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Hart school-based clinic serving many needs

By JEAN PAGEL

Associated Press Writer

HART (AP)—A melancholy procession of runny noses and sore throats was making its way into the school clinic this Wednesday morning.

One baby arrived with a rash. A four-year-old girl needed blood tests. A teenager sought treatment for her irregular menstrual cycle.

Dozens of young children and adolescents would flow through the crowded building by the time the clinic closed for the evening and Dr. Mike O'Neill headed back to Lubbock.

This weekly dose of health care—dispensed in a campus structure previously used as a cafeteria, bus barn and ag shop—fills a medical-access void for these rural students.

"They never went to the doctor, so they didn't know they were supposed to," said school nurse Retta Knox. "They just thought an earache hurt until it went away."

No doctor or pharmacy operates in the Texas Panhandle town of 1,200 people. A trip to the closest hospital

requires about a 30-mile drive past vegetable farms and feedyards to Dimmitt, Plainview or Tulia.

And then there's economics: The US Census Bureau classifies 29.3% of Castro County residents as impoverished.

So Mrs. Knox went looking for a way to provide health services that were more convenient and consistent for Hart children.

Two years ago she received \$89,000 from the state to run a clinic under contract with the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center pediatrics department. Another \$76,000 followed to help the school open a dental clinic last year.

The result, observers say, is long-overdue services for Hart Independent School District babies and students who often lacked the transportation or money to go to the doctor.

"When you're talking \$40 or \$50 to treat strep throat, there just wasn't the means," Knox said.

Now the students can obtain handy health care at reduced fees.

The doctors and Tech medical residents who staff the clinic can

keep tabs on young patients with allergies or asthma. Checkups there have detected diabetes, heart murmurs or hernias.

O'Neill said the clinic provides a base for people who otherwise might apply home remedies to their pains and illnesses.

He alternates with other doctors every Wednesday and said he likes the setting.

"In the emergency room, that's your turf," O'Neill said. "Here they (the children) feel a little safer, like they belong here. You get better communication."

Absentee rates have dropped. And teachers point out that parents already trust the school.

"We can get people to come to the school," said kindergarten teacher Judy Dotson. "They know us. They're comfortable here. We're available."

The clinic features two exam rooms and a small waiting room. Knox and two of her aides orchestrate the indoor traffic.

Ramiro Vega was awaiting a checkup on his athlete's foot. Without the clinic, the 16-year-old bas-

ketball player acknowledged, his condition probably would go untreated.

"Mom thinks it's pretty cool because she works and I can just come here," he said.

"I don't have to miss school," 11-year-old Lindsey Martinez chimed in despite her cough and sniffles.

The clinic in its first year saw 464 students who made 1,401 visits. Knox said Medicaid pays the bills for children who qualify. Others who can't pay get free services.

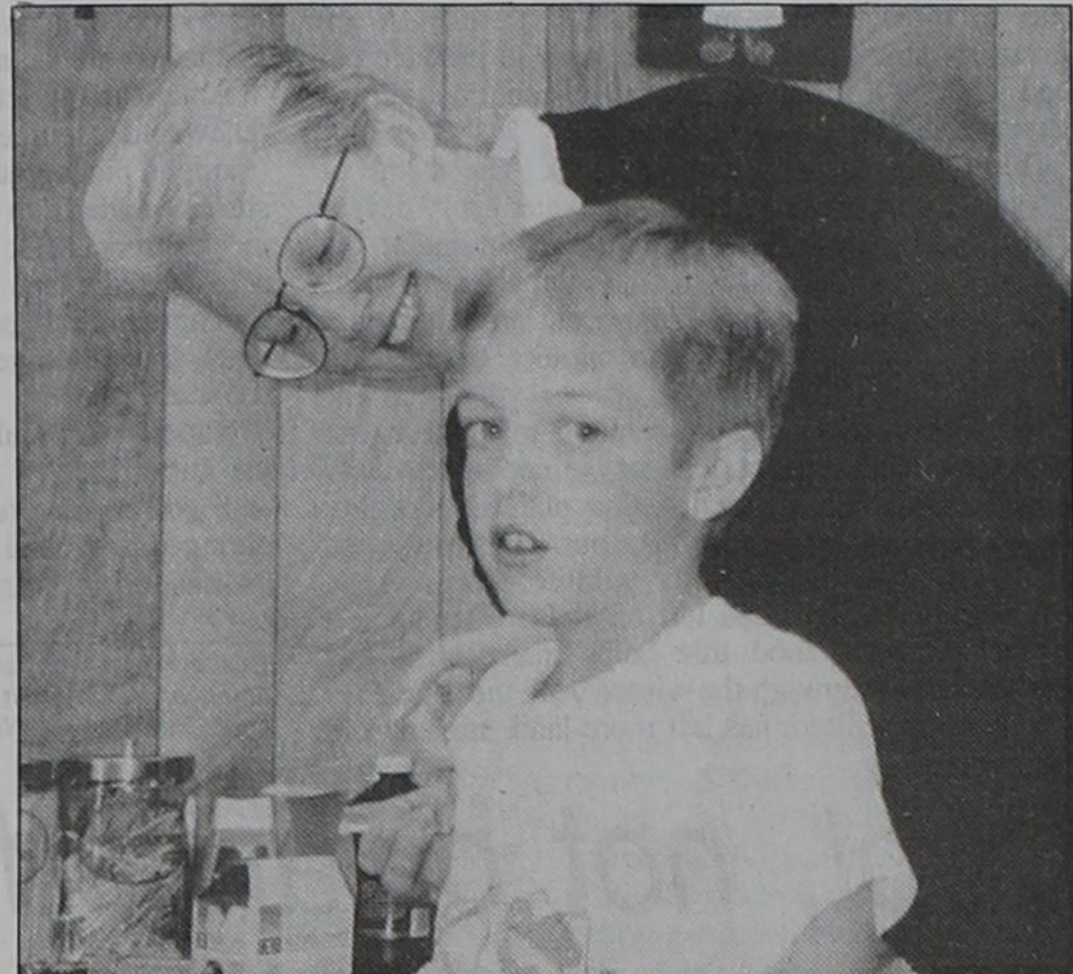
The dental clinic next door opened in November and operates every other Thursday to fill cavities and extract teeth.

Dr. Richard Lampe, chairman of pediatrics at the Tech center, said the clinic demonstrates how various agencies can coordinate for rural health.

"Seldom is any one thing the answer," Lampe said. "But if it's one part of the puzzle, it's worthwhile."

A federal block grant of about \$1.5 million funds the Hart operation and 14 other school-based clinics in Texas, said Mary Jackson, nurse

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GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT—Hart school nurse Retta Knox administers an allergy shot to Trevor Barnes, a Hart student. The Hart school-based clinic has become popular with students and their parents thanks to the clinic's sliding fee scale.

Photo by David Knox

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By Don Nelson

In the world of college hoops, "March Madness" marches madly onward:

◆ Little Weber State College in Ogden, Utah, and little Manhattan College in New York have proven again that there are still plenty of Davids to match up with the Goliaths of college basketball. The scholarship caps on the big universities have a lot to do with it.

◆ Many of the nation's Top 10 ranked teams have made it to the Sweet 16 by the skin of their teeth, snatching victory from the jaws of defeat in the last second in some truly weird ways.

Every team that gets to the Final Four, and the one that ultimately wins the national championship, should realize that they're lucky to be there. Except for a different bounce here or a close rim-out there, about half of the Sweet 16 teams would be watching the rest of the playoffs at home.

◆ There's no redeeming value whatsoever in those baggy shorts that more and more basketball teams are wearing. I don't see how they can even play ball with their drawers drooping around their knees.

To make it worse, some of the players pull the waist down to their hips so that the crotch of the shorts is considerably south of where it ought to be. I wonder sometimes how the players keep from falling down or dropping 'em altogether. Baggy shorts can make a six-footer look like a four-footer on the court.

◆ Another current fad among the men's teams: Many players of all hues are playing with their heads shaved—with a few very noticeable exceptions. Sometimes the refs are the only ones on the court with any hair.

For an athlete, a shaved head has lots of advantages over long locks. As far as I'm concerned, they can do anything they want to with their

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

Thursday	..... 56	..... 34	..... Trace
Friday	..... 68	..... 34	
Saturday	..... 70	..... 39	
Sunday	..... 77	..... 42	
Monday	..... 84	..... 34	
Tuesday	..... 73	..... 34	
Wednesday	..... 86	..... 42	
March moisture	.....	.....	0.27
1995 moisture	.....	.....	0.51

Testing planned for severe weather alert sirens

Testing of storm sirens for the City of Dimmitt will begin at noon on March 31 and continue each Friday at noon during the severe storms season.

There are two distinct types of siren sounds used for storm information on the Dimmitt siren system. These signals will be tested consecutively during the Friday testing time.

The first type of signal that will be heard is termed the ALERT signal and is recognized by a wavering sound of eight cycles of the siren in a "rise-stay-fall" type siren sound. In actual usage this signal would alert citizens to the fact that weather conditions are deteriorating and that damaging

Warning, alert sirens

There are two distinct siren sounds.

• The up-and-down wailing ALERT means there is severe weather in the area and damaging weather is a possibility.

• The long, continuous siren is a WARNING that severe weather is posing imminent danger.



weather conditions are a possibility. Upon hearing this signal, citizens should not necessarily change their routine or take cover but should simply be aware of weather conditions as they exist.

The second signal that will be heard during testing is a long, continuous, unwavering three-minute signal and is referred to as a WARNING signal. In actual use this signal would indicate that threatening weather conditions have actually been sighted, and citizens are warned to take immediate action to protect themselves from very possible threatening weather.

Testing will not occur on those Fridays when weather conditions are such that testing could be misunderstood as an actual "warning" or "alert."

Tuesday meeting features info on boll weevil control

An educational meeting on the High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Referendum proposed by Plains Cotton Growers will be held in Dimmitt Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the courthouse basement.

Each referendum which will appear on the ballot in the upcoming election will be explained to producers. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters in the proposed eradication zone on April 3 and two referendums will appear on the ballot.

Plains Cotton Growers is ready to expand its current control program to stop the spread of the boll weevil, which is infesting more acreage each year. PCG's goal is to push the pest out of the High Plains cotton acreage altogether.

PCG is proposing an enhanced suppression program which will increase the current program's operation area and pave the way for full eradication of the pest. The enhanced suppression program would continue with fall diapause treatments for 1995, 1996 and 1997.

The two-hour meeting will be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and has been accredited by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for two continuing education units (CEUs) toward recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators.

Over the past two years, boll weevil numbers have been increasing and the pest has moved into previously uninfested areas at an alarming pace. If unchecked, the boll weevil could easily cost area producers more than \$160 million in yield losses, fiber quality reductions and increased insecticide costs.

"The worst-case scenario is that the weevil could put us out of business," said Dr. James Leser, an Extension entomologist who will be one of the featured speakers at the meeting.

Information on the referendum and the present situation of boll weevil infestations in the area will be explained by Brent Baugh, an integrated pest management agent for Parmer and Bailey Counties.

Candidates file for city, school, hospital boards

Castro County voters will head to the polls on May 6 to vote for mayors, city councilmen or aldermen, school board members and hospital board members.

Filing deadline for the May 6 election was Wednesday afternoon. Early voting will begin April 17 and will continue through May 2. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, May 6.

Residents in the cities of Dimmitt and Hart will elect mayors this year, and as of Wednesday morning, both Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins and Hart Mayor Tony Leibel had filed for re-election and were unopposed.

Several councilmen's seats are up for grabs in Dimmitt and Nazareth, and Hart will elect two city aldermen. Dimmitt will elect three at-large councilmen with expiration of the terms of Johnny Ethridge, Carole Dyer and Don Sheffy; and will elect a councilman from both District 2 and District 3 to fulfill the unexpired terms of Larry Gonzales and Wayne Proffitt, respectively. The terms of Nazareth city councilmen Carl Dean Kleman and Glenn Ehly also are up this year. In Hart, voters will elect two city aldermen with expiration of the terms of Doyle K. Davis and Weldon Jones.

The terms of Castro County Hospital District Board Members Lucille Drerup, Carolyn Sides and James Welch are expiring and each incumbent has filed for re-election.

Voters in the Hart and Nazareth school districts will be electing two new board members this year. Dimmitt voters will elect two board members for Place 2 and Place 4 to the Dimmitt School Board and also will elect one individual to Place 3 to fulfill the last year of Gracie Marsh's term. (Marsh moved out of her district.)

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Cyclists take lunch break here on tour

Three college students on a cross-country cycling mission stopped at the Pancake House in Dimmitt for a free lunch last Wednesday.

They're cycling 4,000 miles from Los Angeles to Boston, and plan to stop at 20 college campuses along the way to continue Pedro Zamora's HIV/AIDS education efforts.

Zamora, a cast member on MTV's "The Real World," was one of the nation's leading AIDS educators. From the time he learned of his HIV infection as a senior in high school until his death last November at age 22, Zamora reached thousands of young people with his message of HIV/AIDS prevention.

"All of us, and the college students we're contacting, saw Pedro Zamora on TV," said biker Matt Celona, a Duke University graduate. "Our college talks have been

going well. That's our main focus — to talk to college students."

The other two cyclists are Shelby Allen, an Arizona State University sophomore, and Erik Johnson, a Duke University student. Accompanying them in a van are team members Katie Hume of Arizona State University West and Lisa Borchert, a recent graduate of The American College for the Applied Arts in Los Angeles.

The Chamber of Commerce made arrangements for the cyclists' lunch break in Dimmitt, and the Pancake House donated the lunch. All five team members opted for high-carb meals of waffles, pancakes and biscuits to keep their energy up for the long road trip.

"We're trying to get our meals and overnight lodging donated so that any money we raise at the colleges can go to the Pedro Zamora

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OFF AND ROLLING AGAIN — Cyclists Erik Johnson, Matt Celona and Shelby Allen leave from the Pancake House to continue their 4,000-mile tour to promote AIDS awareness to college stu-

dents on 20 campuses across the nation. The Pancake House donated their lunch last Wednesday. The cyclists left Los Angeles Feb. 22 and plan to finish in Boston May 9.

Photo by Don Nelson

On the Go

With **Mary Edna Hendrix**
647-3343

Oleta Gollehon and I attended the annual membership meeting of Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative last Tuesday at the Bull Barn in Hereford.

The meal was catered by "Fins and Hens" of Lubbock and the entertainment was provided by the group, The Florida Boys. We especially liked the pianist and the young bachelor who was a comedian and played many instruments. He said, "You have not, because you take not," and it is in the "Revised Edition."

The group sang many old favorites including *The Holy City*, *How Great Thou Art*, *A Taste of Heaven*, *When They Ring the Golden Bells For You And Me* and many more. They played for two 30-minute sessions and received a standing ovation. Former officials and widows were honored.

Oleta Gollehon was invited since Noel was an officer for several years.

Counties served by Deaf Smith REC are Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Castro. Donald Wright is the current chairman.

The Bull Barn was filled with a record crowd, and people even filled the bleachers. We saw a few people

we knew in the crowd including Jack and Doris Flynt, Donald and Katie Wright, Dale Winders, the Warricks, Jean Thompson and Beth Wallace of Tulia. Oleta saw many of her longtime friends.

Roger Edwards, former Tulia Band Director and Choir Director of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, is band director for Amarillo High School and he led the choir last Sunday at the First Baptist Church in Amarillo in the absence of Lanny Allen.

Residents at the Golden Acres Senior Citizens in Dimmitt held their monthly birthday dinner on Feb. 28 and those with birthdays in February were honored.

The dinner was later than usual because of inclement weather. The March birthdays will be celebrated on Tuesday.

Those with February birthdays were Mary Inez Lee, Bishop Woolbright, Nell Davis, Ruth Griffin and Clairibel Adams. Others enjoying the celebration were Johnnie Davis, Neva Hickey, Ryhea Killion, Jettie Sheffy, Gladys Hampton, Mary Cox, Una Ward, Alene Lilley, Fay Ethridge, Nola Ivey, Helen

Wilmoth, Cleo Parks, Lorene Beach, Opal Thomas and Ida Mae Moore.

There were 18 present for the party and they enjoyed a delicious dinner and visiting.

Peter Freeman of Wildomar, Calif., came to Dimmitt and spent the weekend with his parents, Ed and Betty Freeman. He also helped his Dad celebrate his 80th birthday. Ed and Peter sang a duet, *Amazing Grace*, at the Sunday morning church worship service at the Presbyterian Church.

Decimae Dennis of Midland is visiting this week with Edgar and Leta Dennis and the Danny Underwood and Coby Gilbreath families. She has just returned from a 23-day trip to Botswana, Africa with some other Baptist folks. There were 10 in the group including three each from Midland and Michigan, two from Grapevine and one each from San Angelo and Los Angeles.

The purpose of the trip was to attend the dedication of a new Baptist Church in Gaborone, the capital city, and then to visit missionaries and other churches in that country. A total of 16 villages and churches, three agricultural projects, and all

eight missionaries and their families were visited by the group. Botswana became independent from Britain in 1966 and Baptists have had work there only since 1968.

The weather was very hot and extremely dry. The Kalahari Desert covers more than 80% of this land and only about 5% is arable. Diamonds were discovered in 1967 and coal and copper-nickel matte also are mined. One of their exports is beef (although most of the cattle looked pretty lean). The country of Botswana is just a little smaller than Texas. The African continent—all 45 or so countries combined—is larger than the US, China, India and all of Europe combined. The population of Botswana is just over one million and more than 50% of the population is under 20 years of age.

In addition to visiting villages, agricultural projects and churches, the group traveled to the magnificent Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe, took a little excursion on the Chobe River and went for game drives in both Zimbabwe and Botswana. They also went to Gunn's Camp in the Okavango Delta where they stayed in tents and heard the roar of lions at night. During the day they took little trips in mokoros (hollowed-out canoes) and at one time a large elephant proceeded to come out of the grass and crossed the river only about 20 yards in front of them.

Botswana has the largest wild elephant herds in the world and this group saw many of the animals in many places. In addition they saw hippos, crocodiles, zebras, Cape buffaloes, warthogs, judus, impalas, jackals, giraffes, springboks, elands, gemsboks, wildebeests, monkeys and baboons, lechwes, waterbucks, a mother lion and three cubs, and a water monitor, which is a very large lizard. The snakes all stayed somewhere else, which was just fine with the group. (One missionary did kill one at home during the visit).

Some of the exotic foods she tried were zebra, which was "not very

good"; cape buffalo, ostrich and angel fish which were all "okay"; and warthog, which was "very good." Some members of the group tried the mopane worm, a dried and crunchy food which is eaten often by natives. It supposedly has a great source of protein, but Decimae reported leaving the mopane to the others.

It was possible for the group to cover such a vast amount of territory in such a short time because a missionary couple drove the group everywhere except to the Delta when a small plane had to be used. One other side trip was to the area considered to be the home of David Livingstone. This also included the site of the church and the grave where his wife and some of his children are buried.

Some of the cities and villages which the group visited were the capital city of Gaborone, Lobatse, Mahalapye, Molepolole, Sebele, Selebi-Phikwe, Mochudi, Francistown, Nata, Mogoditshane, Kasane and Maun.

It was reported to be a "fantastic" trip.

Leeida Stephens and her family returned Saturday from a hectic spring break week in Arizona. She was joined by John and Karen Brooks, Randy Stephens, and David and Sue Stephens and their children, Jake and Shenea Wright, all of

Dimmitt, and Patty and Marissa Chester of Shallowater.

They met up with 65 other family members on Sunday in Phoenix to celebrate her mother's 80th birthday. Friends and family from Arizona, Texas, Montana, Washington and Oregon gathered to celebrate the day.

David and Sue and their family, Randy, and Patty and Marissa toured Indian ruins, Old Tucson, historic churches and other sites around Tucson and the Phoenix Zoo.

Several co-ops attended the annual Texas Association of Cooperative Council convention in Arlington last week. Meetings and special programs were held each morning and the group was free to take in recreation and Six Flags in the afternoons.

Those from Castro County attending were the Don Grahams, the Lance Loudders, the Ricky Mitchells, the Kelly Joneses, the Bill Clarks, the Robert Boozers, the Rodney Hunters and the Emmett Hearlds.

The Bill Clarks visited their son, Greg of Denton, and the Jim Harris family of Duncanville last week during the co-op convention in Arlington. Bill and Deanne went on to Austin where Bill attended a hospital seminar and Deanne visited her dad, Allen Haggard, in San Antonio.

Sunnyside

WITH **TEENY BOWDEN**

The Jerry and Arlene Miller house is going up rapidly. They had almost finished the framing and had begun decking the roof Friday. They have planned the house for 10 years. Arlene and Jerry, her daddy and one hired helper are doing most if not all of the work. The kids are helping too.

We had light rain and sprinkles Tuesday for a trace of moisture.

The Sunnyside School planning committee was enlarged Tuesday afternoon at the church. Added to the original group were Mozelle Hall, Billie Kirby, Anna D. Gibbs and Ysleta Ball. Dale Winders, Verba Sadler and Teeny Bowden were back. Weather kept more home. We are expecting more to come Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the church. Anyone is welcome.

Ruth King of Hereford and Brenda Johnson and children, Bethany, Clayton and Jordan of Canyon came Tuesday night for a visit with Gay and David Sadler. They left after dinner Thursday.

Grace Harmon, infant daughter of Susan and Gregg Harmon of Durango, Colo., passed away Tuesday night. She was five weeks old and was born with a defective heart and other problems.

Cindy Clatt of Richardson flew to Lubbock on Tuesday and drove Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler to Durango on Wednesday to be with Susan and Gregg and the other children.

Gale and Verna Sadler were trying to see if they could come, but Susan and Gregg called them and told them not to try. Gale and Verna are scheduled for a furlough soon, so that would be longer. The funeral was Thursday in Durango. Dr. Myles Sadler flew up Thursday night to visit with the family. Cindy drove Willie Mae and Embree Roy home Saturday and took a flight home from Lubbock.

Elizabeth Worthington spent a week with her girls and their families recently in Fort Worth. She came home last Sunday.

Gene and Bonnie Carson, Casie and Halie of Dodge City, Kan., spent Thursday night with Lillian Carson. They all went to Lubbock Friday and spent the day in the mall. They went home Saturday.

Norma and Tex Conard went by to see Betty Paschal on their way home from Fort Worth. They thought she looked awful, but they had her up in a chair one day for a while and she is getting better slowly.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson went to El Paso to spend the weekend with Glenda and her family.

Judy Damron, Justin and Tracy went to Daingerfield to spend the spring break with Judy's family.

Rev. Anthony Sisemore was out of Wayland all last week for spring break.

Ezell and Verba Sadler attended the music session at Farwell Thursday night after missing several sessions.

Mr. Sleese of Austin died Saturday after undergoing open heart surgery. He was the father of Linda Sadler (ex-wife of Myles Sadler).

Nazareth

WITH **VIRGIE GERBER**
945-2669

Nazareth Independent School District's "Character Counts" Day was very beneficial to everyone who took the time to go and choose which workshops they would like to attend. Father Neal gave an extended explanation of his workshops and I'm sure everyone benefited from those by reading the bulletin.

A large crowd of students and others enjoyed the different workshops available. Presenters were Toni Waldo, who discussed "Wielding My Personal Power"; Jim Craig, who talked on "From Compulsions to Choices"; Richard Spears, who addressed the topic of ad-libbing; Rex Bennett, who spoke on "HIV—AIDS in the '90s"; Pat Riffel, "It's Okay to say 'No Way'"; Reta Welch, "True Colors"; Sgt. Willie McGee, "So, You Think You Are Going to Live Forever"; Samuel Willis, "More than Saying No"; Chess Grant, "Making Choices"; Mitzie Brockman, "First Aid Emergency Situations"; Dennis Norris, "Teenage Suicide and How You Can Help"; and Tracy Born, "Assertiveness/Anger Management."

We thank each of these instructors who gave of their time to help with the program.

I had a pleasant surprise on Thursday when Julie Mumme, a senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, came to spend the day with me. I babysat with her for three school years while her mother, Debbie, was teaching home economics at Nazareth High School. Debbie is back at Texas Tech working for her PhD in

home extension work.

The annual FFA banquet and awards presentations were held Friday evening at the Nazareth cafeteria with a large crowd attending and enjoying a delicious fish fry with all the trimmings.

There were numerous prizes given. Joe Johnson especially enjoyed receiving the top prize of \$500.

Many people enjoyed the one-act play presented Sunday at the Nazareth cafeteria. Jo Beth Mays directs the student actors and stage crew.

Every actor was very well fitted to his or her part. The cast of characters included Robin Schulte as Susan, Ron Backus as Toby, Courtney Hoelting as a sarcastic voice, Karmen Pohlmeier as a sophisticated voice, Carie Wethington as a silly voice. Chorus members were Casey Hoelting, Tara Johnson, Heather Braddock and Amy Pohlmeier. The stage crew included A'llyn Garza, Jaimye Bingham, Bryan Charanza, Colby Pohlmeier and Judith Nieves-Martinez.

The title of the play was *Of Poems, Youth and Spring*. The Nazareth students will present their one-act play in UIL competition.

The LeRoy Pohlmeier families and some friends traveled to Monte Vista, Colo. this weekend to attend the wedding of Terrell Bogle, son of Pam and Lyn Bogle, to Lonnie Wert at the Presbyterian Church in Monte Vista. A reception followed at the Monte Vista Elks Lodge.

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Joe Kleman and Dana Gerber

Gerber to wed Kleman May 20

Dana R. Gerber and Joe H. Kleman will exchange wedding vows at 3:30 p.m. May 20 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth. Miss Gerber is the daughter of Dennis and Dolores Gerber of Childress. She graduated from Childress High School in 1989. She graduated from Texas Tech University in Lubbock in May 1993 with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed with the Texas Dept. of Transportation in Amarillo. The prospective groom is the son of Alvin and Dorothy Kleman of Nazareth. He is a 1982 graduate of Nazareth High School and he holds an associate degree in mechanics from Amarillo College, graduating in 1984. He farms in Nazareth. After the wedding the couple plans to make their home in Nazareth.

Peterson, Ethington are married Saturday

Dorothy Bea Peterson and Donald Ethington exchanged wedding vows Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview with Interim Minister Dr. Bob Presnall officiating. Wedding attendants were Mrs. Faye SoRelle and Ray Joe Riley. The bride is a former teacher in the Plainview school system. Ethington, a Dimmitt resident, is associated with Hyman Farm Service of Dimmitt. After the wedding, a luncheon was held at the Bridal House for mem-

bers of the wedding party. Out-of-town family members attending the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Zachary of Friona and their son, Mark Zachary of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. John McBryde and sons, Michael and Patrick of Oklahoma City. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bats and son, Rocky of Fort Worth; Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton and son, Jordan, of Odessa; Mrs. Ray Joe Riley of Sunnyside; and Mary Ethington and Jack Ethington of Tucson, Ariz.

Woodwinds featured at Tuesday concert

The Vancouver Wind Trio will be featured at a community concert, Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Hereford High School auditorium. Admission is open to members of the Community Concert Association. The trio provides delightful family entertainment through the medium of the world's great classics. The trio includes—bassoonist Anthony Averay, oboist Hamish Gordon and clarinetist Lorne Buick. The trio features works by Bach, Mozart and Prokofiev for "die-hard" classicists, and music by Scott Joplin, Fats Waller and Bill Haley. The trio performed at EXPO '85 in Tokyo and EXPO '86 in Vancouver. The group visited the People's Republic of China in 1987 for a month of coaching and concerts. The group tours extensively throughout the US and Canada and is gathering material for its third album.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of March 23-31.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Choices of *chicken strips, hoagie submarine or quesadillas de fajitas; arroz Mexicano, macaroni and cheese or *Mexicali corn; *tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; *hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of *golden fried cod filets, pigs in a blanket or salad plate; tater tots, *baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or cantaloupe wedges; *hot rolls, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choices of *steak fingers with gravy, lasagna with chicken or ham and cheese sandwich with soup; *mashed potatoes, broccoli, cheese and rice or seasoned green beans; tossed salad with dressing, *garden relish or chilled canned fruit; Italian garlic bread, *hot rolls or flour tortillas; apple, banana or orange; and *milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choices of *turkey and dressing, corn dog on a stick, or beef and bean burrito with chili and cheese; refried beans, German potato salad or *potato wedges; *tossed salad with dressing, *fruited gelatin or fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of *cheeseburger on a roll, enchilada casserole or grilled cheese sandwich with bowl of chili; Mexipinto beans, haystack finger salad or *French fries; *tossed salad with dressing, hamburger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; *flour tortillas or chips, crackers and tortilla chips or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choices of *pizza supreme, Monterey casserole or barbecued hot links on a bun; Ranch Style Beans, baked potato or Fideo Mexicano; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; cornbread, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choices of *poor boy steak, hoagie submarine or taco salad with salsa; *potato wedges, onion rings or peas and carrots; tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or fresh fruit salad; *hot wheat rolls, cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

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MONDAY: Enchilada casserole (elementary) or burrito, salad, corn, tortillas, fruit and milk.
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THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or sloppy Joes, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.
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FRIDAY: Cheese enchiladas, carrots, rolls, pineapple and milk.
MONDAY: Spaghetti, tossed salad, peaches, rolls and milk.

Schuster named new IPM agent

Dr. Greta Schuster has been named the new pest management agent for Castro and Lamb counties. She will begin working in the counties on Monday. Schuster has a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree from East Texas State University. She has a PhD from Texas A&M University. Schuster has been working with American Cyanamid in Michigan as a tech service representative.

Dance classes begin March 31

If you are interested in learning different country dances, you have an opportunity to do so beginning Friday, March 31. Young and old alike are invited to attend the classes, which will be held at the Boy Scout Hut on the corner of Third Street and Lee Street in Dimmitt. Lessons will begin at 8 p.m. each Friday beginning March 31. The first three lessons will be free to everyone.

Dimmitt students are recognized

Adam Quiroz of Dimmitt has graduated from Texas State Technical College in Amarillo with a certificate from the automotive technology program. Quiroz also was named to the dean's honor roll for the winter quarter after he achieved a 3.5 or greater grade point average. Daniel A. Ramirez also was named to the dean's list.

Waller earns commendation

Petty Officer Jason Waller, a nuclear-trained electrician mate, recently received a letter of commendation for his electrical safety program while serving as a member of Electrical Division aboard the USS *Pennsylvania* (SSBN 735) (Blue). Petty Officer Waller planned and enforced strict electrical standards ensuring that all electrical equipment on board be checked for electrical safety. Petty Officer Waller currently resides in St. Mary's, Ga., at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. He just completed his first strategic deterrent patrol aboard the *USS Pennsylvania*. He reported to the Trident II submarine in August after leaving his former duty station, the *USS Simon Bolivar* (SSBN 614) (Blue) of Charleston, S.C. He completed four patrols with the *Bolivar*. Currently stationed in Kings Bay with Petty Officer Waller are his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Amanda. He is the son of Butch and Kathy Waller of Hart.



Kevin Wayne Wheelless and Kelli Michelle Kloiber

Kloiber and Wheelless to wed

Kim and Gail Kloiber of Littlefield announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kelli Michelle Kloiber, to Kevin Wayne Wheelless, son of Sonja Wheelless and Ronnie Wheelless of San Angelo. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on May 27 at the First Baptist Church in Littlefield. Friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend. The bride-elect is a graduate of Littlefield High School and she has a bachelor of science degree in early childhood education from Angelo State University. The prospective groom is a graduate of San Angelo Lakeview and is employed by Harold Lacy Livestock Trucking in San Angelo.

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Promenaders plan dance

The Dimmitt Promenaders will hold their annual "Square 'Em Up" anniversary dance Saturday, March 25, at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt. Rounds will start at 7:30 p.m. and the Grand March will begin at 8 p.m. Callers for the evening will be Jimmy Gouge and Billy Foster with Bill Harmon cueing the rounds. Refreshments and door prizes will add to the fun. Dancers and spectators are welcome to attend.

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MR. AND MRS. MATTHEW MAGEE BRADLEY
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Newlyweds establish their home in Dimmitt

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Magee Bradley are home in Dimmitt after exchanging wedding vows March 7 in a candlelight, double-ring ceremony performed by Rev. Toby Henson at the First Baptist Church in Canyon.

The bride is the former Alicia Lynn Shippy, daughter of Rolland and Brenda Shippy of Canyon. Parents of the groom are Ray and A'lian Bradley of Dimmitt.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a tea-length ivory dress of organza and silk with a full lace collar. She carried a bouquet of orchids and white roses.

Maid of honor was Leslie Shippy of Canyon, sister of the bride. She wore a tea-length berry-colored dress and carried carnations of white and berry.

Best man was Kevin Petty of Dimmitt, a friend of the groom.

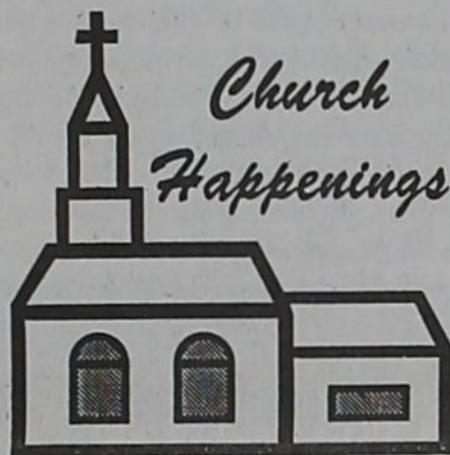
Ring bearer was Anthony Ramos of Amarillo, nephew of the bride. Michael Hughes of Amarillo, the bride's brother-in-law, lighted candles.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the bride's sister, Christie Hughes of Amarillo. She also wore a berry-colored tea-length dress.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas A&M University and she is currently employed as a math

teacher with the River Road School District.

The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is employed as an accountant with the firm of Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer and Myatt in Dimmitt.



Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"Israel's Entry Into the Promised Land" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11.

The Rev. Brad Knox Walker will be installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Canadian Sunday at 4 p.m. by the Presbytery of Palo Duro.

The mid-week Lenten service will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Ministerial Alliance

Paul Kenley will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Romans 6:15-23 on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Ministers will stay for a noon luncheon meeting with Dr. Winfred Moore.

FBC schedules revival services

Dr. Winfred Moore, former pastor of First Baptist Church in Amarillo, will be the guest evangelist at revival services Sunday through Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Moore pastored the Amarillo church for 30 years. After retiring six years ago, he became visiting distinguished professor of religion at Baylor University.

He will speak Sunday at 6 p.m. Services are each day at 7 p.m. According to pastor Paul Kenley, Moore will also speak at noon luncheon services Monday through Wednesday in the church's fellowship hall. A free lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. with serving continuing until all have arrived from work. The noon services will be dismissed in time for all to be back at work by 1 p.m.

Music for the services will be provided by music evangelists Sherman and Tammy Aten of Floydada. Their week will begin Saturday when all young people in the community are invited to a scavenger hunt beginning at 7 p.m., followed by a concert by the Atens.

On Monday night, the youth night revival service, all high school and junior high students are invited to remain after the service for a pizza blast in the church's fellowship hall.

Rev. Kenley emphasized that all acquaintances of Dr. Moore and the Atens and other interested people from around the area are invited to any and all of the services.

DHS Choir plans dinner theater April 6

The Dimmitt High School Choir will present *The Music of the Night* in a special dinner theater performance at 6:30 p.m. on April 6 in the DHS cafeteria.

Tickets for the event are \$7 for adults and \$6 for senior citizens. Children will be admitted for \$5.

Contact Dwight Joiner at 647-2503 or any DHS Choir member for more information or advanced tickets.

Chamber to compile membership guide

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is going to publish a Chamber Membership/Service Directory and members are asked to respond to an inquiry which they will receive soon.

The directory will be a pamphlet used for reference in the Chamber office and will be presented to newcomers.

Letters are being sent to all members and the Chamber is requesting each member to furnish an accurate detail of all services provided by their business. The listing will be used by the chamber office exclusively in responding to inquiries about our local businesses.

The Chamber hopes to have the publication finished by May 1 and are asking members to respond to the requests by April 10.

The Chamber also has been asked to compile a listing of mobile phone numbers. Those wishing to have a mobile number listed will be charged \$3 per number, and they will receive a copy of the booklet free. Anyone who wishes to purchase one of the books will be charged \$5.



EARN EAGLE RANK — These members of Dimmitt's Boy Scout Troop 266 are inducted into the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest honor, in ceremonies Sunday afternoon. They are (front

from left) Andrew Teaschner, Joshua Roberts and Larry Garcia. Aiding in the ceremony are (rear, from left) Robert Moss and Justin Roberts.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Three earn Eagle rank

Earning the rank of Eagle Scout is the highest honor in Boy Scouts, and three members of Dimmitt's Boy Scout Troop 266 attained that honor in special ceremonies Sunday afternoon.

Those honored were Larry Garcia, son of Steve and Gloria Garcia; Joshua Roberts, son of Jackie and Beth Roberts; and Andrew Teaschner, son of Ruby Teaschner and Terry Teaschner. Each was presented with the Eagle rank scarf, scarf guard and pin, and they presented their parents with pins designating them as the parent of an Eagle Scout.

To attain the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, including 11 required badges, with the rest selected according to each scout's

preferences. Also, each honoree is required to plan and supervise an extensive community service project.

Garcia, a junior at Dimmitt High School, planned a project of trash and weed removal from around businesses surrounding the courthouse square in Dimmitt during the summer months. Roberts, a DHS sophomore, selected the project of scraping and priming the parsonage of Dimmitt's First Christian Church. Teaschner, also a sophomore, chose the project of painting the parsonage.

Giving speeches honoring each of the Eagle candidates were guest speakers Nancy Greer (honoring Roberts), Paul Fry (honoring Teaschner), and Carol Schroeder (honoring Garcia). The invocation and

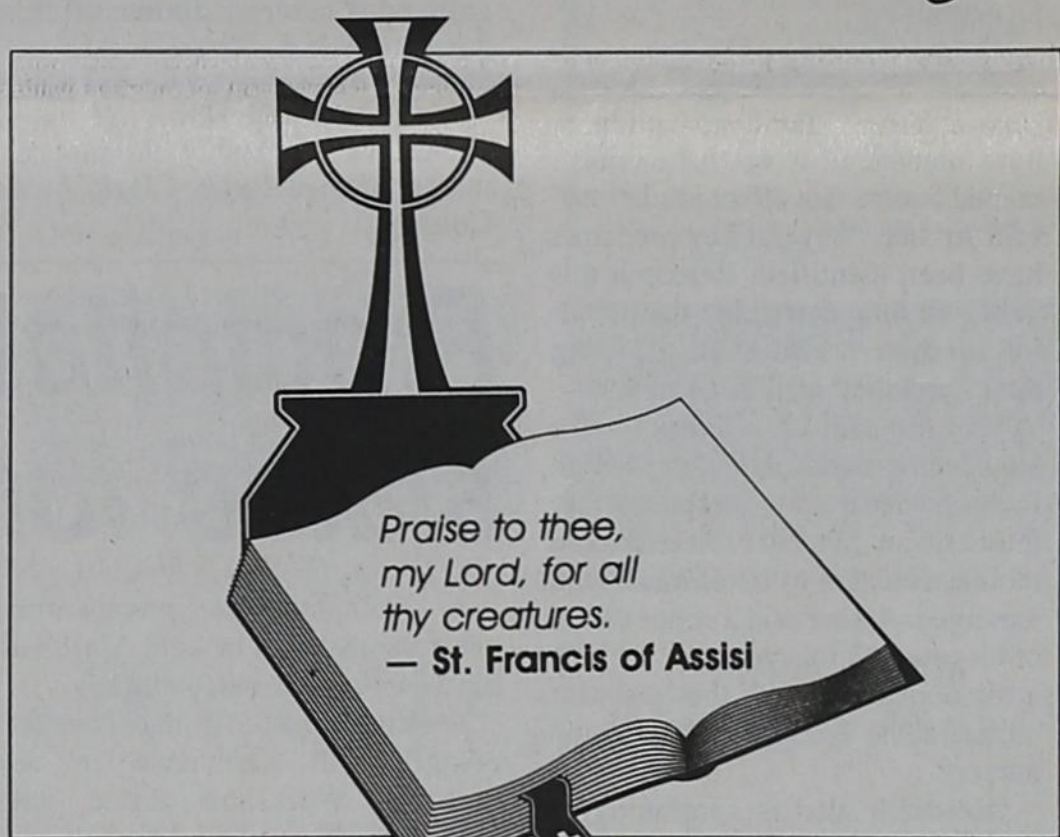
benediction were offered by James Hardwick, minister of the First Christian Church. Robert Moss served as the "Voice of the Eagle," and Justin Roberts gave the Eagle presentation. Other members of Troop 266 assisted in the flag ceremony and a special candlelight presentation of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scoutmaster of Troop 266 is Jackie Roberts and Gary Hunter is assistant scoutmaster.

Refreshments were served by family members of the honorees following the ceremony, which was held at the Castro County Expo Building.

For more information about the Boy Scout program in Dimmitt, call Jackie Roberts at 647-5242 or Gary Hunter at 647-3695.

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By DON TAYLOR

No off switch

The crowd at the doctor's office was thinning out. Only three were left on my side of the large waiting room: A young, frazzled-looking mother, her 3-year-old son and me.

For a while, I tried to work. However, the constant movement of the child, coupled with his squeals, car sounds and animal noises made concentration virtually impossible. For at least an hour, I had watched his constant motion.

Apparently, I was frowning at him unknowingly, for as I looked up, his mother caught my eye. "I'm sorry if he's bothering you," she said. Then with a tired little smile she added, "He doesn't have an off switch."

I returned her smile and said it was ok, and that I could remember when my little one had that much energy. However, her words kept ringing in my ears: "He doesn't have an off switch."

There's a thought

Immediately, I got out my yellow pad.

There was a thought. None of us have an off switch.

My mind toyed with this concept. I remembered some of the folks I most admire. There was Mrs. Elgiva McCracken, my eighth grade teacher. Though she stood barely 4 feet tall, she commanded respect.

She worked hard at being an outstanding teacher. She gave her all, everyday, to see that every student got the very best education possible. Mrs. McCracken didn't have an off switch.

Then there's my former business partner, Arnold Rosenboom. He comes from good German stock and he knows how to work hard. When we were in business together the word quit wasn't in his vocabulary. Though nearly 10 years my senior, he could work me into the ground any day. Arnold doesn't have an off switch.

Then I remembered my favorite basketball player, John Havlicek. From the opening jump ball to the ending buzzer, he never stopped hustling. In

every game he played with the Boston Celtics he gave his all. Havlicek always came to play; he didn't have an off switch.

A winning concept

We may stop short of success on our own accord, but God didn't make us with off switches. Others may condemn us, criticize us or otherwise put us down, but they can't flick our off switch.

Who limits our success? Who makes us accept mediocracy? Who keeps us from achieving? Only ourselves.

As I look back over my own career, I cannot find one instance where someone else kept me from accomplishing my goals. Often in troubling times, I stopped. Frequently, when the going got particularly tough, I quit. There were times when it was easier to give up than to go on, so I gave up. However, no one else ever made me quit.

If you are in one of those trying times, don't give up. If the going is pretty tough, remember the words of Dr. Robert

Schuller. He said, "Tough times never last but tough people do!"

I'd like to share a poem with you. I wrote it for me, to remind myself that I don't have an off switch. I hope it will help you stay "turned on" to your goals and dreams.

*When burdens are heavy, almost unbearable,
When thoughts are sad, nearly unshareable,
When days are long and strength is gone,
Don't give up yet, you must press on.*

*Success, you see, may be quite near,
A whispering sound, you can't yet hear.*

*So don't stop now, go on and do it,
Success will come, if you pursue it.*

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

Corn research aimed at controlling mites

A three-stage corn research program aimed at providing growers with better methods of controlling mites with chemicals and beneficial insects and developing mite-resistant corn hybrids is underway.

The research, led by Dr. Tom Archer, an entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock, is funded by the statewide half-cent per bushel corn checkoff program administered by the Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB).

"This year more than \$150,000 in Texas checkoff funds have been allocated for Texas corn insect and disease research," said Carl King of Dimmitt, TCPB executive director. "And as in past years, finding effective and economic methods of controlling mites is one of our main priorities."

Archer said the research project is designed to help farmers "avoid having to resort to crisis management of mites." It is estimated that 50% of corn grown on the Texas High Plains receives pesticide application for mites every year. Yield losses have been 20% or higher due to mite damage.

One of Archer's objectives is to find the best method of chemigation to control mites via center pivot irrigation systems. It will include use of two pesticides—Capture and Comite.

"Capture (now registered for mite control) has dual value as an effec-

tive miticide and an insecticide for several insect pests on corn," said Archer. "Comite is a selective miticide that will be less harmful to non-target beneficial insects than Capture. They also have different field activity and modes of action against mites."

Archer will compare the chemicals as applied through four separate center pivot nozzles: a traditional over-the-crop, high-volume commercial nozzle; a LEPA within the canopy high-volume nozzle; and two reduced-volume within canopy LEPA nozzles developed at the Lubbock research station.

A second objective of Archer's program is to determine the potential of using "key (mite) predators" in making economic threshold decisions. He added that the impact of the pesticides on beneficials also will be monitored.

"A large number of predator species occur on corn, but little is known about their contribution to mite management or the environmental factors that affect predation," said Archer. "Several key predators have been identified. Research this year will help determine the potential for these predators (in affecting the economic threshold of mites)."

Mite-resistant corn hybrids have long been needed on the Texas High Plains, where mite problems are most critical. In recent research, corn inbreds resistant to mites have been identified. Archer said a continuation of his research this year will include a demonstration of the resistant crosses at the TAES Halfway Station nursery.

"Research also is continuing to determine the inheritance of this resistance, and to determine the mechanisms of resistance," said Archer.

He added that TCPB is the sole funding source for his research, but that international research through a Mexican center helped provide winter nurseries and breeding advice.

For more information on mite research or other checkoff-funded research activities, contact the TCPB office at 1-800-647-CORN.



DONALD WRIGHT of Dimmitt, board chairman of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, introduces the organization's 52 employees during the annual membership meeting last week at the Bull Barn in Hereford. The event was attended by 1,525 members and guests, who enjoyed a catered dinner of chicken, fish and barbecued beef and a gospel music program by the nationally known Florida Boys quartet. Members received \$1.5 million in capital credits checks from 1980, '81 and '82. Directors Jerry Roberts of Deaf Smith County and Wendol Christian of Parmer County were re-elected to the board, which also includes Clark Andrews and Anthony Acker of Castro County.

Photo by Don Nelson

Precipitation meet slated for April 7

A workshop on precipitation enhancement will be held April 7 at the Sheraton Inn in Lubbock.

Weather experts from across the country will participate in the meeting. Workshop topics will include the history, legal aspects and the cloud seeding process. Workshop participants will also have the opportunity to review the progress of current cloud seeding projects in Texas.

The Colorado River Municipal Water District has operated a cloud seeding program since 1971. Representatives of the district will be at the workshop to present information on their program. According to CRMWD officials, the cloud seeding has increased average rainfall by 30% to 40% in its target areas.

Precipitation enhancement is an attempt to change or control natural development of precipitation cloud forms in the lower half of the earth's

atmosphere. Silver iodide is introduced into the cumulus clouds to cause raindrops to form. This also produces a more efficient cloud system that will last longer and produce more moisture droplets.

One positive aspect of precipitation enhancement is that it does not increase rainfall in one area at another area's expense. Clouds are very inefficient and only release a small portion of their moisture at any one time. Even after seeding, large amounts of available moisture are still left in the cloud.

The workshop will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. Registration is \$15 before March 31, and \$20 for late registration. The price includes meeting costs, a meal and coffee breaks. For more information or to register contact Dr. Lloyd Urban, Water Resource Center, Texas Tech University, Box 41022, Lubbock, TX 79409-1022, or call (806) 742-3597.

SEC annual membership meeting is slated March 30

Swisher Electric Cooperative members will elect two directors to the SEC board next Thursday, March 30, during the cooperative's annual membership meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Ezra Jones High School Cafeteria, 501 Northeast Fourth Street in Tulia.

A nominating committee named incumbent directors Jimmie Reed and Ross O'Daniel as candidates for the two director positions to be decided and named Leon Griffin and Mona Acker to oppose Reed and O'Daniel for the positions.

A catered meal of baked chicken, chicken-fried steak strips and battered fish will be served to members and guests beginning at 7 p.m. Attendance gifts will be offered to members registering for the meeting.

A short, one-hour business meeting will follow the meal. Besides the election of directors, the business

meeting will feature reports from the auditor and manager Charles Castleberry.

Drawings for door prizes, including a 27-inch color television as the grand prize, will follow the business meeting.

Hearing-impaired members planning to attend the meeting may ask for a sign language interpreter's services by contacting the cooperative by Monday. An interpreter will be available if requested by Monday.

Voting and chances for door prizes are reserved for current cooperative members who register and are in attendance.

For more information contact Mike Ferguson at 1-806-995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344.

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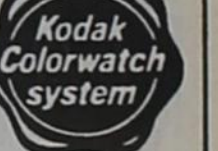
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Precipitation, top dressing needed for area crops

By J.D. RAGLAND and PAMMY MILLICAN
County Extension Agents

County Crop Situation General

We've received a little moisture but not enough. According to KDHN Radio we have received one-half inch of rainfall since Jan. 1. Certainly more would be appreciated to improve the soil moisture profile prior to planting.

Wheat

Irrigated wheat fields are surviving but dryland conditions are and have been extremely critical. Producers need to check fields for

insect pressure. Also, now is a good time to consider topdressing wheat with nitrogen, if needed. Producers may want to follow these suggestions:

1) Dryland fields should be fertilized with 30 to 40 pounds of nitrogen. Irrigated wheat fields that are showing deficiency symptoms should receive at least an initial application of 60 lbs. of nitrogen.

The nitrogen can be applied in the dry form as ammonium nitrate, ammonium sulfate, urea, or in nitrogen solutions. There is no strong advantage of one form of fertilizer over another. Urea is probably the least expensive, but it also has a higher risk of loss by volatility if applied to

wet soil under warm conditions. Ammonium nitrate and nitrogen solutions are slightly more available to the plant initially. Some leaf burn may occur with the nitrogen solutions, especially under sunny, warm conditions. If applied before the wheat gets too big, the leaf burn should not adversely affect yield.

2) Topdressing of nitrogen should be done as soon as possible. The longer topdressing is delayed after jointing occurs, the less opportunity the crop will have to benefit from the nitrogen.

Once wheat reaches the boot stage of development, 75% of the total amount of nitrogen it will use has been taken up by the crop. After the boot stage is reached, only protein content will be affected by additional nitrogen application.

Corn and Cotton

Field preparations are underway. Corn planting is just around the corner and fields are still in need of additional moisture.

New IPM agent hired

Dr. Greta Schuster was recently hired as the new Castro/Lamb integrated pest management agent. Schuster has BS and master's degrees from East Texas State University and a PhD from Texas A&M University. She has been working for American Cyanamid as a technical service representative in Michigan.

Her official starting date is March 27. We're extremely pleased to have her on board with our staff. Please drop by and welcome her to the county.

Boll weevil referendum information meeting

A boll weevil eradication information meeting will be held Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the courthouse assembly room.

Brant Baugh, Parmer/Bailey IPM agent, will present information on the present boll weevil situation and the proposed referendum so producers can make an informed decision when they have the opportunity to vote in April.

Producers will have an opportunity to receive two CPUs for private applicators.

1994 result demonstration handbooks available soon

1994 result demonstration handbooks have been completed. They will be available at the county office after Tuesday. Due to postage costs, we are no longer allowed to mail them.

This year's book has complete results of all demonstrations conducted not only in Castro, but Lamb, Bailey and Parmer counties as well. Come by and pick one up.

Worker protection standards

Many producers are concerned about how to get their employees certified. Just simply call the Texas Dept. of Agriculture office in Lubbock or Amarillo and ask them to send you the video tape entitled *Pesticide Handlers and Worker Protection Standards*. Also ask them to send you the required number of

"green cards." Lubbock TDA's office number is 806-799-8555; Amarillo TDA's office number is 806-358-7285. If you have any questions, call the Extension office at 647-4115.

Pool trout fishout Saturday in Tulia

Residents in the area will have a chance to catch trout from "the largest pool in the Panhandle" Saturday in Tulia.

The Tulia Chamber of Commerce, with the help of several Tulia merchants, is sponsoring its first "Pool Trout Fishout" at the Tulia City Pool, which is located at the south end of the Tulia High School football field.

Admission is \$5 per person and entitles the ticketholder to 50 minutes of fishing or a maximum catch of four trout, whichever comes first. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There is no age limit, but children should be accompanied by an adult. No fishing license or stamp will be required for this event.

All poles and bait will be supplied and no outside poles or tackle will be permitted in the pool area.

Fishermen who land a special "tagged" fish can win prizes donated by merchants.

Businesses helping sponsor the event are Tulia's First National Bank, B&R Thriftway, Swisher Electric Cooperative, Mid-Plains Rural Telephone Cooperative, Tulia Banking Center and Briscoe Implement.

Gospel group plans concert

Texas Praise, a progressive country gospel band and Southern gospel group, will be in concert Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Plainview High School auditorium.

The band features Ramiro Rosalez Jr. of Dimmitt as its drummer. The other four members are from Lubbock.

The group has just completed an album, *I Will Praise Him*. The group is the host of a radio program on Monday nights on KJAK-FM and regularly performs at the Lubbock Gospel Opry.

to properly dispose of all tires, used oil, batteries, and plastic and metal pesticide containers. The collection will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Expo Building. We'll have more publicity as the date draws closer.

Texas Country Clean-Up will be held here

On Monday, July 31, producers and citizens will have an opportunity

Cotton Talks

Activity surrounding the writing of the 1995 Farm Bill is beginning to pick up, according to Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.

PCG officials have learned that field hearings of the House Agriculture Committee have been set. Nationally, three hearing sites have been selected at which producers will have an opportunity to present their comments to the full committee.

One of the selected sites will be in Lubbock on the campus of Texas Tech University. The Lubbock hearing will begin at 9 a.m. at the TTU Ex-Students Center on April 25. The center is on the southeast corner of the Tech campus, one block north of 19th St. off of University Ave.

The hearing will be conducted by House Ag Committee Chairman Pat Roberts (R-Kan.). Also taking part in the hearing will be Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock). Combest is the fourth-ranking member of the committee and one of nine members that participated in the writing of the 1990 Farm Bill.

"The announcement of Lubbock as the site for one of the three hearings to be held by the full House Ag Committee is an excellent opportunity for cotton producers on the High Plains to let the people that will be writing the 1995 Farm Bill know what works and what doesn't work in regard to current farm programs," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "For the most part producers are pleased with the market oriented approach of the 1985 and 1990 farm bills. Most cotton producers would like to see an extension of the current program in 1995."

Johnson notes that agriculture will again be the easy target for additional budget cuts, even though spending for direct agriculture programs accounts for less than 1% of federal spending and only a fraction of USDA outlays each year.

Producers wanting to participate in the Lubbock hearing to testify in person or who would like to submit written testimony should contact Jimmy Clark in Lubbock at 806-763-1611 or Russell Laird in Washington at 202-225-4005.

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Thursday, March 30, 7 p.m.



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★ Director elections
★ Short business meeting

★ Door prize drawings
★ 9 p.m. — Adjourn

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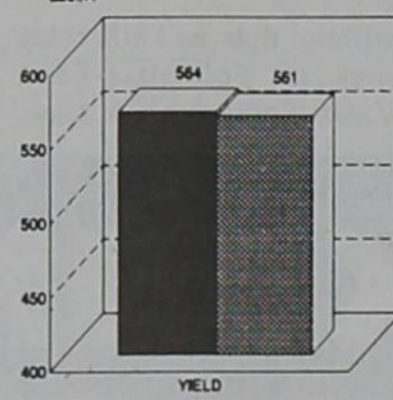
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For this 1994 cotton yield comparison, the grower applied both insecticides in-furrow at planting. Each treatment was replicated thirteen times across the field. Plant mapping was used to evaluate stand and fruit set. To compare yields, the grower stripped and ginned eleven acres from both treatments.

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Yield results of 1994 THIMET vs. Temik comparison, Floydada, TX.

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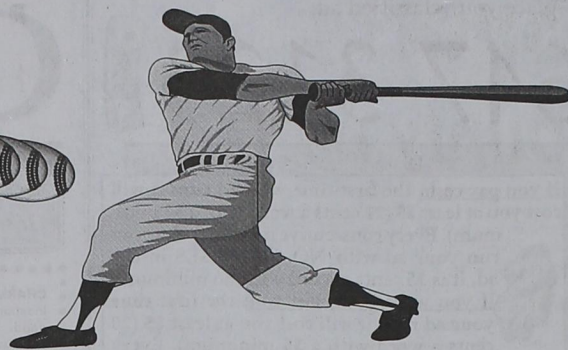
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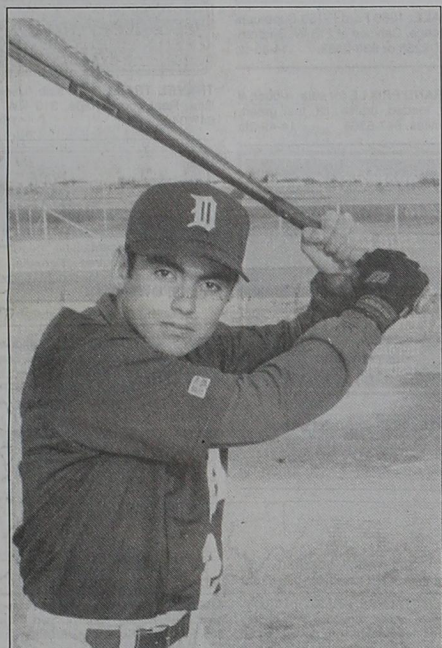
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Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., Here



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SCHEDULE

VARSITY BOBCATS

March 24	Morton	Here	5:00
March 28	Lockney	Here	5:30
March 31	Lubbock Roosevelt	There	5:00
April 4	Friona	There	5:00
April 8	Littlefield	Here	1:00
April 11	Floydada	There	5:00
April 18	Mulshoe	There	5:00
April 22	Shallowater	Here	1:00
April 25	Friona	Here	5:00
April 29	Littlefield	There	1:00
May 2	Floydada	Here	5:00
May 6	Mulshoe	Here	1:00
May 9	Shallowater	There	5:00

JUNIOR VARSITY BOBCATS

March 24	Friona JV	There	5:00
March 27	Tulia JV	Here	5:00
March 31	Hereford Freshmen	Here	5:00
April 6	L.C.H.S. JV	There	6:00
April 8	Littlefield JV	Here	10:00
April 20	L.C.H.S. JV	Here	6:00
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