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Swiftettes win gold in mile relay at state

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By Don Nelson

The rumbling started at the first of the year, after we reported Dimmitt's official rainfall for 1994: 20.13 inches.

It developed into a full-blown storm when the *News* repeated that official total in the April 20 issue, in a feature story about how dry the soil was for planting.

"Where did you get that 20-inch figure?" several farmers demanded to know. "We didn't get half that much rain last year!"

Well, we got the total from Dimmitt's official US Weather Observer, KDHN's Wayne Collins, who is so danged honest and trustworthy that he was just elected mayor for the umpteenth time. And His Honor got it from the official, calibrated, American-made US Government rain gauge three miles north of town, which he checks every morning at 7.

When I put Collins on the spot about it, he defended his figures.

"I know it sounds crazy, and I know how dry it's been in most of the county," he said, "but that's what the gauge at the station recorded."

Then he resorted to a time-honored mayoral custom: statistics.

"The 1.03 we got May 3 was the first significant rain since April 3, when we had .25. Before that, we got .13 on March 7. Our total for all of February was just .04. In January we had .18 on the 5th and .02 on the 9th.

"The last time we had more than an inch in one day was last Sept. 15...."

"Are you sure somebody didn't play tricks on you last year?" I asked. "You know, somebody like a neighbor? Like Bruce Fuller, maybe?"

"Oh gosh—don't even give him the idea!" he pleaded.

"Honest, the rainfall has been there, and the figures have been

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STATE CHAMPIONS!—The Nazareth Swiftettes mile relay team bested the field at the Class A track meet Saturday in Austin and brought home the state championship trophy and gold medals. Nazareth won the race in a time of 4:10.32. Pictured, from left, are

Coach Kathy Lane, alternate Amy Pohlmeier, Trina Johnson, Misti Ball, Tanya Wethington, Melinda Schmucker and Coach Johnny Hampton.

Photo by LaDawn Schulte

Nazareth's girls blew away the field Saturday to take the gold medals in the prestige event at the UIL State Track Meet at Austin.

The Swiftettes won the mile relay in an easy 4:10.32.

The only other county athlete to earn a medal in Austin, Melinda Schmucker, anchored the winning team. The win in the mile relay came an hour after she finished second to Kandice Holaman of Zephyr in the 400.

After Trina Johnson opened the mile relay for the Naz girls, she handed off to Misti Ball in fourth place. Ball overtook the three people in front of her during her lap around the track at Memorial Stadium and gave the baton to Tanya Wethington on Saturday afternoon with a small lead.

By the time Wethington finished her 400 meters the Swiftettes were 10 meters or more in front. That's when hearts went up in a few

throats: Wethington and Schmucker missed connections on the first attempt to pass the baton. They were far enough in front to afford the fumble, and Schmucker raced to a comfortable victory.

The only race was for second, which Munday won in 4:14.18. Jarrell was .20 second behind for third, while Lindsay was another .05 second off and settled for fourth.

Rocksprings was fifth and Celeste finished sixth.

An hour earlier, Schmucker came from fourth place to earn the silver medal in the 400 meters.

Schmucker won the silver medal two years ago as a freshman and was disappointed with her fifth place finish in Austin last year. She came off the final curve in fourth and raced past Anita Gonzales of Rocksprings and Emilee Rice of Smyer to claim second. Schmucker's time was a personal-best 58.68.

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Industrial Arts projects rate Dimmitt first in state

Five of Dimmitt High School's Industrial Arts projects earned "Best in Division" honors at the state Technology Student Association contest in Waco last week.

Those five awards, along with nine other first-place awards, boosted Dimmitt to a first-place team finish in Class AAA.

The Dimmitt club's restored 1961 Chevrolet Pickup was voted "Best in Division" and tied for "Best in State" honors.

Other projects earning "Best in Division" honors were Linda Trigo's curio cabinet, Rachel Ramirez's entertainment center, Christy Reyes' corner curio cabinet and Stephan Villanueva with a Power/Transportation System in Graphic Solutions.

Villanueva also created an automobile console which earned first-place honors.

Also earning first-place awards were Erica Cavazos with a wall unit, Gracie Martinez with a chest of drawers, Petra Vidal with a standing mirror, Ruth Torres with a poster

bed, Zak Felts with a wall unit and Jayson Heck with a pair of small tables.

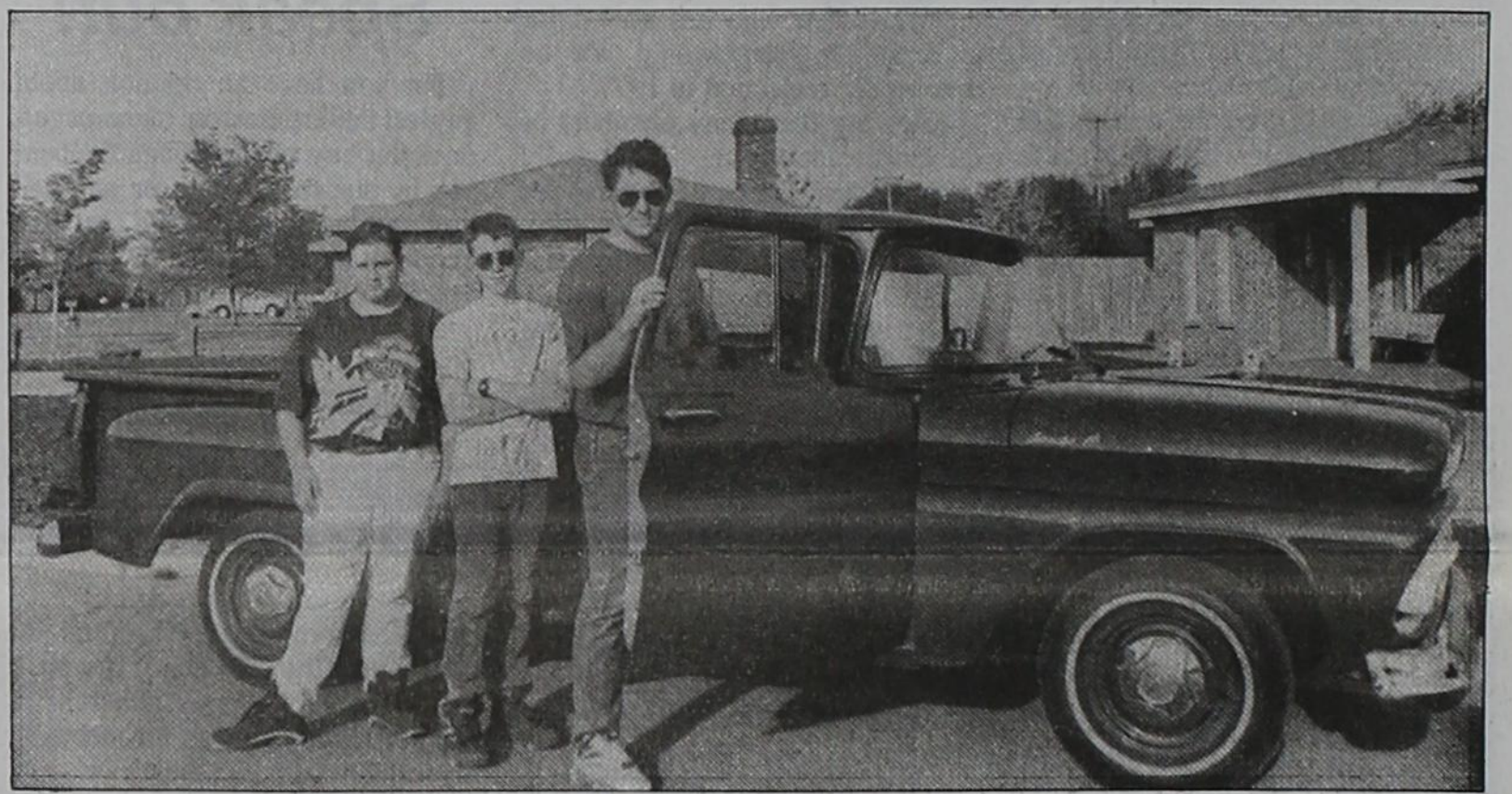
Dimmitt entered the soap box derby race and finished first in the high school division. The race was sponsored by the Texas Technology Student Association Alumni.

Here's a rundown of how Dimmitt students fared at the state meet:

WOODWORKING I: Linda Trigo with a curio cabinet, Rachel Ramirez with an entertainment center and Christy Reyes with a corner curio cabinet, all first places and "Best in Division" awards; Stephan Villanueva, first place, automobile console; Erica Cavazos, first place, wall unit; Gracie Martinez, first place, chest of drawers; and Eddie Maldonado, second place, china hutch.

WOODWORKING II: Petra Vidal, first place, standing mirror; Ruth Torres, first place, poster bed; and Zak Felts, first place, wall unit.

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THIS 1961 CHEVROLET PICKUP restored by the Dimmitt Technology Student Association earned first-place, "Best in Division" and tied for "Best in State" honors at the state TSA contest in Waco. Dimmitt students entered several woodworking, metal working and other contests and claimed several

first places and "Best in Division" honors which boosted the school to the overall state title in Class AAA. Pictured with the club project are TSA students (from left) Bradley Kinser, Jayson Heck and Eric Kinser.

Photo by Anne Acker

Hey, kids!

We know that this is TEST TIME, and maybe the last thing you want is ANOTHER TEST! This one could be worth a 2-liter soft drink, and may be worth \$200! Plus, all the answers are in this paper! See the News Quiz, Page 2!

Still need rain

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

Thursday	..... 72	..... 46
Friday	..... 77	..... 47
Saturday	..... 87	..... 54
Sunday	..... 89	..... 48
Monday	..... 83	..... 48
Tuesday	..... 87	..... 51
Wednesday	..... 87	..... 55
May moisture	..... 1.57	
1995 moisture	..... 2.64	

NHS to graduate 17 Friday

Nazareth High School will award diplomas to 17 seniors during commencement services Friday night at Swift Stadium.

The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. with the processional and invocation by Father Neal Dee.

Salutatorian of the graduating class is Scott Brockman (97.46 grade point average) and he will deliver the salutatory address. Then valedictorian Karmen Pohlmeier (98.25 GPA) will deliver her address.

Special speaker will be American Field Service (AFS) exchange student Judith Nieves, who has spent the 1994-95 school year in Nazareth with the Joe and Jeanette Johnson family. Commencement speaker will be Keith Birkenfeld.

Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson will present scholarships and special awards. NISD Board President Henry Ramaeckers will award diplomas to the graduating seniors.

After the benediction by Father Neal Dee, the class song, *Glory Days*, will be performed as the recessional.

Hart High School will hold its commencement exercises next Thursday, May 25, at 8 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening at 7 at Hart's First Baptist Church.

Dimmitt will hold its high school graduation on Friday, May 26, at 8 p.m. at Bobcat Stadium.

Graduation schedules
 Friday: Nazareth, Swift Field, 7 p.m.
 May 25: Hart, Longhorn Stadium, 8 p.m.
 May 26: Dimmitt, Bobcat Stadium, 8 p.m.

Next week we'll honor all of our county's graduates with our special **Graduation Edition!**

North Gin earns award for business from US Sen. Gramm

North Gin was recognized as an outstanding small business Thursday in a special ceremony at the gin north of Dimmitt.

Ed Hodges, with US Sen. Phil Gramm's regional office in Dallas, presented North Gin Manager Jim Bradford with a 1995 Small Business Achievement Award. The award was presented in commemoration of National Small Business Appreciation Week.

"This is an award that singles out the accomplishments of many people over many generations that have been associated with this gin," Bradford said.

Present owners of North Gin include Mildred, Jack and Jim

Bradford and Donald Wright. The gin was built in 1957 by Horace Barton and W.D. Revell. The gin was bought in 1958 by G.W. and James Bradford, J.B. Dimen, George Gabel, Truvis Campbell, Jim Golding and J.E. Trotter. Owners in 1981 were G.W. and James Bradford, Donald Wright and Bill Birdwell. Birdwell served as gin manager for 31 years before retiring in 1990.

The gin averaged 4,877 bales from 1977-1989 and has increased the average to 9,000 bales over the past five years. The best year was the 1994 season, when the gin ran 12,000 bales over a 60-day period.



NORTH GIN EARNS RECOGNITION—Ed Hughes (left), representing US Sen. Phil Gramm, presents an Outstanding Small Business Award to Jim Bradford, manager of North Gin. The recognition was last Thursday at the gin as part of National Small Business Week. Photo by John Brooks

Abatement ending will cut taxes

County taxpayers may be getting a bigger break on their taxes over the next two years.

Tax abatements granted to American Maize-Products Co. will expire this year and next, beefing up county tax rolls.

An abatement for a \$3.5 million project will end this year. Next year, half of the abatement for a \$31 million project will expire for the plant's major expansion project that converted the original corn starch processing side of the plant into a more lucrative fructose manufacturing facility.

Together, the two will add about \$15 million to the county's tax rolls, said Jerry Heller, chief appraiser for the Castro County Tax Appraisal District office in Dimmitt.

"This should mean a significant decrease in taxes for everyone," Heller said Monday. "This will be the first really significant rise in property values in a while. We have been holding our own, but our values have not increased in a while."

The biggest impact will be on persons living in the Dimmitt city limits, but all taxpayers in the county

should get some benefits over the next two years.

For the City of Dimmitt, the tax roll value will go up \$35,500 by next year, a 13% increase based on current tax rates.

The value of the end of the abatements for the Dimmitt Independent School Districts is \$176,000. That makes a 7% increase in the school's tax income at the present rate.

The move will also add another \$113,000 to the coffers of the county, Castro County Hospital District and the High Plains

Underground Water Conservation District. That is 4% of their total roll at the current rates.

Most taxpayers will probably see a decrease in their taxes over the next two years. Taxing entities generally may raise their rates only 8% above the rate needed to raise the same money from ad valorem taxes as the year before.

For example, if an entity has a tax rate of \$1.20 to raise \$2.25 million from property taxes and the amount increases to \$2.4 million, the rate should go down. Leaving it the same would be a 6.25% increase.

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Austin Notebook

By SEN. TOM HAYWOOD
State Dist. 30

During my campaign to serve as your state Senator, I told a story about my beginning in public service which many people found fairly humorous. It came in handy the first time I was introduced to an audience that wasn't familiar with me. As many of you already know, I have a mild form of Parkinson's disease which slows my speech somewhat. I explained my slow tongue by telling the story of watching a smooth-talking professional politician grandstanding at a rally. After watching his performance, I looked to heaven and said, "Lord, please make sure that I never become a fast-talking politician." It was that exact moment that I'm sure I contracted Parkinson's!

Seriously, though, I am glad that I will never be classified as a fast-talking politician. After being in Austin for four months, I even further appreciate my lack of political sheen. It is amazing to see what the professional politicians in this city will do to protect their own hides. One prime example came to pass this week with the destruction of legislation which would have enacted term limits for state officeholders.

From day one, I have been very upfront about my support for term limits. During my campaign, I signed the Texans for Term Limitations pledge and made a vow to my constituents to obey the term limits bill, regardless of whether or not it passed. Aside from my personal belief in their value, statistics show that the Texans I represent also support term limits. A poll published earlier this year by Harte-

Hanks Communications, which writes for several of our district newspapers including Wichita Falls, Denton and Abilene, showed that 77% of Texans favor term limits.

In an earlier *Austin Notebook* column, I discussed my support for the Senate version of the term limits bill, which we overwhelmingly passed and sent to the House in February. Our bill was plain and simple: legislators and statewide officials were limited to 12 years of service in any one office. The clock would start at the next statewide election. We sent the bill over to the House with hopes that the legislators would listen to their constituents and enact term limits.

This week, the House committee assigned to consider and report on the term limits bill pulled a "professional politician" maneuver on the voters of Texas. It could be better described as a sneaky trick. While they appeared to pass a term limits bill, they instead insured that term limits are dead in the water, at least for this session.

Instead of concurring with the Senate bill, which plainly and simply established 12-year limits, the House version added a clause which would have made those limits retroactive. Every member of the legislature who has served for at least 12 years would not be running for reelection in 1997.

Knowing that many members of the House and Senate would gladly vote for term limits, but would not vote to kick themselves out of a job within 18 months, the House State Affairs Committee unanimously passed the bill with the retroactive

provision. It was sent to the full House, where it will likely never even be considered.

This slick strategy enables those responsible for this ploy to claim to the voters that they tried to pass a term limits bill, when in actuality, they purposefully added the retroactivity clause to insure the bill's death. I'm betting that the citizens of Texas are smarter than that.

Unfortunately, there is nothing more we can do this session to try to enact this legislation. But there should be efforts made to hold the legislators who killed this bill accountable. You can bet your bottom dollar that when reelection comes around for these career politicians, the voters will be given information from strong advocacy groups such as Texans for Term Limits. It will then be in the hands of the citizens of Texas to show these professional politicians what term limits are all about.

I will never claim to be a perfect Senator. I will make my mistakes just like we all do from time to time. But I guarantee to every voter in the 30th District that I will always be honest and upfront. If that means being a slow-talking, common sense straight-shooter, then so be it.

Speak out!

Do you have an opinion about any of the articles on these pages, or about any of the things happening in our local, state or national government? Write and tell us about it. (*Castro County News*, P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt, 79027.)

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, contact us for a list of where you can write or call them as well.



State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — SB 1 — the 1,210-page measure that would overhaul Texas' public education system — is mired in a House-Senate conference committee over the sticky subject of a private school voucher program.

The committee of 10 remained deadlocked after voting on a motion to approve the voucher program. Sen. Greg Luna, D-San Antonio, joined five House members on the committee in voting to strip the program from the bill.

Opponents say school vouchers would drain money from public schools, while supporters contend that vouchers would help low-income parents enroll their children in private schools.

Gov. George W. Bush favors a school voucher program "as part of a menu to encourage innovation and change in the schools," said his spokeswoman, Karen Hughes.

Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, author of the bill and joint committee co-chairman, said he feels optimistic that the measure will pass.

However, Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, the other co-chairman, said House members on the joint committee should continue to support the 83-63 floor vote against the voucher plan.

Term Limits Near Death?

The chairman of the powerful House Calendars Committee said

last week it is doubtful he will let the term-limit bill out of his committee.

"I'm not overly optimistic," Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, said, calling the measure nothing more than "dumbing down democracy."

A week earlier, the House State Affairs Committee approved a proposal to impose 12-year limits retroactively, meaning 31 of the 181 current legislators couldn't seek re-election.

A spokesman for Texans for Term Limitations also expressed doubt that the proposed constitutional amendment has a chance to pass the House.

"We haven't picked out a coffin yet, but this bill is certainly on life-support thanks to the games played by certain members of the House," said Mark Sanders.

Sanders said the term-limits group never advocated making the restrictions retroactive and called the House plan a gimmick designed to draw opposition.

Elder Bush Quits NRA

A National Rifle Association fund-raising letter mailed in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing so outraged former President George Bush, he dropped his lifetime membership in the organization over references in the letter to federal agents as "jack-booted government thugs."

In a letter dated May 3 to NRA President Thomas Washington, Bush said, "Your broadside against federal agents deeply offends my own sense of decency and honor, and it offends my concept of service to country," the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

Bush made specific references to two former Secret Service agents who served on his presidential security detail who were serving as agents for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms when they died in the April bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

Bush characterized agents Steve Willis and Al Whicher as decent,

honorable men, and not "Nazis," as the NRA letter alluded in its blanket portrayal of federal agents.

NRA officials did not apologize about language in the fund-raising letter. In fact, NRA second vice president Neal Knox said, "a lot of NRA members would be delighted that Bush has resigned from the group," the *Chronicle* reported.

Coastal Plan Gets Nod

The Texas House has tentatively approved an overhauled coastal management plan that supporters believe will satisfy concerns about the authority of the plan's administrative council.

The bill, by Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, requires a final vote before going to the Senate.

The plan, designed to preserve natural resources on the Texas Gulf Coast, was sent to the federal government for approval, but in March Gov. Bush ordered it pulled it from the approval process, calling the plan an extra layer of bureaucracy.

Other Highlights

■ More than half of the women inmates in state prisons are dependent on alcohol or other drugs, according to a Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse study released last week. In addition, 40 percent of the 500 women inmates surveyed claim to have been drunk or high on drugs at the time of the offense that led to their imprisonment.

■ Gov. Bush has signed into law a bill allowing Texas to opt out of a federal banking plan. Under the measure, the state would reject a new federal law that allows national banks to open branches in any state without having to meet those state's regulatory requirements.

■ Education Commissioner Mike Moses will get a pay raise of about \$18,000 under legislation unanimously approved by the Senate last week. The bill, sent to the House for consideration, would boost Moses' salary to \$156,014. The pay raise was sought by Gov. Bush, who appointed Moses.

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Correction

Dr. Raymond Perkins is a retired chaplain from a large hospital in Oklahoma City. He is not the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Moore, Okla., as was erroneously reported last week in the *News*. The *News* regrets the error.



Last Puzzle Solution
A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in. The words include: VACATION, THAD, COLE, ELLA, PLEDGEHAZING, RED, ALIPAROUND, ER, TRES, PISTON, SAFARI, DORE, KASE, MA, ANANVILLINA, WUTH, HA, ARMEDFRY, AHHA, REDS, MINE, TWOBIT, MAMIE, STUN, YIPES, NODICE, YET, SEAPLANES, ENDEAVOR, QRMV, NITIP, TINS, TIG.

News Quiz

This newspaper quiz for prizes is open to all students in the county. All the answers are in this issue. After completing the test, deliver it or mail it to the *Castro County News*, 108 W. Bedford St., P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027. Tests will be graded at 4 p.m. Monday. All test sheets with perfect scores will go into a drawing Tuesday for a free 2-liter soft drink, and the winner will be notified. Each week's winning test will go into a drawing for a \$200 Grand Prize to be held in November.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Tracy Grand.

- 1. Who will provide the worship service Sunday morning at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home?
- 2. What DHS industrial arts student won first place in state for his automobile console?
- 3. Who ran the second leg on Nazareth High School's state championship girls' mile relay team?
- 4. What would your monthly payment be on a new Ford Windstar van from Muleshoe Motors?
- 5. What is the Annual Percentage Yield on an Individual Retirement Account at the First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch?

- 6. How many wedding invitations are in this issue of the paper?
- 7. Who was baptized Sunday morning at the First United Methodist Church?
- 8. Does Gov. George W. Bush favor or oppose state vouchers for private school students?
- 9. Who are the District 2-AAA junior high girls' doubles tennis champions?
- 10. Who is the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist featured in the *News*?

Name _____
Mailing Address _____
Phone _____

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ACROSS
1 TXism: 'tow' (burial bag)
5 James Bowie's Alamo bed (2 wds.)
6 NM resort where many Texans ski
7 Aikman's alma mater
8 offensive line position (abbr.)
9 TXism: 'rile up'
12 in Orange: The Stark Museum
17 this Fay played role of TX Bonnie Parker
20 TXism: 'hard as dodging' a wedding
22 TXism: 'hot' griddle
23 TXism: 'blotter' (cattle thief)
24 TX Ivory Joe tune: 'I Almost ___ Mind'
29 Fort Bliss location: Lanoria
30 slippery critters
31 TXism: 'lasted as long as a June bug ___ house'
32 UT has the desk of ___ Allan Poe
36 San Antonio river transport: water
37 lighted sight at Mesquite hot air festival (2 wds.)
43 2nd Rangers game of a double-header
45 TX pianist Harvey ___ Van Cliburn
47 with 12-down, TX Gilley tune: 'A Head ___ Tomorrow...'
48 'two-bit' horse (2 wds.)
50 TX custom boot ___ are in demand
51 TXism: '___ a lick' (none)
52 TXism: '___ the cows come home' (long time)
53 TXism: 'dot the ___ cross the 's' (finalize)
54 sixteen wheeler
55 relative of 13-down?
56 The Flower Gardens are coral ___ off Galveston
58 TCU BB coach Moe
59 TXism: '___ eye' (liquor)
60 in Upshur Co. on 259: ___ City
DOWN
1 TX Willie hosted NBC's '___ Live' in '93
2 TXism: 'steppin' like a barefoot boy in ___ patch'
3 TX Joe Don Baker's '___ Hand Luke'
4 San Antonio AM
9 TXism: 'feel like ___ chewed up and spit out' (aching)
10 ex-Ranger 1st base
11 'Lonesome Dove' character: Pea-
12 end of title in 47-across: '___ Heartache Tonight'
13 Muleshoe, TX has a mule monument made of ___
14 land measure
15 TXism: 'the ___ McCoy' (genuine)
16 Padre Island sun bather acquisitions
18 U.S. Rep. Johnson was POW here
19 'Cowpokes' Reid
21 objective of Oilers & Cowboys (abbr.)
24 TX-produced kids show: 'Whir ___ gig'
25 TXism: 'fits like hide ___ a horse'
26 bath night (abbr.)
27 TXism: 'wound up tighter ___ 8-day clock' (tense)
39 Houston mayor
40 Panama president & Tech grad Demetrio
41 pecan pie baker
42 TX Tilton's '___ of Faith' church
44 'Bum' Phillips book: '___ Ain't No Bum'
46 TX Bush 'Stormin' general (init.)
49 ex-Dallas sports-caster Frank
50 Texans soldiers who didn't come home
57 TX Buddy Holly's 'Not ___ Away'

On the Go

With
Mary Edna Hendrix
647-3343

Dale and Marie Winders went to Alpine to visit their grandson, Tory Bryant, who is a student at Sul Ross State University. They drove all through the Big Bend National Park and enjoyed touring Fort Davis Army Post that has been reconstructed.

Scott and Tricia Campbell of Lubbock are the proud parents of a baby boy, Cliff Davis, who was born on May 10. He weighed 9 lbs. Weldon and Ann Rodgers and Truman and Betty Touchstone are the grandparents and Oleta Gollehon is the great-grandmother. Little Cliff has a 2-year-old brother, Conner.

The Town and Country Extension Club met on Friday morning with club members Ann Henderson, Oneida Hutto, Claudine Langford, Edith Graef, Betty Freeman, Margaret Womack and Mary Edna Hendrix attending. Oneida led in the prayer and creed. Each one answered roll call with their favorite garden delight, such as a flower or vegetable. Oneida was in charge of the program and she showed a film on canning and gave us a test on canning principles. Margaret Womack served a delicious coconut cream pie and Oneida served oatmeal raisin cookies. They sang "Happy Birthday" to Betty Freeman.

Now is the time to let any club member know if you want the Extension calendar for next year. You also can call the Extension office at 647-4115. The price this year will be \$4.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary held its annual brunch at Rhoads Memorial Library on Tuesday morning. Awards were given and new officers were installed by the president, Jackie McLeroy. She compared the officers with bees and encouraged them to keep busy. The new president is Mattie Seale, vice presidents are Irene Blanton and Lucille Drerup, secretary is Florene Leinen, treasurer is Barbara Sava, historian is Betty Freeman and reporter is Mary Edna Hendrix. Hostesses for the social hour were Wanda Murdock, Mattie Seale, Betty Freeman, Florene Leinen and Mary Edna Hendrix. They served fruit and dip, breakfast casserole, orange juice and coffee to auxiliary members and a guest, County Judge Irene Miller.

The serving table held a centerpiece of huge coral-colored satin roses.

The Baptist women met on Monday evening with Ysleta Ball presid-

ing over the meeting. Maxine Tidwell gave an interesting program on missions locally and around the world. Dorothy Hopson conducted the prayer service for the missionaries who had a birthday on that day.

Our sympathy to the families of Daryl McLain, Lurline Pope and Pat Wilson Brock.

Mrs. Derryberry called me Thursday afternoon when I got home from work at the museum. She said there were four men from Scotland and England at Richard's Town Pump and asked if I would like to come down and interview them.

They had flown from Scotland and England to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where they each bought a motorcycle. Then they started out on their tour of the United States. They went to Ocala, Panama City and then west to New Orleans, La. where they stayed for two nights. They said they were there one day before the flooding started. They drove from there to Alexandria and Natchez, then into Texas where they stayed at Nacogdoches. They drove to Dallas, then Wichita Falls before coming to Dimmitt.

After leaving Dimmitt their next stop was Clovis, N.M. They planned to go on to Denver, Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles, where they would end their tour. They told me they had spent four years planning this trip and it was a once in a lifetime experience. They planned to sell their motorcycles before flying home.

The men I talked with were George Smith, Andy McBride, Bob Charlesworth and Robert Evans.

Smith is from Scotland and his wife is Ruby. They have two daughters, Gail and Shana. The Smiths plan to tour Europe later this summer.

McBride is married to Debbie and they have two sons, Daniel and Kerry. Debbie is vacationing in Spain while Andy is in the USA.

Charlesworth is married to Kathy and they have two sons, Chris and Andy. Kathy is vacationing in Cyprus while Bob is here.

Evans' wife is Liassa and she plans to meet the group in Denver. He is the youngest of the four men.

There were many more questions I wanted to ask, but the group was ready to leave, so this is all the information I got from them. I appreciate Mrs. Derryberry calling me and letting me know the men were here.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock

cooked dinner and entertained family at the home of Wanda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Felder, in Hart, on Mother's Day. Also present were Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson of Amarillo, Dub and Joan Felder of Sunray, and Rhonda Murdock and Holly of Portales, N.M.

They all attended services at the Church of Christ where Mike Lyons was the guest preacher. Mike is preacher at Floyd, N.M. and is a friend of Rhonda's. He was invited to each lunch with the Felder family.

Brad Murdock is in Korea and he called at 3:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon, which was 5:30 Monday morning there. While he was talking, the siren sounded and he had to go without eating breakfast.

Neva Hickey was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club which met at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. The group enjoyed a salad lunch with eight women bringing a variety of foods including chicken salad and other salads. Neva served a delicious hummingbird cake.

Helen Braafladt finished with high score and Susie Reeves was second. Others playing were Elizabeth Huckabay, Johnnie Vannoy, Dude McLauren, Loranel Hamilton, Virginia Crider, Alma Kenmore, Louise Mears, Ferne Dickey, Emily Clingsmith, Ina Rae Cates, Cleo Forson, Edith Graef and Dugan Butler.

I enjoyed Mother's Day in Amarillo with my daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford and her husband, Bill, Kevin and Neely Lankford and their family, Adria, Matt and David. Their daughter, Lauren Fezell and little Caleb of Houston were there, too, since Lauren was in a friend's wedding on Saturday.

My daughter, Sue Vaughan, called me from Dallas so that made my weekend complete.

We decided to have a cookout instead of eating out on Mother's Day, so Bill went to Wal-Mart to buy groceries. While he was there he had his basket almost full and the lights went out. Store personnel told everyone to leave their carts filled with groceries and to go to another store since they didn't know when the power would be turned back on. We wondered why it was taking him so long to buy a few groceries.

Betty Freeman and Mary Cox were the birthday honorees at a luncheon last Thursday at the home of Deanne Clark. Quiche, fruit salad and asparagus with lemon fluff des-



APRIL STUDENTS HONORED AT DMS—Students of the Month for April were recently recognized at Dimmitt Middle School. Honored were fourth graders Jill Merritt and Casey Jones; fifth graders Matthew Wright and Angela Cartwright; sixth graders Rachal Harman and Kristin Welch; seventh graders Carol Summers and Daniel Flores; and eighth graders Tonya Robertson and Tony Ramos. Photo by John Brooks

sert were served to Dorothy Hopson, Carolyn Sides, Doris Flynt, Alice Cowan, Renise Blair, Vernice Green, Barbara Sava, Mary Small and Jackie McLeroy. Birthday cards were opened by the honorees.

Mothers were honored at First United Methodist Church Sunday. Kendra Shannon played a prelude, Jenna Wright performed a hymn in sign language and Jamie Mendoza sang a special solo for mothers.

Larry Duke and his daughters were visiting with the Robert Duke family.

Carly Gilbreath was baptized. The Welchses from Friona joined the Frank Wise family for lunch at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria.

Florene Knight, Margaret Parsons' sister from Oklahoma, is here visiting with Margaret while she recuperates from surgery.

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Ezell and Verba Sadler had the most visitors in the Sunday morning worship service. Their weekend guests to celebrate Mother's Day were Cheryl and Norman Logan, Brett and Brian from Fort Stockton; Patricia Powell and her other daughter, Tresa, and children Ken, Amber and Tiffany Sirmans of Amarillo; Carrie Sadler of Lubbock; Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua of Dimmitt; Sharon and Larry Sadler, Laura and children, Matt and Kristen, and Matt Powell of Sunnyside; Tex and Norma Conard of Dimmitt; and David and Gay Sadler of Sunnyside.

They left after Sunday School and had dinner in Hereford with Ruth and Karl King and her sister Brenda and family, then came back to the Sadler gathering. Not all were in church, but most of them were here.

Other guests were Gale and Verna Sadler from Tanzania. They were home on a short vacation to visit family. They flew direct to Lubbock and spent Tuesday night there with Dr. Myles Sadler. Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler picked them up and brought them home Wednesday morning.

Verna played the organ in the church service, accompanying Gerald Elkins leading the singing and Lori Sisemore playing the piano.

Gale and Verna left Monday morning to spend a week in Durango, Colo., with Susan and Gregg Harmon and their family, then they will spend a few more days here. Later, they will go to Dallas to visit with Cindy and Bob Clatt and family. Jasmine will return to Tanzania with them for a month. Myles came after church and had

Mother's Day dinner with Embree Roy and Willie Mae and Gale and Verna and spent the afternoon with them.

Other visitors in the service Sunday were Lori's mother and grandmother from Plainview.

Alice and Larry Gamblin of Sulphur Springs arrived Saturday and spent Saturday night and Sunday with Hazel and Eulees Waggoner. Evelyn and Robbie and children came over from Plainview on Sunday morning. They all went to church together then went to Plainview to have dinner with the Lindseys. Larry went home Sunday afternoon but Alice stayed to help out for a while.

Larry Duke and girls, Ashlee and Alyssa, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Robetr and Frances Duke, went to church with them and took them out to dinner for Mother's Day. Lori was spending Mother's Day in Virginia with her mother.

Billie and Emma Jean King went to Hobbs, N.M., for the dance recital of their youngest grandchild, Britni

Williams. They had a quiet Mother's Day.

They had tree and sprinkler damage in last Saturday night's storm. A crabapple tree in the front yard was snapped off at the ground and tossed into another tree. Elm trees in the back were stripped of big branches. Their sprinkler was overturned and damaged, but Francis's sprinkler was hit harder, twisting it as it turned over and doing a lot more damage.

There were five sprinklers down that road east of Sunnyside ruined, and highline poles snapped off at the ground. At least 15 sprinklers in the community were damaged or ruined by the tornado-like winds.

Annual meeting set Memorial Day

Castro Memorial Gardens will hold its annual meeting Memorial Day at the cemetery, south of Dimmitt.

The meeting, including a Memorial Day tribute, will be held at 10 a.m. All interested persons are invited to attend the meeting.

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Maria Christina Granado

Granado wins \$500 scholarship

Maria Christina Granado, a senior at Dimmitt High School, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship from the Mexican American Comptroller Employee's Association.

Granado's sister, Maria Del Carmen, works in the comptroller's office.

Granado will graduate next week and she plans to study bilingual education at Angelo State University in San Angelo this fall.

She is the daughter of Juan and Irene Granado Jr.

OM plans public show

The Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School will hold a public performance Sunday at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

This will be the last performance given by the teams before the high school team leaves on May 25 for Knoxville, Tenn., where it will compete in the World contest.

Donations will be accepted at the door and all proceeds will help send the OM team to World.

Tickets for a chance to win \$100 will be sold during the performance and the drawing for the prize will be held immediately following the show.

DHS Band sets banquet Saturday

The Dimmitt High School Band will hold its annual awards banquet Saturday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

A \$5 admission fee will include a steak dinner with baked potatoes, stir fry, ice cream, salad and tea.

After the banquet, the band will sponsor a dance from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the DMS cafeteria. Music will be provided by West Texas Jam and admission is \$2 at the door.



CASTRO COUNTY REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN Deanne Clark (right) visits with State GOP Chairman Tom Pauken during the recent Texas Republican County Chairman's Association regional training conference in Lubbock.

Clark attends conference

Castro County Republican Chairman Deanne Clark of Dimmitt addressed the Texas' Republican County Chairman's Association regional training conference in Lubbock recently.

She also gained information on candidate recruitment, fundraising, legal responsibilities and more.

The keynote address was given by State Republican Chairman Tom Pauken of Dallas who said he is optimistic about the continued growth of the Republican Party in Texas.

Pauken encouraged the group to "reach out to Democrats in rural areas who hold conservative values. Their home is with us. Their voices are no longer heard by the liberals who have taken over the state and national Democratic party."

Topics covered at the conference included candidate recruitment, fund

raising, legal responsibilities, organizing precinct conventions, holding primary elections, media relations and use of computer technology.

Speakers and workshop leaders included State Executive Committee Member Barbara Jackson, GOP Political Director Royal Masset, Lubbock County Chairman Scott Mann, Clark, Bell County Chairman Nancy Boston and Williamson County Chairman Darryl Pool.

"There was a lot of useful information provided at the conference," Clark said. "It will really help me prepare for the 1996 elections and to be able to serve the people of Castro County better."

The conference was the first in a series this year to train Republican chairmen. Four more are planned around the state this summer and fall.

Clean-up month scheduled in June

Dimmitt residents are being urged to take the challenge for May and June to clean up, fix up and pride up Dimmitt.

A big push is on to tidy things up before the annual City-Wide Garage Sale on June 3, but all of June will be CUFUPU Month in Dimmitt.

Different groups and organizations are encouraged to adopt a spot and do what it takes to make it look better.

The Junior Girl Scout troop led by Jerry and Diane Cartwright have adopted the mini-park located between Lockhart Pharmacy and Merle Norman's.

"It looks so much better," said Delores Heller, executive director of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. "We encourage others to do the same and if you don't see any projects you feel need attention, call the chamber or Avery Thrasher and we will help."

"All of June will be a time for clean up. Right after the City-Wide Garage Sale day on June 2, your closets and garages will be free of clutter and then you can go on to your yards and alleys."

Businesses which have wooden barrels are encouraged to plant flowers in them if the barrels are still in good shape. However, if you need your barrel hauled off you should call the chamber at 647-2524. City Manager Reeford Burrous has agreed to send a front end loader.

The city will also make a truck available on a special clean up day on June 24 for hauling large items. The truck will be located east of the city warehouse on E. Jones.

A CUFUPU fact sheet will be distributed to help you know how to dispose of certain items, including tires, batteries, refrigerators, junk cars, grass and yard clippings. Grass clippings should not be placed in trash dumpsters. If you have a specially-designated green dumpster that is marked for yard trimmings, you may use that. Otherwise, place your clippings beside the dumpster and call the city warehouse at 647-4492.

Students who want to mow lawns or clean yards are encouraged to call the chamber by May 26. There is also a need for someone who would hire out to mow vacant lots.

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Chili, beef, chicken, rib chefs to prepare recipes May 27

Some of the best chili, brisket, ribs and chicken in the area will be prepared by local chefs during a cookoff Saturday, May 27, at the Dimmitt VFW Post Home.

On May 27, those who are planning to cook should be at the VFW for a cooks' meeting at 9:30 a.m. All cooks must attend this meeting.

All meats must be cooked on site outside.

Cost to enter the cookoff is \$15 for chili, \$15 for brisket, \$10 for ribs and \$10 for chicken. A \$30 entry fee

will allow a cook to enter the brisket, ribs and chicken cookoff.

On the day of the cookoff, chicken must be turned in to judges at 12 noon, ribs are due at 1 p.m., chili must be turned in by 2 p.m. and brisket will be due at 2:30 p.m.

For more information about the cookoff, contact Marshall Young at 647-2328, days or 647-3736, evenings; or Ben Aleman at 647-2515.

Proceeds from the cookoff will benefit the VA Hospital and DARE program.

You are invited to a Wedding Shower honoring Rodney and Amanda McDaniel Saturday, May 20 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the home of Cheryle Pybus 1640 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stahl request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Stacy Michelle to Jordan Kenneth Grey Saturday, the twentieth of May nineteen hundred and ninety-five at three o'clock in the afternoon First United Methodist Church 110 SW Third Dimmitt, Texas

Reception in Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Dondi Hays bride-elect of James Boyles Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 to 12 noon in the home of Cheryle Pybus 1640 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Massengill request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Raye Cuckler to Mr. Matt Neal Howell on Saturday, the twentieth of May nineteen hundred and ninety-five at six o'clock in the evening First Baptist Church 1201 Western Circle Drive Dimmitt, Texas

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INDUCTION CEREMONIES for the Spanish Honorary Society of Dimmitt High School were held Friday evening at the high school cafeteria, followed by a potluck dinner. Participating in the ceremony are (from left) Terri Beth Teaschner and Dolores Dimas, who led the inductees in the society's pledge in both English and Spanish; and some of the inductees, including Chad Ellis, Daniel Maxwell, Rochelle Harman, Colby McDaniel, Alka Patel, Angie Mendoza and Jason Nino.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Spanish Honorary Society holds induction ceremony

The Spanish Honorary Society of Dimmitt High School held induction ceremonies Friday evening at the high school cafeteria, with 35 students being honored.

Terri Beth Teaschner and Dolores Dimas led the inductees in reciting the society's pledge in both

English and Spanish. The students lit candles and received certificates and membership patches.

The ceremony was followed by a potluck dinner.

Those honored as members of the Toledo Chapter of the society

County 4-H'ers earn trips to state roundup

Tawnee Matthews, Kaci Schulte, Amber Matthews and the county entomology team including James Wilhite, Julia McDonald and B.J. Kern will compete in the respective events at state after placing either first or second at District Roundup this weekend.

All 4-H'ers placing first or second in the Senior Division at district can advance to State Roundup, which will be held June 5-9 at College Station.

At district Saturday at Levelland Amber Matthews placed first with her Meat Science Method Demonstration. Matthews and Schulte finished second with a Pork Method Demonstration and the entomology team placed second, with Wilhite leading the team with a third-place high-point individual finish.

Other Senior 4-H'ers participating included Kristin Hales, who was third in the Beef Cattle Symposium.

The Junior II 4-H'ers also fared well Saturday with Aaron Hart placing first with his Entomology Method Demonstration. Susan Book finished third in the Consumer Decision Making Contest. The team of Matthew Kern, Timothy Braddock, Jessica Kern and Mitchell Brockman finished first in the Entomology Identification Contest with Jessica Kern placing second among individuals, Mitchell Brockman finishing third and Matthew Kern placing fourth.

Also competing in Junior II were Melanie Book and Bryce Pohlmeier in Consumer Decision Making.

Junior I 4-H'er Reece Hales was second in the "Share-the-Fun" contest. Aaron Kern participated in Entomology Identification and Jennifer Wilhelm was a competitor in Consumer Decision Making.

Castro County Adult Leader Beth Schulte was recognized at the 4-H Leaders Association meeting, which was held during Roundup. She received the South Plains District Distinguished Service Adult Leaders Award.

Eighth grade banquet set for Saturday

Dimmitt Middle School's annual eighth grade banquet and dance will be held Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The banquet and dance are from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Professional pictures will be taken from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Pictures will range from \$8 and up, and are optional.

Each eighth grader will be asked to pay class dues of \$5. Students who have not paid their dues will not be allowed to attend the banquet.

The banquet is being catered by class parents, and will include steak, baked potato and salad. Music for the dance will be provided by Z-93.

The school is not responsible for any student who drives to the banquet. No student will be allowed to leave the Expo before 11:30 p.m. unless accompanied by a parent.



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Matt and Rena Davis of Dimmitt are the parents of a girl, Maegan Renae, born May 8 at 7:39 a.m. She weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs., and was 20 inches long.
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Presbyterians are responsible for the services at Canterbury Villa on Sunday at 9 a.m.

Sunday school services will meet at 10 a.m.

"The Conversion of a Business Woman" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning church services, which will begin at 11 a.m.

Mid-week Bible study will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

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We also extend a special thanks to Billy Hackleman, who through his daring feat of tree climbing came to the rescue of Me-Ma's cat, Urkle.

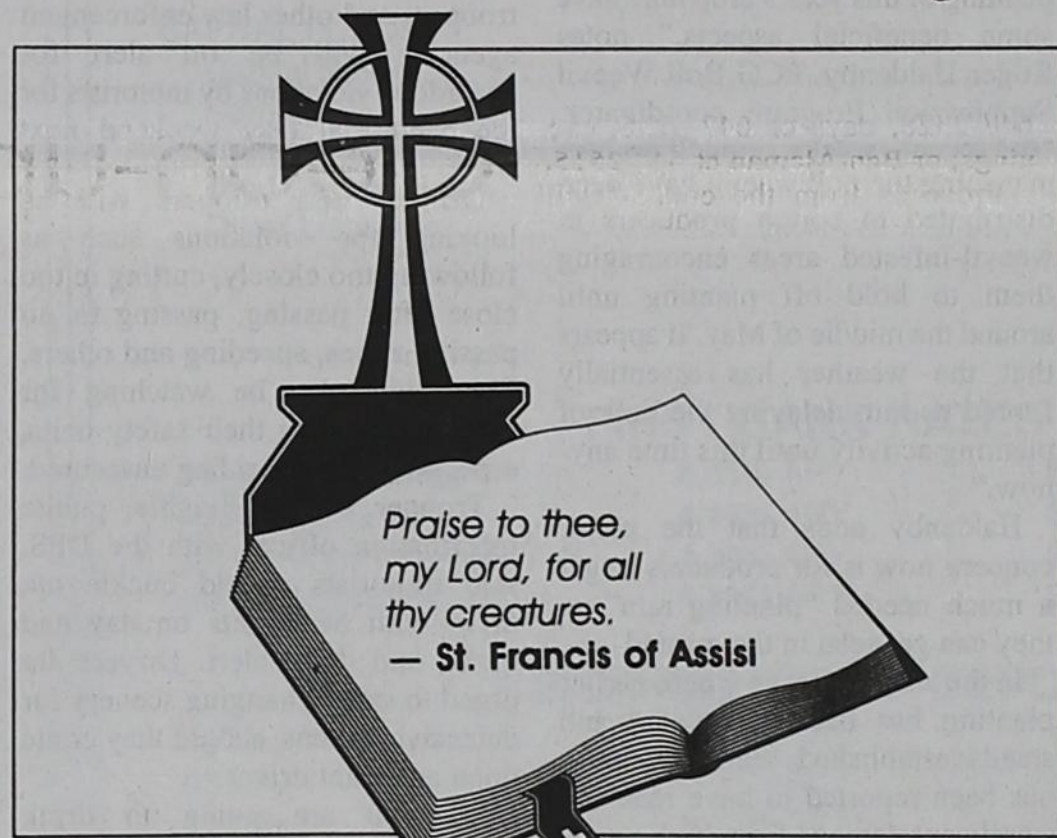
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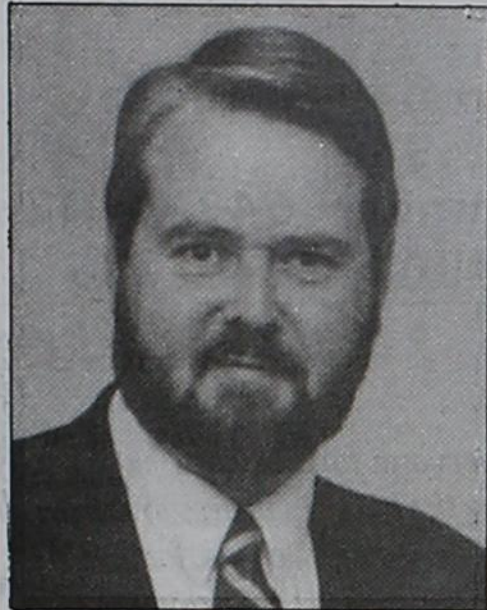
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Making connections

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Last week, in the first part of this series we told you that trade shows, conventions and business expos offer great business building opportunities. Many owners and managers use these events to find new customers, suppliers and partners.

In part one, we shared tips on exhibiting at such shows and how to get the most out of each event. In this column, we'll help you learn how to make connections by being an attendee.

We call this business-building strategy "learning by walking around." By visiting shows and conventions you can find useful ideas to adapt and use in building your own business. You can also establish solid business contacts.

Successful mingling

- It pays to be prepared when you visit shows and conventions. Take a good supply of business cards, a pen and a

small note pad. When you see a useful idea, write it down. Don't trust your memory.

- Plan ahead. Have an idea of what you wish to accomplish and who you want to see. Many shows produce "pre-show" brochures which detail exhibitors and their booth locations. Mark those you really want to visit, and go to those aisles first.
- Don't allow pushy salespeople to waste your time. Learn how to end conversations gracefully. Good exit lines include, "Thank you for the information" or "I enjoyed visiting with you, but I need to visit several other booths." Then, move on.
- If someone has something you're interested in, don't hesitate to initiate the approach. Ask questions to start a conversation. Even your competitors may share information with you if you appear genuinely interested.
- Ask for a business card when you want to learn more or stay in touch with someone. Make notes on the back of the card to remind yourself of the discussion or the person.
- Have specific objectives in mind when

you go. To "meet 10 potential customers," "find three new potential suppliers" or "find a new widget line" would be good goals.

- Always be on the lookout for great signs, good brochures and clever logos. Collect samples and make notes on how you might use something like it.
- Look for good merchandising ideas in exhibitors' displays. Remember, they want to grab your attention as you're going by. If it works at the show, you may find it useful later.
- Develop and use a 10 second commercial for your business. Use it when you are introducing yourself. If you can describe your business quickly and clearly, it will help you spend your time more wisely. Those with whom you are networking will know what you do and can see how you can help them, or vice versa.
- Don't spend too much time talking to people you already know. Unless there is a specific reason to carry on a detailed discussion, keep moving. Be courteous and friendly, exchange pleasantries, but keep moving.

• Arrive early and work your contact list as quickly as possible. Often the early birds avoid the busy aisles and people jams that may occur later.

- Don't spend all of your time going to shows and conventions to network. Remember this is only one of the ways you can grow your business. Don't overdo it.
- Don't go to shows looking for more business unless you're taking good care of present customers. If you're not keeping up with your present workload, the last thing you need is more business. Use shows to gather prospects and grow your business when times are slow.
- Don't forget to evaluate the shows and expos you attend as potential places to exhibit. If you feel the typical attendees are your target customers, you might want to have a booth there next year. Good luck in making connections.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to Don Taylor in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Sales tax rebates dip lower in May

Dimmitt's monthly sales tax rebate this month is for \$27,960, slightly less than the rebate in May 1994.

The rebate last May was \$28,184. For the year, Dimmitt has received \$115,137, down 13.2% from the 132,586 for the first five months of 1994.

Hart's rebate for the month was \$1,973, up 26.3% from the \$1,562 for May 1994. For the year, Hart's rebates are running 14.9% of a year ago at \$7,223.

Nazareth will be receiving a check from State Comptroller John Sharp for \$958 this month. That's down 33.5% from the \$1,443 for last May. For the year, Nazareth's rebate is only 1.2% behind a year ago at \$4,687.

Castro County received a check for \$11,997, a 1.83% increase over last May. For the year, the county has received \$50,356, down 10.3%. The county's .5% tax has a direct bearing on property taxes levied by the county. Monies rebated to the cities go into their general funds.

Hereford recorded one of the most significant gains in the area with a 44.5% increase over May 1994. Hereford will get a check this month for \$101,117. For the year, Hereford has earned \$362,871, compared to \$297,699 for the first five months of 1994.

The sales tax rebates for the state were a little cooler, Sharp said, with a statewide increase of 1.7% over last May.

This month's rebates include taxes collected on March sales by businesses filing monthly returns and reported in April, and businesses filing returns for the first quarter of 1995.

Cotton Talks

Dry conditions continue to delay planting of the 1995 High Plains cotton crop.

Officials at Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) report that while some rainfall has been received across the area in the past week, high winds and blowing dust have prevented producers from taking advantage of the situation.

Although planters are running in some areas, the bulk of the region's cotton, which could total 3.5 million acres, has not been planted. These weather-enforced delays could have some beneficial effects in terms of the emerging boll weevil situation on the High Plains.

"It appears that the delayed planting of this year's crop may have some beneficial aspects," notes Roger Haldenby, PCG Boll Weevil Suppression Program coordinator. "In recent weeks guidelines for managing the boll weevil have been distributed to cotton producers in weevil-infested areas encouraging them to hold off planting until around the middle of May. It appears that the weather has essentially forced us into delaying the bulk of planting activity until this time anyhow."

Haldenby adds that the major concern now is for producers to get a much needed "planting rain" so they can get seed in the ground.

In the small acreage where earlier planting has been completed and stands established seedling cotton has been reported to have received significant damage from high winds and blowing sand. Most of this has been in part of Gaines County and at least some of this acreage will likely be replanted as quickly as possible.

"Our current problem is the lack

of moisture and the delays that are associated with it," says PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "If we can get some good rains across the area in the next few weeks we should have a fair chance of establishing this year's crop."

Johnson adds that without some help from Mother Nature, the outlook could turn around quickly.

The High Plains is coming into the 1995 crop year with a significant underground moisture deficit. Much of the area's 1995 crop will be made

Safe driving urged for Memorial Day

Department of Public Safety troopers and other law enforcement agencies will be on alert for hazardous violations by motorists for the Memorial Day weekend next week.

Officers and troopers will be looking for violations such as following too closely, cutting in too close after passing, passing in no passing zones, speeding and others. They will also be watching for drivers not using their safety belts, especially children riding unsecured.

Trooper Wayne Beighle, public information officer with the DPS, said motorists should buckle up, drive with headlights on day and night, and drive alert. Drivers are urged to study changing scenery for defensive options, should they come upon an errand driver.

"If you are going to drink alcoholic beverages, be sure to have a designated driver who will not be consuming alcoholic beverages," Beighle said.

Robertson is AC graduate

Ryan Scott Robertson of Dimmitt was among the more than 900 graduates honored during Amarillo College's 65th annual graduation held last weekend.

He earned a certificate of completion in Basic Peace Officer Academy.

This year's class was the largest ever at AC.

or lost dependent on the amount of in-season, supplemental rainfall.

"The 1994 crop was produced under conditions only slightly better than those we have right now," explains Johnson. "We made a pretty fair crop last year, but it is really too early to tell what this year's crop is going to do."

The latest crop estimate from Texas Ag Statistical Service (TASS) indicates the 1994 High Plains cotton crop will total near 3.097 million bales. This figure is derived by adding the estimated production in TASS crop reporting regions 1-N and 1-S, which closely parallels the 25 county High Plains region.

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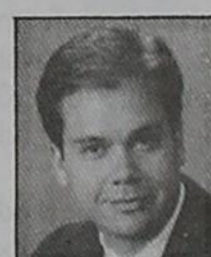
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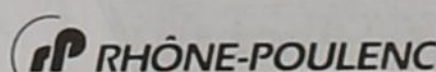
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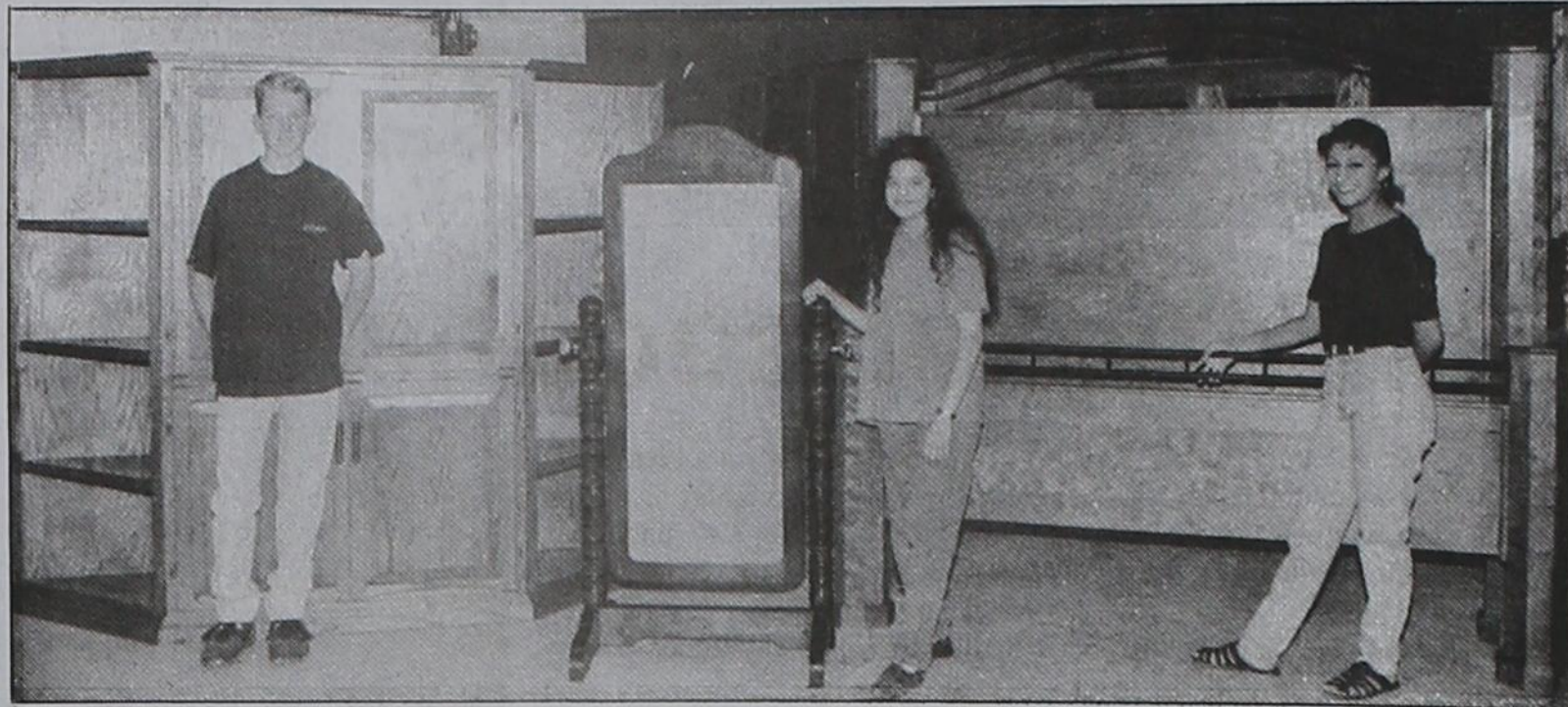
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THESE FOUR PROJECTS EARNED top awards at the state Technology Student Association contest in Waco. Pictured are Stephan Villanueva, who constructed the automobile console in the foreground; and Linda Trigo, who made the curio cabinet in the

center. Not pictured are Gracie Martinez, who made the chest of drawers at the right; and Erica Cavazos, who constructed the wall unit on the left. Trigo earned a "Best in Division" award. Photo by Anne Acker



THESE WOODWORKING II students from Dimmitt High School earned first-place awards at the Technology Student Association state contest in

Waco. Pictured are (from left) Zak Felts with his wall unit, Petra Vidal with a standing mirror, and Ruth Torres with a poster bed. Photo by Anne Acker



JAYSON HECK (left) of Dimmitt captured first place in state with these two small tables entered in the Technology Student Association metal working

competition. Also pictured are Sergio Pedroza (center) and Ryan Lowance, who constructed this architectural model of a home. Photo by Anne Acker



TWO BEST IN DIVISION awards in Woodworking I were captured by Dimmitt technology students (from left) Rachel Ramirez and Christy Reyes at the state contest in Waco. Eddie Maldonado (right)

earned second place for his china hutch. Ramirez constructed an entertainment center and Reyes made a corner curio cabinet. Photo by Anne Acker

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Total Loans and Discounts	\$29,410,126.29
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	75,000.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures	1,247,429.53
Other Assets	1,248,645.22

AVAILABLE CASH

Bonds and Securities	\$23,582,450.09
Cash and Exchange	2,275,876.52
Federal Funds Sold	2,600,000.00
Total Cash Available	\$28,458,326.61

\$60,439,527.65

LIABILITIES

DEPOSITS	\$54,110,755.39
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CAPITAL FUNDS

Capital Stock	500,000.00
Surplus	2,000,000.00
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METALWORKING: Jayson Heck, first place, pair of small tables.

ARCHITECTURAL MODEL: Sergio Pedroza and Ryan Lowance, third place.

CLUB PROJECT: First place, "Best in Division" and tied for "Best in State" honors with restored 1961 Chevrolet pickup.

RC CAR: Felts, seventh place.

CO. CARS: Trigo, seventh place.

WRITTEN TESTS: Oscar Vasquez, third, Power/Transportation Systems; Vidal, fifth, Energy Systems; Jeremy Hall, seventh and Brian Conyers, ninth, Electricity/Electronics Systems; and Marta Arredondo, 10th, Construction Systems.

GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS: Villanueva, first place and "Best in Division", Power/Transportation Systems and fourth place in Construction Systems; Conyers, sixth place, Electricity/Electronics Systems.

SOAP BOX DERBY: Dimmitt High School, first place.



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Sports



Schmucker second in tennis

For Castro County tennis fans accustomed to coming home from Austin with armfuls of medals, last weekend might have seemed a bummer.

True, Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth won the only medal from the county with her second-place finish in Class A girls' singles.

The accomplishment, though, was in the being there.

Losing close matches in the quarterfinals Friday were the Nazareth boys' doubles team of Scott Brockman and Nathan Hoelting; Alston Farris, Nazareth's entry in boys' singles; and Shea Bennett of Hart in Class 2A girls' singles.

Schmucker had an easy time in the Friday quarterfinals, cruising past Angela McCarley of Trenton in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

Friday afternoon, Schmucker assured herself of no worse than a silver medal with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Anita Meineros of Thorndale in the semifinals.

Saturday morning, Schmucker fell to Laurin Spears of Chillicothe in the finals, 6-3, 6-0.

Nazareth's girls' doubles team was the only other entry from the county to make it past the quarterfinals at the UIL State Tennis Meet in Austin. Folks who did earn medals turned away other county players.

In Class A girls' doubles, the Naz duo of Karmen Pohlmeier and Denia Durbin beat Alisha Schroeder and Mindy Berend of Windthorst, 6-3, 6-4. In the semis, Durbin-Pohlmeier fell to Felisha Reyes and Maggie Davis of Sabinal in a tough match, 6-4, 7-5.

The Sabinal team won the gold medals in three sets.

Farris had been unpushed in winning the district and regional crowns, never dropping a set.

Friday morning, though, was a different story against Bruni's Mauricio Lopez. Lopez took the first set, 6-3, then the two went toe-to-toe before Lopez won, 7-5.

Lopez went on to win second place.

Brockman, who won the boys' doubles title last year with Farris,



SHE MIGHT BE EXHAUSTED, but Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker (center) is all smiles after capturing two silver medals and a gold at the Class A state track and tennis meets this weekend in Austin. Saturday morning Schmucker competed for the state championship in girls' singles and had to settle for second place, losing to two-time defending champion, Laurin Spears of Chillicothe, 6-3, 6-0. After being crowned with her silver medal, she headed for the track where she finished second in the 400-meter dash, posting her personal-best time of 58.68. Then she ran the anchor leg on the Swiftettes' mile relay team which captured the state championship. Pictured with Schmucker are Coach Joey Waldo (left) and Sharon Hampton.

Photo by LaDawn Schulte

Wood will resign girls basketball job

Dimmitt girls' basketball coach Richard Wood will be reassigned at the end of the current school year, but is likely to resign, the News has learned.

Wood is a Dimmitt native. He has coached the Bobbies since 1985-86. The Bobbies advanced to the bi-district game during the 1994-95 season, when the Dimmitt girls lost to Childress. The Bobbies won the 1993 state title.

Wood, 58, has been girls' coach here since the 1985-86 season. Before coming back home, Wood made several coaching stops in Texas and Colorado. He still has family farming interests here. His wife, Debbie, is a teacher with the local schools. They have two children: Randa, a junior, and Kyle, a seventh grader.

Wood was told by administrators that if he did not resign he would be reassigned to a new position as assistant coach for junior high coaches Don Bell and Dean Price. He was told he would not have any duties or responsibilities with the girls' program.

Wood said Monday he would likely resign his post rather than be reassigned. He had two interviews scheduled early this week.

Dimmitt Supt. Les Miller said official action on Wood's position would probably not be taken until the regular June board of trustees meeting on June 12.

"We are not going to make any changes or do anything else before the end of the school year (May 26)," Miller said.

Wood was subject to mounting criticism, largely from parents of players and former players. A large list of complaints from parents was presented to school administrators recently, contending that Wood seldom praised his players and did little to promote players to colleges, among other criticisms.

Wood said he did not want to answer those charges at this time in public. Wood had three former players in college this past year, including Renae Josselet at Midwestern State, Wendy Ethridge at Texas A&M-Kingsville and Halley Bradley at Baylor. All three were starters. Two players, Kim Thomas and Tiffany Wilcox, have signed scholarship agreements this spring after completing their basketball eligibility this year.

More about

Naz girls win mile relay...

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It was a bit of revenge over both Gonzales and Rice. Gonzales and her teammates on the Angoras had blitzed Naz at the State Cross-Country Meet in Georgetown last fall.

Schmucker defeated Rice at the District 2-1A Meet a month ago in Sudan, but Rice came back to edge Schmucker at the Region I-1A Meet two weeks ago in Levelland.

Athletic banquet is planned Friday

Dimmitt's best athletes of 1994-95 will be honored at the annual athletic banquet Friday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet are \$6.50 each and are available from any booster club officer or at the door. The menu will include fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans and peach cobbler.

The outstanding athletes in each sport will be recognized, along with recipients of the Fighting Heart Award. Scholarship recipients will also be named at the banquet.

Other area runners failed to bring home hardware but were competitive in their events at the meet.

Casey Hoelting was a solid fourth in the Class A boys' two-mile race on Friday evening.

Willie Garcia of Sabinal, one of the state's best runners in any class, won the 3,200 in 9:47.17. Hoelting was seven seconds behind the second-place runner, Brian Davidson of Priddy, and three seconds back of third place David Pearce of Douglass.

Isela Minjarez of Hart had a fourth-place distance double over the weekend, just missing medals in the 1,600 and the 3,200.

On Friday evening, she was fourth in the two-mile race in 12:19.52. Her time was 24 seconds off the pace set by the winner, Amanda Haertner of Karnes City.

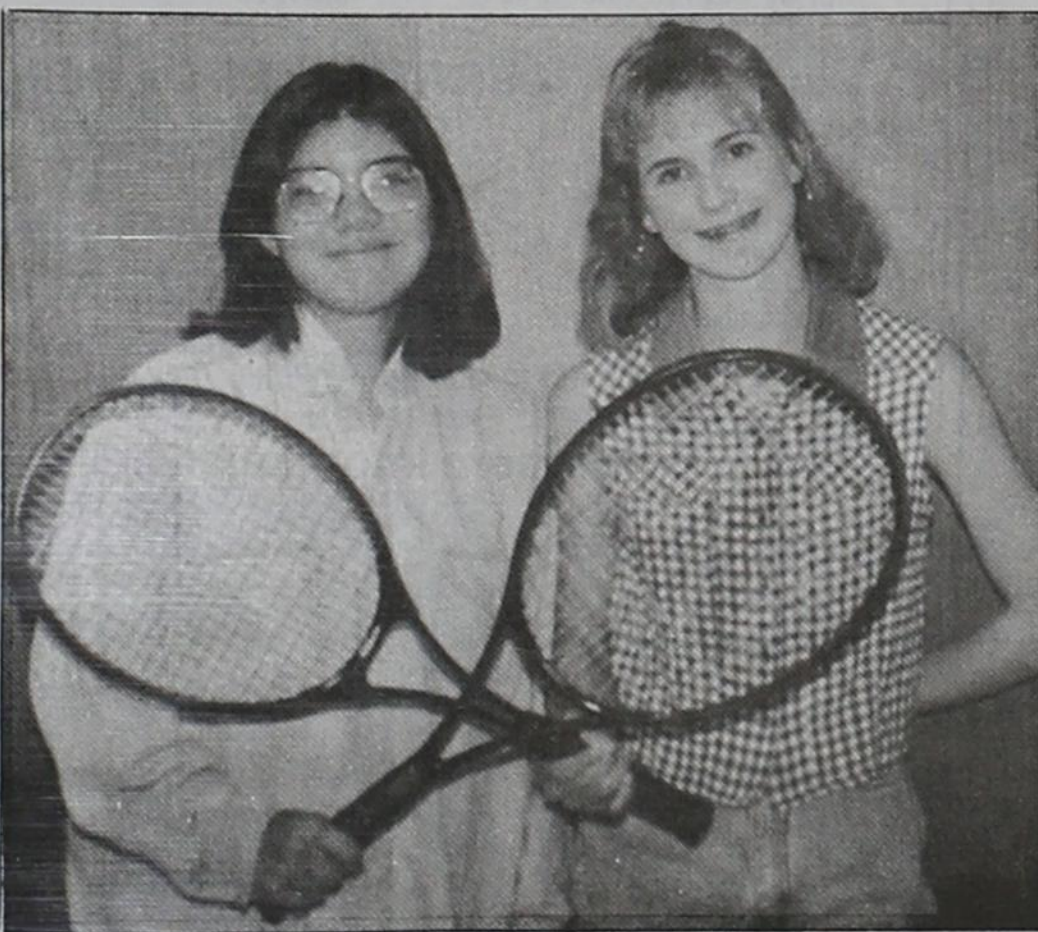
Minjarez came back on Saturday to take fourth in the mile in 5:48.68. The 1,600 was won by Cassidy Watson of Goldthwaite in 5:32.57.

The Dimmitt girls were eighth in the mile relay in 4:19.

"It was really muggy when we ran, but it was muggy for everyone," Dimmitt coach Richard Wood said. The Bobbies had the fifth-best time going into the race Saturday afternoon.

Defending state champion Joey Flores didn't repeat, but will have two more years to regroup and try for another gold medal. Running in tropics-like weather with temperatures around 90 degrees and the humidity near 80%, Flores was off his usual pace in finishing sixth in 2:00.44. That was four seconds off his winning time last year but, like last year, was just a tick from first in a wild photo finish.

Anthony Weathered of San Augustine was declared the winner in 1:59.18, and Alejandro Acosta of Palacios was second in 1:59.57. Third went to Flores's district rival, Jesus Flores of Muleshoe, in 1:59.86.



JUNIOR HIGH CHAMPS—Monica Ortiz (left) and Kristen Doss captured the District 2-AAA junior high doubles championship this season. Ortiz and Doss beat a team from Muleshoe in the final round in a pro set by an 8-4.

Photo by Anne Acker

SCORE BOARD

State Meet Results

- Tennis**
Boys' Singles Quarterfinals
 Mauricio Lopez, Bruni, def. Alston Farris, Nazareth, 6-3, 7-5.
Boys' Doubles Quarterfinals
 Mark Herrera-Leo Lopez, Bruni, def. Scott Brockman-Nathan Hoelting, Nazareth, 6-2, 6-2.
Girls' Doubles Quarterfinals
 Karmen Pohlmeier-Denia Durbin, Nazareth, def. Alisha Schroeder-Mindy Berend, Windthorst, 6-3, 6-4.
Semifinals
 Felisha Reyes-Maggie Davis, Sabinal, def. Pohlmeier-Durbin, 6-4, 7-5.
Girls' Singles Quarterfinals
 Melinda Schmucker, Nazareth, def. Angela McCarley, Trenton, 6-0, 6-1.
Semifinals
 Schmucker def. Anita Meineros, Thorndale, 6-2, 6-3.
Finals
 Laurin Spears, Chillicothe, def. Schmucker, Nazareth, 6-3, 6-0.
Class 2A
Girls' Singles Quarterfinals
 Stephanie Williams, Wolfe City, def. Shea Bennett, Hart, 7-5, 6-2.
Track
Class 3A
 1,600 relay: 8. Dimmitt (Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer Vick, Amy Ethridge and Kim Thomas), 4:19.
Class 2A
 3,200: 1. Amanda Haertner, Karnes City, 11:54.96; 4. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 12:19.52.
 1,600: 1. Cassidy Watson, Goldthwaite, 5:32.57; 4. Minjarez, 5:48.68.
Class A
 400: 1. Kandice Holaman, Zephyr, 57.65; 2. Melinda Schmucker, Nazareth, 58.68.
 1,600 relay: 1. Nazareth (Trina Johnson, Misti Ball, Tanya Wethington and Melinda Schmucker), 4:10.32.
 3,200: 4. Casey Hoelting, Nazareth, 10:15.57.

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Brockman, Durbin are named top senior athletes

Together We Can

Two Nazareth High School seniors capped off their high school athletic careers Monday night by winning the top senior athlete awards at the school's annual athletic banquet.

Scott Brockman was presented with the Senior Swift Award and Denia Durbin earned the Senior Swiftette Award.

Other top award winners Monday night included Alston Farris and Kelley Boyd, who each received a \$150 scholarship from the Nazareth Booster Club.

Brockman and Durbin participated in several sports throughout high school and each advanced to state in at least one sport.

Brockman was active in tennis, basketball, football and golf. He advanced to state in tennis three years and won the state doubles title in 1994 with teammate Alston Farris.

He won numerous post-season honors throughout his career, including several all-district mentions in basketball and football. He was on the basketball team which finished as state finalists in 1994 and regional finalists in 1995. This year he earned all-state honors.

Durbin was active in basketball, cross country and tennis, and she earned a trip to state in tennis this year, finishing third in doubles. She was successful in cross country and was on the basketball teams which advanced to the regional finals this year.

The senior awards weren't the only ones Brockman and Durbin hauled in Monday night.

Both were among the state qualifiers named Most Valuable Players in tennis this year.

Brockman also earned honors as MVP and "Chairman of the Boards" in basketball and Best Special Teams Player in football. He was recognized for all his post-season honors, especially being named academic all-district in football and basketball.

Durbin hauled in academic all-district honors and shared the 100% Award in basketball.

Athletic achievements recognized and athletes presented with special awards Monday night follow.

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Johnny Hampton praised

his girls' cross country team and lone boy runner, Casey Hoelting, which advanced to and placed at the state meet.

The girls' team was first in district and regional and second at state. Hoelting was first at district, second at regional and fourth at state.

Hampton presented the following awards Monday night:

MOST IMPROVED: Trina Johnson.

FIGHTING HEART: Tanya Wethington.

MVPs: Misti Ball and Carie Wethington; Casey Hoelting.

FOOTBALL

Coach Rick Price recounted the year's successes, including the team's perfect 5-0 district record and subsequent championship, and the impressive come-from-behind bi-district win over Shamrock. The Swifts were down 28-0 against Shamrock and came back to score 34 straight points for the win. They lost in area to Kress, 14-13 to finish the season with an 8-3 mark.

Players honored Monday were:

FIGHTING HEART: Ron Backus and Adam Johnson.

MOST IMPROVED: Colby Pohlmeier

BEST SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER: Scott Brockman.

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER: Jaret Schulte.

BEST OFFENSIVE PLAYER: Alston Farris

MVP: Gaylon Schilling.

BASKETBALL

Both the Swifts and Swiftettes finished their seasons in the regional finals, losing to the eventual state champions in both cases.

Athletes receiving awards for their season's work were:

MOST IMPROVED: K'Lynn Gerber and Colby Pohlmeier.

MVP: Melinda Schmucker and Scott Brockman.

FIGHTING HEART: Jaret Schulte.

100% AWARD (girls only): Denia Durbin and Robin Schulte.

6th MAN AWARD: Courtney Hoelting and Misti Ball; and Coby Schacher.

MOST DEDICATED (girls only): Amy Pohlmeier and Judith Nieves-Martinez.

BEST OFFENSIVE POST (girls only): Kelley Boyd.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS—Nazareth Booster Club President Monette Schilling (right) congratulates seniors Alston Farris (left) and Kelley Boyd after awarding them the 1995 Booster Club

Scholarships Monday night during Nazareth's athletic banquet. Each award is worth \$150.

Photo by Anne Acker

BEST OFFENSIVE GUARD (girls only): Melinda Schmucker.

BEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER (girls only): Jill Ramaekers and Carie Wethington.

BEST FREE THROW % (boys only): Gaylon Schilling, 77.8%

GOOD HANDS AWARD (boys only): Robby Schmucker.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARDS (boys only): Scott Brockman.

TRACK

The state champion girls' mile relay team including Trina Johnson, Misti Ball, Tanya Wethington, Melinda Schmucker and alternate Amy Pohlmeier were recognized Monday night along with state silver medalist Melinda Schmucker (400 meter dash) and Casey Hoelting, who was fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

Those receiving special awards Monday were:

MOST IMPROVED: Celina Braddock and Darren Huckert.

FIGHTING HEART: Sara Birkenfeld and Jayson Burnam.

MVPs: Amy Pohlmeier, Misti Ball, Trina Johnson, Tanya

Wethington and Melinda Schmucker; and Casey Hoelting.

GOLF

Coach Mark Makeever presented awards to the following:

FIGHTING HEART: Ron Backus.

MOST IMPROVED: Nick Gerber.

MVP: Joy Long.

TENNIS

Coach Joey Waldo took six players to the state tennis tournament, and although no one brought home a gold medal, Nazareth made an impressive showing with the six players in four events.

Melinda Schmucker was state runner-up in girls' singles. Karmen Pohlmeier and Denia Durbin finished third in girls' doubles. Also competing at state were Scott Brockman and Nathan Hoelting in boys' doubles and Alston Farris in boys' singles.

Waldo presented the following tennis awards Monday night.

MOST IMPROVED: K'Lynn Gerber and Marcus Brockman.

FIGHTING HEART: Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte; and

Bryan Charanza and Jaret Schulte.

MVPs: State qualifiers Melinda Schmucker, Karmen Pohlmeier, Denia Durbin, Scott Brockman, Nathan Hoelting and Alston Farris.

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fell in his attempt to repeat as the Nazareth duo went out in the first round.

Mark Herrera and Leo Lopez, another Bruni duo, dropped the Nazareth pair, 6-2, 6-2.

The Bruni team went on to place second.

Bennett was the only county player who didn't fall to a winner or runner-up in the quarterfinals Friday.

Bennett, who had won the state doubles' crown two years ago, fell to Stephanie Williams of Wolfe City, 7-5, 6-2.



SCOTT BROCKMAN (left) and **DENIA DURBIN** were honored with Nazareth High School's "Senior Swift" and "Senior Swiftette" awards, respectively, during Monday night's annual athletic banquet. Both participated in several sports while maintaining their grade point averages at the honors level. Each also advanced to state at least once in at least one sport and Brockman lists one state championship (in tennis) among his achievements.

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O.M. LUNCH GROSSES \$1,100—Diners fill their fiesta plates during the Dimmitt OM Team's Mother's Day Dinner Sunday at the Middle School cafeteria. After earning \$520 with their car wash Saturday at the Pizza Hut, the OM Team members and their parents served 194 people and grossed

\$1,100 at the fiesta dinner Sunday, and are now closing in on their goal of \$5,000 to pay their way to the World Competition at Nashville, Tenn., later this month. The team will present a public performance of its award-winning skit Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

Photo by Don Nelson

Producers should prevent tailwater from escaping

Many High Plains producers are busy applying last-minute pre-plant irrigations to wet the soil profile for 1995 planting. Unfortunately, some of this ground water is escaping from fields as tailwater, and that is against both state law and the rules of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

Water district rules define tailwater as "ground water pumped for irrigation that escapes...onto land other than that of the owner of the well unless permission has been granted by the occupant of the land receiving the discharge. This permission must be in the form of an agreement signed between the parties on a form acceptable to the water district."

"Potential parties to such an agreement are warned that it may obligate the provider to provide a specified supply of water into perpetuity and/or the recipient to accept runoff in whatever quantities at whatever time the provider chooses. Provisions of any agreement entered into must comply with Rule 1(h)(5)."

The rule defines water waste as "Wilfully or negligently causing, suffering, or permitting underground water to escape into any river, creek, natural watercourse, depression, lake, reservoir, drain, sewer, highway, road or road ditch, or onto land other than the owner of the well."

Allowing this water to escape not only contributes to unnecessary depletion of the ground water stored in the Ogallala Aquifer, but it erodes topsoil and causes safety hazards.

Omission

The name, times and placings of Casey Hoelting of Nazareth were omitted from stories the past two weeks in the *News*.

Hoelting won the two-mile race at the Region 1-A Meet at Levelland and was third in the 1,600 meters at the same meet.

Hoelting qualified for state in the 3,200 meters.

His times and placings were included in results, but not in the stories.

The *News* deeply regrets the omissions.

Whenever a tailwater report is received, water district personnel investigate the water waste and document it with written memos and photos. They also contact the landowners and/or operators and ask these parties to stop the water waste. Follow-up investigations are conducted to make sure the water waste has been halted.

"We prefer to work with the farmer and address the problem; and in most cases, that works," says Ken Carver, water district assistant manager. "If the waste doesn't stop, then we have no choice but to seek an injunction from the courts."

Under an injunction, continued tailwater waste is considered contempt of court and carries a maximum penalty of a \$500 fine and/or a six-month jail sentence per occurrence. If violations continue under the injunction, the district court may also order the county sheriff to padlock the water well to prevent further waste. Violators can also be held liable for damages resulting from their water waste, such as accidents on flooded roadways, property damages or crop damage.

"There are many physical methods available to help control or prevent tailwater waste, but the individual operator is the key to whether or not

water is wasted. Careful management of irrigation water eliminates tailwater waste," Carver said.

Tailwater control methods include reducing row lengths, terracing, and installing borders at the end of the field.

Surge irrigation systems, which alternate water flow between two sets of furrows in timed cycles, can be set to automatically cut back irrigation set times at the time the water is expected to reach the end of the field. Use of these valves has proven to be very effective in tailwater management.

Tailwater return pits or modified playas have been used in the past to collect the runoff water. Water collected in the pits can be pumped to irrigate crops for about one-fifth of the cost of pumping ground water to the land surface from irrigation wells.

Use of a LEPA center pivot sprinkler system is a good tailwater management practice, because the movement speed of the center pivot can be adjusted to match the water application rate to the soil infiltration rate. Use of furrow dikes under the pivot to collect the water and hold it in place can also increase application efficiency.

Lack of respect at heart of private property rights issue

Lack of respect is at the heart of the private property rights issue, and youth should be targeted in efforts to reverse that pattern.

Both notions were expressed during a series of six-person focus groups across Texas in late December. The opinions of landowners were collected in the Lubbock, Midland-Odessa, Tyler, San Benito and San Angelo areas by a team led by Dr. Amy Purvis Pagano, assistant professor of agricultural economics/rangeland ecology and management at Texas A&M University.

"The viewpoints of people in mid-sized cities on property rights and environmental regulations were closely aligned with landowners' main points," said Pagano, a researcher with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Scales causing problem in area

A small insect, Lecanium scales, can pose a big threat to live oaks and now is the time to apply a pesticide to infested trees, says County Extension Agent-Pest Management Greta Schuster.

Lecanium scales are most prominent on twigs and small branches during the spring and early summer. A single infested twig may have more than 100 scales on it, although fewer scales are more commonly present.

These scales are hemispherical and dark brown. They are hard shells about one-eighth to one-fourth inch in diameter.

Lecanium scales damage trees by reducing vitality and causing dieback of infested branches. While they are most damaging to live oaks, they also occur on red oaks, the Extension agent said.

Eggs are produced underneath the hard-shelled female during late spring and hatch in May. The immature insects then feed on the underside of leaves during the summer. They migrate to twigs in the fall and overwinter there. There is only one generation a year.

Eggs are hatching now on the South Plains. Scale insects are most susceptible to control now, Schuster said, and insecticide treatments will be more effective if applied now. Heavily infested trees may require two applications two weeks apart.

Insecticides recommended for control include Orthene, Dursban, Sevin, malathion and diazinon. Thorough coverage will improve the effectiveness of sprays. Always read and follow insecticide label instructions carefully, Schuster cautioned.

Pagano, with colleagues Drs. Richard Conner and Ed Smith, both economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Dr. John Holt, professor of food and resource economics at the University of Florida, met with 10 separate focus groups in a first attempt to seek input from the public about property rights. The heated issue stirred Texas residents last fall over endangered species management and is expected to return to the forefront this legislative session.

The focus groups indicted, however, that the property rights issue is much deeper than endangered species or environmental concerns. They said that property rights are tied to responsibilities, and appreciation for property must be instilled in children.

In fact, landowners believe that responsibility—to neighbors and family—can't be separated from private property rights. They are most worried about how increasing levels of misguided environmental regulation will affect future generations' land management options, Pagano noted.

Similarly, residents of mid-sized cities emphasized family values in their understanding of the issue.

"Children learn respect for each other and for others' property at home, according to the city residents," Pagano said. "They feel adults have taught children that they have rights but failed to teach them that with rights come responsibilities."

That failure has had a direct impact on the increase in crime, according to the city dwellers, due to the erosion of respect for other people and their property.

Both sectors called for youth education to instill a sense of responsibility and pride in community. Regulators were cited by both sectors as the reason for many property rights and environmental issues problems.

The landowners' belief that common sense is missing from most regulations met with the urban consensus that while "everyone is in favor of clean air and water, problems arise in how bureaucrats interpret and carry out the law," Pagano said.

Some said regulators are uninformed about agricultural management and are neither interested in nor concerned about learning. The landowners called for collaborative decision making rather than "mandatory, top-down rules."

"You can lead me a long way, but you can't shove me an inch," one rancher said.

The landowners said willing

participation in resource protection and conservation programs is economically efficient for their operations.

Urban residents, too, expressed a desire to improve safe use of chemicals on lawns, golf courses and highways which they believe are as potentially harmful in cities as agricultural practices on the farm.

The economists said the first phase of focus group studies revealed many unexpected similarities, but they agreed that additional focus groups are necessary to obtain a broader sense of the Texas public.

"The city residents we spoke to were in close proximity with agricultural production and may not necessarily represent big cities," she said.

Pagano plans to expand the focus group effort to other important audiences such as large-urban residents, youth, environmental groups and government agencies.

The project was funded by the Renewable Resources Extension Act.

Camp Alphonse plans for '95

Camp Alphonse, an overnight summer camp for children with cancer and cancer survivors, will open for its eighth year July 31-Aug. 4 at the Episcopal Church Conference Center north of Amarillo.

Kids ages 7-14 who have or have had cancer and their siblings are eligible to attend the camp.

Camp Alphonse offers all the fun activities of summer camp with the addition of special facilities, diets and trained staff to accommodate the needs of cancer patients. The overnight camp is free to the campers thanks to sponsors and ALPHIE ANGELS who underwrite the cost of the camp.

Camp Alphonse will again conduct a concurrent Parents' Camp this year. While the children go to the sleep-over camp in the country, their parents spend a week at an Amarillo motel, being treated to a week of fun including the "TEXAS!" musical drama, bowling, a day of beauty for women and time sharing experiences with each other. The parents' camp also is underwritten by sponsors and is free to those who attend.

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Boll Weevil Foundation sets stage for savings

A decision by leaders of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. has set the stage for big savings for cotton growers throughout the state.

The foundation's board of directors voted May 9 to continue the financial relationship with the Farm Credit Bank system and Production Credit Association, which will result in decreased interest charges on loans made to the foundation to pay for the eradication program. The decrease will save the foundation hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest charges over the course of the statewide program.

Also approved during the meeting was funding for a project to research alternative treatments for boll weevil eradication.

Ray Frisbie of Texas A&M University presented a proposal which would fund testing of alternative methods to treat organic cotton crops for boll weevils. Under current foundation law, organic cotton crops will not be sprayed with the program insecticide, malathion, unless the organic grower gives permission. The only alternative is to destroy the crop to control the boll weevil in an eradication zone.

The research will be conducted by Don Rummel of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock. Rummel said he hopes to begin testing within the next few weeks. He will primarily test seven alternative treatment methods to gain an understanding of how effective these methods are against the cotton boll weevil.

The foundation will seek funding assistance from the organic growers' associations for the project the first

year, with researchers seeking additional funding in subsequent years.

"We really feel like this experiment will benefit all cotton growers in the boll weevil eradication effort," said Woody Anderson, a Colorado City cotton farmer and chairman of the foundation's board of directors. "We are hopeful the experiment will produce meaningful and significant results which will benefit cotton farmers."

After the foundation's board meeting in Abilene, a public hearing was held by the Texas Dept. Of Agriculture and the foundation concerning proposed rules for organic cotton production in an eradication zone. The changes allow the foundation more flexibility in handling the diffi-

culties of organic cotton within an eradication zone.

The organic growers present and foundation representatives voiced their desire to further cooperation in resolving any difficulties associated with organic cotton. TDA and foundation officials plan to address concerns presented during the hearing.

During the foundation's board meeting, Wayne Huffaker was sworn in as the elected director from the High Plains Zone. Huffaker has been serving as an interim director. He will continue serving as secretary of the board.

Cotton producers from the High Plains last month passed the referendum to establish the zone and the assessment to pay for eradication.

The board also heard reports from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, US Dept. of Agriculture and program director Osama El-Lissy.



MAY STUDENTS HONORED AT DMS—Students of the Month for May were named recently at Dimmitt Middle School. Honored were fourth graders Gina Gonzales and Isabel Garcia; fifth graders Rae Odom and Genny Robertson; sixth graders Albert Campos, Mandi Moore and Corey Lane; seventh graders Randy Porter and Holly Goode; and eighth graders Felix Talamantes and Terry Nanez. Photo by John Brooks

Social Security

Did you decide not to take Part B of Medicare when you were first eligible? Or did you have Part B once and then drop the coverage? If you fit into either of these situations, you'll have a chance to sign up for Part B during the annual enrollment period that runs through March 31.

This three-month period offers another opportunity to those who did not enroll when they were first eligible and those who dropped their coverage in the interim. If you enroll during the current sign-up period, your coverage will begin July 1.

If you did not enroll when you first were eligible, your Medicare Part B premium will be 10% higher than the basic monthly premium for each 12-month period you were eligible but not enrolled.

For 1995, the basic monthly Medicare Plan B premium is \$46.10. There are special premium rules and enrollment periods (generally with no penalty for delayed enrollment) for workers age 65 or older and for people under age 65 with disabilities who have group health coverage based on their own or their spouse's current employment. Part B coverage, also called "medical insurance," helps pay for doctor's services, outpatient hospital care and other medical services.

If you're age 65 or older and not eligible for Medicare's premium-free hospital insurance (Part A) coverage, you can buy this coverage along with Part B coverage during the annual enrollment period. (People entitled to Medicare hospital insurance through the Social Security or railroad retirement systems or through government employment do not pay this premium.)

Your monthly premium will be 10% higher than the basic amount if you delayed your enrollment for 12 months or more after you were first eligible to enroll. In 1995, the basic monthly premium for Part A coverage will be \$261. For individuals with 30 credits or more of work covered by Social Security but not enough to qualify for benefits, the amount is reduced to \$183.

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Storm brings rain, possible tornado damage

A small tornado may have been responsible for some damage to property northwest of Dimmitt early Wednesday.

A tank, tractor tires and other debris was deposited by a storm on the Walter Schilling farm, about five miles north-northwest of Dimmitt, early Wednesday. There was also damage to at least one center pivot sprinkler (a four-tire span was twisted over) and some trees. There were no injuries.

"I think we had a small twister out here," Schilling said Wednesday morning. "We were watching television from 2 to 2:30 (a.m.) And it was really pounding us, but we didn't hear or see a tornado although the roaring got a little loud once."

"It was a little more scary this morning after we got out and saw all this stuff everywhere."

Emergency personnel tracked a tornado in southeastern Parmer County west of Lazbuddie. Some large grain bins and other outbuildings were damaged by the twister, but no injuries were reported. The storm lifted about two miles west of the Castro County line.

The storm, which struck here after midnight, dropped .52 inch of rain at KDHN, the official weather reporting station for Dimmitt. The rain was apparently spotty, with some unofficial reports less than that and others recording near an inch.

Forecasters said the next round of storms could come in this weekend.

City will mull police options at next meeting

Dimmitt's city council will look at its options for the police department at a meeting Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The council is likely to accept the resignation of Chief Dewayne Haney. Haney's resignation has been tendered but has not yet been formally accepted by the council. Haney has been on leave since May 10. He is being paid while he takes accumulated vacation and personal leave time.

Haney was hired by the city 18 months ago to replace Gary Thurman, who was terminated by the city. Assistant Chief Ray Aleman served as acting chief for several months between Thurman's firing and Haney's hiring. Aleman is again serving as acting chief, pending action by the council.

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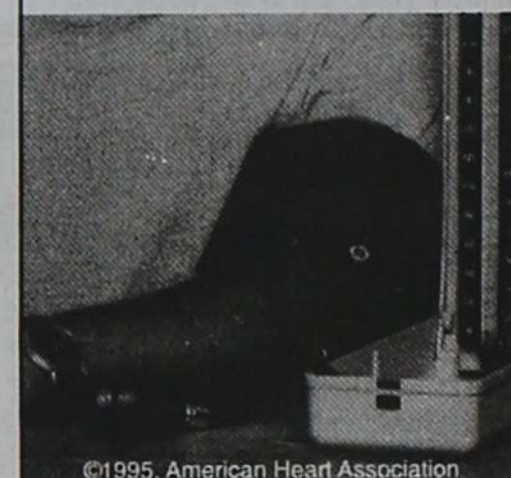
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OPERATE A FIREWORKS STAND 6/24 to 7/4 outside of Dimmitt. Make up to \$1,500. Must be over 20. Phone 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 1-210-622-3788. 20-5-6tc

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22--Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-tfx

23--Lost & Found

LOST! Two basset hounds, black and white male, red and black female. 1 year old. Have collars. Small reward. Call 647-3731. 23-5-5tc

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24--Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We don't know how to express our thanks for all you did during Elbert's illness, but we hope you know how much we love and appreciate you. Thank you for each visit, call, card and especially for your prayers.
THE ELBERT SMITH FAMILY
24-6-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
The Dimmitt High School technology students would like to give special thanks to the following people: Sonny and Alene Thomas for pulling the trailer with the club project and serving as sponsors; Jim Wright for hauling the projects and serving as Alumni president and as a sponsor; Sesario Saenz, Linda Heck and Leroy Kinsler for going as sponsors; the Dimmitt Alumni Technology Association for all the help; and to local businesses and individuals for their support.
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CARD OF THANKS
Dear friends and family,
Again, you have stood by our side, held our hands and wept with us. How can we say "Thank You?" If only you can know that we love each of you in a very special way for all that you have done, it will help you understand what your words of comfort, your loving arms, your prayers, your calls and cards, the food, flowers and memorials, and the soaring wings of the ag fly-by, lifting Darryl, and our spirits heavenward mean to us, not only today, but for always.
What more can we say other than we still do not know what the future holds, but we do know, with fullest assurance, who holds the future, and may He bless you richly in all ways always.
Be patient with us in our grief and sorrow.
In sincere and heartfelt gratitude,
THE FAMILY OF DARRYL MCCLAIN
24-6-1tp

25--Legal Notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST RELATING TO IRRIGATION INTERRUPTION CREDIT AND RECOVERY OF POWER COSTS
Notice is hereby given that Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (The "Utility") intends to change rates for electric utility service by implementing an irrigation interruption credit applicable to irrigation customers who agree by contract that their service may be interrupted and by revising the Utility's power cost recovery factor ("PCRF"), effective May 8, 1995, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. The proposed changes are not expected to have any effect on the revenues of the Utility. The changes are applicable to all electric utility services, all areas served by the Utility, all customer classes and all customers.
Copies of the proposed revised tariffs, schedules and supporting testimony and other pertinent data may be inspected at the office of the Utility located at 2415 South Phelps Avenue, Littlefield, Texas 79339, and at the office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Delbert Smith, 806/385-5191.
The Utility's wholesale power supplier currently allows a credit on the Utility's wholesale power bills in exchange for the ability to interrupt a portion of the Utility's irrigation load. The Utility's existing retail rates, which were established before the wholesale interruption credit became available, apply the interruption credit to all customers of the Utility, regardless of whether such customers have agreed that their service may be interrupted. This occurs because the Utility's power cost is reduced by the amount of the irrigation interruption credit from the Utility's wholesale power supplier and the reduced level of power cost is flowed through to all consumers through the PCRF.
The rate revisions are proposed for purposes of: (1) establishing a tariff authorizing payment of an interruptible credit to irrigators who agree by contract to allow their service to be interrupted, and (2) allocating the irrigation interruption credit received from the Utility's wholesale power supplier to the irrigation customers who have agreed to allow interruption of their load in the event the Utility's wholesale power supplier requires the Utility to shed load. Irrigation customers who agree to have their service interrupted should receive the benefit of the interruptible credit from the Utility's wholesale power supplier. The proposed changes will not increase or decrease the revenues of the Utility, however, the proposed changes are expected to increase the revenues derived from all customer classes other than irrigation and industrial (Plains Cotton Cooperative Association).
Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at 512/458-0256 or 512/458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is May 18, 1995.
25-5-3tc

PUBLIC NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt will hold a public hearing Thursday, May 25, 1995, at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The City is in the process of developing a city-wide Master Park Plan for the future development of recreational activities in Dimmitt. The purpose of this meeting is to obtain citizen input about the park plan and to have citizens list and prioritize recreational needs. The City invites all interested citizens to the public hearing. Written comments and suggestions may be sent to Mayor Wayne Collins, City of Dimmitt, P.O. Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027-0146. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend this meeting should contact the City at least 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for assistance.
25-6-1tc

25--Legal Notices

TEXAS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO PAVING CONTRACTORS
LOCATION: Dimmitt, Castro County, Lubbock District.
PROJECT NUMBER: BC-5-K-11 (Revised).
DESCRIPTION: Construction of site improvements at the General Maint. Bldg.
BID DATE: Thursday, June 1, 1995, 2:30 p.m. at 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas.
ESTIMATED COST: \$137,700.
Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge to any general contractor. Request from TxDOT General Services Division, Bldgs., Attn: Catherine Farrera, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, phone 512/416-3048; FAX: 512/416-3072; or pick up from 150 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 406N, Austin, Texas, or from TxDOT Lubbock District, Merlin Bennett, P.E., 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404; phone 806/745-4411; FAX 806/748-4382.
PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: \$3,000 (see bidding documents for specific requirements).
PRE-BID CONFERENCE: None scheduled.
25-5-2tc

M E A N I

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of May 11-19.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Choices of *steak fingers with gravy, hoagie submarine or beef and cheese sandwich with soup; *mashed potatoes, broccoli, cheese and rice or seasoned green beans; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish or chilled, canned fruit; Italian garlic bread, *hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of *golden fried cod filets, pigs in a blanket or salad plate; tater tots, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choices of *steak fingers with gravy, lasagna with ground beef or ham and cheese sandwich with soup; *mashed potatoes, broccoli, cheese and rice or seasoned green beans; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish or chilled, canned fruit; Italian garlic bread, *hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choices of *poor boy steak, hoagie submarine or taco salad with salsa; potatoes au gratin, onion rings or *peas and carrots, tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; *hot wheat rolls, old fashioned cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of *cheeseburger on a roll, enchilada casserole or grilled cheese sandwich with bowl of chili; Mexipinto beans, rice pilaf or *French fries; tossed salad with dressing, *hamburger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; flour tortillas or chips, crackers and tortilla chips or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choices of chicken and dumplings, corn dog on a stick or *beef and bean burrito with chili and cheese; pork and beans, German potato salad or *potato fingers; *fried salad with dressing, *fruit gelatin or fresh fruit slices; *homemade biscuits, old fashioned cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: School's out for the summer!

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.

HART
THURSDAY: Barbecued wieners (elementary) or brisket, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, banana pudding and milk.
FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary), or burritos, pickles, jalapeno peppers, crackers, fruit, cookies and milk. (Chef salad also will be offered).
MONDAY: Pizza (elementary) or lasagna, corn, salad, sliced bread, pudding and milk.
TUESDAY: Charsteak, baked potato, salad, broccoli and cheese, hot rolls, strawberry cake and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sack lunches (elementary), ham and cheese sandwiches, sliced tomatoes, pickles, lettuce, potato chips, cookies, fresh fruit and milk.
THURSDAY: School's out for the summer!
(Hart menus are subject to change without notice.)

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, apricot cobbler and milk.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, oranges, chips, pickles and milk.
MONDAY: School's out for the summer!

Contest set
In commemoration of the 218th birthday of our nation's flag on June 14, 1995, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a poster contest for students.
The contest is designed to increase children's awareness of the principles of liberty and justice for which our nation stands. Adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, the flag symbolizes the aspirations, sacrifices and achievements of our ancestors.
Elementary school students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20". The theme of the contest is *How The Flag Represents Me*. Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. The first 200 entrants will receive a free t-shirt for entering the contest, and winners will receive cash awards.
To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest contact Amy Carr at 1-800-262-2548 or 1-210-828-9921. Deadline for entries is May 31.



DIMMITT JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR won a I Rating of Superior at the recent Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo. Two DMS Sixth Grade Choirs also placed at the festival, earning II's for their performances. Members of the Junior High Choir include (front, from left) Maria Garcia, Larissa Fuentes, Leah Scarborough, Lilia Dominguez and

Eddie Vargas; (middle, from left) Samuel Prieto, Jaime Rodriguez, Angela Montiel, Ironica Traylor, Jeanette LaFuente, Valerie Gonzales, and Christina Fierro; and (back, from left) Gabriel Marrufo, Lucy Ramirez, Edith Fuller and Ebony Swain. Not shown are Jessica Garcia and Debbie Gil. The choir is directed by Dwight Joiner.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth

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Mother's Day was a busy one as usual with most families gathering in one home or another for dinner, games, visiting and enjoying family members who aren't around very often.

The family of Meta Stork gathered at the home of Denny and Dolores Heiman to honor their mother, Meta Stork, who is spending another week with her daughter, Florene Leinen in Dimmitt. She enjoyed seeing many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sunday was Nazareth High School's baccalaureate service in Holy Family Church for 17 seniors and 22 junior high students. The seniors were joined by two Hart seniors, Tanya Leibel and Kim Grossman, who have been in the church's CCD program.

Father Neal Dee gave a very inspiring homily to the senior class, urging them to remember the most important part of their lives during CCD training as they pursue their ambitions.

Ron Backus, president of the senior class, thanked Father Neal, Nazareth School faculty, CCD teachers and parents for their help, especially through the class's high school years.

Courtney Hoelting, junior class president, also spoke to the junior high students as they will enter high school in the fall. Tara Johnson read the scripture readings and the youth choir furnished the music.

Breakfast was enjoyed at the high school cafeteria. It was hosted by the seniors' parents. Later the class enjoyed a party at J.C. and Jocelyn Pohlmeier's home.

We congratulate the tennis players and track contestants who participated in Austin this weekend at the state meets. Melinda Schmucker placed second in girls' singles and Karmen Pohlmeier and Denia Durbin finished third in girls' doubles. Also competing at state were Alston Farris in boys' singles and Scott Brockman and Nathan Hoelting in boys' doubles.

Tracy Drerup was honored with a bachelorette shower, hosted by Tammy Drerup, Natalie Schmucker and Jenny Jones. She also was honored with a bridal shower in Silverton at the bank's reception room.

Joe and Imogene Drerup brought their daughter, Tammy, back to College Station during the week. While there they attended Tammy's graduation ceremony at Blinn College. She studied x-ray technology. Tammy will complete her studies in July.

Congratulations to the state champion girls' mile relay team consisting of Trina Johnson, Misty Ball, Tanya Wethington and Melinda Schmucker. They won their race at the state track meet Saturday morning in Austin.

Also congratulations to Melinda Schmucker, who placed second in the 400-meter dash; and to Casey

Hoelting, who finished fourth in the 3,200-meter run.

The Nazareth Band Concert was held last Thursday evening and it was enjoyed by many.

The fifth-grade band performed first, playing several selections. Then the sixth-grade band played. After the high school band performed, awards were presented to Angela Fortenberry and Susan Lange.

Glenda Birkenfeld graduated from Amarillo College Friday evening with an associate degree in nursing.

Members of the Herman Birkenfeld and Virgie Gerber families attended the nurses' pinning ceremony at the Civic Center in Amarillo. Greg Birkenfeld stayed for the graduation ceremony held later that evening.

DMS students capture state technology awards

The CO₂ car and Bridge Building contest at the middle school state Technology Student Association competition were won by Dimmitt Middle School students recently.

Michael Penney won first in the CO₂ car event. Dimmitt also took home the gold in the Bridge Building competition, with the team of Penney and Daniel Flores winning first and "Best in Division."

Shane Furr placed third in the Rocket Launch event.

Eight DMS students competed at the state contest in Waco after qualifying in Levelland. They claimed first, second and third places in the

Francis and Betty Wilhelm recently attended the convention of the Mid-America Chapter of the 30th Division Infantry in Alva, Okla. Francis served in this division during World War II. These men fought together during the battle of the Bulge, crossing the Ruhr and Rhine Rivers and marching through Germany, eventually bringing them to the liberation of the infamous concentration camp, Dachau.

They were the first to enter Dachau where they saw the horrible treatment of the Jews.

Francis visited with buddies he hadn't seen since then, 50 years ago. He has always wondered where they were or if they were still alive.

They enjoyed catching up on what has happened in their lives since they last saw one another and promised to keep in touch and meet again next year in Kansas City.

Others competing were Kyle Wood and Zack Morgan in CO₂ Car and Bridge Building; James Jackson and Van Jeter in Bridge Building; and Kurt Webb in RC Transportation.

Dimmitt Bridge Building teams would have taken first, second and third places, according to advisors Gene Penney and David Keith, but only one team per school can compete at nationals.



DMS YEARBOOK DEDICATED TO GOOLSBY—Dawn Goolsby (right), a teacher for 31 years at Dimmitt Middle School, was honored with the dedication in the Dimmitt Middle School yearbook this year. She was presented with the first yearbook by Sara Hill (left), DMS yearbook sponsor, at a ceremony last week.

Photo by John Brooks

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NURSES HONORED AT PMH—Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (front) presents a proclamation to Linda Rasor, RN recognizing Thursday as National Nurses' Day at Plains Memorial Hospital. In the background are many of the nurses at the hospital. They were recognized for their work throughout the year. The nurses also exchanged secret pal gifts, enjoyed banana splits and received small gifts.

Photo by John Brooks

More about

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there," Collins said. "It's just been a long time since we've had any significant rainfall in one spell."

The general consensus is that KDHN must have been the wettest spot in the county last year, and that Dimmitt's official rainfall total for '94 didn't have much to do with the actual total.

"It rained a lot more by the radio station and around the Schillings; they got a lot of showers that we didn't even get the smell of," said Richard Hunter, who lives eight miles farther north and 1-1/2 east.

"I don't think we got over eight or nine inches last year," Hunter said. "We never did get a good rain. We got an inch or more during August and got our wheat up, but we didn't get any more after that—not enough to settle the dirt around the wheat. I think we had only six inches or so at our place at Arney."

I called Lavern Wilhelm at Arney.

"My gauge at our home place (two miles west and two south of Arney) showed 11.15 inches for 1994," Wilhelm reported. "At my house six miles north of Nazareth, we showed 10.85 inches. I'm sure it's drier than it has been in years."

He added, "You know, the old-time farmers around here know you can't always have those good years like we had in the 1970s and '80s. I was at a meeting a while back and commented that this dry spell was a natural thing, and that we were due, and some of the young guys got mad at me. But that's just the nature of things here."

Dan Nelson, who farms north of the radio station, said that several farmers in that area "knew KDHN got more clouds and rain—they could see it."

But, Nelson said, "I've had less than two inches total north of town since last September. Some of the farmers out at Nazareth who keep good records had only six or seven inches all year long. And I'll bet it didn't rain over 10 inches in Dimmitt last year."

Jay Myatt, who farms a place about three miles east of the radio station, said the same thing.

"I didn't get but about eight inches out there all last year," Myatt said. "I planted wheat in mid-August and got a good shower on it, but then I didn't get any measurable moisture the rest of the year—in fact, until (the May 3 rain)."

"It's the worst drought I've seen since the '50s," Myatt said. "And this is about the third year of it."

C. D. Wilhelm has been Nazareth's official US Weather Observer since 1946.

"I recorded 13 inches or just a little better in '94," he said. "Two or three times last year we had an inch in one day, but most of our years came a quarter or a half at a time."

"Yeah, it definitely has been drier the last two or three years."

At Hart, Neoma Williams tends the government rain gauge a mile and a half southeast of town. Her '94 total was 13.72 inches—almost the same as Wilhelm's total at Nazareth.

"We've done pretty well this year," Neoma said. "Dimmitt had more rain than we did in '94, but we're ahead of Dimmitt so far in '95. We had 1.34 inches in April and so far in May we've had 1.51."

Hart recorded 30.44 inches in 1991, 23.66 inches in '92 and only 12.06 inches in '93.

(The "average annual rainfall" for our area is 16.75 to 17.5 inches, depending on whose statistics you use.)

"I know the year I recorded 30 inches, some people thought I was crazy," Neoma said. "I couldn't believe the figures myself sometimes when I'd add them up. But it was real spotty. People sometimes don't realize how spotty this rainfall really is."

Collins recalls driving into town from the radio station one day in a heavy downpour—which stopped abruptly at the edge of town. Instead of trailing spray, his car suddenly was trailing dust.

So KDHN officially got 47% more rain than Nazareth or Hart did last year—and unofficially, maybe more than twice as much as the rest of the county.

And based on the official rainfall totals, yes, KDHN was the wettest spot in the county last year.

Since most of the showers for the last couple of years have been so spotty, you could ask 20 different people and get 20 different—maybe wildly different—answers.

The main payoff, of course, is in subsurface soil moisture. And that, we ain't got.

"Somebody told me the other day that they dug an incinerator 30 feet deep and never hit any moisture," Mike Odom said.

Lloyd Farris of Hart told me of a 1,300-acre place he owns near Hereford:

"I bought that land in '53, and this is the first year it has failed to have any cattle on it. There's not a hoofprint on the whole 1,300 acres."

"The dryland wheat around there was just a T-total failure—there isn't a crop there. The insurance men are calling it a bushel and a half an acre—not worth combining. And the grassland is white-looking, and as dry as powder."

Ronnie Gfeller, a graduate entomologist who knows all about scientific stuff, farms places both west and east of Dimmitt. He uses a six-foot steel probe to determine when and whether to plant corn.

The rod has a small ball on the tip and a round grip-knob on the end.

"As long as the ball is wet, it will push the way for the rod to follow," Gfeller explained. "Pioneer (Seed Co.) gave us those probes. A lot of consultants use them. They replace moisture blocks (for determining base moisture) because it's a faster method."

"In the past, I've been able to push the probe all the way down. Probably four feet is adequate to plant corn, but you really need more than that."

"This year, two feet is about as far as I've been able to push it."

"I'm cutting down on my corn—one place is all I've planted any. I just don't see any sense in trying to water it when the ground is so dry. Anybody who intends to water their corn up from such a dry base had better not turn their wells off."

Gfeller estimates that he received about eight to 10 inches on both of his places.

"It's the driest since I started farming on my own in '73," he said. "This is three years now since we've had a decent rain..."

"The problem with the rains we've had for years here," Gfeller said, "is that they've mostly been little half-inch showers followed by high winds that just take the moisture back into the atmosphere without doing the land any good."

According to the pros who track the hemispheric weather patterns, we're supposed to be having a wetter-than-normal year because of the El Nino winds. We're smack in the middle of the projected east-west "moisture belt."

Many areas north and south of us have received good moisture all winter and spring. But except for our May 3 rain, we've been just off the edge of every storm system.

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Obituaries

Patricia Brock

Patricia E. Brock, 57, of Palestine, died Thursday in Dallas.

Services were Monday at First United Methodist Church in Palestine with Dr. William Newcomb officiating. Burial was Tuesday in Castro Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating. Arrangements were by Bailey and Foster Funeral Home of Palestine.

Mrs. Brock was born in Tulia and grew up in Dimmitt. She worked as an office manager for her husband, Dr. Robert A. Brock. She was a member of First United Methodist Church. She was past president of the American Osteopathic Association Auxiliary, and a member of Sigma Kappa sorority and Dimmitt Chapter No. 819 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Ramona C. Brock of Nacogdoches; two sons, Raymond E. Brock of Round Rock and Shea C. Brock of Nashville, Tenn.; and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the American Diabetes Association.

Bob Cranford

Bob Cranford, 67, of Tahoka, died Tuesday.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. at Sweet Street Baptist Church in Tahoka with the Rev. Danny Jackson of First Baptist Church in Morton, the Rev. Marvin Gregory of First United Methodist Church in Tahoka and the Rev. Lynn Long, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Nevels Memorial Cemetery by White Funeral Home.

Mr. Cranford was born in Willow, Okla. He attended school in Chillicothe. He lived in Dimmitt for several years and was manager of Western Compress before moving to O'Donnell. He moved from O'Donnell to Tahoka in 1972 and had retired as a compress manager there. He married Betty Fry in 1972 in Littlefield. He was a veteran of the US Navy. He was a member of First Baptist Church of O'Donnell and the Odd Fellows.

He was preceded in death by two sons, David Harris and Paul Harris.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Teresa Thorn of Oklahoma City; two stepdaughters, Ruthie Singer of Farwell and Becky Furr of Lubbock; three sons, Michael Cranford of Tahoka, Richard Cranford of Tulsa, Okla., and Bill Cranford of Houston; a sister, Louella Smith of Tahoka; three brothers, Richard Cranford of Electra, John Cranford of Virginia Beach, Va., and Jim Cranford of Farmers Branch; 17 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Sweet Street Baptist Church Building Fund or a favorite charity.

Leatrice Price

Leatrice Bagley Davidson Price, 77, of Dimmitt, died May 10.

Services were Friday in Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia with the Rev. Cecil Golden, interim pastor of First Baptist Church in Kress, officiating. Burial was Saturday in New Dublin Live Oak Cemetery in Dublin.

Mrs. Price was born Feb. 6, 1918 in Bell County. She married Alfred Thomas Bagley in June 1937 in San Saba County. He died June 21, 1952. She married J.W. Davidson in September 1953 in Kress. He died March 15, 1973. She attended Lippert's Business College in Plainview. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Kress and the Texas TOPS.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Lawson's Wholesale Gas and Butane Co., and she was a bookkeeper for Andy's Grocery. She was a teller for

Police Calls

A Dimmitt man was arrested on a charge of family violence assault Sunday evening in a Mother's Day incident in the 200 block of NE Sixth.

The man was alleged to have assaulted his wife. In turn, the man said his wife bit him on right leg in the calf area. The woman was not jailed. The husband is free on bond.

In another Mother's Day dispute, officers responded to what almost became a free-for-all in the 400 block of W. Halsell.

A family was reportedly playing ball in the front yard of a house in the 400 block of W. Halsell when members of a feuding family passed by. The passersby stopped in the street and got out of their pickup when someone at the house on Halsell allegedly threw a beer bottle at the pickup, denting it.

There was a short fight but no injuries. No charges have been filed.

Officers also reported that a woman was threatened by her ex-husband on Mother's Day. The woman told officers the man threatened to kill her.

Other reports outside of Dimmitt included a burglary southeast of Hart; a magnet taken from a well in the western part of the county; and a dog bite in Coronado Acres.

Other reports in Dimmitt include disorderly conduct and a fight at Dimmitt High School; theft of gas at a convenience store; criminal mischief to a vehicle; driving while intoxicated; and damage to an apartment at the Azteca Complex.

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Survivors include a son, Tom Bagley of Kress; a daughter, Joyce Davis of Dimmitt; two brothers, Otis Brown of San Saba and Odean Brown of Austin; a sister, Lorraine Hudson of San Angelo; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Alzheimer's Foundation or to a favorite charity.

Mozelle Slay

Mozelle Slay, 67, of Amarillo, died Sunday.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. in Bell Avenue Chapel of Schooler-Gordon-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, 5400 Bell St., with the Rev. Claud Tugwell officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mrs. Slay was born in Colorado City. She had lived in Dimmitt for several years and married Bobby Slay here in 1965. She owned and operated Mozelle's Beauty Shop. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Gary Lee Calhoun of Amarillo; three sisters, Inez Watson of Abilene, Mamie Smith of Midland and Helen Cuttrel of Olton; two brothers, Taylor Coker of Dove Creek, Colo., and Doyce Coker of Alvin; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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