hopes that the information from the survey will help identify where gaps exist in children's health care services. Other surveys are being distributed to health care providers to find out what services are available.

The four-county task force that includes Castro County is one of 14 task forces in the South Plains and Panhandle regions. Castro County members of the task force include Denise Gerber, Carol Lantz, Grace Killough, Retta Knox and Polly Simpson.

The survey form is included in this issue of the News. Those who complete the form and take it to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford will receive a coupon for a free Kiddie Cone from the Dimmitt Dairy Queen.

A copy of the form in Spanish is available from task force members.

The "All Kids Count" project was established to lower the number of persons suffering from vaccine-preventable diseases and to raise the immunization rate of preschoolers.

See survey form on Page 5 of this issue.

August vows planned

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sheffy of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Karla, to Ronald H. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harris of Santa Ana, Calif.

The wedding is being planned for Aug. 7 in the First United Methodist Church at Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 1986 Dimmitt High School graduate. She received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Texas Tech University in 1990. She is completing her third and final year of her master of divinity degree at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo.

The prospective groom is a 1983 graduate of Narbonne High School in Harbor City, Calif. He graduated from California State University at Long Beach, Calif., in 1989 with a bachelor of arts degree in history. He is finishing his master of divinity degree at the Iliff School of Theology and will graduate in May. He is serving as an intern pastor in the United Methodist Church in Cozad, Neb.

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Shower fetes Lisa Nelson

Lisa Nelson, bride-elect of Bruce Morgan, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Martha Jo Hyman.

The bride-to-be was presented with an Oster Kitchen Center; sugar bowl, creamer, vegetable bowl and oval platter in her selected pattern; and eight crystal tea glasses by the hostesses.

Pineapple rolls, a fruit plate, almond tea and coffee were served by Laura Nelson. The serving table held a centerpiece of grapevines and candles along with crystal and silver serving pieces.

Special guests were Harriett Goodwin of Beaver, Okla., and Gail Nelson of Dimmitt, the honoree's grandmothers; Miss Nelson's great-grandmother, Elizabeth Huckabay of Dimmitt; the honoree's sisters, Laura Nelson of Bryan; her cousin, Jan Nelson of Canyon; her sister-in-law, Katie Nelson of Friona; and her friends, Stephanie Waldo of Nazareth, Sue Crozier of Midland and LeAndre Lynn and Charlynn Hunter, both of Amarillo.



Refugia and Emilio Nino

Ninos to celebrate golden anniversary

Emilio and Refugia Nino of Dimmitt will be married 50 years on April 17 and the couple plans to celebrate the milestone with a special mass and reception at Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt.

A mass will be read for their intention at 3 p.m. April 17 at Immaculate Conception Church with Father Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

After the service, the couple's children and grandchildren will host a reception for the Ninos at the church's hall. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

The former Refugia Gauna married Emilio Nino on April 17, 1943, in San Marcos. The couple has eight children including John Nino, Yolanda Martinez, Lupe Flores, Sylvia Nino and Mary Ann Larra, all of Dimmitt; David Nino of Emory; and the late Emilio Nino Jr. and Joe Nino. Mr. and Mrs. Nino also have 27 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Emilio and Refugia Nino moved to Dimmitt in 1953 from Levelland.

He worked for Dimmitt Consumers for 17 years before retiring. She is a licensed vocational nurse and she worked for Plains Memorial Hospital for 22 years before her retirement. She still works part-time as an LVN for Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

The couple belong to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt and both have been past members of the church's Parish Council. Since his retirement, Emilio has donated a lot of time to the church, performing maintenance duties and upkeep of the grounds. She teaches a catechism class at the church.

Book Club will host cowboy poet

Raymond "Cotton" Lewis of Olton, a retired educator and farmer, will be a guest reviewer at the Dimmitt Book Club's regular meeting Wednesday at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The business meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and will be followed by the reviewer.

Lewis is the author of several books of cowboy poetry including *Cowboy Poetry and Other Unfulfilled Dreams*, *A Better Brand of Cowboy Poetry* and *Greener Pastures*.

He has performed at all of the National Cowboy Symposiums. Lewis is a frequent speaker at study groups, women's clubs, schools and banquets. Some of his other works include *Summer Stories* and *Four Letter Words*, a collection of non-denominational devotionals to inspire and uplift.

The review will be followed by a social hour and everyone is invited to attend.



Out-of-Town
It's a girl for Denise and Douglas Roberts of Robert Lee. Their new daughter, Kacey Donice, was born April 1 weighing 7 lbs., 13 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Grandparents are Jane and David Behrends. Great-grandparents are Judy and Walter Love Jr. of Amarillo and Helen Behrends of Dimmitt.

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Church Happenings



First Christian

Special resurrection day services will be held Sunday. At 7:30 a.m. Sunday a special "After the Sun has Risen" service will begin. The message from Pastor Corless will be "After Death, Then What?"

The ladies will serve breakfast after the service and everyone is invited to attend.

There will be no Bible study classes today. Instead, there will be a special resurrection day program presented by the church's youths.

Sunday's evening services will begin at 6.

The Wednesday evening Bible study on the Holy Spirit will begin at 7.

Volleyball will be played at the Dimmitt Middle School old gym next Thursday at 7 p.m.

The church is trying to form a softball team and more details will be announced later.

efforts at the church beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday.

On Easter Sunday there will be masses at 9 a.m. (in English) and 10:15 a.m. (in Spanish).

CCD classes for students in the sixth through 12th grades will be held Wednesday. The April 17 mass will begin at 3 p.m. instead of 5:30 p.m. because of the golden wedding anniversary celebration of Emilio and Cuca Nino.

We appeal to everyone to fulfill his or her United Catholic Appeal pledges by the end of April because the new campaign will begin soon.

County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Psalm 16 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Math tutoring to be offered

Dimmitt High School teacher Libby Cleveland will conduct math tutoring during April to prepare students for the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), American College Test (ACT) and Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP).

She will conduct classes Monday and Tuesday nights from 7 to 9 in Room 15 at Dimmitt High School.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Presbyterian Church

"I Believe in the Lord's Supper" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's communion meditation at the Maundy Thursday service tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

"Does God Forget When He Forgives?" will be the subject of Pastor Freeman's sermon at the Good Friday service, slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

"Easter as a Breakthrough Event!" will be the subject of Pastor Freeman's Easter Sunday sermon at 11 a.m.

"The Parable of the Rich Fool" from Luke 12:13-21 will be the subject of the mid-week Bible study at the manse on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

All services at the Presbyterian Church are open to the public.

Ministerial Alliance

Paul Kenley will lead the Castro

Immaculate Conception

The Pastoral Council meeting will be held next Thursday, April 15.

Holy Thursday mass will be celebrated tonight (Thursday) at 8. The wheat basket collection will be taken during this celebration.

On Good Friday, a Way of the Cross service will be celebrated at 7:15 p.m., followed by the Good Friday services at 8.

Confessions will be heard from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Holy Cross Society will continue with its spring cleaning

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301 NE 7th, Dimmitt
Antonio Rocha.....647-4373

So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "Thou art a God of seeing"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" Therefore the well was called Beerlahairai; it lies between Kadesh and Bered. And Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.
Genesis 16:13-16

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Tennis Results

HART JUNIOR HIGH TOURNEY

First Round

GIRLS' SINGLES: Ethridge of Hart beat Acevedo of Dimmitt, 8-1; Pohlmeier of Nazareth drew a bye; Dorrity of Plainview beat Neinst of Hart, 8-2; Hand of Dimmitt drew a bye; Hadley of Plainview beat Gerber of Nazareth, 8-0; Hoelting of Nazareth beat Bell of Dimmitt, 8-0; Powers of Dimmitt beat Guzman of Hart, 8-2; Ebeling of Plainview beat Longoria of Hart, 8-0; Bradley of Dimmitt beat Rincon of Hart, 8-1; Minjarez of Hart drew a bye; Mock of Plainview beat Matthews of Dimmitt, 8-2; Williams of Plainview beat Abundez of Hart, 9-7; Wethington of Nazareth drew a bye.

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Braddock and Birkenfeld of Nazareth beat Mata and Bennett of Hart, 8-0; Braddock and Birkenfeld beat Vering and Marcy of Plainview, 8-2; Fortenberry and Robertson of Nazareth beat Davis and Schulte of Dimmitt, 8-2; Mondragon and Roberson of Dimmitt beat Sims and Jarry of Plainview, 8-1; Durbin and Olvera of Nazareth beat Carrasco and Lee of Hart, 8-4; Maurer and McLain of Nazareth beat Rangel and Beggs of Plainview, 8-4; Espinosa and McLain of Dimmitt beat Velasquez and Garcia of Hart, 8-5; Grossman and Velasquez of Hart beat Perez and Terrell, 8-3; Wethington and Hoelting of Nazareth beat Nelson and Matthews of Dimmitt, 8-0.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Bingham and Brockman of Nazareth drew a bye; Shannon and May of Dimmitt drew a bye; Huerta and Minjarez of Hart beat Ramaekers and Schulte of Nazareth, 8-1; Parker and Meriweather of Plainview beat Dyer and Gonzales of Hart, 8-4; DeLaFuentes and Gonzales of Hart drew a bye; Nino and Mays of Dimmitt beat Kern and Jones of Nazareth, 8-6; Portwood and Portwood of Dimmitt beat Merritt and L. Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 8-1; Reyna and Gutierrez of Hart beat Huckert and J. Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 8-6.

BOYS' SINGLES: Diaz of Plainview beat Ethridge of Nazareth, 8-1; Beck of Dimmitt beat Diaz, 8-3; Saucedo of Plainview beat Cannon of Hart, 8-5; Lust of Dimmitt beat Gerber of Nazareth, 8-3; K. Schulte of Nazareth beat Parker of Plainview, 8-1; B. Hoelting of Nazareth beat Ivy of Dimmitt, 9-7; N. Hoelting of Nazareth beat B. Hoelting of Nazareth, 8-4; Lott of Plainview beat Dotson of Hart, 8-1; Lott beat Irons of Hart, 8-5; Grand of Dimmitt beat Martinez of Plainview, 8-3; Martinez of Hart beat Braddock of Nazareth, 9-7; Braddock beat Killough of Dimmitt, 8-1.

Championship Second Round
GIRLS' DOUBLES: Braddock and Birkenfeld beat Robertson and Fortenberry, 8-4; Durbin and Olvera beat Mondragon and Roberson, 8-3; Maurer and McLain beat Espinosa and McLain, 8-2; Wethington and Hoelting beat Grossman and Velasquez, 8-2.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Vaughan beat Ethridge, 8-0; Pohlmeier beat Dorrity, 8-6; Hadley beat Hand, 8-6; Hoelting drew a bye; Reyes beat Powers, 8-6; Ebeling beat Bradley, 8-4; Mock beat Minjarez, 8-0; Wethington beat Williams, 8-3.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Bingham and Brockman beat Shannon and May, 8-0; Huerta and Minjarez beat Parker and Meriweather, 8-5; Nino and Mays beat DeLaFuentes and Gonzales, 8-2; Portwood and Portwood beat Reyna and Gutierrez, 8-0.

BOYS' SINGLES: Beck beat Saucedo, 8-3; Parker beat Lust, 8-3; N. Hoelting beat Lott, 8-1; S. Martinez beat Grand, 8-2.

Consolation Second Round
GIRLS' DOUBLES: Vering and Marcy beat Mata and Bennett, 8-1; Vering and Marcy beat Davis and Schulte, 8-1; Sims and Jarry beat Carrasco and Lee, 8-5; Rangle and Beggs beat Velasquez and

Garcia, 8-4; Perez and Terrell beat Nelson and Matthews, 8-3.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Shannon and May drew a bye; Ramaekers and Schulte beat Dyer and Gonzales, 8-3; Kern and Jones beat DeLaFuentes and Gonzales, 6-2; Huckert and Birkenfeld beat Merritt and Birkenfeld, 9-7.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Acevedo, Neinst, Bell, Abundez and Guzman drew byes; Gerber beat Hand, 8-4; Longoria beat Rincon, 8-6; Matthews beat Minjarez, 8-4.

BOYS' SINGLES: Cannon beat Ethridge, 8-2; Gerber beat Schulte, 9-8; Irons beat Dotson, 8-0; Irons beat Ivy, 9-8; K. Martinez beat Killough, 8-6.

Consolation Third Round

GIRLS' SINGLES: Neinst beat Acevedo, 8-3; Gerber beat Bell, 8-0; Longoria beat Guzman, 8-2; Matthews beat Abundez, 8-2.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Ramaekers and Schulte beat Shannon and May, 8-5; Kern and Jones beat Huckert and Birkenfeld, 8-1.

Championship Quarters

GIRLS' SINGLES: Ebeling beat Reyes, 8-0; Wethington beat Mock, 9-8; Vaughn beat Pohlmeier, 8-4; Hadley beat Hoelting, 8-6.

Championship Semis

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Maurer and McLain beat Wethington and Hoelting, 8-3; Braddock and Birkenfeld beat Durbin and Olvera, 9-7.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Bingham and Brockman beat Huerto and Minjarez, 8-4; Nino and Mays beat Portwood and Portwood, 8-2.

BOYS' SINGLES: Beck beat Parker, 8-0; Hoelting beat S. Martinez, 8-3.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Vaughan beat Hadley, 8-5; Wethington beat Ebeling, 8-5.

Consolation

BOYS' DOUBLES: Ramaekers and Schulte played Kern and Jones.

BOYS' SINGLES: Cannon played Irons.

GIRLS' SINGLES: Gerber beat Longoria, 8-0.

Championship

GIRLS' SINGLES: Vaughan beat Wethington, 8-2.

BOYS' SINGLES: Beck beat Hoelting, 8-6.

BOYS' DOUBLES: Nino and Mays beat Bingham and Brockman, 9-8 (7-5 in tie breaker).

GIRLS' DOUBLES: Braddock and Birkenfeld beat Maurer and McLain, 8-5.

Local netters win tourney

Adrian Farris captured the "A" boys' singles championship and Gayla Reyna and Tanya Leibel of Hart defeated teammates Tracy Knox and Dana Wilhelm to claim the "C" girls' doubles title at the Lobo Invitational tennis tournament in Levelland this weekend.

Several other Castro County netters reached the semifinals in the tournament, including Nazareth's boys' doubles team of Alston Farris and Scott Brockman in the "A" division. Nazareth singles players Melinda Schmucker made it to the semifinals in the "B" division. Boys' singles player Quentin Dobmeier of Nazareth advanced to the semis in the "C" division as did Nazareth's Christelle Pary in the girls' singles event. In the "C" girls' doubles, Denia Durbin and Kandal Derrick of Nazareth were eliminated in the semifinals by Reyna and Leibel of Hart.

Nazareth finished fifth overall as a team with 95 points, Dimmitt was seventh with 74 and Hart was 15th with 23 points.

Farris blanked Hai Ngo of Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-0, 6-0, to reach

the championship match on Saturday. He had no problems in the championship game, either, beating Cody Taylor of Lubbock Coronado, 6-1, 6-1.

Reyna and Leibel knocked off Derrick and Durbin in the semis, but had to split sets to accomplish it. After the Hart pair won the first set, 7-5, Durbin and Derrick came back to win the second set, 6-3. Reyna and Leibel couldn't miss in the third and decisive set, though, winning it and a set in the finals, 6-0.

Knox and Wilhelm beat Taci Gable and Jennifer Green of Levelland in a hard-fought match, 7-6, 7-5; but dropped the championship to Reyna and Leibel, 4-6, 3-6.

In the "A" boys' doubles, Farris and Brockman lost a split set decision to Books York and Brian Woods of Brownfield, 5-7, 6-0, 2-6.

Schmucker had her hands full with Christ Currington of Levelland in the semifinals, and wound up losing the match, 0-6, 3-6.

Currington went on to win the "B" girls' singles title.

Pary won the first set against Donna Bratton of Hobbs, N.M. in the "C" girls' singles semifinal by a 6-4 count, but Bratton came back to win the next two sets, 6-1, 6-3 and claimed a spot in the championship match.

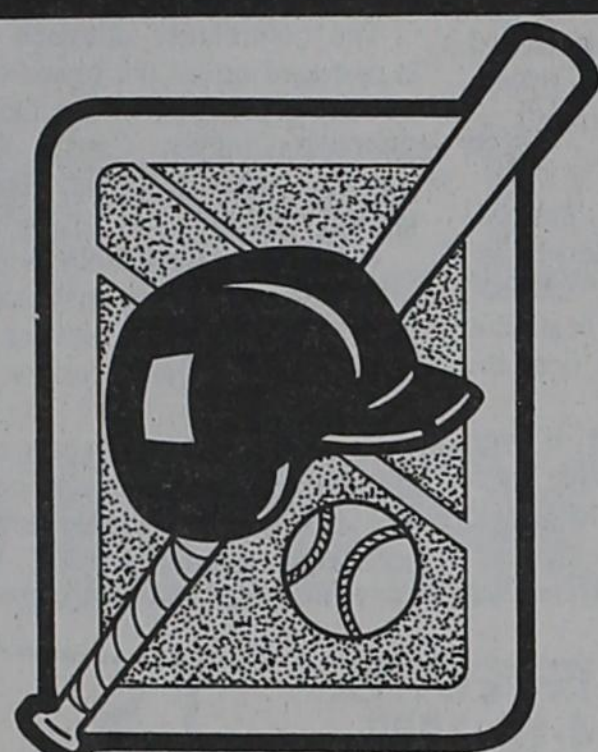
Dobmeier fell victim to Kirkland of Denver City in the "C" boys' singles semi, 6-7, 1-6.

Bates to speak at Tulia banquet

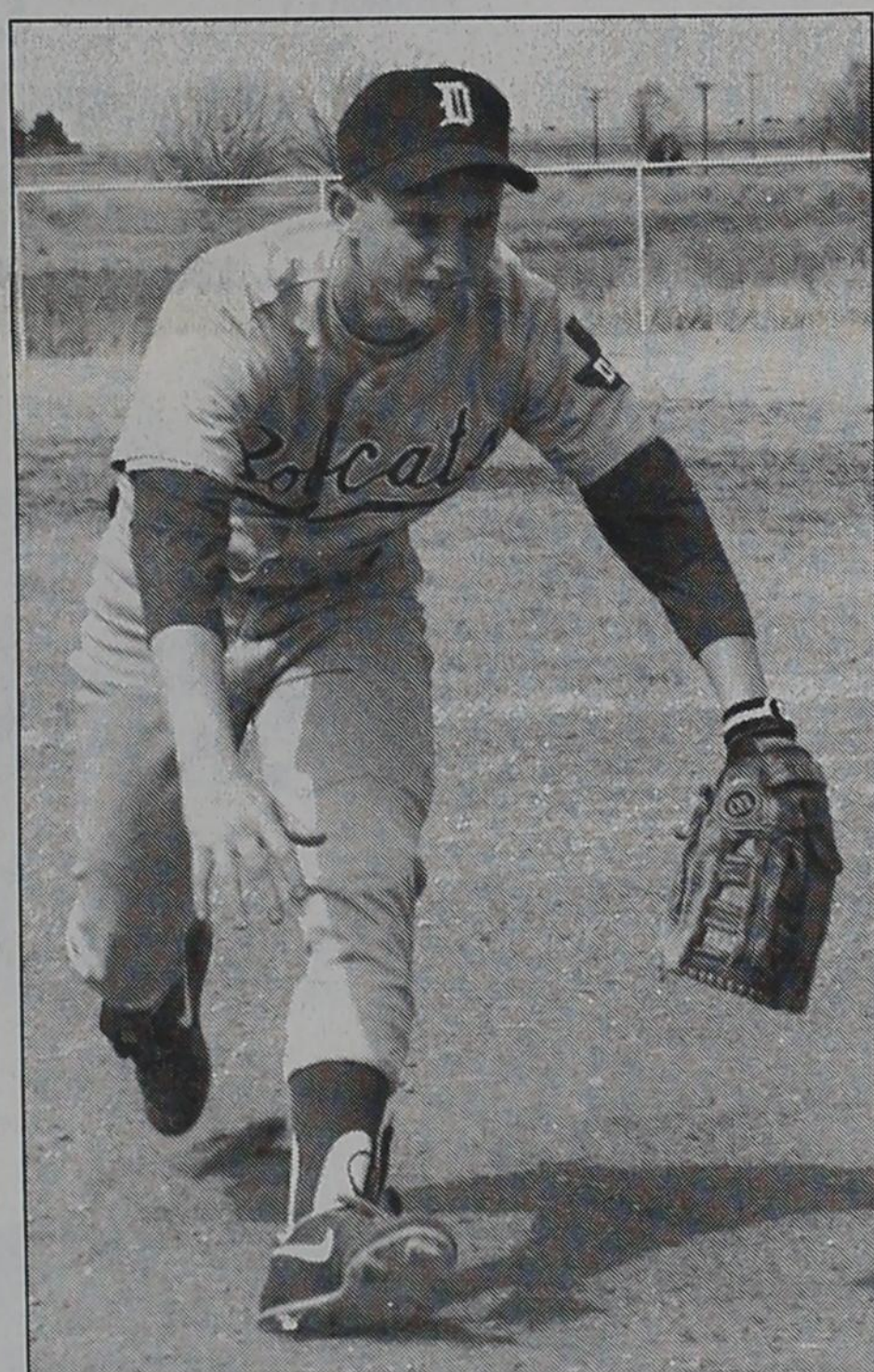
Dallas Cowboys veteran Bill Bates will be the featured speaker at Tulia High School's athletic banquet April 19.

The event is open to the public and tickets may be purchased at the First National Bank or First State Bank, both of Tulia.

Those wishing to attend the meal, which is being catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo, and Bates' speech may purchase tickets for \$12.50 per person. Those who wish to attend the program only will be charged \$8 per person.



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DHS golfers compete in 2-AAA play

After the second round of District 2-AAA link play, the Dimmitt Bobcats are in eighth place with a two-round total of 853.

In Friday's second round at the Littlefield Country Club, Danny George paced the Bobcats by matching his first-round score of 104 and currently leads the team with a 208 for two rounds. Dustan Buckley finished with 105 in the first round and 108 Friday for a total of 213. Next is Chad Jennings, with 115 and 104; and Cody Fry, 127, 109.

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WINNING PITCHER: Jacinto Quiroz of Dimmitt (4-4).
LOSING PITCHER: Marufo of Bovina.
DOUBLES: Joe Juarez 2, Emilio Nino and Jacinto Quiroz, all of Dimmitt; Marufo, Stanley and Veable, all of Bovina.
TRIPLE: Joe Juarez, Jason Wooten and Fernando Ontiveros, Dimmitt.
Records: Dimmitt 4-7; Bovina 2-6.

Hucks has tennis win

Jennifer Hucks of Anton won honors in the recent Levelland Spring Invitational Tennis Tournament.

A junior at Anton High School, Hucks won first in the girls' singles competition. She is the daughter of Dan and Sandra Petty, formerly of Dimmitt. She also is the granddaughter of Don and Betty Carpenter and of Tommie Sue Nisbett, all of Dimmitt, and of Johnny and Loretta Hucks of Wellington.

Early voting starts Monday

Early voting in the May 1 elections will begin Monday and continue through April 27.

Those wanting to vote early may obtain ballots at:

—The County Clerk's Office for the special Senate election and constitutional amendments.

—Administrative offices for city, school and hospital district elections.

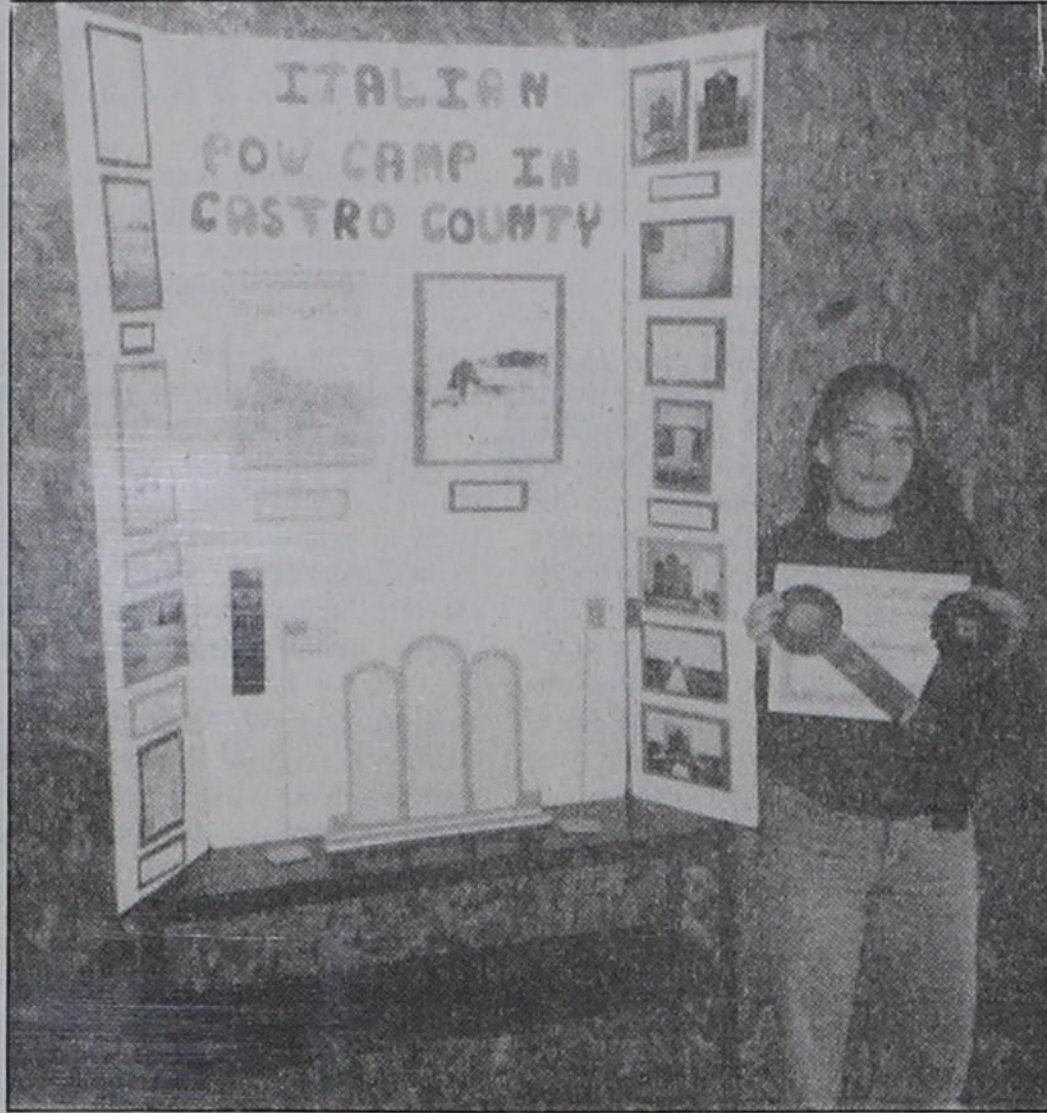
The clerk's office is still accepting applications for mailed ballots for the special election, and will continue to accept them through April 23.

College students, service personnel, and others temporarily living out of the county may request that a ballot be sent to them by mail.

"The ballot must be returned by mail from out of the county," said County Clerk Joy Jones.

Jones said those requesting a mailed ballot should include certain information with their request, including: the voter's name, voter's registration certificate number, the voter's home address in the county, the address to which the ballot should be mailed, and a phone number in case more information is needed.

Mailed ballot requests for local elections should be directed to the governmental entity covered by that election.



SHEREE WILLIAMSON of Marshall shows the ribbons and certificate she won with the presentation she made for her history class. She wrote about the Prisoner of War Chapel in Castro County with information she received from Castro County Historical Commission member Clara Vick. Williamson is the daughter of Karen and Kim Williamson and the granddaughter of Cyble and Nacommas (D.N.) Gamblin, all former residents of the county. *Courtesy Photo*

Historical Commission discusses POW plans

At the regular meeting of the Castro County Historical Commission last Thursday, plans were discussed for the dedication ceremony in honor of the Prisoner of War Chapel.

The chapel, built by Italian POWs during World War II, will be granted a Texas Historic Landmark Distinction Medallion. A ceremony for unveiling the medallion is planned for May 8 at 2 p.m. Two former POWs and family members of others are expected to attend the ceremony.

The Historical Commission is planning a barbecue dinner at the First United Methodist Church in honor of the event.

"We also want to extend our Texas hospitality to the more than 50 Italian guests we are expecting," said Clara Vick, a member of the CCHC.

After the dedication of the medallion and interpretive place, the Italians will be given a tour of the museum, including the archive room that holds artifacts, documents and records from the POW camp. They are expected to bring additional items to be placed in the museum.

"This will probably be the last time many of these Italians will be able to make the trip, due to health reasons, and we want to make it a really memorable occasion," Vick said.

said. "We hope some of the younger generation from both sides will make friends and keep up interest in the project."

In a related matter, the commission heard a report from Sheree Williamson of Marshall, who had written to the commission for information on the POW camp and chapel for a project for her history class. She is the daughter of Karen and Kim Williamson and the granddaughter of Cyble and Nacommas (D.N.) Gamblin, all former residents of the county.

Williamson wrote to the commission that she won a first place with the display and narrative she was able to compile. She also won second in county and regional competitions.

Curtis Tunnell of the Texas Historical Commission sent his regrets that he may not be able to attend the dedication ceremony for the medallion. He also told the commission about current legislation that seeks to do away with the state historical commission and county historical commissions.

The bill also proposes to do away with the State Antiquities Committee. That committee had to be contacted when the "Easter Elephant" was dug up in Castro County, because the find was on public property. The legislation is called "International and Cultural Affairs." The commission is asking that people write to their state legislators, and to Rep. David Cain in particular, at P.O. Box 2910, Austin, 78769. For more addresses, contact Teeny Bowden.

The local commission also decided to order T-shirts with color photos of the POW Chapel. Shirts with black and white photos of the chapel are available for \$15. Those with the color pictures will probably sell for about \$20. Proceeds from the sale of the shirt are used for the upkeep of the chapel and the POW archives room at the museum.

Bobcats' playoff chances are good

As Dimmitt's Bobcats prepare for District 2-AAA play this week, Coach Bobby Feaster feels like his team's chances of earning a playoff berth are "as good as anyone's."

The Bobcats have won three of their last four games, and currently sport a 4-7 record. With one non-conference game left, the team has to get serious about its play, Feaster said.

Dimmitt will take on Boys Ranch Saturday at 2 p.m. before beginning district play Tuesday at 5 p.m. against Littlefield. Both games will be played at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt picked up its fourth win of the season Tuesday with a 12-7 decision over Bovina.

"We won Tuesday, but I was disappointed because we scored five runs in the first inning, then coasted. We could have put the game away early and didn't do it."

Feaster said Tulia, 9-6 on the year, is the District 2-AAA favorite and the Hornets are the only team in district with a winning record. After that, Littlefield, Floydada, Friona, Muleshoe and Dimmitt are all evenly matched.

Tulia lists Hale Center, Sanford-Fritch, River Road and Borger Junior Varsity among its victims, Feaster said. The Hornets beat Hale Center 31-1 and Dimmitt beat the Owls 33-2.

"We're close to them if you compare some of our scores, we'll just have to be ready to play," Feaster said.

"We're starting a new season Tuesday, not just because we're beginning district play, but because I've got to find two new starters," Feaster said. "We will lose two more starters to grades after Tuesday's game, and that will hurt."

Dimmitt's pitching chores fall into the hands of one main hurler, Jacinto Quiroz.

"He's our ace," Feaster said. "If

we're going to do anything, it'll have to be on his arm. But he worries me a little because his strikeout totals have dropped in the past couple of games — he only struck out four Tuesday night."

But the Bobcats are "scrappy," and Feaster said they are capable of playing good ball. And they will have to do that to win the school's first playoff spot in baseball.

Breast screening clinic is planned

A breast cancer screening clinic will be offered in Dimmitt May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Exams will be performed by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, call the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-HOPE (toll-free).

The community outreach clinic is operated under the breast cancer screening program of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital, both of Amarillo.

Women needing help with the cost of the screening may apply to the Texas Dept. of Health for assistance. Certain qualifications must be met.

Early detection of breast cancer is the major goal of cancer control. The clinic will provide low-cost screening mammography, which

includes a breast exam by a registered nurse trained in breast cancer detection, teaching of breast self examination, and a mammogram.

Currently, the most effective method known to win the battle against breast cancer is early detection, which is best done by following the guidelines recommended by the American Cancer Society for breast cancer screening for women who have no signs or symptoms of breast cancer.

The guidelines are to learn and perform breast self examination every month, have a physical examination every year, and have a mammogram according to the following recommendations by age: one baseline mammogram between the ages of 35 and 40, a mammogram every one to two years for those age 40 to 50, and yearly mammograms for those over 50.

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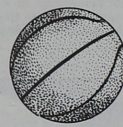
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News wins 'General Excellence'

The *Castro County News* captured first-place awards for its "People" section and for Terri Loudder's "Calico" columns, and finished as the "General Excellence" weekly newspaper in the Texas Panhandle at the Panhandle Press Association's annual awards breakfast Saturday in Amarillo.

In the Humorous Column category, Loudder's "Calico" column was judged the best while Don Nelson's "1:1" columns placed second.

"This paper has two good humorous writers. I hope its readers recognize their luck," said the judges. "Mrs. Loudder is very funny. She has an eye for the amusing and the writing ability to turn it into something readers, too, can enjoy. Her topics are common, but she takes them to a different level by infusing them with humor. Mr. Nelson has an excellent writing style and he has used dialogue very effectively to get his points across."

Loudder's column also received praise by judges of the Society-Lifestyles category.

The *News* earned second-place awards for "Best Newswriting;" "Best Spot News Picture;" "Best Serious Columns" (by Nelson); and "Best Use of Photography." It received a third-place award for "Advertising Initiative."

Judges said the *News* "shows evidence of good editing, some catchy leads and good story flow" among its three entries for "Best Newswriting." These stories included a story by Anne Acker about a severe storm and damage resulting from hail and wind; and stories by Linda Maxwell on Dimmitt's plans to attract new industry and the state barring Dimmitt as a site for a new prison.

The spot news photo entered was a picture taken by Nelson after the Dimmitt Bobbies won the district championship in a playoff game with Friona in February, 1992.



GENERAL EXCELLENCE—Don Nelson (left), publisher of the *Castro County News* accepts a plaque and congratulations from Tom Higley of the Panhandle Press Association after the *News* won the Division I General Excellence award Saturday. The *News* received first-place plaques for its "People" section and for Terri Loudder's "Calico" column; and garnered several second-place awards which gave it the General Excellence honor. *Photo by Deana McLain*

Judges described the photo as a "good emotion shot of injured players. Nice shot."

In the "Use of Photography" category, the judges comments included "Cute pig feature shot. Good parade double truck. Lots of full-page sports photos, lots of sports action."

The *News* also placed second overall (among all divisions) with its "Community Service" entry, which included stories about economic development in Castro County during 1992. Judges said the *News* demonstrated an "impressive effort to highlight the positive" with a "good mix of stories that promoted the community."

Judges "loved the Valentine paper" which was one of the *News'*

entries in "Advertising Initiative." They also commented that the paper has "several unique ad ideas."

The *News* earned honorable mention honors in "Best Feature Stories" and "Best Special Edition."

Judges commented on two of the *News'* feature entries, saying "the 'Horned rabbit' story (written by Nelson) is very unusual and it's well-written. The child abuse article (written by Acker) presents good advice and it's informative."

The *News* entered its Harvest Days special edition, and the judges commented that it had "an original approach that adds interest for several generations. The appearance could be enhanced by more and better photos and section graphics."

SPS's residential customers may pay more for electricity

Southwestern Public Service Co.'s residential customers may be paying an average of 5.1% more for their electricity in the future.

SPS, which serves 75 cities in the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, including Dimmitt, recently completed a cost-of-service study as part of a rate review ordered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

"As required, the SPS response includes new tariff sheets for all classes of customers," said Gerald Diller, SPS group manager of rates and regulation. "These new sheets correct a revenue deficiency and reallocate, on a fair-share basis, costs among all classes of customers. It is important to note that SPS had no intention of making a filing at this time and we are only responding to the PUCT order."

A public hearing to consider new rates will begin in Austin on Aug. 31 with SPS, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, affected Texas cities who have original jurisdiction over rates within their boundaries, and others participating in the process. A final decision by the Public Utility Commission isn't expected until late 1993 and new rates, if ordered, would not go into effect until that time.

Although SPS's overall rates are among the lowest in the nation and SPS's efficiencies have saved customers \$84 million a year compared with the average operating expenses, some costs have increased.

"Higher property taxes, expected higher federal corporate income taxes, new accounting rules and gradually increased employee ex-

penses have been identified as primary factors contributing to increased company costs," said Diller. "These known and expected factors have been included in our cost-of-service study and the result is a small revenue deficiency."

That deficiency indicates that overall revenues resulting from current taxes are actually lower than warranted by the study. In addition, the study shows that costs need to be reallocated among classes of customers, Diller said.

The overall increase in rates indicated by the cost-of-service study is 1.25% or \$5.6 million. However, because of the reallocation, adjustments would vary among classes. Under the new tariff sheets some customers including many small businesses, cotton gins and grain elevators, would receive a small decrease in their rate, Diller said. However, for residential customers, the average billing would increase 5.1%.

The overall rate includes the base rate and the fuel cost. In the new tariff sheets, the base rate portion of a residential customer's bill would increase 8% while fuel costs would decrease slightly, creating the 5.1% overall increase for residential customers.

An SPS residential customer on

the "lighting rate" who uses 700 kilowatt hours each month, would see a monthly bill increase of \$2.05—from \$46.71 to \$48.76.

Even with the indicated increase, the overall residential rate will remain 13% lower than it was 10 years ago and will still be among the lowest in the state, Diller said.

SPS President Coyt Webb said the SPS filing demonstrates that the company's efficiencies have saved customers \$84 million a year, compared with the average operating expenses of all other electric utilities in Texas. That has helped keep its rates among the lowest in the state.

"Just and reasonable rates are designed to allow a utility to recover its investment and operating costs and to provide to investors a return that is related to its efficiency," Webb said. "And we believe SPS has demonstrated in this filing that overall, it is one of the most efficient electric utilities in Texas."



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Producers who have a small grain crop acreage base of wheat, barley or oats, must report acreages planted or a zero report for history preservation by May 15.

That's also the final date a producer may report Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR), or set-aside with a small grain cover; small grain covers on Consvring Use Acres; make a request for measurement service for small grain acreages; and to make a request to leave small grains standing and not be considered grain for program purposes.

Eligibility for participation in ASCS programs is open to all applicants as established under law without regard to age, color, disability, marital status, national origin, race, religion or sex.

Deadline nears for sign-up in farm program

Producers who wish to participate in the 1993 Price Support and Production Adjustment Programs, better known as the 1993 farm program, must sign up by April 30, according to Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

Producers also must file forms for Highly Erodible Land and Wetland Conservation Certification (Form AD-1026); and Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility (Form CCC-502) by the end of the program sign-up period.

All owners' signatures must be on the contract for a producer to participate in the 1993 farm program and these must be in the county ASCS office by May 14 for a farm to be enrolled in the program, Abbott said.



Joan Craig

Joan Craig is appointed

Joan Craig, former Dimmitt resident, now of Austin, has been appointed a property and casualty specialist for Metropolitan Property and Casualty Insurance Co.'s Round Rock sales office.

In this capacity, Craig will provide marketing and servicing support for customers in the Round Rock and Austin marketing areas.

She is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and attended West Texas State University in Canyon. She received an associate degree in business administration from Austin Community College.



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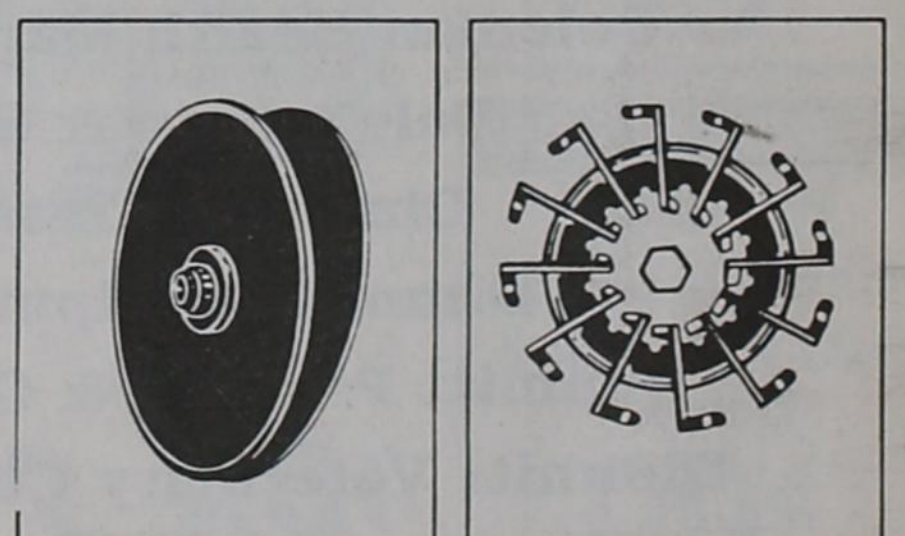
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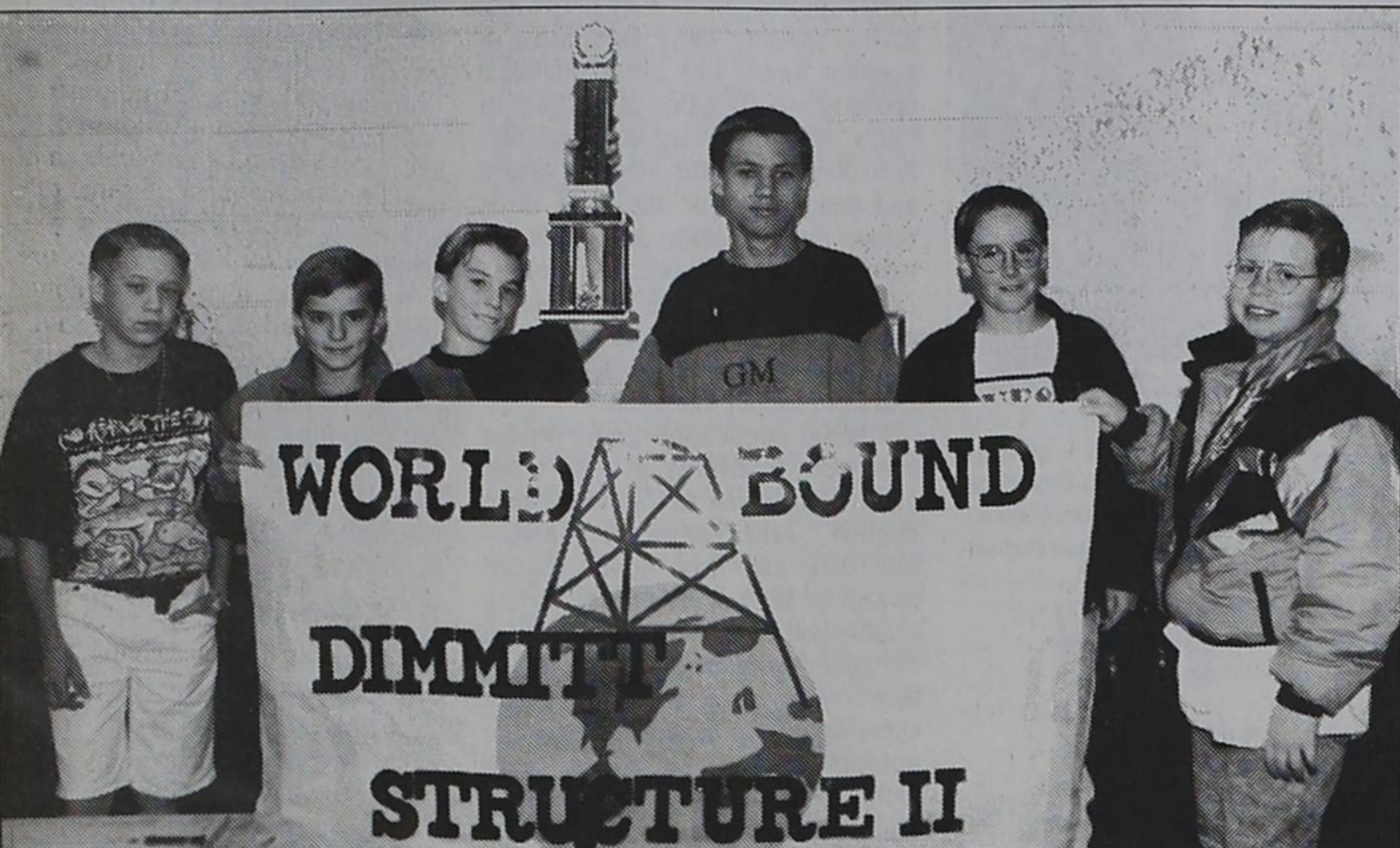
OM team qualifies . . .

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The competition is designated in three sections: long term, style and spontaneous.

problem, the structure teams are required to build a structure out of balsa wood similar in size to fire-place match sticks. Standing only 8 to 8-1/2 inches tall and weighing no

more than 18 grams (about the weight of three quarters), the derrick-shaped structure is tested for strength by placing barbell weights on it.



STATE CHAMPIONS — The Dimmitt Middle School Odyssey of the Mind structure team shows their first place trophy from the state contest and a sign showing their next destination in competi-

tion. Team members are (from left) David Terrell, Hank Morgan, Timothy Proffitt, Michael Keith, Jared Townsend, and Jeremy Matthews.

Photo By Linda Maxwell

The DMS structure held 736 pounds. Another team also was able to support 736 pounds with its structure, and others held 711 pounds and 726 pounds.

During the placing of the weights, a skit is performed, which is judged on originality and creativity. Characters for the DMS team were David Terrell as Robin Wood, Jared Townsend as Merlin the Toy-maker, Timothy Proffitt as the Sheriff of Rottingham, and Hank Morgan and Michael Keith as the Hairy Men. Jeremy Matthews was the alternate for all characters and was on the spontaneous team. The team members wrote the script, made their costumes and built the scenery. Eight minutes is allowed for each team's performance and structure testing.

In the spontaneous portion of the contest, team members are presented with a problem or question and they are rated according to how quickly they come up with a solution. Points are given for creativity and originality, too.

The awards ceremony was held in the Lubbock Coliseum Saturday night. Entertainment was provided by the Texas Tech Pom Pon Squad, the Saddle Tramps and the Red Raider masked rider. Officials present for the ceremony were the Mayor of Lubbock, the Lubbock Schools Superintendent, and numerous representatives of Tech.

The World OM Competition will be held in June at the University of Maryland. Only first place winners may advance from state.

Thirteen first place teams will represent Texas at the World contest. Other area schools qualifying are Tubbs Elementary and Smith Elementary, both of Lubbock. Winners from other areas of the state included Dallas, Grapevine, Plano, Humble, Kingwood, Richardson and El Paso.

Police Calls

A 49-year-old Dimmitt man is out on bond on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He is charged with stabbing a Dimmitt man in an incident March 22 at 4:15 a.m. in the 600 block of East Dulin. The suspect was arrested March 30, and is out on bond. Other witnesses told police that the victim had attempted to run over them with his vehicle.

A Dimmitt man, 27, is being held on charges of burglary of a building. An incident of assault/family violence was reported to police around 4:30 p.m. Saturday. A Dimmitt woman, 31, told officers that a suspect assaulted a 19-year-old victim.

V.C. Hopson of Dimmitt Meat Co. told police that someone had broken into his business and had taken a handgun and some shells. Apparently, the gun had been used to shoot holes in the back door of the business. Value of the missing items was estimated at \$153.

B.M. Nelson of Dimmitt said that items valued at \$158 were taken from his home between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. Officers said entry to the home was gained through the east door of the home.

\$200 was reported taken from a Dimmitt woman's purse in an incident around 5 p.m. Saturday.

Damages were estimated at \$125 for a window that was broken out of a travel trailer when a rock was thrown at it sometime early Tuesday. The trailer is owned by Delores Brisco of Dimmitt.

A B-B gun was blamed for damage to a window Saturday night. Gasoline valued at \$16.20 was taken from a pickup owned by the US Soil Conservation Service.

Public intoxication and resisting arrest charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 35, Tuesday afternoon.

Lions Club's Radio Day to benefit medical funds

The community response to the Dimmitt Lions Club's annual Radio Day fundraiser has been tremendous so far, and organizers of the event predict it to be a big success.

The Lions will experience a *Medical Mania* attack on April 17 when they take over the city's airwaves for the annual fundraising project. Organizer for this year's Lions Club Radio Day is Jerry Stump. The show will be live, on the air, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, April 17, on 1470-AM, KDHN Radio.

"We'll play some music and have a good time (during Radio Day)," said Boss Lion Lloyd White. But the Lions do a lot more than that.

The group has sold advertising to help finance the four-hour show and during the program the Lions will accept donations. Money raised during the program will be donated to "worthy causes," and this year the group has elected to concentrate on donating to previously established medical funds.

"We've been really pleased with the community response we've received so far," said White. "Everybody seems to be going all out to help people in the community who are in dire need of assistance."

The Lions are hoping the generosity continues on April 17 when they go "on the air."

This (Radio Day) is one of our regular money-making projects,

and we usually clear about \$1,500. In the past we've donated small amounts of money to different causes, but this year we're going to concentrate on contributing to medical funds," said White. "And every time someone calls and wants to donate to an established fund, we'll match that donation. We just ask that when you call in to donate, you are sure there is a fund set up at one of the local banks."

White said he knows medical funds have been established for Shawn Cotter, Lisa Mixson, Linda Grand, Eric Rose and Liz Sams, and if there are others set up, he would appreciate knowing.

Individuals who plan to be out of town on April 17, but still wish to donate to a fund may drop their donations off between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the *Castro County News*, 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt.

On April 17, the show will open with an explanation of what the Lions will do during the four-hour period.

"Our guys will be roaming around the town with cellular phones and they will pick up donations which are called in during the show," White said. He added that those who donate will be mentioned on the air, unless the individuals request to be anonymous donors."

He added that trivia prizes will be given away during the four-hour

period, and said the prizes have been donated by area merchants.

Radio Day is one of many fundraising projects organized by the Lions Club. The group also holds a pancake supper, Beef Appreciation Day, broom sale and magic show; and it organizes and directs the

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increase the overall residential rate will remain 13% lower than it was 10 years ago and will still be among the lowest in the state.

In another matter, the council passed a resolution supporting the efforts of the City of Shamrock in Wheeler County to construct a private prison in hopes of attracting the Texas Dept. of Corrections.

In the manager's report session, City Works Dept. head James Killough reported on a recent meeting concerning landfill regulations. Killough said that the City of Tulia and Dimmitt are both making an effort to keep their landfill operations.

Killough told the council that the new water pumps south of town should be ready to go on line soon after the completion of a final testing of water quality for the Water Commission.

He also told the council that he is trying to find the source of possible dumping of excess pollutants into the city sewer system. He said the effluent at the city sewage processing plant has much too high of a BOD reading. The Biological Oxygen Demand reading means the level of oxygen needed to process the amount of pollutants present. The plant is allowed to have a BOD of 100 at the sewer plant after treatment of the sewage water. However, Killough said the count has consistently reached levels of around 200.

The council agreed to present a rough cost estimate for extending sewer services to homes on the west side of Western Circle Drive after representatives of the residential area requested annexation into the city in order to obtain sewer services.

The council told the people that existing structures, if the annexation is granted, would be allowed to come into the city as they are. However, any changes or new construction would have to meet the city codes.

It was also noted that mobile home parks already existing could remain, but could not be expanded, and any mobile homes moved in after annexation would have to meet the requirements of the mobile home ordinance.

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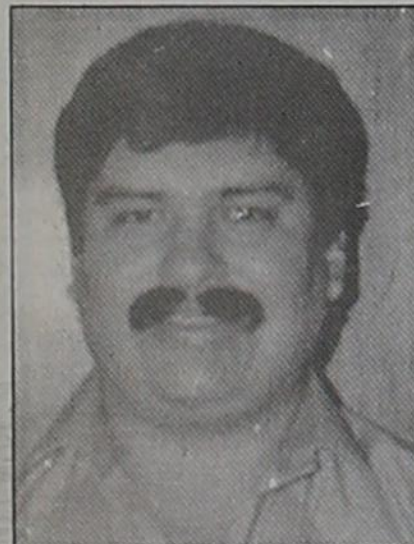
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RIBBON CUTTING ceremonies were held Tuesday morning to open The Pancake House on North Broadway. The business, owned by Bea Acker and Monte Adams, will serve breakfast and lunches seven days a week. On hand for the ceremony were (from left) Max Newman,

Neal Bryan, Bill Gregory, B.M. Nelson, Father Norbert Choong, Wayne Collins, Francis Acker, Sharon Cline, Bea Acker, Dorothy Hopson, Monte Adams, George Sides, Diane Adams, Deanne Clark, Mary Acker, Delores Heller and Bettye Wallace. Photo by Deana McLain

Farmers may launch air attack on tough weeds

Texas farmers and ranchers have a new option to control weeds this spring in hard-to-reach areas in pastureland and rangeland.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the aerial application of Ally herbicide, giving farmers more flexibility in keeping weeds like musk thistle, a noxious weed, from spreading in fields and reducing beef production. Registered for use on pasture and rangeland for the past three years, the herbicide had been labeled for ground application only.

"Being able to control weeds by air is an important option to beef producers," said Reginald Young, DuPont product manager.

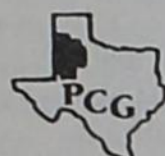
"Aerial application gives producers more flexibility in their weed control programs to maximize production," said Young. "For example, they can now cover rugged terrain to keep weeds from getting established and becoming a source of later problems. It also helps them with large acreages where spraying is impractical with ground equipment. And it gives them greater flexibility to work around unfavorable weather and wet field conditions."

A broadleaf herbicide, Ally is

used by producers in the spring to control problem weeds including musk thistle, bolting musk thistle, common broomweed, maretail, pigweed, kochia, cocklebur, wild carrot and buckbrush. Other advantages include crop safety, low use rates, reduced pesticide load to the environment, a wide application window and residual activity.

Specialists note that weed control is an important part of an overall pasture management program to maximize forage and beef production.

"By eliminating broadleaf weeds using herbicides, the yield and quality of the available forage increases," Young said. "Producers can run more head of livestock per acre and realize an increased daily gain. And since there is no grazing restriction, even for lactating dairy animals, producers don't have to worry about the problems of moving stock."



Cotton Talks

Members of the Texas State Support Committee met March 30 in Dallas to give preliminary approval to research projects submitted for funding through the state support program of Cotton Inc.

According to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Texas is estimated to receive slightly over \$600,000 in state support money to fund research projects in 1994. Approximately \$160,000 of this money was approved to fund regional projects important to the High Plains.

The state support program also approved a number of statewide projects totaling slightly more than \$340,000. The remaining funds will be divided between other Texas cotton areas to fund their own regional projects.

Cotton Incorporated's state support funds make up 5% of Cotton Inc.'s overall yearly budget and are distributed to each cotton-producing state based upon its percentage of the previous year's crop. The committee selected projects and funding levels based on Cotton Inc.'s estimate of Texas funds available in 1994.

The committee considered a total of 82 projects and selected 10 for

statewide funding in 1994. Six proposals were selected for funding as regional projects for the High Plains.

"This year we were once again under the gun to select a limited number of projects from an outstanding field of proposals," said Tullia's Larry Nelson, vice chairman of the state support program.

The amount of quality research that we are able to fund is definitely good news for producers in this area as well as those from other areas of the state, added Nelson.

High Plains projects funded for 1994 range from a variety of profitability improvement projects to the evaluation of Texas cotton's spinning performance using modern textile equipment.

Representatives from High Plains certified producer organizations met March 24 to evaluate and rank proposals specific to this area in preparation for the meeting in Dallas.

Plains Cotton Growers Inc. will hold its 36th annual meeting next Thursday, April 15, at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Registration will begin at 8:45 a.m. and the program will start at 9:15 a.m.

Farmers, ranchers urged to complete ag census

If all farmers and ranchers are not counted in the Census of Agriculture, decisions on farm programs, agriculture trade, Extension programs and others will suffer.

That's why farmers and ranchers are being asked to complete and return their 1992 Census of Agriculture form.

If someone needs help on questions, or if they need a form, they can call toll-free, 1-800-233-6132.

The data from the Census of Agriculture is essential in allocating billions in agriculture funds every year.

A few examples of why an undercount in the census could be detrimental to every farmer and rancher in this country follow:

- ◆ The distribution of Extension program funds depends on the census.
- ◆ The number of acres of cropland that can be put into the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) in your county is based on the census.
- ◆ Funds for farm disaster relief are tied to data from the census.
- ◆ Farm loan money available to states and counties depends on the numbers in the census.

In addition, the government's negotiators on agriculture commodity trade rely heavily on the census data. If the information is understated, then American producers may not get the best benefits possible from current trade negotiations.

According to George Pierce, assistant chief of the Census Bureau's Agriculture Division, more than 75% of America's farmers and ranchers have completed and returned their census report. Others have requested time extensions until they complete their tax returns. But there are still quite a few that haven't been heard from.

Response in some states and counties is better than others, Pierce said.

"What does this mean? Those states and counties with the greatest undercount may not receive their share of agricultural programs, funding, trade considerations, educational funds and consideration in Congress," Pierce said.

"What we also think has happened is that a lot of people who are no longer actively farming pitched their forms in the trash. That's human nature. But we need to know who's not farming and we ask that those people send the form back indicating their situation," he continued. "Meanwhile, the slow returns from non-farmers combined with farmers and ranchers who haven't mailed back their forms

Velasquez to compete at regional

Norma Velasquez of Hart will compete in the Region 1-A literary meet after placing third in Feature Writing at the district meet last week.

Several Hart students placed in the meet, including Hermalinda Pantoja, fourth in Current Events and Issues; Jayson Wilhelm, fifth in Number Sense; Sheila Aalbers, sixth in Calculator Applications; and the number sense team including Wilhelm, Vincent Lopez and Chris Dotson, second overall.

keeps the returns below the level we need to publish complete and accurate data.



CAPITOL HILL VISIT—Carl King of Dimmitt (second from left), chairman of the American Corn Growers Association, was one of several ACGA officials who met in Washington with various government leaders including South Dakota Congressman Tim Johnson (center). Others joining

King were (from left) Dan Hines of Wester Groves, Mo., Gary Goldberg of Kearney, Neb., and Bert Williams of Farwell, Con. Johnson is chairman of the agriculture subcommittee on general farm commodities in the US House of Representatives.

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Obituaries

Lorena Cates

Services for Lorena Cates, 76, of Dimmitt, were held Sunday afternoon in Dimmitt's First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, and Van Earl Hughes, retired minister, officiating.

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

Mrs. Cates died at 8:30 a.m. Friday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

She was born in Rising Star and lived in Plainview before moving to Dimmitt in 1937. She married Dero Cates on Aug. 5, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, the Women's Missionary Union of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Kelton "Butch" and Jan Cates of Ulysses, Kan.; a daughter, Darlene Wooten of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Dudley Wooten, Jason Wooten, Rusty Wooten, Randy Bills, Bruce Bills, Curt Bills, Chris Loftis, Ty Cates and Greg George.

Honorary pallbearers were Rex Wooten, Donald Wright, Wesley Smith, Gene Bradley, Donny Nelson, Gerald Summers, Gene Reid, Jerry Moncrief, Don Reynolds and Jimmie Howell.

The family requests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, 1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt 79027.

Mary Dooley

Mary A. Dooley, 86, of Dimmitt, died Friday in Canterbury Villa Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Sunday afternoon in Northside Baptist Church in Abernathy with Rev. Darvey Lavendar officiating, assisted by Rev. Gary Martin.

Burial followed in Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dooley was born in Collin

County and she married C.O. Dooley on Nov. 16, 1926, in Fannin County. He died on Aug. 17, 1967. She moved from Abernathy to Dimmitt in 1985. She was a member of Northside Baptist Church in Abernathy and was a Sunday school teacher.

Survivors include a daughter, Louise Stone of Dimmitt; three granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.

Sister Mary Noreen Foster

Rosary was recited Tuesday for Sister Mary Noreen Foster, 78, of Canyon, former Nazareth teacher.

Services were held Wednesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon with Rev. Pat Carathers, pastor, officiating.

Memorial services were held Wednesday in St. Scholastica Monastery at Fort Smith, Ark.

Sister Foster died Saturday.

She was born and raised in Sedalia, Mo. and worked for Bell Telephone Co. prior to entering St. Scholastica Monastery at Fort Smith in 1947. She made her vows in 1950.

She received a bachelor's degree at St. Mary's College in Xavier, Kan., and her master's degree in music from University of Arkansas. She taught music in Nazareth, Amarillo, Canyon, Missouri, Fort Smith and Little Rock, Ark. She also worked in pastoral ministry at Kansas City, Mo.

Survivors include a sister, Sister Charles Marie Foster of Canyon.

The family requests memorials be to St. Benedict Monastery Building Fund, 2100 Fifth Ave., Canyon 79015.

Keith Kleman

Services for Keith Edward Kleman, 29, of Tulia, relative of several Nazareth residents, were held Wednesday afternoon in the Church of the Holy Spirit in Tulia with Msgr. Harold Waldow, chaplain of St. Anthony's Hospice and

Life Enrichment Center; and Rev. John Salazar, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home, also of Tulia.

Mr. Kleman was born in Canyon and had been a Swisher County resident most of his life. He married Kyn Rolen in 1984 in Tulia. He was a Snap-On tool salesman and a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Erin Kleman of the home; a son, Travis Kleman of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Urban Kleman of Tulia; four sisters, Brenda Gunnels of Tulia, Cheryl Green of Leoti, Kan., Wanda Vineyard of New Home and Melissa Albracht of Clovis, N.M.; and a brother, Keith Wayne Kleman of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, Box 950, Amarillo, 79176-0001.

More about Lions . . .

Lions . . .

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Harvest Days parade each year. White said the organization donates an average of \$15,000 to various organizations and causes in the community each year.

Among these projects are the Meals on Wheels program (Lions also help deliver meals), furnishing eyeglasses for needy, awarding scholarships, donating to the adult literacy project, War on Drugs, Ministerial Alliance, Chamber of Commerce, family aid projects and Boy Scouts.

"We want to be visible in the community," White said.

Students who are interested in applying for the scholarships should contact George Rasor at Dimmitt Middle School for an application and a list of qualifications, White said.

More about

'It doesn't get better . . .'

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after beating Ohio State.

"It was very emotional — everybody was crying and hugging everyone else. We were just so happy. Then we got to go up in the stands and I got to hug my parents right after the game. That was very special to me. I was really glad they were there to watch."

Johnson's parents, N. Dean and Agatha Johnson of Nazareth, along with her aunt, Martha Morris of Wellington, traveled to Atlanta to cheer the Lady Raiders on over the weekend.

"It's still hard to believe. I'm just thrilled Noel could be a part of this," said Dean Johnson. "The girls had a determined look on their faces prior to Sunday's final game. They didn't seem to be nervous at all."

But the Lady Raiders were nervous.

Johnson said she felt "jittery" during Saturday's semifinal game, but once the team started rolling and things began working, she was able to settle down.

She contributes the Lady Raiders success to their compatibility on and off the court.

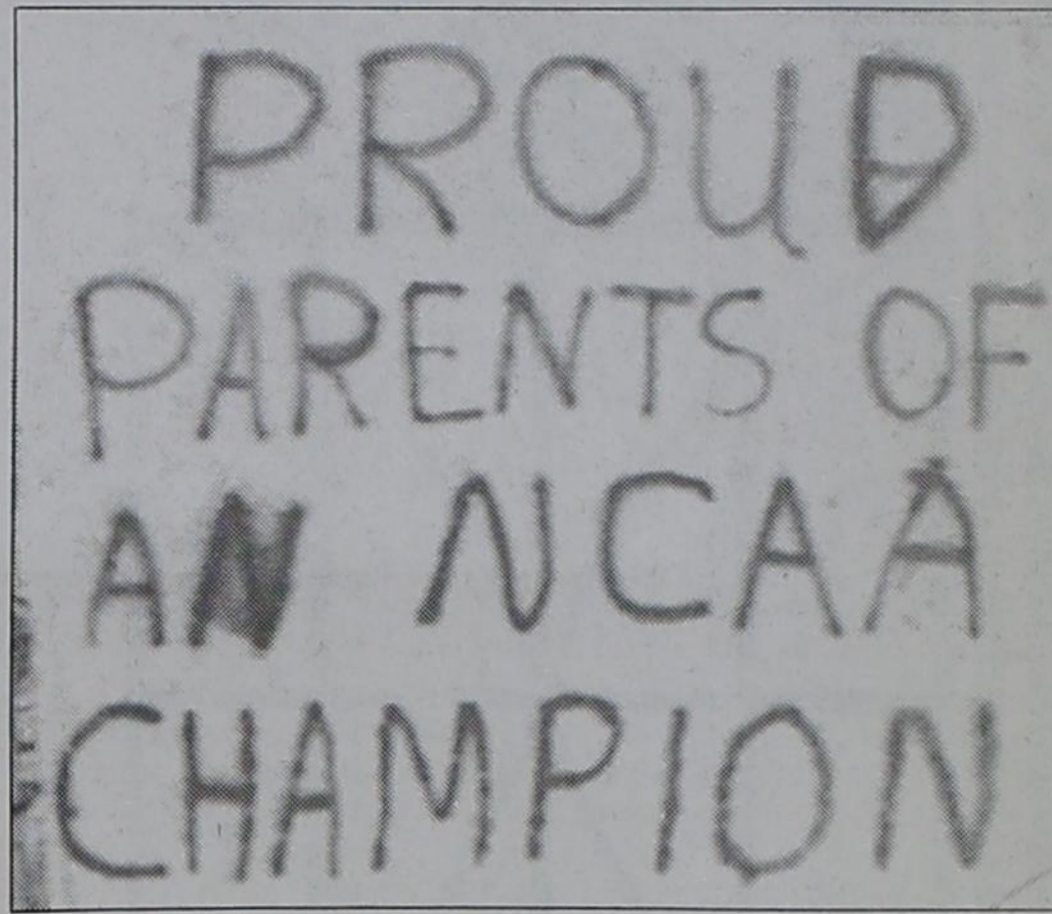
"We believed in working together and we are friends. Everything just seemed to come together when we needed it too, and Coach Sharp and the rest of the coaching staff were always there when we needed them."

The Lady Raiders' leading scorer, Sheryl Swoopes, has received almost every honor in women's basketball, including being named the NCAA Player of the Year this year, and Johnson says it's a thrill to play with her.

"Sheryl's very competitive and very smart. She's really fun to hang around," Johnson said. "And I love to pass her the ball and wait to see what she'll do next. She's really super."

But Swoopes isn't the only Lady Raider to earn honors this year.

Johnson was named to the all-West Regional team and was the Whataburger Player of the Week on Jan. 9 after she sank three straight three-pointers at the end of the game in a losing effort against Utah.



THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT, N. Dean and Agatha Johnson of Nazareth are proud of their daughter, Noel, and the Texas Tech Lady Raiders for winning the NCAA Division I national championship Sunday. A sign proclaiming their pride was hung on the side of their house Monday. Noel Johnson, a graduate of Nazareth High School, is the Lady Raiders' starting point guard.

Photo by Anne Acker

Johnson averaged 8.9 points, 3.8 rebounds, 3.7 assists and two steals per game for the Lady Raiders. She shot 46.6% from the field and was 42.2% accurate from three-point range. Johnson also made 72.3% of her free throws this season. Her season scoring high came against Texas Christian University on Feb. 27, when she popped 22 points.

In Saturday's semifinal game against Vanderbilt, Johnson scored six points, nabbed six caroms, and recorded two assists and a steal. She had similar stats in Sunday's championship game, scoring eight points, two assists and a steal.

One of her biggest plays of the game was an assist, which she describes as a "Hail Mary pass."

Ohio State had made a run at Tech late in the game and had taken over the lead before Johnson hit a 15-foot jumper to put Tech back on top. Ohio State was within a point of Texas Tech when 6-2 Tech post Cynthia Clinger turned a lob pass from Johnson into a three-point play that gave Tech a 73-69

edge. "I was praying the minute that pass left my hands," Johnson said. "Cynthia turned it into a great play."

Johnson said the biggest play of the game was when Swoopes penetrated and scored on a layup, then made it a three-point play after she was fouled and canned the free throw to put Tech up 80-73 with 58 seconds left to play.

"When Sheryl converted that three-point play, I just sighed with relief, because I knew we were going to win it," Johnson said.

What's up next for Johnson and the Lady Raiders?

They will lose Swoopes, Clinger and another all-tournament selection, Krista Kirkland, to graduation.

"We'll have a lot of rebuilding to do, but we've got a lot of good players who will return next year. We've been to the top and we know what it takes to get there. I think we know what we want to do next year—win it again."

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