




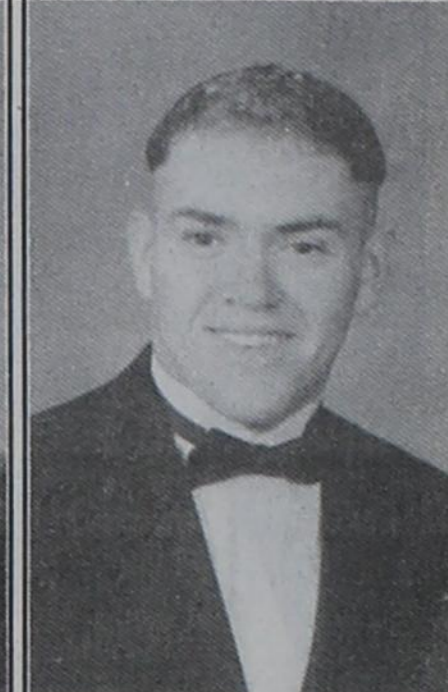


Meet the 1997 honor graduates

D H S			N H S			H H S		
	COLBY McDANIEL DHS Valedictorian 3.71	JOSHUA ROBERTS DHS Salutatorian 3.67		ANGELA FORTENBERRY NHS Valedictorian 3.98	MARGIE DURBIN NHS Salutatorian 3.98		CASSIE NEINAST HHS Valedictorian 3.8583	ARMANDO MINJAREZ HHS Salutatorian 3.6462

The Castro County News

73rd year—No. 5

Dimmitt, Texas, Thursday, May 8, 1997

50¢

14 pages plus supplements

Rain! Hail! Funnels!

Tuesday night's double-barreled storm system dumped as much as 2.5 inches of rain and heavy hail in the western part of the county and spawned small funnels southeast of Dimmitt.

Many Dimmitt residents watched the storm in the dark. The northwestern third of the city was without power for up to 85 minutes as lightning caused fuses around town to blow, and workmen couldn't replace them until the storm let up.

However, no direct hits were recorded and no lines were blown down, Southwestern Public Service Co. reported.

The storm, which spanned the entire county, left many already-saturated fields under water, stopped corn planting at the 90% stage and made cotton planting an iffy proposition in some areas.

Roads and highways throughout the county were closed—some of them until Wednesday morning—because of high water.

Jody Riley, who was caught out in the storm, watched several funnels form southeast of Dimmitt.

"It was a bunch of very small funnels, four or five right together," he said. "I was about six miles south and three east of Dimmitt at the time. They never touched down. You could see the rotation, though—it was a big rotation, although the funnels were very small."

Dimmitt High School's baseball team also spotted a funnel near Nazareth while returning home on the team bus from a game at Tulia.

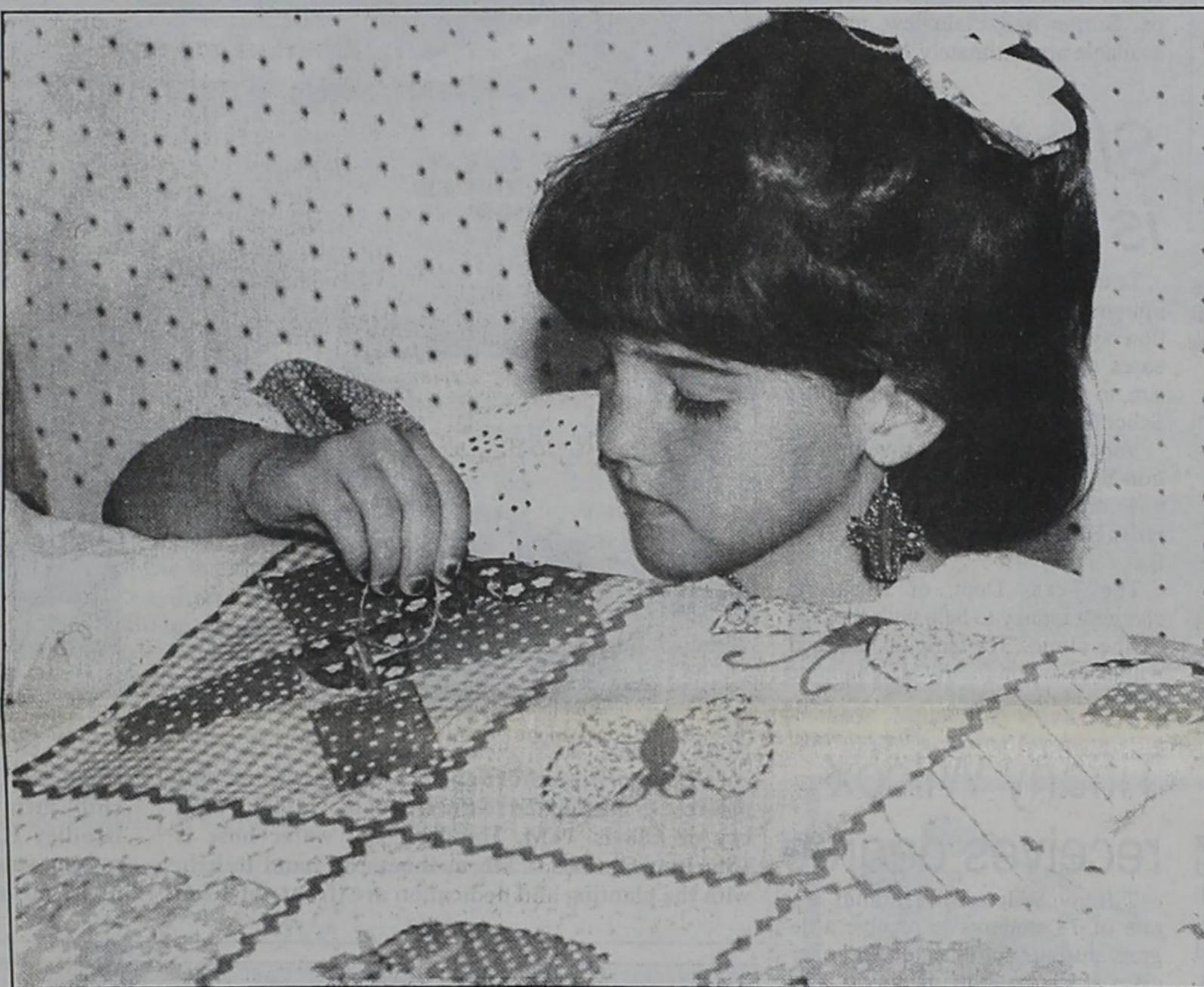
"It was about four miles north of the highway (86)," reported Ed Henley, sportswriter who was riding with the team. "It wasn't a big one, but it was kicking up some dust and pulling in some water. It was on the ground just a little bit before it dissipated."

"It looked like there were several funnels in that cloud, but that was the only one that touched the ground," he said.

Those pasturing cattle had problems when they lost power to their hot-wire fences and their cattle started breaking out.

Hail ranged from hard pea-size to soft marble-size stones. One deputy sheriff tracking the storm reported golfball-size stones along State 145 three miles west of US 385 south of

(Continued on Page 10)



CAREFUL STITCHES—Brandy Smith helps demonstrate a pioneer skill that is still used today. The second grader participated in the Pioneer Days program held last week at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School. The program included music and

dancing and recitation of the early history of Castro County. In addition, students participated in various booths depicting the pioneer way of life, showing such things as jobs, games, and food. The public was invited to view the program. Photo by Linda Maxwell

City Council declares Saturday as 'OM Day'

Monday night, the Dimmitt City Council approved a resolution declaring Saturday as "OM Day" in Dimmitt.

The observance is to honor the Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams. The two structure teams, one from Dimmitt High School and one from Dimmitt Middle School, placed first at the State OM Competition and have qualified to advance to the World OM Contest in Maryland in June.

The teams are trying to raise \$15,000 to cover the expense of making the trip, and have already raised \$9,750.

A car wash held Saturday at Pizza Hut and at Thrasher's Auto brought in a little over \$2,000, and another \$2,500 has been donated from various sources.

The teams will be selling fajitas Saturday at the courthouse square from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until the food or customers run out, according to OM Coach Wayne Proffitt.

Also, vaccinations for local pets are being offered on Saturday at reduced prices, with a portion of the proceeds ear-marked for the OM teams.

The teams also have placed a cotton trailer on the vacant lot across from Pizza Hut for donation of aluminum cans.

In other business Monday night, the council also voted to accept a bid on one parcel of tax delinquent property, but agreed to table action on another parcel until it can be looked into as the possible site for a city park in the northeast section of town. The one-lot parcel of land will

go to Frank Mendoza for his high bid of \$600.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said the city also could look into the availability of grant money for developing a park.

The council canvassed the votes, and listed the totals as: Collins for mayor, 204; and for aldermen, Trish Elliott with 193, Lyman Schroeder with 190, Clint Seward with 148, and Malcolm Reynolds with 117.

A vote of thanks was issued to outgoing council members Carole Dyer and Malcolm Reynolds.

Pet vaccination clinic proceeds to benefit OM

Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic will sponsor a rabies drive and vaccination clinic for pets Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and proceeds from the clinic will benefit Dimmitt's Odyssey of the Mind teams in the efforts to raise money to attend the World competition.

The clinic will offer rabies, distemper, hepatitis, parvo and corona vaccines for dogs; and rabies, feline leukemia and FVR-CP for cats.

The rabies shots will cost \$8 each. The distemper, parvo, hepatitis and corona vaccines will be \$10, feline leukemia shot will run \$12 and FVR-CP will cost \$7.50.

For more information, contact Dr. W.J. Hill at Dimmitt Vet Clinic.

HISD candidates face May 31 run-off

A run-off election has been forced in the Hart Independent School District school board race, since third place vote-getters Pancho Diaz and Danny Rodriguez both received 118 votes. The date for the run-off election has been set for May 31. May 14-27 will be early voting. Ballots may be cast at the HISD administration office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Top vote getter in the field of five candidates for the three vacancies was Marsha George with 207 votes. Next was Ricky Mitchell with 149, then Diaz and Rodriguez at 118 each. Incumbent David Smith trailed with 110 votes.

In the Hart aldermen's race, Harvey Perez received 120 votes, and incumbent Doyle K. Davis received 103 votes to claim the two vacancies on the board. Candidate Tommy Hall got 54 votes and Harold Smith got 50.

In the contested school board race for Nazareth, the two vacancies were filled by incumbent David Olvera with 93 votes and Peggy Birkenfeld with 90 votes. Other candidates were Patti Kern, with 76, Morris Wilcox with 26, and Vicky Kleman with 12.

For the Dimmitt City Council, three at-large positions were filled. Top vote-getter was Trish Elliott with 193, followed by incumbent Lyman Schroeder with 190, and Clint Seward with 148. Incumbent Malcolm Reynolds got 117.

The Dimmitt school board will not face any changes in personnel, as incumbents were returned to office. John Nino was unopposed in District 1, and received

9 votes. In District 5, Avery Thrasher received 74 votes to 38 for Joe Alvarez.

Unopposed candidates in other races included Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, who received 204 votes to return him to office; Hart Mayor Tony Leibel, with 113 votes; and Castro County Hospital District board members Jerry Annen with 389, Henry Ramaekers with 369, and Carolyn Sides with 408.

Vote totals reported are unofficial, except for the City of Dimmitt, which has already canvassed its returns.

Plains Memorial gets approval for nuclear scanning

Plains Memorial Hospital has received state approval to perform nuclear medicine studies, Administrator Joe Sloan announced this week.

As a result, the hospital is now authorized to use radioactive isotopes to conduct "scans" of the liver, thyroid, bone, etc., to detect cancerous cells.

"This is another service that local people won't have to go out of town to get," Sloan said.

The nuclear scanning procedures at Plains Memorial actually will be performed by Medical Ancillary Services, Inc., which is based in the Dallas area and maintains a mobile scanner in Lubbock. MASI will provide the service on an on-call basis, Sloan said.



Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	72	45	
Friday	84	46	
Saturday	66	33	
Sunday	71	32	
Monday	78	42	
Tuesday	79	46	
Wednesday	82	45	50

May Moisture 0.50
1997 Moisture 5.12
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.



STATE CHAMPION!—Justin Bingham of Nazareth captured the Class A state championship in News Writing Friday at the state UIL meet in Austin. Bingham was making his third appearance at the state meet, having finished sixth as a sophomore and second last year. His winning story was about changing school to a four-day week. Pictured with Bingham is his NHS journalism instructor, Brenda Schulte.

Photo by Twila Williams

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Happy Mother's Day!! It will be Sunday.

A farewell reception was held for Louise Moffett following prayer meeting at Dimmitt's First Baptist Church on April 31. She is moving to Fair Oaks Ranch in Texas. She was presented with a money basket and a flower arrangement. Wayne Proffitt handcuffed her to his waist, trying to keep her in Dimmitt. She has been a friend to many and will be missed. Her brother, Walt Hansen, was a special guest. Cake and punch was served to her many friends.

The World Day of Prayer was held at the gazebo last Thursday during the noon hour, with Rusty Dickerson presiding over the meeting. A small crowd attended and sentence prayers were voiced by many.

Virginia Crider was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club. She served a delicious orange and peach cake with peach ice cream and brownies for snacks. Susie Reeves won high score, and Emily Clingingsmith was second. Others playing were Edith Graef, Neva Hickey, Genell Craig, Dude McLaurin, Bill Thornton, Elizabeth Huckabay, Cleo Forson, Lorannell Hamilton, Louise Mears, Helen Braafladt, Opha Burks, Ina Rae Cates, and Carol Lantz.

The bridal shower for Sandy McMahon Bagwell, bride of Kyle Bagwell, was held in the home of Oma Dee Heard on Saturday morning. Sandy and her relatives and Sandra Bagwell greeted the guests. Strawberries with fruit dip, fruit bread and punch was served. The centerpiece was a pretty arrangement of pink crystal bubbles on a bed of pink flowers.

The bridal shower for Jennifer Felts, bride-elect of Dennis Stidman, was held in the home of Vicki Buckley on Saturday morning. Jennifer and her mother, Debbie, greeted the guests. Strawberries and fruit dip, miniature muffins, and punch were served to the many guests.

The baby shower for Marie and Shannon Powers was held in the fellowship hall of the Lee Street Baptist Church on Saturday morning. The serving table held the colorful cake, which was decorated in red, black, and yellow with the words "Baby—Coming Soon—Pitter-Patter of Little Feet."

In the center of one table that held many gifts, was a basket filled with toys, and had red, black and yellow balloons floating above. Marie's corsage was made of red flowers and white baby socks. Guests were served cake, mint, nuts and punch. The grandmothers, Emily Ramey and Mrs. Powers, were there for all the excitement.

The Dimmitt Kiwanis club sponsored a Kite Festival on Saturday morning, and it was a huge success. The weather was just perfect, especially for the spectators, just enough wind to keep the kites up in the air. There were kites of all shapes and sizes and all colors. Some children even made their own kites. The Kiwanis Club served hot dogs with chili (made by Wanda Murdock), potato chips, and soft drinks. It was fun just visiting with some of the parents and grandparents and watching the kids with their kites. Some had to chase their kites when the string broke, and some landed in a "kite-eating tree." The FAITH Group from the Catholic church assisted the Kiwanians.

Out of town visitors at the museum were Bill and Sallye Harold of Sherwood, Ore., who came with LaRue Hasley and C.C. Murphy of Plainview.

The seventh grade Texas history class came to the museum with their teacher, Patrice Hill. Students were Maria Chavez, Ruby Rivera, Manuel Garza, and Johnny Valdera. The Castro County Museum As-

sociation held their monthly meeting last Thursday evening with Dale Winders presiding over the business meeting and Clara Vick reading the minutes. Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix served lasagna, meat balls, French bread, tossed salad, applesauce cake and soft drinks. The other member present was Robert Duke. Marie Winders was a guest.

At the end of a perfect day was the Junior-Senior Prom, which was held at the Expo Building. The theme was "Enchantment Island," and the building was decorated with palm trees and flowers. The boys looked so nice in their tuxedos and the girls' dresses were so colorful and many were shining with sequins. There were several limousines in town for this special occasion. The boys who were in their own cars and pickups had them clean and shining. It was good to see the kids dressed up for a change, since most of the time they have jeans on.

Our sympathy to the family of Peggy Webb. She was a friend to so many people, and she will be missed in many ways.

The Naomi Sunday School class of First Baptist Church hosted a dinner following the Sunday morning services. The table (a huge, family-style arrangement that seated 25, and a smaller table that seated five) was decorated with a green tablecloth with red geraniums scattered along the center of the table. The menu consisted of ham, sausage, vegetables, salads, crescent rolls, and desserts. The special guests were Dr. Gary Manning, interim pastor, Roger and Geneva Malone, Avie Lewis, daughter of Geneva Justice, and Zetha Blackburn, daughter of Connie Ivey. Tommie Sue Nisbett was there, too (a prospective member?).

The Birthday Club met at the Sirloin Stockade in Hereford to honor Andy Schumacher on his birthday. Others there for all the fun and food were Oleda Schumacher, Charles and Rena Richard, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Lawrence and Vernice Green of Amarillo, Edna Reinart and Rosetta Bellinghausen.

George Razor is 40! His picture was in the paper last week, and a huge sign with the words, "Oh! No! 40!" is in his front yard. Some members of the Friendship

Quilters Guild have been to Paducah, Ky., to a wonderful quilt show. They visited with ladies from a number of other states, as well as ladies from Canada, England, Japan and Australia. The quilt museum there is open throughout the year. Once a year, they have a special show with hundreds of quilts entered and on display. The town people were very friendly and the local members enjoyed all the activities.

Attending were Joyce Davis, Yvonna Hays, Doris Lust, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Darlene Collins, Linda Shannon, Laverne Bernethy, Ina Cleavinger, Cenci Hardee, Karen Alair of Springlake, Winona Franks of Amarillo, and Susan Collins Hedrick of North Carolina and Katy, 2.

Jim and Ina Cleavinger have had a busy week with grandchildren visiting. Jimmy, Jerrie Lynn, David, Audrey, Rachel, and Nathan were here from Baytown. Audrey celebrated her fourth birthday last Thursday, with Grandma making her cake. Paw Paw took David, Audrey, and Rachel for a ride on the tractor. Everyone enjoyed eating hot rolls and monster cookies.

All of the family attended the wedding of Diana Hays and Tommy Cleavinger in Canyon on Thursday.

Just a reminder—the Book Club luncheon will be May 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Border Line Restaurant. Members can call Doris Flynt or Ina Cleavinger for reservations.

Ina Cleavinger, Doris Lust and several other ladies went to Paducah, Ken., for a quilters' gathering. Also going were Tommie Sue Nisbett; Darlene Collins, who met her daughter, Susan Hedrick, and grandbaby, Katy; Yvonna Hays; Cenci Hardee and Cenci's mother from Amarillo; Winona Franks; Joyce Davis; Karen Alair of Sunnyside; Linda Shannon; and Laverne Bernethy.

Laurie Sides Hill and Sarah are visiting the Sides family. Laurie and Sarah live in Virginia Beach.

The Jimmy and Terry Lynn Cleavinger family came in for Tommy and Diane Cleavinger's wedding this weekend and all were in First United Methodist Church on Sunday.

There were bridal showers and baby showers throughout Dimmitt Saturday.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER was observed in Dimmitt last Thursday with a season of prayer at the gazebo on the courthouse square. Leading in the observance was Castro County Ministerial Alliance

member Rusty Dickerson. A crowd of about 30-40 people attended and prayed for the leaders of the nation, state and local governments.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



WIFE BAKE SALE—Local WIFE Chapter members (from left) Marilyn Higgins, Pat Bagley and Mary Emma Matthews work at a bake sale booth at Dimmitt Thriftway Supermarket Saturday morning,

and talk with chapter friends (from left) Charles Wales and Carl King. The event netted the chapter more than \$300 for use in the lobbying efforts.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

We will be
CLOSED SUNDAY
for Mother's Day

HAVE A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

The Pancake House

313-A N. Broadway, Dimmitt
Francis & Bea Acker

JIM CARREY

LIAR LIAR

CARLILE THEATRE 647-2091 • Dimmitt

Friday & Saturday: 7:00 & 9:00
Sunday: 7:00 p.m. only

Suzanna Cerissa

Semi-Annual Warehouse Sale

Monday, May 5th - Saturday, May 10
10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday

Laminated Handbags • Garment Bags
Duffles and Totes • Cosmetic Bags • Backpacks
Broomskirt Jumpers • Fabrics and Notions

2106 S. Date Street, Plainview
293-5368

HERSHEY'S SYRUP
GENUINE CHOCOLATE FLAVOR
24 OZ. BOTTLE
\$1.69

Delicious Mother's Day Savings!

ASSORTED **FLA-VOR-ICE POPS** 24 CT. PKG. **\$1.59**

SPORTS DRINKS **GATORADE** ASSORTED, 20 OZ. **99¢**

SCHULTZ PERFECT PLANT CARE CENTER
ALL YOUR PLANT NEEDS IN ONE SPOT

AFRICAN VIOLET **SOIL PLUS** 4 QT. **\$1.99**

ALL PURPOSE **SOIL PLUS** 4 QT. **\$1.99**

ALL PURPOSE **SOIL PLUS** 8 QT. **\$2.99**

LIQUID **PLANT FOOD** 5.5 OZ. **\$1.99**

LIQUID **PLANT FOOD** 12 OZ. **\$2.99**

AFRICAN VIOLET **PLANT FOOD** 5.5 OZ. **\$1.99**

10 OZ. **ALL PURPOSE PLUS** **\$2.39**

MOISTURE **SPRAYER BOTTLE** 12 OZ. **\$1.59**

MANY, MANY MORE ITEMS—LOOK SEE!

THRIFTWAY

WE ACCEPT FOOD STAMPS
WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT
PRICES EFFECTIVE MAY, 1997

WED THUR FRI SAT SUN MON TUES
7 8 9 10 11 12 13

AT AFFILIATED FOODS INC.
MEMBER STORE

People



Naz elementary, junior high students win district UIL titles

Elementary and junior high students from Nazareth captured 26 first-place awards in the district UIL meet and both captured their respective team district championships.

Several students captured more than one award in the meet.

Here's how the individual students placed in district.

STORYTELLING
 Second Grade: 1. Matthew Birkenfeld, 2. Heidi Ramaekers, 4. Dustin Schulte.
 Third Grade: 4. Jake Hoelting, 6. Nathan Huseman.

SPELLING
 Third Grade: 2. Kendra Huseman, 3. Charlie Rundell, 5. Jake Hoelting.
 Fourth Grade: 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 3. Jamie Birkenfeld.

READY WRITING
 Fourth Grade: 1. Ross Birkenfeld, 6. Jamie Birkenfeld.
 Fifth Grade: 1. Kimberly Brockman, 2. Tanya Herring, 4. Brock Birkenfeld.

DICTIONARY SKILLS
 Fifth Grade: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 2. Brett Hoelting, 3. Trey Robb.
 Sixth Grade: 1. Eric Schilling, 3. Craig Birkenfeld, 5. Tyler Ehly.

CALCULATOR APPLICATIONS
 Fourth Grade: 1. Jamie Birkenfeld, 5. Jordan Hampton, 6. Garrett Kleman.
 Fifth Grade: 4. Brock Birkenfeld, 5. Kyle Ray, 6. Kimberly Brockman.
 Sixth Grade: 1. Shane Kleman, 3. Tyler Ehly, 5. Adam Acker.

SEVENTH GRADE: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Mandy Hoelting, 3. Lesley Brockman.

EIGHTH GRADE: 4. Bryce Pohlmeier.

POETRY READING
 Fifth Grade: 2. Lindsey Wood, 3. Brock Birkenfeld, 5. Trey Robb.

ART
 Fifth Grade: 4. Nazareth (Brett Hoelting, Brock Birkenfeld and Trey Robb).

NUMBER SENSE
 Fifth Grade: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 5. Kyle Ray.

SIXTH GRADE: 4. Ross Schulte, 5. Craig Birkenfeld.

SEVENTH GRADE: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Elizabeth Olvera.

EIGHTH GRADE: 2. Mark Birkenfeld, 3. Lindsey M. Gerber, 6. Whitney Hoelting.

MAPS, GRAPHS & CHARTS
 Fifth Grade: 1. Brock Birkenfeld, 2. Brett Hoelting.

SIXTH GRADE: 1. Ross Schulte, 2. Shane Kleman.

SEVENTH GRADE: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 2. Trinity Robb, 4. Laura Gerber.

EIGHTH GRADE: 2. Matty McLain, 3. Bryce Pohlmeier.

LISTENING SKILLS
 Fifth Grade: 1. Kyle Ray, 2. Andrew Brockman.

SIXTH GRADE: 3. Ross Schulte, 6. Wendy Black.

SEVENTH GRADE: 2. Ky Wilcox, 3. Marsha Black.

EIGHTH GRADE: 2. (tie) Adam Schulte and Jason Huseman, 6. John Farris.

MUSIC MEMORY
 Sixth Grade: 2. Nazareth (Nicole Acker, Tanya Herring, Kimberly Brockman, Andrew Brockman and Craig Birkenfeld).

MATHEMATICS
 Sixth Grade: 1. Ross Schulte, 4. Kory Huseman.

SEVENTH GRADE: 1. Blake Birkenfeld, 4. Mandy Hoelting.

EIGHTH GRADE: 1. Mark Birkenfeld, 4. Lindsey M. Gerber.

MODERN ORATORY
 Seventh Grade: 1. Jase Merritt, 2. Jason Birkenfeld.

EIGHTH GRADE: 1. Lindsey K. Gerber, 4. Nichole Huseman, 6. Mark Lange.

LIFE SCIENCE
 Seventh Grade: 1. Laura Gerber, 6. Blake Birkenfeld.

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING
 Seventh Grade: 3. Kyla Schacher.

EIGHTH GRADE: 3. Shawna Gerber.

EARTH SCIENCE
 Eighth Grade: 4. Mark Birkenfeld.



MR. AND MRS. JEFFREY SCOTT WALTON
 ... She's the former Angelica Garcia

Newlyweds establish their home in Amarillo

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Scott Walton are home in Amarillo after exchanging wedding vows April 15 at The Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride is the former Angelica Garcia of Amarillo, daughter of Jesus and Elsa Garcia of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Margie Richardson and Jim Walton, both of Amarillo.

The couple exchanged vows before a candlelight chapel setting with Rick D. Mathis, minister of West Amarillo Christian Church, officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Crystal Garcia of Dimmitt, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Best man was Michael Walton of Amarillo, brother of the groom.

Flower girls were Viviana and Valeria Quiroz of Dimmitt and Ashley Walton of Amarillo.

Guests were seated by John Frey of Amarillo, friend of the groom.

After the ceremony, the couple was honored with a reception at The Wedding Chapel Reception Hall.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She attended Angelo State University in San Angelo and is currently enrolled at Amarillo College.

The groom graduated from Amarillo High School in 1991. He attended Amarillo College and is currently employed with the Potter County Sheriff's Dept.

Bridal shower honors Felts

Jennifer Felts, bride-elect of Dennis Stidham, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Vicki Buckley in Dimmitt.

Guests were greeted by Buckley, the honoree, her mother, Debbie Felts, and Deanna Stidham, mother of the prospective groom.

Out of town guests included aunts Marsha Birdsong, Lisa Ballard and Lorri Matlock of Plainview; and friends, Sue Davis, Lisa Newcomb and Amy Rodriguez and Ciera of Amarillo, and Leslie Annen of Borger and Holly Axtell of Lubbock.

The 40 hostesses presented the honoree with her flatware. The serving table was decorated with crystal candlesticks and tulle. Fruit and miniature muffins were served, along with coffee and punch, to the many guests.

Mother's Day dinner planned

A Mother's Day dinner will be held Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

The meal will include ham, potato casserole, green beans, salad, bread and chocolate cake. Tickets are available at the nurses' station at Plains Memorial Hospital for \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Ettie McDermitt Nursing Scholarship Fund.

The scholarship is presented to qualified individuals pursuing a career in nursing. Mrs. McDermitt was a beloved registered nurse involved with Plains Memorial Hospital for many years.

Hospice training meeting is today

Plains Memorial Hospital will conduct a hospice volunteer meeting today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

The meeting will offer an overview of the hospice concept and what being a hospice volunteer will encompass. Anyone interested in serving as a hospice volunteer is urged to attend the meeting.

Hospice organizations are required to have volunteers as a part of their program. Federal guidelines state that 5% of the total number of hours worked in a hospice program must be done by volunteers.

To be certified as a hospice volunteer, an extensive training program consisting of approximately 30 hours must be completed.

For more information call Connie Nutt at 647-2191.

Cleveland earns teaching award

Texas Tech University has named Kress math teacher Lori Cleveland as "Outstanding Math Teacher."

Cleveland is the wife of Kevin Cleveland, former Dimmitt resident, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Potts of Dimmitt. She was honored at an awards banquet recently in Lubbock.

Cleveland was nominated for the award by Kress Principal Judy Stewart, students and parents. She was selected because of her dedication as a teacher and getting involved with her students above and beyond the call of duty. There were 300 teachers nominated for the award.

"Mrs. Cleveland gets emotionally and personally involved with each student and is respected by her students, not only as a teacher, but as a person," say individuals who nominated her for the award.

"I have the best math teacher in Texas on my campus," said Stewart. "Lori Cleveland is the kind of teacher every administrator wants because of her commitment to students, her support of others and her desire to grow professionally."

"Mrs. Cleveland is more than a teacher, she is a friend," said Leah Reed, one of Cleveland's students. "She goes above and beyond to help in any way she can."

Correction

The identification information under a photo on the front page of last week's News listed the members of the girls' trio, "Angel Shine," but Rae Odom was misidentified as Shae. The News regrets the error.

Special Things for Special People

Remember Mother's Day Sunday, May 11

All Dresses 1/3 OFF

Tots and Teens

101 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-2650

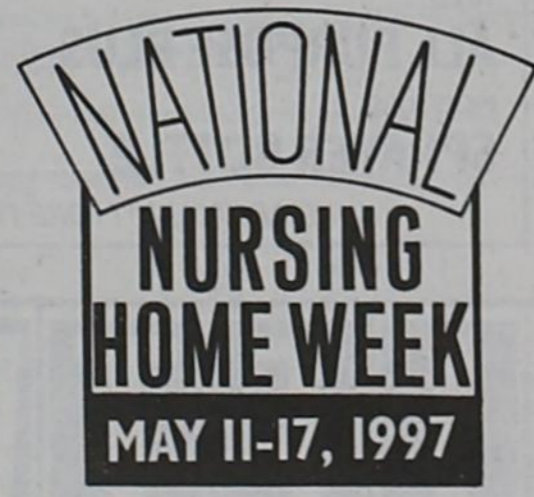


OUR CARING STAFF MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



You'll find many nursing homes that are clean and comfortable, like ours. What sets us apart is the caring and dedication of every single staff member and volunteer worker. We receive compliments regularly on the friendliness of our staff.

Remember, you have friends at Canterbury Villa. Please keep in touch. Stop in anytime.



THE CANTERBURY VILLA OF DIMMITT

1621 BUTLER BLVD. • DIMMITT, TEXAS 79027 • (806) 647-3117

To Mom, With Love

25% OFF

ALL COLOGNES

MERLE NORMAN

TAMMY BLACK 647-5773 • 115 E. Bedford, Dimmitt

Give Mom the gift that will bloom forever.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 11.

Teleflora's beautiful Everlasting Rose Bouquet features fresh flowers presented in an elegant keepsake vase. Crafted of fine French glass, a motif of lightly frosted roses surrounds the vase. It's perfect for floral arrangements all year long! To send this lovely Teleflora gift anywhere in the U.S. or Canada, call or visit our shop.



Teleflora

647-3554 Seale Florist 310 N. Broadway



I like to think I'm one of those live-in-the-now people. I like to think I'm a size six and understand algebra, but it isn't happening.

I have always attempted to keep up with the times. I wore bell bottoms in the 70s (please, don't tell my children!), developed a love for frozen yogurt in the 80s, and as for the 90s...well, I own a windsuit. I don't wear it much, but I do own one.

But don't let my high-dollar, cross-training, leather Nikes fool you. Deep in my heart I'm an old-fashioned girl and there are aspects of our modern age that really crash my hard drive.

For instance, I don't like machines that talk back to me. When I buy a Coke, I don't want commentary. The first time I dropped my money into a talking vending machine, I thought I was being robbed. If it hadn't said please, I would have reached for the sky.

I don't want cash registers to tell me what things cost as they go by. I prefer to have my total revealed in that last excruciating moment. It's like an Agatha Christie novel.

I don't want cars telling me to buckle up, alarm clocks telling me to get up or bathroom scales telling me I'm ballooning up. To tell the truth, my bathroom scale and I haven't been on speaking terms for some time.

I would also like to telephone large businesses and speak to a living, breathing human being. I do not want that monotonous computer voice reciting, "If you are calling from a touch-tone phone, press one now. ... If you have a question about your account, enter your 56-digit account number, press the pound key, shout, 'Hey, Nani, Nani' and press two now. ... If you think there are living human beings working here, please hang up and try your call again."

I once called a department store to get their mailing address, and thanks to their wonderful phone system, I was disconnected twice and raised my credit limit three times before I ever spoke to a person.

And there is one thing I really miss about the good old days—PRICE TAGS! I hate bar codes—those insidious little rectangles with the lines in them that tell you nothing.

I wander up and down store aisles trying to decipher those tiny slips of paper hidden under (always under) the products. There I stand in a cold sweat with a magnifying glass and a code book trying to figure out what my hair gel costs, and don't I look the fool? (Don't answer that!)

I know what you're saying, "Go with the flow, Granny!" "Get with the times, you old codger!" (Gee, you guys are cold.)

I can't help it. My old-fashioned nature is hereditary. I got it from my Dad. He still believes John Wayne is the greatest actor of all time and real men never wear clothes with elastic.

I guess I'm just destined to hear a different drummer...to choose paper over plastic...to listen to the soothing music of the evening crickets instead of the endless droning of the television—unless, of course, John Wayne is on cable.



Margie Durbin

Margie Durbin named All-American Scholar

Margie Durbin, daughter of Paul and Joan Durbin of Nazareth, has been named an All-American Scholar by the United States Achievement Academy.

Durbin, who attends Nazareth High School, was nominated for the award by Brenda Schulte, her journalism and English teacher at Nazareth.

Durbin's picture and biography will appear in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally.

The academy selects All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendation by teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by USAA for other honors.

Durbin is a senior at NHS and will graduate as salutatorian of her class. She is the granddaughter of Loretta Durbin of San Marcos, Calif.

Bills, Lopez inducted into Alpha Chi

Joyce Bills and Adriana Lopez, both of Dimmitt, have been inducted into the Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national academic honor society.

The two were among 76 West Texas A&M University students inducted April 13 in the Agriculture and Natural Sciences Building at WTAMU.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation and is limited to students who have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale and rank in the top 10% of their respective classes.

Bills is a junior majoring in elementary education and Lopez is a senior management major.



OUT-OF-TOWN

Michael and Cherry Hauf of Lubbock are the parents of a baby girl, Storey Michelle, born April 21 at University Medical Center in Lubbock. Storey weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and was 21 inches long. She has a big brother, Judge. Grandparents are Judith Hauf and Harry Hauf, both of Dimmitt, Sharon McAdams of Lubbock, and Kenny Kendrick of Littlefield. Great-grandparents are Albert and Gladys Storey of Sundown, Mildred Kendrick of Earth and Neva Thomas of Plainview.

Love, sex and dating is focus of presentation

Dimmitt Independent School district will sponsor a program on teen love, sex and dating Tuesday through next Thursday at Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School.

A summary of the program will be presented to parents Monday at 7 p.m. following a parent meeting at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Following the presentation, a question-and-answer session will be held.

The program will be presented by Ed Ainsworth, father of three children, ages 12, 14 and 17. He is a camp director, conference speaker and has high expectations for the new generation. He believes that if youth are challenged properly they will make quality decisions for their future.

In 1994 Ainsworth started White-heart Communications in response to a desperate cry from teenagers, parents and all those who work with teenagers. From every corner of society, people are looking for answers to teenage sexuality.

"Let's face it, we cannot deny that there is a major problem in our nation on this issue when we know that it costs you, the taxpayer, more than \$17 billion a year," says Ainsworth. "This is what our government spends on teenage pregnancy each year."

In the past three years Ainsworth has spoken to more than 150,000 students in junior high, high school and colleges with an "abstinence only" message. "Just say no" is a great slogan, but Ainsworth believes that is not enough to cause the American teenager to want to live a sexually pure life. He believes that someone must tell them "how."

Ainsworth uses creative and interactive teaching methods that involve the students in the learning process.

Students who attend Ainsworth's presentation are challenged to remain virgins and are given some very practical reasons why.

1. Why wait? Because you want to wait for real love.
2. How do I wait? There are given practical tools as to how not to go too far.
3. The value of waiting or the value of virginity. All of this brings to mind those who are already sexually active.

Nelsons feted with shower

Robert and Krystal Nelson were honored with a wedding shower Saturday in the home of Dorothy Nutt.

A beautiful grouping of topiary trees of a variety of spring flowers was the focal point of the serving table along with figurines and ivy.

Morning punch, coffee, miniature quiche, fresh strawberries and cinnamon dip were served to guests from crystal appointments.

The serving table was covered with a cutwork linen tablecloth.

The hostesses presented the couple with a gas grill.

Special and out-of-town guests attending the shower were Mollie Scott of Dimmitt, mother of the bride; Hazel Nelson of Dimmitt, mother of the groom; Lois Scott of Dimmitt and Estelle Davis of Hereford, the bride's grandmothers; Mrs. Clarence Nelson of Dimmitt, the groom's grandmother; Pam Griffis of Lubbock and Melanie Burney of Dimmitt, sisters of the groom; Anessa Scott of Dimmitt, sister of the bride; Jimmie Middleton of Hereford, the bride's aunt; and Kathy Middleton and Dickie Dobbins, both of Hereford, cousins of the bride.

To advertise in *The Castro County News*, call 647-3123!

To Mom

*Remember Mom
or That Special Lady
on Mother's Day
with Silver Jewelry
or a special gift from*

Unique Gifts & More

113 E. Bedford, Dimmitt
647-0905

*Give Mom the RIGHT gift at
the RIGHT price, which you
can find RIGHT away,
RIGHT here in Dimmitt.
(And if it isn't just RIGHT,
she'll have the RIGHT to
exchange it.)*

BRIGHTON LEATHER/SILVER HANDBAGS,
BELTS & ACCESSORIES * BRIGHTON
DESIGNER WATCHES * FINE CRYSTAL, CHINA
& POTTERY * NEW SPRING FASHIONS

The Village Shop

204 W. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-2450

Church Directory

- New Hope Memorial Baptist**
300 NE 7th, Dimmitt
John Gentry.....647-2189
- Sunnyside Baptist**
Sunnyside
Bennie Wright.....647-5712
- First United Methodist**
Hart
Greg Kennedy.....938-2462
- La Asamblea Cristiana**
400 NW 5th, Dimmitt
Manuel Rodriguez
- First United Methodist**
110 SW 3rd, Dimmitt
Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106
- Iglesia De Cristo**
E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt
Pedro A. Gonzalez
- Immaculate Conception Catholic**
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt
Guillermo Morales.....647-4219
- Jesus and the Love of God Church**
(Bilingual) 301 NE 7th, Dimmitt
Felix Sanchez.....647-3668

*Praise to thee,
my Lord, for all
thy creatures.*

—St. Francis of Assisi

*Attend the
Church of
Your Choice*

- Church of God of the First Born**
611 E. Halsell, Dimmitt
- St. John's Catholic**
Hart
Jerry Stein.....945-2616
- Church of Christ**
SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt
Harry Riggs.....647-4435
- Immanuel Baptist**
501 SE 3rd, Dimmitt
- Rosa De Saron**
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598
- Rose of Sharon Temple**
407 NE 4th, Dimmitt
- First Baptist**
302 Ave. G, Hart
Gerald Aalbers.....938-2316
- Primeria Iglesia Bautista**
9th and Eter, Dimmitt
Antonio Rocha

- Harvest Family Church**
500 S. Broadway, P.O. Box 502, Dimmitt
Gary Reid.....647-4195
- First Assembly of God**
300 SE 2nd, Dimmitt
Larry Gilliam.....647-5662
- First Baptist**
1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
Paul Kenley.....647-3115
- Lee Street Baptist**
401 SW 2nd, Dimmitt
Kevin Wood
- First Christian**
600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
Jim Hardwick.....647-5478
- La Iglesia De Dios Del Progenito**
East Halsell Street, Dimmitt
- Presbyterian**
1600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
Andy Blair & Janell Blair.....995-2141
- Holy Family Catholic**
Nazareth
Jerry Stein.....945-2616

This directory is sponsored by these businesses:

- Compliments of:*
- B & W Aerial Spray**
N. Hwy. 385, Dimmitt • 647-2550
- Bryant Sales & Services**
315 N. Broadway, 647-5576
"Trane Heating & Air Conditioning Products"
- C&S Battery, Inc.**
301 SE 2nd, Dimmitt
647-3531
- Cerestar USA Dimmitt Inc.**
A Company of Eridania Beghin-Say
"Attend the Church of Your Choice"
647-4141
- Circle M Irrigation**
"Attend the Church of Your Choice"
647-5250
- Dale's Auto & Salvage**
200 N. Hwy. 168, Nazareth
945-2223
- Dimmitt Consumers**
"Your Co-op Supplier"
217 E. Bedford • 647-4134
- Dimmitt Equipment Co.**
Farm Equipment Repair & Irrigation Engines
411 SE 2nd • 647-4197
- Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply**
200 E. Bedford • 647-3286
- Dimmitt Ready Mix**
Commercial, Residential Concrete
Backhoe & Ditching Service
718 E. Bedford • 647-3171
- Ernie's Bar-B-Q**
510 S. Hwy. 385, Dimmitt • 647-2231
"We Appreciate the Business"
- Flagg Fertilizer Co.**
Farm Chemicals
"See Us for Your Spraying and Fertilizer Needs"
Flagg Intersection • 647-2241
- Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home**
Mike Foskey, Jerrye Lilley, Tom McGill
208 W. Halsell, Dimmitt • 647-5171
- Hart Producers Co-op Gin**
Monty Phillips, Manager
938-2189
- Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.**
Lumber, Hardware, Housewares,
Flooring, Garden Supplies
109 N. Broadway, Dimmitt • 647-3161
- E.M. Jones Ditching**
North Hwy. 385
647-5442
- Lockhart Pharmacy**
107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt
647-3392
- Lowe's Pay & Save Foods**
410 Broadway, Hart • 938-2312
"Proud to Support the Community Churches"
- Texas Equipment Company, Inc.**
Hwy. 385, Dimmitt
647-3324

Give Mother a FREE EXTRA GIFT With These Delightful Colognes

*** OSCAR de la RENTA**

FREE "Activee" Lotion with purchase of Spray Cologne. Gift boxed.

*** MACKIE**

FREE purse-size Perfume with purchase of 1.7 oz. Cologne. Gifted boxed.

*** ALFRED SUNG**

FREE purse-size Perfume with 1 oz. Cologne Spray. Gift boxed.

*** NICOLE MILLER**

FREE Perfume, Soap and Body silk with 3.4 oz. Cologne Spray. Gift boxed.

*** WHITE SHOULDERS**

FREE Body Lotion and purse-size Perfume with 1.7 oz. Cologne.

MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 11—DON'T FORGET HER HALLMARK CARD.

Lockhart Pharmacy
107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt 647-3392



ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



Recent wet weather sprouts problems for corn growers

An unusually cold, wet April in the Texas Panhandle has created a variety of problems for corn producers, according to agronomists at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Cool soil temperatures have slowed crop emergence, wet soil has delayed planting while creating ideal moisture conditions for weed seed germination, and snowfall in many areas disrupted key field work for several days. In addition, timely rainfall created havoc with herbicides already applied or delayed herbicide application. Weed control in corn is off to a poor start.

"As a result, producers are faced with difficult decisions on how best to proceed with weed control," said Dr. Brent Bean, agronomist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Many are faced with at least one of several different unfavorable scenarios," said Dr. Clay Salisbury, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station agronomist.

Key considerations include herbicide label restrictions, potential for crop injury, expense of weed control, and timing treatment to growth stage of the crop and weeds.

In some fields, corn has been planted and herbicide has been ap-

plied. "The recent record rainfall may have leached pre-emergence herbicide out of the weed zone, making it less effective on germinating weeds," said Bean and Salisbury.

The extent of leaching may be highly variable across the Panhandle and is dependent upon the amount of rainfall, the particular herbicide applied and soil type. Injury to the emerging crop also may occur as a result of herbicide leaching into the crop root zone and slow crop emergence. The producer may need to apply additional herbicide prior to corn emergence but not exceed maximum label rate for the crop growing season.

Another choice would be to apply herbicide of a different class prior to corn emergence if the maximum labeled rate of initial herbicide has been reached. For example, if Dual II was originally applied, treat with atrazine. A third option would be to use post-emergence herbicides after corn emerges.

"Keep in mind that if weeds and grass emerge before or with the corn, their size may make control difficult," said Bean.

If corn has been planted and emerged, but herbicide has not been

applied, other decisions must be made. If weeds and corn have not emerged, apply pre-emergence herbicides as soon as possible.

Where corn has emerged, most pre-emergence herbicides may still be applied.

"In most cases, apply these immediately. Then look for the first flush of weeds to emerge and apply post-emergence herbicides as needed. Many options exist for tailoring a post-emergence program to a specific weed problem," said Salisbury.

In still other fields, corn has not been planted and herbicides have not been applied, but weeds are emerging. A light cultivation may be possible prior to corn planting for control of sprouting and emerging weeds. Where wet soil or timeliness prevents pre-plant cultivation, various post-emergence herbicides can be applied following planting to control weeds.

Most can be applied with pre-emergence herbicides to control later emerging weeds. Examples include Roundup to control emerged grass and broadleaf weeds; and 2,4-D or Banvel to control emerging and emerged broadleaf weeds. Numerous other herbicide options exist.

Where corn and weeds have emerged and no herbicide has been applied, tillage and non-selective post-emergence herbicides may not be an option for control of emerged weeds.

"Selective post-emergence herbicides applied with those having soil activity will be required in most cases," said Bean.

Most of the herbicides that are normally applied prior to corn and weed emergence can still be applied for control of later emerging weeds.

Salisbury said many of these, such as Dual II and Harness, will have no activity on emerged weeds and must be tank-mixed with other herbicides. Atrazine, which is often applied pre-emergence, will also control many small emerged broadleaf and grassy weeds with the addition of crop oil, he said.

The agronomists agree that no matter what course of action a producer takes, the potential exists for crop injury and reduced weed control this season. However, producers can hope that subsequent weather will be more conducive to weed control and can maximize success by keeping a close watch on their fields to detect developing weed problems.

"Because early season weed control is vital for preserving crop yield and many post-emergence herbicides are most effective on small weeds, producers should be prepared to control weeds while small, preferably less than two inches in height. Vigilance by the producer and timeliness by the applicator are needed to maximize future weed problems," Salisbury said.



Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



Marketing to women— How to be gender smart

Last week I discussed the importance of women as consumers. They dominate many market segments and are a primary influence in many others. More women are entering high-paying professional fields, and many women out-earn their spouses.

So how do you capitalize on this growing market? Here are some thought starters for improving your business batting average with women. These are not my ideas, but rather, those of companies whose marketing programs and policies are working.

How to reach female consumers

♦ **Treat women with respect.** Never assume that a female isn't the decision maker. Never talk down to a women customer or ask if she wants to bring her husband in to okay the deal. It is also unwise to stereotype women as not technically adept just because they're female.

For example, Studebaker Motor Company actually published a manual that advised women to deal with a flat tire in the following manner: "Put on some fresh lipstick, fluff up your hairdo, stand in a safe spot off the road, wave and look helpless and feminine." You know what happened to Studebaker don't you?

♦ **Give them information.** Women are more discerning today than ever before. However, most require reinforcement of facts before they become comfortable with a purchase decision. Community First National Bank in Fargo, N.D., put together a series of informational luncheons to attract female customers. Women attending the free seminars learned about diversifying investments, teaching children to save and how to reach retirement goals. There were no bank commercials, just information.

♦ **Give them value.** Value is the relationship of price to quality and quantity. In a 1996 retail survey, more than 50% of women questioned reported that they buy their clothing "mostly on sale." However, that same survey reported that women are quite willing to "pay more for quality." Therefore, your offering must be of measurable, observable quality if you are going to charge a higher price. Stay focused on the benefits in any marketing presentation. You'll not only need to give female customers good, useable information, but you'll also have to increase their perception of value.

♦ **Market to women one at a time.** It is a mistake to assume that the growing female market is homogeneous. You cannot use one-size-fits-all marketing philosophies. Women's needs vary greatly and their demographics and psychographics are even more diverse than those of men. Any marketing program aimed at women that doesn't take their individualism into account is destined to fail.

♦ **Keep your business clean and attractive.** In retail businesses, research shows that women are much more likely to respond positively to cleaner, warmer (more attractive) environments than men. However, a clean store with soft neutral colors is not likely to offend male customers. So having a spotless and attractive location is a win-win proposition.

♦ **Hire female salespeople.** Carolyn Verweyst, manager of marketing communications for Whirlpool Corp., believes hiring women for sales positions is smart. "I think women like to buy from women," she said in a recent interview.

Electronics giant Best Buy works hard to hire more women. Their salespeople do not receive commissions and therefore are under less pressure to close the deal quickly and move on to the next customer. The women-to-women strategy may be most effective when working with the female customer who needs more trust and confidence before making a purchase decision.

In summary, I'd advise all businesses to respect the individual, treat every woman with courtesy, go slow in building a relationship of trust and always keep your promises. Becoming gender smart takes a little practice, but is mostly common sense.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Marts*. You may write to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

STORE OF THE MONTH—The C.R. Anthony Store 318 in Dimmitt was named the "Store of the Month" for the 20-city region for both January and February. Showing the store's plaques are (from left) regional manager Dan Snodgrass, area supervisor Becky Coronado, clerk Rachel Ramirez, store manager Elizabeth Aranda, and clerks Suzanne Ruddock and Frances Anes. Not pictured is clerk Diane Leatherwood.

Photo by Don Nelson

Boll weevil program ruled 'unconstitutional'

The Texas Supreme Court, in a 5-4 decision last week, upheld a Hale County District Court ruling that the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program is unconstitutional.

At this time, the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is uncertain of the effect the Supreme Court ruling will have on individual zones and the statewide program as a whole. However, operations in all zone offices have been shut down and employees have been furloughed.

"Our attorneys are reviewing the decision to determine our next course of action," said Frank Myers, Foundation executive director.

"I'm disappointed for the growers who have invested so much time, money and faith in the program. Our number one goal has always been to carry out what the producers in the state have wanted," said Myers.

Angus breeder is recognized

Worth Jones of Dimmitt has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having two registered Angus cows included in the American Angus Association's 1997 Pathfinder Report.

Only 1,662 of the more than 30,000 members of the American Angus Association are represented in this year's report, according to Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association, headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

The Pathfinder Program identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include regular calving and heavy weaning weights. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report that is published annually by the American Angus Association.

The 1997 Pathfinder Report lists 6,692 individual cows. It is published in the May issue of the *Angus Journal* and extra copies are available from the American Angus Association.

Bills earns scholarship

Joyce Bills of Dimmitt has been awarded a Division of Education scholarship at West Texas A&M University.

Bills is a junior mathematics major at WTAMU.

Scholarship winners were recognized at a banquet on April 11, hosted by the WTAMU Student Senate. Guest speaker for the evening was Jane Stephens, assistant superintendent of instruction and curriculum at Canyon Independent School District.

Professional Service with Hometown Care

Roof Repair

JERRY JEFFRIES, OWNER

Residential and Commercial

All Types Roofing

Wood - Shake - Composition - Asphalt

GENERAL HOME REPAIR

WORK GUARANTEED - COMPETITIVE PRICES

806-938-2701

Mobile 647-9187

800-577-2701

Box 335
Hart, Texas 79043

For all your Haygrazer Seed needs,

contact Dwight Acker

at

Nazareth Feed & Supply

945-2291

Only \$13.00 per bag

COTTON FARMERS:

Receive \$100 PER TON BONUS

(or approximately \$40 per bale)

on your cotton seed next fall

Plant

GLANDLESS FOOD-GRADE COTTON

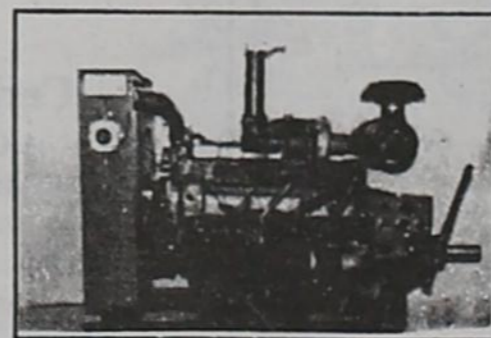
(This variety produced two bales per acre in 1996)

If you're interested, contact Jim Bradford or Clay Davis at

North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc.

647-5338

How to Manage the Future of Irrigation Costs



ISUZU DIESEL

Diesel Built To Last

For complete Sales and Service contact:

D&K Manufacturing Co.

1-800-792-1101

Silverton, TX

Anthony Kingery

County 4-H Council receives \$675 grant

The Castro County 4-H Council has received a \$675 National 4-H Workforce Preparation Grant sponsored by Cargill.

Jarrel Sewell, manager at Cargill Grain Division in Hart, was the key

to getting the grant, according to Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.

One requirement for obtaining the

grant was the need for equal matching funds.

"Larry Gonzales and J.D. Ragland got busy and raised \$675 from county businessmen to enable us to apply for this grant," said Neal.

Only 15 grants were awarded nationwide, and most of these were either state or regional efforts. That made Castro County's efforts even more unique, according to Neal.

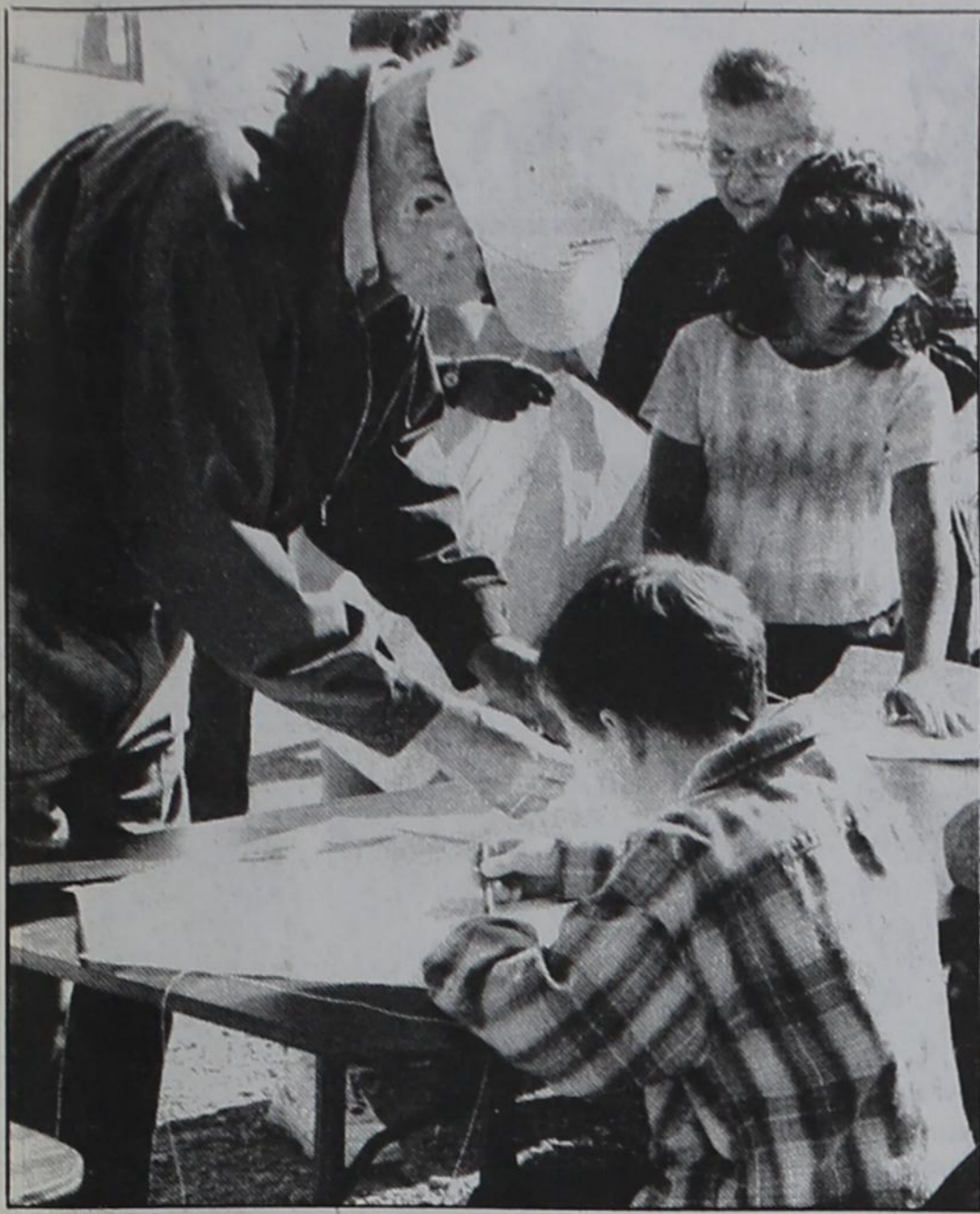
The main target of the work in Castro County will be on safety and pesticide training for youngsters who will work as summer farm hands. Greta Schuster, Marilyn Neal and

Pammy Millican will be working directly with these youths.

"The hospital staff and local businesses have been very supportive," said Neal. "Jarrel has kept right on top of things and is giving excellent local leadership to our efforts."

"Castro County residents are the most helpful I have worked with in my career," Neal added. "Their enthusiasm for helping the county youth is overwhelming."

Actual training classes will begin in a few weeks, and dates and times will be announced in the News.



KIWANIS KITE FEST participants included Dane Hansen Cole, 8, the grandson of Walt Hansen of Dimmitt, who is helping his grandson attach the string while Dane finishes decorating the kite. The Fest was sponsored by the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club and had a good turn out, according to organizers of the annual event.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

Father Jerry Stein has returned from a two-week trip to the Holy Land. He was one of a group of 36 people from the area making the trip. He said it was very interesting and educational, but very tiring the more you got involved.

Our sympathy to the family of George "Slim" Venhaus, 87, of Happy, who died May 2 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Monday at Holy Name Catholic Church in Happy with Rev. Ed Sweeney and Msgr. Harold Waldo of Amarillo officiating. Burial followed in Happy Cemetery.

His wife, Marie Hollenstein, died and was buried there in 1989.

The Nazareth Swift Band, including 22 students, had a very enjoyable weekend. On Friday, they competed in concert at Bowie High School. They received an average rating of 3. The evening was spent in the swimming pool at the hotel.

On Saturday, they enjoyed Six Flags, even though it was very crowded and the lines were long at every ride. Everyone was ready for the pool again on Saturday evening.

Traveling with the band were Annette Diamond, band director; High School Principal Don Wood; and band mothers Jane Gerber, Karleen Hoelting, Mary Beth Gerber, Vera Lou Ramaekers and Gladys Fortenberry. It was a fun trip.

Ronnie and Regina Hoelting celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a trip to Wichita Falls to visit their son, Darryl Hoelting. The rest of their family including Rhonda and Barry Boyett and children of Austin, Russell and Denise Hoelting of Austin and Neal and Susan Hoelting and children of Pampa joined them for a weekend of family fun.

Prayers are asked for Fritz Gerber, who is undergoing more tests this week at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

Congratulations to Mark and Missy Kleman on the birth of a son, Cole Ryan, on April 29 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Alphonse and Viola Kleman and Ralph and Sharon Brockman, all of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Junior and Catherine Hochstein and Katie Brockman, all of Nazareth.

A baby shower honoring Hayden Scott, infant son of Norman and Stacy Gerber, was held at the home of Beverly Hill.

Joe and Imogene Drerup, and Tracy and Treva Ramsey drove to Humble to visit their daughter, sister and aunt, Tammy Drerup. Tammy is employed as an x-ray technician at the Humble Clinic.

It rained as they drove to Humble and continued to rain the whole time they were there.

They also visited with Imogene's brother, Royce Huseman, and his family at Kingwood; and with Shawn and Charlynn Wilhelm of Kingwood.

Chamber plans city-wide garage sale day for June 7

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has scheduled its annual city-wide garage sale day for June 7, and those planning to have a sale on that day are asked to contact the Chamber to have their sale advertised and listed on a map of the city.

The 10th annual event will feature garage sales throughout the community beginning at 8 a.m.

"This annual event has become one of the Chamber's most popular activities, drawing people from miles around and adding money to our local economy," said Shelly Nutt, Chamber executive director. "There will be more than 100 garage sales in Dimmitt on this date."

Those planning to have residential garage sales will be charged \$10 to have their sale listed on the map, and they will receive a yard sign designating their sale as an official "Original Garage Sale Day" site. The \$10 donation is used to purchase publicity for the garage sale day in area newspapers and on the cable.

Booths will be available at the courthouse square for a donation of \$25. The booth sizes are 15x15 feet. No walls or electricity will be available.

Local merchants also will be participating in the day's festivities by holding sidewalk sale and having bargain racks.

Classifieds gets results

Eureka® Vacs All On Sale!

Eureka Bravo!
\$69⁹⁹

- ★ Triple filter dust bag system
- ★ Dual edge cleaning

Model 9002 **SAVE \$50**

TheBoss® Victory
\$99⁹⁹

- Clean air system protects motor fan
- Back-Saver™ handle
- Light weight reduces cleaning effort

Model 4335 **SAVE \$60**

Eureka TheBoss® Mighty Mite II
\$69⁹⁹

- ★ Attachments included
- ★ Powerful, compact & lightweight

Model 3621 **SAVE \$50**

THEBOSS® All Purpose High Pressure Washer
\$199⁹⁹ **save \$100**

- 80% water savings over conventional hose
- 1350 PSI

Model # 992

Save on Genuine Eureka Bags & Belts

Performance You Expect Quality You Demand

EUREKA® THIS WEEK ONLY!

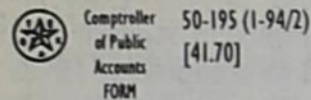
Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.
109 N. Broadway, Dimmitt
647-3161

Western "O" DOWN

1996 Escort Sport 2 dr. Automatic \$186 mo.	1994 Ranger Auto, A/C, Cassette, Warranty \$186 mo.
1995 Escort 4 door \$169 mo.	1992 Chevrolet Short Wide \$169 mo.
1992 Ford F150 XLT \$186 mo.	1992 Explorer XL \$186 mo.
1996 Mustang Convertible Red, White Roof	Warranty Loaded! \$324 mo.
1996 Taurus PL, PW, CR Tilt, Pw Seats and More! \$245 mo.	Low miles, Power locks, Windows & seats. \$225 mo.
1994 Oldsmobile Bravada 4x4, Leather, Red, CD.	Red, PL, PW, CL, tilt, power seat V-8 \$265 mo.
1996 Sable LS Power windows & Locks, A/C, Cassette, Warranty! \$265 mo.	Cassette, warranty 3,893 miles sharp unit Like New! \$245 mo.
1996 Cougar XR7 V-6 Loaded \$286 mo.	3 Seater, LX, Warranty, 11,412 Miles. \$299 mo.

0 DN+TT&L *72 mo. rebate to dealer, 10.90 Apr. W.A.C.

Ford Lincoln-Mercury, Inc.
550 N. 25 Mile Ave. • Here FORD, TX
(806)364-3673 • Se Habla Español • Open Monday-Saturday till 7 pm



Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

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

Informal Review

If you have any questions, you may contact the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027, or telephone (806)647-5131.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

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

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027.

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

Review by the District Court

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

More information

You can get more information by contacting the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027 or phone (806) 647-5131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

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

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

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

Special Deadlines

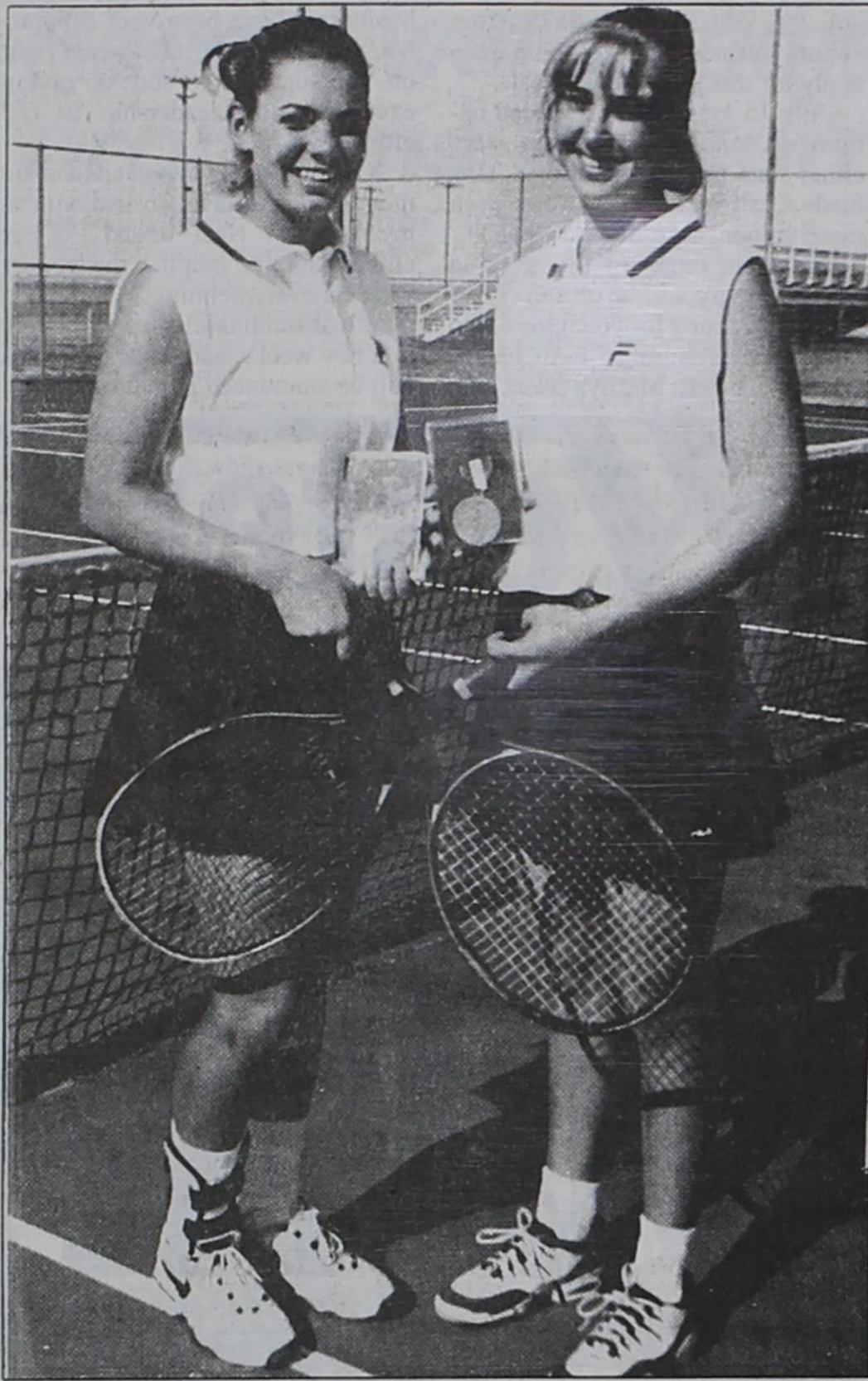
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

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

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

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

Sports



STATE TENNIS QUALIFIERS IN CLASS A DOUBLES ... Nazareth's Amy Pohlmeier (left) and K'Lynn Gerber
Photo by Anna Acker

Gerber and Pohlmeier to battle for state doubles crown

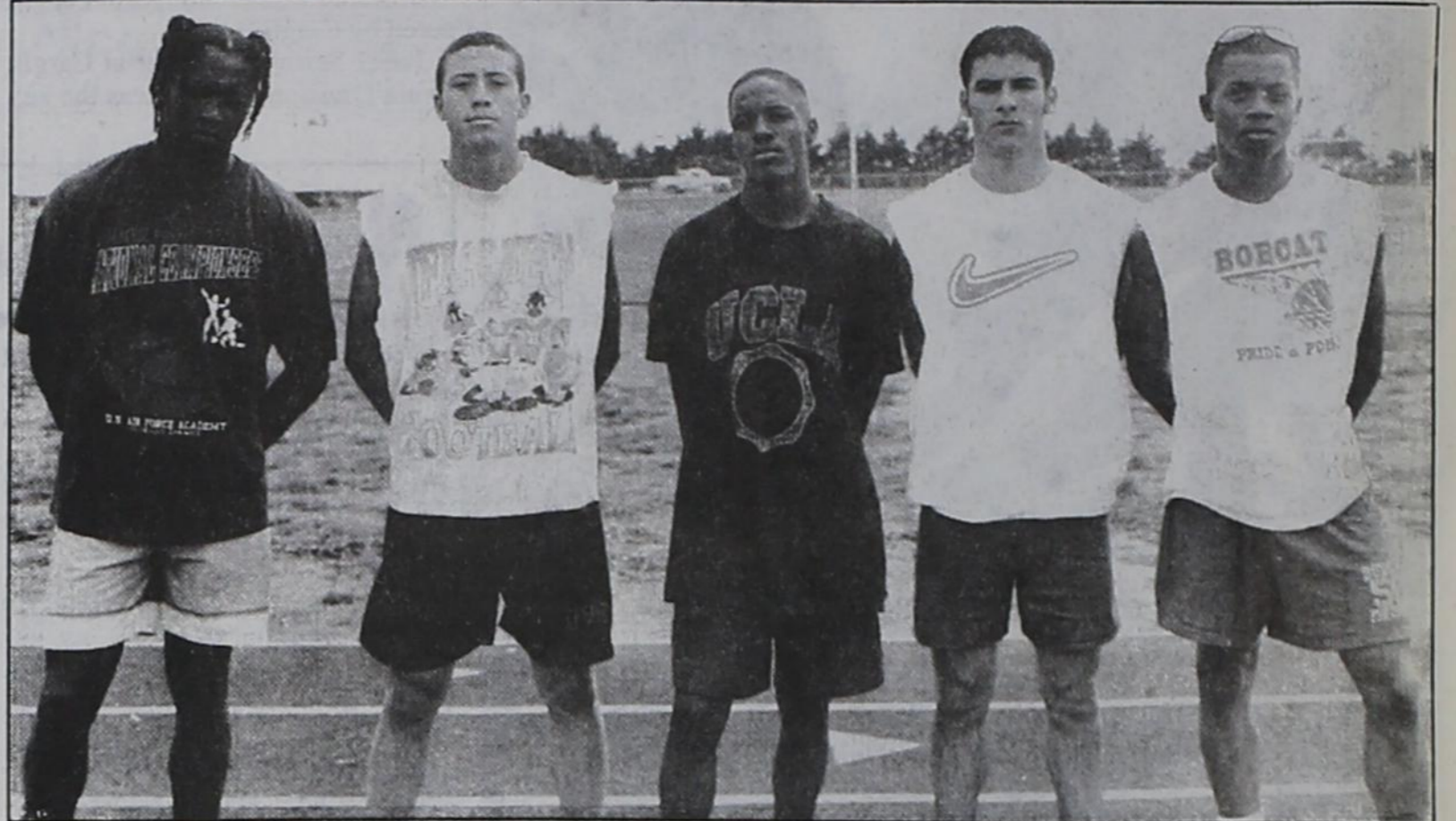
K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier will face Grady's Allison Cooper and Tarah Scauelke at 9 a.m. Friday in quarterfinal action of the Class A state tennis tournament in Austin.

The Swiftettes will play at Whitaker Courts, located at 51st and Guadalupe.

Gerber and Pohlmeier, both juniors, captured the Region 1-A championship in April to earn their first trip to the state meet.

Other quarterfinal doubles matches pit Randi Luckette and Lisa Florida of Merit Bland against Kayci Keeney and Dana Bielfeldt of Knippa; Marcy Mauldin and April Mohler of Mertzon Iron County vs. Spurger's Emily Loving and Shannon Sullivan; and Vanessa Castillo and Mel Gonzales of Rocksprings vs. Elly Bradshaw and Cara Marquart of Chillicothe.

The doubles semifinals are slated for 2 p.m. Friday at Whitaker Courts. The championship match will be played Saturday at 9 a.m., also at Whitaker Courts.



GOING TO STATE are these members of the Dimmitt High School track team: (from left) Jerry Thomas and John Paul Ramos, alternates, and D.J. Fleeks, Joey Flores and Casey Smith, members of the mile relay team. Not shown are mile relay member Zack Matthews and discus thrower Charley Sanders.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

At AAA state track meet

Dimmitt athletes going for gold

Dimmitt hopes to cap off one of its most successful track seasons in years with a few medals from the state track meet this weekend.

Joey Flores, Charley Sanders and the Bobcats' mile relay team including D.J. Fleeks, Zack Matthews, Casey Smith and Flores, all earned

trips to the state track meet, which will be held Friday and Saturday in Austin.

Flores has the fastest qualifying time in the 800-meter run and the mile relay team has the top regional time among qualifiers. Sanders' throw in the discus ranks fifth among

qualifiers.

Flores is no stranger to the state track meet. He will be making his fourth straight appearance in the 800-meter run.

The Dimmitt senior won the state championship in the 800 as a freshman and hopes to add another gold medal to his collection this weekend.

Flores out-distanced the field in the Region 1-AAA track meet at Odessa by more than a second, winning the race in 1:56.65.

The Bobcats' mile relay team has a solid shot at a medal in the state meet, too. Dimmitt won the regional race by 1.18 over Abilene Wylie. Dimmitt posted a winning time of 3:14.0 while Abilene finished second with a time of 3:15.18.

The Bobcats not only have the best AAA qualifying time, but 3:14.0 is faster than the best qualifying time in any other classification, too.

The state track meet schedule has running events beginning at 12 noon Saturday at Memorial Stadium and Clark Field on the University of Texas campus in Austin. Flores is scheduled to compete at 12:20 p.m. and the mile relay team is expected to run around 3:25 p.m.

Sanders earned a trip to the state track meet with a second-place finish in the discus. His throw of 158-8 was second only to Ralston of Clyde, who managed a throw of 162-4. Sanders will compete at 3 p.m. Friday.

Tulia claims district title with win over Dimmitt

Tulia claimed the district crown defeating Dimmitt 13-3 in the Bobcats' final baseball game of the season Tuesday at Hornet Field.

Dimmitt took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Luis Nino came home on a Jason Nino single.

The Hornets then took control of the game in the bottom of the second, scoring six runs on four hits and a Dimmitt error.

In the fifth inning, the Bobcats cut the lead to 7-3, but it would not be enough as the Hornets added six runs in their next two at-bats.

The game ended in the sixth inning when Tulia took a 10-run lead. The win gave the Hornets the best record in district, 11-3.

Perryton downs Cats

Saturday at George Howell Park, the Dimmitt Bobcats lost to Perryton, 11-5, as the Rangers scored runs in each of the first five innings.

Perryton scored five runs in the second inning to take a 6-1 lead and the Bobcats never threatened after that.

The loss dropped Dimmitt to 3-10 in district and 10-15 overall.

DISD sets examinations

Dimmitt Independent School District will offer examinations for credit, acceleration and placement this summer, but students wishing to take the exams must register by May 20.

Testing dates will be June 25-27, and July 15-17.

Credit by examination allows students to gain credit for courses without taking the courses. It is offered for elementary grades 1-5, for middle school subjects and for every high school course offered by Dimmitt High School, with the exception of local credit courses.

Credit by examination may be taken for two types of credit: placement credit (to receive credit for a subject in which the student has prior experience), and acceleration credit (to skip a subject or grade). DISD will decide which type of credit will be awarded.

Credit by examination for acceleration will test student mastery of the currently approved Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for that subject or grade level. For middle school and high school students to receive acceleration credit for a subject, they must score at least 90. For elementary students to be accelerated a grade level, they must demonstrate at least 90% mastery on the appropriate language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science examinations, and they must have the approval of the administration and a parent or guardian.

Examinations for placement can be used for determining placement for a student transferring from an unaccredited school, for students who have failed a course, or for students who have not finished a course. The minimum passing score for these examinations must be 70.

Recently revised credit by examinations for acceleration or placement

are available for grades 1-5 in language arts, mathematics, social studies, and science. All elementary examinations test the appropriate essential knowledge and skills. Call the school for the availability of credit by examination for kindergarten acceleration.

At the middle school level, credit by examination is offered for the following courses in grades 6, 7, and 8:

Sixth Grade: Language arts, social studies, science, and mathematics.

Seventh Grade: English/language arts, reading, mathematics, Texas history/geography, and life science.

Eighth Grade: English/language arts, mathematics, US history/citizenship, and Earth science.

Examinations for either placement or acceleration are offered for all core courses and some elective high school courses offered by DHS. Most courses are offered in half-credit units, and in order to receive the full credit, both parts must be passed according to the acceleration or placement guidelines.

For more information, call the high school counselor at 647-3105.

Registration for credit by examination will be accepted at the counselor's office on each campus. For more information, call the building principals: R.L. Stockstill at DHS, 647-3105; George Razor at DMS, 647-3108; and Doug Setliff at Richardson Elementary School, 647-4131.

Credit by examination may be useful for students wishing to complete high school in three years or six semesters. These "early graduates" are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship from most Texas public universities for tuition only. For more information, contact the high school counselor.

Dr. Morris Webb

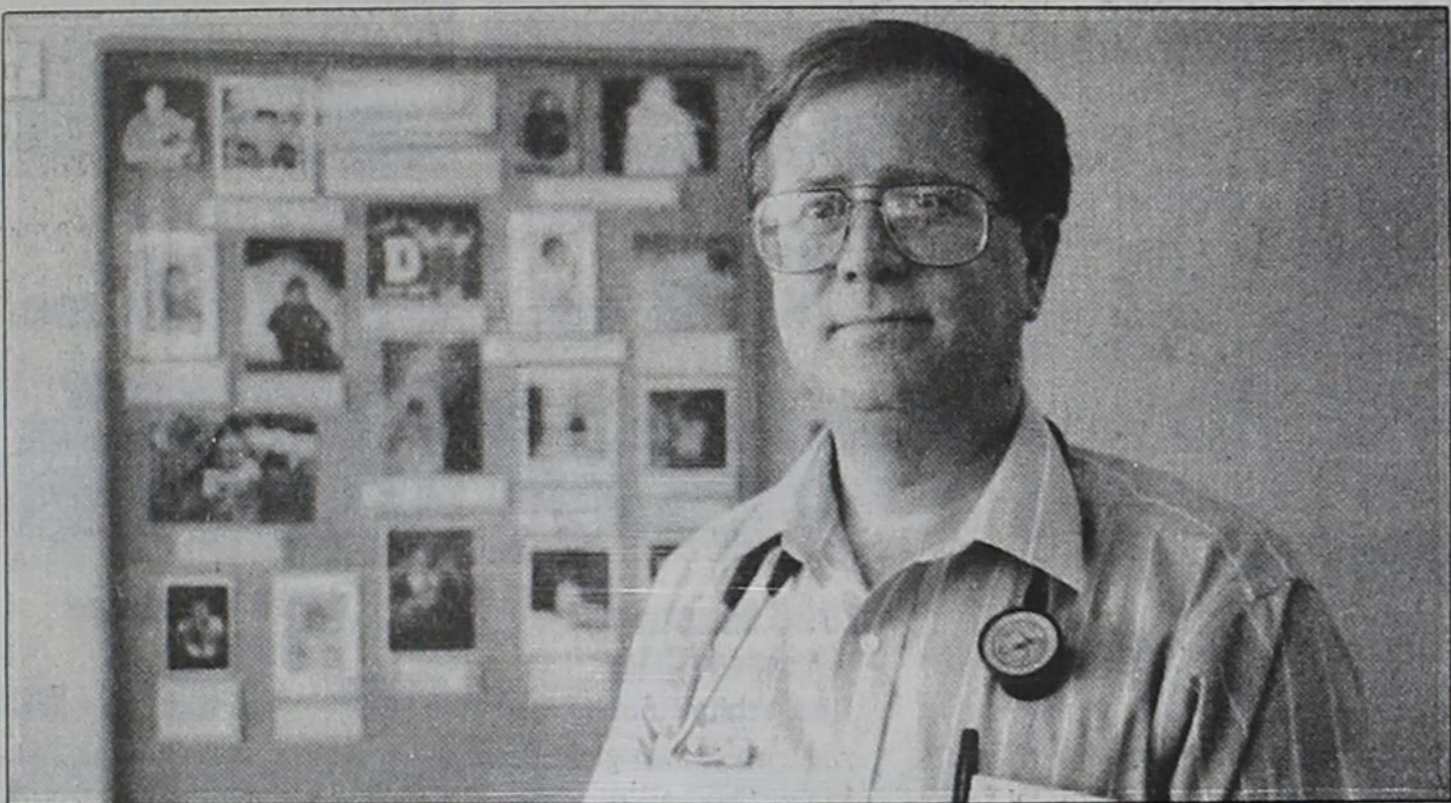
OPTOMETRIST

Office Hours 9-5

Monday through Friday

647-4464

300 W. Bedford, Dimmitt



Leon Joplin, D.O.

M.D.? D.O.? What's the Difference?

When you go to the Medical Center of Dimmitt, you may be treated either by a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or a Doctor of Osteopathy (D.O.).

What are the differences in their training and procedures?

The differences are very slight, actually.

Dr. Leon Joplin, for instance, is an osteopath—a Doctor of Osteopathy. All other physicians on our staff are M.D.s.

At the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Joplin had the same number of years of schooling, with exactly the same requirements, as his contemporaries at UT's Southwestern School of Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine or Texas Tech School of Medicine.

"The only basic difference is that D.O.s also learn bone manipulation as an option in treating patients," Dr. Joplin said.

Dr. Joplin served his residency at the Southwestern School of Medicine in Dallas, as did many of the state's M.D.s. He

could have taken his board exams and been certified either by the American Osteopathic Association or the American Board of Medical Examiners. He chose the latter, and is certified by the A.B.M.E., which also certifies M.D.s.

Dr. Bill D. Murphy, M.D., attended the Southwestern School of Medicine and also is certified by the American Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Dhiraj S. Patel, M.D., attended Gujarat University in India, and is certified by the American Board of Medical Examiners and by the American College of Surgeons as a specialist in both general and laparoscopic surgery.

Each of our physicians went through the gruelling medical school, internship and residency programs that are required of doctors. Their training and testing were designed to assure that they are qualified to provide you with excellent professional care.

Medical Center of Dimmitt

A DIVISION OF CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
647-2194 • 112 W. Jones St., Dimmitt

THANK YOU.

My sincere thanks to the voters who re-elected me to Place 5 on the Dimmitt School Board in Saturday's election.

As your representative on the School Board, I will continue to work for you for the betterment of Dimmitt's schools.

Again, my sincere thanks for your vote of confidence.

Avery Thrasher

Political advertisement paid for by Avery Thrasher



Classic Cable

What are Friends for!

Limited Time Offer

Sign a friend up for our basic cable package and both of you will receive two months of Showtime and Movie Channel (\$10.95 per month value) at absolutely no charge. Offer expires June 30, 1997.

That's right, simply call us at 1-800-999-8876.

Community • Commitment • Customer Service

http://www.classic-cable.com

(Some restrictions apply. If the Movie Channel is not available the offer is good for Showtime only.)



CHARLEY SANDERS OF DIMMITT will hurl the discus Friday afternoon at 3 at the Class AAA state track meet in Austin. Sanders earned the trip to state by finishing second at the Region 1-AAA meet in Odessa. Sanders' regional throw of 158-8 ranks fifth among AAA state qualifiers. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Hereford quad claims Doubles Couples title

Jerry and Amy Killingsworth, Jerry Heller and Lindsey Ward topped the championship field in the Doubles Couples Tournament over the weekend at Country Club of Dimmitt.

The team fired a 60 in the first round and 63 in the second round to win the Championship Flight with a two-round total of 123.

Finishing second was the Amarillo team of Donnie Miller, Julie Albracht, Chip Thrasher and Phyl Remy with a two-round total of 127. Third-place honors went to Travis Loe, Shelly Boyd, T.J. McCaslin and Claudia McCaslin of Canyon with 129.

Here are complete results from the tournament.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Jerry and Amy Killingsworth of Hereford, Jerry Heller of Dimmitt and Lindsey Ward of Hereford, 60-63-123; 2. Donnie Miller, Julie Albracht, Chip Thrasher and Phyl Remy of Amarillo, 64-63-127; 3. Travis Loe, Shelly Boyd, T.J. McCaslin and Claudia McCaslin of Canyon, 63-66-129.

FIRST FLIGHT: 1. Dave and Sharry Jenkins of Muleshoe and Jim and Phyllis Vardeman of Portales, N.M., 65-63-128; 2. (tie) Woody Day, Terese Albracht, Richard and Connie Jesko of Clayton, N.M., 65-64-129, and Truman Touchstone, Mozelle Lilley, Bettye Butler and Bill Durham of Dimmitt, 65-64-129.

SECOND FLIGHT: 1. Don and Shirley Cornett and Tad and Cindy Cornett of Dimmitt, 67-62-129; 2. Mike and Jackie Cornett of Dimmitt and Gary and Susie Younger, 67-68-135; 3. David and Kathy Darnell and Mark and Sheryl Brown of Dimmitt, 67-69-136.

THIRD FLIGHT: 1. Allan and Betty McClure and Stanley and Tina Maurer of Dimmitt, 71-67-138; 2. (tie) J.D. and April Hay, and Jerry and Rachelle Culfer of Tulia, 70-71-141; and Marshall Young, Darla Rice, Randy Lider and Jo Beth Mays of Dimmitt, 71-70-141.

Golf tournament benefits Cleveland Scholarship Fund

The third annual Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship Tournament will be held May 31 and June 1 at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Entry fee for the two-man, low-ball golf tournament will be \$65 per person and that includes a cart for two days and a steak dinner on Saturday night. Those who wish to sign up for the tournament should call the Country Club at 647-4502.

Last year, hole sponsors donated a total of \$2,400 to the scholarship fund. The tournament committee is hoping to exceed this amount during the 1997 tournament.

A hole sponsorship is \$200 for holes 1 and 9, and 10 and 18. Other holes may be sponsored for \$100. When all holes are sponsored, sponsorships will then be used to help pay for the meal, putting green, driving range and more.

Those who would like to renew their sponsorship should send checks payable to the Kenneth Cleveland Scholarship Fund to First United Bank, PO Box 929, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

New sponsors or those requesting more information should call Max Newman at 647-3176 or Shelly Nutt at 647-2524.

Kids Inc. baseball sign-up continues through Monday

Sign-ups for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., baseball program started Wednesday and will continue Monday.

Sign up times Monday will be from 3:30-4 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School and from 4-6:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce office.

The cost is \$20 per child. Late sign-ups must pay \$30.

Coaches also must sign up by Monday. Teams will not be given to anyone who does not sign up. Coaches will meet Tuesday at the Chamber office, with T-Ball coaches meeting at 6 p.m., Minor League at 7 p.m., and Major League at 8 p.m. If enough interest is expressed in the Girls' Machine Pitch Softball, the coaches will meet at 6 p.m., unless

another time is announced.

Age limits for the various leagues are:

T-Ball: Boys who are 6 or 7, and Girls who are 6, 7 or 8.

Minor League: Boys, 8 or 9, girls 9 or 10.

Major League: All players who are 10, 11 or 12 years old.

Girls Machine Pitch Softball: Ages 9, 10, 11, 12, or 13. The ages could change if enough interest is expressed, and it could be divided into two leagues if enough girls sign up.

The cutoff date for determining age eligibility is Sept. 1. Players must be the minimum age for the league in which they wish to participate and cannot be past the maximum age before Sept. 1.



DOUBLE DUTY AT STATE—Joey Flores of Dimmitt hopes to snare two gold medals at this weekend's Class AAA state track meet. Flores will compete in the 800 for the fourth straight year (he won the gold as a freshman) and will anchor the Bobcats' mile relay team. Both races will be Saturday in Austin. *Photo by Don Nelson*



Batter up!

Thanks for an exciting season!

★ We are proud of you.



1997 Dimmitt High School Boys' Track Team District 1-AAA Champions

Kneeling from left: Jerome Larra, D.J. Fleeks, Joey Flores, Kurt Webb, Tyson Traylor, Miguel Garcia. Standing from left: Coach Bruce Dollar, Nick Whatley, Beau Hill, Zack Matthews, Charley Sanders, Jerry Thomas, Stuart Sutton, Kalem Thomas. Not pictured: John Paul Ramos, Casey Smith, Coach Lanny Crow.

Good Luck at State!

Joey Flores, D.J. Fleeks, Zack Matthews, Casey Smith and Charley Sanders

Support the merchants who support our athletic teams!

- B&W Aerial Spray
- Border Line Restaurant
- C&S Battery, Inc.
- Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.
- Castro County News
- Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc.
- Circle M Irrigation
- Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.
- Dimmitt Consumers
- Dimmitt Feed Yards
- Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply
- Dimmitt Ready Mix
- Don's Wrecker Service & Body Shop
- El Sombrero Restaurant
- First United Bank of Dimmitt
- Gary's Engine & Machine
- George's Service Station

- Don Hargrove Construction
- Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union
- Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.
- Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency
- Lockhart Pharmacy
- Nelson Well Service
- The North Gin of Dimmitt, Inc.
- Jimmy and Nancy Ross
- Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt
- Terra International
- Texas Equipment Company, Inc.
- Dimmitt Thriftway/Dimmitt Market
- Tidwell Spraying Service
- Dr. Morris Webb
- First Texas Federal Land Bank Association
- Westway Trading Corp.

TUNE IN!

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.....6 to 7 a.m.
and 12:15 to 12:50 p.m., M-F

MORNING SHOW.....7 to 8 a.m. daily
Weather forecast, local news, birthdays, anniversaries, school lunch menus, Great American Farmer, Good Neighbor

SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL TALENT..8 a.m. daily

MARKET REPORTS.....40 past the hour,
starting at 9:40 a.m., M-F

KDHN 1470

More about Rain! Hail! Funnels! . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Dimmitt. "It was bad," reported Fred Kuntz at Flagg. "It beat nearly all the leaves off the trees, and the hail off of the roof piled up like snowfall."

"But the worst of it was northeast of us," he said. "To the southwest, toward Dodd, it didn't even rain."

Charles Wales, who lives 11 miles west and six south of Dimmitt, reported 1.5 inches of rain and "quite a bit of hail."

"It wasn't as bad here as it was up north of us, though," Wales said. "I was at Tam Anne coming home, and it was stacked up two or three inches deep just west of George Bagwell's home, and raining to where you couldn't see anything. At Monty Boozer's, it looked like it had snowed."

"We had two and a half inches pretty fast," Mrs. Boozer reported. "It even flooded the rabbits out of the woodpile; they were sitting on top of it. The road and our yard are under water."

She added, "It will take a while to

tell just how much damage there was. My son Robert said there were a lot of heads broken off of the wheat, and it blew down pretty badly."

The storm system formed just north of Clovis and moved due east, with a larger storm leading a smaller one. The larger one covered virtually all of Castro County but didn't extend into Deaf Smith to the north or Lamb to the south.

The smaller storm, which started over Parmer County, moved in later, bringing more rain and hail, while the main part of the larger one speared into central Swisher County.

Although a tornado warning was issued for Hart, that area received less rain and hail than other parts of the county—and no tornado.

"About a half to three-quarters was all we got here, with just a little bit of hail," Bob McLain at McLain's Corner in Hart reported.

Most reports in the Dimmitt area were in the 1.5" range, with .9 of an inch reported at Nazareth.

High speed chase results in capture of Nazareth youth

DPS trooper Keith Smith and Sheriff's Deputies William Cox and Mitch McDonough were involved in a high-speed chase Sunday night in the west part of the county.

The chase, which reached speeds in excess of 75 mph, ended in a field in Parmer County with a 17-year-old Nazareth youth being taken into custody. The deputies' patrol car sustained an estimated \$1,789 in damage.

At 10:46 p.m. Smith radioed that a dark colored passenger car was evading him and had turned north off of SH 86 onto County Road 507. At 10:47, Cox and McDonough headed toward the area to help.

The deputies reported that they encountered the suspect vehicle two miles north of SH 86 when it turned on its headlights and drove directly at the patrol vehicle, which had on all its lights and siren. The deputies took evasive action by leaving the roadway.

The suspect vehicle continued south on FM 1057, driving in the center of the roadway, causing other (northbound) traffic to have to take evasive action.

The vehicle continued toward the intersection of FM 1057 and SH 86 at a rate of speed estimated at 75 mph or more and crossed SH 86 without stopping or yielding, without regard to safety, the report stated.

After becoming airborne briefly, the vehicle regained control and continued southbound, and sporadically turned its lights off and on throughout the pursuit in an attempt to evade the officers.

About one mile south of SH 86, the vehicle turned west on CR 167 and went into Parmer County. The pursuing deputies maintained visual contact and radioed the Sheriff's Office to notify Parmer County. The vehicle went down Parmer CR 28, crossed CR Q, and proceeded into a wheat field.

When the suspect vehicle began slowing, the deputies positioned their vehicle to block the other vehicle, but the suspect drove directly at the patrol car, which had to take evasive action.

Again the suspect vehicle slowed and the deputies attempted to block it and had to evade it again. Finally, the vehicle neared the south end of the field, slowed and stopped.

The driver was taken into custody without incident, and was turned over to Parmer County deputies. Investigation is continuing in the matter and charges may be pending in Castro County.

Other police calls during the past week included an incident of assault in which two juveniles attacked another juvenile, and one of the assailants had an aluminum baseball bat. The victim did not sustain any serious injury. The suspects are in custody at the Youth Center in Amarillo. The incident was reported Sunday night at the city park on Northwest Ninth Street in Dimmitt.

Injury to a child was reported to Dimmitt police last Thursday night. A family member struck the child with a coat hanger, a fist and a belt. The incident is still under investigation.

Sunday night, juveniles took a car belonging to Alvin Vasquez of Dimmitt without his consent. It was recovered.

Regina Evans of Dimmitt told police Sunday that someone had attempted to take an air conditioner belonging to Mabel Ewing.

Three incidents of criminal mischief were reported: a broken window in a pickup at the Azteca Complex, damage estimated at \$200; tires slashed on a car belonging to Nancy Laurent while it was parked at Dimmitt High School Friday morning; and tires slashed on a Ford Bronco belonging to Gary Crum last Thursday night.

Two men were arrested for DWI, a 26-year-old Dimmitt man for second offense on April 30, and a 19-year-old Amherst man early Friday.

A Dimmitt man, 27, was jailed for evading arrest in connection with an incident last week.

A 28-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on a warrant issued by the Attorney General, for failure to appear.



DR. GARY R. HARDEE (seated, left) and Hospital Board Chairman Bill Clark sign copies of the new contract that will bring Dr. Hardee into the Medical Center of Dimmitt effective July 1. Behind them is Joe Sloan, the hospital district's chief executive officer.

Photo by Don Nelson

Dr. Hardee signs

Dr. Gary R. Hardee signed a two-year contract with the Castro County Hospital District Tuesday morning to begin practicing at the Medical Center of Dimmitt effective July 1.

Dr. Hardee has been under contract with the Baptist St. Anthony's Health Systems the last two years, practicing at his Hardee Family Medicine Clinic. However, he has been notified that his clinic's contract will be terminated because of congressional cutbacks in Medicare funding.

When he received his termination notice from Baptist St. Anthony's, Dr. Hardee started interviewing for positions elsewhere in the state, and the Castro County Hospital District board moved immediately to try to keep him here.

Hospital District CEO Joe Sloan said the negotiations were "intense," with "give-and-take on both sides to make sure we all got what was best for everybody concerned."

Dr. Hardee and Hospital Board Chairman Bill Clark agreed that the new arrangement is "a win-win situation for everybody."

After July 1, all four of Dimmitt's resident physicians—Dr. Hardee, Dr. Bill D. Murphy, Dr. Leon Joplin and Dr. D. S. Patel—will be officed at the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

And the hospital district is still looking for another family-practice physician to "fill out" the local medical staff.

Dr. Hardee, who has been practicing here since July 1985, will bring almost 4,000 "active charts" and a patient list of 13,500 with him when he moves into the Medical Center of Dimmitt, a certified rural health clinic.

Dr. Hardee's clinic was the original rural health clinic here. With the hospital board's approval, he converted his medical clinic into a rural health clinic several years ago and entered into an operating contract with the hospital district.

Dr. Hardee said at that time that the changeover was necessary because he couldn't continue serving low-income patients on the fees Medicaid paid to private practitioners. Medicaid fees for services performed at a rural health clinic

were—and still are—considerably higher.

A large percentage of Castro County's residents qualify for Medicaid.

The rural health clinic system here grew faster than intended. After buying Dr. Hardee's clinic, the district established a second RHC at Hart, then Dr. Bill Lee retired, selling his High Plains Clinic to the hospital district.

A controversy ensued over expensive hospital improvements and rural health clinic system losses.

During a shake-up of the system, Dr. Hardee withdrew his clinic from the local system and affiliated with the Amarillo-based Baptist St. Anthony's system.

The new contract signing, Dr. Hardee said, brings the rural health clinic concept here back to its original plan.

"This is how it was supposed to be until all the politics got involved in it a couple of years ago," he said.

DHS senior parents are planning drug-free party

Parents of seniors at Dimmitt High School are planning an all-night drug-free party following graduation ceremonies May 23, and all seniors are invited and encouraged to attend.

Also, each senior may bring one friend by buying them a ticket for \$10 per person.

Activities for the evening will include music, dancing, casino-type games, and food, slated for midnight until 5 a.m.

Overall chairperson for the party is Beth Roberts. Entertainment chairperson is Paula Stiles. Food co-chairs are Dana Beck and Paula

Obituaries

Earl Bell Cosby

Services for Earl Bell Cosby, 77, of Tulia, were held Wednesday afternoon in the First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Andy Blair, pastor, and Rev. Janell Blair, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Cosby died Monday. He was born in Swisher County. He grew up in Tulia and attended school at Love Community School. He graduated from Tulia High School.

He joined the Army Air Corps in 1941 and served during World War II until 1945. He married Lou Rose Whitman in Tulia in 1942. She died in 1996.

He worked for Joe Arnold Service Station in Tulia and sold cars at T.L. Fore Motor Co.

He opened Earl Cosby Motor Co., and Earl Cosby Deep Well Service in 1954. He retired from both companies in 1982.

Since 1982 he has farmed and ranched in Swisher and Castro counties.

Cosby was active in several civic organizations including the Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Kiwanis. He was a trustee of the Redmon Foundation and was president of the hospital board when Swisher Memorial Hospital was built. He was a member and elder of First Presbyterian Church in Tulia for more than 50 years.

Survivors include a daughter, Connie Irlbeck of Tulia; a son, Don Cosby of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church or a favorite charity.

Israel Rodriguez

Funeral Mass for Israel Rodriguez, 75, of Dimmitt, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Garden Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Vigil service was scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Rodriguez died May 6 at 2:41 a.m. in Plains Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born July 4, 1921, in

Runge, and had lived in Anton before moving to Dimmitt in 1954. He was involved in farming.

He is survived by five sisters, Isabel Serrano of Hereford, Linda Trigo of Dimmitt, Rosa Neeley and Mary Ann Morgan, both of South Carolina, and Emma Rodriguez of Tampa, Fla.; and 10 brothers, Frank Rodriguez of Hereford, Eddie Rodriguez of Stinnett, Jimmy Rodriguez and Johnny Rodriguez, both of Borger, Mike Rodriguez and Edward Rodriguez, both of San Antonio, and Cruz Rodriguez, Arnulfo Rodriguez and Ralph Rodriguez, all of Tampa, Fla.

Johnnie W. Vannoy

Services for Johnnie Whitley Vannoy, 92, of Dimmitt, will be held at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Graveside services will be at Restland Cemetery in Dallas Friday at 2 p.m.

Mrs. Vannoy died at 1:15 a.m. Tuesday in Plainview after a lengthy illness. She was born April 3, 1905, in Mountain Peak and lived in San Antonio before moving to Dimmitt in 1980. She married Devereaux Whitley. He died Aug. 12, 1948. She was a Baptist and was a member of First Baptist Church in San Antonio. She was a member of the Dimmitt Senior Citizens. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Warren Sears, in October 1996.

Survivors include a brother, Rex Burns of Lovington, N.M.; a sister, Alva Tisdale of Dimmitt; one grandchild; four great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Senior Citizens of Dimmitt, 218 W. Jones Street, Dimmitt 79027.

George Venhaus

George "Slim" Venhaus, 87, of Amarillo, former Nazareth resident, died Friday in Amarillo.

A memorial service was held Sunday at Wallace Funeral Home in Tulia. Mass of Christian burial was held Monday afternoon at Holy Name Catholic Church in Happy with Rev. Ed Sweeney, pastor, and Msgr. Harold Waldo of Amarillo, officiating. Burial followed in Happy Cemetery.

Mr. Venhaus was born Feb. 1, 1910, in Nazareth. He married Marie Agnes Hollenstien on May 14, 1935, in Umbarger. She died in 1989.

He attended Nazareth schools. He farmed in Umbarger and Happy and started a Grade A dairy in Happy in 1954. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and Holy Name Catholic Church.

Survivors include four sons, Ed Venhaus and Bernard Venhaus, both of Amarillo, Frank Venhaus of Tulia and Leonard Venhaus of Tyler; seven daughters, Dianne Detten of Claude, Annita Sharp and Marilyn Crowell, both of Amarillo, Martha Jane Venhaus of Long Beach, Calif., Rita Stevens of Lubbock, Leona Fangman of Dumas and Dorothy Kleman of Nazareth; a sister, Helen Backus of Nazareth; a brother, Paul Venhaus of Nazareth; 35 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to St. Anthony's Hospice of Amarillo.



FIRST PLACE IN BOYS MAJOR LEAGUE Division in Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball for the season is the team sponsored by Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer and Myatt, and coached by (back, from left) Randy

Griffitt and Layne Myatt. Team members are (from left) Jared Griffitt, Steve Martinez, Raymond Lopez, Alonso Lopez, Jordan Delamar, and Tyler Myatt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



WINNERS IN GIRLS MAJOR LEAGUE Division in Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball for the season is the team sponsored by First Bank, and coached by (back, from left) Bryan Irons and Lint Merritt. Team mem-

bers include: (middle, from left) Maribel Garcia, Amy McGowne, Lauren Waggoner, Ashley Irons, Jill Merritt, and Lisa Sears; and (front, from left) Tabitha Laurent and Heather Hargrove.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Gale and Verna Sadler arrived home from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa Tuesday night. Their route took them through London, where they were delayed three hours because of a bomb threat. Myles Sadler met them at the Lubbock airport and drove them home. They were in church Sunday and Verna played the piano for us. They will be here the rest of the month on furlough.

Caullen Bradley, son of the Justin Bradleys, was admitted Monday to the Plainview Hospital with double pneumonia and RSV, a respiratory virus. He is only 3½ months old. He responded well to the treatments and was dismissed Sunday afternoon.

Carolyn Jones, sister-in-law of

Joyce Wright, is home from Baylor University Medical Center for the first time since her liver transplant. Her husband, Terry Jones, went for her this week and Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright went to see them at their home in Seagraves.

Alton and Betty Louder visited with Janelle and Milburn Haydon in Farwell Wednesday. They called Irvin and Martha Ott of Earth and Evelyn Mitchel of Farwell to come and they had a good time visiting together. Janelle is walking some now, but still can't eat by mouth.

Kelley Green took his radiation treatments as usual this week, but didn't take chemotherapy. He will take both this week. He feels pretty good most of the time.

Emma Jean King, Teeny Bowden, Clara Vick, Joan Durbin, Becky Stovall and Madge Robb met in a called Historical Commission meeting last Thursday at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt. They are planning to continue with work on the program and other items concerning the dedication of a memorial marker for the men of Castro County who gave their lives for their country during all the wars we've had since World War I.

Robert Duke attended the museum

meeting last Thursday evening. Frances Duke is still ill.

Lonnie and Renee Wilson, Andrea and Jessica Wilson and Hershel and Retha Wilson went to Mansfield last Friday to visit with David and Dancan Travis and son, Austin.

Luke Loudder spent the weekend with Lyle and Rosie Loudder and Doug and Judy Loudder. He also visited Monday since he had no school.

Greg George of Lubbock spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Louise Bradley.

Ezell and Verba Sadler came home from Hubbard Creek Lake on Saturday.

Ethridge earns bachelor's degree

Wendi Rene Ethridge, daughter of Johnny and Kathy Ethridge, formerly of Dimmitt, has earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Texas A&M University at Kingsville.

She will receive her degree Friday during commencement exercises at 7 p.m. in the Gilbert E. Steinke Physical Education Center in Kingsville.



READY FOR A MEAL in the "Kitchen" display that was a part of the Pioneer Days celebration by Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School second graders are (from left) Daniela Zepeda, Anna Brockman and Brittany Heard. Photo by Linda Maxwell

DHS artists to show work

The Dimmitt High School Art Department is sponsoring an art show featuring drawings, paintings and papier mache sculptures created by spring semester art students.

The 1997 Spring Art Show will be on display at Rhoads Memorial Library through May 16 and is open to the public during regular business hours.

What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for May 8-16.

DIMMITT
Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Taco pie, Mexipinto beans, Arroz Mexicano and milk.
TUESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, cantaloupe and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, celery sticks, white hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.
FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauteed onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

Grades 2-12 Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: Choice of barbecued hot links, beef stew or taco pie; baked beans, fresh grapes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or garden relish; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, lasagna with ground beef and Monterrey casserole; Frito corn chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or cauliflower salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of country fried steak, beef tamale pie or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned blackeyed peas or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, celery sticks or orange wedges; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish burger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART
Elementary School
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, wheat rolls, ginger cookies, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket and enchilada casserole, gelatin dessert, corn, peaches, tortilla pieces, salad and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, salad, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, potato chips and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or oven-fried chicken, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, cherry crisp and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chaluapas, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, apricots, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket, hot dog on a bun with chili or Frito pie, gelatin dessert, salad, sliced pickles, dill pickles, pinto beans, and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: *Hamburgers and French fries or chicken sandwich and French fries, lettuce, beans, fruit, dessert and milk.
FRIDAY: *Frito pie or pizza, salad, okra, fruit and milk.
MONDAY: *Chaluapas or pizza, salad, beans, applesauce, dessert and milk.
TUESDAY: *Enchiladas and roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, peaches, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: *Burritos or baked potatoes, salad, beans, applesauce, apple crisp and milk.
THURSDAY: *Sloppy Joes or pizza, salad, beans, pineapple, dessert and milk.
FRIDAY: *Tacos or hamburgers and French fries, lettuce, corn, peaches, dessert and milk.

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

ALCO CUSTOMERS
 Due to manufacturer's shipping problems the Magnavox Home Stereo with CD player shown on page 13 of this week's circular for 179.99 will not arrive in time for the sale. You may receive a raincheck at the service desk or receive 20% off any other stereo we have in stock.
 We regret any inconvenience.
ALCO STORES, INC.

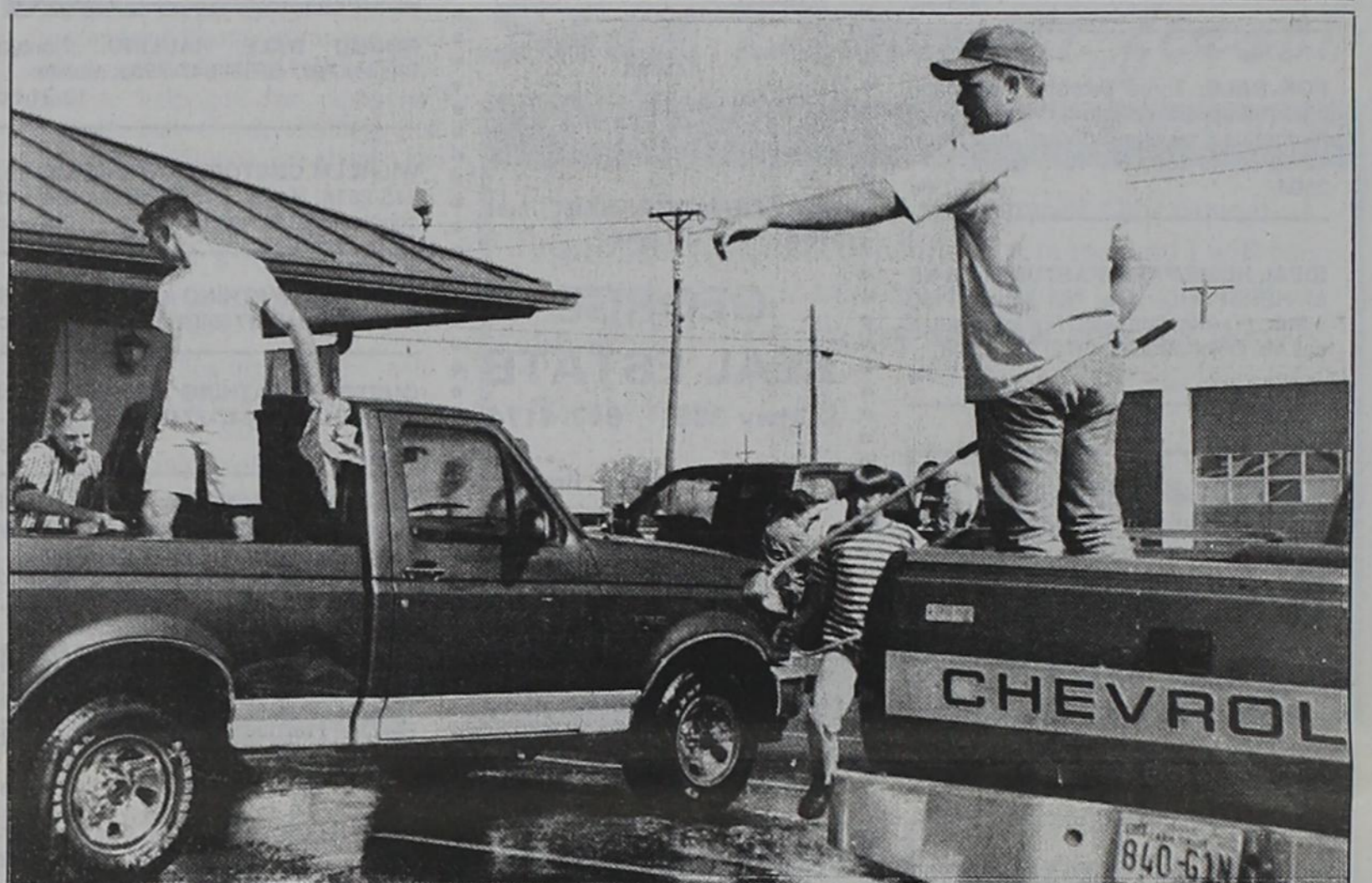
carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or burrito, salad, gelatin dessert, sliced pickles, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun, sliced cheese, chili, gelatin dessert, salad, apricots, sliced pickles, pinto beans, ice cream and milk.

Junior High and High School
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, wheat rolls, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket and enchilada; gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, plums, fruit cocktail, tortilla pieces, salad, and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, ice cream, potato chips and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or oven-fried chicken, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, cherry crisp and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chaluapas, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, apricots, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket, hot dog on a bun with chili or Frito pie, gelatin dessert, salad, sliced pickles, dill pickles, pinto beans, and milk, punch or tea.

Correction
 The Zone 2 meeting of the American Legion that was held in Dimmitt last Thursday was hosted by Greer H. Estes Post 445 of the American Legion, not by the VFW post here. The zone meeting was held in the Castro County Senior Citizens Center. The News regrets the error.

J&J Carpet Cleaning
 YOUR FRIEND IN THE CARPET CLEANING BUSINESS!
17¢ per sq. ft.
 * 24 HOUR SERVICE * Hydro master machine, truck mounted
 * Fastest drying time in the industry * Licensed and insured
806-995-5111 (mobile), Tulia
10% DISCOUNT IF MENTION AD WHEN YOU CALL!

Extra, Extra Photo Savings!
FREE 2nd Set!
 3" ALCO Advantage Prints
 or
 4" Kodak Prints
 PREMIUM PROCESSING
Every Tuesday & Saturday!
ALCO Advantage
 Offer available on 3" Alco Advantage Processing or 4" Kodak Premium Processing prints. 3" prints from 110, 126, disc and 35mm film. 4" prints from 35mm film only. C-41 Process only. Not available on Advanced Photo System, Panoramic or 1/2 frame 135 film. Cannot be combined with any other offer.
 Open: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Daily, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday
 803 N. Broadway, Dimmitt

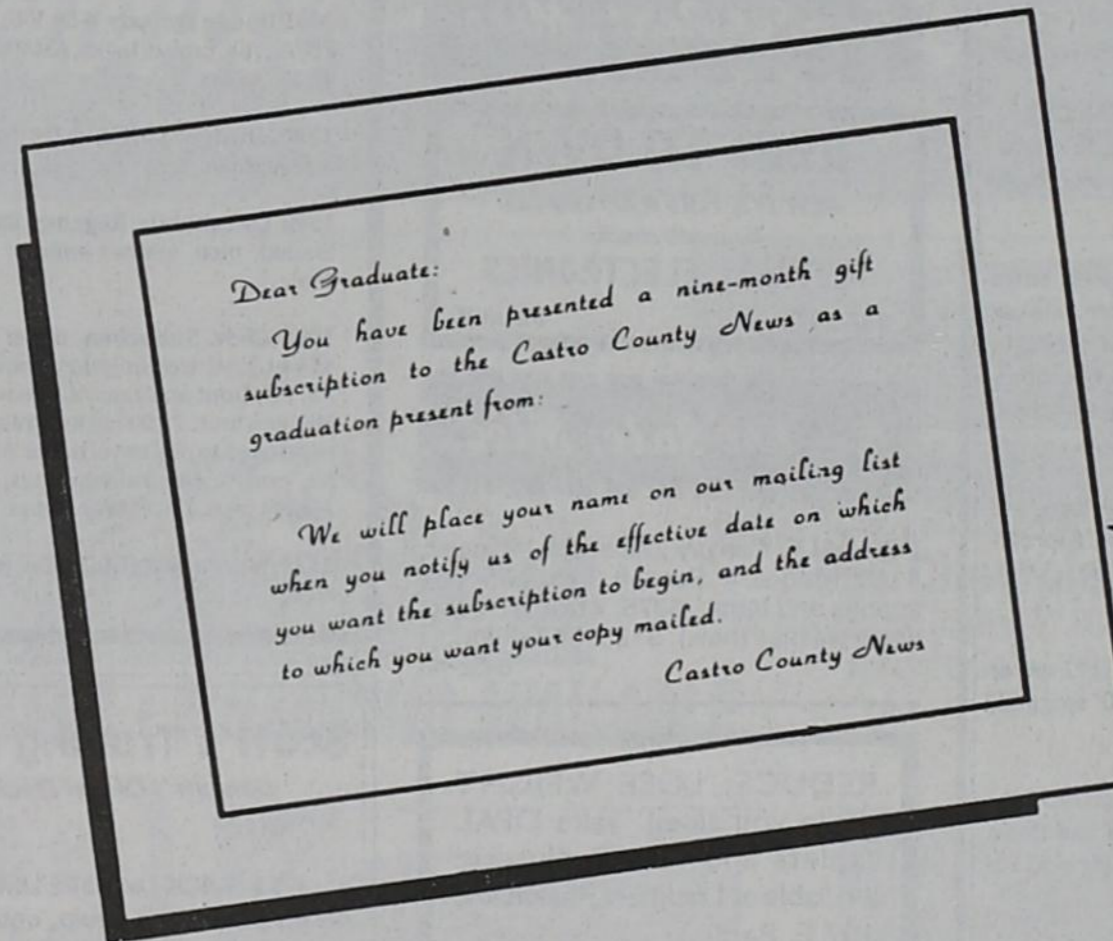


YOU MISSED A SPOT—Jeremy Matthews is telling Michael Keith as they and other members and supporters of the Dimmitt Odyssey of the Mind teams labor at the car wash they held Saturday. The event raised funds for the two OM teams that have qualified to attend the World OM competition in Mary-

land in June. The car wash raised a little over \$2,000, and included donations from several who didn't wait to get the wash job. "We want to thank everyone who made this event such a success," said Wayne Proffitt, one of the OM coaches. Photo by Linda Maxwell

A graduation gift that keeps giving

It's the easiest gift to give, and one of the most appreciated.



Just give us the names and addresses of the graduates on your list, and we'll send each a paneled gift card in your name. The graduate tells us when to start the subscription, and where to send the newspaper. You may order by phone, by mail, or in person.

- One Year \$20.00
- School Year (Nine Months) \$16.00
- Six Months \$12.00

The Castro County News
 647-3123 • 108 W. Bedford
 P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt, TX 79027

Classified Advertising Buy, Sell or Trade



1—Real Estate Homes & Land

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

All real estate advertised in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act of 1968 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or any intention to make any such reference, limitation or discrimination."

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are informed that the dwellings advertised in the newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

FOR SALE: Three bedroom, one bath. Nice deck, big backyard. Sprinkler system, fireplace, extra nice storage building. Close to elementary school. 647-3697 or 647-2439. 1-1-tfc

REPOS, REPOS, REPOS. Large Three bedroom, two bath, only \$1000 down. See at Oakwood Homes, 5300 Amarillo Blvd. E., Amarillo, Texas 1-800-372-1491. 180 mos., 12% APR, \$299 mo. 1-3-4tc

FOR SALE: Three bedroom, two bath, brick, fireplace, carport, Heat Pump, refrigerated air, new carpet, new roof, 1,650 sq. ft. \$58,000. 1010 Grant. 647-2594. 1-1-tfc

IDEAL HOME/FARM/PASTURE land NE of HEREFORD, Ave. "K" approx. 130 acres, (1) irrigation well. For information call Mr. Dixon, Dallas, (972) 239-7708. 2-5-4tc

Let us help you with all your real estate needs.

GREGORY REAL ESTATE
BILL GREGORY, Broker
Phone 647-5421

MORRIS REAL ESTATE
C.W. George, Broker

MAPLE STREET, 3700 sq. ft., three bedrooms, two full baths, two half baths, one three-quarters bath, two car garage, fireplace, finished basement with fireplace, bar, dishwasher, bathroom, sprinkler system front and back. \$175,000.

GRANT STREET, three bedrooms, two baths, one car garage, corner lot, storage building, large kitchen. \$60,000.

SIX BEDROOMS, four baths, two living rooms, corner lot, two storage buildings, 2,899 sq. ft. \$42,000.

MAPLE STREET, 2,515 sq. ft., three bedrooms, 2-3/4 baths, newly remodeled kitchen and living area, corner lot, sprinkler system. \$107,000 with hot tub.

REDUCED—RUSKIN CIRCLE— Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, nice size kitchen, closed in patio, large backyard. \$59,000.

FIVE BEDROOMS, two baths, extra large kitchen, office, game room, one car garage, cellar inside, carpet through, apartment in back with one bedroom, one bath, large living area, nice kitchen, 3075 total living area. \$55,000.

DARLING two bedroom, one bath, one car garage, nice size kitchen, approximately 1300 sq. ft. \$28,000.

FARMS
330 ACRES west of Dimmitt, 12 tower Valley nozzled at 650 with 60" spacings, two wells. \$550/acre.

615+ ACRES west of Dimmitt on Highway 86, five wells—two gas and three electric. Highway on two sides. \$550/acre.

300 ACRES close to town, three wells, one quarter mile pivot, perfect cattle farm. \$425/acre.

160 ACRES in the Sunnyside area, sprinkler, good water. \$850/acre.

TWO 10 ACRE TRACTS with one well per tract, between Dimmitt and Nazareth. \$15,000 per tract.

COMMERCIAL OFFICE SPACE—1200+ sq. ft., three offices, receptionist area, two bathrooms, coffee bar, easy access to a bank, lots of parking. \$45,000.

SCOTT MORRIS
112 W. Bedford, Dimmitt
647-3734, Office
647-3686, Night 647-9325, Mobile

1—Real Estate Homes & Land

VERY NICE three bedrooms, two baths, two car garage, built-ins, fireplace and more. Good neighborhood. Price reduced \$55,000.

GOOD three bedroom, one bath brick with lots of extras. \$40,000.

MUST SEE! Three bedrooms, two full baths, two car garage, on large lot. Fireplace and more. \$75,000.

GOOD STARTER! Three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, two car garage, in great condition. \$52,000.

REDUCED! Three bedrooms, one bath, central heat, brick with carport. Nice Morgan building. \$30,500.

DRASTICALLY REDUCED! Three bedrooms, two baths, two large living areas and lots of built-ins. \$45,000.

VERY NEAT three bedrooms, one bath, one car garage, living, kitchen and den, and utility. Good price \$36,500.

NICE, three bedrooms, 1-1/2 baths, two living areas. Assumable loan. \$48,000.

FARMS
EIGHT MILES EAST of Dimmitt on 194. 120 acres, one well. \$800 per acre.

GOOD FARM NE OF HART, three wells. \$900 per acre.

GEORGE REAL ESTATE
S. Hwy 385 647-4174

Jimmie R. George, Broker
647-3274

Mary Lou Schmucker..... 945-2679

3—Real Estate For Rent

Stafford Apartments
One, two and three bedroom apartments. Call for availability. Call 647-2631 or 647-3696 evenings.

DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS
622 N.W. 5th
ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT
Call 647-2638
S&S Properties

5—For Rent, Misc.

RENT TO OWN
NEW TV'S, VCR'S & APPLIANCES
No credit checks.
KITRELL ELECTRONICS
647-2197 Dimmitt

6—For Sale, Misc.

FOR SALE: Century Zenith TV, 19" color, \$115; king-size Bassett bed with box springs and frame, \$375; white Whirlpool small washer (new), \$125. 647-0824. 6-52-tfc

REDUCE; LOSE WEIGHT while you sleep. Take OPAL tablets and E-VAP diuretic available at Lockhart Pharmacy, 107 E. Bedford.

FREE SWING SET and trampoline frame. Call 647-2541. You come get 'em, they're yours! 6-5-tfx

SPECIAL POETRY BOOK. 224 pages for Mother's Day. Free Panhandle delivery. \$15.95 hard bound. All books environmentally wrapped. Proceeds to high school scholarship fund. 806-352-6804. 6-4-2tp

7—Garage Sale

GARAGE SALE. South Highway 385, eighth house. Friday and Saturday, 8-6. Lots of tools and household items. Bicycles, small freezer, chairs, tiller, cement mixer, chain saw, welding supplies. 7-5-1tc

7—Garage Sale

HOLD ON TO YOUR JUNK! City-wide Garage Sale is coming June 7. 7-2-tfc

9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

1992 EASLEY 20 foot, 4-horse slant trailer with dressing room, saddle racks, slope nose, extra wide, chrome wheels and rubber mats. Used very little. Can be used for horse or cattle. \$7,500. Terry Hill, 647-5725. 9-5-tfc

EIGHT-HORSE WALKER, \$2,000. Terry Hill, 647-5725. 9-5-tfc

IRRIGATION PUMP—5-stage, 12" Floway Bowls. Used, good shape. 800-1,000 GPM, 375-400 Lift. \$800 as-is, or \$1,500 overhauled (blowshaft, bushings and wear rings. (806) 352-8248. 9-4-2tc

MODEL 4956 KRAUSE 27" disc double offset, \$2,150. 8-row, 40" Hamby cultivator with barring off discs. Exceptional condition, \$2,200. (806) 352-8248. 9-4-2tc

10—Agricultural Services

ROUND BALE HAULING. Donald Shelton, 647-3558; 647-7568, mobile. 10-31-tfc

WILHELM CUSTOM FARMING. Lavern, 945-2518; Henry, 647-5425. Subsoil and conventional plowing. 10-51-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING and baling. Call Roy Schilling, 647-2401. 10-31-tfc

CUSTOM SWATHING and baling. Call David Schulte, 647-7740, or (806) 965-2489. 10-51-16tp

CUSTOM FARMING: No-till drill; min-till tillage equipment. Kenneth or Ashley Heard, 945-2270 or (806) 627-4623. 10-4-tfc

14—Automobiles

FOR SALE: 1992 GMC SLE Suburban. Nice. \$14,500; 1994 Chevy Silverado Extended Cab pickup, nice, \$14,900. 647-3260. 14-1-tfc

FOR SALE: 1981 Plymouth TC3, 4-speed, needs some work. Call 647-2541 and ask for Tommy. 14-5-tfx

FOR SALE: 1987 Suburban. Runs good, needs body work. 945-2687, leave message. 14-5-tfc

Kent's Auto Sales

116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX 79027
(806) 647-3427 or (806) 647-5561

1993 Chev. Corsica, 4-Dr, 50,000 miles, V-6, AT, PS, PB, AC, tilt, cruise.

1993 Ford Tempo, 4 cylinder, AT, PS, PB, AC, 31,000 miles.

1991 Buick LeSabre Custom, 4-Dr, loaded, 52,000 miles.

1991 Dodge Dynasty, 4-Dr, V-6, AT, PS, PB, AC, tilt, cruise, locks, AM/FM, tape, 48,000 miles.

1991 Dodge Spirit, 4-Dr, loaded, 30,000 miles, red.

1990 Oldsmobile Regency 98, 4-Dr, loaded, nice, leather interior. Come see!

1985 Chev. Suburban, trailer puller, 454 engine, transmission cooler, AT, PS, PB, front and rear AC, heavy duty Michelin tires, 73,000 actual miles. Has been used to pull travel trailer. Also has tilt, cruise, electric windows, locks, AM/FM tape. Local one owner.

1989 Mercury Sable, 4-Dr, loaded, nice.

Scott's Trading Post

Dimmitt's Oldest Dealer
S. Hwy. 385 647-3414

1995 BUICK LeSABRE LIMITED 4-Dr., all electric equip, one owner, only 14,000 miles, like new

1994 CHEV. SILVERADO Extended cab, S/B, all equip, white, very nice

1990 GMC SIERRA S/W, all electric equip, lots of extras, clean

1991 BUICK PARK AVE. 4-Dr., white. A very nice luxury car!

1984 GMC 1/2 T PICKUP With shell. Very clean for the model.

1990 FORD CUSTOM 1/2 T 6-cyl., good miles

1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY 4-Dr. Very nice economy car.

18—Services

George's Service Station

FULL SERVICE
Oil Changes
Car Washes

647-4641
George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

Paper Dolls, Etc.

Paper Hanging
Miscellaneous Painting
Signs

Diana Wilhelm
945-2507

Nazareth

FRANK ROSSI PAPERHANGING

806-995-3030 Tulia, TX

MARY KAY CONSULTANT, contact Harriett Goodwin, 302 Locust in Dimmitt. Call 647-3512 for appointment or orders. 18-2-tfc

Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair

Hi-Plains Irrigation
ZIMMATIC PIVOTS
Olton, TX
1-800-687-3133

SERVICE ON ALL MAKES

RIDDICK'S APPLIANCE REPAIR, 420 E. Broadway, Tulia, 995-2337. We work on all major brand appliances and will come to Dimmitt or Nazareth. Call and leave a message. We also buy and sell used appliances. 18-43-tfc

DOUBLE D ELECTRIC— For all your electric needs call 647-0807, office, or 647-9823, mobile. 18-41-tfc

LAWN MOWING, call Buddy, 647-5561 or 647-7358. 18-5-2tp

20—Help Wanted

TRUCK DRIVER with CDL needed. Local hauling. Call 945-2573. 20-4-2tc

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE, WIC Supervisor. Seeking a Monday through Friday job opportunity? The WIC office in Dimmitt, Texas, can offer that, plus great work hours, 8-5, including one evening clinic. Requirements: (LVN) Graduate of an accredited, vocational school of nursing; possess current Texas nursing license. Responsible for the daily supervision of department staff engaged in nutrition assessment of patients; and teaching and evaluating nutrition lessons given to WIC (Women/Infant/Children's supplemental food program) participants. Bilingual in English/Spanish preferred. Apply at WIC office, 113 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027; (806) 647-4240. An equal opportunity employer. 20-5-2tc

FULL-TIME SKILLED ELECTRICIAN, (806) 647-2536. 20-5-2tc

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

STUDENT WORK PROGRAM. 16 positions available locally, FT/PT, up to \$9.65 Flexible Schedules. Scholarships and internships possible. Conditions apply. No experience required. Interview in Amarillo, work in Dimmitt. Call btw 10-5 M-TH 358-2559. 20-5-8tp

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL is accepting applications for the position of Student Services Clerk. Qualifications required: keyboarding at least 30 wpm, computer word processing, computer data entry, people skills required, like working with teenagers, able to function in a high-pressure environment, assertive yet personable in dealing with adults and teens, and command of Spanish both verbal and written. Deadline Tuesday, May 13, at 4 p.m. Submit applications to High School Principal's Office. 20-5-1tc

CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL District has an immediate opening for a full-time licensed social worker for the Hospice and Home Health Agency. Send resume to Plains Memorial Hospital, Attn: Human Resources Dept., P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. (806) 647-2191. Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-5-2tc

Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:

647-3123



What your ad will cost:

- ✓ The first time your ad runs it will cost at least \$5 (25 cents per word with a \$5 minimum).
- ✓ Each consecutive time you run your ad with no changes, it will cost 25 cents per word with no minimum.
- ✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

Where to find ads:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Homes and land for sale | 14. Automobiles for sale |
| 2. Farms for sale | 15. Recreational vehicles |
| 3. Homes and apartments for rent | 16. Auto parts and supplies |
| 4. Things people want to rent | 17. Business opportunities |
| 5. Miscellaneous items for rent | 18. Services |
| 6. Miscellaneous items for sale | 18A. Insurance |
| 7. Garage sales | 19. Students seeking work |
| 8. Household goods for sale | 20. Help wanted |
| 9. Farm equipment and supplies | 21. Wanted, Misc. |
| 10. Agricultural services | 22. Notices |
| 11. Feed, seed and grain for sale | 23. Lost and found |
| 12. Farm produce for sale | 24. Cards of thanks |
| 13. Livestock and pets | 25. Legal notices |

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 22-4-5tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing May 12 at 4:30 p.m. at the DISD Administration Office for anyone wishing to have input on the following programs: Title I, Title II, Title IV, Title VI.
For more information call Doricel Davis at 647-3102. 22-5-1tc

25—Legal Notices

SECTION 00020 ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received at the City Hall, 200 Jones, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, until May 21, 1997, at 2 p.m., for construction of Seal Coat Improvements including all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for seal coating city streets.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Council Room. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Dimmitt, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

If the contract is over \$25,000, the successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959 and Experience Record.

Bid documents are on file at City Hall, City of Dimmitt, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers*Architects*Planners.

Copies of the bid documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers*Architects*Planners, 801 S. Filmore, Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas, 79101; phone (806) 376-8600, for the deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, in good condition and within ten (10) days after bids have been opened, of each set of documents, the entire deposit will be refunded.

Not less than the general prevailing rates of wages established by the Secretary of Labor must be paid on this project. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended, for Equal Opportunity in Employment.

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
BY: WAYNE COLLINS, Mayor
25-5-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

The junior class would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Junior-Senior Prom a success.

Special thanks goes to Wanda Nelson and Pam Joplin, who coordinated all of the parent committees.

We are grateful for the cooperation of the public who observed the viewing hour. This eliminated confusion and allowed the parents to do their work in getting the food ready and enabled the photographer to more quickly and efficiently get his work done.

We appreciate the thought, time and efforts of all who were involved.

THE JUNIOR CLASS SPONSORS
JUNIOR CLASS AT DHS
24-5-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to try to express our deepest and heartfelt thanks to our families, friends and loved ones for the calls, many, many cards, flowers, food, prayers and visits. To Dr. Joplin, Randy and the staff at the hospital, especially the nurses, we thank you for the very tender, loving care of Aunt Clara. Also thanks to Mary for keeping her beautiful and to the Hospice nurses. Each of you are dear to us and will always have a very special place in our hearts. May God bless you.

THE FAMILY OF CLARA GLADDEN
24-5-1tp

25—Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable County Judge Irene Miller, Castro County Judge, will be received at the Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, until June 9, 1997, at 9 a.m., for furnishing and installing a new heating, ventilating and air condition (HVAC) system for the Rhoads Memorial Library, including all labor, material and equipment and performing all work required for replacement of HVAC system.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Castro County Commissioners Court. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the Castro County, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds and guaranty in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

If the contract is over \$25,000, the successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, written by a responsible Surety Company, authorized to do business in the State of Texas, and satisfactory to the Owner as required by Article 5160, V.A.T.C.S., as amended by H.B. 344, passed by the 56th Legislature, Regular Session 1959 and Experience Record.

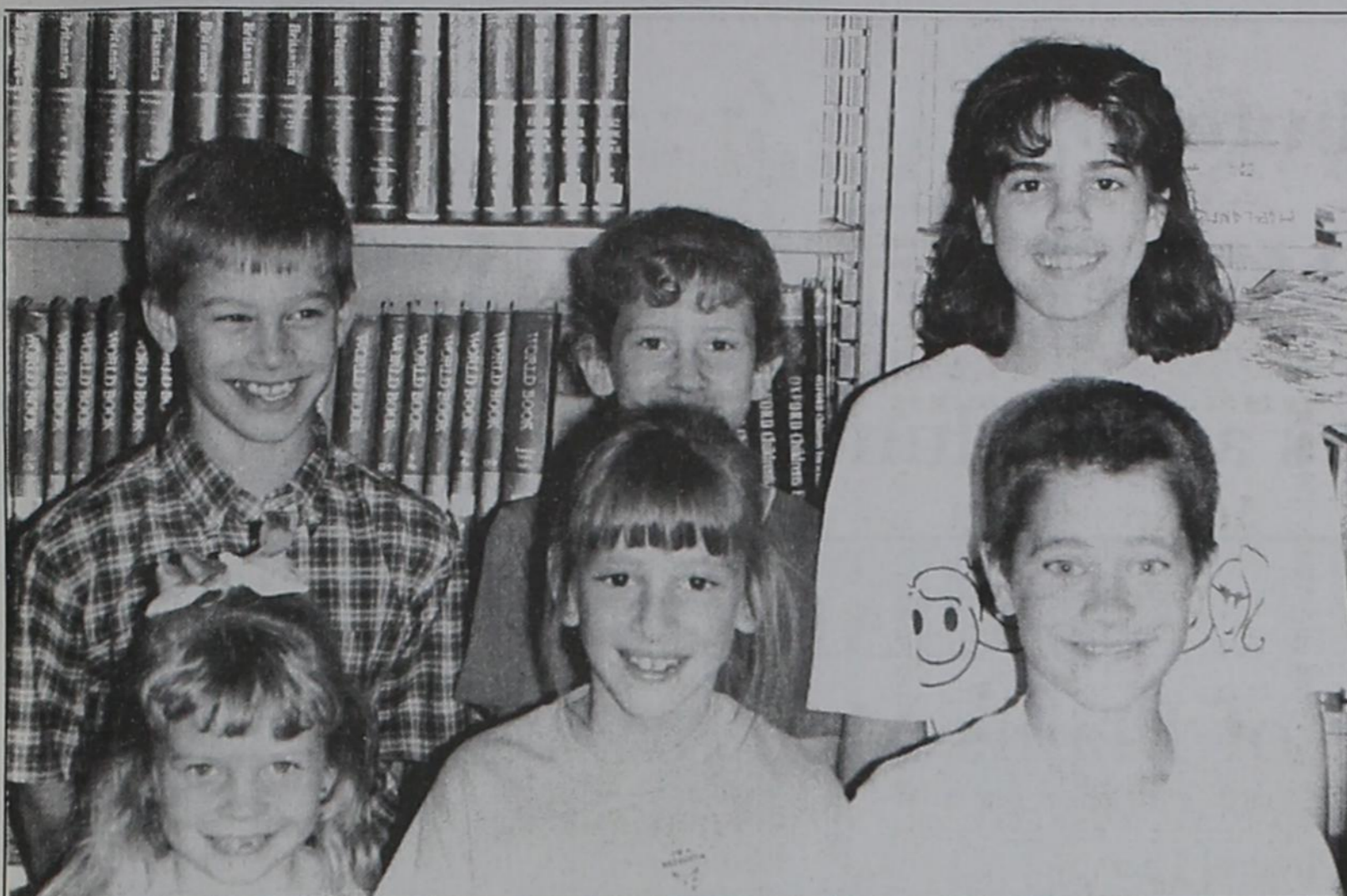
Bid documents are on file at Castro County Courthouse, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers*Architects*Planners.

Copies of the bid documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Engineers*Architects*Planners, 801 S. Filmore, Suite 300, Amarillo, Texas, 79101; phone (806) 376-8600, for the deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, in good condition and within ten (10) days after bids have been opened, of each set of documents, the entire deposit will be refunded.

Not less than the general prevailing rates of wages established by the Secretary of Labor must be paid on this project. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended, for Equal Opportunity in Employment.

CASTRO COUNTY COURTHOUSE
BY: IRENE MILLER, County Judge
25-5-2tc

We'll put it



CITIZENS OF THE SIX WEEKS at Nazareth Elementary School included (front row, from left) Jenny Jo Merritt, kindergarten, Brittany Birkenfeld, first grade, and Matt Birkenfeld, second grade; and (back

row, from left) Alan Gerber, third grade; Keli Schulte, fourth grade; and Rebecca Olvera, fifth grade.
Photo by Brenda Schulte

Red Cross launches flood relief campaign

As hundreds of families unable to return to their homes in the upper Midwest continue to seek shelter and other critically needed assistance from the Red Cross, the organization has announced an appeal for \$18 million in donations to cover disaster relief expenses.

To help recent victims of disasters, call 1-800-HELP NOW or the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross in Hereford at (806) 364-3761.

Recent flooding in North Dakota and Minnesota resulted in evacuations of thousands of families from towns such as Grand Forks, N.D. and East Grand Forks, Minn. Many of these people have turned to the Red Cross for emergency shelter and food. To date, the Red Cross has opened 26 shelters, providing a safe place to stay for more than 6,200 people in need. Since the flooding in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota began, the Red Cross has served over 235,600 meals to flooded families and emergency workers through fixed feeding locations.

As the flood waters recede and families return to their homes, the Red Cross will help residents cope and recover for months to come. For people who go home to inspect the damage and find they must begin again from scratch, their losses can seem overwhelming. To help them, 17 Red Cross Service Centers are open near the flooded areas where thousands of flood victims can meet with a caseworker and receive assistance to help pay for temporary housing, baby food, clothing, prescription medicines, eyeglasses and

other essential items.

The Red Cross relief efforts in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota alone are expected to cost the Red Cross more than \$13 million. This recent flooding follows on the heels of severe flooding in the western United States in early January and deadly tornadoes and torrential rains and floods in the Southeast and Ohio Valley in early March. Total relief costs for these Red Cross relief operations will exceed \$38 million. Extensive fundraising efforts have resulted in approximately \$20 million of donations, leaving \$18 million for helping flood victims.

All Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from American people. The Red Cross is not a government agency.



DARE graduation ceremonies slated

Dimmitt and Nazareth students graduated from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program earlier this week, and Hart students will graduate from the program on Monday.

Hart students will graduate from the DARE program Monday at 2 p.m. in the Hart Elementary School gym.

SAMANTHA HOWELL tells how early pioneers had to shovel dirt out of their houses during the time of the big dirt storms that rolled through the area during the "Dust Bowl" days in Castro County. Her speech was a part of the Pioneer Days program put on by Richardson Elementary School second graders.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

Naz schools name honor students

Nazareth schools have released honor rolls for the fifth six weeks of school.

Students making the "A" honor roll are:

FIRST GRADE: Brittany Birkenfeld, Brittany Hampton, Allyson

Hochstein, Kyle Hoelting, Tessie Huseman, Brandi Kern, Karis Kleman, Margie Neudorf, Darcy Schulte and Taylor Schulte.

SECOND GRADE: Chris Acker, Candace Birkenfeld, Holly Kleman, Corey Makeever, Heidi Ramaekers, Troy Ramaekers and Dustin Schulte.

THIRD GRADE: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman, J'Lae Merritt and Charlie Rundell.

FOURTH GRADE: Jenna Acker, Jamie Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld and Tyson Schulte.

FIFTH GRADE: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Trey Robb.

SIXTH GRADE: Carson Gerber.
SEVENTH GRADE: Blake Birkenfeld, Laura Gerber and Trinity Robb.

EIGHTH GRADE: Mark Birkenfeld and Lindsie Gerber.

FRESHMAN: Mindi Ethridge, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

SOPHOMORE: Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones, Jessica Kern and Susan Lange.

JUNIOR: Sara Birkenfeld, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

SENIOR: Margie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry and Jill Ramaekers.

Students making the "A-B" honor roll include:

FIRST GRADE: Joshua Bradlock, Bryan George and Alex Ortiz.

SECOND GRADE: Jennifer Acker, Lacey Acker, Matt Birkenfeld, Eric Book, Stefani Diamond, Bradley Gerber, Chandra Jordan, Keanan Lilley, Val Rich and Brady Schulte.

THIRD GRADE: Skyler Birkenfeld, Clifford Gerber, Nathan Huseman, Marqui Saenz and Kasey Wood.

FOURTH GRADE: Jeremy Acker, Jamie Black, Melina Braddock, Jordan Hampton, Garrett Kleman, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte, Jason Wilhelm and Kelcee Kleman.

FIFTH GRADE: Sarah Ellison, Adam Hunter, Kyle Ray and Lindsey Wood.

SIXTH GRADE: Adam Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld, Tyler Ehly, Evan Huseman, Koty Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Kristi Ramaekers, Megan Schulte, Eric Schilling, Ross Schulte and Shelby Wilhelm.

SEVENTH GRADE: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Jase Merritt, Elizabeth Olvera, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers and Ky Wilcox.

EIGHTH GRADE: Jaci Birkenfeld, Lindsey Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Tara Kleman, Mark Lange, Matty McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier, Wade Price and Adam Schulte.

FRESHMAN: Melanie Book, Meredith Braddock, Bridget Hochstein, Dawn Ramaekers and Karen Wilhelm.

SOPHOMORE: Kira Ball, Mandy Birkenfeld, Laura Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Matthew Kern, Jessica McGilvray, Tiffany Schmucker and Ann Wilhelm.

JUNIOR: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Barry Hoelting, Lynsey Hoelting, Darren Huckert, Joy Long and Whitney McLain.

SENIOR: Cody Annen, Misti Ball, Justin Bingham, Bryan Braddock, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Nick Gerber and Sarah Olvera.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO RECEIVE BIDS ON COUNTY DEPOSITORY

Notice is hereby given as provided in Article 2544 and 1664f (V.T.C.S.) That the Castro County Commissioners Court at its regular meeting on May 12, 1997, will receive bids from banking institutions in Castro County that may desire to be selected as the depository of the County funds.

Bids will be received until 10 a.m. on May 9, 1997. Bidders should indicate specifically the method and frequency of calculation of interest rates payable on county accounts and investments during the term of the contract. The bid must detail all proposed costs for printed checks and deposit slips, service charges, stop payment charges and any other contemplated charges.

Bidders are notified that most county funds are in the form of trust accounts with service charges prohibited. Release of government securities during the term of contract will be transacted as formal agenda items in regular meetings of the Commissioners Court.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a written contract with Castro County and approved by the Commissioners Court within 15 days of the date of the award of the contract. All banking institutions interested in submitting bids shall contact the treasurer's office to obtain a copy of Castro County's Investment Policy prior to submitting their bid.

All bids must state the amount of the bank's paid-up capital stock and permanent surplus and must include a statement of financial condition of the bank on the date of application together with a certified check for \$10,000 to guarantee that if accepted as county depository it will execute the required bond.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
25-4-2tc



Public hearing set Monday

A public hearing will be held Monday at 4:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Independent School District administration building, 608 W. Halsell, for anyone wishing to have input on federally funded programs in the Dimmitt schools.

The programs that will be included in the hearing include Title I, Title II, Title IV and Title VI.

For more information, call Doricell Davis at 647-3102.

Shop Dimmitt first!

★ THANKS ★ THANKS ★ THANKS ★ THANKS ★

Thanks for electing me to the Dimmitt City Council. I appreciate your votes of confidence in me, and I will endeavor to merit that confidence. I pledge to do the best of my ability to treat everyone fairly and honestly.

Thanks again ...

Trish Elliott

Political advertisement paid for by Trish Elliott.

★ THANKS ★ THANKS ★ THANKS ★ THANKS ★

WASTE WRANGLERS

Now serving the Dimmitt-Hereford area with trash removal. We furnish your dumpster.

For free quote, call:

1-800-354-5544

Stevens Chevrolet - Oldsmobile - Aurora - Geo

N. Hwy 385 • Hereford, Texas • 364-2160



1997 Chevrolet Cavalier
Convertible, remaining warranty, 4,000 miles. All the toys! Trades welcome!
Only \$349 per mo. 246-GM.
BOBCAT PURPLE!



\$0 DOWN PROGRAM CAR SALE • WE TRADE • FINANCING AVAILABLE



1996 Chevrolet Blazer
4x4, red with tan interior, 17,000 miles, remaining warranty. Only \$439 per mo. 250-E



1996 Cadillac Sedan Deville
Beautiful car, remaining factory warranty. All the toys! Only \$489 per mo. 242-GM



1996 Pontiac Sunfire
Great car, lots of equipment, warranty. Only \$239 per mo. 254-GM



1996 Pontiac Bonneville-SE
Loaded, ride in style!! Only \$329 per mo. 228-GM



1996 Oldsmobile Cutlass Ciera
4 dr., loaded, remaining factory warranty. Only \$219 per mo. 235-GM

1990 Oldsmobile Calais..... \$2,995
1992 Pontiac Grand Prix..... SOLD \$5,950
1995 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4... \$22,950
1988 Ford Bronco..... SOLD \$6,500
1989 Chevrolet Suburban 4x4..... \$7,850
1989 Oldsmobile Ciera..... \$4,995
1991 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer 4x4... \$9,995
1991 Plymouth Voyager..... SOLD \$8,495

*0 Down - 72 mo., 11.90% A.P.R. W.A.C. + T.T. & L.



1996 Geo Metro
Blue, great car, good equipment, warranty. Only \$179 per mo. 244-GM



1996 Pontiac Grand Prix
Beautiful dark green color, loaded, power everything! Only \$249 per mo. 241-GM



1996 Chevrolet Lumina
4 dr., good equipment, remaining warranty. Only \$269 per mo. 252-GM



1996 Pontiac Grand AM-SE
Power equip., AM/FM cassette, remaining warranty. Trades welcome! Only \$249 per mo. 237-GM

A Tribute to Plains Memorial Hospital

Its Staff, Trustees and Volunteers

We appreciate being cared for by dedicated professionals and volunteers who know us and care about us. We realize that, at times, we literally couldn't live without you! Thanks for all you do for us.

SPECIAL SERVICES of Plains Memorial Hospital

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Laparoscopic Surgery ★ Physical Therapy ★ Emergency Medical Care ★ Nuclear Medicine ★ Teleradiology ★ Cardiovascular Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Home Health Care ★ Extended Care Living ★ Swing Bed Program ★ Hospice Care ★ Geriatric Psychiatric Care ★ Prenatal Education
---	---

Hospital Staff

PHYSICIANS

Bill D. Murphy, M.D., Chief of Staff; Gary R. Hardee, M.D., Matthew Houseal, M.D., Leon Joplin, D.O., Dhiraj Patel, M.D.

NURSING SERVICES

REGISTERED NURSES—Linda Rasor, Director; A'llan Bradley, Mitzie Brockman, Donna Charanza, Belinda Crow, Cindy Ellis, Trudy Jackson, Jill McLean, Donna Newton, Paula Proffitt, Eula Faye Ratliff, Ruth Wayland, Bobbi Wooten.

LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES—Sandra Baker, Peggy Ehly, Lorraine Mendoza, Pauline Hoyler, Charla Mansell, Jolanda Martinez, Maria Ramos, Lisa Rodriguez, Audrey Shottenkirk, Shanee Thompson, Cleta Wilkerson, Rosa Jimenez, Alison Swink.

NURSES' AIDES/WARD CLERKS—Gloria Garcia, Becky Gonzales, Loretta Mendoza, Linda Moyers, Anessa Scott, Maria Villalba, Sherri Wilkerson, Darlene Walters.

OPERATING ROOM TECHNICIANS—Paula Proffitt, R.N., Director; Donna Charanza, R.N., Donna Newton, R.N., Bobbi Wooten, R.N., Omega Johnson, C.O.R.T., Peggy Ehly, L.V.N., Jolanda Martinez, L.V.N., Jolene Schulte, L.V.N., Brenda Seely, L.V.N., Cleta Wilkerson, L.V.N.

ANESTHESIA SERVICES

Michelle Bailey, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

PHYSICAL THERAPY SERVICES

Traci Robb, Physical Therapist
Monica Quiroz and Marie Rivera, Technicians.

MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

Scott Hiatt, EMT-P, Director; Jolene Schulte, L.V.N., B. C. Bossett, L.V.N.

LABORATORY AND X-RAY SERVICES

Jerald Hensley, M.T., R.T., C.L.S., Director; Raymundo Banson, M.T., Assistant Director; Deana Beames, R.T., A.S.R.T., X-ray Director; Michelle Miller, X-Ray Technologist; Gloria Esquivel, M.L.T., R.T., Dolan Hanna, M.R.T., M.T., Billie Hensley.

PHARMACY SERVICES

Joe Carver, R.Ph., Consultant; Brenda Seely, L.V.N., C.P.T., Director; Rae Catoe, Wanda Murdock, Technicians.

MAINTENANCE SERVICES

Mark McDonald, Director; Manuel Saenz.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Shane Lindsey, Director. PARAMEDICS: Tim Koenig, Scott Hiatt, Yancy Jones, Rita McDaniel, Shane Lindsey, Michael Ellison, Rickey Hargrove, Jaimy Torres. EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS: Danny Rice, J. R. Ledesma, Susan Coleman, Sal Ortiz, Jason Jackson, Julie Johnson, Harvey Perez. E.M.T./INTERMEDIATE: Shawn Ewing.

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT/SWING BED PROGRAM/RESPIRE CARE

A'llan Bradley, R.N., Director; Sherry Schaeffer, Social Services.

GERIATRIC PSYCHIATRIC CARE

Judy Vaughn, R.N., Nurse Manager; Wendy Aldridge, L.V.N., Shirley Cathcart, R.N., Sheri Greene, R.N., Randall Keeney, R.N., Tracie Noble, L.V.N., Lee Norris, L.V.N., Kathryn Smallwood, R.N.

MEDICAL RECORDS

Joyce Wright, A.R.T., Director; Vicki Higgins.

RISK MANAGEMENT/INFECTION CONTROL/EMPLOYEE HEALTH

Trudy Jackson, R.N., Director.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

Jill McLean, R.N., Director.

DIETARY SERVICES

Carole Dyer, Director; Billie Terry, Assistant Director; Maria Martinez, Olivia Ortiz, Carolina Correa, Guadalupe Ramirez, Mary Garrity.

HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES

Mark McDonald, Director; Leonarda Robledo, Florencia Castaneda, Candelaria Perez.

ADMINISTRATION & BUSINESS OFFICE

Joe Sloan, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer; Vada Wilcox, Chief Financial Officer; Fred Bolton, Connie Martinez, Olfelia Ortiz, Tisha Rice, Maria Triana, Connie Wilhelm, Dena Wilkerson, Tina Martinez, Elidia Dozal.

Medical Center of Dimmitt

Kim Hunter, M.S., R.N., C.F.N.P., Mecca Wilkerson, L.V.N., Bea Fuentes, L.V.N., Lisa Rodriguez, L.V.N., Debra Galindo, C.N.A., Trudy Derrick, Office Manager; Monette Schilling, Insurance Clerk; Molly Moya and Kathy Webb, Receptionists; Michelle Clevenger, Transcriptionist.

HOSPICE CARE

Connie Nutt, Director; Matthew Houseal, M.D., Medical Director; Shelly Rice, R.N., Patient Care Coordinator; Cindy Rohrbach, R.N., and Trudy Jackson, R.N., Staff Nurses; Jim Hardwick, Pastoral Coordinator; Bill Fernihough, Social Worker.

PRE-NATAL CARE/EDUCATION

Belinda Crow, R.N., Director.

Home Health Agency

Vicki Buckley, R.N., Director; Rosa Bidwell, R.N., Care Manager; Amanda Gamboa, R.N., Case Manager; Patty Summers, Quality Assurance Director; Bill Fernihough, Social Worker; Peggy Birkenfeld, R.N., Faye Killough, R.N., Doris Swinburn, R.N., Amy Jepson, R.N., Gwen Keeping, R.N., Carolyn Dalton, R.N., Joyce Adrian, L.V.N., Bonnie Cobb, L.V.N., Sylvia Nino, L.V.N., Kathy Spears, L.V.N., Carole Ellison, L.V.N., Yolanda Olvera, L.V.N., Terri Clements, L.V.N., Gracie Enriquez, N.A., Susie Fernandez, N.A., Tina Gonzales, N.A., Michelle Jackson, N.A., Mary Lou Lopez, N.A., Santos Mireles, N.A., Yolanda Moran, N.A., Doreen Morton, N.A., Nellie Wilhelm, N.A., Brandi Brookhart, N.A., Amparo Garcia, N.A., Rebecca Munoz, N.A., Dana Cobb-Gregory, N.A.; Sabrina Hiatt, Staff Coordinator; Lisa Mixson, Office Manager; Mary Braddock, N.A., Bobby George and Carlie Warren, Clerks.

Hospital Auxiliary

ACTIVE MEMBERS — Irene Blanton, Irene Carpenter, Nelle DiCuffa, Lucille Drerup, Betty Freeman, Ethel Fry, Edith Graef, Mary Edna Hendrix, Claudine Langford, Florene Leinen, Wanda Murdock, Edna Reinart, Barbara Sava, Mattie Seale (president), Heidi Thompson, Gertie Waggoner, Lois Waggoner, Lequetta West.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS — Sandy Baker, Mary Blackwood, Sue Boozer, Helen Braafladt, Mildred Bradford, Susie Bradford, A'llan Bradley, Bessie Bradley, Vicki Buckley, Dugan Butler, Retta Cluck, Cleo Forson, Loranell Hamilton, Mae Hargrove, Elizabeth Huckabay, Geneva Justice, Doris Lust, Mary Emma Matthews, Louise Mears, Carolyn Moke, Tommie Sue Nisbett, Lee Norris, Jewell Scott, Lois Scott, Dorothy Sheffy, Betty Vaughn, Carolyn Watts, Waldene Webb, Shirley Wise.

LIFE MEMBERS — Nell Copeland, Virginia Gilbreath.

Hospital District Trustees

Bill Clark, Chairman; Jerry Annen, Teresa Lindsey, Carolyn Sides, Henry Ramaekers.

NATIONAL NURSES' WEEK — MAY 4-10
NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK — MAY 11-17

Canterbury Villia
Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.
Castro County Farm Bureau
Castro County News
Coleman Pharmacy
Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc.
Dimmitt Consumers
Dimmitt Ready Mix

First Bank of Muleshoe
Member F.D.I.C.
First United Bank of Dimmitt
Member F.D.I.C.
George's Service Station
Dr. Gary R. Hardee & Staff
Jones-Rawlings Insurance Agency
Lockhart Pharmacy
Max & Karen Newman
Westway Trading Corp.