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Substance abuse counseling

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SERIOUS INJURY—Gloria Gonzales Reyes, 59, of Dimmitt, receives treatment from EMS personnel and volunteer firemen after she was involved in a crash Tuesday at about 12:30 p.m. at the intersection of Northwest Fourth and Etter in Dimmitt. Her 1988 Chevrolet Celebrity received heavy damage after it

struck a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Timothy Anes, 23, of Dimmitt. Reyes was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital and then transferred to an Amarillo hospital. Anes later sought treatment for possible injury. Police said Reyes failed to yield right of way at a yield sign. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Mitchell to address Corn **Growers meeting on Friday**

Larry Mitchell, a Farm Service Agency deputy administrator, will be among the slate of speakers at the Texas Corn Growers Association's 26th annual meeting Friday in Dimmitt at the County Expo Building, according to Carl King, association president.

King, who will deliver the welcoming address for the meeting, said the theme of the session will be "Surviving the Crisis."

Other speakers will include David Senter, a consultant for the American Corn Growers and TCGA; Keith Dittrich of Nebraska, president of American Corn Growers; and Ray

Joe Riley, local farmer. Mitchell has been invited to speak on the "Freedom to Farm" bill and its disastrous consequences to farmers. He also may address the low loan rate, reduced exports, and crop

insurance. Senter will address the farm bill, deficiency and disaster payments, and concentration in agriculture. Dittrich will speak on the central concerns of the ACG. Riley will

speak on banking and agriculture. Registration for the event will start at 8 a.m., with sessions slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. The Expo building is located at 403 SE Fourth in Dimmitt. There is no registration charge and a luncheon is included. The meal is sponsored by the TCGA and prepared by local members of W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics). The menu will include brisket, potato casserole, beans, cole

slaw, rolls, tea, and chocolate cake. In addition, credit for 21/2 Continuing Education Units will be offered for those who attend the Extension portion of the program in the afternoon. It will be moderated by Johnna Patterson, Extension Agent for Castro and Lamb counties-Integrated Pest Management.

By Don Nelson

As of today, I'm a bona fide Senior Citizen. And I want my discount.

Actually, I've been an Official US Old Geezer since the first of the month, when the Social Security Administration certified me for Medicare.

When I was a kid, I assumed that I would never live to see the year 2000 because 65 was the average life expectancy then.

Globally, the average lifespan is still just 63, according to this week's US News & World Report. But in the US, the norm is now somewhere in the low 70s for men and high 70s for women.

I didn't realize that the 65th is such a hurry-up birthday. There are lots of details to take care of beforehand if you want to turn 65 properly.

You have to register with the Social Security Administration, whether or not you're ready to retire and start drawing your pension.

(They make it a lot easier than you'd think. You can register in person, by mail, or on-line. That's one

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Presenters for the Extension and their subjects will include: Clay Salisbury of Amarillo, Extension agronomist-weed control, new herbicides, and herbicide tolerance; Calvin Trostle of Lubbock, Exten-Agronomist—soil fertility; closing

Leon New of Amarillo, Extension irrigation specialist-irrigation and chemigation technology; Pat Porter of Lubbock, Extension entomologist—corn borers and spider mites; and Patterson—scouting update and

Bobbies, Swifts continue race through the playoffs

reth Swifts continue their march through the playoffs this week, with the Bobbies taking on Bowie in a Region 1-AAA semifinal and the Swifts facing Gruver in a Class A Area playoff.

The Bobbies edged Muleshoe Tuesday in a regional quarterfinal game while the Swifts downed Adrian in bi-district.

The Bobbies will meet Bowie Friday night in the regional semifinal at 8:30 p.m. at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

The Swifts and Gruver will square off Friday night at 7 p.m. at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo for the area trophy.

Swifts vs. Gruver

The Gruver Greyhounds (18-7) downed Allison Tuesday night to claim a bi-district championship while the Swifts beat Adrian, 77-62, for the bi-district title.

Gruver is the defending Region 1-

The Dimmitt Bobbies and Naza- A champion, advancing to state a year ago where they lost to Goodrich in the semifinals.

Graduation claimed most of Gruver's roster last year, but the Greyhounds boast one veteran among their starting lineup-6-3 senior post Jim Potts.

"Potts is their best player. He's a three-year starter and he's a good solid post. Their offense is postoriented-they want to get the ball inside the paint," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough.

The Greyhounds have a pair of talented players to go along with Potts, including 6-1 junior post Bray Armes and a strong shooting guard, Jason Pool.

Gruver captured the District 6-A title before beating Allison in the first round of the playoffs.

The Greyhounds took Lorenzo to overtime in a practice game Friday before losing, 65-58. Armes was leading scorer with 15 points while Shoulders, a backup post player,

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Extended calling ballots need postmark by Friday

Ballots in the choice of an for business customers. extended calling area for the on them may be no later than mid- who did not receive ballots. night on Friday.

Subscribers should have already received the new ballots, according to petitioning coordinator Betty McClure. Many have already received the ballots and returned them. However, a few have said they have not received a ballot, according to McClure. She said those who have not received a ballot should call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477.

If the measure passes and gains final approval by the PUC, phone subscribers in Dimmitt will be able to call Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Plainview and Tulia without a long distance charge. To be included in the extended calling area, each city must receive at least 70% approval among all the votes that are cast.

Even though the extended calling area will give toll-free calling to the approved communities, there will be an additional per-line charge for all subscribers, whether they vote in favor of it or not. The monthly charge will be \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line

This is the second balloting at-Dimmitt telephone exchange must be tempt for the Dimmitt exchange, mailed back to the state Public Utili- since the first effort was invalidated ties Commission, and the postmark due to a large number of subscribers

\$200 per month thanks to a program conducted by the Amarillo Council "We'll be putting a television and for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. VCR on a stand in the room and the Chess Grant with the Amarillo county will be able to borrow it," Grant said.

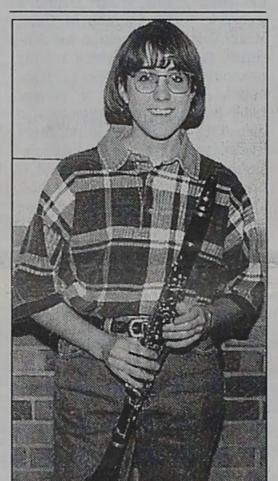
Council asked commissioners if his agency could lease space in the courthouse for five hours one evening each week. On that night, counselors from the agency will meet with county residents who suffer from drug and alcohol abuse, and will provide outpatient counseling services.

The Amarillo Council will pay the county \$200 per month for the right to use space in the courthouse.

Grant added that if a scheduling conflict comes up on the night his agency plans to be in town, they would reschedule their appointments for another day.

The Amarillo Council already provides some services to Castro County residents, and having counselors come to Dimmitt will provide easier access to the services for those who have limited means of transportation.

Commissioners agreed to the lease and the Amarillo Council will probably set up in the jury room on the second floor of the courthouse.



QAULIFIER—Rachel STATE Harman of the Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band has qualified to participate in the All-State Band tryouts. She plays the clarinet. (See story, Page 4.)

Weather

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February Moisture 0.01 1999 Moisture 1.58

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

Castro County will earn another The agency will also store a filing cabinet in the courthouse.

group to lease courthouse space

"What we do is provide supportive outpatient treatment to drug or alcohol abusers," Grant said. "We teach these people how to live day-to-day life without the help of drugs or alcohol. We encourage their participation in programs like Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous."

Grant said a similar program is already in place in Swisher County and county officials there are pleased with the results.

"The probation officers like it because they can keep up with their probationers. We like to work with the judges and probation officers," Grant said.

County Judge Irene Miller told commissioners that there are people from Castro County who are using

Buyers pay \$175,000 for animals

The 1999 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale held Feb. 11-13 raised approximately \$175,000 for county youngsters, according to figures from the Dimmitt Young Farmers, who organize the annual event.

This year's sale total was down more tan \$15,000 from last year's total of \$190,389, but Greg Odom, president of the Dimmitt Young Farmers, said that the price on animals held up through the sale and all youngsters qualifying for the sale received good bids for their animals.

County exhibitors paraded 294 animals before judges at this year's show-194 barrows, 90 lambs and 10 steers.

Earning grand champion honors were Raynee Bradley with a jumbo medium wool lamb, Shawn Nelson with a 1,320-pound cross steer and Chandra Jordan with a 260-pound Yorkshire barrow.

The floor prices this year were set at \$64 per hundredweight for steers, \$68.25 per hundred for lambs and \$24 per hundred for barrows.

The grand champion lamb shown by Bradley earned a bid of \$14 per pound from Mike Baca and Andy Rogers.

North Gin purchased Nelson's grand champion steer for \$1.50 per pound.

The top barrow shown by Jordan received a bid of \$5 per pound from the three local cooperatives—Castro Co-Op Gin, AgriFarm Industries and Dimmitt Consumers.

Reserve grand champion animals included a 242-pound heavyweight cross barrow owned by Keli Schulte, a 1,135-pound cross steer owned by Meggie Lemons, and a 119-pound light-heavyweight medium wool lamb owned by Kirsti Edwards.

the program now, but they have to go out-of-town to do so, and Grant confirmed that, adding that between 12 and 20 people from this county have been seeking treatment.

"We're already providing some services. What we'll be doing is paying you for services we're already providing," Grant said.

Funding for the Amarillo Council is provided through the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse with supplemental funds coming from other agencies including United Way.

Marie Howell was named the new librarian at Rhoads Memorial Library Monday.

Howell was one of three applicants for the position, which came available when former librarian, Cindy Pottorff, resigned because she was moving out-of-

Howell has worked at the library for 25 years as assistant librarian and the library board recommended her for the top position.

Commissioners approved the recommendation Monday, then voted to accept applications for an assistant librarian.

Commissioners authorized V.C.Hopson, supervisor of the Expo Building, to hire a contractor to fix plumbing problems and to obtain bids for electrical work on the facility.

Commissioners received complaints about the plumbing and electricity at the building after the stock show last week.

Those working in the kitchen complained that they couldn't keep electrical appliances working because breakers kept flipping. Also, the plumbing from the restrooms has been leaking.

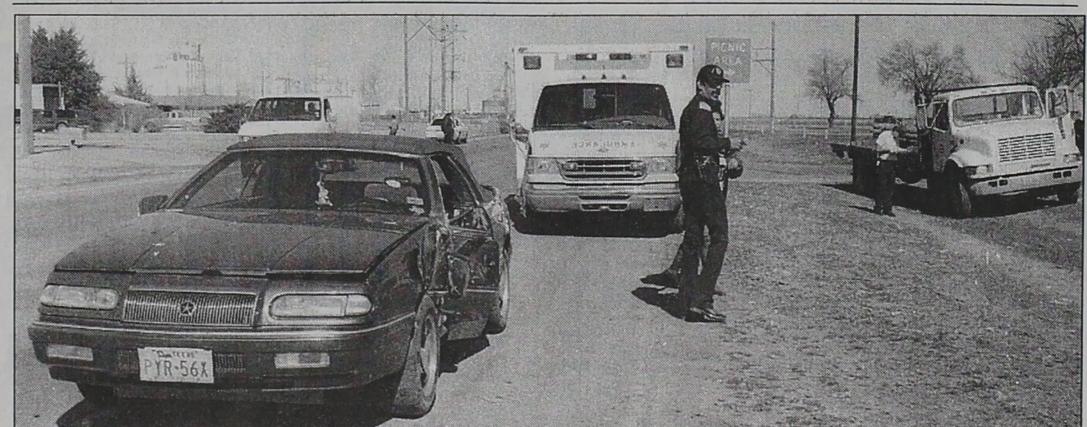
The commissioners authorized County Auditor Maretta Smithson to contact computer technicians and get estimates on what it would take to make the county's computer systems Y2K (Year 2000) compliant.

Smithson said the companies holding the county's insurance have attached exclusions to their policies stating that they will not cover a Y2K disaster (computer crash).

In a related item, Smithson said the company from which the county gets part of its software, The Software Group, will charge \$1,785 to make its software Y2K compliant and company representatives from Plano will come to Dimmitt to handle the upgrade.

Commissioners agreed to have Smithson contact The Software Group about completing the necessary work.

In other action, commissioners got a clean bill of health from outside audit firm of Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C.; rejected a proposed agriculture resolution; approved bonds for Jerry W. Jansa, Donald Ray Williams and Michael Edward Colley; authorized West Texas Rural Telephone Co. to install a fiber optic line under County Roads 603 and 513; and appointed Rebecca Martinez to the county salary grievance committee.



MINOR INJURY—This 1995 Chrysler (left) received moderate to heavy damage in a crash Tuesday about 12:15 p.m. on South US 385 at the entrance to "Roadside Park." According to police, the driver, Sylvia Medrano, 17, of Dimmitt, was attempting to turn left into the park when

her car was struck by the 1998 International flatbed truck in the background (far right), driven by Michael Branham, 42, of Fritch. Medrano later sought treatment for a leg injury. Photo by Linda Maxwell



RUN-AWAY TRAILER—This stock trailer was being towed by Dwayne Acker of Nazareth, when it came unhitched and struck a building in the 300 block of East Bedford Sunday afternoon. Two sheep

in the trailer were not injured. No damage estimate was available on the building, which is owned by Jerry Schinkus. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cloud seeding program underway in county, area

Three underground water conservation districts in the Texas High Plains have resumed precipitation enhancement operations within a 17county target area in an attempt to increase the natural recharge to the Ogallala Aquifer.

Effective Feb. 1, the 1999 Central Southern High Plains Rainfall Enhancement Program target area ground as meaningful rainfall. includes the counties of Castro, Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Terry and Yoakum as well as portions of Armstrong, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Potter and Randall program on May 1.

"We hope we will have more Wyatt, High Plains Water District 1999 project. manager. "Because of persistent many days last year when we did not have a cloud in the sky. When clouds finally formed, it appeared particles in the atmosphere resulting from the forest fires in Mexico. This eliminated many clouds as suitable targets for cloud seeding."

ulate clouds to generate more rainfall than they would otherwise by adding silver iodide as a seeding agent. The silver iodide provides additional condensation nuclei that can allow more cloud moisture to be converted to large enough raindrops to survive the fall through the dry sub-cloud layer and reach the

The agricultural and social benefits associated with increased pre-Lubbock, Lamb, Lynn, Parmer, cipitation include the potential for increased crop yields, improved livestock grazing conditions, reduced irrigation pumpage, improved Counties. Curry, Roosevelt and water quality and increased rainfall southwestern Quay counties of New runoff into reservoirs used for Mexico are expected to join the drinking water supplies and recreational purposes.

Weather Modification Incorpoprecipitation enhancement opporturated (WMI) of Fargo, N.D. is nities this year," said A. Wayne returning as the contractor for the

Under the contract, WMI prodrought conditions, there were vides a project meteorologist who uses weather radar displays, standard meteorological data and forecasting procedures, surface weather that they were affected by smoke observations and pilot reports to select clouds suitable for seeding.

With this information, the meteorologist in the C-band radar unit at . the Littlefield airport can direct Precipitation enhancement, or aircraft stationed at Amarillo and cloud seeding, is an attempt to stim- Lubbock to eject silver iodide flares

at cloud-top levels into selected clouds within the target area. A third aircraft will be stationed at Portales, N.M. when the New Mexico participants join the program on

May 1. Information about the 1999 precipitation enhancement program is available on the Internet at the High Plains Water District home page, www.hpwd.com.

"A wide range of information about the precipitation enhancement program is available by accessing the High Plains Water District's web site," said Carmon McCain, Water District information and education director. "Clicking on the precipitation enhancement program button provides links to current radar images of the target area, a map of the target area, aircraft flight tracks for each cloud seeding mission, weekly flight log narratives, a precipitation enhancement fact sheet and links to the home pages for the Amarillo and Lubbock National Weather Service Forecast Offices."

Project sponsors are the High Plains Water District in Lubbock, the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District in Plains and the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District in Brownfield. The Llano Estacado Weather Modification Association begins its sponsorship of the New Mexico portion of the program on Dear Editor:

share of the fixed and reimbursable costs, based on the total number of acres in the target area. The State of Texas reimburses 50% of the operating costs within the Texas target area through the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission fire and humiliate me. (TNRCC) in Austin.

Course sets

final session

The final session of "Agricultural

Water Management" will be from 7

to 10 p.m. on Tuesday at Hart High

School through PIN, an Internet

consortium that links dozens of Pan-

handle school districts to the infor-

mation superhighway. The course

also has been made available at high

schools in Spearman and Sunray. It

originates from the Hastings Elec-

tronic Learning Center of West

Texas A&M University's Cornette

Library, and may be attended there

as well. Participants at each site have

been able to communicate via PIN's

Cost of the course, which has been

focused on basic principals of water

conservation and water-use effi-

ciency, is \$45. The first session dealt

with the relationship between soil

and water. The second was the rela-

tionship between crops and water,

and the final one will be aimed at

soil fertility. Participants must sign

up for the course in its entirety, even

if they are unable to attend all three

Continuing education units will be

awarded to participants attending the

course, which is particularly valuable

for crop advisors who need periodic

re-certification in Texas.

interactive televisions.

sessions.

.Joyce Nelson

.Anne Acker, Paula Portwood

increasing in county Approximately 1,261 center pivot Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot sprinkler

Center pivot systems

sprinkler systems are currently in operation in Castro County within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 service area, according to a recent inven-

This represents an additional 258 center pivot sprinkler systems installed in the county since the 1995

Given an average cost of \$35,000 per center pivot sprinkler system, the 1,261 pivots in operation within Castro County represent a \$44,135,000 investment in water conservation by local agricultural producers.

"This inventory shows that farmers are making huge investments to be more efficient in applying ground water for irrigation," said Ken Carver, High Plains Water District assistant manager. "The center pivot sprinkler systems provide more flexibility in irrigating and help maintain crop yields with less

systems can achieve irrigation application efficiencies of up to 98%. Since the ground water is applied at low pressure directly into the furrow, water losses associated with evaporation and wind drift are almost eliminated.

LEPA systems also help reduce labor and fuel costs and save 20 to 40% of the water pumped for irrigation as compared with conventional furrow irrigation.

Additional information about LEPA center pivot sprinkler systems is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock, Texas 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com and its e-mail addresses are hpwd@hpwd.com and info@hpwd.com.

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Independent School District hired an outside audit firm and found cheating right away. This was an embarrassment to the TEA." The TEA's tendency to "look the other way" about

passing standards and established the content of the TAAS tests. It was the TEA who allowed students who make a 4 on the essay to pass even if they missed 32 out of 40 multiple-choice questions on grammar,

Op-Ed Opinions, Editorials, Letters, features



Letter

Texas HB 1130-take another look

Dear Editor:

Texas Rep. Longoria's HB 1130 is meant to take the education accountability system away from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and place it under the purview of the Texas State Comptroller's Office.

Granted, the TEA has done a poor job of monitoring the TAAS test just as Dan Wever of El Paso said in his letter to the editor in a recent Dallas Morning News, "The Texas Education Agency previously had 284 cases of possible TAAS cheating referred to it and after investigatig the cases found nothing. The Austin

cheating violations, however, is not the only issue about which the legislators should be concerned. Setting up a separate accountability system under the Texas State Comptroller will not solve the real problem with the

It was the Texas Education Agency who set the

punctuation, spelling and capitalization ("The Broken Stick-The TAAS," published in various Texas newspapers).

It was the TEA who directed the TAAS test contractors to lower the reading level so that the construction of the tests in 1998 was much lower than in 1995 (Dr. Sandra Stotsky, http://www.taxresearch.org).

It was the TEA who directed the contractors to produce a Grade 10 math exit exam which was more appropriate for the sixth grade (http://www.taxresearch.org).

Rep. Longoria's HB 1130 is well-meaning, but Texas education will not improve so long as the TEA controls the content of the exams. Rep. Longoria needs to focus on the root problem---not just the surface answer.

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Letter

How should state education board members be chosen?

Even we who believe in local control of education have to admit that there are certain decisions involving all Texas schools which must be made at the state board

The question is who should be on the Texas State Board of Education and how should they be chosen?

Texas Sen. Ratliff and Rep. Junell have submitted their proposed rewrite of the Texas Constitution. Their idea is that the members of the Texas State Board of Education should not be elected by the voters of Texas, as they now are, but should be appointed by the governor.

Recently, Rep. Irma Rangel submitted a similar piece of legislation, HB 1232, which would give the governor the power to appoint the members of the Texas State Board of Education.

The next question we voters should ask then is who influences a governor?

It certainly is not the "little guy."

Typically, the two groups who influence the governor are his wealthy campaign contributors and the specialinterest lobbyists.

Now let me get this straight. Under both of these legislative proposals, the decisions which impact every public school student and every educator in this state would be made by state board members who are beholden to the governor who is beholden to wealthy contributors and lobbyists.

Maybe we Texans should give this a little more

Rep. Irma Rangel's e-mail address is Irma.Rangel@house.state.tx.us.

DONNA GARNER

(Editor's Note: Donna Garner is a former teacher in the Dimmitt Independent School District).

Letter

Writer resents column

people possess. How many of you

have kids who don't get sick? And if

I recall, wasn't there a bill passed

recently about parents being able to

stay home with sick children without

A while back, I delivered a still-

born baby-something I hope no one

risking their jobs? . . .

My name is Amy Diaz and I am Each sponsor pays a pro-rata writing in reference to the Feb. 12 issue of the Hart Beat.

In her column, the editor (Neoma Williams) notes that she is seeking an employee, but according to me and to many outraged people, this was not her true intention-it was to

You see, up until Tuesday, Feb. 9, I was employed by the Hart Beat. I was never notified verbally that I had been terminated. I discovered this through the Hart Beat, and through many calls from friends and family who had read the paper.

By taking this action, the Hart Beat editor not only offended me, but many other people. . . .

She lists some discriminating qualifications that I don't think most

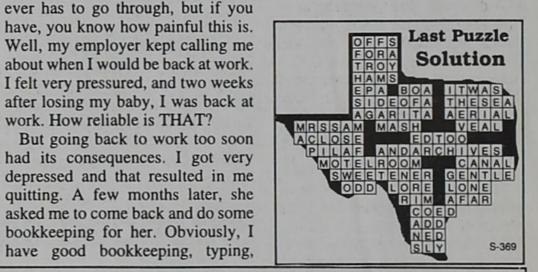
after losing my baby, I was back at work. How reliable is THAT?

44 TX legal eagle

But going back to work too soon had its consequences. I got very depressed and that resulted in me quitting. A few months later, she asked me to come back and do some bookkeeping for her. Obviously, I spelling and graphic design skills or else this person would not have rehired me. . . .

I guarantee if there was something to be written about you, she would not hesitate to do it. AMY DIAZ

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The course is being taught by Dr. Bob Stewart, WTAMU distinguished professor of agriculture and director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute, and by Dr. Clay Robinson, WTAMU assistant professor of plant science.

For more information or to register, call the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.

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On the GO with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Sandy Baker went to Lubbock Saturday for the Lubbock Symphony Chorale at the Knipling Center. It was all Gershwin music. Jamie Baker Mendoza, Jim and Sandy's daughter, was one of the

Taylor to present program Tuesday

A seminar on entrepreneurial issues related to starting your own small business will be held in Hereford Tuesday at the Senior Citizens Center.

The workshop will be conducted by Don Taylor of West Texas A&M University's Small Business Development Center. This seminar is the last in a series of five detailed workshops exploring various aspects of operating your own business.

The Hereford Senior Citizens Center is located at 420 Ranger and the workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a small registration fee of \$5 to cover the cost of taping the seminar for future use by those who were unable to attend.

Topics which Taylor will address at Tuesday's seminar will include operational problems, time and stress management, managing people and leadership, attitude and motivation.

The workshops are co-sponsored by the Rural Assistance and Innovation Network (RAIN), a micro-enterprise program of the Promised Land Network and WTAMU's Small Business Development Center.

For more information about the workshop, call (806) 364-4670.

Nazareth

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A reception was held Sunday morning for Kenny, Debra and Barry Clinton, who are participating in the RCIA program.

They will be received into Holy Family Church on Easter. Debra is our new elementary school principal. We are happy to have

Bro. David Andrews, CSC, who is executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, gave a three-hour lenten retreat on the millenium Sunday afternoon at Holy Family Church.

It was entitled "Cradled By The Hand of God." The first hour was devoted to the topic, "our sense of God's call to take care of the garden-our land." The second hour was "our sense of responsibility to each other." The third was "appreciating the unique quality of our rural communities."

He stressed keeping our unique values and our faith alive, and said our land should be something we

In conclusion, he shared with us the special meaning to each phrase of "The Lord's Prayer."

Congratulations to Norman and Stacy Gerber of Nazareth on the birth of a girl, Paige Camille. She was born Feb. 19 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has two brothers, Bradley and Hayden. Grandparents are Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth and Ted and Ethel Averitt of Lubbock. Greatgrandmother is Mary Gerber.

Congratulations to Damian and Stacy Wilhelm of Amarillo on the birth of a girl, Kayla Brooke, on Feb. 10 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She has a big sister, Stefani. Grandparents are Lavern and Ronnie Wilhelm and Ralph and Evelyn Albracht of Nazareth. Great-grandmother is Margaret Birkenfeld, also of Nazareth.

Congratulations to Sidney and Eve Gerber of Levelland on the birth of a boy, Nickolaus Dean, on Feb. 16, at Lubbock Methodist Hospital. He has a brother, Matt. Grandparents are Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth and Virginia Posey of Amarillo. Greatgrandmother is Mary Gerber of Nazareth.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Norma Schacher, Angela Acker, Florene Brockman and Regina

Steffens. Blood platelets are needed for Regina Steffens and donations can be made at Coffee Memorial Blood Center in Amarillo.

Myrtle Lois Moran and Jim and 101 voices heard. Kristi Webb Edwards also was one of the voices taking part in the Valentine program.

> The Bakers also saw Charles and Diane Axtell at the program.

On Sunday, Jim and Sandy went to the Hereford Country Club for lunch. Fred and Bobbie Bruegel joined them.

To celebrate President's Day, Jo Hyman came down and we went to she ran around with us.

Curtis and Leigh Durbin and Aubrie went to Lubbock Sunday evening and went out to eat with Curtis's sister, Lena Durbin, and her fiancee, Ben Duesterhaus of Pep. They had a good Valentine's

Lubbock and spent the night. We the Thursday Bridge Club. Ben Hill \$25 was a mistake. called Dickie Holcomb Ballard and finished second and Loranell Hamilton was third. Carol Lantz was hostess and she served a fresh green salad with bread sticks and a Mexican casserole. Italian cream cake was dessert. Ben Hill and Avis Smith were guests.

The notice in my column last week stating that the dues for the Senior Citizen's Association was in Cleo Forson won high score at error. The dues are only \$15. The

Recently, a group from the Church of Christ went to Red River

Fish fry is Friday

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will hold a fish fry every Friday night through March 26.

The weekly fish fries will be each Friday at the church's cafeteria. The menu will include fried fish,

red beans, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, homemade dessert, tea and coffee. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Takeout plates will be available.

Proceeds from the meals will help fund ongoing projects at the church.

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on a ski trip. They had a lot of fun. The weather was beautiful and there was a lot of snow. They played many games, skied, went snow boarding, sledding and had good food. Some of them played 42 and the most fun for Dorothy Nutt and Molly Scott was beating Ben and Anessa in 42.

Dorothy Nutt went to Ropesville to visit her sister and brother-inlaw, Bonnie and Duane Ferguson. Duane has recently had knee surgery, but is recovering. Dorothy went from Ropesville to Levelland to visit another sister, Lillian Hill. They were also at the basketball

Charlie Nutt had two pigs in the stock show and her grandmother Dorothy was there to encourage her. No matter what place these kids receive, they are all winners. We have such a good program.

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for tots or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed

the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 25 to March 5 DIMMITT

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk. FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh banana

and milk. MONDAY: Scrambled eggs with biscuit, orange juice and milk

TUESDAY: Rice Krispie cereal, apple slices and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast with syrup, pineapple juice

THURSDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk. FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple juice

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Cheese enchilada with sauce, refried beans, guacamole salad and

FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, whole new potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot wheat rolls and milk.

MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk. TUESDAY: Baked fish scandia, French

fries, tossed salad, combread and milk. WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with

chili, tater tots, coleslaw and milk. THURSDAY: Baked Chicken Italiano, Italian vegetable salad, tossed salad, angel flake biscuits and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, potato wedges, fruited gelatin, hot rolls and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; banana bread squares, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, nachos with cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potato, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; fruit fantasy, tossed salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, nachos with cheese or enchiladas; mashed potato and gravy, Mexipinto beans or Fideo Mexicano; tossed salad, jellied applesauce, or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or

TUESDAY: Choice of baked fish Scandia, macaroni and cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions, French fries, refried beans or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; combread, wheat roll or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white

tetrazzini, hot dog on a bun with chili or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater

Scout troop in Dimmitt and they

Boy Scout Pack 267 is off to a

slow start this year, but leaders

hope to correct that. There was not

a Boy Scout troop in Dimmitt last

year because there were no adult

Boy Scouts seeking help

Adult leaders are reviving the Boy have signed up for the program.

need help with funding supplies and troop visible as a force of good and

leaders, but so far this year 13 boys scouting attire and equipment.

leaders.

salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; wheat roll, commeal twist bread stick or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or

THURSDAY: Choice of beef stir fry, baked chicken Italiano or vegetable pasta Alfredo; stir-fried rice, potato wedges or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, brococli and cauliflower salad or rotini salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked fish Scandia, Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, commeal yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

> HART **Breakfast**

THURSDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancakes, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice

MONDAY: Waffles, sausage, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and

WEDNESDAY: Blueberry muffins, peanut butter bar, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken, break-

fast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or oven-fried chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and cheese, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and milk.

or fish nuggets; combread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk MONDAY: Choice of com dog, burrito or

FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog

barbecued ribs on a bun; sliced cheese, pinto beans, peaches, assorted fruit juice, salad, dill pickles, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk. TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or steak finger basket; green

beans, salad, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk. WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun; sliced cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomato and pickle,

fresh fruit, pears and milk. THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and

FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, com dog WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken or fish nuggets; combread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk.

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High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or oven-fried chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or

FRIDAY: Choice of Fish sandwich, com dog or fish nuggets; combread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of com dog, burrito or barbecued ribs on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickle, sliced cheese, peaches, assorted fruit juice, salad, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or steak finger basket; green beans, salad, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun with sliced cheese; French fries, lettuce, tomato and pickle, fresh fruit, pears and milk, punch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, com dog or fish nuggets; combread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

MONDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Waffle, sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk. WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal,

orange juice and milk THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll,

cereal, orange juice and milk. FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Fried chicken or steak fingers, salad, potatoes and gravy, salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, dessert and milk. FRIDAY: * Bean chalupas or cheese pizza, tossed salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, cherry

dessert and milk or juice. MONDAY: * Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, salad, rice, fruit, dessert and milk or

TUESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or pizza, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice. WEDNESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken

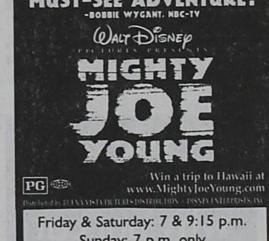
sandwich, French fries, lettuce, beans, peaches, pineapple upside down cake and milk or juice. THURSDAY: * Tacos or hamburger, French fries, lettuce, peas, fruit, dessert and

FRIDAY: Fish or cheese pizza, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, pineapple, pudding and

* Items designated with an asterisk will be

served to elementary school students.

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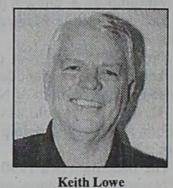
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The organization has over 7,000 local chapters located throughout the US, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

The Texas FFA was chartered in 1929 and currently has the largest membership in the national organization with 975 local chapters and Texas FFA contact your local high

Texas FFA members join thou- bership represents approximately sands of other high school students 13% of the national membership total. The Texas FFA Association headquarters is located in Austin The National FFA organization is and in 1997-98 presented over \$1,000,000 in scholarships to mem-

> There are approximately 1,500 agriculture science teachers in Texas who serve as advisors for the local FFA chapters. More than 100,000 high school students are enrolled in agriculture science and technology classes where they not only learn about the importance of agriculture science, but also gain valuable skills through participation in career development event, leadership development events and supervised agriculture education projects.

> Texas' 71st annual FFA convention will be held July 7-9 in Amarillo. State officials estimate over 7,800 members and guests will attend this year's activities.

For more information about the 55,521 members. Texas FFA mem-school agriculture science teacher.



DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL band members who won placings at the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday are (front, from left) Todd Jansa and

Cesar Ruiz; and (back, from left) Caleb Dickerson, Elizabeth Stephens, and Chris Back.

Entry deadline March 5 for Ogallala Quilt Festival

March 5 is the deadline for quilt entries for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which will be held in Dimmitt April 8-10.

The entry fee is \$5 per quilt. Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Joyce Davis at 647-5362, or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

Completed forms should be mailed to Ann Powell, Quilt Show Chairman, Rt. 2, Box 222, Canyon 79015. The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1601 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 6.

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts. Ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dol-

Verkamp assigned to Germany

Air Force 1st Lt. Kirsten M. Verkamp has arrived for duty at Landstuhl Army Medical Center, Germany.

Verkamp is a clinical curse assigned to the 86th Medical Squad-

She is the daughter of Leslie Birkenfeld and the granddaughter of Rose Birkenfeld, both of Nazareth. Her husband, Harold, is the son of Robert and Mary Verkamp of Naza-

The lieutenant is a 1990 graduate of Nazareth High School and a 1994 graduate of West Texas A&M University.

Most of the copper produced in the world is used by the electrical be available on April 9 and 10. industry, chiefly in the form of wire, because copper is the best low-cost conductor of electricity around.

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lar" and "Fat Quarter" awards also will be given.

"At last year's show, there was some confusion as to whether local people could enter, and we want to emphasize that all are welcome to enter," said Davis, a member of the Ogallala Ouilters.

OM team to perform for public

The Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind team will present a public performance on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

They will perform a classic problem called "O, My Faire Shakespeare." Team members are Thomas Brockman, Ryan Hays, Morgan Hazel, Rae Odom, Jace Weaver and Kelsey Welch. They are coached by Kim Hays.

The group also will present their program for the Dimmitt Rotary Club and the Dimmitt Book Club.

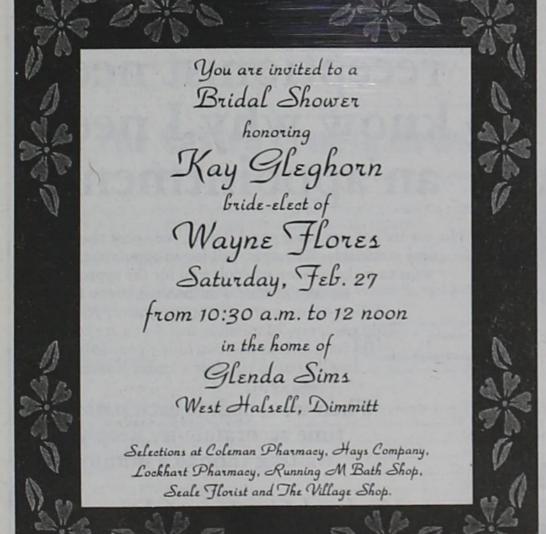
The OM Regional Competition will be in Lubbock March 6.

Food vendor spots available

Food vendors are needed for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, to be held in Dimmitt on April 8-10.

However, vendor booths will only

Organizations, groups or individuals interested in providing a food booth at the festival should contact Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524, or Ogallala members Joyce Davis at 647-53. 2 or Doris Lust at 647-5637 for form. or more information





SOLO AND ENSEMBLE WINNERS for the Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band are (front, from left) Sylvia Medrano, Stephanie Flores, and Wendy Amador; (middle, from left) Debbie Peralez, Melanie Walls and Erica Mendoza; and (back, from left) Derek Harkins and Dale West. Not shown is Jacob Rodriguez.

Harman qualifies for state; winners named at contest

Members of the Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School bands participated in UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest Saturday, and Rachel Harman qualified for the State Contest in May.

Harman, a sophomore at DHS, earned a Division I rating on her Class I clarinet solo. The state competition will be held in San Marcos at Southwest Texas State University.

Other DHS band members earning a I rating included: Melanie Walls for her alto sax solo and Erica Mendoza for her flute solo.

Those earning Division II ratings were: Dale West, percussion solo;

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Jacob Rodriguez, percussion solo; Derek Harkins, percussion solo; Debbie Peralez, alto sax solo; and Wendy Amador, Stephanie Flores and Sylvia Medrano for their clarinet

DMS students who earned Division I ratings were: Chris Back, clarinet solo; Caleb Dickerson, trumpet solo; Todd Jansa, baritone solo; and Cesar Ruiz, percussion solo. Elizabeth Stephens earned a Division II rating on her French horn solo.

Addison is new pastor at Lee Street Baptist

Jeff Addison of Slaton has been named the new pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Addison, his wife and their three children, Jeffrey, Tori and Kaylee will be here on March 7 and the public is invited to come and visit and hear him preach.

Bridal shower fetes Edwards

Holly Edwards was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Glenda Sims.

Edwards, daughter of Jack and Jan Edwards of Dimmitt, is the bride-elect of Bryan Holder of Lubbock.

Guests were served cinnamon rolls, cream puffs and strawberries with dip along with mock champagne.

The serving table was decorated with a suspended crystal globe and crystal candlesticks holding moss green candles. The centerpiece was accented with hydrangeas of lime green and moss green, moss green grapes and limes nestled among ivy and sheer green ribbon.

Out-of-town guests attending the shower included the prospective groom's mother, Fran Holder of Lubbock; his grandmother, Margaret Holder; the bride-elect's grandmother, Jo Curry of Hale Center; her aunts, DeLila Bishop of Lubbock, Joan Ishell and Carolyn Curry of Hale Center and Jill Baker of Canadian; and the honoree's cousins, Mendy and Whitney Houchin of Plainview and Heather Green of Petersburg.

Prepared childbirth classes set

A prepared childbirth class will be offered in Dimmitt March 6 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the classroom in the Medical Center of Dimmitt at 112 W. Jones.

Those interested may enroll by calling Cindy Ellis, RN, at 647-4233 or 647-2191. Wednesday (March 3) is the enrollment deadline.

Participants should be in their third trimester of pregnancy. A labor partner is recommended, but not required to be a part of the class. There is no charge for the instruction, but enrollment will be limited to ensure adequate space for all participants. The class will not be held if the minimum of three couples are not enrolled.

Ellis will be the instructor. She is employed with the Castro County Hospital District as an obstetrics supervisor and educator.

Topics will include signs and symptoms of labor, labor and birth, breathing and relaxation techn ques, labor coaching, and medications and epidurals.

Housing sought for festival guests

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 8-10 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," a festival organizer said. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid and the Chamber of Commerce will handle arrangements."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524 or from Joyce Davis at 647-

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt

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Rajko Ensemble to perform today

The Hereford Community Concert Association will present a unique musical experience today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. with the Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble.

This is a company of professional musicians and fiery dancers who have been enjoying an international career for many years.

"The exceptional professional skills of Rajko Ensemble are due to a special educational method that concentrates on preserving a natural aptitude for improvisation," a group spokesperson said. "The dancers are

Hospice Care offers training

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will offer free training classes beginning

The series of classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., starting Monday.

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

"We are always looking for volunteers in any capacity," said Connie Nutt, director of the agency. "Volunteers can be utilized in almost anything, from reading to patients, sitting, office help, or helping in the Thrift Shop."

The Hospice Care Thrift Shop is run solely by volunteers, with proceeds benefiting the local hospice

The volunteer course encompasses 30 hours of training in a wide variety of topics. Communication skills, grief and bereavement, and general hospice facts are among some of the topics that are covered.

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

ROW approves dues increase

Members of the Castro County chapter of the Republican Organization for Women voted to increase their dues to \$20 for the membership year of 2000.

Members are encouraged to pay their dues for 1999, if they have not already done so. Current dues are \$15.

The group held its monthly meeting Feb. 17 at K-Bob's, with 17 members present.

Bill Sava gave a program on the new H.O.P.E. medical information system in Castro County.

Sava explained how the program was started with the hard work of many citizens of Dimmitt. The county was given a grant of \$10,000 to start a pilot program, which may be implemented throughout the state if the one here is successful.

known and highly regarded for their virtuosity. The company has a flexible and colorful repertoire that enables them to perform the music and dances of many genres, such as the lowlands pastoral dances of the people of Eastern Transylvania, and operettas, opera music, minuets and Viennese waltzes."

The ensemble has toured Europe, North and South America, Australia and the Far East. They have often appeared on national television and radio in Hungary and have a number of recordings. They are touring the US with the "Splendor of Europe"

The company singers, musicians and dancers, resplendently clad in costumes, will perform everything from energetically authentic folk repertoire to waltzes and court dances, including the romantic music of Liszt and Brahms and the passionate music of the Gypsy culture.

There is one remaining concert for the current Hereford Community Concert season. Soprano Mary Burt will be featured later in the year.

Memberships for these concerts will be available at the door for the Rajko Ensemble performance or by calling any member of the group's board. For more information call 806-364-5584 or 647-3493.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-

Screening set March 4

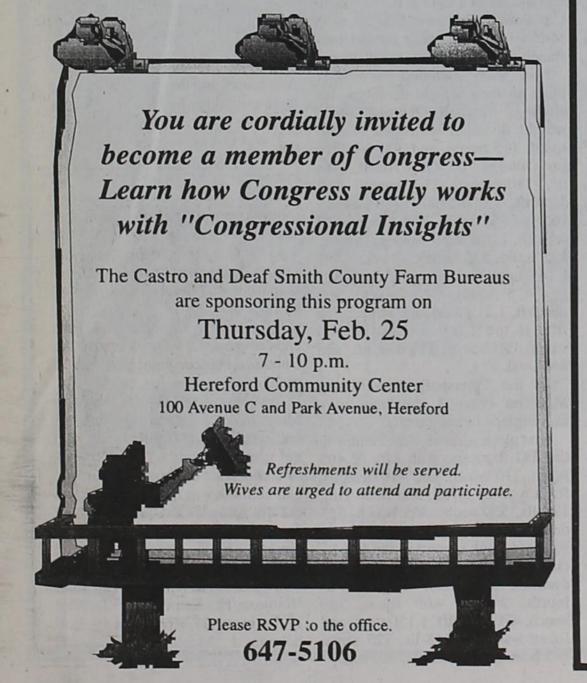
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic on March 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area

Participants will receive a lowcost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.





ANNETTE FLORES (right) of Dimmitt accepts an arrangement of flowers and a certificate of completion from Sandra Allison after she completed training for the American Red Cross's Disaster Service Human Resource System as a mass care technician. Flores and Allison are both members of the board of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, which serves Castro County. Photo by Anne Acker

Flores gets certification as mass care technician

Annette Flores has become the first person in Dimmitt to complete training for the Disaster Service Human Resource System as a mass American Red Cross.

Flores has been a board member of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross since 1996, and during that time she has completed many courses, earning certification in community first aid and safety; adult, infant and child cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR); mass care overview; and introduction to disasters. She is

certification in shelter services.

To earn certification in these various Red Cross programs, Flores has attended training sessions across care technician through the the Texas Panhandle and in New Mexico.

As a mass care technician, Flores will be able to go to a disaster relief assignment through the American Red Cross and she will be able to serve those affected by the disaster.

American Red Cross is very proud of Flores and all she has accomplished," said Sandra Allison, currently working to obtain another Red Cross board member.

Cogburn resigns from Farm Bureau

Castro County Farm Bureau reluctantly accepted the resignation of Chris Cogburn, president, at the board's regular monthly meeting at K-Bob's last Thursday.

Cogburn's resignation was effec-

Jones has **bull listed**

Worth Jones of Dimmitt owns one bull listed in the 1999 Spring Sire Evaluation Report published by the American Angus Association which is headquartered in St. Joseph, Mo.

Issued in both the spring and fall, the new report features the latest performance information available on more than 4,400 sires.

"The American Angus Association has the most complete and comprehensive beef cattle database in the world," said John Crouch, American Angus Association director of performance programs. "Of the sires listed in the main report, 69% have expected progeny differences (EPDs) for carcass traits, which should assist cattlemen in choosing genetics that will produce a more consistent, higher quality beef product."

EPDs are generated from performance data submitted by breeders through the Angus Herd Improvement Records (AHIR) program.

Traits in which EPDs are available include birth weight, weaning weight, milk, yearling weight and height, mature daughter weight and height, and scrotal circumference, as well as carcass traits including carcass weight, marbling, rib eye area, "The Tri-Country Chapter of the external fat thickness and percent retail product. The analysis for the sire evaluation report is done in cooperation with Iowa State Univer-

The Board of Directors of the tive immediately. He and his family are moving to Dumas, where he will be taking a position with Oglesby Equipment as a consultant.

February 25, 1999

The board voted by acclamation to appoint Lonnie Robb, vice president, to serve the remainder of Cogburn's term as president. Norman Gerber of Nazareth was elected as the new vice president, and Robb will contact prospective members for filling the vacant spot on the board.

The 13 board members at the meeting also voted to approve the 1999 annual budget.

Those present were informed of the "Congressional Insights" program being sponsored today (Thursday) at the Hereford Community Center at 7 p.m. by the Castro and Deaf Smith County Farm Bureaus.

Si Cook, organization program director of the Texas Farm Bureau in Waco, will be leading the program. All Farm Bureau members are invited to attend the free program.

The purpose of the program is to see what it is like to be a member of Congress, including running for election and re-election, passing legislation, and other parts of the legislative process.

Refreshments will be served. Those planning to attend need to contact the local office by noon today by calling 647-5106.

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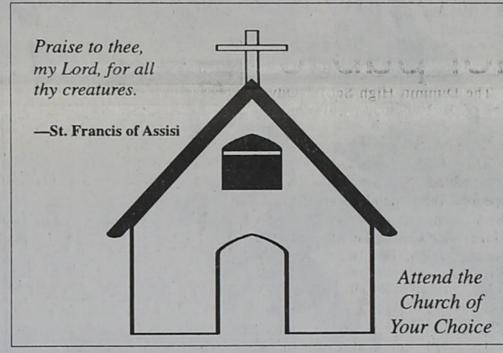
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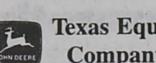
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Littlefield ends Bobcats' season

lished a four-point lead by the end of two points each. the first quarter, Dimmitt's fans assumed it would just be a matter of Tuesday night at Levelland.

Things looked up when the favored Bobcats took a 26-23 lead early in 48% on their two-point field goals the second quarter, but the Wildcats rallied and at halftime they still held throw line (18 of 25). But from that four-point lead, 36-32.

It didn't get any better for Dimmitt of 21 (24%). in the second half as Coach Bryan Huseman's Wildcats-who had lost to the Bobcats by four on Jan. 2 on for a 49-41 advantage at the third edge from the charity stripe. quarter's end despite a 7-0 Dimmitt backlash.

And after a furious fourth quarter that saw the two teams score a combined 39 points, the game ended with Littlefield still holding that fourtrophy to go with it.

The loss ended the Bobcats' season at 23-11. Littlefield (20-7) advanced to an area match-up against Crane our normal percentage. (20-7).

ers with 17 points, including a pair of three-pointers, before fouling out in ends your season," he said. the final minute.

Jerry Thomas, who started the game on the bench and played little more than half of it, managed to score three field goals over Littlefield's 6-4 Steven McCain, and was perfect at the free throw line, hitting 10 of 10 to finish with 16.

Jacob Larra notched 13 points and was the team's floor leader with 13 credits.

Daniel Flores had eight points and eight credits, Wesley Wright five points and five credits, and Taylor

JV Bobcats

win district

perfect 9-0 district record.

Hereford and Canyon.

we were 12-0."

coach commented.

scheduled.)

With a 61-57 victory over Perryton in their final game Feb. 12, the Junior Varsity Bobcats wrapped up the 1-AAA JV championship with a

(They played the Perryton JV only

once; the Jan. 29 game that was can-

celled due to weather was not re-

The JV Bobcats' overall record

was 19-10, including a pre-district

and tourney schedule that Coach Gus

Ortiz said "was basically a 4A and

5A schedule" against such schools as

"We were playing well, and the

kids carried it over into district,"

Coach Ortiz said. "After the Christ-

mas holidays we didn't lose a game;

The JV Bobcat squad was all soph-

"I'm really proud of them," their

omores except for one junior.

When Littlefield's Wildcats estab- Matthews and Keevin Sanders scored

McCain paced Littlefield with 17 points and also led the rebounding, time before the Bobcats would take where the Wildcats had a 30-24 control of the bi-district title game edge. Guard Morris Randle added 14 points for the Wildcats.

> The Bobcats shot a respectable (15 of 31) and 72% from the freethree-point range they hit only five

Littlefield got 35 opportunities at the free-throw line, and although the Wildcats sank only 60% of them -opened with an 8-0 spree and held (21), it was enough for a three-point

"There are just a lot of what-if factors in a four-point game," Bobcat Coach Alan Steinle said. "We gave up a few more points than we would have liked. We wanted to hold them in the 50s, but we weren't able to. point lead, 67-63, and the bi-district We have a hard time matching up with them size-wise."

> Mainly, Steinle said, "We were out of sync. We didn't hit anywhere near

"We've had our share of victories this year in close ones like that, but Derek Buckley led Dimmitt's scor- you always remember the ones you lose, especially when it's the one that

Littlefield Coach Bryan Huseman said he felt that his team's early lead was a major factor.

"Our kids were more relaxed than they've ever been," he said. "They did what we asked them to do, and did a great job. We didn't hit many of our free throws, but we hit enough there at the last to win.

"Dimmitt has such a great program, every time we play them our kids really get up for them," he said.

"I hate for one game to define the season," Coach Steinle said. "We'll all get through this and get over it.

"There were a lot of high spotsbeating some bigger schools early in the season; beating Tulia the first time; going through district 9-1 and finishing as co-champs. Since Christmas we lost only three games-twice to Tulia and once to Littlefield.

"I could not have been prouder of our kids Tuesday night. They just kept giving it everything they had. That's a trademark of theirs. They played to the last tick. If they'll do that in life, they'll be successful.

"I don't want to let one defeat overshadow a 23-11 season. It's been a good run."



The race is on!

Dimmitt senior guard Heather Wise races Slaton's Allyson Lewis (32) for a loose ball in the area championship game Friday night in the Texan Dome at South Plains College, Levelland. Wise played a fierce floor game and scored eight points as the Bobbies registered a big 51-50 win over the Tigerettes to advance to the regional quarterfinals against Muleshoe Tuesday night. Photo by Carter Townsend



HEATHER BLACK scores a side-arm bucket around Slaton's Kayla Robison in the Bobbies' area championship game Friday night in the Texan Dome at South Plains College, Levelland. Following her shot are Dimmitt's Shawna Kenworthy (23) and Monica

including a pair of crucial free throws with 29 seconds left, as the Bobbies gained a 51-50 win to advance to Tuesday night's regional quarterfinal game Photo by Carter Townsend against Muleshoe.

Bobbies top Lady Mules to earn 'Sweet 16' berth

The Bobbies earned a return trip to the Region I-AAA Girls' Tournament with a thrilling 72-66 comefrom-behind victory over Muleshoe's Lady Mules Tuesday night.

ed in the Levelland High School gym as the first game of a double-header that also featured the boys' bi-district game between Dimmitt and Littlefield.

With the win, the Bobbies (22-10) advance to the state's "Sweet 16" and will play a regional semifinal game against Bowie Friday at 8:30 p.m. in the Lubbock Municipal Coli-

Bowie, ranked No. 7, knocked off defending state champion Comanche Tuesday night to advance.

The Lady Mules, fresh off of an upset victory over No. 6-ranked Den-

ver City in an area championship HorseLiniment Eases Arthritis Pain

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After a toe-to-toe first quarter closed the gap to 54-51. The regional quarterfinal was play- ended in a 19-18 Dimmitt edge, the Bobbies opened a good lead via an 56 early in the fourth as Shawna 11-4 run late in the second, with most of the points coming from the free-throw line. By the time the halftime buzzer sounded, the Bobbies had struck for 23 points to the Lady Mules' 14 and enjoyed a 41-33 halftime lead.

Power lifters place at meets

The Dimmitt High School Powerlifting Team took second and fourth in team standings in two area meets this month.

Team members amassed points to win second as a team at the Colorado City Powerlifting Meet Feb. 20, with Michael Penney being named outstanding lifter on the heavy platform.

Five team members took first place in their weight divisions, including: Mitchell Gentry, 114-lb. weight division, with lifts of 260 squat, 145 bench, and 300 deadlift, for a total of 705; Gary Jouett, 148lb., 380 squat, 230 bench, 400 165-lb., 355 squat, 250 bench, 420 deadlift, 1,025 total; Penney, 181-lb., 435 squat, 275 bench, 435 deadlift, 1,145 total; and Fred Traylor, 242-1b., 475 squat, 240 bench, 500 deadlift, 1,215 total. T.J. Reyna won fifth in the 220-lb. class with 300 squat, 190 bench, 370 deadlift, and 860 total.

At the Petersburg Powerlifting Meet on Feb. 13, the team took fourth place in team totals.

First place winners were Penney in the 181-lb. class, with lifts of 405 squat, 270 bench, and 430 deadlift, for a total of 1,105; and Beau Hill, 198-lb., 550 squat, 305 bench, 555 deadlift, 1,410 total.

Gentry took second in the 114-lb. clock. class, 250 squat, 130 bench, 240 bench, 470 deadlift, 1,150 total; and 245 bench, 390 deadlift, 960 total.

But in the third the Lady Mulestaller at every position than the Bobbies-kept chipping away with a deliberate, muscle-under offense and

The Lady Mules went ahead at 57-Kenworthy joined Carol Summers in Dimmitt's four-foul club at court-

A trey by Chyla Torres on an inbounds play and a free throw by 6-0 post Erin Wilhite brought the Lady Mules from a point behind to a threepoint lead, then they started working the clock.

Stephanie Hinojosa kept the score close with a mid-court steal and layup and later with a pair of free throws, but when the Lady Mules opened the lead to three again on a transition layup by Torres, Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards called time out and got all of his starters on the floor again for the stretch run.

Summers drew a foul at 2:10 and made the first of two free throws, but missed the second. She forced a tie ball on the rebound to give Dimmitt possession, and that ploy led to a big three-point play by Heather Wise on a driving layup and free throw.

Torres tied the score at 66-66 with a back-door layup at the 1:25 mark, but from that point it was all Dimmitt.

Summers got clear for a back-door layup with 1:15 left to give Dimmitt a 68-66 lead, and the Bobbies went into a keep-away game after rebounding a Muleshoe miss with 40 seconds left.

Wise drew a foul and sank both ends of a crucial 1-and-1 to give the Bobbies a big four-point lead with 18 seconds remaining.

After Wise's free throws, the Lady Mules took too long to get a shot off, and when Britni Gartin finally did put it up, Dimmitt's Tonya Robertson rebounded the miss and held the ball until she was fouled, then closed out the game by swishing two final free throws with two ticks left on the

Dimmitt's scoring was probably as deadlift, 620 total; Traylor was well-balanced as it has been all year: fourth, 242-lb., 460 squat, 220 Hinojosa 18, Kenworthy 13, Wise 13, Summers 11, Robertson 10, Lori Jouett was fifth, 148-lb., 325 squat, Schulte 4, Monica Ortiz 2 and Ironica Traylor 1.

KDHN "Your Sports Station" STATUNED ... for play-by-play coverage of the upcoming playoff games involving: **Dimmitt Bobbies in Region** (Semifinal: Bobbies vs. Bowie, Friday, 8:30 p.m.) (Championship: Saturday, 12 noon) **Nazareth Swifts in Area** (Swifts vs. Gruver, Friday, 7 p.m.)

Bobbies knock off Slaton, 51-50, in area

championship game Friday night, as a team. Dimmitt sophomore Heather Black stepped to the line in the Texan efficiently sank two free throws to give the Bobbies a 51-47 lead, making it a two-trip game for Slaton's Tigerettes.

Then, with both teams battling and playing as a team." fiercely for possession, senior wing Heather Wise forced a tie ball in the lane to give Dimmitt the ball and time, we weren't really a team," Robchoke off Slaton's last hope.

became the third Dimmitt starter to foul out, there were only four ticks left on the clock.

the opportunity as senior gunner Allyson Lewis sank her first free throw and super-soph Brittany Huddleston rebounded the second shot and put up a layup for a threepoint gain.

But that ended the game, and the Bobbies started celebrating another area championship with a thrilling, if ragged, 51-50 victory.

proved that they're about 20 points and moved to a 10-3 lead. Wise better than they were six weeks ago when they lost to the same Slaton layup after a mid-court steal, then team, 51-34.

"We came together after that loss," Bobbies Coach Chris Edwards said. "That was the last loss that we had.

With 29 seconds left in the area The girls just started playing together

"That was just before we played Perryton the first time in our first Dome at South Plains College and district game," he added: "It was a do-or-die situation then: Either we correct the problem or it lingered on.

"These kids have really done a great job of finally coming together

His players agreed.

"When we played (Slaton) the first ertson said. "We were trying to find When senior post Tonya Robertson our team. But when district started, we found our team."

The first Slaton game "was the last bad game we played," senior guard The Tigerettes made the most of Shawna Kenworthy said. "After that. game, we got together as a team and got after it, finally."

"I think that (first Slaton game) was the game that made us pull together and play as a team," said senior guard Stephanie Hinojosa.

Friday night's game was a thrilling see-saw battle from the opening tip to the final buzzer.

With their intimidating full-court With the area win, the Bobbies press, the Bobbies took charge early opened the scoring with a baseline and Wise added a 12-footer.

But as both teams overshot the basket from underneath, Slaton came

back with a 6-0 run to narrow 2:51 left in the game. Dimmitt's lead to 10-9 by the end of

12-12, and at the 3:05 mark Lewis a layup on an inbounds play and knocked down a three-pointer from the corner to launch a 12-4 run that gave Slaton a 25-18 halftime advan- in the lane, grabbing some key defen-

After the break, the Bobbies deterforge a 29-29 tie, with Robertson, Kenworthy, Hinojosa and Larissa of us again." Fuentes contributing baskets.

the short end of a 36-31 score.

left in the quarter, Black sank a beautiful underhand turn-around shot from the lane, then Hinojosa made a dramatic mid-court steal and drew a foul as she sank a driving layup. She swished the free throw to tie it at 36-36 with nine seconds remaining in really well." the third.

Huddleston, who put up a jumper from three-point range that was in the air when the buzzer sounded. It fell, giving Slaton a 39-36 edge going into the fourth.

After falling behind again by 38-44 Robertson hit a trey and an 18-footer in the first two minutes of the fourth, the Bobbies put together still another run, this one an impressive 9-0 rally that put them ahead by 47-44 with

It was Black again who started the run with an underneath basket. Then The Tigerettes tied it at 10-10 and Kenworthy was fouled as she scored converted it to a three-pointer.

> Meanwhile, Robertson took control sive rebounds.

"We had to do something," Robertminedly put together an 11-4 run to son said. "I thought if we didn't get those rebounds they might go ahead

The Bobbies' furious run came at a But the Tigerettes came back again price, though. Kenworthy, who was with a 7-0 rally that left Dimmitt on guarding the super-soph Huddleston, picked up her fourth foul at the 5:45 Then it was the Bobbies' turn to mark and her fatal fifth at 5:27, just rally again. With only half a minute three seconds after her three-point played keep-away until only 29 ticks

When she got her fifth foul, "I almost had a heart attack," Kenworthy said. "But I knew they could do it. I felt really good about it. We had people who could step up

Hinojosa sank one of two freebies The Tigerettes got the ball to at the 4:54 mark, and Summers sank two free throws at 4:19 as Slaton's nine of 14. But in the second half the Shannon Krajcovic fouled out.

> With a 46-44 lead, the Bobbies went into their deliberate offense and Wise collected another free throw.

> too, with 2:37 left, and Lewis collected a free throw off of it.

"I went, 'Oh, no!" when whistled for her final foul, Summers said. "But

in them."

"We knew we couldn't give up," Wise said. "We had been in that situation before, so I think that helped us."

As Hinojosa, Wise and Robertson played ball-control near the midcourt line, Huddleston slammed Hinojosa to the floor with 1:38 left.

Although she was shaken up and admitted to being "a little nervous," Hinojosa sank both free throws to give Dimmitt a big 49-45 edge-only to see Lewis answer with a steal and driving layup with 56 seconds remaining.

After inbounding, the Bobbies remained. That's when the Tigerettes fouled Black and she made the two crucial free throws that effectively put the game out of Slaton's reach.

The Bobbies sank seven of eight free throws in the final four minutes, including five of six in the final 2:51.

They had hit only two of eight free throws in the first half to Slaton's Bobbies swished 10 of 15 from the line while the Tigerettes struggled to net four of 11.

With both teams hitting only a third But Summers drew her fifth foul, of their field goals (.340 for Dimmitt, .362 for Slaton), those free throws turned out to be the deciding factor.

"The girls overcame adversity

I knew the girls could do it. I believe tonight," Coach Edwards said as Dimmitt's fans celebrated after the game. "When you get in foul trouble like that . . .

"But we had kids step up, and everybody worked together to get us out of this.

"Slaton came ready to play. They already had a playoff game under their belts, and weren't as jittery. They came in confident and kept building confidence, and all of a sudden we had Shawna on the bench, then Carol on the bench and Tonya in foul trouble."

He said the team's main strategy in the game was to "run them down" and to try to contain Huddleston.

"Huddleston is a great player," he said. "She's their go-to person. She's a play-maker, and she lives for that. We tried to man-up on her with Shawna early, and we always tried to keep someone on her, but when Shawna went to the bench we weren't able to match her quickness."

Although Huddleston finished with a game-high 19 points, she put the ball up 25 times and connected on only nine of them as Kenworthy pressured her.

"Our coaching staff felt like we could run them down because they don't have real good shot selection,' Edwards said.

"We're just happy to get out of this

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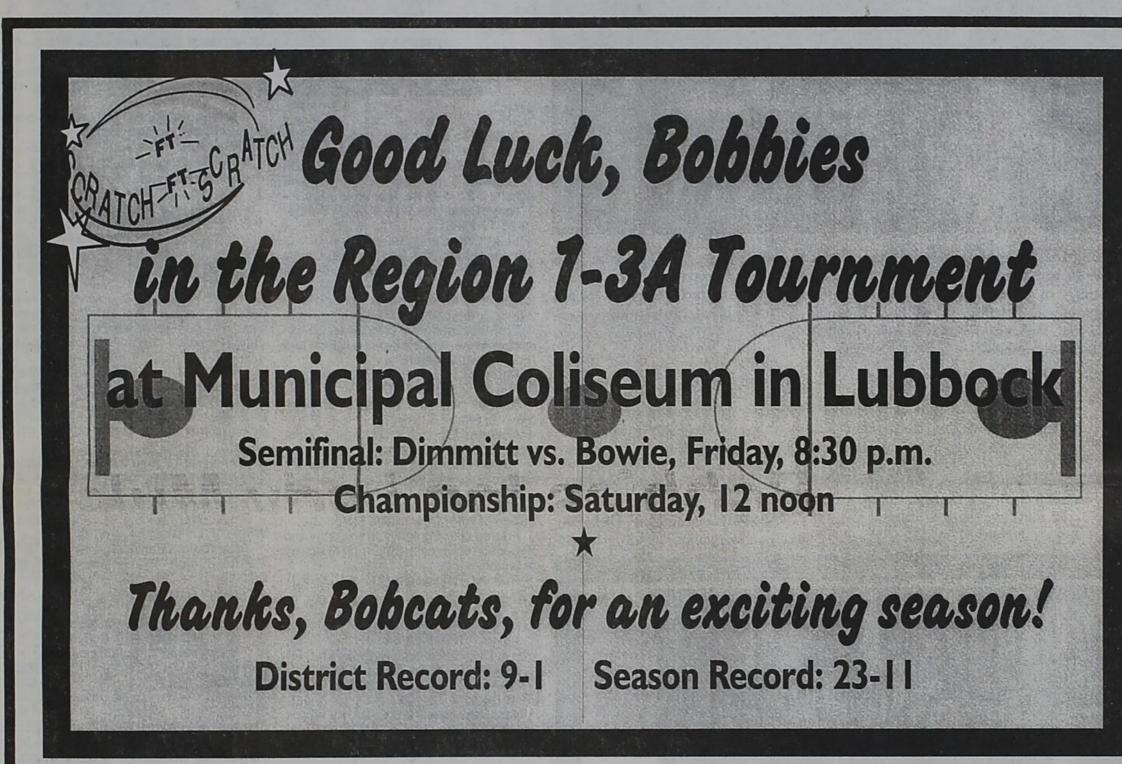
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Swifts pounce on Adrian for bi-district title, 77-62

Nazareth trailed Adrian by four early in a Class A bi-district playoff, but that deficit was quickly erased as the Swifts took control of the game, rolling to a 77-62 win at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo Tuesday night.

Adrian couldn't stop Nazareth's leading scorer Kade Wilcox in the first half, allowing the freshman guard 22 points over the first 16 minutes. Wilcox hit six threes in the first half and added another pair of buckets before Adrian adjusted its defense and controlled him in the second half. Wilcox finished with a game high 28 points.

But while Adrian worked to shut down Wilcox's hot hand in the second half, Swift senior Mitchell Brockman took over, scoring 12 of his 14 points over the final 16 minutes.

Wilcox made all six of Nazareth's three-pointers in the first half, but the Swifts didn't make a single trey in the second half.

"Early in the game we were able to get the perimeter shots we wanted, but Adrian made some adjustments in the second half and extended their defense out, taking away some of those shots. That left us with some easy shots inside—and we missed way too many of those," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough.

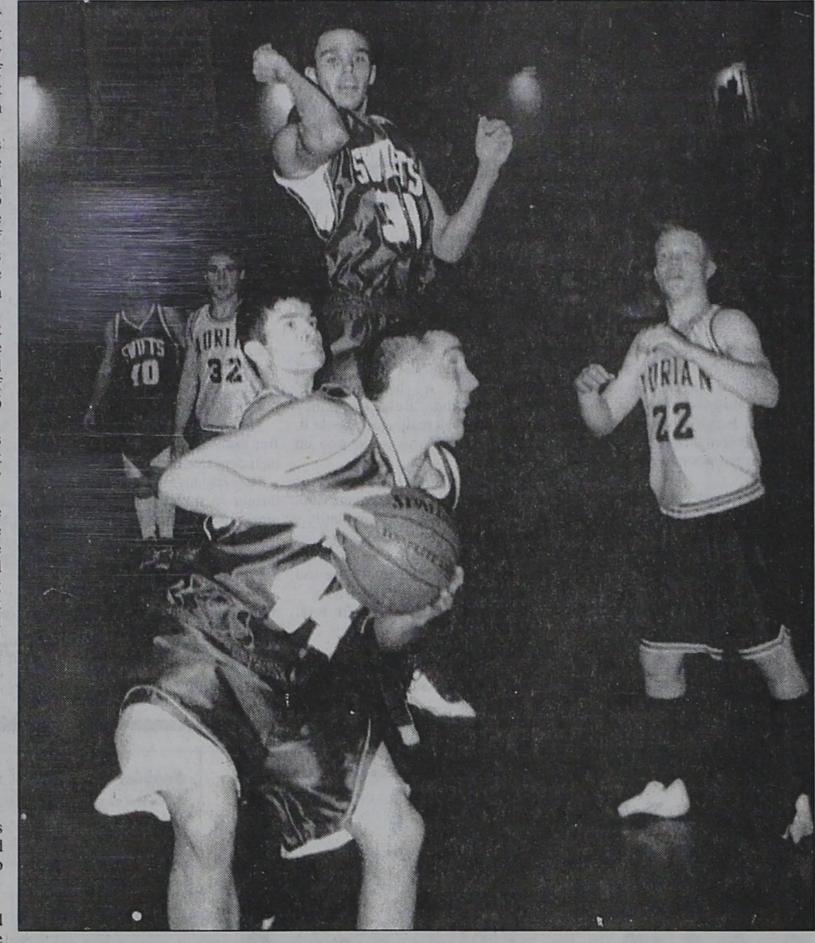
Nazareth did struggle from the field, hitting just 25-of-70 attempts. The Swifts were a little more accurate from the free throw line, hitting 21-of-28 tries.

Adrian shooters made 18-of-54 shots from the field and nailed 21of-28 free throws. The Matadors were paced by Jason Hale, who had 20 points, and Matt Briggs, who finished with 18.

A Wilcox three ball opened scoring just 12 seconds into the Matadors to a 7-3 lead.

That lead evaporated in seconds. A Briggs turnover resulted in a basket by Ky Wilcox, then another three-pointer by Kade Wilcox gave Nazareth the lead for good, 8-7, with 4:43 left in the first stanza.

Ky Wilcox's shot started a 14-0 Nazareth run. After the Wilcoxes scored, Cameron McLain picked up his first bucket, then Kade Wilcox added a jumper off of a penetration, giving the Swifts a 12-7 lead with 3:20 left.



game, but Hale and Briggs owned NAZARETH'S MITCHELL BROCKMAN (44) nabs the next two minutes, lifting the and offensive rebound and is able to put the ball through the hoop in the third quarter of Tuesday night's Class A bi-district playoff game with Adrian at Caprock High School in Amarillo. Brockman finished with 14 points and was Nazareth's secondleading scorer. The Swifts posted a 77-62 win. Also battling for the rebound is Nazareth's Matt Olvera (30). Others pictured are Swifts Cameron McLain Krajcovic 2-3 3-4-7; Kayla Robison 3-10 (40) and Ky Wilcox (10) and Adrian's Juan Adame 2-6-8. Totals: 17-47 13-25-50. (32) and Jason Hale (22). Photo by Dwayne Acker

Adrian called a time out, but the Matadors continued to struggle while the Swifts were hot.

Another three by Kade Wilcox and a shot by Ky Wilcox made it 17-7 with 2:15 left.

Adrian finally broke its four- to start the game," said Scarbrough.

minute scoring drought with a shot by Juan Adme at the 1:38 mark.

Over the final 23 seconds the Swifts got a fourth trey from Kade Wilcox and Adrian got a hoop from Hale for a 20-11 first-quarter score.

"I think we were a little nervous

"Our youth was really showing. It wasn't that we weren't hustling, we

Once the Swifts did that, Adrian's

minutes were numbered.

just had to settle down and focus on our game."

The Swifts dominated Adrian in the second quarter, leading by 15

late in the stanza before Adrian cut the quarter. it to 12 at half, 40-28.

Leading the Swift assault during the period was Kade Wilcox, who added eight points to his total.

The Swifts' pressure defense started to take its toll on Adrian, too. The Matadors turned the ball over 11 times in the first half, and two of those miscues resulted in fast-break layups by Ky Wilcox and Daryl Pohlmeier for the Swifts.

"We played well in spurts, but we weren't consistent," Scarbrough said. "We knew Hale and Briggs were their two best players and we wanted to rotate people on them to keep our defense fresh and hopefully tire them out. I think that was a factor in the second quarter and second half."

During halftime, Scarbrough said he stressed the importance of defense to his team.

"I really preached about the need for us to be more intense on defense. All I talked about at halftime was our defense."

Nazareth's defense held Adrian at bay for most of the third quarter and that allowed the Swifts to take a 20point lead, 52-32, with 1:42 left in

Brockman sparked the Swift offense, first getting a fast-break hoop on a feed from Pohlmeier, then picking up an offensive put-

Matt Olvera got his third basket of the game with 3:48 left, giving the Swifts a 47-32 lead. A pair of free throws by McLain made it 49-32. A free throw by Kade Wilcox and a penetration and layup by Brockman made it a 20-point advantage.

But Adrian wasn't ready to concede. Hale converted a threepoint play and Briggs added four points in the last minute to cut the lead to 12 by quarter's end, 52-40.

Nazareth hit free throws in the fourth quarter (13-of-17) to ensure the win.

Kade Wilcox's 28 points was tops in the game. Brockman was the Swifts' second leading scorer with 14. Ky Wilcox finished with 10, Pohlmeier and Olvera each had 8, McLain had 5 and Stanton Wethington and Blake Birkenfeld chipped in 2 apiece to round out Nazareth scoring.



FRIDAY

Class AAA Area Playoff at South Plains College, Levelland

Bobbies 51, Slaton 50 8 18 15 -51 16 14 11 -50 DIMMITT-Stephanie Hinojosa 2-8 5-7-10; Carol Summers 0-6 2-4-2; Heather

Black 3-43-5-9; Larissa Fuentes 1-1 0-0-2; Shawna Kenworthy 3-5, 1-1-7; Lori Schulte 0-2 0-0-0; Heather Wise 3-8, 1-2-8; Tonya Robertson 6-19, 0-4-13. Totals: 18-53 12-23-51 SLATON-Cami Caldwell 0-4 0-1-0;

Brittany Huddleston 8-22 2-4-19; Linsey Boyd 0-0 2-4-2; Allyson Lewis 3-6 4-6-12; Latasha Smith 1-2 0-0-2; Shannon

Three-point goals: Dimmitt 3-16 (Robertson, Wise and Hinojosa); Slaton 3-6 (Lewis 2, Huddleston 1) Rebounds: Dimmitt 33 (Robertson 11);

Slaton 41 (Huddleston 14). Steals: Dimmitt 7 (Hinojosa 3, Summers 2); Slaton 6 (Boyd 3).

Assists: Dimmitt 9 (Wise and Summers 3); Slaton 10 (Lewis 4)

Turnovers: Dimmitt 17 (Robertson 7); Slaton 22 (Lewis 10). Blocked shots: Dimmitt 2 (Summers

and Kenworthy); Slaton 1 (Krajcovic). Total fouls: Dimmitt 20, Slaton 21. Fouled out: Summers, Kenworthy and Robertson of Dimmitt; Smith and Krajcovic

Record: Dimmitt 21-10

SATURDAY

Practice Game at Canyon Randall High School Swifts 76, West Texas High 65 15 29 16 16 -76 West Texas 12 21 14 18 -65 Nazareth- Kade Wilcox 27, Ky Wilcox 14. WT-Aaron Graves 27, John Rives 10. Record: Nazareth 16-11.

TUESDAY Class A Bi-District at Caprock High School, Amarillo Swifts 77, Adrian 62

11 17 12 22 -62 NAZARETH— Ky Wilcox 4 2-2 — 10; Jason Huseman 0 0-0-0; Blake Birkenfeld 0 2-2-2; Kade Wilcox 10 2-4-28; Jase Merritt 0 0-0-0; Stanton Wethington 0 2-5-2; Matt Olvera 4 0-0-8; Daryl Pohlmeier 2 4-4-8; Wade Price 0 0-0—0; Cameron McLain 1 3-4—8; Mitchell Brockman 4 6-7—14. TO-TALS: 25 21-28-77.

ADRIAN-Wyatt King 0 0-0-0; Jason Hale 4 11-13-20; Joe Burns 3 2-4-9; Felix Rangel 3 0-0-7; Juan Adame 1 2-

2-4; Brent Schoenenberger 0 0-0-0; Jamie Meza 0 0-0-0; Matt Briggs 6 4-5—18; Ruben Adame 1 0-0—2; Ryan Schoenenberger 0 2-4—2. TOTALS: 18 21-28-62.

Three-point goals: Nazareth 6 (Kade Wilcox 6), Adrian 5 (Briggs 2).

Rebounds: Nazareth 45, Adrian 35. Turnovers: Nazareth 16, Adrian 23. Record: Nazareth 17-11.

Class AAA Bi-District at Levelland High School Bobcats 63, Littlefield 67

19 17 13 18 -67 DIMMITT- Derek Buckley 7 1-1-17; Sammy Prieto U U-1—U; Taylor Matthews 1 0-0-2; Wesley Wright 2 0-0-5; Keevin Sanders 1 0-0-2; Daniel Flores 23-7-8; Jerry Thomas 310-10-16; Jacob Larra 4 4-6—13. TOTALS: 20 18-24—63

LITTLEFIELD-Randle 4 4-6-14 Rosemond 3 3-4-9; Reed 2 3-4-8; Pratt 2 1-3-7; Brashear 2 2-6-7; Garcia 0 0-0-0; Walls 1 0-0-2; McCain 5 7-10-17; Shipley 1 1-2-3. TOTALS: 20 21-

Three-point goals: Dimmitt 5 (Buckley 2, Wright, Flores, Larra); Littlefield 6 (Randle and Pratt 2, Reed, Brashear.

Turnovers: Dimmitt 10, Littlefield 15. Rebounds Dimmitt 24 (Flores and Wright 5); Littlefield 30 (McCain 8). Total fouls: Dimmitt 24, Littlefield 16.

Fouled out: Flores and Larra of Record: Dimmitt 23-11.

Class AAA Regional Quarterfinal at Levelland High School Bobbies 72, Muleshoe 66

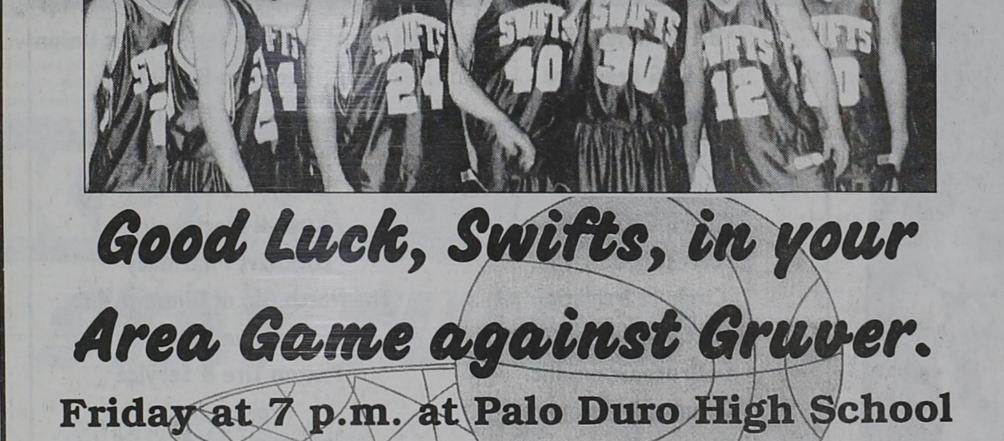
DIMMITT- Stephanie Hinojosa 7 4 6-21; Carol Summers 4 3-5-11; Shawna Kenworthy 3 6-6—13; Lori Schulte 1 1-2—4; Heather Wise 2 5-5—9; Tonya Robertson 25-6—10; Monica Ortiz 1 0-0—2; Ironica Traylor 0 2-5—2; Heather Black 0 0-0—0. TOTALS: 20 26-

MULESHOE-Black 1 0-0-2; Field 8 1-3-17; Brenham 0 0-0-0; Torres 4 1-5-10; Heathington 1 1-2-4; Garlin 1 3-4-5; Williams 1 0-0-2; Wood 1 0-0-2; Hernandez 1 0-0-2; Wilhite 7 8-11-22 TOTALS: 25 14-25-66

Three-point goals: Dimmitt 6 (Hinojosa 3, Kenworthy, Schulte, Robertson); Muleshoe 2 (Torres, Heathington).

Turnovers: Dimmitt 17, Mulehoe 23. Rebounds: Dimmitt 31 (Summers 8), Muleshoe 33 (Wilhite 10).

Total fouls: Muleshoe 22, Dimmitt 22. .Fouled Out: None. Records: Dimmitt 22-10, Muleshoe 15-

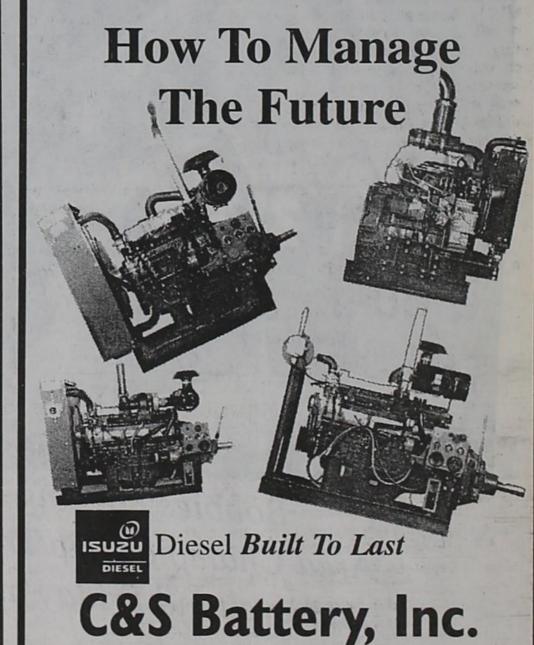


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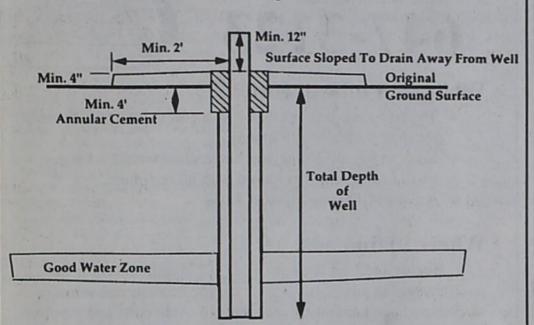


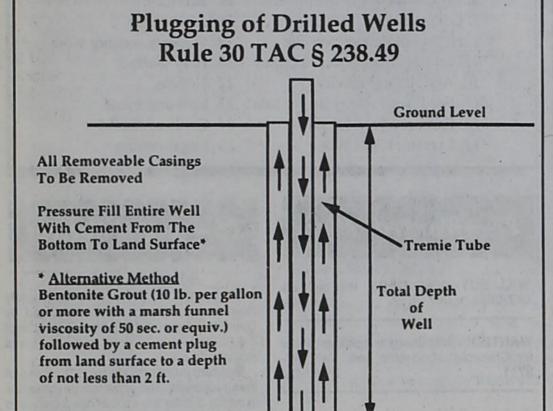






Standards For All Water Wells (Drilled before June 1,1983) Rule 30 TAC § 238.51





Water wells should meet new standards

wells meet the standards adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), or the property owners could face steep fines.

TNRCC has been conducting field inspections of water wells across the state, and inspectors are checking to see if wells meet state and federal guidelines.

Castro County is located in TNRCC Region 1 and the main concern in this area is ensuring that all irrigation wells, house wells, abandoned wells, city wells and septic systems are brought up to

TNRCC standards.

Property owners should inspect domestic wells to ensure that they are properly constructed. If the wells do not meet standards, owners should take steps to either plug existing wells or reconstruct them to meet state standards. All abandoned wells should be capped.

watering row crops or livestock must meet the following guidelines closure. established in TNRCC Rule 30 TAC 238.51 (see attached graphic).

♦ Along the outside of the casing, cement must fill an area on each side from the ground level the state. down to a four-foot depth.

and four inches thick must be in place and the cement slab must slope away from the center to allow protection efforts.

Those who own homes and land things to drain away from the well. with water wells, and those who On top of the slab, where the well have abandoned wells on their head rests, there must be another property should make sure those area of cement that is 12 inches high and two feet wide. This must be centered on the four-foot slab and must be poured in one piece.

> Another problem facing property owners could be plugging of drilled wells to meet TNRCC Rule 30 TAC 238.49 (see graphic).

All casings which can be removed must be taken out and the well must be pressure filled with cement from the bottom of the well to the ground surface. (An alternative method would be to use Bentonite grout, 10 pounds per gallon or more with a marsh funnel fiscosity of 50 sec. or equivalent). After performing this All water wells drilled before measure, a cement plug should be June 1, 1983, must meet the placed from the land surface to a depth of not less than two feet.

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Proposed assessment for boll weevil eradication plan discussed

producers from the area heard the benefits and drawbacks of a proposed assessment to fund a boll weevil eradication program in Castro County and other counties in the Northwest High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone.

Informational meetings Dimmitt and Hart on Feb. 15 featured Lindy Patton, executive director of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, and Osama El-Lily, program director for the foundation. Each meeting ran about three hours and contained a lot of complex information.

Cotton producers are now voting on a proposed assessment which

would help fund eradication efforts. Ballots were mailed Friday to all producers and landowners who raised cotton in 1998. Completed ballots should be returned to the Texas Dept. of Agriculture by March 12.

measures, according to Kevin Riley, who is one of the representatives on the Northwest High Plains Zone Committee.

for a "for" or "against" vote from producers on establishing an Northwest High Plains Eradication Zone.

a maximum assessment of \$12 per acre on irrigated land and \$5 per acre on dryland acres. This assessment will be charged to all cotton producers.

cotton producer from the zone to serve on the board of directors of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

The only prospective candidate listed on the ballot is John Saylor of Muleshoe, who was appointed by Rick Perry to serve on the committee until the referendum. Write-in candidates will be accepted.

The meetings in Dimmitt and Hart were among eight educational meetings held in the Northwest High Plains Eradication Zone.

Patton informed growers who board members are, how the board operates and handles things and how the proposed assessment would

El-Lily talked about how the eradication program would work and how it has worked in other areas of the state. He ran the

More than a hundred cotton Arizona Eradication Program and with costs of the program—as much there hasn't been a weevil infestation in that state in many years, according to Riley.

> Castro County Integrated Pest Management Extension Agent Johnna Patterson discussed the "biology of the weevil, how it spreads and costs associated with control," Riley said.

Growers attending the meetings expressed some concerns over the proposed assessment, but most appeared to be supportive of the measure, according to Riley.

"One of the questions asked was what will happen if some people don't pay," Riley said.

"If a farmer has a cash flow problem, the foundation will try and set up a payment plan to accommodate that farmer's needs. If a producer just won't pay, it will be the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's responsibility to collect that money," he said.

Riley said if the assessment is Producers will be voting on three approved, bills will be mailed to producers sometime around July and will be due around the end of August (tentative dates).

Producers were assured that the The first item on the ballot asks proposed \$12- and \$5-per-acre assessments would be maximum amounts, and the fees charged eradication program in the would never be more than that per

He added that there could be The second is the vote to establish some state funding available to help

Boll weevil The third item will be to elect a otton producer from the zone to referendum draws near

Cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 1998 in the Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone are getting set to decide in a March 12 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should be initiated in the zone.

The filing deadline has already expired for producers who wish to represent the five-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors.

The Northwest Plains Zone is comprised of approximately 500,000 acres in the five counties of Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

The election for the board member position also will be held on the March 12 ballot.

as 25% to 30%.

If the assessment is approved and state help is not available, the Northwest High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Program will still continue. Other areas in Texas won't be so lucky, according to Riley. Some areas in central and southern zones will have to scrap

acre. One producer from the northwestern area of the zone asked why control measures were needed here because he's never even seen a boll weevil.

their programs if state help is not

available because their costs are so

expensive—as much as \$130 an

He was informed that the weevil has started making its way north and has already infested southern and eastern portions of the Northwest High Plains Zone.

"What we're trying to do is get ahead of the game," Riley said. "People in the south and east areas already have weevils and if history holds, the pest will move this way before long. Right now our costs and assessments are substantially less than in other zones in Texas because our zone is not fully infested yet. We don't have to spray every acre to control the weevil," Riley said.

He added that some growers were concerned about damage to beneficial insects if eradication measures are implemented to control the boll weevil.

Some of the beneficial insects help control beet armyworm infestations, and if the pesticides used to control the weevil also destroy the beneficials, growers wanted to know how that would affect armyworm infestations.

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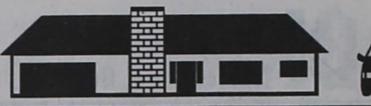
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Cause No. 94-04-B-6767-CV, Castro County vs. Glover, Nadine, as Executrix of Cornelius Garfield Estate. All of Lot No. Two (2) in Block Number Fifty-one (51) of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Cas-

tro County, Texas.
Cause No. B6963-TX-0895, Castro County vs. Martinez, Jose P. All of Lot Nos. Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) of a Subdivision of the Northeast part of Section 84, Block M-7, lying North of US Highway 385, Castro County, Texas.

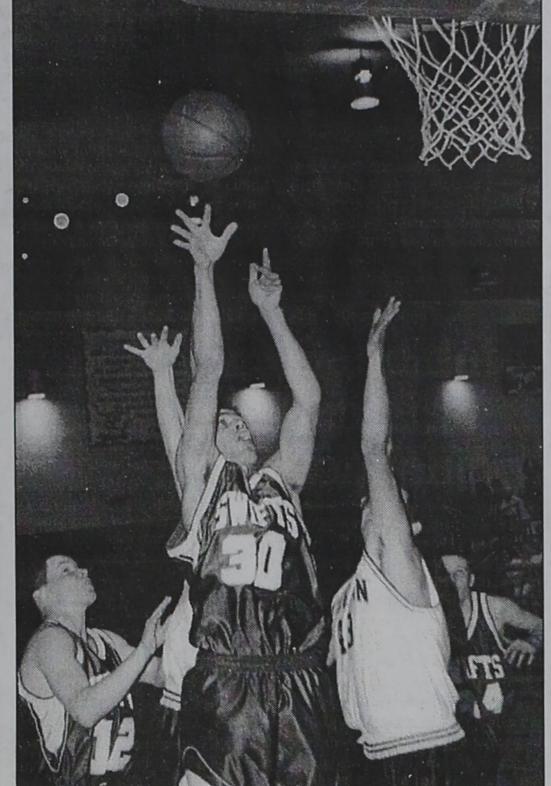
Cause No. 97-06-B-7219-TX, Castro County vs. Rogers, Leither, Malissa Rogers. All of Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Five (5) of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. A7010-TX-1295, Castro County vs. Cordova, Juan. TRACT 1: All of Tract No. 80, of Coronado Acres, a Subdivision of 436.46 acres out of the Southwest part of Section 84, Block M-7, lying Southwest of US Highway 385, in Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 29th day of January, 1999, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above-styled and numbered causes, together with interest, at 10 percent, per annum, and all costs of suit, in favor of CITY OF DIMMITT, DIMMITT INDE-PENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CAS-TRO COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND CASTRO COUNTY. GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 29th

day of January, 1999. CD FITZGEARLD, Sheriff, Castro County, Texas

BY JERRY W. JANSA, Deputy



MATT OLVERA (30) of Nazareth cashes in on his third attempt under the basket during fourth-quarter action Tuesday in a bi-district game with Adrian. Olvera missed his first shot, got his own rebound, missed again, rebounded again and finally scored, giving the Swifts a 75-56 lead with 50 seconds left in the game. Nazareth went on to win, 77-62. Olvera had eight points. Also pictured are Nazareth's Jason Huseman (12) and Wade Price Photo by Dwayne Acker

James Moss

Moss earns band honor

James Moss, son of Tom Moss and Karon Moss of Tahoka, and formerly of Dimmitt, won second chair trombone in the top band at the Texas Association of Small School Bands competition on Feb. 6 in San Anto-

Moss competed against students from A, AA and AAA schools. He advanced to the contest by placing first chair at regional and first in area complications". competition at Lubbock.

Moss also has qualified to participate in the State UIL Solo and Ensemble competition Saturday in Lub-

School and is co-drum major for the anything strenuous to get cardiovas-

Tahoka, said that Moss is the first moves most of your body. Then do it student from the school to qualify for at least three times a week for a minithe All State Band.

POLICE CALLS

Alma Nellie Lopez of Dimmitt for cardiovascular fitness. told police Feb. 16 that someone shot out a storm window at her home on Northwest Seventh. She estimated the damage at \$450.

someone damaged a car at her resi- "If you are carrying twenty pounds dence on Southwest Sixth.

A 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, first offense, Saturday night.

A Hereford man, 27, was jailed Monday on a bench warrant.

St. Ann's sets dinner March 7

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon will have its Eighth annual Czech Sausage Dinner March 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Family Center, 38th and Conner Street.

The menu will feature Czech sausage, kraut, creamed parsley potatoes, green beans, peach cobbler, and all the trimmings. Tickets are \$6 for adults, and \$3 for children ages 6 to 11, with age 5 and under eating free. A carry-out stand will be available

for take-home meals. Also on hand will be an Arts & Crafts Show, children's games, a country store and music.

Castro County Hospital District observes National Heart Month

There's a killer on the loose, and or more above your recommended you can stop it. This killer sometimes strikes without warning, but usually leaves a few clues that trouble is

The killer is heart disease, which is still the number one cause of death for adults in the United States. During February, which is National Heart Month, Castro County Hospital District would like you to be aware of the risk factors that might make you a candidate for heart disease.

Some risk factors you can't control. According to Leon Joplin, MD, Chief of Staff, "If your father or mother had heart disease, you are at higher risk. If you are a man at any age or a woman over 50, then you are at higher risk. But many risk factors are choices that you make in your life style."

What are they? Number one is smoking. "If you smoke, quit", noted Dr. Joplin. "Many people think of lung cancer as the biggest problem for smokers, but smoking is also a major risk factor for heart disease. Smoking causes the arteries to narrow, and that can lead to many

Another risk factor is lack of exercise. Crystal Backus, PT, Director of Rehabilitation Therapy at Plains Memorial Hospital states, "You don't have to become an Olympic athlete He is a junior at Tahoka High or jog ten miles a week or really do cular benefits from exercise. Just find Carroll Rhodes, band director at something you enjoy doing that mum of twenty minutes". Mrs. Backus suggests walking or swimming as two almost perfect exercises

Other risk factors for heart disease include being overweight, having high blood pressure, and having high blood cholesterol. Frequently, these Elisa Arce told police Feb. 17 that three appear together. Dr Joplin said,

Bill payments accepted in Dimmitt again

Local customers of Southwestern Public Service Co. and of Energas Co. may pay their monthly bills at a location in Dimmitt again.

Payments can be dropped off at 107 NE Second, in the building with H&R Block. Those accepting the payments will be Reba Holt, Glenna Holt and Mary Lou Lumbrera. They also will be able to make change and

It is being done as a public service. No reimbursement is offered to those providing the payment station.

Office hours at that location are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday during the tax season. After April 15, alternate hours will be announced.

weight, then you are putting yourself at risk for heart disease, high blood pressure, and increased cholesterol."

"If you have any of these risk factors, consult your physician for ways you can control these life style choices" suggests Joe Sloan, administrator. "Your physician may suggest changes in your diet, more exercise, or perhaps some medication to correct any problems found. Being aware of the risks for heart disease can go a long way toward helping you avoid the nation's number one

Candidate filing is continuing

Elections have been called for local cities, school districts, and the hospital district for May 1.

Candidate filing began Monday, and the deadline is March 17 for those wanting to fill the positions that are expiring. Persons who are not registered

voters may register to vote by April 1 and still qualify to vote in the May 1 election. Terms that are expiring for the

various governmental bodies and candidates that had filed as of Wednesday morning are listed be-

Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins, and at-large council members Trish Elliott, Lyman Schroeder, and Clint Seward. No candidates have filed.

DISD: Terms are expiring for Place 3 representative Chevo Lumbrera; Place 6, Debbie Annen; and Place 7, Steve Buckley

In Place 3, Albert Acevedo and incumbent Lumbrera have filed. In Place 6, Greg Odom and incum-

bent Annen have filed. In Place 7, Jim Wright has filed. Hart

City: Mayor Tony Leibel's term is expiring, as well as the terms for Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez. No candidates have filed.

HISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Coy Myrick and Roy Gonzales. Incumbent Myrick has

Nazareth

City: City Commissioner Glen Ehly's term is expiring. No candidates have filed yet.

NISD: Terms are up for Rex Ramaekers, who had been filling one year of an unexpired term; and Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber. No candidates have filed yet.

Hospital District

Terms are expiring for Jerry Annen, Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides. No one has filed yet.

Soil profile survey reveals moisture needed in county

Castro County producers within the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 may need from two to eight inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity prior to spring planting.

The soil moisture data was released by the Water District and the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

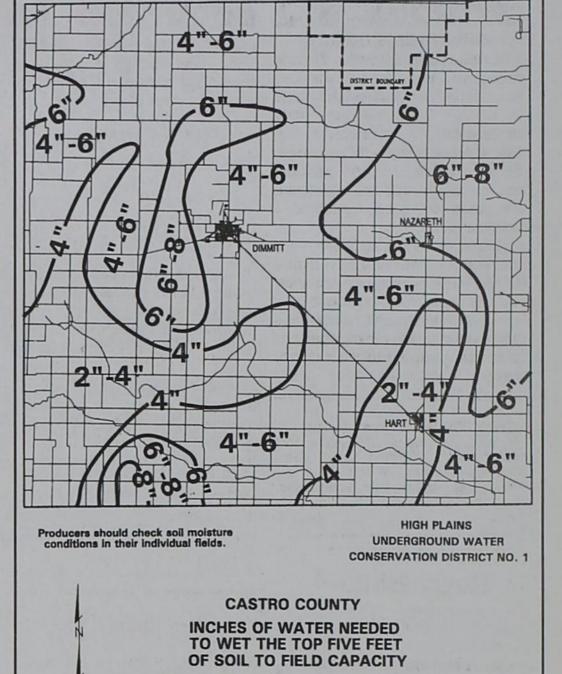
At the time pre-plant soil moisture readings were made last November and December, approximately 20% of the portion of Castro County served by the Water District needed about two to four inches of moisture to bring the soil to field capacity. Approximately 54% of the area needed from four to six inches of moisture and the other 26% of the area needed from six to eight inches of moisture.

However, two precipitation events have occurred since the 1999 preplant soil moisture survey was conducted. Precipitation tools ranging from a half-inch to three inches were recorded within the 15county Water District service area in late January.

"This precipitation reduced the soil moisture deficit, therefore, it is extremely important for producers to check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields before the start of pre-plant irrigation," said Gerald Crenwelge, USDA-NRCS soil scientist.

A Water District publication, Estimating Soil Moisture by Feel and Appearance, can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture conditions. Anyone within the High Plains Water District service area can request a free copy by contacting the District's Lubbock office at (806) 762-0181.

If it is determined that pre-plant irrigation is needed to bring the soil to field capacity, it is recommended that it be done early enough so that the 1999 crop has a full soil soil, producers should help keep it www.hpwd.com.



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moisture profile to draw on during the growing season.

Historical data shows that aboveaverage crop yields are more likely when the five-foot root zone soil profile is at or near field capacity.

It is important to keep the soil in a condition that can easily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. In addition, producers are reminded to utilize techniques such as furrow diking to keep rainfall from running off the field.

there by limiting tillage practices that might turn moist soil to the surface, where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," Crenwelge said.

Copies of the regional and/or Castro County soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting the USDA-NRCS office in Dimmitt or the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181. The "Once moisture is stored in the Water District's web site is

National Cotton Council names 16 Texans to board of directors

Sixteen Texas cotton industry members have been elected to leadership positions in the National Cotton Council.

The group was elected at the NCC's annual meeting Feb. 5-8 in Memphis, Tenn.

Van A. May, a cooperative official

with Plains Cotton Cooperative As- ford of Lubbock, a cooperative offisociation in Lubbock was re-elected cial. as an NCC vice president.

Named as council directors were chant, was elected president of Cot-Mark D. Williams of Farwell, a pro- ton Council International (CCI), the ducer; Ron Harkey of Lubbock, a council's export promotions arm. warehouser; Hollis G. Sullivan of Harlingen, a crusher; Bill Mikeska of Eola, a ginner; and W. David Stan-

Paul A. Ruh of Richardson, a mer-

J. Larry Nelson of Edmonson, a

ginner, was elected as CCI first vice president and Hans G. Kretchmer of El Paso, a cooperative official, was elected as CCI second vice president. Re-elected CCI directors include May, Stanford,, Cliett A. Lowman III of Kingsville, a producer, and Wayne Martin of Lubbock, a crusher.

Woody Anderson of Colorado City, a producer, was re-elected as a vice chairman of the American Cotton Producers (ACP). Williams also was elected as ACP Southwest regional director. Jim Ed Miller of Fort Hancock, a producer, was elected Texas chairman for the ACP.

Myrl D. Mitchell of Lenorah, a ginner, was elected first vice president of the National Cotton Ginners Association.

Miller, ginner Randy Kennedy of Shallowater, and ginner Lee Tiller of Odem were elected as chairman, vice-chairman and secretary, respec-

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Obituaries

Greg Hall

Services for Greg Hall, 44, of Tyler, former Dimmitt resident, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) at Lloyd James Funeral Chapel in Tyler with the Rev. Vernis Stanaland officiating. Burial will follow in Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler.

Mr. Hall died Monday at his home.

He was born April 4, 1954, in Friona and had lived in Tyler since 1997. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1972 and attended South Plains College in Levelland. He moved to Weslaco in 1975 and worked as an auto parts salesman until 1995. He moved to Tyler in 1997 and was last employed at Wal-Mart. He was a member of the Tyler Primitive Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Shirley and Orin Harris of Tyler; two sons, Gilbert Hall and Joe Hall. both of Weslaco; a daughter, Brenda Hall of Weslaco; a sister, Lisa Magee of Amarillo; and a granddaughter, Ashley Hall of Weslaco.

Pallbearers will be Gary Graham, Robert York, Lloyd Eloi, Steve Cooper, Ed McGee and Mike Vinson.

Doyce Hutto

Funeral services for Doyce Oren Hutto, 75, of Littlefield, and the brother of a Dimmitt man, were held Monday afternoon at First Baptist Church in Littlefield with Rev. Larry Williams, a retired minister, officiating.

Burial was in Littlefield Memorial Park under direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. Hutto died Feb. 20 at Lamb Healthcare Center in Littlefield.

He was born May 1, 1923, in Haskell County. He married Billie Maxine Spann on Jan. 14, 1944, at Levelland. He had lived in Littlefield ever since they wed. He served in the US Army Air Corps during World War II. After returning home from the military in 1946, he farmed in Lamb County until he retired in 1987. He also had served as a custodian for the Littlefield Independent School District for a year. He was a member of the Littlefield Senior Citizens and of First Baptist Church of Littlefield.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Wayland Hutto of Olney Springs, Colo.; two daughters, Linda King of Lubbock and Kimberley Schoekel of Savannah, Ga.; two brothers, Spurgeon Hutto of Dimmitt and Eddie Ray Hutto of Clovis, N.M.; a sister, Lafurne Harris of Odessa; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Littlefield EMS, the Littlefield Senior Citizens, or to First Baptist Church of Littlefield.

Frank Matthews

Funeal services for Frank Matthews, 75, of Muleshoe, the father of an Easter man, were held Saturday in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with Rev. Reydon Stanford, pastor of the Christian Center of Muleshoe, officiating.

Burial was in Lazbuddie Cemetery.

Mr. Matthews died Feb. 17 in Covenant Medical Center.

He was born Oct. 22, 1923, in Lamar County. He married Margorine Woodall on March 11, 1942, in Paris, Tex. He moved to Muleshoe from Lazbuddie in 1979. He was a member of the Christian Center of Muleshoe. He had been a Methodist pastor for 15 years. He pastored the First United Methodist Church of Lazbuddie for six years. He opened a refrigeration repair business in Muleshoe.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Eddie Matthews of Easter; four daughters, Naoma Morris of Tucumcari, N.M., Patty Terry of Madill, Okla., and Jane Boyd and Jan McCarty, both of Amarillo; his mother, Dovie Fay Matthews of Muleshoe; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials to the Christian Center Building fund, 605 W. Avenue E, Muleshoe 79347.

David Patterson

Funeral services for David Lee Patterson Sr., 60, of Hughes Springs, the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Friday morning at Reeder-Davis Chapel in Hughes Springs, with Norman Miller officiating.

Burial was in Sardis Cemetery at Hughes Springs.

Mr. Patterson died Feb. 16 in a Linden hospital.

He was born Nov. 7, 1938, in Marion County. He was a diesel mechanic and a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife, Ruby Patterson of the home; his mother,

Frances Vassaur of Amarillo; two sons, David Patterson Jr. and Michael Patterson, both of Hughes Springs; two daughters, Pam Baker of Ore City and Jeanie Dickerson of Daingerfield; two brothers, William Patterson of Avinger and Milton Patterson of Amarillo; two sisters, Nona Martin of Dimmitt and Patsy Brown of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Eargle Vernon

Funeral services for Minnie Eargle (Twiner) Vernon, 85, of Olton, and a former Dimmitt resident, were held Friday afternoon at Calvary Baptist Church in Abilene with Rev. Allan Cartrite officiating.

Burial was in Elmwood Memorial Park under direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home .

Mrs. Vernon died Feb. 17 at Runningwater Draw Care Center in Olton.

She was born May 17, 1914, in Brownwood, and was a former resident of Hereford. She moved to Abilene from Dimmitt in 1956 and was employed by Grissom's. She married Juddie M. Vernon in 1959. He preceded her in death. She had been an active member of Calvary Baptist Church and Rose Park Senior Citi-

Survivors include her daughter, Dalia Gregory of Dimmitt; a son, Jack Twiner of Dumfries, Va.; a step-daughter, Claudine White of Del Rio; two brothers, Arthur Giddens of Abilene and Bob Giddens of Odessa; two sisters, Beryl Hendrix of Albany and Ella Burnett of Sundown; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

Inez Williams

Graveside services for Loura Inez Williams, 84, of Lubbock, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning with Bro. Michael Acton, pastor of Wolfforth Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial was in Resthaven Memorial Park under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Williams died Feb. 20 at the Lubbock Health Care Center.

She was born April 19, 1914, in Windham to the late James Daniel and Nodie Mae Self Curtis. She attended school in Windham and married Paul Williams in Paris, Tex. He preceded her in death. Mrs. Williams built aircraft during World War II and owned a furniture business in Paris. She moved to Lubbock from Paris in 1994. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a brother, John Curtis of Lubbock; and three sisters, Thelma Henderson of Tyler, Helen McDonald of West Covina, Calif., and Mae Nell Youts of Big Spring.



On to the Sweet 16!

Dimmitt's jubilant Bobbies can't decide just what pose or expression they want to use after being presented the Region I-AAA quarterfinal championship trophy in the Levelland High School gymTuesday night.

The Bobbies defeated Muleshoe, 72-66, to become one of the state's "Sweet 16" remaining teams in the playoffs. They'll play Bowie Friday night in the regional semis in Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Three injured in four crashes in past week

two without.

Gloria Gonzales Reyes, 59, of Dimmitt, was seriously injured Tuesday about 12:30 p.m. when her 1988 Chevy Celebrity struck a 1991 Chevrolet pickup driven by Timothy Anes, 23, of Dimmitt.

Police said Reyes had been heading east on West Etter and Anes was heading north on Northwest Fourth. Reyes apparently did not see Anes dent happened at the same location, and failed to yield right of way at a yield sign. The car struck the pickup, then traveled into the yard of a house on the west side of the street and struck a tree. The pickup spun around and ended up in the yard of a house on the other side of the street.

Reyes got out of her vehicle and collapsed. EMT personnel and volunteer firefighters gave her treatment at the scene and she was transported by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital. She was later transferred to an Amarillo hospital.

possible injury.

The car had very heavy damage and the pickup had heavy damage.

Also on Tuesday, at about 12:15 p.m., Sylvia Medrano, 17, of Dimmitt was driving a 1995 Chrysler south on US 385 and was trying to turn left at "Roadside Park." According to police, Michael Branham, 42, of Fritch,

Four crashes were reported during did not see her turn signal and at- driver's license. Galindo received a the past week, two with injuries and tempted to pass her in his 1998 Inter-ticket for failure to control speed. national flatbed truck.

> Medrano had a minor injury to her leg and was later taken to PMH by private vehicle. Damage to her car was rated moderate to heavy.

Branham was ticketed for failure to control speed. His vehicle was rated with light to moderate damage.

Wednesday morning a similar incibut there were no injuries.

A 1997 Ford pickup driven by Pedro Quintana, 20, of Sunnyside, was attempting to turn left into the park, when it was struck by a 1984 GMC truck tractor/trailer rig driven by Reynaldo Galindo, 47, of Lamesa.

Quintana was ticketed for no

TDA offering Anes later sought treatment for list of violators

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture is offering a list of businesses and individuals who have been found in violation of TDA consumer protection programs.

The list may be accessed under "Resources for Consumers" on the TDA site on the world-wide web: www.agr.state.tx.us

Consumers who visit the area will find a month-by-month listing of those who have been cited as out of compliance or in violation of regulations, in addition to penalties assessed by TDA. Also, octane testing results at service stations found selling gasoline with less than the posted octane rating will be listed.

Combs said the Internet listing will assist Texas consumers in being better informed.

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Damage was heavy to both vehi-

Sunday afternoon a stock trailer being towed by Dwayne Acker of

Nazareth came unhitched and struck a building in the 300 block of East Bedford. Two sheep in the trailer were not injured. No other injuries were reported. No damage estimate was given for the building, which is owned by Jerry Schinkus.

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reason why the Social Security Administration is rated as the bestrun organization, public or private, in the nation.)

You have to show the nearest Social Security office your birth certificate. Which means you have to locate your birth certificate. (Thank goodness for a wife with a good filing system!)

You have to sign up for Medicare. (No choice. Your health insurance company says "adios" at the same time Medicare says "Lo, I am with you now, 80% of the way.")

And if you don't want to be a burden on your kids someday, you probably should buy a long-term-care insurance policy, the cost of which goes up noticeably after the 65th birthday. This requires a lot of advance study and a lot of math. (Thank goodness for a wife with good foresight and good math skills to go with her filing system!)

Yes, I plan to retire later this year. About August, I hope.

My dad refused to retire at age 65. Or 70. Or 75.

"When you retire, you die," he

But he didn't. He was 78 when he finally quit, and he was "on his feet" for 13 years after that.

I'm about ready to retire, and Verbie is about ready for me to. There are many things that she and I want to do, many places we want to see, while we still have the health and energy for it.

(I just hope that when the time comes, we can do as good a job of retiring as some of our friends seem to be doing.)

So I'll be putting the newspaper on the market soon.

And, since the paper has been in the Nelson family 56 years, and since you and everyone else in this town and county are so important to us, I'm going to be pretty choosy about who the next publisher(s) will be.



Happy 65th

Birthday, Don!

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added 14 points off the bench.

"Gruver is really patient on offense. They're deliberate and work the ball until they get open inside. They don't make many mistakes," Scarbrough said. "It's going to be a big test for us. We're going to have to do a really good job on defense and keep them off of the boards."

Friday night's area winner will meet the winner between the Marfa and Grandfalls Royalty-Mertzon Irion County bi-district game Monday or Tuesday.

Bobbies vs. Bowie

The Bobbies are going to have their hands full Friday when they meet Bowie in the regional semifinals at Lubbock.

Tip-off in the regional game will be at 8:30 p.m. at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Prior to the Bobbies' game, the other regional semifinal game will pit Shallowater (29-4) against Merkel (28-6). Winners of the two semifinal games will meet Saturday at 12 noon for the Region 1-AAA championship.

Bowie used a stifling defense to control defending state champion Comanche Tuesday night, posting a 46-40 win.

Bowie, 29-3 on the year, is ranked No. 7 in the state by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches while the Bobbies hold down the No. 14 spot.

"Bowie's pretty aggressive on defense and they're also flexible," said Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards. "They'll run a match-up zone, then throw some man-to-man at you. I

think the key to the game is going to be how we are able to handle their pressure. We've got to adapt to whatever they throw at us and maintain our composure. We have to cut down on our turnovers, too.' Bowie won the District 5-AAA

district bye. In area, Bowie edged Clifton, 60-50. "Bowie's got excellent outside shooters," Edwards said. "They do have a couple of big girls, but I

championship which earned it a bi-

think we will be able to match up pretty well with them."

He said Bowie has been a determined squad this year because they were eliminated from the playoffs before regional a year ago.

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