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## DISD Drug Use Survey

# Tobacco, alcohol use rank high

Dimmitt students are more likely than other Texas students to have tried tobacco or alcohol at least once in their lives, but they are less likely to have tried illicit drugs, according to the 1996 Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use.

DISD Curriculum Director Doricell Davis reported on the survey at the March 10 meeting of the Dimmitt School Board.

In this report "elementary" is used to designate students in grades 4-6. Students were surveyed in the Spring of 1996. A total of 269 questionnaires from students in grades 4-6 were included in the tabulations, while 498 were included from students in grades 7-12.

# 1:1

By Don Nelson

If you catch me washing my hands, don't bug me.

I'll be whistling "Yankee Doodle Dandy" to myself and you might make me lose my place.

Remember the "restroom survey" a couple of months ago that showed only 40% or so of men at sporting events wash their hands after using the public restrooms?

One of the experts heading up the study was an epidemiologist. (That's a doctor who specializes in transmitted diseases.)

When a reporter asked him how long one should wash his hands, Dr. E. replied, "Long enough to sing a verse of 'Yankee Doodle Dandy.'"

Well, when I read that, I was hooked.

That's as good a rule of thumb as any, I thought. I never have paid much attention to how long I washed my hands, but now I have a guideline.

Now, I'm not going to stand there at the lavatory and sing "Yankee Doodle Dandy" in a roomful of guys. I'm not even going to whistle it. Out loud, at least.

What I catch myself doing now is automatically whistling that ditty to myself—silently, of course—every time I wash my hands.

And it's beginning to get to me.

Sometimes while I'm whistling to myself (silently, of course) I also sing the words to myself (silently, of course).

Lather-lather. "Yankee Doodle went to London, riding on a po-ny . . ."

Rub-rub. (Why am I doing this?)

"Stuck a feather in his cap, and called it macaro-ni . . ."

Squish-squish. (Am I compulsive? Too meticulous? Anal retentive?)

"Yankee Doodle, hmm hmm hmm, Yankee Doodle Dandy . . ."

Rinse-rinse.

"Hmm, hm-hm-hm hmm hmm hmm, and with the girls be handy."

(It would help a bunch if I knew that last line or two.)

Sure, I can justify the habit to myself.

If that's what it takes to keep from catching any public-restroom-type of beasts, then by golly, I'm gonna do my patriotic duty and hum/whistle "Yankee Doodle Dandy" while I wash my hands.

Plain handsoap will kill all common germs on contact, I've been told. Just a verse with soap and water and I'm safe. That's what the epidemiologist said.

So why not? It's a healthy habit to cultivate, anyway, even if it is compulsive, too meticulous or anal retentive—which it probably isn't.

(At least if it is, I don't recognize it. And I'm certainly not going to admit it.)

Just out of curiosity, I called one of our local doctors.

"How long does a doctor scrub his hands before performing surgery?" I asked.

"Ten minutes," he said.

That's with liquid germicidal soap and a scrub brush.

Hmmm.

If you catch me washing my hands, don't bug me.

I'll be whistling Beethoven's Fifth Symphony to myself and you might make me lose my place.

## TOBACCO USE

Figures reported by the compilers of the survey show that 66% of DISD students have tried a tobacco product at least once in their lifetime, while only 55% of students statewide have done so. Breaking the figures down further show that 23% of Dimmitt's elementary students have tried it once (18% statewide), 52% of seventh and eighth grade students (47% statewide), and 73% of high school students (60% statewide).

Among elementary students, 15% of fourth graders in Dimmitt say they have tried some form of tobacco once (9% statewide); 24% of fifth graders (16% statewide); and 32% of sixth graders (26% statewide).

### Recent Usage

Use of tobacco products in the past month was reported at 30% of all DISD students (26% statewide), 36% of high schoolers (30% statewide), and 19% of seventh and eighth graders (20% statewide).

### Cigarettes

In breaking down tobacco use even further, 64% of DISD students reported smoking cigarettes at least once during their lifetimes, a rate higher than that reported by students statewide (53%). Those who had smoked during the month preceding the survey equaled 29% of the student body (25% statewide), and 12%

reported smoking on a daily basis (8% in the state).

22% of DISD elementary students reported smoking cigarettes at least once during their lifetimes, compared with 15% statewide; and 14% said they had smoked cigarettes during the past school year (10% statewide).

At the secondary level, seventh and eighth graders claimed that 6% used cigarettes daily (4% in the state), while 16% of high schoolers made the same claim (11% in the state).

27% of all DISD students said most or all of their close friends smoke cigarettes (21% in the state), while 38% of elementary students said some or most of their close friends smoke (compared with 29% in the state). Also, 38% of elementary students said they had been offered cigarettes (26% in the state).

### Smokeless Tobacco

Smokeless tobacco products were reportedly tried by 22% of DISD students at least once in their lifetimes (16% statewide). Previous month usage of the products was reported by 8% of DISD students (5% statewide), and 2% said they used such products daily (1% statewide).

Smokeless tobacco products had been used at least once by 6% of DISD elementary students (4% statewide), while 4% said they had

used snuff or chewing tobacco during the past school year (2% in the state).

Of all DISD students, 7% said most or all of their close friends use smokeless tobacco (5% statewide), while 10% of elementary students say they have friends who dip or chew (9% statewide), and 13% said they had been offered a smokeless tobacco product (10% statewide).

## ALCOHOL USE

All DISD students who have tried alcohol once in their lifetime represent 80% of the student body, compared with 74% of students statewide. A reported 40% of elementary students have tried it once (31% statewide), along with 66% of seventh and eighth graders (only 63% statewide), and 87% of high schoolers (80% statewide).

Of the elementary students, 32% of fourth graders reported trying alcohol once (22% statewide); 45% of fifth graders (29% statewide); and 45% of sixth graders (40% statewide).

Alcohol use during the past school year was reported by 31% of Dimmitt elementary students (21% statewide). In the fourth grade, the figures for past year use were 24% here and 15% in the state. Fifth graders reported 37% had used alcohol in the past year, higher than the 19% statewide who made the same claim. Sixth graders were at 32%

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## Make it snappy!

Remodeling work at Plains Memorial Hospital is progressing speedily, trying to meet an April 10 deadline to qualify the geriatrics psychiatric unit for a state grant for the coming year. (From left) Hector Sanchez and Francisco Sanchez work with Dry Wall Plus of Plainview, one of the sub-contractors for the project.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Are our children hooked on tobacco, alcohol, drugs?

Substance used at least once:	DISD	State
Tobacco	66%	55%
Alcohol	80%	74%
Inhalants	18%	20%
Marijuana	27%	31%
Illicit Drugs	29%	34%

Substance used in last month:	DISD	State
Tobacco	30%	26%
Alcohol	47%	38%
Inhalants	6%	5%
Marijuana	8%	16%
Illicit Drugs	N/A	N/A

Students who have attended class "stoned"	4%	13%
Students who have used marijuana at a party	12%	23%
Tried illicit drugs three or more times	19%	25%



## Spring!

DAFFODILS IN BLOOM at 802 W. Andrews in Dimmitt were waving in Tuesday's brisk breezes, foretelling the start of Spring Friday. Temperatures were predicted in the 80s for today (Thursday). The forecast is mild, dry and windy through Saturday, with some possible high cloudiness on Saturday.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Mayor offers progress report on Link Dairy

Mayor Wayne Collins reported on the progress of the Link Dairy Farm project at Monday night's meeting of the Dimmitt City Council.

Collins said that John Link and his wife met with a representative of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, along with Collins and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt at the chamber office last Thursday to discuss financing options.

Collins said Link is looking at obtaining financing from the Texas Capital Fund, the Texas Agricultural Financing Authority (TAF), and the PRPC Revolving Loan Fund, in addition to private financing.

The TCF could provide as much as \$500,000 per year in financing, according to Collins, with a portion of that coming in the form of a grant for infrastructure expenses, such as roads, pipelines and power lines. The loan period is for 20 years with zero interest. However, the TCF requires holding the mortgage on the part of the project it would help finance, which could be viewed as a drawback by other lenders, Collins said.

He reported that the PRPC Revolving Loan Fund can loan out up to \$200,000 for working capital for businesses.

In other business, the council called a city election for May 3, with terms expiring for the Mayor and the three at-large council members. Deanne Clark was appointed election judge, with authority to select her assistants. The election judge is paid \$6 per hour, and assistants get \$5.50 per hour, as set by state law.

In his manager's report, City Manager Don Sheffy told the council that he authorized the purchase of a truck with a winch for \$2,500 from Frank Mendoza. He said the City

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## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	74	36	
Friday	76	24	
Saturday	46	23	
Sunday	54	23	
Monday	72	39	
Tuesday	80	40	
Wednesday	65	28	

March moisture	.00
1996 moisture	.66

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

## Candidates file in May 3 elections

Filing was to have ended Wednesday for candidates running in the May 3 elections for local school boards, the Hospital Board of Trustees, and city governing bodies.

Those who had filed as of Wednesday morning are listed below.

Early voting will be held April 14-29.

### Hospital Board

The terms of Jerry Annen, Carolyn Sides and Henry Ramaekers are expiring. Ramaekers was appointed to fill the remaining two months of James Welch's term.

All three incumbents filed.

### City of Dimmitt

The terms of Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and at-large council members Carole Dyer, Lyman Schroeder and Malcolm Reynolds are expiring.

Schroeder and Reynolds have filed for council member spots, and Collins has filed for mayor.

### City of Hart

The term of Hart Mayor Tony Leibel is expiring, and he has filed for reelection. The terms of Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and T.D. Martinez are expiring. Davis has filed.

Other candidates for the aldermen's positions include Tommy Hall

and Harold Smith.

### City of Nazareth

The terms of both city commissioners are expiring: Carl Dean Kleman for a two-year-term, and Glenn Ehly for a one-year term.

Ehly has filed.

### Dimmitt ISD

School board members whose terms are expiring include Place 1 representative John Nino, and Avery Thrasher for Place 5.

Candidates who have filed include incumbents Nino and Thrasher. Also, Joe Alvarez has filed for Place 5.

### Hart ISD

Hart's school board has two members whose terms are expiring, David Smith and Danny Rodriguez; and one who resigned, Jerry Miller.

Incumbents Smith and Rodriguez have filed, along with Marsha George, Pancho Diaz, and Ricky Mitchell.

### Nazareth ISD

Those whose terms are expiring on the Nazareth board are Sidney Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Those filing included Olvera, along with Patti Kern, Vicky Kleman, Morris Wilcox and Peggy Birkenfeld.

## SPS customers can pay bills at Dimmitt Market

Southwestern Public Service (SPS) customers who prefer to pay their monthly electric bills in person may still do so, even though the company will close its local office April 1.

Dimmitt Market, located at 600 N. Broadway, is now accepting payments for SPS from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week.

Customers must bring their bills with them when making a payment. The payment centers can even accept payments to restore disconnected service. After payment, the customer will receive a verification code, and can then call SPS to restore service. "We are pleased to offer our

customers who wish to pay in person this new location and longer hours," said SPS President David Wilks. "We appreciate working with local businesses to provide this service. Of course, customers can continue to pay by mail or automatic bank draft, which may be the most convenient option of all."

The new payment centers are being opened throughout the SPS service area. They are managed by Integrated Payment Systems, a subsidiary of First Data Corp., which is also the parent company of Western Union.



Op-Ed Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Home equity borrowing is basic private property right

By RICK PERRY Texas Agriculture Commissioner

Imagine salting away a hefty chunk of your paycheck into a savings account every month, but being prohibited by the government from making withdrawals for major purchases such as financing your child's college education, going back to school or creating a small business. That's exactly the situation many Texas homeowners face with an estimated \$123 billion in equity assets tied up in their homes and out of reach due to a state homestead law that restricts second mortgages.

I believe this constitutional limit on home equity loans should be modified because it restricts statewide economic development, hinders small business expansions and costs Texas consumers more when they borrow money.

Under current law, liens cannot be placed on homesteads except to pay for the house, make home improvements or settle taxes due. This restriction's roots go all the way back to the early 1800s when many early settlers were fleeing creditors and coming to Texas during a national economic depression to make a new start.

Starting with a sweeping homestead exemption law recommended by Stephen F. Austin to protect colonists' land grants, the idea has continued to be legislated and enforced up until today as we enter a new century.

In agriculture, opposition to

changing the law remains strong among some farmers and ranchers, who fear that they will be pressured to use their homes, as they now use their land, as collateral for production loans. However, with specific provisions to address this concern and others, I believe changing the exemption could open a new source of low-cost loans to Texas consumers and at the same time help boost the state's economy.

Like many working Texans, a large portion of my paycheck goes toward house payments. So it should be my personal choice and responsibility if I want to borrow against equity that I have built up in my home over the years. After all, it's the fruit of my own labor. Borrowing against your hard-earned equity is a basic private property right in every state except Texas. If I am reliable enough to put a down payment on a home, maintain it in good shape and pay taxes and insurance, then I also should be responsible enough to know when I can borrow on its equity and repay a loan.

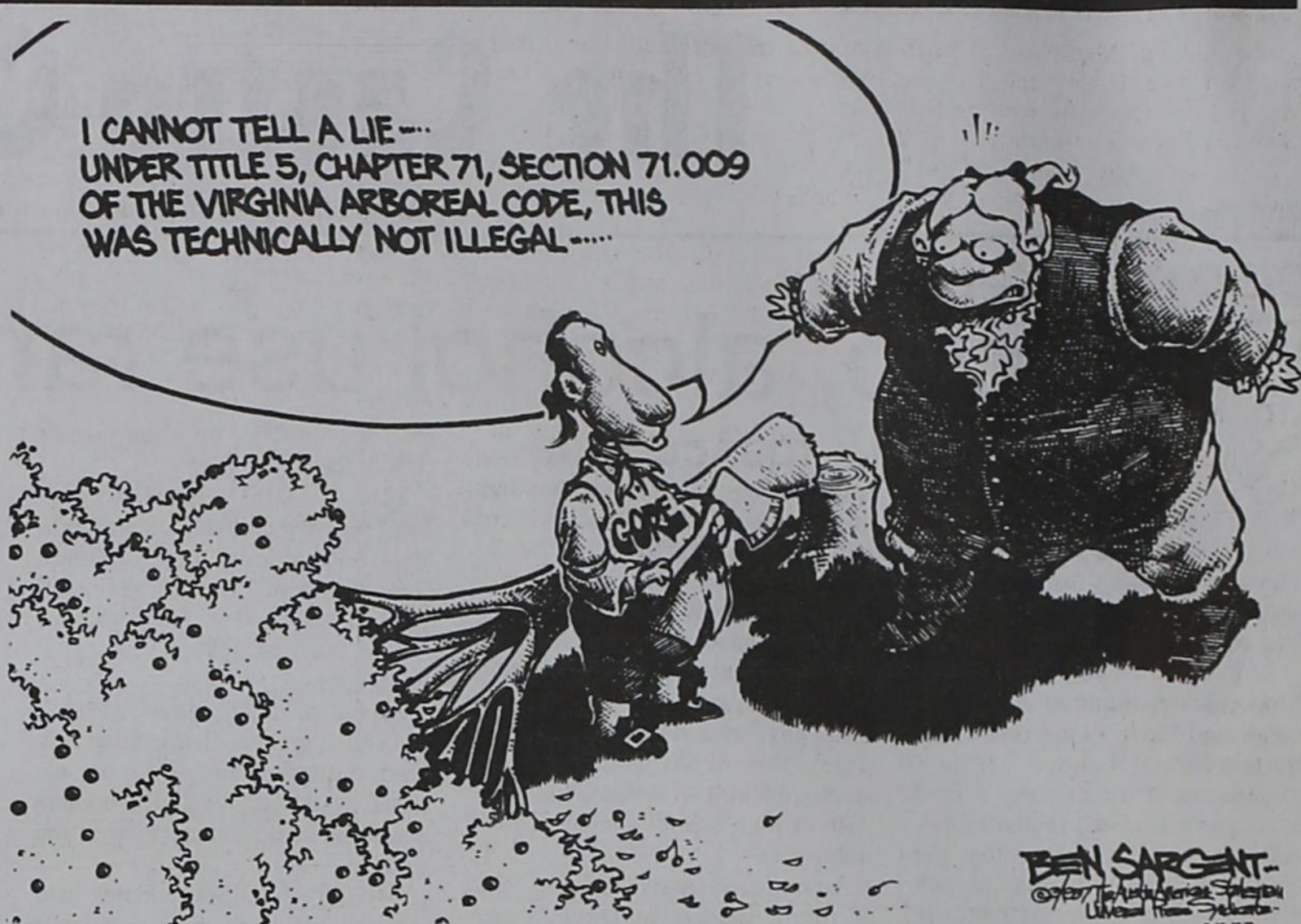
A home equity borrowing program should be tailored to meet the needs of Texas. Safeguards should be included in any changes made to the law so that homeowners are not unduly pressured to borrow on their home equity.

Ultimately, changing the homestead law would give many Texans access to lower cost loans.

Unlike other loans, interest on home equity borrowing is tax deductible from federal income taxes and, on average, the interest rates are lower than on other types of loans. If home equity borrowing were allowed, Texas consumers and businesses could save an estimated \$382 million annually in interest costs and tax savings, according to an April report by the Texas Comptroller's office. For example, annual savings on a four-year loan could be \$230 on a \$30,000 educational loan; \$383 a year on an auto loan and more than \$1,600 a year over financing on credit card debts.

Texas homeowners should be granted access to their home equity savings. The current ban is designed more to protect us from ourselves than to protect us from bankers. If you as a homeowner feel that taking out a second mortgage on your home is too risky, you simply should not borrow against your equity. While consumer protection provisions should be placed in the law, borrowing against your home's equity should be a choice that is up to each individual homeowner.

Let's open up those thousands of closed savings accounts across Texas. Let's help boost our state's economy. Let's give Texans access to money they need to finance dreams like earning an advanced degree, starting a small business or giving their children the best college education that money can buy.



Welfare plan passes buck

By SARA ECKEL

"People who support children and who support the poor really should support this welfare reform bill. This will help folks who are receiving welfare move out of welfare permanently and into the labor force, where the current system simply traps these folks," said White House analyst Lyn. A. Hogan in a conference call with several journalists.

I had been in on these conference calls before. And in them Clinton aides had either discussed initiatives that ranged from the solidly good—raising the minimum wage—to ones that were harmless at worst—the White House Conference on Corporate Citizenship. So when they said that they were trying to make life better for low-income Americans, there was reason to believe them.

But now the White House was telling me that \$55 billion in welfare cuts were going to be good for the poor. I was tempted to bang my phone against the desk. Maybe something was wrong with my connection. Or perhaps I'd dialed the wrong conference code, and I got Newt Gingrich's office instead.

Because I expect that kind of garbage from him. I expect him to say that poor kids are better off in orphanages and that welfare mothers live like royalty. I expect him to say cutting off poor children will somehow "help" them. Because I never believed that Gingrich or his archconservative cohorts ever cared about the poor.

But I did think the president cared. Perhaps it was naive of me, but despite his many faults I really thought he had a conscience about these things. I did not think he would ever put our nation's poor children at risk, even in an election season.

Well, I was wrong. When another reporter asked Hogan about an Urban Institute study, which estimates that the welfare reform bill will send 1 million children into poverty, the Clinton aide responded like a true Republican.

"There is, unfortunately, no way to estimate how many people will certainly be going into jobs, and how many will hit the time limit, and how many won't. There's just no way to estimate it," she said.

In other words, we don't know how many children will suffer because of this bill, but we're willing to take a gamble.

Most appalling about the president's gamble is that numbers from his own office say that the block-grant program won't work. The welfare bill requires states to set up programs that would send welfare recipients to work. That's a great idea, but it's costly. When the president tried to do this on the federal level, he found that it would require a \$10 billion increase in welfare spending. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has said that meeting the welfare-to-work goals would cost \$12 billion more than the bill allocates. And states that have already tried workfare, such as Vermont, have come to the same conclusion: Instituting work programs costs more, not less, than writing checks.

To be fair to the president, he has added some improvements to the bill, such as adding funding for child care and preserving Medicaid protection for the nation's poorest families.

But that doesn't change the fact that the federal government is telling states to do the impossible: create more expensive programs on less money. The Washington pols are patting themselves on the back for their "reform" efforts, when all they've done is passed the buck.

Granted, there will be some governors who will be able to cobble together an efficient way to deal with this under-funded mandate—either by raising state taxes or cutting other programs. But there are many governors who won't be able or willing to do this. In New York state, for example, there is little incentive for Gov. George Pataki to help the many poor families who live in New York City. He ran on an anti-New York City campaign, and was elected by the many upstate New Yorkers who believed that too much of the state's money was going to the Big Apple. Is he now going to turn around and raise the upstaters' taxes to support the urban poor? Doubtful.

I asked Lyn Hogan what will happen to the poor people in the states where governors fail to create adequate welfare systems.

Hogan said she didn't see that happening. "I really have a hard time believing that any governor would abandon its poor," she said.

Well, I had a hard time believing President Clinton would abandon the nation's poor. But he did.

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Home equity lending: Flexible choice or forced alternative?

By BOB STALLMAN President, Texas Farm Bureau

It sounds real simple on the surface. Allow Texans to borrow against the equity in their homes, something currently prohibited under Texas law. This will free up an untapped source of collateral that would bring new life to the credit market. Suddenly, there is money for education, medical bills, business startups or whatever. It's a financial magic bullet, at least until the bills come due. After all, that value belongs to the homeowner, right? Of course it does, and that's exactly why the Texas Farm Bureau opposes changes in the home equity lending law. Proposals under consideration in the Texas Legislature would change the law to allow homeowners to borrow against their equity. It would be a mistake.

The pitch for changing the law says that allowing loans against home equity would create new choice and flexibility for potential borrowers. Our members believe that changes in the law would have the exact opposite effect. Once the barriers to collateralizing homesteads are removed, we believe that inclusion of the home's value will become almost automatic in virtually any loan that carries substantial risk.

Bankers are not bad guys here, but they have an obligation to protect the interests of their shareholders, and to satisfy bank examiners. They will err on the side of caution and get every bit of collateral they can before making a loan. You may have the choice to use your home

equity, but you may not have the choice to do anything else.

A recent conversation with a banker friend of mine drove this point home for me. He posed a hypothetical situation of a farmer with limited financial options. He described the mythical but bleak financial picture, and said, "If I could have the house for collateral, I could go with him for another year."

This situation has happened often enough in real life and there is plenty of heartache associated with it. I had to tell my friend, "Don't you think it would be better to say no now, and leave this person with his house and maybe enough assets to start over?" As long as a fat pool of equity exists in the form of a house, many bankers will be tempted to extend loans when they probably should not.

Farmers and business owners who got loans last year will suddenly find that the same loans will not be renewed unless they put up their homes as collateral. What a choice. Lose the farm now, or lose everything next year, balanced against the hope of making enough to save it all.

At such a time, judgment often fails. How many bankers will call a halt to unworkable financial risk? Some, to their credit, probably will. Others will go "one more year, as long as we have the house." Next year, however, eventually comes and loans always become "due and payable." "Next year" could, in fact, be the last year, but if we change the law, the house will be gone.

As the law is currently written, a

family always has a home, as long as the payments are made. With the proposed changes in the home equity laws, that security could quickly disappear. This is not flexibility. It's a potential disaster.

As I've made this argument in public forums across Texas, I am often told, "I can decide for myself whether to use the equity in my home as collateral." I certainly agree with that, but I think it is far more likely that you will be required to use the home equity for virtually any substantial loan you seek. The choice and flexibility you anticipated will quickly become secondary as lenders scramble to protect themselves.

The Texas Home Equity Law was written to protect the sanctity of the home. The home is a financial asset, but it is far more than that. The current law has served Texas and Texans very well. It should not be changed.

Speak out!

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

And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call some of them as well. (Contact us for a more complete listing.)

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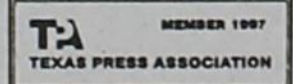
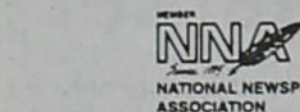
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Together We Can TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes crossword grid and clues.



# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The United Methodist Women helped Diane Hatla celebrate her March 12 birthday by sending balloons, cake, cards and gown. Diane said they "made my day" and then Tracy got a good report at the doctor's office on Thursday.

Al Jackson is home after having heart by-pass surgery. His brothers, Joe and Carl, his nephew and Donny Jackson from Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma all came for the event. Al's niece, Pat, came from Waco to be with Dorothy while Al was in the hospital.

Carl King had several procedures including an angioplast in Lubbock this past week.

Frances Goodwin overcame some tough days with blood clots in her leg last week in Lubbock Methodist Hospital.

Bruce Fuller is recuperating from

injuries he sustained after a horse rolled over on him a couple of times.

Peggy Webb is a spunky lady; she has made it to First United Methodist Church two weeks in a row.

Lots of people from Dimmitt, Nazareth and Easter made it to the Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative's annual meeting at the Hereford Bull Barn last Tuesday.

Dorothy Seago of Denver, Colo., has been visiting with Mattie Seale the past two weeks. They have visited in Lindale with David and Jerral and families recently.

Rachel Seale, Mattie's granddaughter, participated in the Miss Tyler Pageant one weekend recently and was selected Miss Tyler USA. She will be in the Miss Texas Pageant in June in Padre Island.

Rachel is a freshman at Grayson County Junior College in Dennison. She is the daughter of Jerral and

Susan Seale.

Mary Edna Hendrix visited with her daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford, last weekend. On Sunday night they went out to the airport to pick up Mary Edna's nephew, Kelley Cloer, who was coming in from Ottawa, Canada. His plane was late so while they were waiting, a family entertained them. They had bought bouquets of flowers and the children seemed to be excited, so Mary Edna asked one of the men if they were expecting someone special to come in. He told her their parents were coming in from Iran.

There were four brothers and their families and they presented the parents with bouquets of flowers as they got off the plane.

Since it was nearly 2 a.m. Monday morning when the plane finally got to Amarillo, Kelley and Mary Edna spent the rest of the night with Mary Lynn, then drove to Tulia Monday morning. Kelley's dad, Troy Cloer, is in the nursing home in Tulia, so

Kelley visited with him every day while he was here and tended to other business.

Kelley teaches art in a college in Ottawa.

On Saturday, Kelley, one of his friends from Tulia and Mary Edna went to Lake McKenzie and drove around, then went to Claude Crossing where they enjoyed a picnic lunch. While there, a man from New York came in a motor home and visited with them. He had been visiting his sister in Corpus Christi.

They returned to Tulia and visited with Kelley's father in the Tulia Care Center.

The Dimmitt Book Club met on Wednesday with Ina Cleavinger presiding over the business meeting and Doris Flynt reading the minutes and calling the roll.

The Odyssey of the Mind teams presented a program.

The Dimmitt Middle School team, "Can You Dig It" gave a wonderful performance. Team members are Kelsey Welch, Alexis Proffitt, Jill Merritt, Rae Odom, Ryan Hays, Thomas Brockman and Cliff Wright. They are coached by Kim Hays.

The Dimmitt High School team gave a good performance as well. Team members are Timothy Proffitt, Michael Keith, Jared Townsend, Andy Hill, Jeremy Matthews, Jason Hall and Jason Hargrove.

The "Double Trouble" team gave a good performance and team members are Daniel Proffitt, Joshua Hardwick, Kylie Webb, Cherie Norman and Lori Schulte.

The "Crushers" add the weights on a balsa wood "bridge" and it is amazing how much weight each bridge can hold.

Shirley Wise was the hostess and she was assisted by Ina Cleavinger and Diane Townsend.

They served decorated cookies, crackers with cheese spread, jelly beans and iced almond tea. The table was pretty with a beautiful jonquil flower arrangement and bunny rabbit napkins. Tea was served from a rabbit pitcher.

The Town and Country Extension Club met on Friday morning with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting. Betty Freeman

read the minutes and called the roll. Each member answered the roll call with a health remedy their parents used several years ago.

Rosetta Bellinghausen served doughnuts, coffee and soft drinks to Claudene Langford, Freeman, Henderson, Ferne Jones, Oneida Hutto, Mary Edna Hendrix, Extension Agent Marilyn Neal and Lucy Casares, a new member.

On Friday, 42 students from Violet Barton's Department toured the Castro County Museum. Teachers helping with the tour were Debbie Harris, Shirley Schacher and Sara Hunter. Museum employees and board members present were Rosetta Bellinghausen, Mary Edna Hendrix, Dale Winders and Marie Winders, who came to play the organ to entertain students during the tour. It was a cold day, but the kids didn't seem to mind.

The Thursday Bridge Club met with Emily Clingingsmith as hostess. Everyone brought a sack lunch. Alma Kenmore won high score.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Mattie Seale's cousin, Dorothy Seago of Denver, Colo., and Angie Hernandez brought her grandchildren from Amarillo, Chris and Pascho Ruiz, Michael, Dino and Angel Diaz and Steffani Argis.

Susan Coleman of Dimmitt was featured at the Big Texan Opry in Amarillo March 11. Singing har-

mony with her was Max Ellison of Nazareth.

Susan had only appeared on the show one other time since auditioning back in September, and the Opry Director Neoma Nelson said they were glad to have her back. Others on the show that night were Kristie McCall, Zac Wilkinson, Rachel Knapp, Stacey Johnson and Noel Corbin.

The Opry is held in the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo, and has been an award-winning show. They promise to give a little more notice next time when Susan or other local talent will appear!

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James Norrell was dismissed from University Medical Center in Lubbock on March 10. He had replacement surgery on a ruptured disc, and has to wear a neck brace for 12 weeks. He had a checkup Friday, and got a larger-size brace.

Kelley Green was dismissed from Lubbock Methodist Hospital March 10. He is up and around and doing fine.

Kim Riley spent a week with Ray Joe and Jo Eddie Riley and also visited with Kevin and Jodie and their families. He will return to Marbridge Ranch in a few days.

Lillian Carson, Resa Carson and Gregg George of Lubbock visited last Sunday in Methodist Hospital with Janelle Haydon. She is eating more now and is looking better.

Hershell and Retha Wilson attended memorial services for Patty Vanstory in Lubbock Friday afternoon. She was buried in Alabama. She had scleroderma, and was the one who introduced Retha to the scleroderma support group.

David and Karen Hutson of Dimmitt came Saturday to help the Wilsons out some. David helped Hershell with the things he couldn't do himself.

Samantha Wilson left Saturday morning for Texas A&M University following the spring break.

Rev. Bennie Wright visited in Dimmitt Friday with R.V. and Bess Bills.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson left after Sunday school Sunday to attend the Brooks reunion in Lubbock.

Robert Duke and Dale Winders went to a tractor show in Plainview Saturday.

C.B. and Jean Lunsford of Danville, Ark., visited Wednesday with Larry and Sharon Sadler.

Tyler and Lauren Waggoner have been playing in the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball games twice a week all this month. Patti and Quint go to all their games. Tyler plays Monday and Thursday nights, and Lauren plays Tuesday and Friday nights.

The kids go to school at Hart with their mother, as she goes to teach

second grade. Tammi Herriage still teaches fourth grade at Hart and is doing real well.

Sharon Sadler and Norma Conard went to Amarillo Monday to visit with a cousin, Lavita Fielder.

Stacy Norman, Jeremy and Joshua, all of Muleshoe, and Laura Sadler, Matt and Kristin had dinner with Sharon and Larry Sadler Saturday.

day. Stacy had brought her truck she is using for hauling, so Larry could help her fix it.

We had dense fog last Thursday morning and maybe light rain, since there was water on the concrete and it was running off the house and well house. Friday morning it was 26 degrees, 24 on Saturday and 36 Sunday morning.

## DPS has toll-free number for reporting drug activity

If you have information about illegal drug trafficking anywhere in Texas, the Dept. of Public Safety would like to hear from you.

Beginning March 1, you can help fight illegal drug sales in Texas by calling the DPS toll-free at 1-800-525-5555 to report suspected drug activity anywhere in the state. A headquarters communications officer in Austin will relay your information to the appropriate highway patrol or narcotics officer in your area.

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drugs might be moved.

Please contact your local police or sheriff's department if you would like to report individuals possessing small quantities of marijuana or other drugs.

The main DPS 1-800 number also may be used to report erratic or drunken drivers or to seek assistance if you become stranded on the highway. When calling for these purposes, make sure to pinpoint your location and direction of travel using mile markers, crossroads or other landmarks.

To report marijuana under cultivation, contact the DPS Narcotics Service at 1-800-868-6274.

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## WTRT scholarship deadline announced

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Seniors and graduates from Hereford, Friona, Farwell, Bovina, Lazbuddie, Adrian, and Vega also may apply.

The application deadline is April 10. Application forms may be obtained at high school counselors' offices or at the WTRT offices in Hereford. They are not limited to high school seniors, but applicants must have graduated from high school or completed their GED.

Applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, with one coming from a teacher, principal, or counselor at the high school that the applicant attended or is currently attending. Applicants may be asked to attend an interview, at the discretion of the WTRT board.

The forms must be received in WTRT offices by the deadline.

Scholarships will be distributed in the amount of \$800 per semester. Applicants must maintain a minimum of 12 credited hours throughout each semester or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

The scholarships are funded through unclaimed capital credits from WTRT that previously had reverted to the state. In 1995, co-

operative members approved an amendment to the by-laws that allows use of unclaimed capital credits for scholarships.

The scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

## Breast cancer screening set

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 at Medical Center of Dimmitt on April 3.

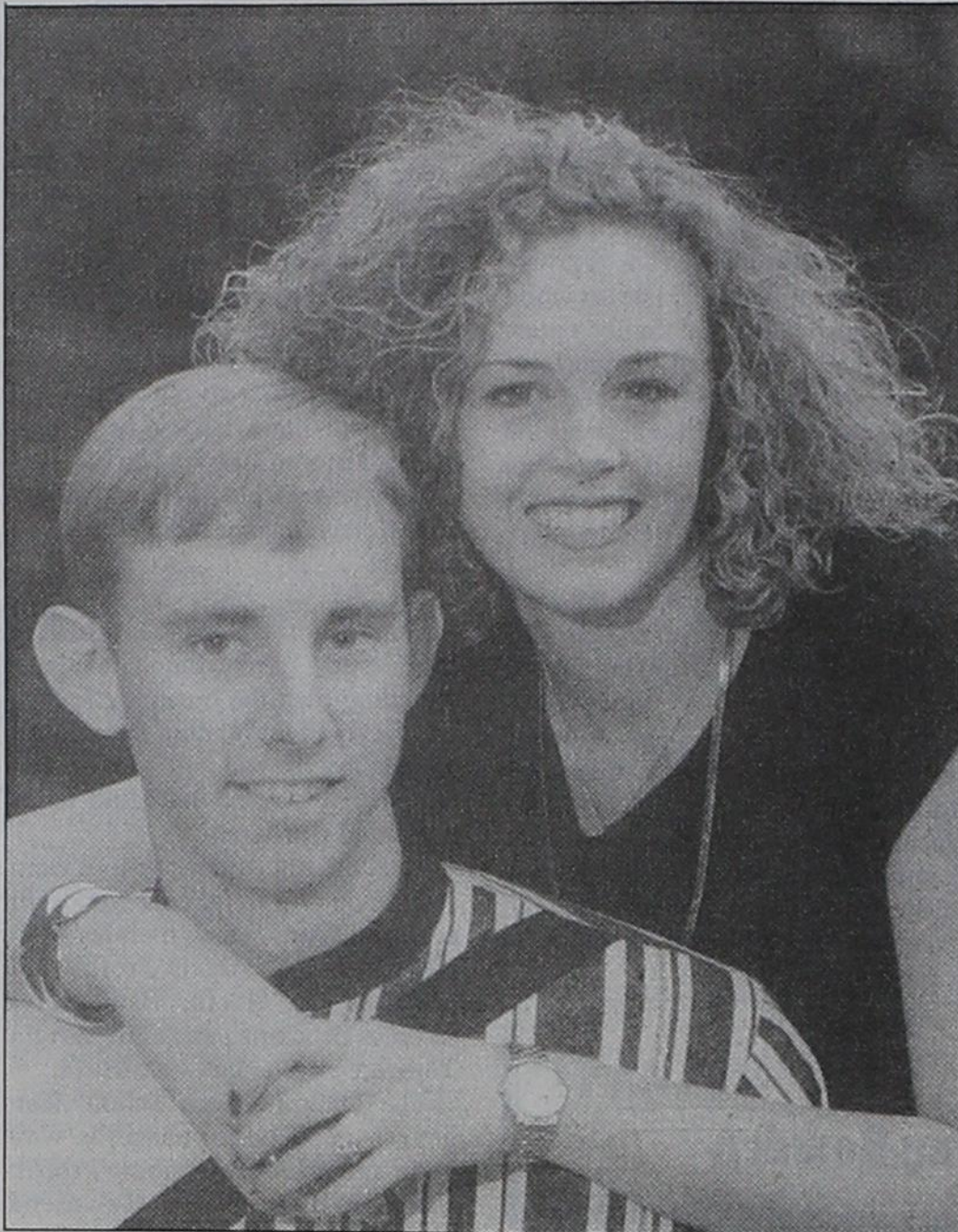
Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. Total cost for the screening is \$75.

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

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are performed by appointment only, and those who wish to schedule an appointment should call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-377-4673.

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.



Robert Lee Harbin and Amy Nicole Smithson

## June wedding is planned

Teddy and Vicki Smithson of Lamesa, formerly of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Nicole, to Robert Lee Harbin, son of Larry and Karla Harbin of Crane.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows on June 7 in the Second Baptist Church of Lamesa.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Rayphard and Mary Lu Smithson of Dimmitt. She graduated from Klondike High School in Lamesa in 1994. She attended South Plains College in Levelland and is majoring in entomology at Texas A&M University in Commerce.

The prospective groom is a 1994 graduate of Crane High School. He attended South Plains College and is majoring in architecture at Texas A&M University at Commerce. He is a member of the A&M track team. He is currently employed at Reed Ranch at Sulphur Springs.

## Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The one-act play dinner theater was held Sunday evening to a full house. Mothers of the cast and crew served a Mexican fiesta dinner from 4:30 to 6 and the students performed their UIL one-act play, *The Steadfast Tin Soldier* at 6:15 p.m. Performing in front of the large audience was good practice for the actors and actresses. They performed the play in UIL competition Monday at the Farwell High School Auditorium.

Catholic Family Services.

Prayers are asked for Justin Braddock, who is a patient at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He is undergoing tests and treatments to find out what his problem is.

Prayers are asked for Leonard Gerber. Hopefully he will regain some of his eyesight, which has mysteriously left him.

The play is directed by Jo Beth Mays and proceeds from Sunday's dinner theater will help with expenses for putting on this year's play. The annual St. Patrick's Day Dance and Auction was held Saturday evening in the Nazareth Community Hall, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds will benefit

Prayers also are asked for our parishioners who are in Plains Memorial Hospital including C.B. Wilhelm and Meta Stork, who are in extended care; and Anna Evers. Also, prayers are asked for those in the nursing home in Dimmitt, including Isabell Schulte, Helen Backus, Lucy Leinen and Rose Hindman.

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## Local 4-H'ers place at three stock shows

Several Castro County 4-H members participated in major stock shows held during February and March, and won several placings.

At the Houston Junior Livestock Show, Wesley Wright took first with his barrow in the lightweight class

of Hampshires.

In the barrow Cross breed, Corey Lane took 10th in the heavyweight class; and in the medium heavyweight class, Keli Schulte took 18th and Matthew Wright won 24th.

Justin Sutton showed the eighth place lightweight Chianina in the steer show.

At the Fort Worth show, Taylor Matthews took third with a Santa Gertrudis steer.

Wesley Mays took 13th place with a heavyweight Finewool lamb at the San Antonio show.

"These youth spent many hours working with their livestock projects and did a great job," a spokesperson with the County Extension office said. "Livestock projects allow youth and parents to work together to reach a common goal."



### PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a baby girl for Lee and Denise Schilling of HCR 1, Nazareth. Amy Kate was born March 8 at 10 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 11 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Big sister is Shelby Clair, 15 months. Grandparents are Donald and Agnes Schilling of HCR 5, Dimmitt, and Linda Jackson of Spur. Great-grandmother is Gracy Erath of Spur.



In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for March 20-28.

### DIMMITT

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, potatoes au gratin, peaches, assorted muffins and milk.

FRIDAY: Fajitas with sauted onions, Mexipinto beans, pears, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

### Grades 2-12 Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or beef enchiladas; potatoes au gratin, potato chips, or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fishburger, roast turkey or fajitas with sauted onions; whole new potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school!

### HART

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chalupas, salad, Spanish rice, gelatin

dessert, apricots, pears, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips, coleslaw, apricots, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or corn dog; gelatin dessert, salad, pinto beans, apricots, peaches, nectarines, fresh fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Turkey, rolls, bread stuffing, gravy, Italian green beans, sweet potatoes, carrot cake, fruit salad, cranberry sauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef stew, hamburger basket or toasted cheese sandwich, French fries, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, pizza or hamburger basket; gelatin dessert, potato puffs, fruit cocktail, apricots, salad, pinto beans, fresh fruit, sliced cheese and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

### NAZARETH

THURSDAY: \*Baked chicken with bread or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, pears, fruit cocktail and milk.

FRIDAY: \*Fish or cheese pizza, salad, peas, peaches, applesauce and milk.

MONDAY: \*Chicken fried steak with rolls or corn dogs, salad, potatoes with gravy, pineapple, pudding and milk.

TUESDAY: \*Tacos or pizza, lettuce, corn, peaches, apple crisp and milk.

WEDNESDAY: \*Sandwiches or hamburgers, tater tots, lettuce, peas, applesauce, brownies and milk.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No School!

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

## WIFE holds board meeting

WIFE members established goals for 1997 and discussed important issues at a board of directors meeting recently in Plainview.

"WIFE feels that the following issues are of utmost importance to the farming industry at this time: Private property water rights, utility deregulation, the Homestead Act, and tax exemption on purchases made for farm use (including equipment)," said a spokesperson for the group.

WIFE members also made plans to travel to Austin in April for a visit with legislators concerning these vital farm issues.

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# Stricklands choose missionary service



## Christopher Leslie Davis and Emma Nicole Nickel May wedding is planned

Nick and Jeannette Nickel of Springlake announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Emma Nicole, to Christopher Leslie Davis, son of Leslie and Frances Davis of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to wed May 31 at the Lubbock Country Club. They will reside in Hart after the wedding.

The prospective groom is a senior at Dimmitt High School and the bride-elect is a senior at Springlake High School.

Durward H. "Butch" Strickland and his wife, Pam, were featured in the February 12 issue of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's news publication.

Butch grew up in Dimmitt, and his parents, Durward and Bessie Strickland, still live here.

The dual articles on the couple in the Mission Board publication feature the activities of the two missionaries, who are serving in church planting in Maracaibo, Venezuela, where they have served for seven and a half years and have helped in planting six churches. The articles were written by Wally Poor and Betty Poor, Foreign Mission Board Americas Correspondents.

The Stricklands visited in Dimmitt during the summer of 1996. During June and July of this year, they plan to take their furlough in Anchorage, Alaska.

Pam is the first native-born Alaskan appointed as a Southern Baptist Foreign Missionary, according to the article featuring her. She was raised in Anchorage, where she and her parents were members of the First Baptist Church.

The couple met and married while attending Wayland Baptist College in Plainview. Following graduation, Butch served as recreation director at a camp, then the couple went to McMinnville, Ore., staying almost nine years.

Butch received his seminary training at the Portland, Ore., branch of the Golden Gate Seminary. Thoughts about foreign missions, that he had harbored since his youth, were stirred again, and the couple were led to Maracaibo.

Wally Poor wrote, "The Stricklands, like all Southern Baptist missionaries, have many other jobs they do. Both are involved in teaching in the Bible Institute in Maracaibo.

"They are also working to develop 30 acres of land which has been donated to the work. It will serve a dual purpose—as a home for some of Maracaibo's street children, to rehabilitate them, and also as a model farm to help the Guajiro Indians make better use of their land. Many of the Indians have only a small plot to subsist on. Pam conducts a 'well baby' clinic with the Guajiro.

"The Stricklands also work with other Southern Baptist missionaries in the city in receiving and utilizing volunteers from the US."

Betty Poor wrote that Pam home schooled the couple's three children during their first years in Venezuela, but now Nathan, 21, is in the states and the Stricklands have other arrangements for the education of Jonathan, 17, and Carrie, 11.

"This leaves Pam free to develop other ministries like the clinic in the Indian village. She does things like distributing vitamins and conducting nutrition classes. She also hopes in the future to begin literacy classes with the Guajiro people."

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## Lung study is planned

The National Jewish Medical and Research Center of Denver, Colo., is entering into a seven-year grant to study the benefits of lung volume reduction surgery as a treatment for certain people with emphysema, which is caused mainly by smoking.

A national registry will follow more than 9,500 people for five to

seven years; 2,500 people will be invited to participate in the randomized portion of the study. All will receive "best medical treatment," and one group will receive lung reduction surgery, which involves removing about 20 to 30% of the worst areas of emphysema in a person's lungs.

The study also will explore several non-surgical alternatives for people with emphysema. Non-invasive treatments include pulmonary rehabilitation, medication, self-management and exercise.

The National Jewish and CU-Health Sciences Center physicians will begin seeing people in summer 1997.

Those interested in receiving more information about the study may call National Jewish LUNG LINE at 1-800-222-LUNG.

The grant is funded by the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health, and the Health Care Financing Administration.

## Ryan Miller is recognized

Ryan Miller, son of Les and Carla Miller, has been recognized as Student of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Ryan was born Jan. 30, 1987, in Hereford and he says he admires his parents. He enjoys playing sports in his free time and wishes he were better at basketball. He wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

His favorite food is Frito pie and his favorite book is *Tornado*. His favorite animal is the bulldog.

He enjoys Dimmitt Middle School because "the teachers are very friendly and helpful."

## Methodist scholarship applications available

Scholarship applications are now available at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The application forms can be picked up at the church office from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. or 1 to 4:30 p.m. They must be turned in at the church office by 4:30 p.m. April 10.

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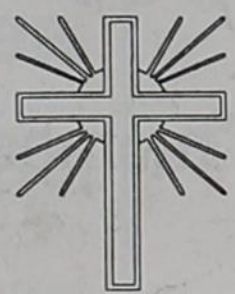
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- ❖ Sunrise Service ~ March 30, 6:30 a.m.
- ❖ Easter Service ~ March 30, 10:45 a.m.  
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## CRP sign-up ends March 28

Producers planning to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) must sign up for the program by March 28.

To sign up for the 15th CRP, contact the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) for an appointment. Absentee landowners interested should contact the FSA office in the county where their land is located.

"CRP is a voluntary program designed to encourage producers to plant long-term, resource-conserving vegetation on eligible cropland to improve soil, water and wildlife resources," said Harold Bob Bennett, state executive director of FSA.

"If eligible, producers may receive annual rental payments and cost-sharing assistance to establish the approved cover," Bennett added.

The length of contract is 10 to 15

years and certain activities which have long-term environmental benefits may qualify for incentive payments, according to Bennett.

"Those who wish to apply must have owned or operated the land being offered for at least 12 months prior to Friday and meet several other FSA requirements.

In addition to the FSA requirements, the cropland must meet additional requirements administered by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

"Factors such as the erodibility of the land, evidence of scour erosion and the land's proximity to noncropped wetlands are a few of the eligibility factors examined by NRCS," said John Burt, NRCS state conservationist.

Also considered in determining CRP eligibility are practices which are highly beneficial to the environment. Practices like buffer strips on riparian areas, grass filter strips, grass waterways, shelterbelts and the protection of areas around well heads

all have long-term benefits to the environment long after a CRP contract expires, according to Burt.

According to Bennett and Burt, both FSA and NRCS are working closely to insure a successful sign-up.

## Cotton Talks

Over one million acres of High Plains cropland is due to be released from the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) on Sept. 30. Producers and landowners across the area are now in the process of preparing bids in hopes of re-enrolling their highly erodible cropland in the program. Each of these contracts will have to be rebid to remain in the program.

The final rule published by the US Dept. of Agriculture should clarify most questions that producers have, according to officials with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

The 15th CRP sign-up started March 3 and will continue through March 28. Interested producers and landowners should be aware that only bids received through March 28 will be considered. Some acreage and practices will be eligible for continuous sign-up.

Information about rental rates and eligibility requirements can be obtained from the county Farm Service Agency offices.

Additional information may be obtained from the internet at the following addresses: USDA Home Page, <http://www.usda.gov>; or from the National Cotton Council page at <http://www.cotton.org>.

In short, eligibility in the new CRP will be limited to land with an Erodibility Index (EI) of eight or higher. The only exceptions to this basic requirement are for cropped wetlands; land in a designated conservation priority area; and certain high priority acreage and practices, including those practices eligible for continuous sign-up.

The following is a brief explanation of the major points of the CRP sign-up process:

**Eligibility Requirements:** Erodibility Index of eight or higher.

**Sign-Up Dates:** March 3-28.

Continuous sign-up only for acreage to be placed in filter strips, riparian buffers, grassed waterways, field windbreaks, shelter belts, living snow fences, salt-tolerant vegetation, shallow water areas for wildlife and acreage in wellhead protection areas as designated by the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Rental Rates:** Based on the county average dryland cash or cash equivalent rental rate adjusted for site specific soils-based productivity factors. Maximum county rental rates, plus any additional maintenance incentives can be obtained from local FSA offices. Producers can offer less than the maximum rental rate to increase the likelihood of acceptance through the environmental benefits index.

The environmental benefits index is compiled by the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service using information collected on the land in the sign-up process. It is established and compared to all other offers. Selections will then be made based on that ranking.

**Effective Dates:** New contracts will become effective Oct. 1 at the option of the producer.

## AISE seeks host families

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is seeking host families for high school foreign exchange students for the 1997-98 school year.

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## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

### Small Business Problems: Government isn't the solution



bed."

Most of us have had a few days like that. It certainly isn't getting any easier to be in business today. Competition is increasing, technology is exploding and good employees are getting harder to find and keep. Throw in a few other obstacles such as finicky customers, government paperwork and skyrocketing costs and you're going to have some stressful days and nights.

My discussion of business problems with my friend was still fresh in my mind when I received a publication from The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB). The study is titled, "Small Business Problems and Priorities." I read it with a great deal of interest. The purpose of the study was to allow small-business owners to assess the relative importance of potential problems.

#### The survey said

Based on the responses of more than 3,400 NFIB members and small-business owners the ten most severe challenges for small businesses today are: 1. The cost of health insurance; 2. Federal taxes on business income; 3. Worker's compensation costs; 4. Unreasonable government regulations; 5. FICA (Social Security taxes); 6. Property taxes/rent costs; 7. Federal paperwork; 8. State taxes on business income; 9. Frequent changes in federal tax laws and 10. Cash flow.

You will notice that competition, employees and technology issues didn't make the top ten. Competition from large businesses came in at 23rd, keeping skilled employees ranked 29th, training came in at 33rd and technology issues surfaced in position number 39.

It is obvious from the survey results that small business owners are more concerned about the effect of government on their business than competition and other elements. You will notice that eight of the top ten problems are directly associated with government intervention and regulation.

Small business owners see federal, state or local governments as barriers to survival. Taxes, regulations and paperwork are cutting a heavy chunk out of profitability.

#### A growing burden

During the November election process, both political parties espoused a lot of rhetoric about the growing deficit. Congress creates the deficit when it spends more than it takes in. The deficit, although the beneficiary of a lot of attention, is only a symptom. The real problem is spending.

Government spending is outstripping the ability of the private sector to pay the bill. In 1991, federal budget outlays weighed in at a hefty \$1.32 trillion. In 1997, federal spending is expected to top \$1.7 trillion. This increase in spending of \$380 billion equals \$1,460 in new taxes collected from every citizen of the United States. For working Americans who ultimately get the bill, our free-spending Congress has increased our personal tax burden by \$3,000 to \$5,000 annually.

Growth in spending creates other problems as well. As regulatory agencies grow, the burden of regulations, paperwork, reporting and compiling costs also grow. Bureaucrats have to produce something, and most of what they produce is an added burden for the private sector.

One thing is certain: The problem of government encroachment won't go away by itself. It is time to get a grip on spending. Most business problems will improve with lower government spending. Write your legislators today. Let them know we want to spend less, not pay more.

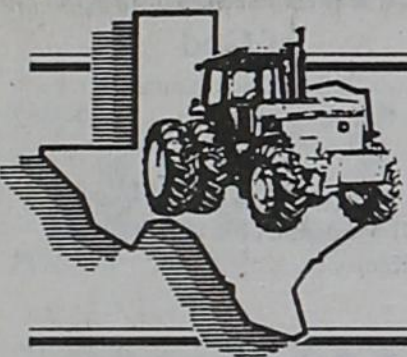
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RE-ELECTED to three-year terms on the Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's board of directors last week were (from left) Clark Andrews of Easter, Donald Wright of Dimmitt, chairman, and Clarence Martin of Friona. The election was held during the cooperative's annual meeting at the Bull Barn in

Hereford. One of the largest crowds on record attended the meeting, with 1,580 served a dinner of fish, chicken and barbecued beef. Capital credit refunds totaling \$1.5 million were distributed to members during the meeting. The electric cooperative serves members in Deaf Smith, Castro, Parmer and Oldham counties. Photo by Don Nelson

## Sweeping resolutions passed by ACGA at annual meeting

American Corn Growers Association members passed a series of innovative resolutions concerning farm programs, biotechnology, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and trade issues during their fifth annual convention in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Here are the resolutions approved by ACGA:

**Resolution 1:** The ACGA supports a farm program that removes the loan rate cap, sets the rates at a minimum of the five-year average price for corn, and extend the length of the loan to 18 months.

**Resolution 2:** The ACGA opposes any effort to reduce the authority of elected committeemen in the operation and decision making in their county FSA offices and to oppose the closure of more than 1,000 county FSA offices as proposed by the Office of Management and Budget.

**Resolution 3:** The ACGA opposes any further consolidation of the genetic marketing and research industry.

**Resolution 4:** The ACGA opposes the 1% increase in the interest charged on Commodity Credit Corp. loans and requests that the rates be reduced to previous levels without any surcharge on them.

**Resolution 5:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) should develop stricter guidelines concerning hedge to arrive contracts, and that these contracts should be treated the same way as any other futures or options contract.

**Resolution 6:** The ACGA believes that any company that makes its business forecasting crop size or yield shall not engage in the buying or selling of futures contracts.

**Resolution 7:** The ACGA recommends that the CFTC be merged with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to provide better regulation and oversight of the futures markets.

**Resolution 8:** The ACGA, in light of expanded trading limits which add volatility to the markets, supports limiting the daily allowable trading

limit on corn to 10¢ per bushel with no expanded limits.

**Resolution 9:** The ACGA opposes dual trading practices and that they should be made illegal for any floor trader of the CBOT.

**Resolution 10:** The ACGA believes that the US should not develop policies that destroy the productive capabilities of other countries or it will not have the capability to buy the products produced.

**Resolution 11:** The ACGA supports the extension of the 5.4¢ federal excise tax exemption for ethanol blended fuels, including ETBE, beyond the year 2000.

**Resolution 12:** ACGA requests that any producer who has voluntarily established waterways and filter strips to reduce soil erosion be allowed to enter those areas into the CRP program at rates comparable to newly-established areas.

**Resolution 13:** ACGA opposes the use of EQUIP funds for cleanup or restoring large scale livestock waste facilities.

**Resolution 14:** ACGA believes that any importing country or company has the right to choose between buying genetically altered commodities or traditional production. It is also the duty of the grain trading and exporting companies to offer customers the option of buying either altered or unaltered products.

**Resolution 15:** ACGA supports

prohibiting meat packers from procuring cattle for slaughter through the use of a forward contract, unless the contract contains a firm base price that can be equated to a fixed dollar amount. In addition, packers should be prohibited from owning and feeding cattle, unless the cattle are sold for slaughter in an open and public market.

**Resolution 16:** ACGA supports country of origin labeling for all imported agricultural products.

## Cable to audit local subscribers

Cable television viewers who are hooked up to Classic Cable's cable systems without proper authorization have until Monday, March 31, to get legal or they will be prosecuted.

"Stealing cable television service may have less social stigma than other crimes, but it is as criminal as shoplifting," said Classic Cable spokesperson Tracy Anderson.

Unauthorized use of cable service is punishable by six months in jail and a fine of up to \$2,000.

Classic Cable executives say through March 31 unauthorized viewers can call the company at 1-800-999-8876 and sign up to pay for the service or have it disconnected without any questions asked.

Steven Seach, president of Classic Cable, said no records will be kept of

## Food, fiber producers honored during National Agriculture Week

From the cotton, corn and sorghum fields of the South Plains, the cattle feedlots and wheat fields of the Panhandle and Rolling Plains to the vegetable and citrus groves of South Texas and timber forests of East Texas, Texas contributes heavily to the nation's agricultural economy.

The state ranks first in the nation in the production of cotton and spinach, cattle, beef cows, cattle on feed, sheep and ewes.

Texas farmers and ranchers will join in the 24th celebration of National Agriculture Week, March 16-22, as the nation honors its food and fiber producers.

National Agriculture Week is held to unite the entire food and agriculture industry and provide an opportunity to promote a better understanding among consumers about the important role this industry plays.

Despite a severe drought which ravaged much of Texas in 1996, the state's producers still marketed agricultural products valued at \$13.87 billion, according to Dr. Jackie Smith, professor of agricultural economics and marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Lubbock. That, in turn, had an economic impact on the state of more than \$45 billion, he said.

In Texas, agriculture employs about 18% of the workforce, the Extension Service economist noted. It includes persons engaged in producing, processing, transporting and marketing agricultural products.

"Most people are unaware of the connection between themselves and agriculture—they see themselves as totally removed from the farm. However, they or someone they

know is probably employed by the food and agriculture industry," he said.

Nearly 185,000 farms and ranches occupy nearly 80% of the 168 million acres in Texas. However, less than 2% of the state's population live on those farms or ranches.

Nationally, agriculture produces about 16% of the gross national product. That figure is about the same at the state level.

A century ago, almost all of the population would have to spend at least six days a week growing their own food and only a few people would be free to pursue other activities. The main efforts today

center on selecting food from a grocery store and bringing it home.

Even though life expectancy has increased from 47 years in 1900 to 75 years now, a top concern of consumers is, understandably, food safety.

As late as 1906, most of the food-borne illness could be traced to diseased animals. Now, 94% of the food-borne illness in the United States is transmitted through microbiological contamination through improper cooking or preparation of foods, according to the national Center for Disease Control. Chemical contamination accounts for only 4% of the illness.

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## It's too early to fertilize trees in area

Winter is a good time to plant trees, according to Castro County Extension Agent Greta Schuster, but it's too early to fertilize.

Extension Horticulturist Dr. Doug Welsh says save that chore for spring. He says if you fertilize too early the plant begins to grow on top and you sacrifice root growth. Then when summer comes, the plant's root system may not be able to handle the more intense weather.

Welsh says the same goes for fertilizing your yard. He recommends waiting until around April first. Welsh says let the plant wake up to spring, then apply a water-soluble fertilizer.

For a tree, spoon feed it a little every three weeks or so. By June, the tree will have grown enough that you need to begin moving out from the trunk when you fertilize. Welsh says on more mature trees, follow the drip line. Go to the tips of the branches and come straight down. That's the drip line and that's where you need to water and to fertilize.

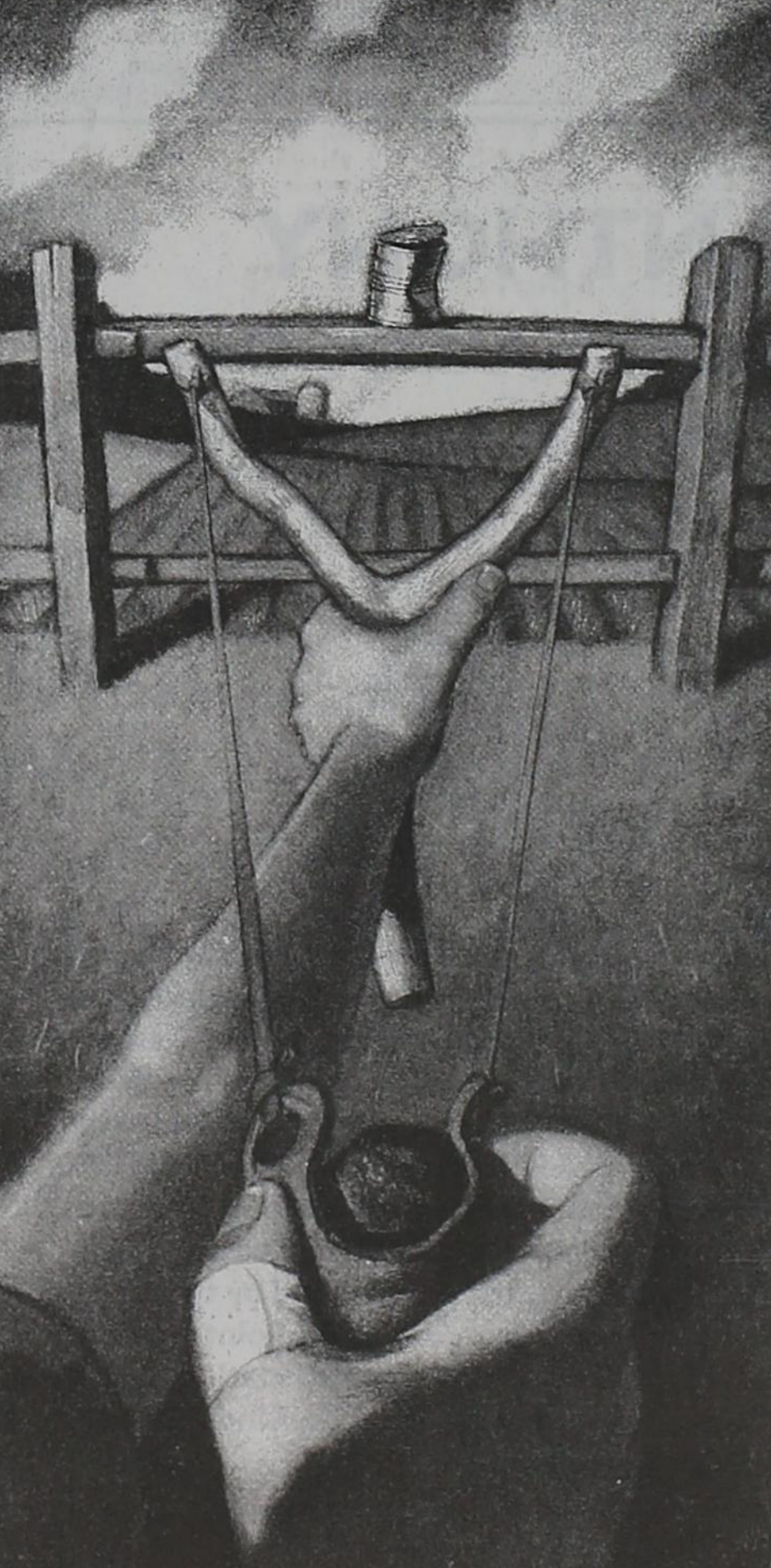
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## Swisher Electric's annual meeting slated March 27

The membership of Swisher Electric Cooperative will elect two directors next Thursday, March 27, when the cooperative holds its 57th annual meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia.

Two directors will be elected with incumbent Guinn Fitzgerald opposed by nominee Gary Martin for position one, and incumbent Gene Latham opposed by nominee Sherrol Patton for position two.

Candidates were selected by a seven-member nominating committee on Jan. 16. Only current members registered at the meeting or

those voting by proxy representative will be allowed to cast a ballot in the director election.

Members attending will receive attendance gifts and a buffet supper.

A brief management meeting and audit report will round out the business portion of the meeting and all door prizes will be drawn at the conclusion of the business meeting. The top door prize will be an 18" RCA Digital Satellite System with a month of free programming from USSB.

Members must be present to win the door prizes and must be registered prior to the start of the business meeting.

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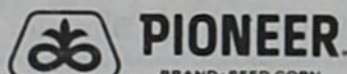
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THE FLAGS at Plains Memorial Hospital continue to fly at half-mast in honor of James and Reta Welch, who were killed in a car-train collision at Sudan Feb. 14. Hospital Administrator Joe Sloan ordered the flags to fly at half-mast 30 days for Welch, who served almost 28 years on the hospital board, and 30 days for Mrs. Welch, who was a long-time member and officer of the Hospital Auxiliary. Photo by Don Nelson

## County businesses may qualify for economic injury disaster loans

Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in Castro and several other counties in the Texas Panhandle may be eligible for low-interest economic injury disaster loans from the US Small Business Administration.

Other counties included in the declaration are Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock and Parmer.

These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Drought, high winds and sand storms between July 1, 1992 and May 28, 1996, caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for the loan program, but may be eligible for disaster assistance through other federal agencies. Nurseries that are victims of drought can apply.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, business owners should call the SBA office at

1-800-366-6303 or TDD 1-817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired. The deadline for filing an application is Sept. 3.

Due to the drought, high winds and sand storms, many producers experienced crop losses and were not able to purchase goods and services at normal levels. Businesses that are dependent upon these producers may have experienced decreased sales, reduced gross profit margins, increased accounts receivable or difficulty in moving inventories at normal levels.

To the extent these problems have caused the business difficulty in meeting its normal obligations, these loans may be of assistance. The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

Loans may be approved for up to \$500,000 for actual disaster-related financial needs of the business. Interest rates are 4% and terms may extend to 30 years, depending upon the repayment ability of the individual applicant. To qualify, businesses must be small by SBA's size standard. Businesses that can meet financial needs through other sources are not eligible.

## Water district plans meeting on precipitation enhancement

Information about a proposed precipitation enhancement program will be offered during a public meeting today (Thursday) in Muleshoe.

The meeting will be one of several held during March within the High Plains Water Conservation District No. 1's district director precincts.

The Muleshoe meeting will begin at 9 a.m. at the Bailey County Coliseum and residents of Bailey, Castro and Parmer counties are invited to attend.

George Bomar with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in Austin will be the guest speaker. Bomar has been involved with precipitation enhancement programs since 1975 and oversees the permitting of all weather modification activities in the State of Texas.

Bomar will discuss the theory of cloud seeding for precipitation enhancement, the benefits of additional rainfall to regional surface and groundwater supplies, the operation of the Water District's proposed precipitation enhancement program and how precipitation enhancement differs from hail suppression programs.

"These meetings will allow the public to learn more about precipitation enhancement and how both agricultural producers and homeowners can benefit from additional rainfall," said A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1.

"In addition, the five meetings will give our five-member board of directors an opportunity for feedback from the public as to whether or not the Water District should implement a precipitation enhancement program this spring and summer," Wyatt said.

Dale Gober of Bovina is the district director representing Bailey, Castro and Parmer Counties. Members of the Water District's Bailey

County Committee include Bill Liles of Muleshoe, secretary; Cliff Heinrich of Maple and James L. Wedel, Lloyd D. Throckmorton, Curtis Hunt and Jerry Nichols, all of Muleshoe.

The Castro County Committee includes Delores Baldrige of Dimmitt, secretary; Hubert Backus of Nazareth and Donny Nelson, Kevin Riley, Vic Nelson and Darrell K. Buckley, all of Dimmitt.

Members of the Parmer County Committee are Pat Kunselman of Bovina, secretary; Alan Monroe and Ellen Gallman of Friona, and Pat Ware, Tommy Williams and Todd Christian, all of Farwell.

Additional information about this and other meetings and/or the potential benefits of precipitation enhancement to the High Plains area is available by contacting the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181.

## FSA plans training for borrowers

Swisher County will host the first of a five-part training program for producers who borrow operating funds through the Farm Service Agency.

The first part of the Top Quality Production Management Training required by FSA will be offered in Tulia at the Swisher County Courthouse Annex, 310 West Broadway, on Saturday from 1 to 6 p.m.

Registration deadline is Friday, and fees must be paid by that date, unless producers make other arrangements with Bob Detlefsen by calling him at (817) 772-2013. Those producers will be allowed to register and pay at the door.

Part 1 of the training will not be offered again in Tulia before this fall. Producers must attend a Part 1 course before attending Parts 2, 3, 4 and 5, which will be scheduled after March.

The remaining parts of the program will be combined and will be presented in two, full-day classes.

Attending these classes will complete all of a producer's production training requirements.

For more information about the program and for costs, contact Detlefsen at (817) 772-2013 or Karen Harlan at (806) 546-3200 in the evenings.

Registration fees should be paid to Texas Farmers Training Co-op, P.O. Box 23256, Waco 76702-3256.

## Farm Bureau agents honored

Castro County Farm Bureau agents Bob Anthony and Randy Nutt have been recognized for top achievements during the past year.

The two were honored Friday night in Amarillo at the District I Texas Farm Bureau annual awards banquet.

Anthony, who has been with Castro County Farm Bureau for the past six years, was honored as a professional agent for February.

"This position is attained from the amount of business generated per month," said a Farm Bureau spokesperson.

Anthony also was presented with the production award for generating more than \$1,000,000 in life insurance for February. He was also presented with a special award for completion of LUTCF (Life Underwriter Training Council Federation).

This award is presented to agents who take continuing education classes connected with insurance. This designation is earned only by those who can meet or exceed the qualifications standards determined by two professional organizations which jointly sponsor LUTCF.

Nutt, who joined the local Farm Bureau office in November 1996, also was honored at the banquet as a professional agent for the month of February.

Paula Stiles, manager of the county office, said she is very proud of the two agents and their hard work and accomplishments.

"We have a real good team and work together to help the people of Castro County," Stiles said.



Bob Anthony



The Texas Farm Bureau and Southern Farm Bureau Life are proud to announce that Bob Anthony, Agent of the Castro County Farm Bureau, has recently received the LUTCF (Life Underwriter Training Council Fellow) designation. The LUTCF designation is conferred upon only those who can meet or exceed the exacting qualification standards determined by two professional organizations which jointly sponsor LUTCF: The National Association of Life Underwriters and The Life Underwriter Training Council.

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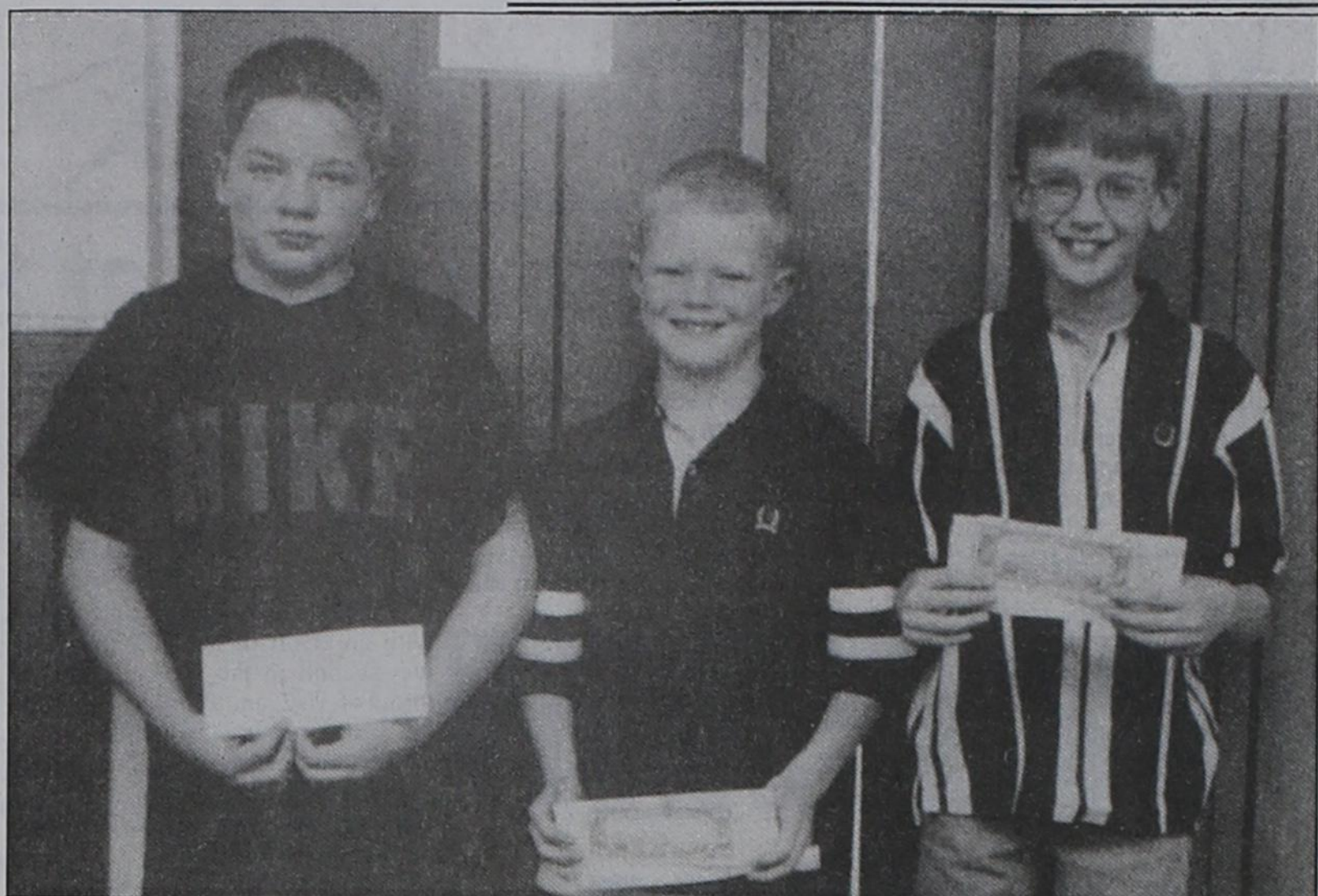






**SENIOR SPELLING BEE** winners for Castro County are (from left) Geneva Finch of Hart, third, John Emery of Hart, second, and Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth, first. Birkenfeld qualifies to enter the Regional Spelling Bee set for 1:30 p.m. April 5 at Mary

Moody Northern Concert Hall at West Texas A&M University. The winner of that contest will advance to the Scripps-Howard National Spelling Bee, May 25-31 in Washington, D.C., courtesy of the *Amarillo Globe-News*.  
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**JUNIOR SPELLING BEE** winners for Castro County are (from left) Matthew Sanders of Dimmitt, third, Jason Wilhelm of Nazareth, second, and Tyler Myatt of Dimmitt, first. The three were among the competitors at the County Spelling Bee held March

12 in the District Courtroom in the Courthouse. The first place winner in the Junior Division will be honored at a luncheon at West Texas A&M University April 5, just before the Regional contest, but will not advance in competition.  
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## Birkenfeld, Myatt repeat as county spelling champs

The words *decorous* and *galactic* proved to be no problem for Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth, who handled the spelling of both with ease to once again claim the title in the senior division of the Castro County Spelling Bee.

Birkenfeld's reign as county spelling champ started in 1994 when he won his first bee. Since then he's been the undisputed champion. He claimed the crowns in 1995 and 1996 and added another to his list with this year's win.

In the junior division, Tyler Myatt correctly spelled *beckon*, then won his second straight junior title by spelling *auditorium*.

Birkenfeld was one of six contestants in the senior division. Among those starting out were Priscilla Rodriguez and Jaci Bishop of Dimmitt and Wade Price of Nazareth. Those three were eliminated, cutting the field to three. Geneva Finch of Hart tripped next and that left Birkenfeld and John Emery of Hart battling for first place.

Emery misspelled *decorous* and Birkenfeld got his shot. He spelled that word correctly, then nailed the spelling of *galactic* for the championship.

Birkenfeld is an eighth grader at Nazareth and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Birkenfeld. His father is a dairy farmer and his mother is a high school counselor.

Birkenfeld participates in basketball, football, track and UIL academic contests. He is a member of the all-region band and received state recognition under the Duke Talent Search. His hobbies include reading, sports and listening to music.

Emery is also an eighth grader. The Hart student is the son of Ted and Debbie Emery of Hart.

Myatt bested a field of four

contestants to take home the gold in the junior bee.

Myatt was able to spell *beckon* after Jason Wilhelm of Nazareth stumbled over the word. *Auditorium* was the winning word for Myatt. Wilhelm finished second. Third place went to Matthew Sanders of Dimmitt and Trent Barnes of Hart was fourth.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Layne Myatt, Tyler is a fifth grader at Dimmitt Middle School. His father is a certified public accountant and his mother is a teacher.

Wilhelm, a fourth grader at Nazareth, is the son of Tim and Monica Wilhelm.

Winners received prizes awarded by the Castro County Commissioners Court, as well as cash prizes donated by the Lions Clubs in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. Birkenfeld and Myatt each received \$75 for their first place efforts, Emery and Wilhelm won \$50 apiece and Finch and Sanders were awarded \$25 each.

Pronouncer for this year's spelling bee was June Parker, a teacher at Nazareth ISD. Judges were Doricell Davis, Shirley Barnes, George Rasor and Joey Waldo.

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# Sports



## Lady Horns race to title at Springlake-Earth Relays

The Hart Lady Horns broke the tape in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs, the 100-meter hurdles and the 400-meter relay and placed several other individuals in races and field events to run away with the team title in the Springlake-Earth Relays Saturday.

Hart finished first with 131 points while the host Lady Wolverines were second with 76 points.

Hart's boys also fared well in the meet, finishing third overall behind first-place efforts in the 3,200, shot put and discus.

Nazareth also competed in the

meet and brought home golds in the boys' 1,600.

Field events were held Friday, and the Lee sisters from Hart, Charbra and Nikki, earned several points for their team.

In the long jump, Charbra Lee was second with a leap of 14-5 3/4. She was also second in the triple jump with an effort of 30-11. Nikki Lee was second in the shot put with a throw of 31-2, and finished fourth in the discus, tossing the ball 85 feet.

Then on Saturday, the Lady Horn runners lifted the team to the gold, capturing four first places, two seconds and two thirds.

The 400-meter relay, including Veronica Gonzales, Charbra Lee, Angelica Perales and Ysa Rodriguez, claimed the gold with a time of 53.94.

Hart took home top honors in both distance races, too. Lisa Rincon won the 3,200-meters with a time of 13:33 while Isela Minjarez was best in the mile, winning with a time of 6:17.

Other first-place finishers Saturday were Hart's Eric Montemayor in the boys' 3,200, 11:05.1; and Armando

Minjarez in the shot put (48-8) and discus (153-1); and Nazareth's Darren Huckert in the boys' mile, 5:01.19.

Here's how Hart and Nazareth athletes fared in the meet.

### SPRINGLAKE-EARTH RELAYS

**Girls**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Hart, 131; 2. Springlake-Earth, 76; 3. Valley, 68; 4. Lockney, 58; 5. Vega, 45; 6. Olton, 40; 7. Miami, 32; 8. Marshall, 31; 9. Amarillo San Jacinto Christian, 30; 10. Bovina, 21; 11. Roosevelt, 19; 12. Happy, 13; 13. Nazareth, 10; 14. Hale Center 9; 15. Kress 6.

**Shot Put:** 2. Nikki Lee, Hart, 31-2; 5. Monica Rodriguez, Hart, 29-6 1/2  
**Long Jump:** 2. Charbra Lee, Hart, 14-5 3/4

**Triple Jump:** 2. Charbra Lee, Hart, 30-11; 4. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 29-6.  
**Discus:** 4. Nikki Lee, Hart, 85-0; 6. Adelita Dozal, 81-3 1/2.

**3,200:** 1. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:33; 2. Celina Braddock, Nazareth, 14:11.58.  
**400 Relay:** 1. Hart (Veronica Gonzales, Charbra Lee, Angelica Perales and Ysa Rodriguez), 53.94.

**800:** 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 2:38.  
**100 Hurdles:** 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 17.18; 4. Angelica Perales, Hart, 18.69; 5. Veronica Gonzales, Hart, 19.21.

**100:** 3. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 13.15.  
**400:** 3. Valerie Key, Hart, 1:09.16; 4. Trina Johnson, Nazareth, 1:10.18

**800 Relay:** 4. Hart (Veronica Gonzales, Charbra Lee, Selina Carrasco and Ysa Rodriguez), 2:03.94.  
**1,600:** 1. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 6:17; 2. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 6:20.  
**1,600 Relay:** 5. Hart (Lyndsey

Montemayor, Valerie Key, Lisa Rincon and Isela Minjarez), 4:53.

**Boys**  
**Team Totals:** 1. Springlake-Earth, 132; 2. Olton, 76; 3. Hart, 64.5; 4. Lockney, 58; 5. Roosevelt, 48.5; 6. Bovina, 35; 7. Miami, 34; 8. Vega, 28; 9. Nazareth, 22; 10. Amarillo San Jacinto Christian, 20; 11. Valley, 17; 12. Kress, 16; 13. Hale Center, 4; 14. Happy, 0.

**3,200:** 1. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 11:05.1; 5. Roberto Yebra, 12:21.4.  
**400 Relay:** 5. Hart (Armando Minjarez, Jose Rocha, Moses Reyna and J.J. Finch), 47.4.

**110 Hurdles:** 4. Jayson Burnam, Nazareth, 16.03; 6. Lupe DeLaFuente, Hart, 16.4.

**300 Hurdles:** 4. Lupe DeLaFuente, Hart, 45.2.  
**1,600:** 1. Darren Huckert, Nazareth, 5:01.19; 4. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 5:08.

**1,600 Relay:** 6. Hart (Lupe DeLaFuente, Leno Gonzales, Juan Dominguez and Jose Rocha), 4:00.

**Shot Put:** 1. Armando Minjarez, Hart, 48-8; 2. Dusty Ortiz, Hart, 48-5.  
**Discus:** 1. Armando Minjarez, Hart, 153-1; 4. Dusty Ortiz, Hart, 125-8; 5. (Tie) Jerardo Dozal, 122-3.

**Pole Vault:** 4. T.R. George, Hart, 9-6.  
**Triple Jump:** 2. Jayson Burnam, Nazareth, 41-9 1/2.

**JV Boys**  
**3,200:** 3. Jeremia Velasquez, Hart, 12:30.9.  
**100:** 6. Frankie Cortez, Hart, 12.3.  
**200:** 6. Frankie Cortez, Hart, 26.1.  
**Shot Put:** 1. 2. Lucas Anzaldua, Hart, 38-2.

**8th Girls**  
**400 Relay:** 3. Hart (Yadira Anzaldua, Geneva Finch, Vanessa Carrasco and Brenda Diego).  
**100:** 3. Geneva Finch, Hart.  
**200:** 4. Julia Cisneros, Hart.  
**Shot Put:** 3. Stacy Finch, Hart.  
**Long Jump:** 4. Geneva Finch, Hart.

**7th Boys**  
**Shot Put:** 4. Eric Gutierrez, Hart; 5. Keith Finch.  
**Discus:** 6. Eric Gutierrez, Hart.  
**High Jump:** 4. (Tie) Joey Pantoja and Jacob Reyna, Hart.

**400 Relay:** 4. Hart (Javier Dominguez, Keith Finch, Joel DeLaFuente and Jacob Reyna).  
**800:** 4. Isias Garcia, Hart.  
**400:** 3. Jacob Reyna, Hart.

**8th Boys**  
**400:** 4. Anthony Reyna, Hart.  
**110 Hurdles:** 5. Anthony Reyna, Hart.  
**Discus:** 5. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart; 6. Emilio Diaz, Hart.  
**Shot Put:** 6. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart.  
**High Jump:** 6. Rudy Reyna, Hart.

# Western "O" DOWN

## Bobcat runners lift team to second in Friona meet

The Dimmitt Bobcats turned in gold medal performances in several running events and the discus Saturday enroute to a second-place team finish in the Friona Invitational.

Dimmitt captured first in the mile and sprint relays, 3,200- and 800-meter runs and the discus and finished with 89 points, second only to Friona, which totaled 103.

Charley Sanders was the lone Bobcat to scratch in field events, finishing first in the discus with a throw of 148-3 and third in the shot put with a 44-1 1/2 effort.

Dimmitt piled up the points in the running events, though.

Jerome Larra had no problems in the 3,200, winning with ease. He posted a time of 10:58.34 in the

event, topping the second-place contestant from Boys Ranch by 15 seconds.

Joey Flores edged teammate D.J. Fleeks in the 800, winning the race with a time of 1:57.06 while Fleeks finished second in 2:01.99.

The Bobcats' mile relay, featuring Albert Ewing, Fleeks, Casey Smith and Flores took the gold with a time of 3:23.74.

The 400 Relay also raced to a first-place finish, posting a time of 44.18 in the event. Relay team members are Stuart Sutton, Jerry Thomas, Albert Ewing and Brandon Smith.

In the JV meet, the Bobcats compiled 127 points for second place overall.

errors, which opened the way for Dalhart to break the game open. Dimmitt hitters were unable to get the necessary combination of hits to make a threat.

Starting pitcher Zack Matthews gave Dimmitt a brief 1-0 first-inning lead when his single brought home Sergio Pedroza, who had reached on an error.

In the bottom of the inning, Dalhart took a 4-1 lead on two walks, two singles and a bunt for a hit.

In the fourth inning, the Bobcats cut the lead to 4-3 after Conrado Saucedo got on base and Luis Nino followed by Richard Carpio delivered back-to-back RBI singles.

In its next two at-bats, Dalhart increased its lead to 7-3 while holding Dimmitt scoreless.

The ballgame got away from the Bobcats in the sixth as Dalhart hitters took advantage of an error-prone Dimmitt club which committed three in the inning. Adding six hits and a walk, Dalhart achieved a 10-run lead, ending the game.

The loss dropped the Bobcats to 0-1 in district play and 6-5 on the season.



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Dr. Patel received his M.D. degree from Gujarat University, a state university at Ahmedabad, India. He and his wife, Indi, came to the US in 1970, and became naturalized citizens. He served five years of surgical residency in Cleveland, Ohio, and was certified by the American College of Surgeons in 1980.

He took specialized training in laparoscopic procedures at the University of California-San Francisco, the University of Virginia and Twelve Oaks Hospital in Houston.

After practicing four years at Guthrie, Okla., and a year at Hereford, Dr. Patel became a full-time physician in Dimmitt in 1985.

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## Swifts earn AD honors

The Nazareth Swifts garnered three of the five first-team spots and three other team members earned honorable mention on the 3-A all-district team.

Swift seniors Nathan Hoelting (6-4 post), Bryan Braddock (5-10 point guard) and Marcus Brockman (6-2 wing) all made the first team along with Farwell junior Mark Lunsford and Lazbuddie senior Israel Lopez.

The second-team honor squad includes Lazbuddie's Justin St. Clair and Jason Thomas, Farwell's Logan Nichols, Happy's John Mark Moudy and Vega's Rob Cook.

Honorable mention all-district honors were awarded to Nazareth seniors Nick Gerber (6-5 post) and Justin Bingham (5-10 wing) and sixth man Barry Hoelting, a 6-1 junior forward.

## Kenworthy takes 800-meter gold in Friona Invitational

Shawna Kenworthy covered 800 meters in 2:31.72 and that was fast enough to earn the Dimmitt runner a gold medal at the Friona Invitational.

Kenworthy was almost three seconds faster than her closest competitor. Teammate Carol Summers was third in the event with a time of 2:37.84.

Dimmitt finished third in three other events.

Jacy Buckley leaped 30 feet, 10 inches to finish third in the triple jump.

Lindsey Welch was third in the 1,600-meter run, finishing in 6:19.50.

The Bobbies' mile relay placed third with a time of 4:22.39.

Dimmitt finished with 53 points in the track meet, which was seventh. Borger won the meet with a total of 151-3/4 points. Panhandle was second with 88, Dumas was third with 87, Friona was fourth with 84-1/2, Tulia was fifth with 63 and Farwell was sixth with 56-3/4.



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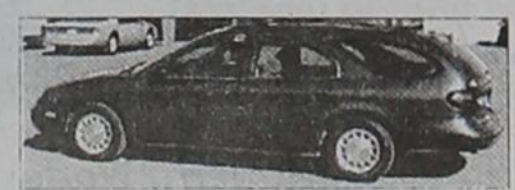
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**AND HE'S SAFE**—Luis Nino, first baseman for the Dimmitt Bobcats, is pulled off base, allowing a Dalhart runner to reach in the bottom of the second inning in district action at Dalhart Saturday afternoon. The runner later was tagged out at second, ending the inning. Fielding errors plagued the Bobcats, who lost the game 13-3. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

## Saucedo grand slam boosts Bobcats over Lockney, 13-7

Conrado Saucedo took an 0-1 pitch out of the park at Lockney for a grand slam home run in the seventh inning, lifting the Bobcats to a 13-7 victory over Lockney on March 11.

The Bobcats allowed Lockney to accumulate seven runs in the third inning, and trailed the Longhorns headed into the seventh.

Saucedo's heroics allowed Dimmitt to capture the win.

Dimmitt had a 2-0 lead going into the bottom of the third inning when the Longhorns' bats came to life. Lockney took a 7-2 lead, batting 11 hitters in the inning while the Bobcats made two errors.

The Bobcats battled back, adding three runs in the fourth and one in the fifth inning, cutting the Lockney lead to 7-6.

Dimmitt broke the game open in the seventh when Zack Matthews led off with a triple, Luis Nino walked and Richard Carpio tied the game with a single.

With two out in the inning, the Bobcats continued their assault when Michael Pedroza added an RBI single. Dimmitt loaded the bases when Shaun Furr was hit by a pitch and Sergio Pedroza drew a walk.

The next batter, Saucedo, capped the seven-run inning with his homer.

The Longhorns went down in order during their last at-bat, sealing the Bobcat win.

"We gave up another big inning and got behind again," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster, adding, "This time our team settled down and got that inning back."

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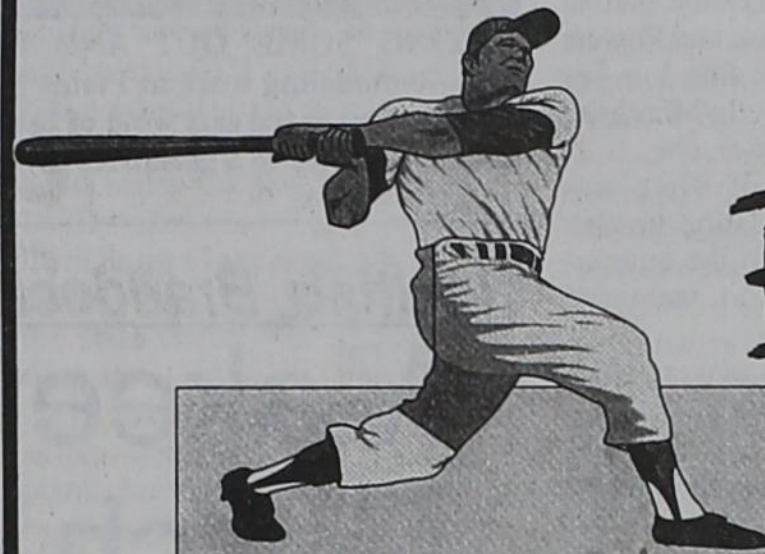
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### Letter

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The Bobcats' letter of congratulations to the Hornets stated, "You could have been the state champions with just a different bounce or call." In my opinion, the Dimmitt Bobcats could have been in Austin with a different bounce or call.

We had a wonderful ride this

year, with the biggest speed bump being your fantastically talented team.

Again, we truly appreciate your good sportsmanship, spirit and at the end, your support.

LANA BARNETT  
Executive Director  
Tulia Chamber of Commerce

(Editor's Note: Ms. Barnett's letter refers to a display ad that was placed in the Tulia Herald last week by "The Dimmitt Bobcats and Boosters" congratulating the Hornets on finishing as state finalists in Class AAA. The ad bore the signatures of Coaches Alan Steine and Gus Ortiz and each of Dimmitt's varsity players.)

## Kids, Inc. Schedule

Here is the schedule for the coming week for the Dimmitt Kids, Inc., basketball program.

All game times are p.m.  
Major league games are played at the Dimmitt High School gym and minor league games are played at Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Gym at the middle school.

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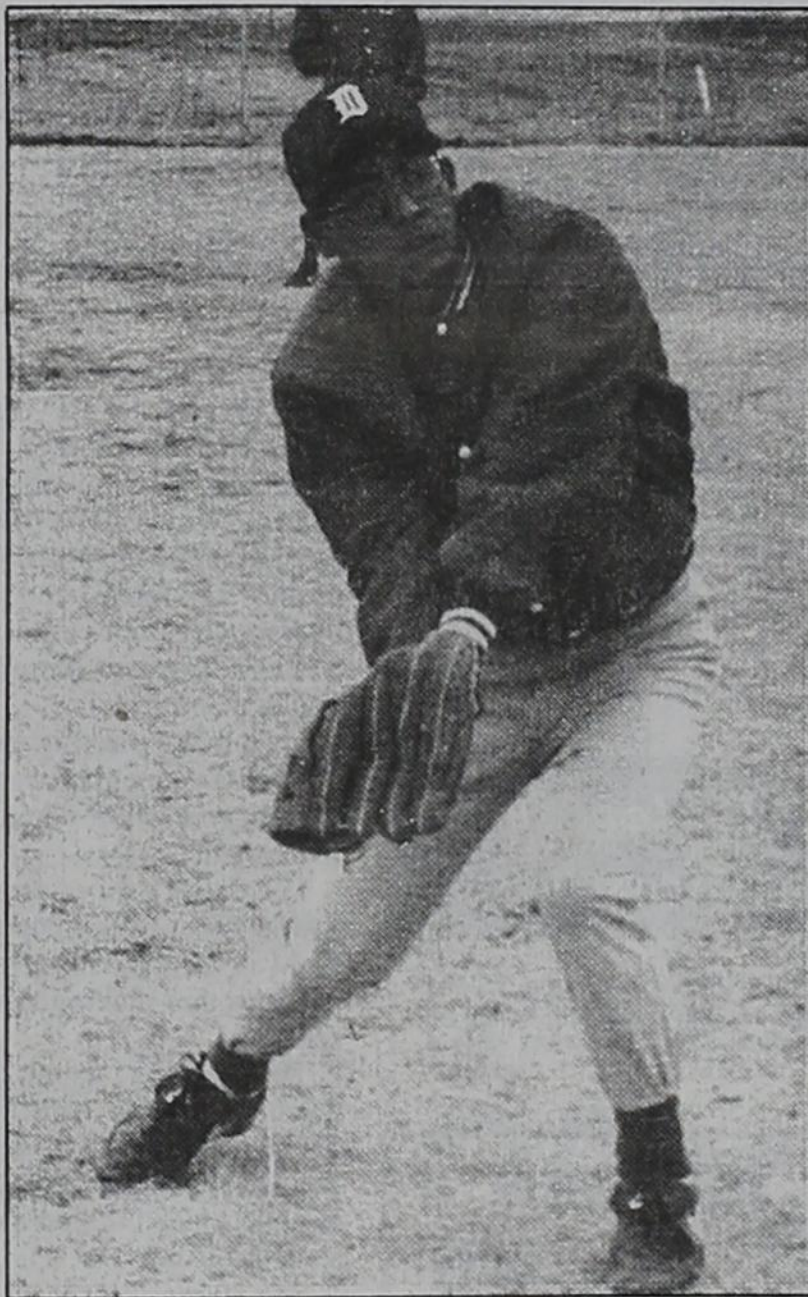
**Minor Boys**  
5:30—Cerestar vs. Hi Plains Oil  
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7:30—Castro County News vs. Flagg Fertilizer

**FRIDAY Major Girls**  
5:30—Mr. Burger vs. Lane Dirt  
6:30—Seale Florist & Gifts vs. First United Bank  
7:30—Bobcat Barber Shop vs. Pancake House

**Minor Girls**  
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# Brad Beck is edged in title match by Canadian netter

Dimmitt's Brad Beck split the first two sets with Caleb Ashley of Canadian before Ashley finally took control of the match and captured the championship in the Plainview Invitational Tennis Tournament Saturday.

Beck breezed through the first three rounds of the tournament, blanking each opponent, but then things got a little tougher for the senior netter.

Beck split sets with Blake Beedy of Spearman in the semifinals, eventually prevailing, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4. He took the first set from Ashley, 7-5, in the championship, but lost a tie-breaker in the second set. Ashley went on to claim the championship after winning the third set, 6-3.

Beck was the county's top finisher in the tournament, but netters from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth were well represented in the meet.

In girls' doubles, Dimmitt's Kristin Doss and Monica Ortiz lost in the semifinals, but bounced back to claim third place with a tough, split-set win over Grace and Chennault of Anton.

Hart's Raquel Garcia took consolation honors in girls' singles. She lost her first-round match to Leigh Farrarh of Canadian, 1-8, but came back to win four matches for the consolation crown. She beat Miranda Turner of Dimmitt, 8-1; teammate Angelica Perales, 8-3; and K. Robertson of Nazareth, 9-7; to earn a spot in the consolation title game. She split sets with Kendra Heatwole of Canadian, losing the first set but coming back with identical 6-4 scores in the second and third sets to win the match.

Barry Hoelting of Nazareth advanced to the quarterfinals in boys' singles before he was ousted by Will Warren of Floyd in a three-set marathon in which two of the sets were decided by tiebreakers, 7-6, 6-7, 6-2.

Also advancing to the quarterfinal round were three county boys' doubles teams and one girls' duo.

Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt met top-seeded Helton and Fowler of Memphis, losing 4-6, 3-6. Fowler and Helton went on to win the tournament. Enroute to the quarterfinals, the Portwood twins knocked off Diaz

and Ellison of Ralls, 8-3; and Osbaldo Carrasco and Matt Huerta of Hart, 6-3, 6-4.

Marcus Brockman and Billy Don Cannon also made it to the quarters before losing to Neighbors and Hurst of Miami, 6-0, 1-6, 2-6. In the first round, Brockman and Cannon beat Latham and Beall of Muleshoe, 8-2. Their second match was a three-set affair with Smith and Smith of Fort Elliott. After dropping the first set 3-6, Brockman and Cannon came back to take the match with 6-4 and 7-5 scores in the second and third sets.

Hart's Jared Aven and Sergio Martinez were ousted in the quarters by the Sudan duo of Smith and Flowers. They had an easy win over Psadas and Vaughn of Muleshoe in the first round, 8-1, but it took three sets before they were able to beat Tyler and Wright of Littlefield, 7-5, 1-6, 6-3. Aven and Martinez lost to Smith and Flowers in the quarterfinals, 3-6, 3-6.

Jayne Schmucker and Tiffany Schmucker won their first-round match, 8-4, then beat a Floydada team 5-7, 6-1, 6-2, before dropping the quarterfinal game to Grace and Chennault, 6-4, 6-3.

Mitchell Brockman and Kit Schulte won one and lost one Saturday, knocking off Moore and Satterfield of Boys Ranch, 8-5. They were eliminated in the second round by Butts and Butts of Spearman, 6-2, 6-4.

Shane Ethridge and Stacey Schulte lost their first-round game to Tyler and Wright, 8-6, but came back to beat Posadas and Vaughn, 8-2, in the consolation round. They lost to Lovelace and Anderson of Canadian in the consolation quarters, 8-6.

Riggs and Flores of Dimmitt lost to Bruns and Henderson of Muleshoe by an 8-1 count, then to Taylor and McKay of Valley, 8-2.

Matthew Kern of Nazareth lost to Josh Daugherty of Boys Ranch, but came back to beat Chris Shelburne of Muleshoe and Dale West of Dimmitt, 8-3, in the consolation round before he fell to Mark Verlander of Boys Ranch in the consolation semifinals.

Gerardo Gonzales of Hart lost to Damon West, 8-1, in his first-round match, then dropped his second to West, 8-1.

Wesley Mays of Dimmitt topped

Jack Bourland of Sudan in the first round by an 8-6 count, but lost to Warren, 8-1, in a second round matchup.

Michael Garcia of Hart lost to Alfredo Leon of Ralls and Matt Olvera of Nazareth.

Olvera dropped his first match to B.J. Price of Valley, but was able to come back and beat Garcia to earn a spot in the consolation quarterfinals. He lost that round to Jake Howard of Spearman.

K. Robertson of Nazareth struggled in her first match against Lisa Martinez of Floydada, but she came back to win her next match before bowing out against her third opponent.

Tonya Powers of Dimmitt and Amanda Hahn of Muleshoe battled through a tough pro-set, and Powers finally prevailed, 9-7. She lost her second match to Marcella Morehead of Canadian, though, 6-0, 6-4.

Angelica Perales of Hart was forced into the consolation bracket where she advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to teammate Garcia.

Other girls' singles players competing were Nazareth's K'Lynn Gerber, who beat Erica Contreras of Littlefield before losing to top-seed and eventual champion Marci Matthews of Anton in the second round; Kaci Schulte, who topped Marissa Beversdorf of Ralls, 9-7, then lost to Amber Vickery of Slaton, 6-3, 6-3; Valerie Key of Hart, who topped Amanda Jordan of Boys Ranch, 9-7, before losing to Sarah Hendley of Friona, 6-2, 6-4; and Sarah Olvera of Nazareth, who lost to Cambri Lewis of Muleshoe and Laura Dean of Floydada.

In girls' doubles action, Sanders and Gonzales of Hart were beaten by Swink and Ramon of Spearman in the first round, 8-3. The Hart pair came back to beat a Littlefield team, 8-4 before they lost in the consolation quarters to Lamb and Upchurch of Ralls, 8-5.

Rachel Wall and Neinst of Hart beat McKoy and Kelton of Littlefield, 8-2, before losing to Meadows and Lusby of Canadian in the second round.

Hoelting and Wethington of Nazareth also won their first match versus Bruns and Copley of Muleshoe, 9-7, but lost in the second round to Doss and Ortiz.

Another first round winner eliminated in the second match was the Dimmitt team of Merritt and Fowell, which beat Lamb and Upchurch of Ralls and lost to Rankin and Brown of Canadian.

And Acevedo and Tavarez of Dimmitt opped Fiero and Leal of Valley, but lost to Edwards and Urrutia of Memphis.



**TAKING SOME OUT AND PUTTING SOME IN**—Remodeling work at Plains Memorial Hospital is underway in the east wing of the hospital, which is being converted to a geriatrics psychiatric unit. If the

unit is completed by the April 10 deadline, it may qualify for a state grant for the coming year. Director of Engineering/Maintenance for the hospital is Mark W. McDonald, and he is overseeing the work.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Hoelting, Braddock, Smith, Bradley are All-South Plains

# Makeever, Newland earn Coach of the Year honors

One county coach guided his team to the state championship game. Another took her crew to the regional semifinals, unseating a highly-ranked team along the way.

Their efforts were recognized by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal* this week when they were named All South-Plains Coaches of the Year.

Nazareth's Mark Makeever earned the Coach of the Year honor for Class A boys while Dimmitt's Jan Newland was recognized for her efforts with the Class AAA Coach of the Year honor.

Makeever's Swifts were well-represented on the All-South Plains roster, too. Point guard Bryan Braddock and post Nathan Hoelting were among the five Class A players named to the All-South Plains squad.

On the AAA honor team, Dimmitt forward Carrie Bradley was named to the girls' team while Brandon Smith made the boys' squad. A lot of people counted Dimmitt's girls out when leading scorer Bradley went down with a knee injury with four games left in district. That ended Bradley's season.

But Newland pulled her team together and the Bobbies not only won out, but made the playoffs and upset the No. 3-ranked Slaton ladies in bi-district, 61-41. Dimmitt went on to win its area game before losing in the regional semifinals.

Makeever took his Swifts to the state tournament for the second straight year and for the third time in four years.

There was a lot of pressure on the Swifts this season. They were ranked No. 1 in the state in pre-season polls and kept that ranking throughout the season.

The Swifts went undefeated through district and knocked off undefeated Higgins in area. The Swifts captured their second straight regional championship and won their state semifinal.

But it wasn't meant to be for Makeever and the Swifts, who finished their season as state runners-up, losing to Wortham in the title game. Nazareth finished its season with a 32-5 record under Makeever's guidance.

Braddock and Hoelting were the teams' top scorers all season. Both made the Class A all-tournament

team. Both were named all-district, too.

Hoelting averaged in double figures in scoring and rebounds during the season, tossing in 20 points and pulling down 10 boards per game.

In addition to his 19 point average, Braddock averaged six assists per game and was accurate on 40% of his three-point attempts.

Rounding out the Class A boys' team were Smyer's Joe Jimenez, who was also Player of the Year; Paducah's Jason Poteet and Silverton's Jack Cherry.

Bradley was recognized on the Class AAA girls' squad along with Player of the Year Rosielita Smith of Slaton, Heather Trout of Denver City, Bettina Bridgford of Colorado City and April Anderson of Lubbock

Cooper.

Bradley earned District 1-AAA MVP honors, despite missing the final four games with her knee injury. Prior to that she averaged 15.5 points and five caroms per game to lead the Bobbies.

Smith was among five extraordinary players named to the Class AAA boys' team.

The senior guard was Dimmitt's leading scorer, averaging 18.8 points per game. The all-district honoree was featured on the All-South Plains squad along with Tulia all-state tournament selections Tim Marshall (Player of the Year) and Nathan Culwell, Seminole's Chris Ogden and Brownfield's Tanner Pope.

## Brown earns WJCAA 'Coach of Year' title

Blake Brown, men's head basketball coach at Frank Phillips College in Borger, has been named one of the Coaches of the Year in the Western Junior College Athletic Association.

In his first year at Frank Phillips College, Brown guided the Plainsmen to an 18-12 record and their first appearance in 15 years in the Region V Junior College Tournament.

Brown's Plainsmen were one of four teams from the WJCAA to be invited to the Region V Tournament.

The Plainsmen won their first game in the regional tourney in Waco before losing in the quarterfinals. Jeff McCall of Frank Phillips was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Brown, a 1986 graduate of Dimmitt High School, is the son of J. R. and Mary Jo Brown.

Although all of Brown's coaching experience has been at the college level, this was his first year as a head coach.

He was the assistant men's coach at Wayland Baptist University for three years under Kevin Cleveland, another Dimmitt High graduate, before accepting the Frank Phillips post last



Blake Brown

year. Previously, he served three years as a student assistant under Coach Tom Penders at the University of Texas-Austin and later as a graduate assistant coach with Dr. Gerald Stockton, longtime coach at Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls.

Also named Coaches of the Year in the WJCAA along with Brown were Reggie Franklin of New Mexico Military Institute and Orlando Ontiveroz of Odessa College.

## More about City . . .

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Works Dept. should be able to repair and make use of the vehicle and winch to aid in picking up large trash items left in alleys.

Following an executive session, the council voted to allow Sheffy discretion in setting "on-call" compensation for Works Dept. employees. Sheffy told the council that he felt the budget could cover the \$75 per week compensation he proposed.

Collins said about six city employees take turns being on call, with each one's turn lasting from 5 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. the following Friday. He said the employee on call would receive an extra \$75 for that week, whether the employee is called out or not. When the employee is actually called out after hours, the time spent is compensated through overtime or comp time, according to Collins.

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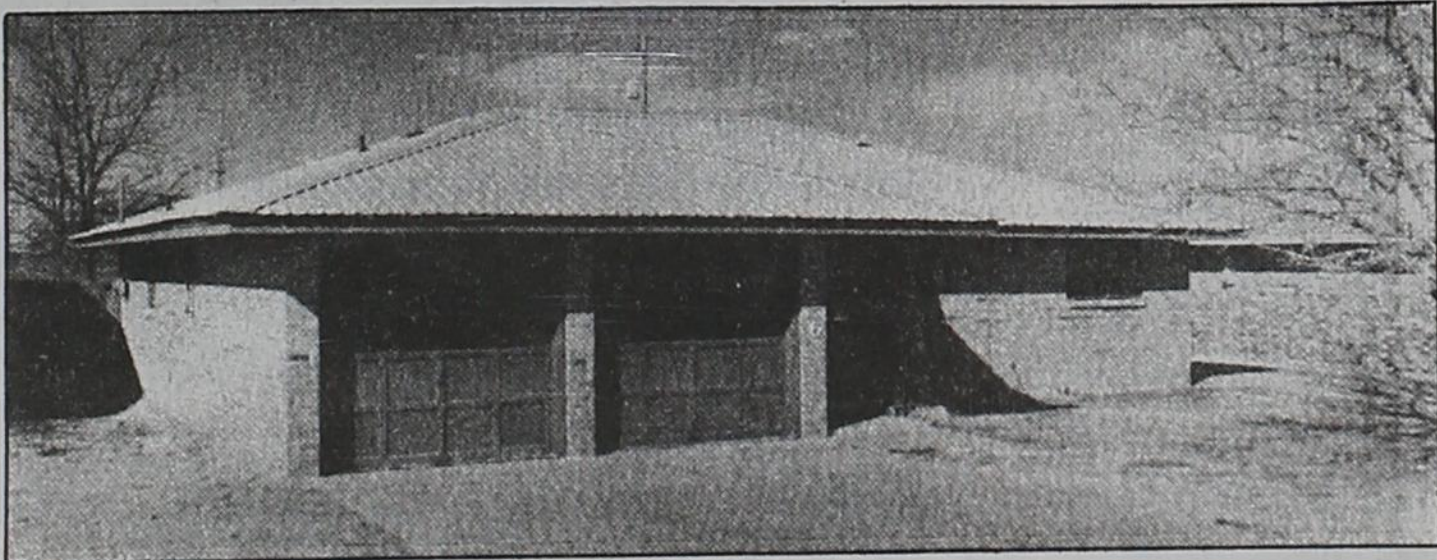
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# Obituaries

## Rev. Eustorgio Bengoa

The Rev. Eustorgio Bengoa, 80, of Lubbock, died Saturday at Lakeside Nursing Home in Lubbock.

Prayer services were held Monday at Iglesia Bautista Templo in Lubbock. Funeral services were held Tuesday at the church with Rev. Glen Godsey, area missionary from Plainview, and the Rev. Ed Sena, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

The Rev. Bengoa was born April 2, 1916, in San Bartolo, Mexico. He married Paula Castellon on Sept. 19, 1951, in Lamesa. He moved to Lubbock in 1979 from Pomona, Calif. He was a Baptist minister.

He served at Petersburg Baptist mission, Joe Bailes Baptist Mission in Dimmitt, Whitfield Baptist Mission in Claytonville, Rosa de Sharon Baptist Mission in Ontario, Calif., and Carlisle Baptist Mission in Lubbock. He was a missionary in San Bartolo, Mexico, and was a chaplain at University Medical Center.

Survivors include his wife; nine sons, Indalecio, Andres, Elias, Nathanael and Jonathan, all of Lubbock, Jaime of Albuquerque, N.M., Joel of Phoenix, Ariz., Josue of Dumas and Eleazar of Buffalo Gap; three daughters, Olga Rando and Eleonay Ancira, both of Friona, and Deborah Matthews of Lubbock; four brothers, all of Mexico; two sisters, all of Mexico; 29 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

## Ray Swirczynski

Funeral services for Ray Swirczynski, 83, of Muenster, were held at 10 a.m. March 10 at Sacred Heart Church of Muenster, with Fr. David Bellinghausen and Fr. Schoech officiating.

Burial followed in the veterans' section of the Muenster Cemetery.

Mr. Swirczynski died March 7 in Muenster.

He was the son of Joseph and Margaret (Yosten) Swirczynski. He married Mattie (Brockman) Endres in 1985, and they moved to Nazareth in 1990.

Due to his ill health, they moved back to Muenster in 1996 to be near their children.

He had been a veteran of the Army in World War II, having served on Gen. Douglas McArthur's staff. He was present on the battleship *Missouri* when the peace treaty was signed.

Mr. Swirczynski spent most of his life in Muenster and operated a trucking and back-hoe business. He also operated Ray's Drive In. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster, and of Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth while they lived there.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Caroline Boyer of Muenster, Jeanne Swirczynski of Dallas, and Cindy McMahan of Lewisville; three sons, Tom Swirczynski of Muenster, and Donnie Swirczynski and Kenny Swirczynski, both of Gainesville; four sisters, Anna Marie Knouf and Katherine Expanding, both of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sr. Helen Swirczynski, O.S.B., of Jonesboro, Ark., and Rita Miller of Austin; two brothers, Ed Swirczynski of Fort Worth, and George Swirczynski of Dallas; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

## Local residents attend seminar on dealing with mass fatalities

Four local officials went to a workshop March 10-12 in Dallas to learn how to coordinate efforts in case of a mass-fatality accident.

The Mass Fatality Training Program was presented by the Texas Funeral Directors Association and the Texas Office of Emergency Management. Those attending were Castro County Justice of the Peace Marshall Young, Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman, Dimmitt Police Dept. Arson Investigator Rudy De Leon, and Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. resident firefighter Victor Burrows.

The program was taught by state and national teams of instructors with experience in responding to air crashes, terrorist bombings, industrial accidents and natural disasters. It included 20 hours of classroom instruction.

Situations resulting in more deaths than a local community can handle may require responses from many departments and agencies. This training program provided an opportunity to see how a mass fatality incident should be managed.

"What if 200 people died in an air

## More about

# Tobacco, alcohol use rank high . . .

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locally and 28% statewide for past-year use of alcohol.

50% of elementary students here said some or most of their close friends drink beer, wine coolers, wine or liquor (35% statewide); and 48% said they had been offered alcohol (33% in the state).

### Recent Use

Consumption of alcohol in the past month was claimed by 47% of all DISD students (38% statewide), 58% of high school students (43% in the state), and 29% of seventh and eighth graders (28% in the state).

### Beverage of Choice

The alcoholic beverages most often consumed by Dimmitt students are beer (70% vs. 56% statewide) and wine coolers (64% vs. 58% statewide). 50% of DISD students said they drink beer on a weekly or monthly basis (33% statewide), and 37% said they drink wine coolers weekly or monthly (31% in the state).

### Binge Drinking

Binge drinking is the consumption of five or more beers, wine coolers, servings of wine, or drinks with liquor at one time.

Of DISD students, 54% reported binge drinking beer at least once during their lifetimes (37% statewide), while 35% said they usually drink five or more beers at a time on average when they drink (19% statewide). Binge drinking of wine coolers was reported by 53% of DISD students at least once in their lifetimes (40% in the state), while 30% said they usually drink five or more wine coolers at a time on average when they drink (18% statewide).

Elementary students were asked how many times during the past year they "had two or more drinks in a row." Those who had two or more drinks of beer in a row at least once during the past year was reported at 24% (16% statewide); with wine coolers it was 23% locally and 16% in the state; with wine it was 17% local and 11% state; and with liquor, 11% local, 7% state.

### Where Obtained

Of all DISD students surveyed, 73% said beer, wine, wine coolers or liquor were somewhat easy or very easy to obtain (75% statewide also say so). 52% of district students reported that most or all of their close friends drink alcohol (37% statewide), and 54% said "from friends" when asked where they obtained alcohol most of the time or always (39% statewide).

55% of Dimmitt students said alcohol was used at most or all of the parties they attended in the past school year (37% in the state). Alcohol use at most or all parties was reported by 26% of seventh and eighth graders (17% in the state), and 70% of high schoolers (49% statewide). 55% of Dimmitt students said that "at parties" is where they obtain alcohol most of the time or always, compared with 43% statewide. Only 13% of Dimmitt students said they get alcohol "from the store" most of the time or always (17% state).

When elementary students were asked where they get their alcohol, 17% said from home (13% statewide); 15% said from friends (8% state); and 19% from "somewhere else" (12% statewide).

### DWI

34% of Dimmitt high school stu-

dents said that they had driven a car after having "a good bit to drink" at least once during the past year, more than double the state rate of 15%. Driving while intoxicated four or more times during the past year was reported by 10% of high school students (4% statewide).

Attending at least one class during the past school year while "drunk" was claimed by 6% of Dimmitt students (9% statewide). Attending class while intoxicated was reported by 5% of seventh and eighth graders (8% in the state), and 7% of high schoolers (10% in the state).

## MARIJUANA USE

Marijuana and other illicit drug usage was reported by a lower percentage of students in Dimmitt than in other schools across the state. The survey said 27% of DISD students had used marijuana at least once in their lifetime, whereas 31% of students statewide have tried it. Also, DISD students report 29% have used illicit drugs of any kind at least once in their lives, while students across the state claim 34% of them have done so.

At the elementary level, 4% of students say they have tried marijuana, matching the statewide percentage. That includes 9% of fifth graders (3% statewide), and 5% of sixth graders (7% in the state). No Dimmitt fourth graders claimed marijuana use, whereas 2% in the state did. About 14% of seventh and eighth graders have tried marijuana once (21% statewide), and 34% of high school students (37% in the state).

Of elementary students, 4% reported using marijuana during the past school year (3% statewide); 9% of fifth graders (2% statewide); and 2% of sixth graders (5% in the state). 10% of elementary students said some or most of their close friends use marijuana (12% statewide), and 11% reported that they had been offered marijuana (10% in the state).

### Where Obtained

41% of Dimmitt students said marijuana was somewhat or very easy to obtain (53% statewide), and 10% said most or all of their close friends use marijuana (21% in the state). 12% of students said that marijuana and/or other drugs were used at most or all of the parties they attended during the school year, nearly half the 23% rate reported statewide. Marijuana and/or other drug use at most or all parties was reported by 8% of seventh and eighth graders (12% state), and 15% of high school students (lower than the 29% reported statewide).

### DUI

Driving while under the influence at least once during the past year was reported by 10% of Dimmitt high school students (12% statewide).

Attending at least one class in the

past year while "stoned" on marijuana was claimed by 4% of Dimmitt students (13% statewide). The percentage of seventh and eighth graders was 2% (10% state), and 5% of high school students made the same claim (14% statewide).

### Other Illicit Substances

Other illicit substances reported in use by DISD students include powdered cocaine, 8% local vs. 7% statewide; uppers, 6% local vs. 8% in the state; downers, 4% local vs. 6% statewide; crack, 3% for both local and state; steroids, 2% for both; and 1% local for ecstasy vs. 5% in the state.

## INHALANT USE

Inhalant usage also was reported on the survey. Of DISD students, 18% have used inhalants at least once, compared with 20% in the state. At the elementary, 16% have tried it once (10% statewide), including 12% of fourth graders (9% for the state), 22% of fifth graders (almost three times higher than the 8% reported statewide), and 14% of sixth graders (12% statewide). 22% of students in seventh and eighth grades reported trying an inhalant at least once (23% statewide). 15% of high schoolers also make the claim (18% statewide).

Of Dimmitt elementary students, 9% said they had used inhalants during the past school year, but only 7% statewide had done so. In the fourth grade, 2% claimed past-year use (6% statewide); fifth grade, 20%, more than three times the statewide rate of 6%; and sixth grade, 6% local, 9% state.

16% of Dimmitt students said some or most of their close friends use inhalants (13% statewide), and 10% said they had been offered inhalants (9% state). Elementary students using two or more inhalant substances at least once in their lives

was 6% local, 3% statewide.

### Recent Use

Of all DISD students, 6% claimed to have used inhalants during the past month while only 5% in the state had. Dimmitt High School students had 4% who claimed usage of inhalants in the past month (3% statewide), and 10% of seventh and eighth graders made the claim (8% statewide).

### Inhalants of Choice

The inhalant substance most frequently used by Dimmitt students was correction fluid (10% vs. 9% in the state). 7% of district students reported inhaling substances in the "other inhalants" category (8% statewide); 6% said they had inhaled liquid or spray paint (7% state); 5% for both local and state for the substances of glue, gasoline, and paint thinner; and 3% for "other sprays" (4% in the state).

For elementary students, 6% reported using glue (3% state); local and state both stood at 4% for correction fluid; 4% local and 2% statewide, gasoline; 3% for local and state with paint thinner; and 6% local vs. 5% statewide, "other inhalants."

## INFORMATION

When asked about how dangerous various substances are, 88% of Dimmitt students believe that use of crack and use of cocaine both are "very dangerous," compared with 88% and 87%, respectively, in the state. Inhalant use is rated very dangerous by 79% of Dimmitt students (70% in the state), and 74% believe marijuana also is very dangerous (60% statewide).

However, only 44% of Dimmitt students feel that it is "very dangerous" to use alcohol, matching the state level of concern; and 37% feel that tobacco use is very dangerous (39% state).

82% of elementary students be-

lieve that marijuana is very dangerous (80% statewide), while 73% feel tobacco use is (65% in the state); 69% think inhalant use is (67% statewide); and 68% believe alcohol use is very dangerous (68% statewide).

85% of Dimmitt students said their parents disapproved of marijuana use, matching the state rate, while 11% said they "did not know" how their parents felt about it (8% statewide), and 2% said their parents "neither approve nor disapprove" (4% in the state).

Among elementary students, 87% in Dimmitt said their parents "don't like it" when kids their age smoke marijuana (85% statewide), while 12% said they "don't know" how their parents feel (13% in the state), and 1% said their parents "don't care" (2% statewide).

Information about drugs and alcohol was obtained from a school source by 78% of Dimmitt students (75% statewide); 58% from a health class (46% state); an assembly program for 40% (44% statewide); and an invited school guest was cited by 35% (38% statewide). Elementary students reported 96% of them had gotten information from school (92% statewide), with 85% citing their teachers (75% statewide) and visitors to class (63% in the state), and 57% from school assembly programs (63% state).

Additional information and more detailed breakdowns on percentages and other statistics are available from Doricell Davis, curriculum director of DISD.



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## Police Calls

Jesse Medrano of Dimmitt filed a complaint recently with deputies, alleging failure to render for services. He said he had performed some repair and remodeling work on a home and the man who authorized the repairs has refused to compensate him.

Police investigated an incident of assault/family member Monday evening. A 36-year-old Dimmitt woman told police a suspect had pushed her in the chest.

Richard Harold Rickert of Dimmitt told police Saturday that someone broke out six windows on a cotton stripper that had been parked in the 100 block of East Grant in Dimmitt.

Enrique Ogas of Dimmitt told police that a window was broken out of a pickup belonging to Diamond Back of Dimmitt. The damage reportedly was done between 8 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. Sunday while the pickup was in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth in Dimmitt.

Doris Ewing told police Saturday afternoon that the paint had been scratched on her 1997 Chevy Cavalier while it was parked at her home.

Betty Burnett of Friona told police March 11 that someone used rocks to break out a window at the Texas Corn Producers' Board Office at 218 E. Bedford in Dimmitt.

Martha Gray Clark, a clerk at Allsup's in Dimmitt, told police March 11 that someone in a red Ford hatch-back drove off without paying for \$8.83-worth of gas.

A 32-year-old Hale Center man was arrested Friday night by Hart Police Chief Wayne Johnson on outstanding DPS warrants.

crash or plant explosion in a community? There are no people to rescue, only bodies to recover, identify and return to their grieving families," a program spokesperson said. "As strange as it may seem, the person in charge of a mass fatality incident in Texas is the Justice of the Peace."

"This was a type of 'hands-on' training," Young said. He said the participants formed teams and worked through written scenarios under the guidance of the instructors, and then critiqued themselves on their performance.

"It was basically to make us more aware of what each one needs to do, and how to work together," Young said.

"It was very interesting and informative," said Aleman on the training program. "We got several ideas for things we could implement here. We want to talk more with local Emergency Management Coordinator Randy Griffith and coordinate information with him, sharing some of the things we learned."

Aleman said that it was one of the best training schools he ever attended.



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**VERY NICE** three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, on corner lot.

**LARGE** three bedrooms, 1-3/4 baths, carpet, on corner lot.

**NICE** three bedroom with steel siding and perma stone. Large yard. \$30,000.

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

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

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

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

**NEW LISTING!** Three bedrooms, two baths, two large living areas and lots of built-ins. \$53,000.

**NEW LISTING!** Three bedrooms, two baths, fireplace, good location and good condition. \$57,000.

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

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

**800 ACRES** Nazareth, lays good.

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

**180 ACRES** of grass north of Dimmitt. One well and some pens. \$300 per acre, negotiable.

**WE HAVE** several farms in contract. If you have a farm to sell give us a call.

## GEORGE REAL ESTATE

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Jimmie R. George, Broker  
647-3274

Mary Lou Schmucker..... 945-2679

## 1—Real Estate Homes & Land

**LOST MY JOB**, lost my husband, losing my home. Please help me save my credit. Call (800) 372-1491. Ask for Roxanne. 1-49-tfc

**SINGLE PARENT PROGRAM.** Special financing on new mobile homes. Call Oakwood Homes. Open Sundays. 1-800-372-1491. 1-49-tfc

## MORRIS REAL ESTATE

C.W. George, Broker

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

**THREE BEDROOMS**, one bath, kitchen and dining area, hardwood floors, storage building, in great shape. \$30,000.

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

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

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

### FARMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

### SCOTT MORRIS

112 W. Bedford, Dimmitt  
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### JUST LISTED

437-1/2 acres, approx. 3 mi. out of Dimmitt, pavement on two sides, three wells and return system, all tied together with U.G. pipe, fully allotted.

### LET'S LOOK

1/2 section between Hereford & Dimmitt, towable sprinkler, two pivots, wells on electricity, \$325,000/acre.

**477 ACRES** with towable sprinkler, nice home and barn, good allotments, priced to sell.

**1/4 SECTION** with one well south of Dimmitt.

**7 CIRCLES**, Olton area complete with wells, sprinklers, etc. Excellent for peanuts, vegetables, alfalfa, cotton or grains.

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## 3—Real Estate For Rent

### Stafford Apartments

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

## DIMMITT SENIOR CITIZENS APARTMENTS

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ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS FOR RENT  
Call 647-2638

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## 5—For Rent, Misc.

### RENT TO OWN

NEW TVs, VCR'S & APPLIANCES  
No credit checks.  
KITTRELL ELECTRONICS  
647-2197 Dimmitt

**RENT TO OWN** TVs, VCRs, stereos, air conditioners, washers, dryers, refrigerators and more! Many gift items in stock and on sale! We service VCRs, washers and dryers! Special: VCR cleaning and maintenance, only \$19.95! "Saturday's" Rent to Own. 130 E. 5th, Hereford. (806) 364-1592. 5-50-1tp

## 6—For Sale, Misc.

**IF YOUR CARPET** is stain resistant, then you need HOST, the Dry Extraction Carpet Cleaning System. Don't void your carpet's warranty with improper cleaning. Some methods can actually destroy your carpet's protective coating. But the makers of StainMaster, Wear-Dated and Worry-Free carpet say the HOST System won't void their warranties. HOST was rated #1 by a leading consumer magazine. Available at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., 109 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, 647-3161. 6-50-1tc

**FOR SALE:** A NordicRider, dual motion exercise machine by NordicTrack. One year old and used very little. Call 647-4289 after 6 p.m. 6-47-tfc

**FOR SALE IN DIMMITT:** Upright freezer, chest freezer, recliners, sofa and chairs. (806) 995-2270 after 6 p.m. 6-46-tfc

**FIREWOOD! FIREWOOD!** \$60 pickup load. **FARM FRESH PECANS**, \$1 per pound. 938-2206. 6-35-tfc

## 9—Farm Equipment & Supplies

**FOR SALE:** Five-inch irrigation pump, 25HP, vertical electric motor with panel. 647-3400 or 748-1260. 9-50-tfc

## 10—Agricultural Services

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

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

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

## 13—Livestock, Pets

**CUTE FREE PUPPES** to give away. Call 647-5634 or 647-5390. 13-49-2tc

## 14—Automobiles

**1995 SUBURBAN**, loaded, 4-wheel drive, 350 S.I. Approximately 53,000 miles. Call (806) 647-4375, day or night. 14-50-tfc

## 6—For Sale, Misc.

## REAL ESTATE AUCTION

### CANYON, TX LAND & EQUIPMENT

1,870 acres offered in multiple parcels both east and west of Canyon, Texas, just 15 miles south of Amarillo. An excellent opportunity to acquire property held by the same family for over 25 years, with excellent homesites along Palo Duro Canyon; sub-division acreages; and fertile farm ground and grassland. Selling in 27 tracts from 5 to 270 acres each, including two homesteads, several barns, metal buildings, and working pens.

Property east of Canyon has frontage on both sides of I-27, just south of Hwy 217 with additional frontage on Hix Road. Properties west of Canyon have frontage on FM 1062, Hwy 60, Arnot road, City Lake Road, and several other county roads.

**SELLS ON-SITE: 1:00 p.m. Sat. Mar. 22**

**OPEN : 2 - 4 p.m. Sunday Mar. 9 & 16**

Also selling Farm Equipment:

**TRUCKS, TRACTORS, TRAILERS:** FW60 Ford tractor; 1989 Case 7120 tractor with loader; 1992 Chevy pickup; C50 grain truck; 1994 Sooner 8' x 28' livestock trailer; 1991 Easley 7' x 18' livestock trailer; (5) tank trailers; hay trailer; flat bed trailer

**CATTLE EQUIPMENT:** Pauls portable scale; calf cradle; working chute; panels; hay forks; (12) round bale feeders; (10) water tanks; (4) self feeders; (10) mineral feeders; (18) bunks; show equipment: grain cooker; fans, stands, displays, show boxes and misc. show supplies

**FARM EQUIPMENT:** Great Plains 40' drill; Sunflower 40' sweep; Ford 40' fold-down disc; Rhino 1400 hydraulic blade; (2) fold-down chisel plows; John Deere 8' planter; John Deere mower; bat wing mower; Generator with Detroit engine; FMC sprayer; crop sprayer; hydraulic post driver; post hole digger; (3) water storage tanks; (2) augers; welder and trailer; (2) 4-wheelers; Ford riding lawn mower; large inventory of shop tools and misc. items.

Phone for Brochure (918) 250-2012

## Williams & Williams REALTORS

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## 14—Automobiles

**Kent's Auto Sales**  
116 E. Jones St., Dimmitt, TX 79027  
(806) 647-3427 or (806) 647-5561

**1993 Ford Aerostar 7-Pass. Van**, white/red interior, extra nice.

**1993 Chev. 4-Dr. Corsolca**, V6, loaded, nice, low miles.

**1993 Ford 4-Dr. Tempo**, low miles, extra nice.

**1992 Buick 4-Dr. Century LTD**, low miles, V6, all electric.

**1991 Dodge Dynasty 4-Dr.**, V6, low miles.

**1991 Buick LeSabre Custom 4-Dr.**, low miles.

**1990 Oldsmobile 98 Regency** Brougham, nice.

**1989 Oldsmobile 88 Brougham**, 4-Dr., gold, loaded, extra nice, low miles.

**1989 Mercury Sable LS**, 4-Dr., loaded.

**1985 Pontiac 6000 LE**, 4-Dr., low miles.

**1983 Oldsmobile Delta 88 Brougham**, 42,000 actual miles, one little lady owner.

**1985 Lincoln Mark VII** Cpe.

## Scott's Trading Post

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

**1991 BUICK PARK AVE**  
Loaded, white, very nice luxury car.

**1994 CHEV. EXTENDED CAB 1/2 T PICKUP**  
All power, white/red, sharp.

**1990 FORD XLT 1/2 T PICKUP**  
Loaded; 40,000 miles; one owner.

**1992 FORD RANGER PICKUP**  
6-cyl., automatic, 56,000 miles. See this one.

**1990 FORD CUSTOM 1/2 T PICKUP**  
6-cyl., automatic, low mileage.

**1986 CHEV. CELEBRITY**  
4-dr., 4-cyl., automatic, well equipped.

**1984 GMC SIERRA 1/2 T PICKUP**  
With shell, V-8, automatic, all power, very nice.

## 15—Recreational Vehicles

**FOR SALE:** 1987 Prowler Travel Trailer, 29', sleeps five. Very good condition. Includes equalizer hitch. 706 W. Grant. 647-4591. 15-46-tfc

## 16—Automotive Parts & Supplies

**FOR SALE:** Four 900-20 truck tires and two Bud wheels. Call 647-3540. 12-49-2tp

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## 6—For Sale, Misc.

Call before noon Tuesday to place your classified ad:

**647-3123**



### What your ad will cost:

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

### Where to find ads:

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

## 18—Services

### Paper Dolls, Etc.

Paper Hanging  
Miscellaneous Painting  
Signs

Diana Wilhelm

945-2507

Nazareth

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

## George's Service Station

### FULL SERVICE

Oil Changes  
Car Washes

647-4641

George Lopez 402 N. Broadway

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

## Center Pivot Service Sales & Repair

### Hi-Plains Irrigation

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Olton, TX

1-800-687-3133

SERVICE ON ALL MAKES

## 20—Help Wanted

**SECRETARIAL POSITION** available. Experience a must. Working knowledge of 10-key, 50 WPM typing proficiency. See Roy or Rick, Western Ford, N. 25 Mile Avenue, Hereford. 14-50-tfc

**SWISHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL** has the following positions open: Home Health: One RN/LVN, one nurse's aide. Correctional Clinic Services: One RN/LVN. Hospital: One RN/LVN. If interested, please send resume to Human Resources Dept., Swisher Memorial Hospital, P.O. Box 808, Tulla, Texas 79088. 20-50-2tc

**EXPERIENCED FARM WORKER** needed. Call 945-2277 or 945-2408. 20-44-tfc

## 20—Help Wanted

## 20—Help Wanted

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

**PLAINS COTTON GROWERS, INC.**, Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Program is now taking applications for seasonal employees. Jobs entail driving and map reading. Ability to keep records and work with numbers is essential. Call 1-800-866-6388 for application. 20-49-2tc

**LOOKING FOR A SHARP**, well-groomed travel agent, Sabre trained. Full-time. (806) 358-2255. 20-49-tfc

## EXECUTIVE SALES

\$35,000 to \$60,000 & UP

Are you capable of good earnings and want a rewarding career? If so, please read the following about this career opportunity:

- Top Reps earn \$100,000
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- Excellent acceptance
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- Prestigious national organization
- Opportunity for progressive, career-oriented individual

Nation's largest non-partisan, legislative research, citizen involvement organization (38 years old) will appoint well-qualified, full-time Sales Representatives (men & women) in the DIMMITT area (other territories in Texas also available).

To discuss this position and a possible local interview, please call: Jack Bruce, National "Write Your Congressman" Inc., 1-800-783-8683, ext. 2827. Call: Anytime.

## 22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-2577. 22-48-4tc

## 24—Card of Thanks

### CARD OF THANKS

Dear friends:  
We would like to express our appreciation for all the kindness shown during Raymond's stay in the hospital and following his death. Please accept our special thanks for your prayers, visits, phone



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# Notice

The Texas Department of Transportation no longer installs or maintains private or commercial driveways along state highways.

Private or commercial property owners wanting driveway access to state highways must obtain a permit through TxDOT, but the cost of the materials, installation and maintenance is the responsibility of the person requesting the driveway.

The department changed its policy on September 1 because of reduced funding.

To obtain a permit or for more information about driveways in Castro County, Call Tommy Guzman at 806-647-3361.

# Extension Service offers help with CRP decisions

New rules for the federal Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) just announced by the US Dept. of Agriculture require prompt and serious economic decisions by landowners. These decisions will greatly influence agribusiness and the regional economies of several parts of Texas, according to economists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"Thousands of Texas landowners face the decision to attempt to enroll or re-enroll in the CRP or decide what other use they will make of land not entering or returning to that program," said Dr. Zerle L. Carpenter, director of the Extension Service. "They must make these important choices quickly to meet the March 28 deadline for the first sign-up period under the new rules."

"To help landowners and producers reach these complex decisions, Extension Service economists and specialists in crop and livestock production and wildlife management have prepared a series of guidelines and other materials," Carpenter said.

These materials point out items each landowner must evaluate when considering alternative uses for CRP land, and include a computer software program which will guide them through the decision process and reduce the time required to consider multiple alternatives.

The publications are:

- Conservation Reserve Program (CRP): Final Rules - Questions and Answers.
- Background on the CRP Program as of January 1996.
- The CRP Decision Process.
- Cattle Grazing on Land Formerly Enrolled in the CRP Program.
- Returning CRP Land to Crop Production.
- Wildlife Habitat Management on Former CRP Lands.

These publications and a computer program order form are available on the World Wide Web at <http://AFPC1.TAMU.EDU> or from offices of Extension Service county agents.

The software program, "CRP Computer Program," will run on any IBM compatible computer with one megabyte of RAM, and DOS 3.3 or higher or Windows 3.1 or Windows 95. It costs \$25 and may be ordered by sending check or money order made payable to "TAEX 222100" to Regina Linder, Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo 79106.

Under CRP the government entered into 10-year contracts with landowners to remove highly erodible cropland from production in return for an annual rental payment, according to Drs. Steve Amosson and Jackie Smith, Extension Service professors and economists at Amarillo and Lubbock.

"Other environmental, supply management and income support objectives were also included," Smith said.

Under the new policy each parcel of land deemed eligible for CRP will receive a bid cap, or maximum rental payment to the landowner, based on its environmental and production characteristics, Amosson said.

"Landowners have to make two decisions," Amosson said. "First, if eligible, what is an acceptable rental rate to rebid into the CRP? Second, if not eligible or accepted, what do you do with the land?"

"A myriad of interlocking ques-

tions must be analyzed to make these decisions," he said. "The right decision for one landowner may be totally wrong for another."

Some 36.4 million acres of U.S. farmland were enrolled in the program during the first 12 signups from 1986 through 1993. Texas enrolled 4.1 million acres, more than any other state and 11.4% of the national total.

"The CRP enrollment in Texas was concentrated in the western part of the Panhandle and South Plains," Smith said. He said 25 of the 31 Texas counties with more than 50,000 acres in CRP are in that region.

## TxDOT stops work on private driveways

The state of Texas could save \$9 million this year since the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) has ceased its "driveway business."

As of last year, TxDOT is no longer installing or maintaining private or commercial driveways along state highways.

The department changed its policy last year because of reduced funding and personnel. The change means that TxDOT will now have a uniform policy throughout the state.

Previously, driveway installations in each of TxDOT's 25 districts were based on work load, which meant that in some areas of the state, driveways were built by department crews and in other areas they were not.

Private or commercial property owners wanting driveway access to state highways must obtain a permit through TxDOT, but the cost of the materials, installation and maintenance is now the responsibility of the person requesting the driveway.

For driveway installations, TxDOT personnel will set the grade line in the ditch to establish proper drainage, determine the size of the pipe and inspect the installation to comply with regulations.

In 1995, the Lubbock District spent close to \$305,000 on driveway installation and maintenance.

To obtain a permit or for more information about driveways in Castro County, call Tommy Guzman at (806) 647-3361.

"...IF ALL WOMEN

OVER 50

HAD REGULAR

MAMMOGRAMS,

THEIR DEATH RATE

FROM BREAST

CANCER

WOULD

DROP BY

A THIRD."

Take the first step. Call 1-800-ACS-2345 for information that can help you make an impact.

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### 24-Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
To our dear friends and neighbors:  
You have stood with us loyally and faithfully not only during the last few days, but weeks, months and the last 12 years as well.

We are unable to adequately express our appreciation for your support, encouragement, visits, prayers, cards, flowers, food, singing, memorials and all acts of caring and concern so beautifully expressed by you.

We must in addition especially mention Mother's care givers, home health nurses, Plaines Memorial Hospital nurses and hospice personnel and Drs. Murphy and Joplin.

Sincerely,  
THE FAMILY OF EDNA RILEY  
24-50-1tc

### 25-Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: KENNETH YOUNG  
D.O.B. March 31, 1960, Respondent:  
GREETINGS:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear and answer before the Honorable MARVIN MARSHALL, 242nd DISTRICT COURT, Castro County, Texas at the Courthouse of said County in Dimmitt, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 20 days from the date of service of this citation, then and there to answer the petition of THE TEXAS DEPT. OF PROTECTIVE AND REGULATORY SERVICES, Petitioner, filed in said court on the 5th day of March, 1997, against KENNETH YOUNG, D.O.B., March 31, 1960, Respondent, and said suit being numbered B-6975-09-95-FL on the docket of said Court, and entitled "In the Interest of JOSHUA SORRELS AND KENNETH RYAN, children, the nature of which suit is a request to second amended petition to terminate parent-child relationship. Said child was born on the 30th day of May, 1982, in McLennan County, Texas.

The court has the authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the child's interest which will be binding upon you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the child's adoption.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved. The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Dimmitt, Texas, this 5th day of March, 1997.

JOYCE M. THOMAS, Clerk  
242nd District Court  
Castro County, Texas  
By Ronda M. West, Deputy  
25-49-4tc

### 25-Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids on the following: Two (2) new tandem-powered motor graders. Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 1997. Bids will be opened on Monday, March 24, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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

IRENE MILLER,  
Castro County Judge  
25-49-2tc

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids on the following: One (1) new tandem-powered motor grader. Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, April 11, 1997. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 14, 1997, at 10 a.m.

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

IRENE MILLER,  
Castro County Judge  
25-50-2tc

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## AUCTION

Tuesday, March 25, 1997 ----- Sale Time: 9:37 A.M.

LOCATED: Earth, TX 5 miles North on FM Hwy 1055; or from Dimmitt, TX, 6 miles West on Texas Hwy 86, then 17 miles South on FM Hwy 1055; or from Lubbudie, TX, 11 miles East on FM Hwy 145, then 6 miles South on FM Hwy 1055.

I am Retiring From Farming and the following will be sold at Public Auction.  
For More Information, Call: 806-986-4381 or Cruce & Fletcher Auctioneers: 806-296-5050 or 806-866-4201

**TRACTORS - DUALS:**  
1-1988 John Deere 4450 Diesel Tractor, MPWD, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, DH, PS Trans, DH, 18.4 x 38 Rubber, 5750 Hrs.  
1-1984 Case IH 2394 Diesel Tractor, Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, 20.8 x 42 Rubber, Duals, 6200 Hrs. (SN 9942368)  
1-1981 John Deere 4840 Diesel Tractor, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, P/S Trans, 18.4 x 42 Rubber, Duals  
1-1977 John Deere 4630 Diesel Tractor, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, P/S Trans, 18.4 x 38 Rubber  
1-1974 John Deere 4030 Diesel Tractor, SG Cab, A/C, Htr, Radio, WF, Wts, DH, S/R Trans, 18.4 x 34 Rubber, (New Block 1995)  
1-1967 John Deere 4020 Diesel Tractor, Cab, WF, Wts, DH, 18.4 x 38 Rubber, 4630 Axles  
1-Set John Deere 18.4 x 38 Axle Duals, 4450 Hubs  
1-1958 Ford 850 Gas Tractor, WF, 3 pt, 13.6 x 38 Rubber  
1-1955 John Deere 70, LPG Tractor, SF, 15.5 x 38 Rubber  
1-1951 John Deere Model A, Gas Tractor, Roll-overmatic Front, 3 pt, 12.4 x 38 Rubber, Elec Start  
1-1952 Ford 8N Gas Tractor, WF, 3 pt, 12.4 x 28 Rubber  
1-1949 Ford 8N Gas Tractor, WF, 3 pt, 11.2 x 28 Rubber

**COMBINES - CORNHEADS - HEADERS:**  
1-1966 John Deere 106 Gas Combine, Cab, Shredded  
1-John Deere 435 W 4 Row Cornhead  
1-John Deere 20 ft Combine Grain Platform P/U Reel  
1-John Deere 14 ft Combine Grain Platform P/U Reel  
**PICKUPS - TRUCKS - GRAIN KART:**  
1-1993 Chev Silverado 10 PU, 350 Eng, A/T, R, H, A/C, LWB, 89,000 miles  
1-1981 Chevrolet 10 Pickup, V8, A/T, R, H, A/T LPG  
1-1962 Chevrolet 60 SA Grain Truck, 6 Cyl Engine, 4 sp 2 sp, 18 ft Bed  
1-1977 GMC 6000 S.A. Winch Truck, 350 Eng, 4 sp, W/Winch & Gin Poles  
1-W/12 400 Bushel Grain Kart  
**COTTON EQUIPMENT:**  
1-Big 12 Model 1500, TA Bol Buggy  
1-Caldwell Model X, TA Bol Buggy  
2-JD 263 2 Row Brush Strippers, Baskets, Shredded  
2-Big 12 8' x 8' x 24' Metal, 4 Wheel Cotton Trailers  
3-Cobey 8' x 9' x 24' Metal, 4 Wheel Cotton Trailers  
2-LMC 8' x 9' x 24' Metal, 4 Wheel Cotton Trailers  
3-Ranger 8' x 8' x 20' Metal, 4 Wheel Cotton Trailers  
1-John Deere 8' x 9' x 24' Metal, Cotton Trailers  
**EQUIPMENT:**  
1-RAC, 3 pt, 8 Row Dual Fertilizer Applicator Liquid, AA, GWD Pump, Manifold, TA  
1-RAC 30 ft Chisel Sweep PLOW, DT, TSB  
1-John Deere 230, 25' Tandem Disc PLOW, Hyd F/W  
1-Krause 18 ft Offset Disc  
2-Liston 8 Row Rolling Cultivators, BB/SB  
1-Liston 8 Row Rolling Cultivator, S/B  
1-RAC 8 Row, 3 pt, 11 Shank Ripper PLOW AA Tubes, Knives, Hyd Cont, TP, DGW  
1-International 146, 4x18 Spinner Moldboard PLOW  
1-Schlage 4/B Combuster Packer  
1-Big Ox 9 Shank, 3 pt V Ripper PLOW, G/W  
1-John Deere 400, 28 Ft Rotary Hoes  
2-John Deere 400, 21 Ft Rotary Hoes  
1-John Deere 7100 Max-Emerge Planter, 6 Row, Flats  
1-John Deere 6 Row Lister, DTB, GW  
1-John Deere 6 Row Monitor Cultivator  
1-Krause 14 ft Offset Disc PLOW  
1-Krause 14 ft Tandem Disc PLOW  
10-John Deere 71 Flex Planter Units, DD,  
1-Hamby 21 ft, 3 pt Chisel-Sweep PLOW, TSB, LTM,  
1-1000 Gallon Fuel Nurse Tank on 4 Wheel Trailer  
1-500 Gallon Fuel Nurse Tank on 2 Wheel Trailer  
1-500 Gallon Propane Tank  
1-500 Gallon Propane Tank  
1-4 ft Stock Water Tub  
1-4 ft Stock Water Tub  
3-Round Hay Bale Feeder Rings  
1-Whirlwind Mineral Feeder  
2-3 pt, 2 Prong Round Hay Bale Forks, 1-Hyd  
1-1000 Gallon Water Nurse Tank on 4 Wheel Trailer  
1-500 Gallon Fuel Nurse Tank on 4 Wheel, 12 V Pump  
1-500 Gallon Propane Tank on 2 Wheel Trailer  
1-500 Gallon Propane Tank  
1-4 ft Stock Water Tub  
1-4 ft Stock Water Tub  
2-2 Wheel Pickup Bed Trailer  
1-JD 4 Wheel Flatbed Trailer  
1-JD 4 Wheel Trailer Chassis  
4-Cobey 4 Wheel Trailer Chassis

**HAZARD EQUIPMENT - SPRAYERS:**  
1-Case 950 5/8 Gas Hay Swather, 14' Cut Canvas  
1-Ford 14-171 Hay Baler, WT w/ Wisconsin Engine  
1-Ford 503, 3 pt Side Delivery Hay Rake  
1-Humphrey 4 Wheel Spot Sprayer, 2 Cyl, 3 Seats  
1-PMC, 8 Row, FM Rowcrop Applicator  
1-Broyhill 200 TT Sprayer w/ Booms  
1-200 Gallon, Poly, 3 pt Sprayer  
**IRRIGATION:**  
1-Moline HD 800 IRR Engine  
2-Moline 800 Irr Engine  
1-Moline 600 Irr Engine  
1-Moline 403 Irr Engine  
2-Chrysler 413 Irr Engines, Good  
1-Chrysler 413 Irr Engine, Needs O/H  
2-Chrysler 413 Irr Engine, Salvage  
1-Chevrolet 350 Irr Engine, Salvage  
1-Chevrolet 292 Irr Engine (Not Run Since Overhaul)  
100-Joints 6" x 20' Aluminum Gated Pipe, 40' Rows  
52-Joints 7" x 20' Aluminum Gated Pipe, 40' Rows  
30-Joints 7" x 30' Aluminum Flowline  
35-Joints 8" x 20' PVC Pipe, 40' Rows  
90-Joints 8" x 20' Aluminum Gated Pipe, 40' Rows  
4-Smart-tee Surge Valves  
1-Large Lot Hydrants, V/S, Fittings  
1-Lot Irrigation Motor Covers  
1-2 Wheel Pipe Trailer  
1-Lot Water Furrow Bullets  
1-Lot Irrigation Tubes, 1", 1 1/2", 2", 3"  
1-Lot Rollie Bark Wire  
1-Lot Alfalfa Valve Lids, 12"  
**TRACTOR & TOOL MAKEUPS:**  
2-Lee CAT II, 3 pt Hitches  
1-John Deere 21 ft, 3 pt Tool Carrier, 4" x 7" Bar  
5-Sam Stevens Row Dikers  
8-Liston Barring Off/Beat Knife Row Units  
16-John Deere Rotary Fenders  
1-Lot Hydraulics Cylinders  
1-Set Rear Tractor Crop Shields  
1-8 Row Spray Boom  
1-John Deere 283 Cotton Stripper Suction  
1-RAC Toolbar Stabilizer Coupler  
1-Ace Pump  
1-Sprayer 2 Wheel Sprayer Chassis  
1-John Deere Single Front Wheel  
1-50 ft Endless Belt  
**NON CLASSIFIED:**  
1-Lot 6" Vent Pipe  
1-Lot Rollie Bark Wire  
1-Lot Used Cedar Post  
1-Lot Scrap Iron  
1-Lot Scrap Aluminum  
1-Lot Items Too Numerous To List  
Announcements Made Sale Day Take Precedence

**TRAILERS - TANKS - LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT:**  
1-WW, 5' x 16' Stock Trailer, FMC, TA, BP Good  
1-Parhurst Goose-neck 8' x 16' Grain Box Bed Dump Trailer, TA, Shredded  
1-Hale 5' x 14' TA, Stock Trailer, 1/4 Metal Cover  
1-WW Cattle Squeeze Chute  
10-5' x 20' Metal Livestock Panels  
1-8 ft Stock Water Tub  
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