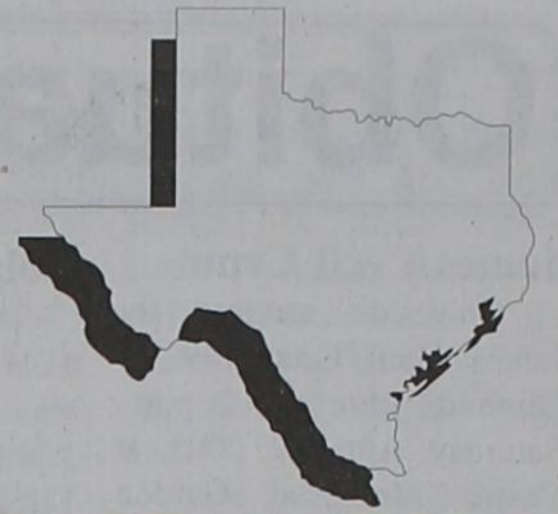


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The Board of Directors of the Home Mercantile in Nazareth is conducting a community survey to obtain feedback from the local community about programs and projects being prepared for the coming season.

The two-page survey can be found in last week's Paw Print, the NISD school paper or at the Naz Stop.

Completed forms can be returned to collection boxes at the Naz Stop or at Patsy Huseman's office at the Nazareth schools by May 1. We seek feedback from all age groups.

Organized prayer service to held every Friday at 12:10 p.m. at the Castro County Courthouse gazebo.

Prayer in remembrance of our service men and women will be given.

Participants are asked to bring photos of family members serving in the armed forces, so that those representing Castro County in this crisis may be remembered.

The service will be brief and if you cannot make it to the service, citizens are asked to stop and join the service in their thoughts.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will host an all-you-can eat Fish Fry every Friday. Serving time is 5:30 to 8 p.m.; cost is \$6 per person.

Starting April 23, the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum at Canyon will feature the work of artist Dean Porter.

This exhibit will feature paintings in watercolor and oil which celebrate the Southwestern landscape that Porter knows well from his travels and research.

Nazareth bond issue up for vote

By Davie Ann Browder
Managing Editor

Early voting is under way for residents of the Nazareth Independent School District.

At issue is whether to approve a \$960,000 bond program to meet the district's needs both now and in the future.

"The No. 1 reason for a bond issue is that we don't generate enough tax money to do repairs and renova-

tions to our buildings," Superintendent Marshall Harrison said. "We're in need of a roof, new air conditioning and heating units and to modernize the building and bring it up to state requirements."

The way school officials have planned the bond program, the lion's share - about 85 percent - of the money will be repaid through a state program.

However, Harrison em-

phasized, unless the bond issue is passed by the time the state approves the money to be used for the payoff, Nazareth won't be able to take advantage of the program.

"If we don't get the state money, the district can set on the bonds for up to 10 years with no cost to the district until or if the bonds are issued," Harrison said. "It's not costing the district anything to call the election,

except printing the ballots and paying the election judges."

Harrison estimates that cost at about \$250.

"Even the cost of the brochures won't cost the district anything unless the bond doesn't pass.

He noted that homeowners with frozen taxes, aged 65 and over, will not have any increase in the tax bill for their homesteads.

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Springlake teen killed

Family and friends of William Tyler McCurry filled the Springlake Earth High School Auditorium last Friday afternoon to mourn his death and pay tribute to his life. The 16-year-old sophomore at Springlake Earth High School was killed in a two-vehicle accident that occurred at

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Purchase vouchers spark debate during County court meeting

By Davie Ann Browder
Managing Editor

Castro County commissioners were told Monday that purchase orders may be mandatory, which caused a few ruffled feathers at their regular meeting.

Commissioner Newlon Rowland made the "ruffled feathers" remark, but said, "If it's what the law says, then we'll do it."

County Judge Bill Sava said he had inquired about the use of purchase orders after "a situation arose where it appeared we needed better control over what is bought." He declined to be more specific, saying the problem he mentioned had been dealt with.

Most of the commissioners seemed to think that the use of purchase voucher for every item might cause lengthy delays in the field.

"You know, I think it's a good thing one way and, if you think if it in another way, it's going to be a lot of trouble," said commissioner Precinct 3 Bay Baldrige. "It could be real tedious. Precinct barns are scattered all over. Some are 27 or 28 miles away from any town where you purchase something. If you have to call before you can purchase anything, it could be time consuming. You may be shutting down some precinct workers, while you're waiting to telephone and get a purchase order."

With those and other pro and con arguments, commissioners agreed to table the matter until it can be clarified.

"We discussed the legal necessity of using purchase orders," Sava said. "We'll seek legal opinions and



CITATION PRESENTATION: Sheriff C.D. Fitzgerald, front center, receives a Texas Commission on Jail Standards certificate of compliance from Commissioner Bay Baldrige on Monday. On Fitzgerald's left is Commissioner Newlon Rowland. In the back row, left to right, are County Judge Bill Sava, Commissioner Dan Schmucker and Commissioner Larry Gonzales. Fitzgerald said that at one time "We had some problems with overcrowding and needed a few minor repairs at the jail. But, we've been in compliance for the past 10 years or so."

research methods of implementation, all of which we'll discuss at our next meeting.

"We need to determine that purchase orders are required and find the best system to implement them."

County auditor Maretta Smithson said she will

investigate the matter and see how to simplify the use of purchase orders to make it easier on the people in the field. In addition, the county received an outside audit report, which was quite favorable.

"The results of the report

indicated that both county officials and employees had performed their jobs well in the year 2002," Sava said.

In other business, the commissioners:

* Agreed to advertise for bids for seal coating for county paved roads.



Up, Up & Away

Bob Murdock, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Dimmitt shows a kite enthusiast how to get the best lift during the club's annual Kite Flying Day on April 12. More than 50 would-be kite flyers, both young and old, showed up at the field east of the high school. Kites were free.

Elderly won't lose home care workers

By Davie Ann Browder
Managing Editor

Donna Charanza, director of the Castro County Hospital District Home Health & Hospice Care said individuals who used primary home care workers shouldn't worry over reports the workers will no longer be affiliated with Home Health.

"The main thing is there will be no interruption of care and their caregivers will mainly stay the same," Charanza said, noting that the workers will now be employed by a different agency, but will perform the same services.

Individuals who think they might qualify for these services can call Janie Schmucker at 363-8622.

Eligibility is determined on a financial basis, after an evaluation is made of whether the individual needs help performing the activities of daily living and if so, how much help.

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Obituaries

James Cecil Crum

Graveside services for James Cecil Crum, 79, of Dimmitt, were at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 12, 2003, at Castro Memorial Garden with Robert Hawkins, Methodist lay minister, officiating.

Mr. Crum died Thursday, April 10, 2003, at Dimmitt Nursing & Rehab.

He was born Aug. 5, 1923, in Dimmitt, to James Scott and Mattie Crum. He was raised and attended schools in Dimmitt and was a grandson of Castro County pioneers.

Mr. Crum married Virginia Luker in 1949 in Amarillo; she preceded him in death. He joined the Navy in 1942 and served aboard the USS White Plains, where he was involved in many major battles of the South Pacific during World War II. He was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. After the way, he farmed in Castro County until his retirement. He moved to Hereford in 1994 and returned to Dimmitt in August, 2002.

Mr. Crum is survived by three sons, Gerry Crum and Gail Crum of Dimmitt and Keith Crum of Edmond, Okla.; a sister, Marie Foster of Roswell, N.M.; and six grandchildren.

Lola Shwen Standefer

A memorial service for Lola Shwen Standefer, 81, was at 4 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2003, at Victory Life Church in Portales, N.M., with the Rev. David Markham officiating.

Mrs. Standefer died early Sunday, April 13, 2003, at Farwell Convalescent Center.

She was born June 7, 1921, in Dimmitt, the daughter of Bunia and George Shwen. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Tom R. Standefer; and her husband, Ralph.

Survivors include a sister, Georgie Wall of Dimmitt; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Standefer grew up on a farm in Dimmitt, where she also graduated from high school. She attended business school in Lubbock, where she married Ralph Standefer in 1940. The couple had one son, Tom. Mrs. Standefer worked at Golden West Seed in Clovis for approximately 40 years as a bookkeeper and secretary. Following her retirement, she returned to Dimmitt to care for her mother and also her son until their deaths. At that time, she moved to Portales to be near her grandchildren.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor & fellow citizens:
Our local Castro County Hospital and its subsidiaries do an excellent job in general and can handle most medical, pediatric, obstetrical and many surgical and orthopedic problems quite well. But the hospital remains in some degree of financial difficulty, as do almost all rural hospitals. If our facilities were used more, all of our citizens could pay less for medical/surgical care, due to paying less for care in our community, as well as avoiding traveling, lodging, and eating expenses if using facilities in a larger city.

Since the enactment of Medicare, Medicaid and other laws which have been interpreted by lawyers to mean that anyone who presents to an emergency room must be treated as an emergency, regardless of their non-emergent status, especially small hospitals have been obligated to render "emergency" services. Most of these "users" generally present between 5 p.m. and 9 a.m. of the following day, or after 1 p.m. Saturday through 8 a.m. Monday, in order to avoid waiting in the clinic. Most who use the E.R. do not have emergent conditions and before 35-to-40 years ago were managed at home symptomatically or by first aid measures - usually with resolution of their illness or minor injury. Many have either no intention to pay for services rendered or expect insurance or "social services" to pay for their evaluation and treatment.

Consequent to rules enforced by these governmental systems, a bureaucracy has developed beginning with the admissions staff of the hospital, then adding nurses, technicians, physicians, secretaries, accountants, transcriptionists, quality assurance managers, administrators, special assistants, etc., who must be paid, which increases hospital expenses. The "impatient" would likely have recovered, or at least improved, at home, but then the insurance company or "social agent" will decide the necessity of all this before payment or non-payment - and frequently decides on the latter.

Add to this the expense for exorbitant malpractice insurance premiums to be paid by the hospital, nurses, all physicians and ancillary personnel involved, not to mention the high cost of medications used, results in high costs, which must be passed on to the "patient" or his agent.

This example of mandatory costs involves not only E.R. care, but hospital care in general, which includes specialized tests, examinations, drugs and procedures which are even more costly.

At times a physician's judgment is erroneous and though he/she may be advised by a colleague with more experience/training that a certain approach is not advantageous, he/she may proceed with their plan regardless. It may be that the physician involved is motivated by fear of a malpractice suit, so that the more expensive route is taken - for example: referred to a larger hospital via helicopter (\$8,197.65), though no logical advantage in treatment is anticipated - for example: consideration of the patient's age, present status, comorbid conditions or their wishes, which may be known by family members, though not written down in a legal document. Whenever a transfer is advised, you or a responsible family member should insist on a second opinion before consenting!

My purpose for this letter is not meant only as an admonition for patients, but also for my medical colleagues, so that everyone may do his part to contain medical costs and keep our local hospital viable, because many lives are saved by its presence.

B.D. Murphy, M.D.

A whole new ballgame:

Dear Saddam Hussein and Sons; remaining Taliban and Osama Bin Laden:

We are pleased to announce that we unequivocally accept your challenge to an old-fashioned game of kick-tail. Now that we understand the rule, that there are no rules, we look forward to playing without them for the first time.

Since this game is a winner-take-all, we unfortunately are unable to invite you to join us at the victory celebration. But rest assured that we will toast you -- LITERALLY. While we will admit that you are off to an impressive lead, it is however now our turn at the plate. By the way, we will be playing on your diamond now... Batter up!

Our team line up is as follows: Club Owner ~ God; Manager ~ George W. Bush; Ass't Manager ~ Dick Cheney; Head Coach ~ Colin Powell; Assistant Coach ~ Donald Rumsfeld; Starting Pitcher ~ Tommy Franks; First base ~ U. S. Marine Corps; Second base ~ U. S. Navy; Third base ~ U.S. Air Force; Shortstop and clean-up hitter ~ U. S. Army; Outfield ~ firemen and policemen; Umpire ~ None Required - remember - the manager gave you ample time to forfeit the game. Now it's too late for discussion. He told you there'll be no further negotiations or diplomacy! Pinch hitters as needed ~ U.S. Navy SEALs; U.S. Army Green Berets; U.S. Army Rangers; U.S. Air Force Pjs; Delta Force.

And, since there are no rules, we've decided to add: Fourth base ~ United Kingdom and Fifth base ~ Spain Opening Ceremonies: Vocal 1: The Star Spangled Banner. Y'all stand, face the American flag and place your right hand over your heart and sing. Vocal 2: Lee Greenwood ~ God Bless The U.S.A. Vocal 3: Neil Diamond ~ Comin' To America. Vocal 4: Bruce Springsteen ~ Born In The U.S.A. Vocal 5: The Mormon Tabernacle Choir ~ Battle Hymn of the Republic. You may choose whoever you want for your team ... I know France has been coaching you and Germany, Russia and China will at least be cheering for you. You can even get the Dixie Chicks to sing your national anthem. You might even find some human shields in Hollywood. There are many EX-movie stars who seem to really love you. I'm sure they would like to play on your team and we'll be glad to let you have them.

It won't really matter how many useful idiots you get on your side and (even if you all shave), our guys are gonna win!!! Sincerely, On behalf of the 270,000,000 Citizens of the United States of America P.S. May we recommend at this time that you give your soul to Allah ... 'cause your tail belongs to us!



JENNIFER SAENZ AND ALYSSA SAENZ, both fifth grade students at DMS, compete in the jump-a-thon for the American Heart Association last Friday afternoon in the Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Photo By Kristie Kinser

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We would like to say THANKS to all that attended our Old District #13 Reunion. We had people from Dimmitt, Hereford, Wellington, Plainview, Childress, Friona, Littlefield, Muleshoe, Roswell and Abernathy.
We had six cooks. The three winners were #1) Kathy Johnson #2) Don Howell and #3) Sherry Barnett from Childress.
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- Tony boots?
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- TXism: "weak ___ -day-old kitten"
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- Wickliffe was President Polk's special ___ to TX to work for annexation
- sponsorship
- Hays Co. tributary: San ___
- TXism: "he'll shoot dice over the phone"
- TXism: "lower than a snake's ___"
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- TXism: "would jerk tears from ___ eye" (very sad)

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- ___ Cove, TX
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- TX Vikki Carr's "It ___ Be Him"
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- storm type in no. TX in late Feb. '03
- exotic leather for 12-across
- Mach-speed airplane (abbr.)
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- So. Padre Island acquisition (2 wds.)
- take a pull from the jug
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- TXism: "raised ___ concrete" (city boy)
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- TXism: "put up ___ shut up"
- disfigure
- alias abbr.
- this Bowie actually designed the knife
- employee at Dallas' Adolphus
- TX cowgirl Dale
- "___ In Peace"
- lung disease (abbr.)
- init. of 17-across
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- TXism: "that'll ___ your butter" (exciting)

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

If birthdays didn't come around so fast, they would be a lot more special. But Dr. Josefina Vogt-Diaz certainly knew how to make her mother's 76th birthday a memorable occasion. Josefina traveled to Panama City, Panama, joined her sisters and brother to celebrate Anaise Lem de Fragomeni's 76 years of life.

A friend of the Vogt family, Dr. Andrew Curtis Faire of El Paso came to Dimmitt to be with Josefina's boys Harald and Sverre while Josefina was away. Martha Jo Hyman had them over for steak dinner one

Sunday. We enjoyed meeting him and hearing about his work in El Paso.

Josefina is looking forward to having her daughter Mulin Anaise Vogt and her friend of Bergen, Norway, in Dimmitt over the Easter holidays. We hope to meet them and write about her life there.

We appreciate the Castro County News printing the names of the men and women with Castro County roots in the paper each. Let's seize this opportunity to pray for them and encourage the loved ones of those we know.

The parent's of Senior Airman Laura Bradford Quiroz, Jack and Susie Bradford, report that she is back at work at Misawa, Japan, Air Base. In December, 2003, Laura will have been there for three years. She enjoys the military life and has just recently reenlisted for another stint. Laura is a 1998 D.H.S. graduate.

Laura's husband, Luciano Quiroz, also a D.H.S. graduate is not in the service, but works at the Misawa Air Base auto shop. He is the son of Luciano and Rosario

Quiroz Sr.

Don't forget to meet at the Gazebo at 12:15 p.m. on Friday to pray for our troops.

Polly Simpson is back in CCHO after surgery in Lubbock. So far this year has not been very much fun for our loving friend. We wish her a speedy recovery.

W.J. and Sara Hill struck gold again when their new granddaughter was born. Tatum Merritt Hill was born April 2. Of course, W.J. and Sara and W.J.'s mother Evelyn Hill went to Houston for the exciting event.

The baby was delivered by C-section, so they knew when to be in Houston and at the hospital.

Tatum is the first baby girl born into the Hill family since 1945! Now W.J. and Sara have three grandchildren. Oh, by the way, Tatum's mom and dad are Scott and Yvette Hill. Her big brother is Aidan, age 22 months.

As Easter Sunday approaches, I am reminded of all the little boys and girls who entered my Sunday School classroom on many Easter mornings. The boys

dressed neatly in shirts and ties and little girls were adorned in pastel Easter colors - organdy skirts with ruffles and bows with the excitement of Easter and the approaching Easter egg hunts.

And I thank God for the privilege of teaching little ones about our Savior, Messiah, the Son of God who came to save us from our sin and to give us eternal life if we will accept Him as our Lord and Savior.

Let's all remember the sacrifice He made for us.

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Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Well, this week Belle Lumbrera spent the weekend with her Aunt Jane and shopped for an Easter dress and shoes. She had to buy shoe size zero and they are big, can you imagine?

The sixth-grade religion class at Immaculate Conception Church in Dimmitt,

taught by Donna Reinart, is doing a very nice thing. The members of the class decided to write letters to SSG Steve Villanueva Jr., who is stationed overseas. They wanted to let him know how much he is appreciated and loved by all in Dimmitt. I think that it is just so nice of them to do this. Thank you. Here is little

Steve's address, if anyone wishes to write him: SSG Steve Villanueva, JTF-N; FOB 102 (PSYOP); APO AE 09338.

Elida Gonzales of Dimmitt enjoyed a very nice spring break. Several family members met in Weslaco and had a terrific time.

Some of the family members were (daughter) Pat Flores and her kids, Freddy and Stephanie. Mandy and Delicia (daughters) and her sons, Johnny and Tony Gonzales, were also there. She has two more daughters that live in Weslaco, Olga Juarez and Norma Fuentes. Once a year, La Flores/

Nuevo Progreso celebrates a day called "Tourist Day" and they all went and celebrated. It's a day of welcoming everyone while on spring break and also to welcome the winter Texans. There is music, food, shopping and all the works. Elida was telling me about the new bridge that has been built

there from Nuevo Progreso to La Flores (into Mexico). She said that the new bridge has a cover (like a canopy) above the walk area, so when it rains, hey, let it rain, we won't get wet! They enjoyed each other's company, they ate like there was

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Naz News with Virgie Gerber 945-2669

Many relatives and friends attended the funeral mass for Edmund Gerber, 70, of Ruidosa, N.M., held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Lubbock on Sunday afternoon, with Father Gene Driscoll officiating. Burial was at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Ruidosa.

Survivors are his wife, Eileen; three sons, Kevin of Hobbs, N.M., Dwayne of Lubbock and Kyle of Oklahoma, his mother, Mary

Gerber; four brothers, Francis and Vincent of Nazareth, Dennis of Hereford and Norbert of Woodward, Okla.; and one sister, Regina Hoelting of Nazareth.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens gathered at the Center on Sunday evening for fellowship, a great dinner and games. A short meeting was held after dinner. April birthdays recognized were Mary Ehly and Jerome Brockman.

Entertaining e-mails were shared by Ed Ramaekers and Dan Schmucker. Since the favorite game played is Solo, a Solo tournament was discussed, but a definite time was not set.

Gerber relatives and friends attended the funeral mass for Meda (Gerber) Guyer, 80, of Amarillo on April 4 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Monsignor Raymond

Crasier officiating. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery. Survivors are her husband, Bill; two sons, Paul Guyer of Amarillo and Charlie Guyer of Keller; three sisters, Hilda Heiman of Panhandle, Isabel Skidmore of Amarillo and Amy Schmucker of Nazareth; a brother, Matt (Sonny) Gerber of Kansas; and five grandchildren.

Bertha Klein and Angela

District No. 2 and District No. 33 meeting of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in Lamesa. The meeting consisted of a workshop on the officers' duties and some changes in the constitution and bylaws that were passed at the state and national conventions this past year.

Father Rudolph Crossa gave a talk on the Catholic Daughters and their goals in life. Angela Acker is District

Nazareth and Teri Aguilar is District Deputy of District No. 2 of Lamesa.

Prayers are asked for Lori Huseman, Robert Fisher Sr., Rosemary Wilhelm, Leonard Wilhelm, Michael Schacher, Katy Ivey, Alice Patazzini, Joe Schmucker, Margaret Brockman, Kenneth Lange, Deanna Huseman, Mildred Huseman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman and

Thank You, Castro County

To the loved citizens of Castro County:

Pam and I would like to say thanks for over seven years of love and attention. From the very first day we arrived in Dimmitt to the last day we spent there, you made us feel welcome and loved.

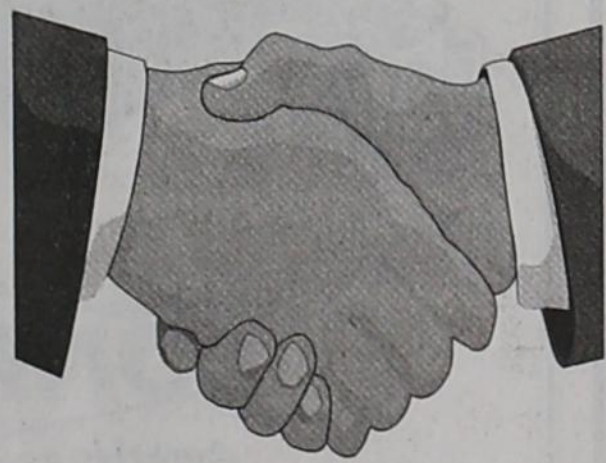
Though we have been called to another mission, we have not forgotten your good deeds and expressions of kindness. We leave in tears and hope that our paths will cross many times in the future.

We are not saying good-bye, we are just saying 'see you later'.

We love you all!

With heartfelt thanks,

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Baby shower held for Aidan Moore

A baby shower for Aidan Moore, son of Monty and Kristin Moore was held in the home of Elly Rogers recently.

The table's centerpiece was a wooden rocking horse on red denim. The table was set with a silver punch bowl and cups. Finger sandwiches, dipped strawberries and cookies were served.

Special guests included grandmothers, Sharon Brockman of Nazareth and Paralyn Moore of Canyon; great-grandmother Catherine Hochstein of Nazareth; and Mandy Moore, Monica Mote, Jeanette Brockman, Shirley Brockman and Anna.

The hostess gift was a high chair, baby monitor, safety gate and miscellaneous baby supplies.

Ward, Daniel shower

A shower to honor Ashlee Ward and Greg Daniel was held Saturday, April 12, at the home of Teresa Williams. The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Sandie Ward of Dimmitt; the prospective groom is the son of Billy and Sue Daniel of Amarillo.

The table was covered with a banquet-style runner with tear-drop marbles scattered over it. Brass trays held quiche, cinnamon rolls and fresh strawberries.

Honored guests were Sandie Ward, mother of the bride; Sue Daniel, mother of the groom; Jayla Riddle, aunt of the bride and Robin Evins, cousin of the bride. Special friends of the bride who were present were Lavon Leon of Hereford and Leslee Lickey of Amarillo. Out-of-town guests included Heather Holms of Lubbock, Allison Robertson of Amarillo and Cassie McLean of Canyon, all classmates of the bride elect. The hostess gift was Pampered Chef flatware and cookware.

Brillhart, Langford honored

A bridal shower honoring Tandra Brillhart and Jeremy Langford was held Saturday, April 5, in the home of Connie Merritt. Parents of the couple are Randy and Theresa Brillhart of Perryton and Gary and Linda Langford of Dimmitt.

The serving table was covered with a white Battenberg lace cloth and decorated with a centerpiece of varying sizes of blue and white china candlesticks and antique blue and white china shoes. Serving pieces were Blue Danube china plates matched by blue and white toile napkins.

Honored guests were Daisy Langford and Mary Nell Malone, grandmothers of the groom; and Doris Swinburn and Pam Malone, aunts of the groom. Out-of-town guests included Roz Shin, aunt of the bride, Lubbock; Peggy Hartman and Judith Urich, great aunts of the groom, of Amarillo; Kristie Sadler and MaKenzie, Leasa Thomas and Leah Beth Moore, cousins of the groom, all of Lubbock; and Jayne Hill, a friend of the groom's family, Dalhart.

The hostess gift was a duvet and bedding set chosen by the couple.



Max Moore and Tiffany Sanders

Sanders-Moore

Don and Nita Sanders, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tiffany, to Max Moore, son of Don and Paralyn Moore of Canyon, formerly of Dimmitt. The couple will exchange vows on June 28, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Hart.

The bride-elect is a 2000 honors graduate of Hart High School. She is majoring in nursing at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Her grandparents are Betty Sanders of Hart and Bob and Kathaleen Parks of New Deal.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He received a B.S. in marketing from Texas Tech University and currently farms in Kress.



She's a mother, a wife and a dear friend...

and all through life's ups and downs, she's there from start to end.

So now we pause and take some time to celebrate her day.

We love and so appreciate her in each and every way.

Melissa Carpenter

Have a happy birthday- This is your BIG 40!

We all love you dearly and wanted you to know!

With Love...

Donny, Lauren, Landon, family and friends.

Technology students place in competition

The South Plains Technology Students on-site competition was held at South Plains College in Levelland on March 28. Dimmitt High School students placed as follows:

CO2 CARS

Hot rod competition: Jordan Bell, second; Joel Puente, fifth; Amber Bell, sixth.

UTE CO2 racer: Layne Penny, first; Amber Bell, third; Jordan Bell, sixth.

Research races: Kris Ross, second; Layne Penny, third; Daniel Coleman, fourth; Amber Bell, fifth.

Dragster Design: Jinna Wright, first; Jordan Bell, third. Transportation modeling: Jinna Wright, first.

ROCKET CAR

Rocket car 1-C or 2-B engines: Jinna Wright, first; Jordan Bell, third; Amber Bell, fourth.

Rocket Car 1-D or 2-C engines: Jinna Wright, fourth; Amber Bell, fifth.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION: Amber Bell, third.

COMPUTE

Desk top publishing: Amber Bell, second.

SPEECHES

Extemporaneous presentation: Amber Bell, first; Jinna Write, second.

Prepared presentation: Amber Bell, first.

TESTS

Computer applications: Jared Bell, first; Liliana Aguilar, second; Matthew Ruiz, second; Layne Penny, third; Albert Ruiz, fourth; Nalley Reyes, fifth; Rolondo Ontiveros, seventh.

Constructions systems: Daniel Coleman, first; Kris Ross, second.

Energy, power, transportation systems: Able Espinosa, first; Daniel Coleman, second; Nalley Reyes, third; Luis Dominguez, fourth; Rolando Ontiveros, fifth; Layne Penny, sixth.

Architectural graphics: Mindy Maxwell, fifth; Ramon Lopez, seventh.

Communication graphics: Ramon Lopez, first; April Torres, second.

Engineering graphics: April Torres, second; Rolondo Ontiveros, third; Luis Dominguez, fourth; Kris Ross, fifth; Nalley Reyes, sixth.

Manufacturing systems: Able Espinosa, fourth.

Manufacturing technology: Able Espinosa, fourth.

Principles of technology 1: April Torres, first.

GRAPHIC SOLUTIONS

Bio-related technology: Jared Bell, first; Ramon Lopez, second.

Construction systems: Kris Ross, first; Jordan Bell, second; Daniel Coleman, third.

Energy, power, transportation systems: Able Espinosa, first; Luis Dominguez, third; Kris Ross, fourth.

Architectural graphics: Rolondo Ontiveros, first; Nalley Reyes, second.

Computer multi-animation: Albert Ruiz, first.

Computer application: Albert Ruiz, second.

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Church News

Stay away from sin Rock band headlines youth rally

I was taught as a child, just as you were, not to play with fire or play in or near the street. My parents stressed the importance of me staying away from things that had the potential of harming me physically. Of course, one who plays with fire runs the high risk of getting burned, just as one who plays in the street takes a chance of getting hit by a car. These are just two obvious examples of things that could bring harm to us and there are many more that we've been cautioned to avoid for safety reasons. I find myself today telling my kids to avoid and stay away from the same things that my parents cautioned me about so long ago. Truth is we all, regardless of our age, strive to stay away from the things that could harm us physically.

What about the thing that harms us spiritually, do we try to avoid it? I'm of



Chuck Ball

course referring to sin. Sin harms us spiritually in that it separates us from God. "But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." (Isa. 59:2) Since sin separates us from God, Jesus had to die on the cross to offer an avenue through which we could receive the forgiveness of our sins. "But God demonstrates his

own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom. 5:8)

The best thing we can do is to strive daily to be more like Jesus and in so doing stay away from sin. Just as our parents instructed us to stay away from the things that could harm us spiritually and at times even physically. "Avoid every kind of evil." (1 Thess. 5:22) We would do well to follow the advice of the apostle Paul in Romans chapter six. "Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness." (Rom. 6:13)

Sunday Morning Bible Study-9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship Service-10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship Service-6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study-7:00 p.m.

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Put Jesus In Your Heart

Young people are moving at the speed of sound, or so it often seems. They are busy, busier than they have ever been. Sometimes life is moving so fast that their direction is lost, their hopes are forgotten and everything becomes drudgery. They just need a moment to catch their breath, find out what's important and get things back on track. There are people in this community that are working to address that need in the lives of our youth.

We often say that kids today have it tougher now than in the past. There are many reasons for that statement to be true. However, there is an answer to the problems. It is an answer that is often overlooked, passed off as out of date or

simply ignored by today's "enlightened" minds. The answer is truth. Rock solid unchanging truth, that is found only in the person of Jesus Christ. He promised that if people who are weary, tired and broken by their lives came to him, they would catch their breath and find health for their lives.

A Moment in Time is an event to help youth from across our area to connect and reconnect with who they are, why they are here and what they can do with their lives. It is an event sponsored by congregations and individuals from the Body of Christ in Castro County. It is not a "church" event. It is an opportunity for young men and women to hear truth that can and will impact, benefit and influence their lives. This is not about a denomination or particular group, it is about young men and women in our area living better, healthier lives. It is going to be a rock and roll look at what really matters in life and how to live it better.

Violet-I, an outstanding band from Lubbock will bring a hard and heavy

musical presentation. This band is extremely talented and is probably as good as anyone out there, known and unknown.

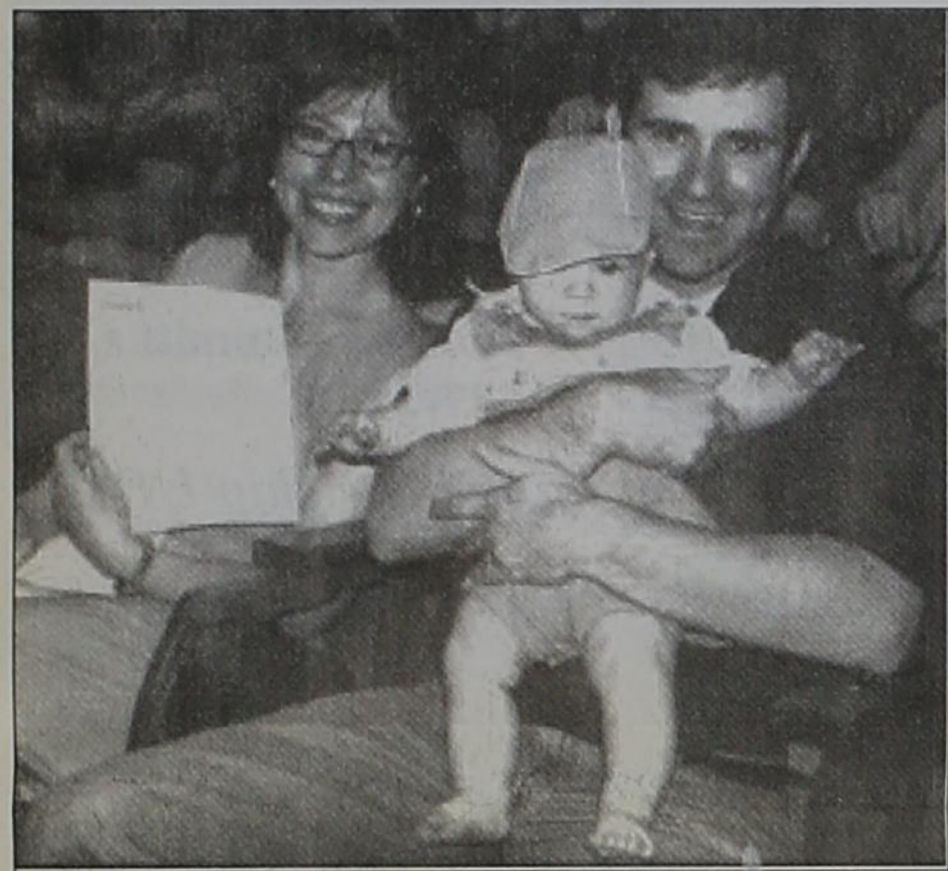
Duke Underwood, from Lubbock, is an entertaining and encouraging youth speaker. He has a heart for this generation of young men and women, wanting them to achieve all they can and be as healthy as possible. He brings a message of hope and strength for living life today.

A Moment in Time will be held at 7 p.m., April 28-29 at the Castro County Expo Building. There will be no charge for this event. All youth grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information call Virgil Feinsod at 647-4106, Tom Mullins at 647-5288 or Jeff Addison at 647-5474.

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MATCH DAY LETTER: Barry and Vanessa Hill, fourth-year medical students at UTMB, show their Match Day letter. They were matched with their first choice, UTMB in San Antonio, where they will do their residencies. Barry will do his residency in anesthesiology and Vanessa will do her residency in pediatrics. Both Barry and Vanessa will graduate from medical school in Galveston on May 24. Barry is holding their son Cole, who is 6-months old.

Gentry deployed to Iraq

Marine Corps. Lance Cpl. Mitchell D. Gentry, a 2001 graduate of Dimmitt High School, is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom while assigned to the dock landing ship USS Kearsarge, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Gentry is one of nearly 22,000 Pacific Fleet sailors and Marines aboard 14 amphibious ships of Commander, Task Group 51, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

USS Kearsarge supports amphibious operations using landing craft air cushions (LCAC) which are specially designed hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces to deliver vehicles and equipment. The ship also has conventional landing craft and helicopters embarked and is equipped with medical facilities staffed by Navy doctors, dentists, nurses and corpsmen.

Relay for Life Rally is set

Dimmitt's third annual Relay for Life Rally is set for noon to 1 p.m., April 30, at the First United Methodist Church.

Citizens are invited to come for a free lunch and learn of an exciting and fun way to help the community as it takes on the fight

against cancer.

For more information call Barbara Bain at 647-4400, Sue Boozer at 647-5632 or Libby Cleveland at 647-4450.

Relay for Life is a way to raise community awareness and raise money for the American Cancer Society.

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What a wonderful community to be a part of! Your outpouring of love through food, card, visits, flowers, prayers and memorials has meant so much to us during this very difficult time. We thank the Lord for each of you.

- The Lucille Odom Family
- Bruce Odom and family
- Sharon Cox and family
- Larry Odom and family
- Mike Odom and family

Nelson noted for service

Don Nelson, former publisher and owner of The Castro County News, was recognized as past president of the Panhandle Press Association at the PPA Banquet recently in Amarillo. Nelson served as president of the PPA in 1970-71.

He was editor and publisher of The Castro County News in Dimmitt, that was owned by his family, from 1943 until his retirement in 2001.

He grew up as a "printer's devil" in the back shop and after graduating from Dimmitt High School, attended Texas Tech one year on a vocal music scholarship. He then transferred to the University of Texas, where he earned a Bachelor of Journalism degree, working his way through college as a typesetter on the student newspaper, The Daily Texan.

After serving two years in the Army, he was the news editor for seven years at The Arizona Record in



AWARD WINNER: Don Nelson holds the award he received recently.

Globe, Ariz. He returned to Dimmitt in 1966 to become partners with his father, B.M.Nelson, in The Castro County News. He became sole owner upon his father's retirement in 1984. Through the years, the News was a consistent award-winner at the regional and state levels. Nelson also won a couple of national awards for his column writing.

been a member of Sigma Delta Chi (now the society of Professional Journalists). He is also a longtime member of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. He has served the Dimmitt community and Castro County in numerous capacities.

Nelson served on the University of Texas Chan-

Since college, he has **Continued on Page 13**

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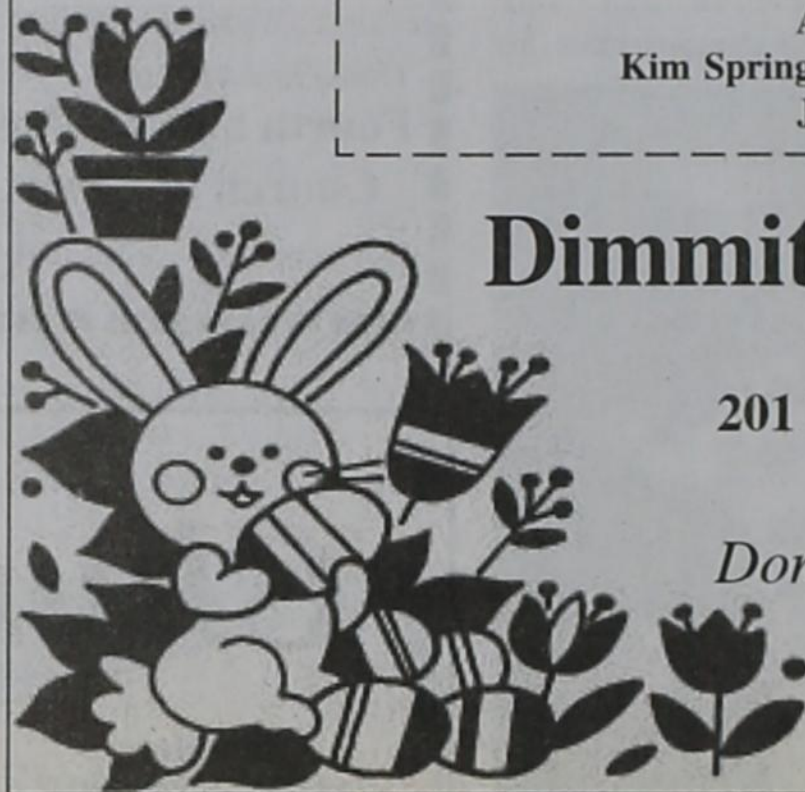
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William F. Sava
County Judge

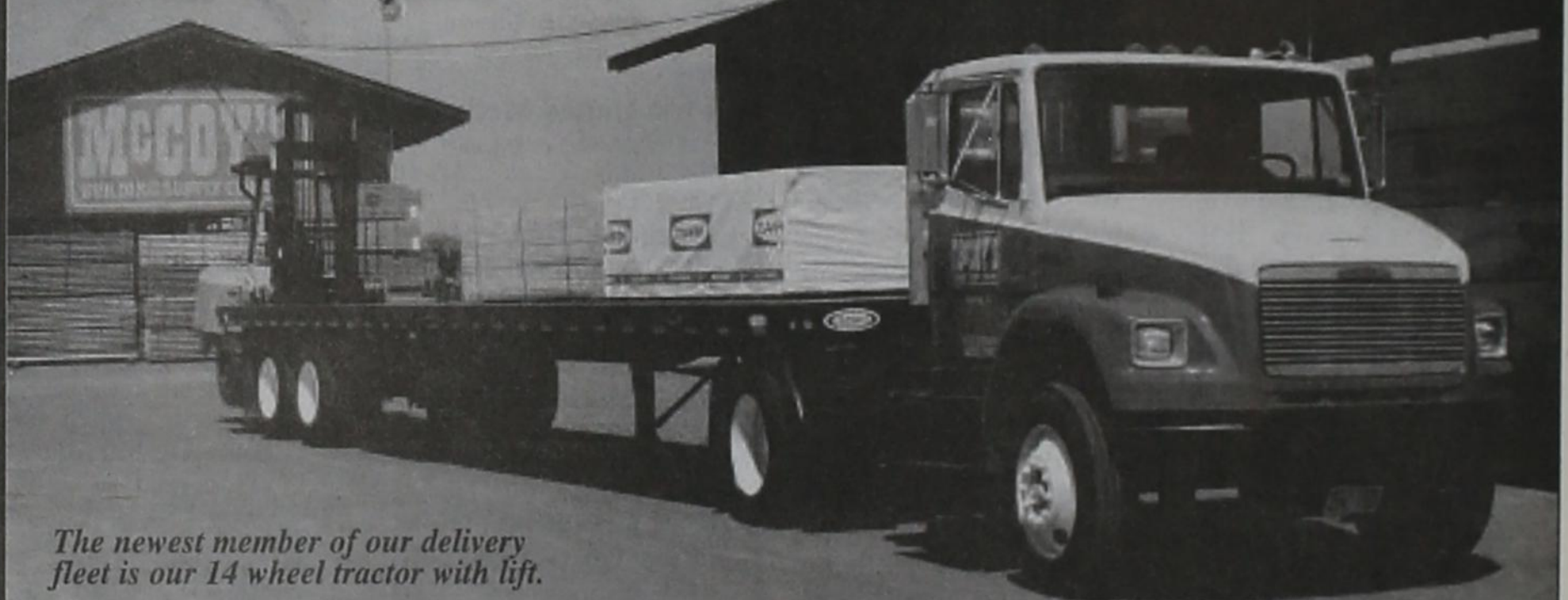
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DHS girls participate at district track meet

The Dimmitt High School girls varsity and junior varsity teams recently competed in the district track meet. The JV girls finished second.

Results are as follows:

VARSITY - GIRLS

Long jump: Ashley Irons, fourth, 15-10.25; Jill Merritt, sixth, 15-5.

Triple jump: Ashley Irons, second, 33-3; Jill Merritt, third, 31-11.5.

3200-meter run: Brit-tany Williams, fifth, 14:21.04.

Discus: Lauren Waggoner, second, 104-4.

Shot put: Lauren

Waggoner, first, 32-6.5.

400-meter dash: Ashley Irons, second, 62.03.

200-meter dash: Ashley Iron, second, 27.72.

1600-meter run: Brit-tany Williams, fifth, 6:30.58.

JV - GIRLS

Long jump: Laura Raser, third, 13-10; Kristy Reyes, fifth, 13-4.

Triple jump: Samantha Neri, third, 28-10; Bianca Torres, fifth; Vanessa Caballero, sixth.

Shot put: Darcy Fisher, third, 25-7.5.

Discus: Kathy Amador, fifth, 66-8.5.

High jump: Jacqui Hinsley, first, 4-4; Kathy Amador, second, 4-2.

400-meter relay: Kristy Reyes, Vanessa Caballero, Laura Raser, Darcy Fischer, second.

800-meter run: Jennifer Mantes, third, 3:04.65; Haley Heard, fifth, 3:17.80.

100-meter hurdles: Marisa Allison, second, 19.32; Jacqui Hinsley, sixth, 21.90.

800-meter relay: Kristy Reyes, Vanessa Caballero, Darcy Fisher, Samantha Neri, third.

400-meter dash: Laura Raser, first, 68.04.

300-meter hurdles: Marisa Allison, first, 61.55.

200-meter dash: Laura Raser, second, 31.08.

1600-meter run: Jenni-fer Mantes, third, 6:59.20.

1600-meter relay: Bianca Torres, Vanessa Caballero, Samantha Neri, Kristy Reyes, second.



2003 Dimmitt Bobcats Baseball team

Dimmitt falls to Cooper, rebounds over Muleshoe

Bobcats contending for playoff spot

The Cooper Pirates continued their undefeated district season with a 10-0 victory over the Dimmitt Bobcats in District 2-3A baseball on April 8. The Bobcats defense committed seven errors for six un-earned runs for the Pirates. Strong Pirate pitching struck out 12 Bobcat batters and allowed only tow hits.

Jared Griffitt doubled in the fourth inning to provide the only Bobcat offensive threat. Griffitt provided the only defensive highlight as well, with a diving catch in centerfield.

With the loss, the Bob-cats are 2-4 in district play. However, on Saturday,

April 12, the Bobcats bounced back to defeat Muleshoe, 10-7.

For the first time in a long time, the Bobcats are fighting for a playoff spot with three games remain-ing.

The victory on Saturday puts the Bobcats in a tie for third with Muleshoe. If the season were to end today, the Bobcats would win the tiebreaker since they have defeated the Mules twice in

district play. Saturday's game provided plenty of offense for Dimmitt. Nicky Guana slammed his third homer of the season and Caleb Dickerson added four hits to pace the 14-hit rampage. Doubles by Dickerson, Aaron Herrera and Harold Casas also contributed to the Bob-cats' scoring.

Winning pitcher was Raul Melendez. The team is 6-11 overall and 3-4 in district play.

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| April 18 | *Littlefield | There | 5:30 |
| April 22 | *Brownfield | Here | 5:00 |

Dimmitt ISD Calendar

Calendar Events

Thursday, April 17
*High School-Student Council Meeting-12 noon

Friday, April 18
*NO SCHOOL-Good Friday Holiday
*Baseball: Littlefield-There-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 19
*Baseball: JV-Littlefield-There-10:00 a.m.

Monday, April 21
*NO SCHOOL-Easter Holiday
*Baseball: JV-Brownfield-Here-4:30 and 7 p.m. (Double Header)


Tuesday, April 22
*Secretary's Day
*High School Business Business Law Field Trip
*Baseball: Varsity-Brownfield-Here-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
*No School Happenings

Campus Events

Dimmitt High School
*Student Council Representative Petitions due April 30.

Dimmitt Administration Offices
*TAKS tests to be given April 29, 30 and May 1.



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Swifts demolish Kress

The Nazareth Swifts erupted with a 12-run third inning, shattering a scoreless game with Kress on Saturday, April 12. The big inning led to a District 3-A victory for the Swifts.

Neither team could find an offensive spark in the first two innings and Kress struggled at the plate throughout the game.

The Kangaroos had just three base runners in the game. One reached on a walk and the other two singled, but they were stranded at first base as the Swifts recorded the 12-0 shutout.

Adam Acker earned the win for Nazareth, facing 13 batters and allowing only one hit, while recording eight strikeouts in four innings. Brett Hoelting finished the game for the Swifts

in the top of the fifth, pitching to four Kangaroos. He allowed one hit and struck out a pair.

Kress's pitcher, Tanner Scott, finished the game for the Roos and suffered the loss. Scott struck out one Nazareth batter and allowed nine hits. Most of those hits came during the pivotal third inning when Nazareth scored all of its runs.

Acker struck out Kress's lead-off hitter before walking the second batter of the game, but Eric Schilling, Tyler Ehly and Koty Huseman turned a double play to end the inning after three batters.

Over the next three innings, Acker struck out seven of 10 hitters as the Swifts retired the fourth, fifth and sixth hitters in the second inning and the

seventh through the ninth hitters in the third. A lead-off single in the fourth was Kress's first hit of the game, but Acker struck out the side to preserve the shutout.

After being denied in the first two innings, the Swifts scored 12 runs on seven hits and four Kangaroo errors in the bottom of the third.

Nazareth's No. 9 hitter, Garrett Kleman, opened the inning with a single and he scored on a Chase Schulte double. Acker walked, then Ehly reached on an error. Schulte and Acker each scored on the play. After Scott walked Schilling, Huseman delivered a shot to left center field that sent the outfielders to the fence. Before the dust settled, Huseman was on third and Nazareth was up 6-0.

Scott and the Kangaroos



Adam Acker



Tyson Schulte

got the next two outs on infield grounders, but Nazareth wasn't finished.

Tyson Schulte gave Nazareth new life with a single, then Kleman walked. Tyson Schulte scored on a balk, then Chase Schulte knocked his second double of the inning into the outfield and was able to advance to third on an error. A double by Acker scored Chase Schulte, then Ehly cleared the bases with a triple. Two more runs scored before Kress escaped the inning.

Nazareth improved its overall mark to 3-4 with the win and is currently second in the District 3-A race with a 3-1 mark. Kress dropped to 0-8 overall and 0-3 in district play.

Crosbyton leads the district race with an unblemished mark and handed Nazareth its lone district loss. The Swifts hope to avenge that loss at 4 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the ballpark in Nazareth.

Swifts roust Amherst

Wilhelm goes 3-for-3; Rowland adds 3 RBIs



Eric Schilling

Nazareth hitters blasted Amherst pitchers for 17 hits on April 8, and the Swifts run-ruled the Bulldogs in five, 15-4.

Amherst pitcher A. Mata was chased from the mound after giving up 13 runs and 16 hits, including six doubles and a home run, in just 2 1/3 innings of work.

Swift right fielder Edward Wilhelm went three-for-three at the plate and all three of his hits were doubles deep to centerfield. He also drove in a pair of runs.

Junior left fielder Jordy Rowland picked up a pair of doubles and added three RBIs to his stats for the year.

Nazareth's senior hurler Eric Schilling had a no-hitter going through four innings before Amherst finally picked up its first hit in the top of the fifth inning. Schilling struck out nine Bulldog hitters, giving up only three hits. Schilling picked up his first win of the season with the decision over Amherst.

The Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first after Ross Harman reached on an error, then stole third and scored on another Nazareth error. Schilling closed out the first by striking out the side and the Nazareth hitters went to work.

A lead-off single by senior center fielder Chase Schulte started a barrage of six hits in the bottom of the first. Senior catcher Evan Huseman, senior shortstop Adam Acker and senior first baseman Koty Huseman all singled, then Wilhelm picked up the first of his doubles. A double by the junior third baseman Brett Hoelting scored Wilhelm to give Nazareth a 5-1 lead before the Bulldogs shut the Swifts down.

Over the next three innings, Schilling allowed just three base runners during the span. One reached on an error, one advanced on a walk and

another was hit by a pitch. Three strike-outs over the innings raised his total to eight for the game.

On the offensive end, Nazareth batter around the lineup in the second and third innings.

A lead-off single by Evan Huseman gave Nazareth its first base runner in the second, then Acker reached when a high infield fly was mishandled by Mata. With two runners on, Schilling took a 1-1 pitch out of the ballpark for a three-run shot. Back-to-back doubles by Wilhelm and Rowland set up another Swift run and Nazareth was up 9-1 after two complete innings.

After putting another Amherst goose egg on the board in the top of the third, the Swifts iced the game in the bottom of the inning.

Evan Huseman and Acker picked up back-to-back singles to start the inning. Evan Huseman scored on a sacrifice fly by Schilling and Acker crossed home plate when Koty Huseman singled to right centerfield. For the second straight inning, Wilhelm and Rowland hit back-to-back doubles, then Hoelting added a single to give Nazareth a commanding 15-1 lead.

Amherst got its first hit in the top of the fifth on a single by Garcia, then a double by Harmon and a single by Mata gave the Bulldogs a chance to avoid the run rule with runners at first and third. However, Nazareth cut down the threat when Evan Huseman spotted Covey attempting to steal second and connected with Acker to pick Covey off a second for the third out, sealing the win.

The win improved Nazareth's overall mark to 2-4 and 2-1 in District 3-A play.

Birkenfeld plays at NAIAs in Jackson

Cassie Birkenfeld from Nazareth, a member of the Flying Queens from Wayland Baptist, recently traveled to Jackson, Tenn., to compete in the NAI National Tournament.

The 5-9 junior and her team made it to the Elite Eight of 32 qualifying teams.

She averaged 16 points during the tournament.



Cassie Birkenfeld

Cassie is the daughter of Sid and Peggy Birkenfeld.

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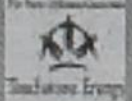
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2003 Nazareth Track Schedule

| | | |
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| April 17 | Area Track Meet | VB, VG |
| | Canyon Randall | |
| April 25-26 | Region 1-A Meet | VB, VG |
| | Levelland | |
| May 9-10 | State Track Meet | VB, VG |
| | Austin | |

Nazareth Swifts Baseball Schedule

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|----------|-----------|-------|------|
| April 18 | Crosbyton | Here | 1:00 |
| April 22 | TBA | | |
| April 25 | Kress | There | 4:00 |
| April 29 | Ralls | There | 4:00 |

Hospital board reviews employee benefits

The Board of Directors of the Castro County Hospital District held its monthly meeting March 27, 2003. The board reviewed employee benefits and medical insurance programs. The increase in medical insurance was noted, as well as previous increases for general and professional and property insurance. The Hospital Auxil-

iary purchased a computerized scheduling program for the clinic along with four new computers to make scheduling appointments and follow-ups at the clinic easier.

The District has also updated the laboratory with a new information system to allow computerized order entry, retrieval of lab results and computerized billing.

The district is completing

new HIPAA requirements to ensure patient privacy and provide standardization of insurance billing.

The board approved a medical staff recommendation that the hospital no longer perform vaginal deliveries after the patient has already experienced a Cesarean section.

Board members also approved a district-wide financial analysis by an outside consultant. Reimbursements continue to decrease and costs continue to rise, and the hospital finds itself facing the same kinds of cuts that school districts are facing. The board hopes the analy-

sis will assist in making sound decisions affecting the future of the district.

Members were told that billing and collection processes are being reviewed and improved and increased education and training are taking place.

The District has recently received two grants. The Amarillo Area Foundation gave the District at \$52,000 grant to upgrade computer software and assist with community outreach. And, the Organization for Rural and Community Affairs has given the District \$50,000 to buy two new EKG machines and rewire the hospital's computer system.



AREA QUALIFIER: Hart's Maegan Farris pulls away in the 100-meter hurdles, where she finished third in 17.37 seconds, which makes her eligible for the area meet. Also qualifying for the area meet was Kellie George, who was third in the 400-meter at 65.08. Others competing at the district meet for Hart included D'Neise Smith, who was sixth in the shot put at 27-6 and the relay team of Farris, Amanda Reyna, Sara Reyna and Sandra Menchaca, which finished fifth in the 400-meter relay and sixth in the 800-meter relay.

NISD shells out for more audit reports

At its regular meeting, the Nazareth board of trustees was told that additional audits had caused costs to increase from \$4,800 a year to an estimate \$16,600 a year.

"Every school district has had to have two additional audits conducted this year," NISD superintendent Marshall Harrison told the board and public.

Greg Huseman of Huseman Inc. of Nazareth said the board is interviewing for a construction management firm to oversee the possible repair and renovations for the school, which are part of the bond election set for May 3. Early voting is already

under way.

The principal's report showed that the school's enrollment is 224. The board also reviewed upcoming spring activities and heard a report that future student projects show that the district will maintain its current student count until the 2007-2008 school year.

Harrison also mentioned, while reviewing the summer schedule for employees, that "in order to save on utilities, the school will be open only four days a week, starting May 27."

In addition the board unanimously agreed to cancel the school board election, since both names appearing on the ballot will be unopposed. The election canvassing meeting will be at noon, May 7.

Retired teachers meet

The Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association met at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 8, at Rhoads Memorial Library with president Joanne Snider presiding.

Some 25 members and a new member, Harriet Goodwin, were welcomed.

The next meeting is set for 7 p.m., May 13, at the Senior Citizens building. A "fiesta" dinner and program will be held. New retirees will be special guests. Dues for next year will be collected.

Box Tops for Education, Campbell soup labels and Lowe's grocery tapes were collected and given to Richardson Elementary.

Jay Forrester, director of EMS at Castro County Health Care, presented the program, assisted by Derek Harkins, also of the EMS unit. Jay gave his personal background, explaining that he was from Shallowater and had been named after Jay Stanton, brother of Tommy Stanton, who is the husband of DARSPA member Janice Stanton. He has worked with EMS for nine years, two of which have been in Dimmitt. EMS does patient assessment and emergency care when answering a call. Castro County has three emergency vehicles, two of which are fully equipped for all emergencies. He urged members to practice good nutrition, physical fitness, adequate sleep and care in preventing injury and disease.

Mary Jo Brown reported that the Book Project had been completed and that 60 books were presented to students in four classrooms at Richardson Elementary School.

Loranel Hamilton was "Spotlighted Member" for this month. She attended school in Oklahoma, where she was born on a ranch. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees and taught 17 different subjects in Kansas, New Mexico and Texas. Since her retirement, she has traveled extensively across the United States, Canada, Europe and the Caribbean.

Members were encouraged to contact legislators urging them to provide reasonable priced health insurance for retired members.

Helen and Elmer Berryhill will not be able to attend the state meeting as delegates, so the alternates, Mary Jo Brown and Joanne Snider, will be voting delegates. Billye Davis and Barbara Bain will also attend the meeting, which will be held in Wichita Falls later this month.

David Keith won the ticket drawing and Pat Keith, Charlene Howell, Merle Arthur and Centrie Mayberry won door prizes.

Refreshments were served by Billie Kirby, Jackie Edwards and Sandra Bagwell.

Grand jury indicts seven

Grand jurors in the 64th District Court returned seven indictments on April 1.

Those indicted include:

- * Bobby Richard White, Summerfield, possession of a controlled substance, over 4 and under 200 grams.

- * Elsa Rodriguez Marquez, Dimmitt, possession of a controlled substance, under 1 gram.

- * Jerry Rodriguez, Dimmitt, burglary of a habitation.

- * Dale Stuart Thompson, Amarillo, possession of a controlled substance, over 1 and under 4 grams.

- * Eleazar Corrales Esquivel, Hart, forgery.

- * Jerry Rodriguez Torres, Dimmitt, tampering with government record.

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Castro County Lunch Menu

| DIMMITT SCHOOL LUNCH | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--|--|---|
| Friday-April 11th | Monday-April 14th | Tuesday-April 15th | Wednesday-April 16th | Thursday-April 17th |
| No School! | No School! | Honey Nut Cereal Breakfast Bar Fajitas w/ onion,pepper Chinese Egg Roll Chicken and Rice Casserole Frijoles Refrieto Country Rice Dressing Savory Peas Tossed Salad Tortilla, Roll, Crackers Fruit Juice Assorted Milk | Smucker's Peanut Butter Sandwich Meat Loaf w/ creole sauce Fried Chicken Beef/Bean Burrito Butter Beans Parsley Buttered Potato Broccoli/Cauliflower salad Fresh Fruit Wheat Rolls Cowboy Bread Fruit Juice Assorted Milk | Fruit Loops Cereal Chicken Strips Enchilada Casserole Pepperoni Pizza Mashed Potato Green Beans Peach Cobbler Tossed Salad Frijoles Refrieto Golden Nugget Rolls Arroz Mexico Fruit Juice Assorted Milk |

| NAZARETH SCHOOL LUNCH | | | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--|---|---|
| Friday-April 18th | Monday-April 21st | Tuesday-April 22nd | Wednesday-April 23rd | Thursday-April 24th |
| No School! | No School! | French Toast Sticks Assorted Cereal Sausage Patti Nachos Rolls Corn Dogs Peach Cobbler Fruit Salad Green Beans Frito Salad Fruit Juice Milk Unsweetened Tea Sweetened Tea | Breakfast Pockets Assorted Cereal Hamburger Chicken Sandwich French Fries Cookies Applesauce Pinto Beans Lettuce Fruit Juice Milk Unsweetened Tea Sweetened Tea | Sausage on Roll Cereal Hot Turkey Sandwich Sausage Pizza Stuffing mix Pears Cranberry Sauce Tossed Salad Fruit Juice Milk Unsweetened Tea Sweetened Tea |

| HART SCHOOL LUNCH | | | | |
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| Friday-April 18th | Monday-April 21st | Tuesday-April 22nd | Wednesday-April 23rd | Thursday-April 24th |
| No School! | No School! | Cinnamon Rolls Assorted Cereal Chicken Sandwich Toasted Cheese Sandwich Enchilada Casserole Tortilla Pieces Corn Salad Fresh Fruit Pineapple Pudding Fruit Juice Milk | Breakfast Pizza Assorted Cereal Graham Crackers Corn Dog Burrito Steak Fingers Mashed Potatoes Sliced Pickles Broccoli and Cheese Peaches Salad White Cake w/ Strawberries | Waffles Assorted Cereal Pancake/Syrup Hamburger w/Potato Corn Dog Pizza Salad Gelatin Dessert Oatmeal Cookies Milk Fruit Juice |

HART ISD CALENDAR

Calendar of Events

Thursday, April 17
 Conclude fifth six weeks District 4A and 3A Area Track Meet at Amarillo Randall
 1:00 p.m. Release for Easter Holiday
 Amarillo GLOBE News Student Volunteer Awards at WTAMU 7 p.m

Friday, April 18
 Easter Holiday
 Regional Qualifiers Track

Saturday, April 19
Monday, April 21
 No Activities Scheduled
 Holiday (Snow Day)
 Region 1-A Golf Meet in Levelland

Tuesday, April 22
 Start last six weeks of school
 District 4-A JH Tennis Meet at Hart Courts 4 p.m.
 Region 1-A Golf Meet in Levelland continues

Wednesday, April 23
 Region 1-A Tennis meet in Levelland

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You may be the head of the company (department, division, what-have-you), but don't forget to pay your respects to the neck and shoulders: the secretaries, office managers, customer service reps, etc. who work just as hard to keep your office running smoothly and keep you smelling like a rose. Today's the day to give these indispensables the recognition they deserve. Formerly "Secretaries Day," the name of this holiday was changed in 2000 to reflect the growing number of job titles and responsibilities held by administrative professionals.

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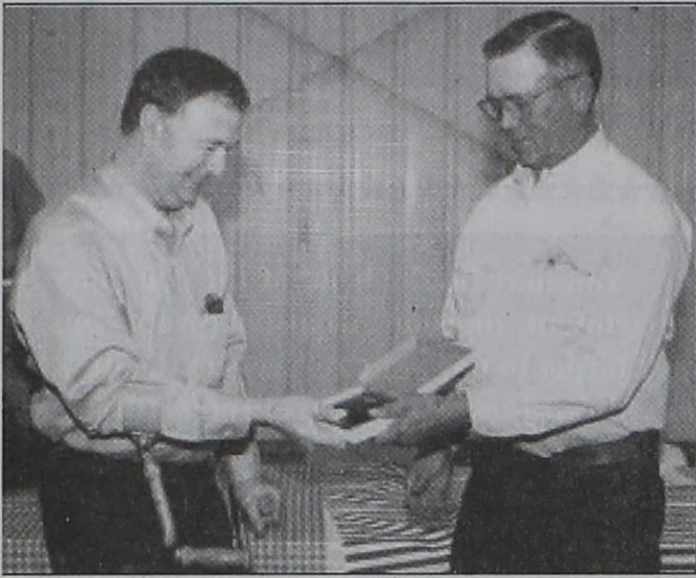
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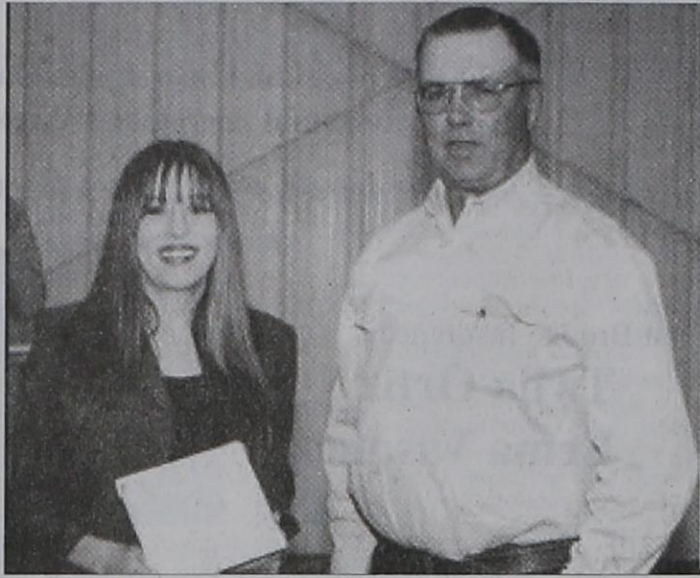
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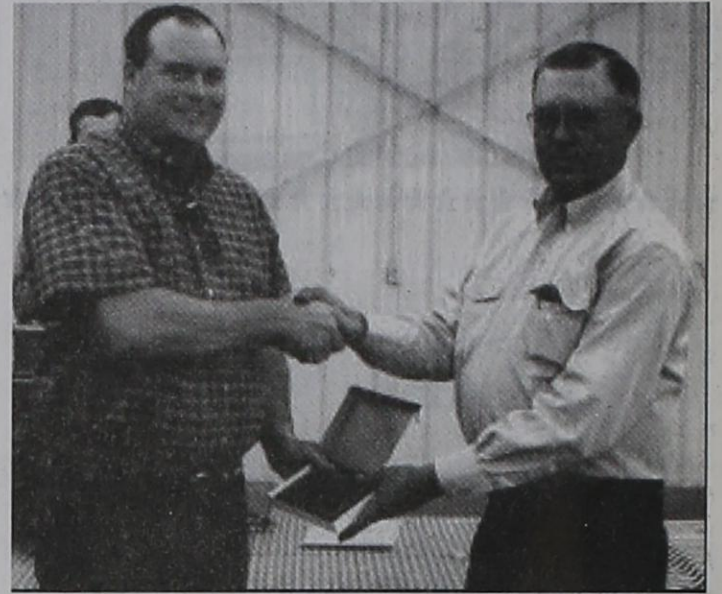
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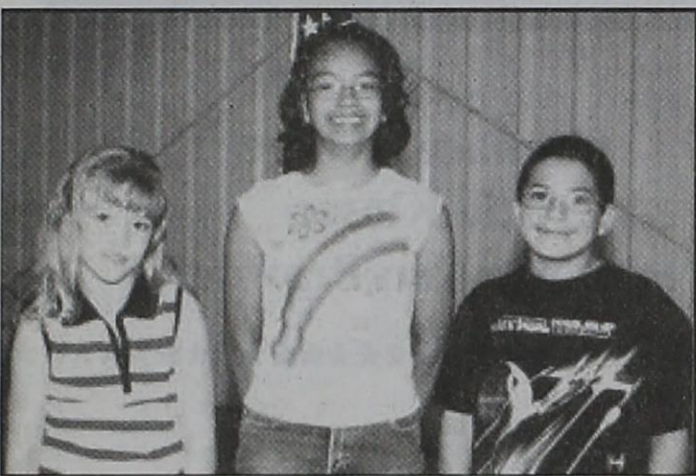
BUSINESS PROFESSIONAL FOR 2003- Ben Scott was selected as the Running Water SWCD Business Professional for this year at its annual banquet held last Friday at the Castro County Expo Center. Scott is a landowner, farmer and realtor in Castro County.
Photo By Kristie Kinser



CONSERVATION HOMEMAKER FOR 2003-Sheila Dudley Fediuk was selected as this years Homemaker of the Year by The Running Water SWCD. Fediuk is the Vice President of Brooks Farms of Hart, a family farming operation.
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WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN AWARD-Brian Nelson was selected as this year's recipient by The Running Water SWCD. Nelson has three Senate Bill 503 Water Quality Plans and has shown his desire to conserve his natural resources.



POSTER CONTEST WINNERS-for Castro County for 2003 (l to r) Haley Birkenfeld, a second grade Nazareth student, placed third and received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond, Valeria Rodriguez, a seventh grade Nazareth student, finished first and received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond and Neno Ramirez, a fourth grade Hart student, won second place and received a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond.
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RESIDENT CONSERVATION FARMER FOR 2003-Sidney Birkenfeld received this recognition from The Running Water SWCD at its annual banquet last Friday. Birkenfeld applied for and received EQIP contract on three of his farms. Furrow irrigated farmland was converted to LESA center pivot sprinkler, with flowmeters and chemigation valves installed on pivots.
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- Chairman of the Board..... Bob Birkenfeld
- Vice Chairman..... Richard Hunter
- Secretary..... Kevin Acker
- Member..... Bob Phipps
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Huseman recognized for 12 years of service


Louis Huseman was recognized at this year's banquet for having served 12 years as director of The Running Water SWCD. Huseman was replaced this year by Kevin Acker of Nazareth.



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Bond issue

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The issue is divided into three propositions.

* Proposition 1 - \$550,000, which would put a new roof on the main campus, new hallway and classroom floor covering, new lighting in south portion of building, repainting all classrooms, refinishing hallway walls, renovating restrooms for handicap access, new exterior doors and repairing outside walls.

* Proposition 2 - \$200,000, centers on the cafeteria, including a new roof, replacing heating and cooling units, new lighting, repainting all walls, renovating restrooms for handicap access and new exterior doors.

* Proposition 3 - \$210,000, would renovate the ag building and the bus barn.

In order to receive the State Facilities Funding, Nazareth ISD must generate about 15 percent of the debt payments from local funds. If Prop. 1 only is passed, the

tax rate increase would be about 3 cents; if both Prop. 1 and Prop. 2 are passed, the increase would be about 4 cents; for all three, the increase would be approximately 5 cents.

After the value reduction for agricultural use, the average taxable value for cultivated farmland in Nazareth ISD is \$175/acre and the average taxable value for pastureland is \$40/acre. If the bond impact would be 9 cents per \$100 valuation on cultivated farmland and 2 cents on pastureland.

For homes, with the 5 cent increase, the annual increase on a \$40,000 home would be 12.50; on a \$60,000 home, it would be \$22.50; \$32.50 on an \$80,000 home, etc.

Early voting started Wednesday, April 16, and will continue through Tuesday, April 29. Voting hours are 8 a.m. until noon and 1 to 5 p.m., weekdays, at the school, 101 S. First. Election day is Saturday, May 3, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friona officer killed

FRIONA - A city police officer was killed Sunday night after his patrol car was hit head-on by a car driven by fleeing suspect, according to reports.

Officer Jose Arturo Herrera, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, three miles northeast of Bovina on County Road N, according to reports.

"This department is just devastated," said Friona police chief Scott Given. "I don't know how

I'll ever replace him. He was one of the best investigators I've ever known in my life."

Herrera died after his car was hit by a pickup driven by Jose Adam Gomez, 38, who sustained head and chest injuries. He was listed in critical condition at Covenant Health Center in Lubbock. His passenger, Tanya Mireles, 30, of Tulia, was wearing a seatbelt and was listed in stable condition at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, reports said.

Nelson

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-cellors Committee of Editors in the 1970s and was a long-time member of the Texas Tech Mass Communications Professional Advisory Committee in the 1980s and 90s. He was a second-generation inductee into the PPA Hall of Fame in 2000. His father was one of the first inductees in 1992, when

the Hall of Fame opened. He hatched the idea for the "Ethics Panel" at the PPA convention and chaired the panel for more than a decade; in 1996 he performed the same task for the Texas Press Association at its Mid-Winter Conference.

Don and his wife, Verbie, will observe their 50th wedding anniversary in August of 2004. They have three grown children.

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Do you know of someone with Castro County roots currently serving in our Armed Forces? If so, please provide their name and branch of service so that we may honor them.

Hispanic Voice

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no tomorrow, shopped until they dropped and just plain had a terrific time and they all made it back home in one piece. Oh, Elida said that she was just walking along, having a good time and ran into some Dimmitt people. They saw Tile and Max Mireles. Small world. *****

Julia Aguilar celebrated a birthday on Saturday. She was born April 12, 1928, in Edinburg. A big celebration was sponsored by her daughter, Albesa Aguilar Salinas. To help her celebrate, other family members celebrated a birthday also. Her grandchildren, Jacob and Michelle Villegas, also had birthdays. They are the children of Manuel and Maribel Villegas of Lubbock. To name a few of her guests: her sons, Alonzo and Connie Aguilar and Marcelo and Alice Aguilar, all of Dimmitt; a daughter, Julie and Jesse Casas of Lubbock; a granddaughter, Virginia Herrera of Buffalo, Texas; and sister, Juana Hernandez of Dimmitt.

There was lots to eat, including brisket, sausage, chivo (goat), chicken, salad, rice, beans, lots of cake and, of course, a Pinata. The Aguilar family wishes her a happy birthday and many more to come. A little bird told me that whenever you ask Julia how old she is, she says 16. Hey, you're as young as you feel! Love you mom, grandmom, great-grandmom, from all your family! *****

Carlos Triana and Armando Castaneda of Dimmitt and Bruce Wilson of Amarillo attended a men's Advancement Spiritual Retreat in Glorieta, N.M., April 3-5. They are members and attend the Assembly of God Church of Dimmitt. The retreat was held at Lifeway Glorieta Conference Center. They really enjoyed the retreat, learned a lot and are very uplifted. They also got the chance to do a little bit of sightseeing. They visited St. Francis Church in Santa Fe. Carlos invites anyone to visit with him about next year's

retreat to be held April 1. *****

Rita Aleman celebrated a birthday on Sunday, April 13, one day before her actual birthday. When asked how old she is, she said, "Well, I might be 43 tomorrow. I thought I better celebrate it early, because tomorrow might not come." They all got a big chuckle out of that. Her husband, Ben, did the cooking and they had a big spread. They had a fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings. To help her celebrate was Maria Aleman; Ray, Loretta, Monique and Andre Aleman; Arturo and Mary Ann, Albert Ruiz; Chris and Terry Fuentes; Sal Rivera, Christopher Martinez, Maggie and Elidia Dozal, Danielle Prieto, Belle Lumbreira. She received ceramic Easter bunnies (she collects them) and now her wall is full of bunnies. *****

Prayers are needed for our men and women in the military: Marcelo Aguilar, Julia Aguilar, Alysa Monreal, Ricarda Acavedo, Rita Aleman, Maria Aleman.

Teen killed

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at 7:50 a.m. last Wednesday, April 9.

McCurry, a resident of Earth, was turning north at the intersection of U.S. Highway 70 and School Road 302 when his Chevrolet S-10 pickup was hit by a 18-wheeler hauling cottonseed from Olton. He had been on his way to school. According to DPS Trooper Becky Gentry, McCurry was apparently blinded by the sun and didn't see the westbound truck.

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Carolyn Hanson pronounced the youth dead at the scene.

McCurry was born on October 21, 1986, in Lubbock.

He was involved in the Springlake Earth athletic program, where he was the starting noseguard for the Wolverine football team. He also participated in field events during track season, throwing the discus and the shot put. A member of the S-E High School FFA Chapter, McCurry was drum

major for the Wolverine Marching Band and a student council member as well.

High School principal Karl Vaughn described him as "well-liked and admired, a great kid in every way."

Outside of his school activities, McCurry was a member of Springlake First Baptist Church, where he played guitar for the youth group.

He loved to farm.

For the past four years, McCurry studied piano with Harold Dean Carson of Olton. "He was one of the most special young men I've ever worked with," shares Carson.

Last fall, Carson assigned a piece he'd written titled "Holiday in Spain" to McCurry with a promise that once the song was learned, it would be dedicated to him upon publication. Ty's last lesson was on Sunday before his accident.

"He played it perfect from memory," said Carson.

The piece is now ready for publication with a

dedication to Ty McCurry.

Students at Springlake Earth High School are at present making suggestions for a tribute to McCurry. The Student Council will convene this week to narrow down the suggestions. According to Principal Vaughn, the McCurry family is also planning a special project in Ty's memory—they will distribute New Testaments dedicated in his name, to anyone who wants one.

Principal Vaughn expressed his appreciation to Olton High School and Principal Clay Richerson for the tree sent in Ty's memory. He also expressed gratitude to the town of Olton for all the support shown since the young man's death.

Surviving McCurry are his parents, Jimmy, a graduate of OHS, and Betty McCurry of Earth; a brother, James Logan of the home; a sister, Balee Marie, of the home; and his grandparents, Robert and Annie McCurry of Springlake.


On the Go

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Join with the believers of your choice this Easter Sunday to praise Him and ask for His guidance. Pray for our brave troops overseas, thank Him for the gift of freedom that we enjoy and the assurance of Heaven for those of us who've claimed Him personally. Hallelujah, what a Savior! This is the recipe for a very happy Easter!

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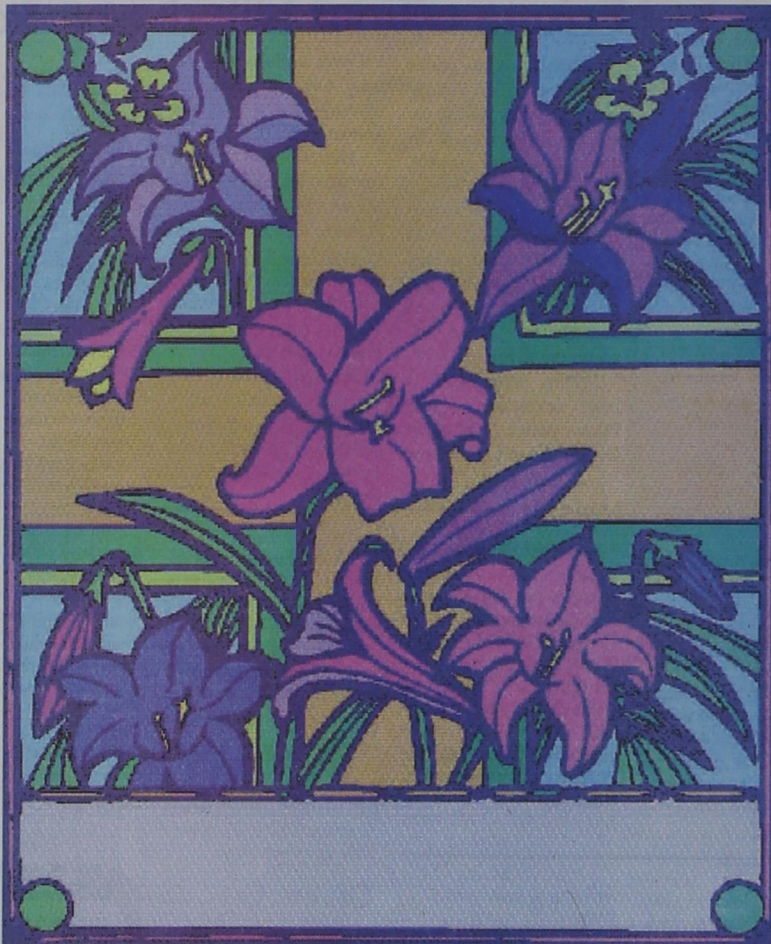
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And the Angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified." He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come see the place where He was lying...

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