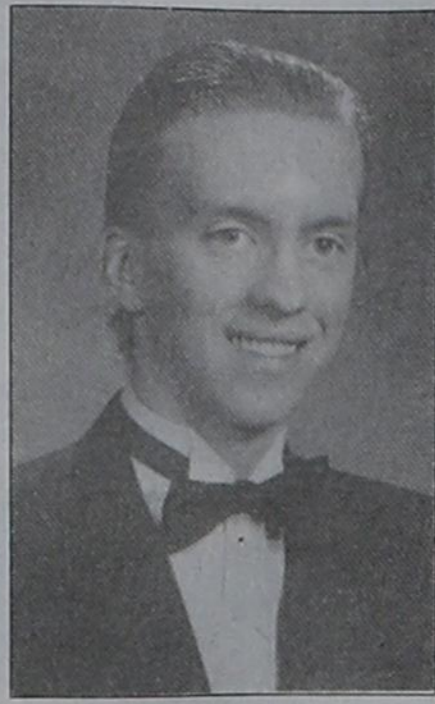


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Salutarian
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Haney takes leave from duties

Dimmitt Police Chief Dewayne Haney has taken time away from his job to examine his options, and may resign his job in the next few days.

Haney, police chief here for 18 months, will take accumulated vacation time and some personal leave days. His leave began Wednesday morning.

Ray Aleman, who served several months as interim police chief before Haney was hired, will again be in charge while Haney is away.

A prepared statement issued Wednesday morning by the City said:

"Dimmitt Police Chief Dewayne Haney has decided to take a few days off from his duties with the city to examine some personal affairs. The Dimmitt City Council has not made any decision as to the outcome of the city council meeting, nor has the police chief."

Haney decided not to make any statement beyond the prepared statement Wednesday.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said Haney will examine several options while he is off duty. The

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NATURE'S TREE TRIMMING—A large tree at the Eddie Haydon home near Sunnyside was stripped almost bare by a probable tornado early Sunday morn-

ing. The storm ripped through trees, power poles and center pivot sprinklers, and caused a tornado warning in Dimmitt.

Photo by John Brooks

STORMY

Funnels, hail lead officials to sound warning sirens here

Work crews had to replace miles of electric lines and poles Sunday and Monday after a storm lashed through Castro County with high winds and hail up to softball size.

A storm, probably including a tornado, swept through southern portions of the county, scattering a half-dozen or more center pivot systems like a mad two-year-old with a set of Tinkertoys.

Two highway signs were pulled from their steel-and-concrete moorings at US Highway 385 and FM 145, eight miles south of Dimmitt. The patrol car of Sheriff's Deputy Glen Snitker was also picked up and dropped a few feet later by a funnel or high winds. The car wasn't damaged and the deputy was uninjured.

Several trees were shorn of their branches and some were uprooted in the storm south of Dimmitt. Jo Eddy Riley couldn't get out of her backdoor because of fallen trees.

"One of our sons came over with a chain saw so we could get out of our back door," Riley said. "We've got a real mess, but we feel that we were very lucky."

The storm hit in the Sunnyside area just before 12:30 a.m., Riley said.

"The hail woke Ray Joe up," she said. "I woke up when glass started breaking. I decided I didn't want to go through that open room to get to the basement with glass flying around."

The tornado rekindled memories for Mrs. Riley and for Sunnyside residents. Sunnyside had the county's worst recorded tornado 35 years ago, on April 12, 1960.

"I went through a tornado when I was a girl growing up near Hereford," she said. "We lost everything but the house in that one. So this was the second one I've been through, and I've felt very lucky after both of them."

"One of those storms will sure put things in perspective for you. We came so close to something really, really bad."

Meanwhile, west of town, hail the size of hen's eggs broke through two skylights at the Gregg Sides home, about 12 miles southwest of Dimmitt. Other homes reported broken windows and shingles, and others had minor structure damage.

In Dimmitt, emergency operations personnel felt the storm to the west of town and the tornadic activity to the south were enough to warrant sounding the emergency warning sirens. Emergency coordinator Randy Griffitt also consulted the National Weather Service. The sirens wailed a continuous three-minute tone for about 30 minutes before the danger passed.

As the sirens sounded, firefighters were dispatched to various predetermined posts on the outskirts of the city. Some went to Canterbury Villa Nursing Home to make sure things were okay there, while others went to Plains Memorial Hospital. A



Pray for rain

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

Thursday	82	38
Friday	76	38
Saturday	58	49
Sunday	83	53
Monday	75	45
Tuesday	76	43
Wednesday	80	44
May moisture		1.05
1995 moisture		2.12

Storm warnings

Saturday's storm was the first time in several years that the "imminent danger" sirens were sounded in Dimmitt. When the continuous three-minute tone sounds, it means that local observers and the National Weather Service believe a dangerous storm, including a tornado, high winds and hail is imminent. Persons should **not** be in cars when the imminent danger siren is sounding and **all persons** should be taking cover.

firefighter said personnel at the hospital didn't seem to be worried about the storm's dangerous potential.

Other firemen went through parts of southwest Dimmitt to sound warnings. A siren near First Baptist Church didn't work during the storm.

The storm dropped marble-sized to golfball-sized hail in Dimmitt as it roared into action shortly after 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

Rain was badly needed, and there was a little from Saturday night's thunder: .43 inch. Another .60 inch fell in milder thunderstorms Friday night in Dimmitt.

The storm also brought high winds to the Nazareth area, where rainfall was skimpy (.10 inch to .25 inch). Some branches were blown from trees.

The storm was part of a deadly system that continued north and east from here. It spawned a tornado in the Hunsley Hills area near Canyon and another tornado that killed a man west of Amarillo. The same storm continued on through the northern Panhandle, spinning another tornado about 7 a.m. Sunday near Spearman.

Even with the rain and all, the wind reminded everyone Sunday just how dry it really is. About 14 hours after the storm, visibility was near zero in blowing dirt and sand. The wind blew hard again Monday, hampering crews and producers trying to put pieces back together.

"The wind is the big problem today," Riley said Monday. "Ray Joe and the boys are out fighting the sand."

MEMORIES OF WWII



This week, John Schacher recalls the Battle of Anzio, Gen. George S. Patton and what we won in World War II. See Patrick Steiert's story, Page 15.

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By Don Nelson

Next time you see Lucille Drerup of Nazareth, thank her.

She has been personally involved with Plains Memorial Hospital for half a century—ever since it was just a dream.

Her late husband, Eddie, was on the board that moved the first barracks building in from the Hereford Prisoner of War Camp in 1946 to house the original Castro Co-op Hospital.

Lucille is a charter member of the Hospital Auxiliary. You'd need a good calculator to total the hours of volunteer work she has given through the years, or the thousands of dollars she has helped raise to buy new equipment.

In 1990, hospital trustee Nell Ingram and her husband Jack moved to Plainview, and the board needed to appoint someone to fill out her unexpired term. They felt Nell's replacement should be another woman and another member of the Hospital Auxiliary.

Lucille was a natural choice. Besides, she was from Nazareth,

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Hospital budget

Hearing draws praise, criticism

The public hearing on the hospital district's budget last Wednesday night drew a large crowd and produced a fruitful discussion of the district's plans, needs, services and costs.

Board Chairman James Welch explained that the district's operation for the coming year "ends up in the black until you factor in the new equipment and new capital expenditures."

The district expects to draw \$334,000 from reserve funds to go with \$1.2 million in tax income to

balance a \$6.3 million budget during the coming year.

Proposed capital expenditures include \$744,294 to build and equip a new clinic to accommodate three doctors and two mid-level practitioners.

Most of the discussion centered around the proposed new clinic, use of the present Medical Center of Dimmitt building, number of doctors needed to serve the county, the general health of the hospital, and the future outlook for health-care services here.

Answering a question by Carter Townsend, Hospital Administrator Steve Goode said, "Several months ago, the Castro County Hospital District started a five-year planning committee to figure out where we want to go and how we want to get there."

Welch added that the board's main concern has been "how to treat people here at home." He said that was the reasoning behind the establishment of rural health clinics

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All results unofficial until they're canvassed.

THE WINNER IS...

New officials elected in light turnout Saturday

Hospital district

(3 seats to top 3 vote-getters)

Carolyn Sides	560
Jerry Annen	419
James Welch (I)	379
Lucille Drerup (I)	357

City of Dimmitt

Mayor	
Wayne Collins	291
At-large councilmen (Elect 3)	
Don Sheffy (I)	273
Carole Dyer (I)	232
Johnny Ethridge (I)	221
District 2 councilmember*	
Gloria Hernandez	74
Boyd Moyers	31

*—for unexpired term

City of Dimmitt

District 3 councilmember*	
Charles Richard	64
Henry Acevedo	47

Dimmitt ISD

Place 2 trustee	
Earl Behrends (I)	16
Place 3 trustee*	
Albert Acevedo	19
Jerry Torres	9
Place 4 trustee	
Paul Garcia (I)	37

Hart ISD

Trustees (top 2 votegetters)	
Sandy Farris	176
Mark Bennett	171
Roy Gonzales (I)	116
Carlos Martinez	109

City of Nazareth

City councilmembers (elect 2)	
Carl Dean Kleman (I)	59
Glenn Ehly (I)	62

Nazareth ISD

Trustees (top 2 votegetters)	
Keith Hoelting	83
Kent Birkenfeld	79
Dwayne Acker	55
Stanley Gerber (I)	48

City of Hart

Mayor	
Tony Leibel (I)	157
Aldermen (top 2 votegetters)	
Butch Martinez	123
Doyle Davis (I)	114
Wayne Beavers	90
Harold Smith	44

ELECTION RESULTS

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Letter

A first-hand view of terror

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was written the day after the bomb blast that rocked Oklahoma City. It is from Barbara Perkins, whose husband, Raymond, is the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Moore, Okla. It was sent to Deanne Clark, who wanted to share it with our readers.)

Dear Deanne,
I write to you from Benuit, Oklahoma — where flags fly at half-mast, and yellow ribbons are the fashion, and people look solemn and stricken and gather in small groups to support one another. I am so grateful to report that neither Ray nor Mindy were injured in the bomb blast, though he often works in the federal building and Mindy's office is just five blocks away. She lost all the windows in her office, and found tiny glass slivers in all her crevices and eyelashes, but had no injuries.

Quite quickly CNN found her and asked for an interview, and then three or four other media folks asked for interviews. Her boss called from Missouri saying, "I saw you on CNN, Mindy. What are you doing on TV? What's happening down there?" She spent the rest of her day getting her walls boarded up and letting rescuers use her office bathroom. She planned to spend the night in her office to guard against looters, but there was absolutely no looting in this city! She got home about 8 p.m. to a very terrified Serena, and stayed home with the kids today to reassure them.

Ray said he'd been in the federal building four or five times lately on assignment, but yesterday morning was sent somewhere else—thanks

be to God. A fellow employee was sent to a building (to service or repair business machines, as Ray does) across the street from where the explosion occurred. The blast deafened him, and though he worked his regular work day thereafter his hearing never did return.

Raymond hurried back to the chaplains office where he used to work, trying to help distraught parents locate injured children. The phone rang in the office—it was the *Daily Mirror* from London calling about the children. It's the plight of the children that just tears your heart out. Some were so mutilated and/or burned.

Today Raymond and I spent the day at our church. The church is seven blocks from the blast, but we lost so much of our 1912 gorgeous stained glass windows in both the sanctuary (close to the front door and bell tower) and also in the chapel at the other end of the block—where Bill and Amy married. The south windows are blown out, also some on the west side, while the north windows are buckled outward. There is fear by the architect that the bell tower is unstable now. But we are in much better shape than churches closer to the blast area. Beautiful First Methodist will have to be torn down, and so will the Catholic cathedral — two gorgeous houses of worship. The media is not reporting how many buildings, even some high-rises, are being condemned because of blast damage to structures.

Our church parking lot is the site where Baptist relief efforts have set up a huge field kitchen. Our own church kitchen is handling a relief effort of its own, delivering meals to men and drivers waiting in emer-

gency vehicles all over the city who can't leave their cars. The day of the blast our kitchen served 500 meals delivered to drivers. (The place is a sea of fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, heavy equipment vehicles, police stationed on cycles and horses, etc.)

Today the Red Cross asked us to be ready to serve 1,100 people each mealtime. Rescue workers also use our restrooms and lie down on our carpets for rest—and a place to cry. Raymond and I, though, worked in the cleanup effort, trying to get the sanctuary and chapel free of broken glass, hunks of plaster, etc. Our whole Sunday school class was there, and it was encouraging to be with friends and feel a little "safer." A nightmare like this makes one feel so violated. As our pastor said, even Christians tend to take on the illusions of local culture. And Oklahoma had the illusion that it was a safe place to be. We have all been freed now from THAT illusion!

But I am so proud of how the city reacted. You'd think we'd all been drilling for this event for months. ALL of the relief efforts have run like clockwork. So many doctors and nurses showed up at area hospitals (driving in from EVERYWHERE, even Dallas!) that every patient had his own doctor and whatever specialist he might be needing. People poured in to blood-giving centers; sometimes the lines stretched six hours long. Raymond and his hospital staff used to have so many disaster drills, which never ran very well. But boy, THIS TIME, you'd think the whole city was an orchestra being directed by one baton. I am SO PROUD of Oklahoma City's response to this tragedy. I never would have believed there'd be such coordination.



State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — A bill allowing Texans to carry handguns passed on a voice vote in the Texas House last week but was rejected by the Texas Senate on a 23-8 vote.

Rejection was based on a provision in the House bill requiring a statewide nonbinding referendum on the issue in November — two months after the bill would take effect.

Sen. John Leedom, R-Dallas, offered a motion to add the referendum provision, appealing to senators to hear the voters of Texas on the issue. "To not let the people express their opinion on this is ridiculous. If you trust the people, let them express themselves," Leedom said.

But the bill's author, Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, called Leedom's motion "silly." He said it would be a "cruel hoax" on voters if they rejected the right-to-carry law and then found that their vote did not count. "You do not have arbitrary popular votes on fundamental elements of the U.S. and Texas constitutions," Patterson added.

Senators voted down two other motions to modify the bill: Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth, moved to prohibit the carrying of handguns in hospitals; and Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, moved to increase handgun safety training from 15 hours to 30 hours.

But Patterson said the cost of extra instruction "makes this a rich man's privilege."

Differences in the House and Senate versions of the measure will have to be hammered out by a joint conference committee.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, who is on the conference committee, wants to delay the effective date of the right-to-carry bill until after a referendum is held.

The bill would allow Texans to carry concealed handguns if they obtain a permit which requires that they be a legal resident for six months, at least 21 years old, have no felony conviction, no chemical dependency or mental illness.

A four-year permit would cost \$140.

Child-care Reform Delayed

Under a bill passed by the Senate last week, stricter standards for child-care centers would be further delayed to allow for a new cost-benefit study.

Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, sought the delay after complaints that the new rules would drive up the cost of child care.

The Texas Board of Protective and Regulatory Services last year voted to increase minimum standards for licensed child-care facilities. New regulations on staff-child ratios, group sizes and square footage were to take effect June 1, 1997.

West's bill would push the date back to Sept. 1, 1997, and require the agency to hire an outside firm to conduct a study of the rules' impact.

Bush Signs HIV Test Bill

Gov. Bush last week signed a bill to allow marketing of home-testing kits for the virus that causes AIDS.

If the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves of the sale of the home-test collection kit, Texans could send a small blood sample to a laboratory and receive confidential results and counseling via a toll-free telephone number.

Other Highlights

The Texas Senate has approved a bill allowing cities to create special enterprise zones to pay for new sports complexes. The measure was backed by the Dallas Cowboys, Mavericks and Stars, the Houston Oilers and Rockets and the San Antonio Spurs.

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Letter

Wake up to facts, be informed

Dear Editor:

Wake up Castro County!

According to data collected by the American Hospital Association in 1994, the number of hospitals has decreased by nearly 1% since last year and 9% since 1983. The majority of these were rural.

In addition, outpatient visits have increased by almost 6% since 1993 and 75% since 1983. The proportion of community hospitals with formal outpatient departments or clinics rose from 54% in 1985 to 88%. Hospital admissions have dropped by almost 1% since 1992, with rural hospitals experiencing the biggest drop in admissions.

The reforming of the healthcare system will significantly affect institutions, care givers and consumers (you) alike. Many healthcare facilities throughout the country have been driven to decrease services, restructure or merge with

other institutions in order to stay alive. Because of federal cutbacks and managed care, the number of hospital admissions and the number of days for each hospital admission will continue to decrease while outpatient visits will continue to increase. In previous years, outpatient visits compared to hospital admissions were 5:1. This is expected to increase to 60:1 as managed care is instituted.

Hospitals, especially small, rural hospitals, must diversify in order to stay "alive." Community hospitals with established outpatient clinics will be the only hospitals able to stay open and viable five to 10 years from now as healthcare reform continues to swing care from inpatient to outpatient.

It is up to you—the citizens of Castro County—to decide whether the viability of your hospital is important to you. Be smart! Stay informed! Get the facts, not rumor and innuendo. Wake up!

A concerned citizen,
KIM HUNTER

News Quiz

This newspaper quiz for prizes is open to all students in the county. All the answers are in this issue. After completing the test, deliver it or mail it to the Castro County News, 108 W. Bedford St., P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt 79027. Tests will be graded at 4 p.m. Monday. All test sheets with perfect scores will go into a drawing Tuesday for a free 2-liter soft drink, and the winner will be notified. Each week's winning test will go into a drawing for a \$200 Grand Prize to be held in November.

LAST WEEK'S WINNER: Kyle Webb.

1. Name the valedictorians from Castro County high schools.

2. Which classified advertiser wants to hire waitresses?

3. The City of Dimmitt has changed its depository. To which bank did they switch their funds?

4. How many sponsors are supporting the Church Directory each week?

5. When will the 1995 Harvest Days celebration be and what is this year's theme?

6. When is National Hospital Week?

7. Which Girl Scout Troop has adopted the mini park on the north side of the courthouse square?

8. The Dimmitt VFW is sponsoring a cookoff for chili, brisket, chicken and rib cooks. When will it be held?

9. Who are the winners in the Castro County Hospital District election?

10. What is the price of a chimichanga on sale this week at Allsup's?

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Mailing Address _____

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ACROSS

- 1 early TX explorer: Cabeza de _____
- 5 TX Trini Lopez's "If _____ a Hammer"
- 6 TX outlaw Younger
- 7 TX "Babe" was Mildred _____ Dirlikson
- 8 fraternity ban on TX campuses (2 wds.)
- 17 OK border River
- 18 TXism: "best I ever wrapped _____" (delicious)
- 21 TXism: "let '____ rip!"
- 22 El Paso's ZZ Top album: "____ Hombres"
- 23 Detroit foe for Spur, Rocket, or Maverick
- 24 TXism: "____ a squirrel up a tree"
- 29 take a "siesta"
- 30 Austin FM radio
- 31 "____ & Pa" Ferguson
- 32 TXism: "sank like _____ stock tank"
- 34 Cowtown slogan: "Foat _____, I Luv Yew"
- 35 TX Bob Wills line: "Ah _____ take it away Leon"
- 36 TXism: "busier than a one-_____ cook in a truck stop"
- 37 start of Wills line in 35 across (2 wds.)
- 38 Astros Cincinnati foe
- 40 Morton has a salt _____ in Grand Saline
- 41 TXism: "____ nag" (poor horse)
- 43 TWU displays gown of _____ Eisenhower

DOWN

- 14 Dublin, TX is not named after the _____ city
- 15 "Doc" Holliday's girl friend: "Big _____ Kate"
- 16 TXism: "rot _____" (cheap liquor)
- 19 mobile West TX plains tribes were this
- 20 it transmits TX heredity
- 22 ex-Cowboys offensive line coach
- 24 "Father of TX" (init.)
- 25 Santa _____ National Wildlife Refuge
- 26 acreages for "sod busters"
- 44 ex-TX Ranger GM Tom (init.)
- 45 yell of surprise
- 46 TXism for "not a chance" (2 wds.)
- 47 "so close and _____ so far"
- 48 Gulf filers (2 wds.)
- 50 TXism: "take a stab at it"
- 51 SW of San Antonio on I-35: Von _____
- 52 TXism: "____ it in the bud"
- 53 "____ and outs"
- 54 between Lynn and Kent Counties
- 10 Robert _____ was stationed in TX before Civil War
- 11 "Lone Star Rising: Lyndon Johnson and _____ Times"
- 12 TX Byron Nelson's golf compadre Arnold (init.)
- 13 seat of Zapata Co.

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- 35 held in San Antonio in '68: _____ fair
- 37 TXism: "drawing _____" (zeroing in on)
- 39 TXism: "take a look _____" (check it out)
- 42 new Capitol wing has _____ air rotunda
- 43 kissing disease
- 46 TX Ross Perot's military branch
- 49 illuminators

On the Go

With
Mary Edna Hendrix
647-3343

A very small crowd attended the National Day of Prayer at the gazebo at the courthouse on Thursday at noon.

Bill Newland led in singing *I Can't Feel at Home In This World Anymore, I Saw the Light, Born Again, There's Really Been A Change in Me, Sweet Holy Spirit, Let the Lower Lights Be Burning, I Thank God for the Lighthouse* and closed with *Lord, Can't You Hear Your Children Praying?*

Ed Freeman gave the devotional on the verses from the Bible, II Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Several prayers were voiced and everyone prayed the Lord's Prayer.

A bridal shower honoring Mary Cuckler, bride-elect of Matt Howell, was held in the home of Cheryl

Pybus on Saturday morning.

Charlene Howell, Mary and Cheryl greeted the guests. Guests were served cinnamon rolls, strawberries with fruit dip and bread sticks wrapped in bacon, punch and coffee. The centerpiece was pretty with flower candles floating in a crystal bowl of water with colorful flowers around the base of the bowl.

It was good to see Carla Pybus at the shower.

The Dimmitt Book Club held its annual spring luncheon in Olton on Saturday at the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast with 44 members and guests attending. This is a fun place to entertain and the food is delicious.

They served vegetable soup, creamed ham in pastry shells, fruit salad, spinach salad and peach cobbler. The dining room is so colorful with the bright colored tablecloths and a pretty flower arrangement in the center of each table.

The seven women who own and operate the business are so talented and a lot of fun. Everyone enjoyed touring the upstairs where there are seven bedrooms. Each lady decorated a room using her own ideas and talent.

Ina Cleavinger introduced Mattie Axtell, who has been a member of the book club for 50 years. A book has been placed in the Rhoads Memorial Library in her honor.

Barbara Bain, president of the book club, presided over the meeting and introduced Doris Flynt, who gave a delightful review of the book *You Wouldn't Believe What My Grandchild Did...* by Lois Wyse. Grandparents can't believe their children produced such marvelous grandchildren. You can always spot a grandparent by how much fun they are having with their grandkids.

Max Newman had a birthday on Sunday, but he said he didn't celebrate. Danny and Brenda Bruton had a wedding anniversary but they

didn't report to me how they celebrated.

Loranell Hamilton was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center, and she served a delicious angel food cake. Members and guests who were playing were Helen Braafladt, Emily Clingsmith, Virginia Crider, Elizabeth Huckabay, Ferne Dickey, Edith Graef, Neva Hickey, Alma Kenmore, Dude McLauren, Louise Mears, Susie Reeves, Johnnie Vannoy, Bill Thornton, Retta Cluck and Mary Small.

The college students are getting out of college earlier now than some of us did many years ago. We didn't get out for the summer before June 1 and now some are coming home by the first week in May.

Nikki Kenley was home from college visiting her parents, Paul and Barbara Kenley. She has already gone back to Abilene hoping to find a job for the summer months. Good luck, Nikki, you are in the real world now.

The birthday club went to Hereford to eat at the Sirloin Stockade to honor Andy Schumacher on his birthday. Others enjoying the dinner and fellowship were Oleda Schumacher, Clyde and Bobbie Damron, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Leander and Clara Reinart, Lawrence and Vernice Green and Charles and Rena Richard.

Kate Beecher enjoyed being with her family recently during the grandkids' spring break. She and Beth McLendon of Dallas drove to Jackson, Miss., with two of Beth's boys, Matt and Chase. Trent, who is in school at Vicksburg, met them at Dan and Jo Prather's in Jackson.



GIRL SCOUT TROOP #20 of Dimmitt has adopted the mini park on the north side of the courthouse square as a service project and held a work session Saturday afternoon. Helping in the team effort are (from left) Chelsea Lowance, Jaclyn Bishop and Amber Bell. Troop leaders are Diane and Jerry Cartwright. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth

WITH
Virgie Gerber
945-2669

Although Father Neal Dee is a frequent guest of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice when teaching a class or offering mass at the Swisher County Detention Center near Tulia, he decided he had much to learn about the system so he attended the American Chaplains' Association Conference in Austin.

The title of the conference was "The Emerging Role of the Chaplain in a Changing System." The change is due to the concern of the administrators about the rate at which inmates return to prison after their parole or release. There is the conviction that when in prison, "a spiritual renewal" is insurance that the prisoner will not be returned to the system, and their self-esteem will be improved.

Chaplains will be asked to help identify worthy public works projects and businessmen to interview inmates and teach them how to apply for jobs.

Father Neal is very enthusiastic about this project. Volunteers and the community are helping to act against the disintegration of the family.

The 51st celebration of May Crowning was held Wednesday evening in Holy Family Church with Tara Johnson having the special



Crystal Amber Patton
Patton wins medals in Special Olympics

Crystal Amber Patton of Fort Grant, Ariz., earned gold, bronze and silver medals at a Special Olympics competition at Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz. over the weekend.

Patton is the daughter of Robert and Renee (Dobbs) Patton and the granddaughter of James and Doris Dobbs of Summerfield.

She won gold medals in the floor routine and hoop routine; claimed silver medals in the tennis ball throw and 25-meter walk race; and won bronze medals in the ball routine, ribbon routine and all-around gymnastics competition.

Correction

In the story announcing Mary Lou Rountree's retirement from the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, it was reported that she had worked for the agency for 28 years. She has worked for CFSA (formerly ASCS) for 37 years.

The News regrets the error.

honor of crowning the Virgin Mary following a beautiful procession which involved most of the CCD students.

Last year's May Queen, Mary Ellen Ramaekers, was also part of the procession. Bernita Hoelting and her Faithful Friends Choir added to the event by performing the music.

After the service, Gladys Fortenberry, CCD Coordinator, and Beverly Hill handed out perfect attendance awards to students.

Congratulations to Chris and Anna Albracht on the birth of a son, Andrew Christopher, April 10, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The baby was baptized Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Amarillo. His sponsors were Mike Dudek Jr. and Michelle Ruff of Amarillo, Anna's brother and sister. Grandparents are Sam and Margie Albracht of Nazareth and Mike and Betty Dudek of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are F.P. and Lucille Schacher of Nazareth, Joseph Dudek of Chicago and W.J. and Irene Albracht of Hereford.

Also attending the baptism were Dale and Tami Albracht of Lubbock and Cindy Albracht.

The Teacher Appreciation Supper was well attended last Monday at the school cafeteria. It was hosted by the Home and School Association. Each teacher was presented with a gift certificate.

Jeanette Johnson took her preschool class to the zoo in Clovis, N.M. one day last week. The group enjoyed the zoo, and eating and playing at McDonald's. Mothers going with the group were Karleen Kleman, Elaine Kern, Melissa Carpenter and Sharon Hampton.

A bridal shower honoring Tracy Drerup, bride-elect of Bryan Ramsey of Canyon, was held Sunday at the home of Ethel Schmucker. She received a very nice selection of gifts. Hostesses were Ethel Schmucker, Evelyn Ball, Teresa (Kent) Birkenfeld, Cince Schulte, Jeanette Johnson, Dorothy Kleman and Katherine (Denis) Huseman.

Tracy had a big surprise at the airport on Saturday evening when her sister, Tammy, flew in to be with her for the shower. Tammy is living in College Station.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed an excellent ham dinner at the Center on Sunday. The meal was catered by the Legion Auxiliary. We were happy to have Lucy Leinen join us for dinner. It's been a long time since she's been with us.

Greg Hoelting is home to recuperate from having surgery on both knees. A therapist from Dimmitt is working with him and he is doing well. His family has been here to help care for him in the hospital and since he's been home. Leroy and Marvin from Colorado and Anna from San Antonio all have been here. Denis will be here this weekend from Colorado.

Shirley Skarke and Rosena Albracht of Amarillo and Frances Gerber of Umbarger visited Wednesday in Nazareth. Leonard and Alvina Gerber and Virgie Gerber joined them at the 19th Hole Cafe for lunch and then spent some time at the home of Tony and Mary Gerber.

Rick Gerber of Austin spent Thursday night with Virgie Gerber. He visited with family members and his grandmother, Meta Stork, at the home of LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier.

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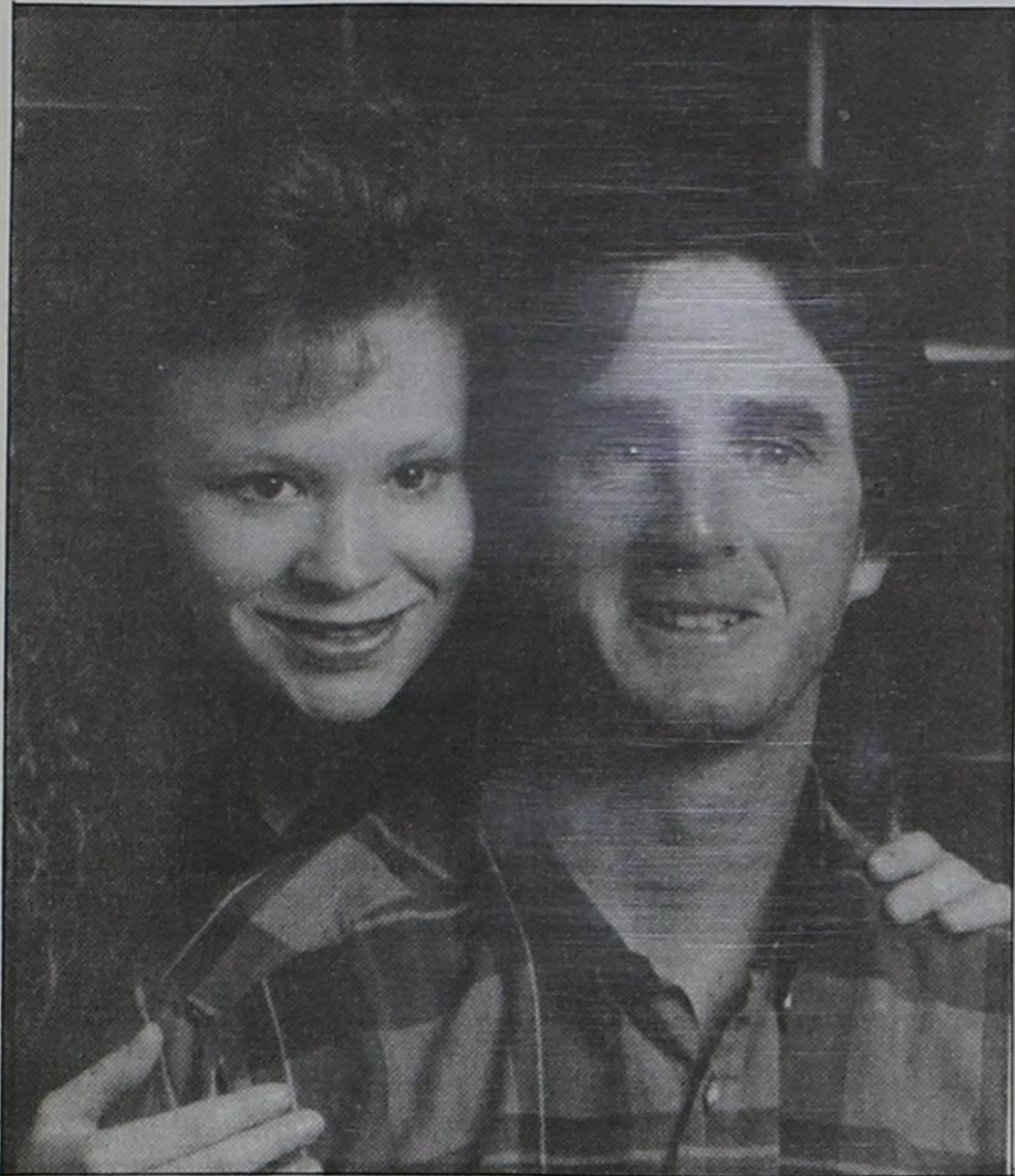
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Shelly Renee Phillips and Wayland E. Moody Jr.

June vows are planned

Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Duke of Dimmitt and J.P. Phillips of Ft. McCoy, Fla., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelly Renee Phillips of Moncks Corner, S.C., to Wayland E. Moody Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayland Moody of Summerville, S.C.

Miss Phillips and Moody plan to wed on June 3 at Oakley Road Church of God in Moncks Corner.

The bride-to-be graduated from Stratford High School in 1987 and attended Trident Technical College. She is employed at Hormell Chiropractic Center in Moncks Corner.

The prospective groom is a 1980 graduate of Goose Creek High School and he is employed with Berkeley Mining and Construction in Hanahan, S.C.

Birkenfeld, Hopper to wed

Carol and Mildred Birkenfeld of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Linda Rose Birkenfeld, to James V. Hopper, son of Vernon and Sue Hopper of Roswell, N.M.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 11 a.m. on June 3 at Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Nazareth High School. She holds an associate degree in drafting and design from Texas State Technical College. She is employed with the Texas Dept. of Transportation.

The prospective groom is a 1981 graduate of Roswell High School. He was in the US Army for four years and served with the Special Forces/Green Beret. He is an active duty reservist and is employed with the Farmington Police Dept.

After the wedding the couple plans to live in Farmington, N.M.

Head Start sets enrollment Friday

Enrollment for Head Start for the 1995-96 school year will be held Friday from 9 a.m. to noon in the library at Richardson Elementary School.

The program is open to children who will be four years old on or before Sept. 1, 1995. Families must meet income guidelines.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record, Medicaid information, WIC number and Social Security information. Also necessary will be income verification (a Form 1040 from a previous year or a check stub), Social Security numbers of parents and public assistance information, including a food stamp card, AFDC and Social Security benefits.

Applicants will be notified before the first day of school as to the enrollment status. Families who qualify for Head Start but were not enrolled may be placed on a waiting list.



WHAT A SCRUMPTIOUS BRUNCH!—Hospital Auxiliary members (from left) Wanda Murdock, Florene Leinen, Mary Edna Hendrix and Betty Freeman serve fresh fruit, miniature muffins, breakfast casserole and drinks to other PMHA

members and guests including Auxiliary President Mattie Seale (right) Tuesday morning during the group's annual awards brunch at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Photo by Anne Acker

Couple wed in Florida

Theresa Verkamp became the bride of Vince Montes when the pair exchanged wedding vows on March 8 in a backyard ceremony in Orange City, Fla.

Family and friends were present at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Mary Ruth Verkamp of Nazareth. Parents of the groom are Vincent and Patricia Montes of Sanford, Fla.

The bride graduated from Nazareth High School in 1988 and from South Plains College in 1993 with an associate of arts degree. She is employed in Apopka, Fla. as manager of a party store.

The groom is a 1983 graduate of Seminole High School. He graduated from the University of Central Florida in 1990 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and is employed with Duo Fast of Florida.

The couple have established their home in Deltona, Fla.

Walker weds McDaniel

Amanda Dawn Walker became the bride of Rodney McDaniel Friday at Clovis, N.M.

The bride is the daughter of Guy and Carol Walker of Hereford. Parents of the groom are Larry and Cindy Lee of Hart and Danny and Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt.

The couple lives in Dimmitt and both are employed at Dawn Feed Yard.

OM to host luncheon on Mothers Day

Families have a chance to honor their mothers with a fiesta dinner on Mother's Day Sunday and proceeds from the event will help send the Dimmitt High School OM team to World Competition in Knoxville, Tenn.

The OM team is sponsoring the luncheon which will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

Tickets for the meal are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for students under 12. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Cuckler is feted with bridal shower

Mary Cuckler, bride-elect of Matt Howell, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday in the home of Cheryl Pybus.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Pybus who presented them to the honoree and her mother, Joy Massengill of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; and to the groom's mother, Charlene Howell of Dimmitt.

The 30 hostesses assisting Mrs. Pybus with the shower presented the honoree with an outdoor gas grill.

The table was covered with an ecru cutwork cloth. Floating candles in a crystal bowl surrounded by an arrangement of silk flowers centered the table. Refreshments included almond tea, fresh strawberries with dip, bacon bread sticks and miniature cinnamon rolls.

Out-of-town and special guests included Inez Lee, the prospective groom's grandmother; Costaline Lee and Dorothy Sargent, both of Hereford, and Montie Howell of Bovina, the prospective groom's aunts; Gladys Merritt, Micky Bauch, Missy Wilcox and Donna Brooks, all of Hereford; and Susan Finnegan and her daughter, Maggie of Cuyahoga Falls, aunt and niece of the honoree.

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Hays honored

Taryn Hays, a student at Dimmitt Middle School, has been named a United States National Award winner in Science by the United States Achievement Academy.

Hays was nominated by her teacher, Mrs. Lust. She will appear in the USAA's official yearbook.

Hays is the daughter of Kim and Norman Hays of Dimmitt and the granddaughter of The Hon. Jack and Murna Miller of Plainview, formerly of Dimmitt.

Two graduate from Clarendon

Cory Don Mays and Mechell Renee Lowe Mays have graduated from Clarendon College.

The two were among 123 Clarendon College students who accepted either associate degrees or Ranch and Feedlot Operations certificates of completion.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Massengill request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Mary Raye Cuckler to Mr. Matt Neal Howell on Saturday, the twentieth of May nineteen hundred and ninety-five at six o'clock in the evening First Baptist Church 1201 Western Circle Drive Dimmitt, Texas

Reception following the ceremony in Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring **Renea Harman** bride-elect of **Greg Goodwin** Saturday, May 20 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of **Kay Gfeller** 5 miles west of Dimmitt on Highway 86

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Doug and Cheryl Pybus invite you to a **Come and Go Graduation Reception** honoring **Carla Pybus** Saturday, May 13 6:30 to 8 p.m. 1640 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt

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You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Melissa Bowrey** bride-elect of **David Maxwell** Saturday, May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in the home of **Ethel Fry** 302 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt

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PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL'S Ladies Auxiliary held its annual awards brunch and installation of officers Tuesday morning at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt. New officers include (from left) Betty Freeman, historian; Barbara Sava,

treasurer; Mary Edna Hendrix, reporter; Florene Leinen, secretary; Irene Blanton, vice president; and Mattie Seale, president. Not pictured is another vice president, Lucille Drerup. Photo by Anne Acker

Health care changes are focus of 'Hospital Week' observance

Proposed changes in health care form the backdrop for the 1995 National Hospital Week observance, which is scheduled May 7-13.

A Healthy Commitment in Changing Times is the slogan for the event, and it will be used as the theme for activities and promotions planned for the week-long celebration.

National Hospital Week 1995 arrives in the midst of continuing discussion over health care costs, coverage and delivery in America. Health care reform has been the focus of a wide range of recent legislative efforts and continues to be a prominent issue on the national scene.

"Anyone who has followed the news over the past few years is aware that change is coming in the

health care industry," said Stephen Goode, Plains Memorial Hospital administrator. "What kind of change we can expect and how rapidly changes will take effect are still the subject of some debate. During National Hospital Week we are making it clear that no matter what the future holds, Americans can expect the same commitment to quality, the same devotion to our patients."

National Hospital Week started 74 years ago, the brainchild of a magazine editor concerned about the public misconception over hospitals of the day. Founded as a means of shedding light on the once mysterious facilities, today's Hospital Week is a celebration of achievements made in the field and a show of gratitude to the people working in American health care.



Chili, beef, chicken, rib chefs to prepare recipes May 27

Some of the best chili, brisket, ribs and chicken in the area will be prepared by local chefs during a cookoff Saturday, May 27, at the Dimmitt VFW Post Home.

A judge's meeting will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the VFW with Marshall Young presiding. At least 30 judges will be needed to judge the cook-off and VFW Post Commander Ted Stubblefield invites everyone who would like to judge to attend the meeting.

On May 27, those who are planning to cook should be at the VFW for a cooks' meeting at 9:30 a.m. All cooks must attend this meeting.

All meats must be cooked on site outside.

Cost to enter the cookoff is \$15 for chili, \$15 for brisket, \$10 for ribs and \$10 for chicken. A \$30 entry fee will allow a cook to enter the brisket, ribs and chicken cookoff.

On the day of the cookoff, chicken must be turned in to judges at 12

noon, ribs are due at 1 p.m., chili must be turned in by 2 p.m. and brisket will be due at 2:30 p.m.

For more information about the cookoff, contact Marshall Young at 647-2328, days or 647-3736, evenings; or Ben Aleman at 647-2515.

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Sunday Church School classes will meet Sunday at 10 a.m.

"One Way to Save Your Home" will be the title of the sermon for Mother's Day by Pastor Edward D. Freeman at the morning church worship service at 11.

Mid-week Bible study will be Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

Ministerial Alliance

Gerald Aalbers will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Romans 9:30-10:21 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hart.

Parent meeting set at Richardson

Plans for the 1995-96 school year will be discussed during a parent meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School.

Title I, Migrant, Title VI and other federal grant programs will be discussed. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Breast cancer screening set

A special breast cancer screening will be held Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

The screening will include a breast exam and one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection, and a mammogram by a mammography technician.

Appointments may be made by calling 1-800-377-4673.

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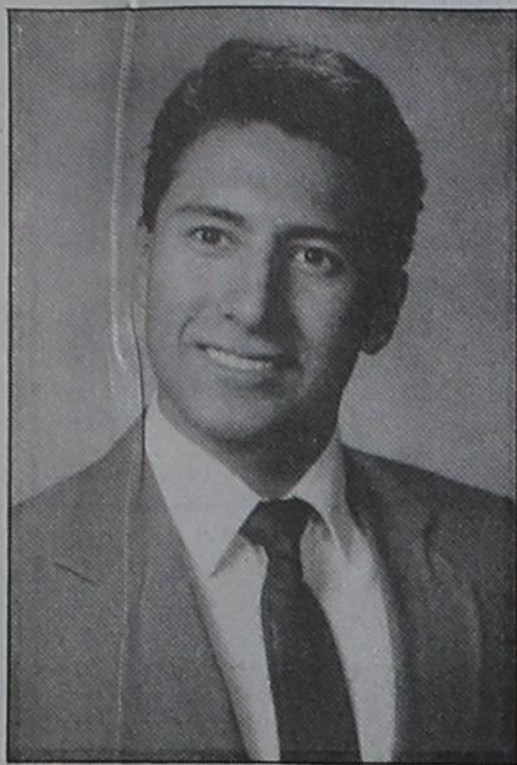
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Gerardo Lopez

Gerardo Lopez earns BS degree

Gerardo Lopez, son of Jose Angel and Paula Lopez of Dimmitt, will graduate from Texas Tech University Saturday with a bachelor of science degree in landscape architecture.

The commencement exercises will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Lopez graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1990.

While at college he has been a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects and was elected vice president of the group in 1992. He's received several honors and has been named to the dean's list. He recorded the highest grade point average in his class as a sophomore. He has been awarded many scholarships while at Tech, including awards from the Texas Plains Nurserymen's Association, Houston Livestock and Rodeo, Lubbock Kiwanis Club and ASLA Texas Chapter.

He interned with Lubbock Lake Landmark Site Historical Park and Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center, where he designed and constructed a 2.6-acre park called the "Info Plaza" for the Farmer-Stockman Show. His design was published in the September issue of *Texas Farmer Stockman* magazine. Currently he is interned with the City of Lubbock's Park Development and is a student manager for Texas Tech Housing and Dining. He is a member of Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church and plays classical guitar and sings in the church's mariachi choir.

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Sunnyside WITH TEENY BOWDEN

The Sunnyside area received some much-needed rainfall during the past week. .25 of an inch was recorded Monday morning, .80 of an inch was recorded Friday morning and .35 of an inch of rain was measured Saturday night.

The rain Saturday night unfortunately was accompanied by hail and high winds and there was at least one tornado spotted at Sunnyside.

According to reports it hovered awhile before taking off to the north. Several sprinkler systems were overturned, highway signs were blown down and there was some damage at Estacado Industries Lamb Division.

The hail was golf-ball size and larger and there was a lot of it. It sounded like it would come through the roof at any minute. The longer the storm lasted, the more severe it became.

The main damage was located to the north-northeast of Sunnyside.

Sunnyside itself received little rain, but a lot of pea- to marble-size hail.

Teeny Bowden said the ground around her house was full of holes Sunday morning, and a golf ball just fit in the holes.

Rev. Anthony Sisemore went out to move his vehicles so they would be protected from hail and he spotted the tornado hovering over the E.R. Sadler home. He said it was a perfect funnel and the tail was down, but it lifted and went north without touching down as far as he could tell.

Sunday night after the services a wedding shower was held in the Fellowship Hall honoring Hadley and Beckie Fletcher of Amarillo. His mother, Debra, and Beckie's parents who used to be members at Lee Street Baptist Church, Haley and Harmony were present. Rev. David Fletcher, former pastor here, didn't get to come. The Fletchers are from Amarillo and Beckie's parents are from Spur.

Ezell and Verba Sadler came from Hubbard Creek Lake Monday night. They called Betty and Kobert Pascal while they were there. Betty has been dismissed from the hospital and is recuperating at home. She was told the air bag saved her life.

The Pascals are former residents of the community and were members of the church here.

The planning committee for the Sunnyside School Reunion met at the church Tuesday afternoon and addressed more letters and stuffed envelopes. Approximately 106 letters were mailed Thursday.

Those present at the meeting were Robert Duke, Billie Lois Kirby, Ysleta Ball, Anna D. Gibbs, Polly Simpson, Mozelle Hall, Verba Sadler and Teeny Bowden.

The packet of materials from the Baptist Collection at Southwest Seminary has arrived and that committee will soon begin making plans for the 75th anniversary of the Sunnyside Baptist Church.

Kindergarten pre-registration is slated today

Youngsters who will be in kindergarten at Richardson Elementary School next year should plan to attend a pre-registration at the school today (Thursday).

Students must be five on or before Sept. 1, 1995, to enter kindergarten this fall.

The pre-registration will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon today (Thursday) at the RES Library.

When registering a student, parents are asked to bring the child's birth certificate, shot record and Social Security Card.

OM plans car wash

If your car, pickup, van or other vehicles needs washed, Saturday would be a good time to have it done and benefit a school team in the process.

The Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind team will sponsor a car wash Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Pizza Hut parking lot.

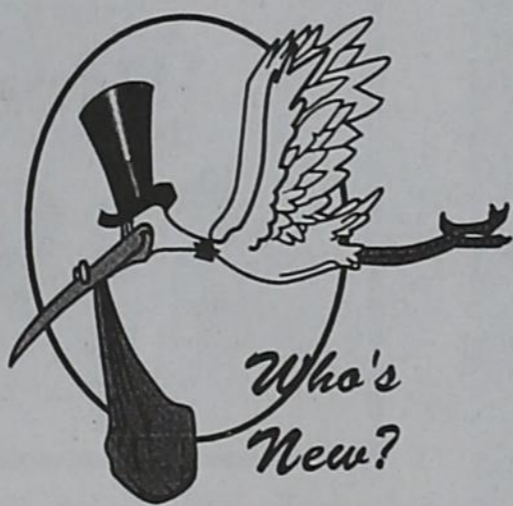
Proceeds from the event will help sponsor the team on its trip to the World OM Competition in Knoxville, Tenn.

Binghams place at state UIL meet

Jaimye Bingham and Justin Bingham, both of Nazareth, placed among the top six competitors in their respective events at the Class A state UIL literary meet Friday.

Jaimye Bingham finished fourth in Feature Writing and Justin Bingham placed sixth in News Writing.

Three other Castro County students competed in the state meet, but didn't place among the top six. They were Sarah Olvera of Nazareth, who participated in Editorial Writing; Traci Knox of Hart, who entered the Class AA News Writing contest; and Jimmy Bryan of Dimmitt, who was a contestant in Persuasive Speaking.



OUT OF TOWN

Jeff and Anne Watts of Caroleen, N.C., are the parents of a boy, Colby Caldwell Watts, born May 2 at 1:40 p.m. at Mary Black Hospital in Spartanburg, S.C.

Colby has a sister, Kayla Lee, 2. Grandparents are Jerry and Carolyn Watts of Dimmitt and Barbara and Jack Caldwell of Appomattox, Va. Great-grandparents are Gladys Hampton of Dimmitt and Vernie Watts of Littlefield.



LIP SYNC SPECIALISTS—Dimmitt Middle School students Stacy Casas, Jessica Reyes and Gina Hernandez performed the opening act at the school's Cinco de Mayo talent show last Thursday afternoon. The girls performed a popular Spanish hit by the late

Spanish music star Selena entitled *Biddi Bon Bon*. The talent show was the finale of the school's day-long Cinco de Mayo celebration. Pictured at left is Coach Guz Ortiz, who manned the sound system during the talent show. Photo by Anne Acker

Garage sale day slated June 3

Reservations for booth spaces and signups for Dimmitt's eighth annual city-wide garage sale is underway at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

The big sale is planned June 3.

Over 100 families are expected to have garage sales on the special day. The event is coordinated by the chamber and attracts bargain hunters from across the region to Dimmitt for the day.

The charge for participating is \$10 per residence, or \$25 for a booth on the west parking lot of the courthouse. The cost defrays advertising expenses for the chamber, which runs ads over a 60-mile-plus radius advertising the sale.

The chamber will also print a list of the seller, their address, and

information about three main items or categories which will be for sale. A map is also handed out downtown for shoppers so they can find their way to homes. Business-card-size ads are available on the edges of the maps for \$20 each.

This year, Lions Club Radio Day will be held on the morning of the garage sale. Signs will be posted for persons to tune to 1470 KDHN for on-the-spot interviews and

information about garage sales that have joined in the "official" effort.

Sales will begin about 8 a.m., although shoppers come much earlier in search of the special maps so they can plan their strategy. Maps will be distributed at the traffic light and at grocery stores.

Each sale participant will receive an official yard sign on a small stake and will be listed on the map for the \$10.

Hanners receives honor at Texas Tech

Jennifer Robin Hanners has been named Outstanding Student of 1995 in Speech Language Pathology by the Texas Tech University School of Allied Health.

Hanners, a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School, is a first-year graduate student in the Department of Communication Disorders. Hanners graduated magna cum laude from TTU in 1994 and will complete her master's degree in communication disorders in 1996.

Hanners is a 1995 recipient of a research grant from the Texas Speech and Hearing Foundation for work on her thesis project dealing with synthetic speech and its use by individuals with mental retardation.

She has been listed by *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges* and is a member of Golden Key Honor Society and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Hanners, the daughter of Gerald and Susan Hanners of Amarillo, is an intern at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and a graduate assistant in the Department of Communication Disorders at Texas Tech.

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Sports



Runners, relay team in search of gold

The races are even at one apiece for Joey Flores of Dimmitt and Jesus Flores of Muleshoe.

It comes down to Saturday afternoon as to which, if either, is the best Class 3A 800 meter runner in the state.

Joey Flores will put his opportunity for a second-straight gold medal on the line Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium in Austin at the UIL State Track and Field Meet.

He's one of three individuals at the track meet. Also running this weekend is the girls' mile relay team from Dimmitt High School.

Representing Hart will be Isela Minjarez in the two-mile run. Going to the meet from Nazareth will be Melinda Schmucker in the 400 and the girls' mile relay team.

The girls' mile relay team has a solid chance for at least a medal, according to Coach Richard Wood.

"There are three with times at regional that were faster than ours," Wood said Monday. "I really think

we'll run well down there, and if everyone comes through like they can, we ought to at least get a medal."

The team includes Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer Vick, Amy Ethridge and Kim Thomas.

Joey Flores had no pressure on him last year, he recalled Monday as he relaxed in the whirlpool at the DHS Fieldhouse.

"There's a lot of pressure this year, just because I won it last year," Flores said. "Last year, I didn't have any pressure and I wasn't really nervous. This year, I know what to expect and I also know what is expected."

Flores is trying to become the second Dimmitt runner to earn back-to-back gold medals in the school's history. The other was James Cowell, also in the 800, in 1962 and 1963.

The Class 3A races will be held Saturday night, along with the Class 5A races, beginning at 5:45 p.m.

Schmucker will again be splitting her time between the track and tennis. She's in the state tennis meet in girls' singles, which will be played beginning at 11 a.m. Friday. If she makes the finals there could be a conflict, because the finals will start around 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Class A section of the state track meet begins at noon Saturday at Memorial Stadium. Schmucker will be one of the favorites in the race with one of the top regional qualifying times (59.72) in the state.

Minjarez won the region with ease in the 3,200 run, and will run in the "cool" of the evening Friday.

Minjarez won the regional in 12:09.80.

Minjarez will have to run the 1,600 in the heat Saturday; the 2A session begins at noon at Memorial Stadium.

The Nazareth mile relay team of Schmucker, Trina Johnson, Tanya Wethington, Misti Ball and alternate Amy Pohlmeier will run at mid-afternoon.



ON THE WAY HOME—Dimmitt's Zeke Nino (42) rounds third base on his way to the plate Saturday in the sixth inning of the Bobcats' battle with Muleshoe at George Howell Memorial Park. Nino scored on the play to make it a 7-6 game. Zac Matthews was called out on a controversial play at the plate to end the inning. Muleshoe went on to post a 16-11 victory.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

More sponsors being sought for Cleveland Tourney

More sponsors are being sought for the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Golf Tournament, which will be played June 10 and 11 at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Also, golfers can start signing up anytime to play in the tourney, which will have a two-man lowball format. Entry fee is \$75 per person, which includes green fees, cart and steak supper.

"We want to encourage all of Coach Cleveland's former basketball players, coaches, golf buddies and friends to participate," said Shelly Nutt, Country Club activities director. "We won't turn anybody away."

Those who don't play golf but who would like to support the benefit tourney may sponsor or co-sponsor a hole. Anyone interested may contact Libby Cleveland at 647-4450 or Nutt at 647-4502.

Proceeds from the tournament will go to the Kenneth Cleveland Memorial Scholarship fund.

Hart, Naz netters ready for Austin

Two doubles teams and three players in singles will be carrying the banner for Castro County into the UIL State Tennis Championships this weekend in Austin.

Play opens Friday at 9 a.m. for doubles and 11 a.m. for singles at the Intramural Courts at the University of Texas. Semifinals will be Friday at 2 p.m. (doubles) and 4 p.m. (singles).

Finals will be Saturday at 8 a.m. at Penick-Allison courts at UT.

The road to Austin has been well traveled by all four entries.

Representing Hart will be Shea Bennett in Class 2A girls' singles. Bennett, who swept through the Region I-2A tournament two weeks ago without losing a set, will face Stephanie Williams of Wolfe City in the quarterfinals.

Bennett teamed with her sister, April, to win the state doubles' championship two years ago.

In the Class A tournament, Nazareth will have four entries, including defending state doubles champions in two different events.

Alston Farris, who won the doubles crown with Scott Brockman last year, will be in the singles' bracket this year. Farris will face Mauricio Lopez of Bruni in the quarterfinals on Friday morning.

Brockman is back for a try at repeating in boys' doubles. He's teamed this year with Nathan Hoelting, and they will face Mark Herrera and Leo Lopez of Bruni in the quarterfinals Friday.

In girls' singles, Melinda Schmucker is back in Austin and will face Angela McCarley of Trenton in the first round on Friday morning.

In girls' doubles, Karmen Pohlmeier and Denia Durbin will face Alisha Schroeder and Mindy Berend of Windthorst in the quarterfinals.

Coaches meeting moved to Monday

Meetings for persons wishing to coach baseball, softball and T-ball teams in the Dimmitt Kids Inc. program will be held Monday.

The meetings were originally scheduled for Sunday but have been moved back for Mother's Day.

Meetings will be held at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. Times and leagues include T-ball and girls' softball, 6 p.m.; minor league, 7 p.m.; and major league, 8 p.m.

Dimmitt Booster Club to elect 1995-96 officers

The Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club will elect officers for the 1995-96 school year during its meeting tonight (Thursday).

The meeting will be held at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria and is slated to begin at 7:30.

All members and prospective members are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in holding an office in the club during the next school year should contact Beth Roberts, president, or any other member, to have their name entered as a nominee.

"The Athletic Booster Club is an organization dedicated to the Dimmitt Independent School District athletes," said Roberts. "Your presence at this important meeting is imperative to continue the efforts of the Booster Club. Without your eager participation and help, our young athletes will not receive the support and recognition they deserve. You can help strengthen and rebuild the Athletic Booster Club by becoming a participating member."

Bobcats victimized in loss to Muleshoe

After coming within a badly-missed call of tying the game in the bottom of the sixth, the Dimmitt Bobcats watched as Muleshoe pulled away in the seventh inning to take a 16-11 win Saturday at George Howell Memorial Park.

The Bobcats scored five runs in the bottom of the last frame, but they weren't enough to overcome a nine-run barrage in the top of the inning by the Mules.

The win pushed Muleshoe into first place at 8-1 and clinched a playoff spot. The loss dropped Dimmitt to 2-7.

Spoiled in the end was a Kirk Gibson-esque homer in the seventh by Gerald Barrios. Barrios, one of only two seniors to have played the entire season, slammed a two-run shot in the seventh. The Dimmitt catcher was playing despite a bad leg injury, and took over a minute to round the bases.

"I left it up to Gerald and his dad if he wanted to play," Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster said. "This was an important game, his last home game and all."

His circuit clout could have been for the game-winning run, except for a controversial call that ended the bottom of the sixth.

Dimmitt had already scored two runs in the inning to close the score to 7-5. With two outs and two runners on, Ramiro Gauna hit a shot to the fence. Zeke Nino scored easily, and Zac Matthews easily beat the bouncing throw to the plate. Muleshoe catcher Alfredo Gonzales had to turn his back on Matthews to catch the ball as it almost hopped away, and as he did the home plate umpire called Matthews out.

The umpire ruled that Gonzales had tagged Matthews on the upper thigh. The Muleshoe players had continued playing, with Gonzales

running Gauna back toward second base. When they realized Matthews had been called out, though, they went to the bench and Feaster came out to argue, without avail.

In the top of the seventh, the rattled Matthews was charged with seven of the nine runs and incurred the loss. Dan Matthews came on to get the final outs.

After Muleshoe squeezed across a run in the first, the Bobcats came back to take the lead in the second. Barrios singled to left and was replaced on the paths by courtesy runner Richard Carpio. Carpio stole second, then went to third on a passed ball. Two outs later, Zeke Nino hit a high fly that hit on top of the fence and bounced over for a home run and a 2-1 Dimmitt lead.

Muleshoe, thanks to another controversial call on a fielder's choice, scored three times in the third for a 4-2 lead off Dimmitt starter Jason Nino. Muleshoe scored twice more in the fifth, then the Bobcats picked up a run in the bottom of the frame to make it a 6-3 game.

Muleshoe strung three hits together for a run in the top of the sixth, then the Bobcats came back with three to make it a one-run game.

A half-hour later, Muleshoe had a 16-6 lead with two home runs in the top of the seventh compounding the damage.

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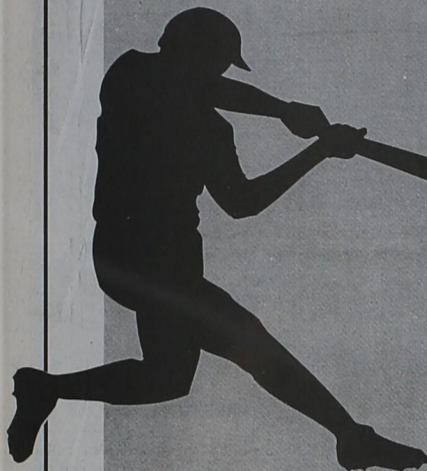
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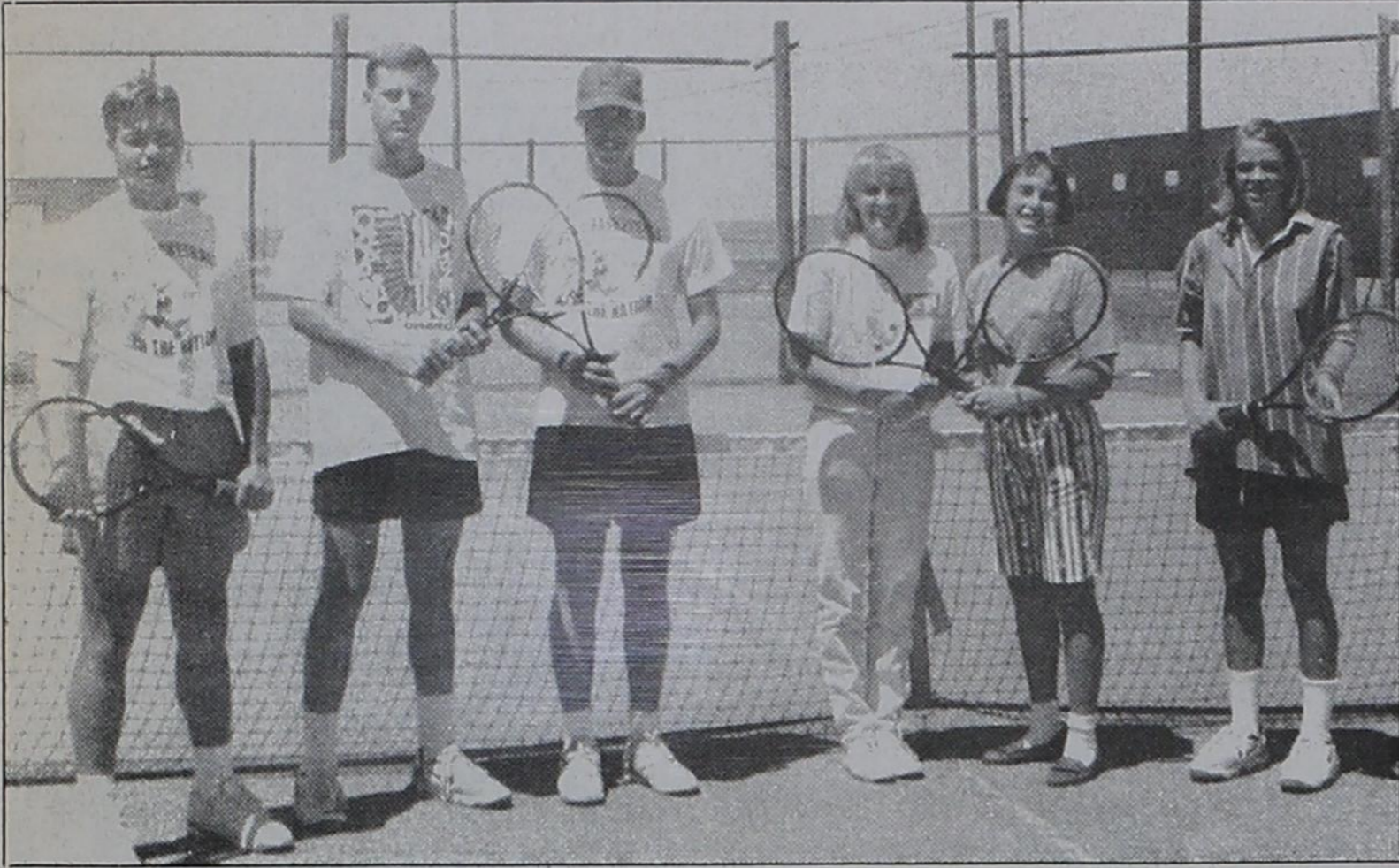
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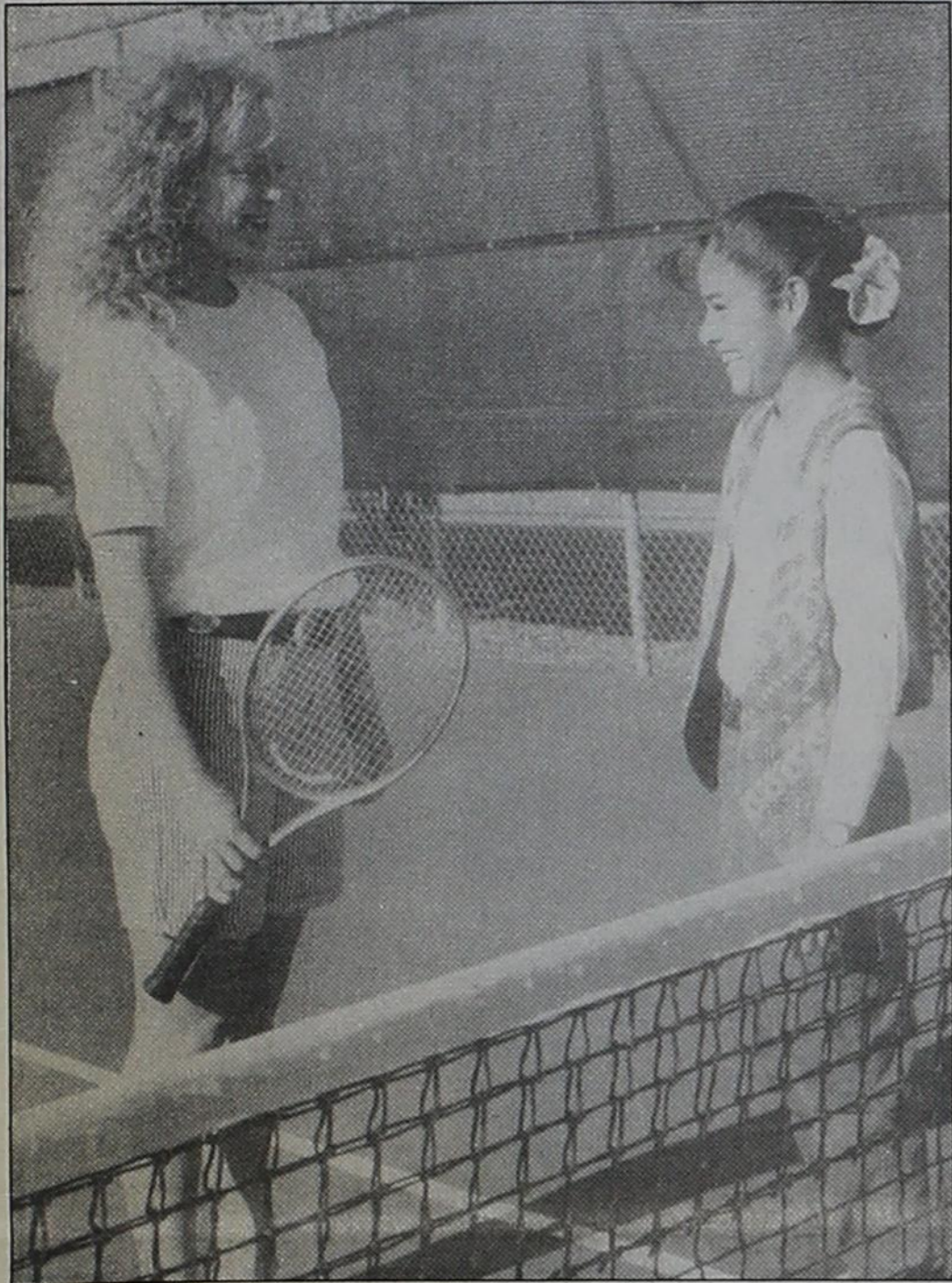
THE NAZARETH TENNIS TEAM will be well represented at this weekend's state tennis tournament in Austin with two doubles teams and two singles players set to compete. Qualifying for state include (from left) boys' singles player Alston

Farris, boys' doubles team of Nathan Hoelting and Scott Brockman, girls' doubles team of Denia Durbin and Karmen Pohlmeier, and girls' singles player Melinda Schmucker. *Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld*



MILE RELAY MACHINE—The Dimmitt girls have a good shot to at least earn a medal at the UIL State Track and Field Meet this weekend in Austin. The

mile relay team includes (from left) Amy Ethridge, Kim Thomas, Jessica Vasquez, Jennifer Vick and alternate Amy Matthews. *Photo by John Brooks*



ON TO STATE—Hart's Shea Bennett (left) and Isela Minjarez are on the way to Austin and the state tennis and track meets. Bennett qualifies for state in Class AA girls' singles at the tennis tournament while Minjarez will run in both Class AA girls' long-distance races, the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. Minjarez will run the 3,200 on Friday and the 1,600 on Saturday. Bennett will open the tennis meet Friday. *Photo by Anne Acker*



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CASEY HOELTING of Nazareth will race against the best Class two-mile runners in the state this weekend when he competes in the 3,200-meter run at the state track meet in Austin. *Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld*



NAZARETH'S MILE RELAY TEAM including (from left) Trina Johnson, Tanya Wethington, Melinda Schmucker, Misti Ball and alternate Amy

Pohlmeier, will run in the Class A state track meet Saturday in Austin. The team qualified for state by winning the regional race. *Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld*



GOING FOR ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL—Dimmitt's Joey Flores is the owner of something most high school sophomores don't have: a year-old gold medal. Flores will try to become only the second Dimmitt athlete to win back-to-back gold medals when he runs in the 800 meters Saturday at the UIL State Track and Field Meet at Austin. *Photo by John Brooks*

Blood pressure screening today

A blood pressure screening clinic will be held today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt. The clinics are held the second Thursday of each month and are conducted by the Texas Dept. of Health office in Dimmitt. The clinics are open to everyone and there is no charge.

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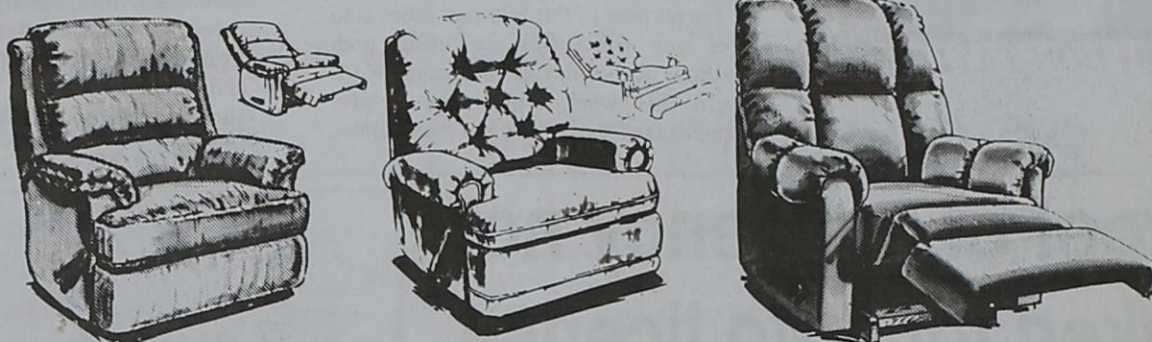


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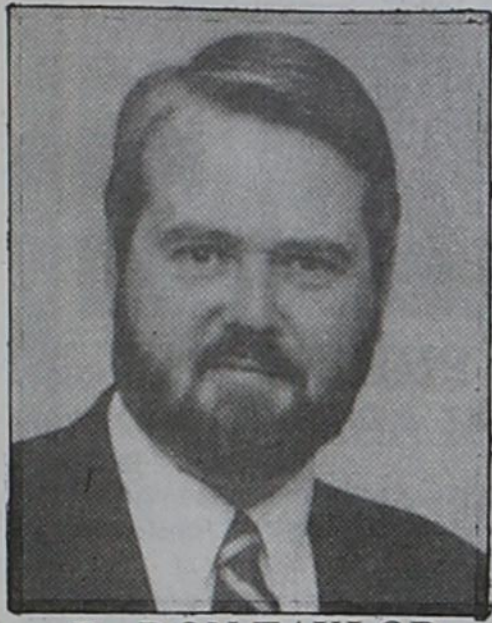
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

Making connections

(First of two parts)

Trade shows, conventions and business exhibitions can offer great opportunities to find new customers, meet new suppliers, locate manufacturers and distributors and build your business. The best part is they also provide opportunities for conducting cost effective market research, analyzing your competition, learning about merchandising, and displaying and making solid business connections.

There are two methods you can use to take advantage of these opportunities. First, you can become an attendee and visit a variety of shows and conventions. Second, you may want to become an exhibitor, set up a booth to sell your wares and promote your business.

The purpose of this two-part series is to give you some tips for using both methods to build your business. We'll begin this week with some helpful suggestions for exhibiting at trade shows

and fairs. In part two we'll offer several tips for attending shows and exhibits and for "learning by walking around."

Becoming an exhibitor

There are several steps you should take before you spend the time and money to become an exhibitor at a show or convention. First, attend any show you may consider as a potential target to ensure the customer types you wish to reach are there. Next, make a list of what you want to accomplish. This list may include making sales, getting leads, boosting your visibility, demonstrating your product or service to a certain number of prospects, etc.

The next step is to count the costs. Consider direct costs such as space, booth or display rental and services. You should also consider the indirect costs such as time to set up and tear down, follow up and the time away from your normal activities. Finally, start early. Plan a year or more in advance, if possible. Consider your displays, product samples and handouts carefully. Get copies of the show rules and contracts to avoid surprises.

Once you commit to setting up a booth, list the supplies you'll need to take. For example, you'll want a good supply of business cards, brochures, flyers, order forms, pens and special giveaways if you have any. Also, take scissors, Scotch tape, duct tape, an extension cord, markers, a knife, a hammer, a pair of pliers and other hand tools.

Here are some additional tips that successful exhibitors have shared with us:

- Be visual. Have something unusual to catch the attention of those passing by. Working models, product displays or photographs may do the trick.
- Have a single, central theme in your booth or exhibit. What you offer should be obvious.
- Keep your booth open and uncluttered. Stand up, make eye contact and greet everyone you can. Make it easy for attendees to interact with you. Collect business cards and follow up right after the show.
- Wear comfortable shoes. I take two pairs and change during the day.
- Be certain that the name of your business or product is easy to see and read. Most passersby will only glance

at your booth for a second or two. Make the most of it.

- Never leave your booth unattended. You might just miss the most important contact of the whole show. Have relief help to cover the booth when you have to be away.
- If your intent is to generate orders, create some "special show offers." These will add incentive for immediate purchase.
- Be certain that everyone who works in the booth dresses in a manner that is consistent with your business image. Neat, well-groomed appearances are always in style.
- You should discourage eating and drinking in the booth area unless you are offering edible samples. Most shows have designated areas for eating and drinking.

In summary, plan well in advance, promote early, work hard and follow-up. Have a great show.

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.

Proof of residency not asked for auto license

Castro County residents will no longer be required to furnish proof of residency before obtaining a vehicle registration.

Texas Gov. George Bush signed Senate Bill 178 into law on May 1 and the legislation takes effect immediately. It is aimed solely at motorists who live in the El Paso, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston-Galveston areas, which the government has identified as being in violation of air quality standards.

In 1991 Texas lawmakers established a centralized emissions testing program by passing House Bill 1969. It required motorists in the major metropolitan areas to get a vehicle emissions test before the Texas Dept. Of Transportation and the tax office could issue registration. An additional 50-cent fee was charged to administer the program.

Meanwhile, Castro County residents were required to show proof of residency to confirm that they were

not trying to avoid an emissions test. An additional 25-cent fee was collected to pay for the program. Then on Jan. 31 the legislature placed a moratorium on the emissions testing policy that expired May 2.

Because the new law takes Texas Dept. of Transportation out of the emissions program, the tax office is no longer required to collect the 25-cent fee at the time of registration. The Texas Dept. Of Public Safety will assume administration of the program and is charged with setting the necessary guidelines.

Texas Dept. Of Transportation is taking steps to remove the proof of residency requirement from registration renewal notices. The state mails more than one million of these bills each month and many of them are printed several weeks in advance. Until the new renewal notices are corrected, motorists should be aware that proof of residency is not required for obtaining vehicle registration in Castro County.



ALL THAT'S LEFT—Only a few tortillas were left after the LULAC fajita sale Friday. Between 300 and 350 people were served 90 pounds of fajita meat, cooked by Benny Aleman (shown) and Marshall Young. The fundraising meal also included pico de gallo, guacamole, and other condiments served up by organization members.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

North Gin earns award

North Gin Inc., of Dimmitt will receive the 1995 Small Business Achievement Award today (Thursday) at the gin north of Dimmitt.

The gin will be honored for its commitment to the economic well-being of the community and state. The ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m.

Ed Hodges, a representative from US Sen. Phil Gramm's office in Dallas, will present the award. He will also read a congratulatory letter from Sen. Gramm.

The award is being presented in commemoration of National Small Business Appreciation Week. The ceremony is open to the public.

"The small business owner makes a tremendous contribution to our economy, our competitiveness, and our entire way of life," said Sen. Gramm. "They create wealth. They develop new products and services, in addition to refining and enhancing existing ones. They offer jobs and opportunities to millions of other Americans, and help fuel economic expansion for the benefit of all."

"These men and women pay the bulk of taxes that our communities use to finance a police force, operate

a school system and provide a health care facility. Small business owners are the very core of civic leadership. They are the people involved in trying to make a community a better place to live, work and raise a family. It is very fitting for our nation to dedicate a week in recognition of the small business owner."

Cargill awards 3 scholarships

Three area youngsters have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by the Cargill Foundation.

Receiving the scholarships are Brandon Vick, a 1995 graduate of Happy High School; Colby Carthel, a 1995 graduate of Friona High School; and Jason Lindeman, a 1995 graduate of Kress High School.

The scholarships are among the 250 being awarded to graduates from farm families in 45 states. This year, the program attracted 2,761 applicants.

The Cargill Foundation is the private charitable foundation of Cargill, a diversified agribusiness company based in Minneapolis.

Seminar scheduled tonight

A special seminar to improve the financial knowledge of business people will be held today (Thursday) from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

The seminar will be conducted by David Shipman, assistant director of the Small Business Development Center at West Texas A&M University.

The cost is \$4 for chamber members and \$8 for non-members. Registration is available by calling 647-2524. Pre-registration is encouraged.

Shipman will cover managing margins for greater income; building profits by understanding financial statements; basic record keeping principles; controlling cash by recognizing the difference between income and cash flow; and others.

Shipman also speaks regularly to corporate, civic and service organizations on a variety of topics. He is the co-author of *The First Financial Management Series*, which provides small businesses a guide to financial management.

Shipman provides one-on-one counseling to small business owners and managers in the Texas Panhandle.

Seven receive TxDOT honors

Seven Dimmitt residents received awards from the Texas Dept. Of Transportation's annual awards day on April 20 in Lubbock.

Receiving awards were Janet McDaniel, 10 years' service; Ronald Ivy, 15 years' service; Leo Durbin, 20 years' service and second place winner by maintenance section for the 1995 rodeo competition; Telesforo Guzman, 25 years' service; Merced Garcia, 20 years' safe driving; Roy Pilgrim, no lost time/injury; and Charles Spring, first place winner by maintenance section for the 1995 rodeo competition.

They received their awards from Carl Utley, Lubbock District engineer.

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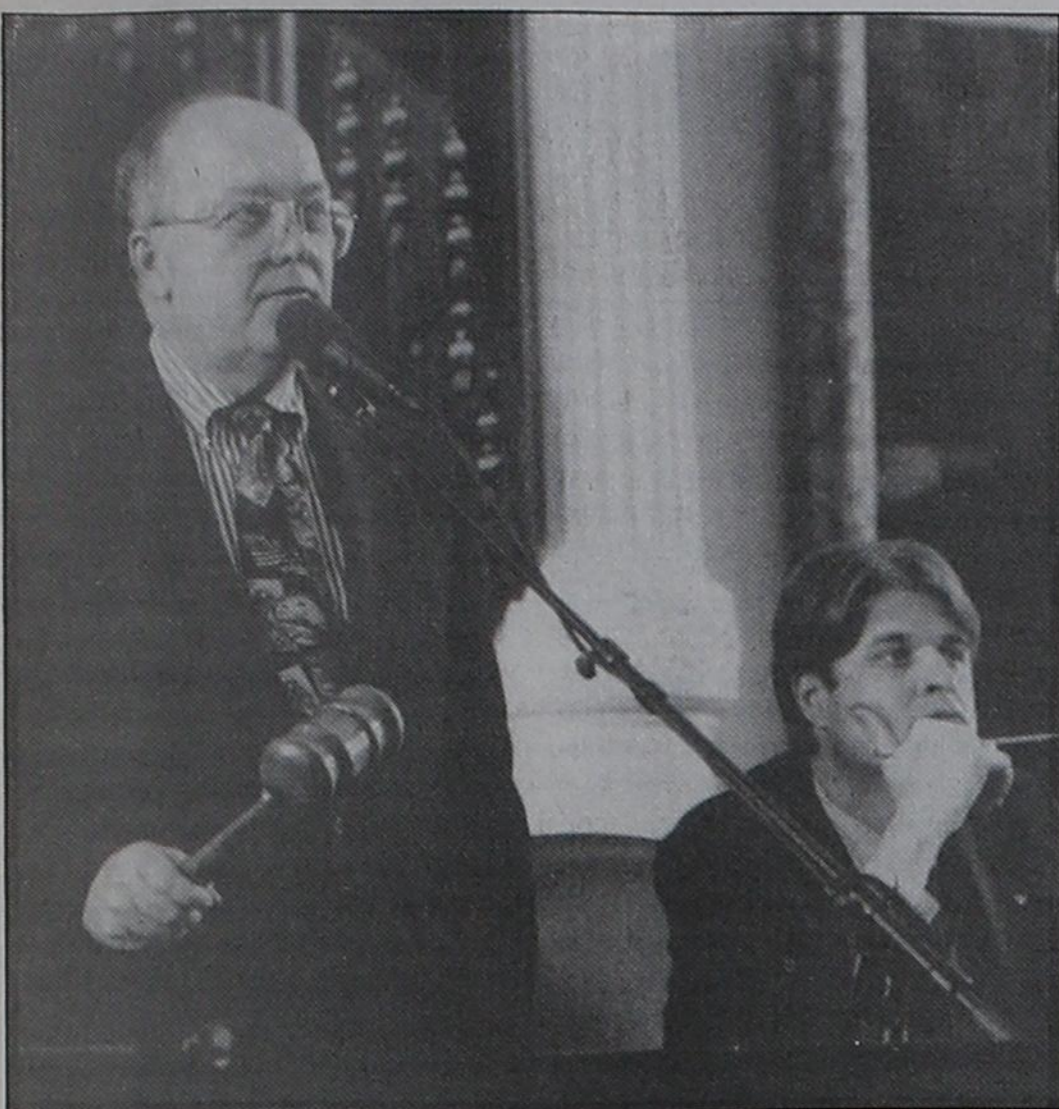
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HAYWOOD PRESIDES OVER SENATE—State Sen. Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) presided over the senate Friday. He was appointed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock to serve in his stead. *Courtesy photo*

Tips offered on saving insurance costs

Nearly all Texas auto insurance companies will be setting new rates in June, and consumers are urged to review their options to make sure they get the best possible rate.

Some good drivers pay bad-driver premiums. Consumers should check their policy for the words "county mutual." Most county mutual insurance companies specialize in high-risk drivers and usually charge more than other companies. If you have a good driving record, you might not belong in a county mutual.

The state's assigned risk plan (Texas Automobile Insurance Plan Association or TAIPA) is mainly for high-risk drivers, too. If you are an assigned risk with a good record, ask your company or agent if you qualify for a "voluntary" policy at a lower rate.

Consumers also are urged to shop around to see if other companies will accept them at a standard or preferred rate.

The most an insurer will pay to fix or replace your car is its actual cash value—its value on the used-car market. Weigh this amount, minus your deductible, against your collision and comprehensive insurance premium. If you have an older car that is paid for, you might consider whether collision and comprehensive coverage is a good deal or not.

You can cut your premium by accepting a higher deductible on your collision and comprehensive coverages. For example, you can cut your collision insurance premium by 26% by raising your deductible from \$200 to \$500.

Consumers also should make sure they are getting every discount they are entitled to receive. Companies must give these mandatory discounts:

- *10% off your liability and collision premium if all drivers on your policy pass a defensive driving course or—for young drivers—an approved driver training course.

- * 5% off your liability, collision, medical payments and personal injury protection premium for taking an approved drug and alcohol awareness course.

- * 2% to 25% off your comprehensive coverage premium for installing anti-theft devices. The amount depends on the devices you have and the county where you live.

- * 15% to 30% off your medical payments and personal injury protection premiums if your car has airbags or other "passive restraints."

- * 15% off your liability and collision premiums when two or more cars are insured on the same policy. (Exceptions do exist, so consumers should check with their agent.)

Companies also may offer optional discounts in an amount set by each individual company for your age and annual mileage driven, policy renewal with good claims and driving record, anti-lock brakes or a parent or family whose young driver is away at school without a car.

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CINCO DE MAYO Celebration was held last Thursday at Richardson Elementary in Dimmitt. The second grade bilingual students of Luis Luna presented a musical program, and invited the

audience to join in on some of the songs and motions. Also helping with the program was Luna's aide, Irene Sepeda. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Cotton Talks

Members of the Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) Boll Weevil Steering Committee (BWSC) met May 2 and voted unanimously to set the 1995 per-bale assessment at zero.

The voluntary per-bale assessment is used to provide operating funds for PCG's High Plains Boll Weevil Suppression Program.

According to PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, 13 cotton producers from across the High Plains serve on the BWSC. He adds that the steering committee lowered the per-bale assessment to zero in order to allow area compresses, where the voluntary assessment is normally collected, to set their 1995 tariffs.

Johnson said that during the recently approved High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication referendum, one of the committee's goals was to keep the per-bale assessment at the lowest level possible. The board also wants to maintain the collection mechanism to provide for a monitor-

ing program after the boll weevil is eradicated from the area.

"Producers have been very supportive of the BWSC's management of their funds throughout the 31-year history of the PCG program," said BWSC Chairman Wayne Huffaker of Tahoka. "I believe that trust will be further strengthened by the committee's action May 2."

Preparations for the expansion of the PCG program's operational area have also begun. Program personnel have put out traplines to monitor boll weevils as they emerge from overwintering habitat. In addition to PCG's regular traplines, additional weevil information will be collected through two other sources.

The first is in conjunction with Dr. Jim Leser of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, through the Agri-Partners program. Dr. Leser will be operating a grid trapping program designed to determine where boll weevils are located going into the 1995 crop.

The second source of early season boll weevil trap information is from producers and consultants who purchased traps through their county Extension agents and PCG. Individuals who participated in the program and received traps to monitor their own fields for early season weevil populations are being encouraged to forward the data they collect to their county Extension office. Each office will then forward the data to PCG for further dissemination and for use during the Enhanced Diapause program.

"We are encouraging all producers and consultants to take a few minutes to send their trap information to their county Extension office," explained Roger Haldenby, PCG boll weevil program coordinator. "This data will be an invaluable tool for us as we identify heavy weevil populations that will need to be addressed during this year's diapause treatment program."

More information about boll weevil trap catches is available in the cotton segment on the DTN system.

Contest set

In commemoration of the 218th birthday of our nation's flag on June 14, 1995, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a poster contest for students.

The contest is designed to increase children's awareness of the principles of liberty and justice for which our nation stands. Adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, the flag symbolizes the aspirations, sacrifices and achievements of our ancestors.

Elementary school students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster no larger than 20" x 20". The theme of the contest is *How The Flag Represents Me*. Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. The first 200 entrants will receive a free t-shirt for entering the contest, and winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and the complete rules for the contest contact Amy Carr at 1-800-262-2548 or 1-210-828-9921. Deadline for entries is May 31.

Harvest Days is set Aug. 12

Castro County Harvest Days has been slated for Aug. 12 and the Fair Association is in the process of printing the Harvest Days brochure which features a listing of all activities with time and location.

The theme for this year's celebration is *Texas Pride in Castro County*, and those planning to enter floats are urged to begin making plans for decorations depicting the theme now.

Anyone planning a special event or activity is asked to contact the Chamber to have it included.

Two new events planned this year are the fiddlers' contest and Texas Pedal Puller contest for children between the ages of 4 and 12.

The Pedal Pull is being sponsored by J&H Equipment and the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club.

The annual DATA Car Show will be held prior to Harvest Days this year. It will be on Aug. 5.

Together We Can

State report lists companies

The Texas Dept. of Commerce has produced its new, updated *Directory of Leading Texas Companies*, which provides data on employment, annual sales, contacts, industry code, city and other information on 846 Texas companies.

The enhanced and expanded version of the original report includes new categories of company information based on feedback from users of the previous report, which was produced in 1992.

"Working from responses we received on the first edition of the directory, we designed a new format for this year's version and have included additional information,"

said Commerce's Research and Information Division Director Bill Kean. "We feel users will find the new edition a useful business tool."

Two surveys were used to compile the new directory, including one for the 888 companies previously listed. In addition, Com-

merce obtained the Texas Employment Commission's list of the state's 1,000 largest establishments and used it to conduct a second corporate survey. The results of both surveys were combined into the new directory. Only companies that responded to the surveys are included in the directory.

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RETIRING OFFICERS of the Dimmitt FFA were recognized at the club's annual awards banquet last Thursday night. They are (from left) Jay McCormick, reporter; Dustan Buckley, treasurer;

Jill Gfeller, vice president; Chad Jennings, president; Jason Wooten, secretary; and Carla Petty, sentinel.

Photo by Carter Townsend

FFA honors top members, supporters at annual banquet

Jill Gfeller needed help to carry home her awards after last Thursday night's FFA awards banquet.

Gfeller was named the Star Chapter Farmer and won the DeKalb Award. She also won a Chapter Proficiency award in Horse Proficiency.

Blu Kropp offered the invocation to signal the beginning of the awards banquet, then the 1994-95 FFA officers held an opening ceremony. Derrick Thomas welcomed those present. Special guests were introduced by Mandy Davis.

After presentation of the awards, the 1995-96 officers were introduced and closing ceremonies were held.

Among the award winners was Jana Nelson, who was recognized as the Star Greenhand and crowned as FFA Plowgirl.

The Star Agri-Business Award was presented to Emilio Nino. Honorary Chapter Members rec-

ognized were Wanda Nelson, Don Moore and Les Davis, and Nelson also was recognized as Star Chapter Mother.

Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Randy Schumacher, Dean Kirby, Greg Odom, Scott Sturgen, Gene Bradley, Charles Ketchum, Ronnie Gfeller, V.C. Hopson, Charles Atchley, W.J. Hill, Kent Lindsey and Mike Baca.

Schumacher received the Outstanding Service Award.

Sophomore Mikel Atchley was recognized for having the highest grade point average among FFA members and was honored with the Scholastic Award along with junior Justin Damron, senior Carla Petty and freshman Travis Crow.

Chad Jennings was presented with the Work Horse Award.

Chapter Proficiency Award recipients were Chris Davis, Outdoor Recreation and Soil and Water Manage-

ment; Jennings, Wildlife Management; Dustan Buckley, All Productions; Justin Damron, Other Productions; Drew Musick, Dairy Production; Jay McCormick, Sheep and Pig Production; Chad Rogers, Beef Production; Aaron Kropp, Poultry Production; Jason Wooten, Agri-Sales and Service; Cory Hopson and Wesley Mays, Essays; Michael Glidewell, Culture; Blu Kropp, Landscape; Sam Moctezuma, Placement Agriculture; Laura Bradford, Prepared Public Speaking; and Jimmy Ivey, Extemporaneous Public Speaking.

Amy Fuller was crowned as FFA Sweetheart.



DIMMITT'S FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA Chapter held its annual awards banquet last Thursday night and crowned Amy Fuller (left) as the new Sweetheart and Jana Nelson (right) as the new Plowgirl.

Photo by Carter Townsend



STAR CHAPTER MOTHER honors were given to Wanda Nelson last Thursday night by the Dimmitt FFA Chapter at its annual awards banquet. Nelson was also named an Honorary Chapter Member for her efforts on behalf of the club.

Photo by Carter Townsend



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of May 11-19.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of Italian spaghetti, *grilled cheese with chili or oven fried chicken; *potato rounds, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked potato wedges; tossed salad with dressing; *carrot-raisin salad or *fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *cheeseburger on a roll, chicken filet on a bun or Chinese plate; *French fries, pork fried rice or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing; *hamburger salad or coleslaw; *cornbread, whole wheat rolls or crackers/flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *chicken fried steak, cheeseburger on a bun or turkey fajitas; *mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexipinto beans or seasoned green beans; *tossed salad with dressing, hamburger salad or fajita condiment salad; Spanish rice, flour tortillas or *hot rolls; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of barbecued sandwich, beef enchiladas or *chicken breast strips; potato salad, refried beans or *tater tots; tossed salad with dressing, orange wedges or *haystack salad; *hot rolls, cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *cheese pizza, corn dog or Chinese egg roll, garden peas, pork and beans or Chinese style vegetables; *tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or

*cucumber and tomato salad; *hot wheat rolls, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *steak fingers with gravy, hoagie submarine or beef and bean burrito with chili; Spanish rice, 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.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART

THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or chicken sandwich, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Sack lunches (elementary); and submarine sandwiches or burritos (secondary), sliced tomatoes, pickles, olives, lettuce, potato chips, cookies, fresh fruit and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets (elementary) or chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Corn dogs (elementary), burrito or chef salad, corn, salad, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken sandwich (elementary) or cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, pickles, lettuce, potato chips, fresh fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Barbecued wieners (elementary) or brisket, macaroni and cheese, pinto beans, potato salad, cornbread, banana pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary), or burritos, pickles, jalapeno peppers, crackers, fruit, cookies and milk. (Chef salad also will be offered.)

(Hart menus are subject to change without notice.)

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Enchiladas, green beans, fruit cocktail, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, carrots, rolls, applesauce and milk.

MONDAY: Tater tot casserole, sopapillas, corn, peaches and milk.

TUESDAY: Manager's choice, green beans, pineapple, rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, peanut butter bar and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, apricot cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Sandwiches, oranges, chips, pickles and milk.

Board approves new dropout plan

Dimmitt school board members voted Monday to contract with a South Texas firm to start a new program next fall for at-risk students and dropouts.

The board will work with Student Alternatives Program, Inc., to provide an alternative school for at-risk students.

The cost for the school district will be \$20 per day per student, with a minimum of 10 students. Most of the money will be recouped from state monies paid for attendance by the students.

The program, which has been used the past year in Brownfield and by another cooperative of school districts on the South Plains, and for several years in South Texas, will use a building separate from the school district for the special school. A representative told the board at its April meeting that the company would rent or lease a building in town for the special school.

If the school here is set up like SAPI's others, there will be a certified teacher in charge of the program. Students will have a choice of morning or afternoon classes and will be taught in special "modules" while working at their own pace.

Students will have a choice of working to recapture credits so they may obtain a high school diploma, or working toward a GED certificate.

Persons who drop out of the SAPI program are not counted among the dropouts for the local school system.

School personnel have said the company should have no problem finding 10 or more dropouts or at-risk students who can use the program. Persons must be under 21 to qualify for the special school.

The school district will have to pay SAPI a \$5,000 fee up front, but will be refunded the money over the first five months of the program.

HALLELUJAH!—Are they testing the rainfall with their palms, or are they having a praise service? Well, Dan Nelson (left) and Gerald Thomas of Nelson Well Service are doing a little of both during Friday morning's beautiful rain. In their business, they know how dry the ground is and how deep it goes. Thousands of Castro Countians—especially the farmers—reveled in the rainfall Friday, then held their collective breath Saturday night during a hailstorm and tornado warning.

Photo by Don Nelson



City chooses First Bank of Muleshoe

Dimmitt's city deposits will switch banks for the first time ever after First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch was awarded the bid Monday as the city's official depository.

Dimmitt's city council voted 7-0 to move its money from First United Bank to First Bank.

First Bank was much higher on its interest on the "Super Now" checking account, 5.59% compared to FUB's 3.5%. On an account of \$100,000, First Bank would pay \$5.73 more per day in interest than First United would pay.

First Bank was also higher on certificates of deposit. FUB's rate figured to be 5.24%, while First Bank weighed in at 5.85%. On a \$100,000 CD, that's a difference of \$1.67 per day.

First Bank said interest on any loans would be based on the prime interest rate as published in the *Wall Street Journal*. FUB said its interest rate would be negotiable.

First Bank also offered to split the cost of printed checks and deposit

slips with the city. The city may use the vendor of its choice for the checks. FUB would have charged the full amount for checks and slips to the city, according to bid documents. First Bank also offered a detailed statement on CD's upon request and had no charges for account balance inquiries. There was no quote on those items from FUB.

The deal with First Bank runs for two years.

Council members re-elected Don Sheffy as mayor pro tem at the meeting. The council canvassed votes and found a discrepancy between the listed totals for each candidate and the actual votes cast according to tally sheets. There were no differences in outcomes, but all but one candidate gained votes after the canvassing.

County Judge Irene Miller administered the oath to new members Charles Richard and Gloria Hernandez, re-elected incumbents Sheffy, Carole Dyer and Johnny Ethridge, and Mayor Wayne Collins.

The council also adopted a resolution to apply for a grant for a proposed new swimming pool. The pool will be built near the corner of SW Fourth and Belsher in the park.

The pool will cost about \$180,000. The grant would split the cost of the pool with the state. The city's share of the cost would be paid through in-

kind services, including digging the pool.

The current city pool, located behind Dimmitt Middle School, has been in poor shape for several years. If the grant is approved, a new pool could be open by the summer of 1996.

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Schacher served under infamous Patton in World War II

By PATRICK STEIERT

A resident of Nazareth, John H. Schacher was inducted into the Army on Jan. 27, 1942. He served until November 1945, and obtained the rank of corporal.

He was used as an interpreter because of his ability to speak German and Italian dialects. He was involved in the Sicilian and Italian invasions, the campaigns in southern France and the final assault into the German homeland.

Cpl. Schacher was assigned to Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s Fifth Army. He was an anti-aircraft gunner.

"As the war pressed on, and the German Luftwaffen disappeared, our anti-aircraft roles changed to anti-tank roles," Schacher said. "We carried two types of munitions. One was an air burst round used for planes; the other was an armor piercing round that worked pretty good on German tanks."

Despite his many battles on German soil, Schacher recalls Anzio, Italy as being the toughest battle in which he was involved.

"Anzio was a bloody stalemate for nearly six months," Schacher said. "We thought it would be an easy clean-up operation that would open the way to Rome. Boy, did we get surprised!"

Hitler had described the invasion of Anzio as an "abcess that should be treated (as if it were a medical crisis) through radical surgery." The Germans responded by forcing the US troops back onto the beaches. On the beaches, the US troops refused to surrender. The battle began on Jan. 22, 1944, and lasted until May 17, 1944.

"The Germans bombed us, and they hit us night and day with artillery barrages," Schacher said. "It was endless. When they sent planes, we'd shoot them down. They'd get mad and send more planes. We'd get mad and shoot them down, too. And on and on it went."

"My most vivid memories about combat go back to Anzio. I remember the constant anti-aircraft barrages, and the artillery in pacts. I'd go to sleep for awhile, and wake up with a lot of pain in my jaws.

Without realizing it, I was grinding my teeth in my sleep. Apparently we were all doing it. Everybody complained about the same pains.

"My teeth ached constantly. Eventually, some of them broke and fell out. All of my teeth grinding was a form of unconscious nervous tension.

"At Anzio, we couldn't break out from the beaches, and they couldn't make us crumble."

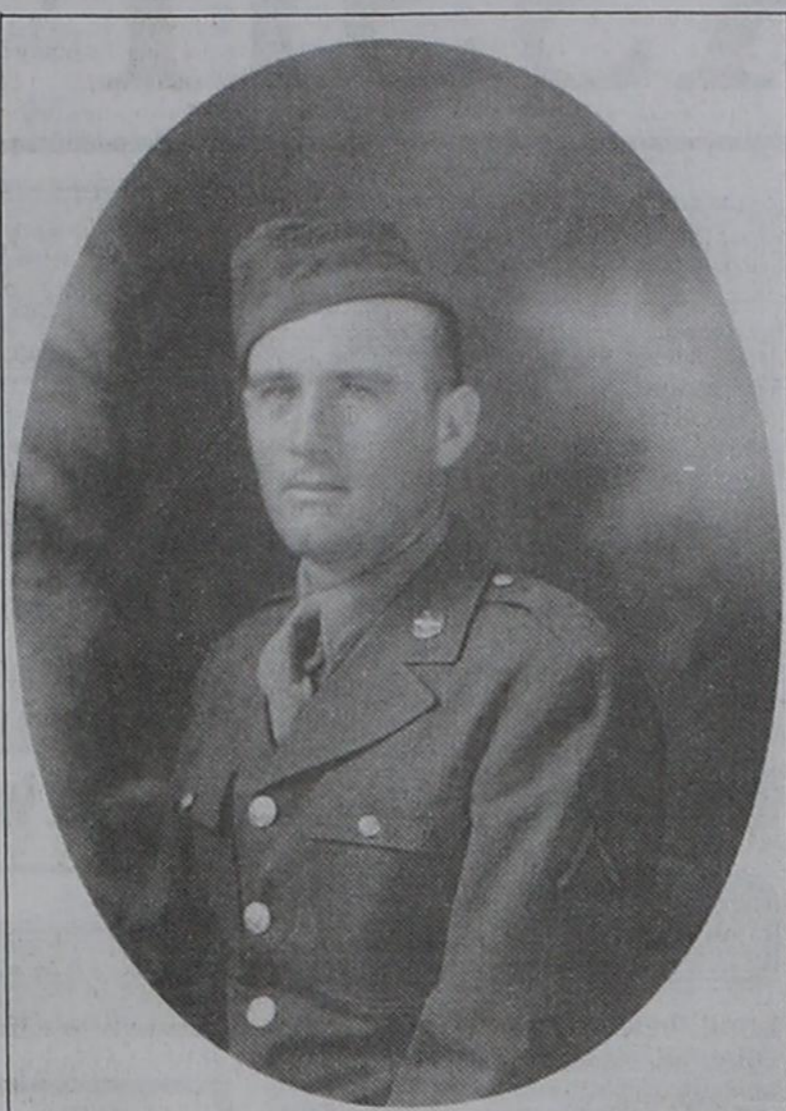
Finally, on May 17, the Germans did begin to fall back when other Allied units broke through German defenses in Central Italy.

"Once the Germans broke, they never stopped running," Schacher said. "And we never got much sleep. Everytime we thought the Germans had established a major defensive line, they'd retreat again. We would just settle down in hopes of getting some rest when we'd be ordered to advance again."

The constant charging stopped when the Allies captured Rome on June 4, 1944.

"After the fall of Rome, the Germans held onto northern Italy for another six months," Schacher said. "But we knew the Germans were cracking. They couldn't hold on much longer. I was never doubtful about the outcome of the war in Europe from that point on, simply because Germany was fighting wars on too many fronts."

"As we forced the last of their units out of Italy, the Normandy invasion had been completed, and the breakout in France had already begun. Meanwhile, the Russians were busting the German units up in



CPL. JOHN SCHACHER
...Photo was taken while in North Africa

the east. There was no doubt what the outcome would be."

Involved in so much combat, Schacher does not recall the constant warfare as being the most difficult or sad thing he saw.

"I really think about the civilians and their hardships," Schacher said. "I remember the poor elderly women in Italy, the old men and tiny children. They were all so very thin, malnourished and in great despair."

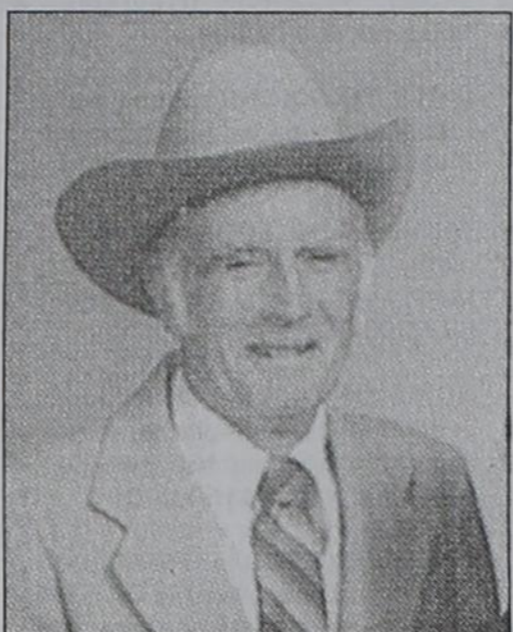
In another event in the war, Cpl. Schacher found himself beside Gen. Patton in a situation very similar to the one shown in the motion picture *Patton*.

"Old Blood and Guts was standing near our vehicle when a German plane flew over and began a strafing run at us, and on our ships on the beach," Schacher said. "We all ducked under vehicles or into ditches. When I looked up, Gen. Patton was still standing there looking through his binoculars and screaming, 'Where the hell are m

damn tanks!' It was absolutely crazy at the moment, but that was Gen. Patton."

Schacher tells of a humorous event that happened to him during a lull in battle.

"I was looking for something to use as a bed," he said. "I talked to an old farmer who had some wheat straw bundles, and I bought one from him. I thought the straw would make a great bed. It did for a moment. Shortly thereafter, I realized that straw bundle was infested with fleas. I ended up having to wash my clothes in gasoline to get rid of the fleas."



JOHN SCHACHER

MEMORIES OF WWII



It is often claimed that in times of trouble, every country has its national heroes. They seem to emerge in the time of our darkest hours. We remember the great names from World War II who designed the war plans, but we forget that in every conflict, great or small, it is the "common" soldier, sailor or pilot who does the fighting.

World War II was a war that touched every part of our nation, our state, and our county. "Uncommon valor" became the common trademark of over 100 men from Castro County who fought in this war.

This series of articles is dedicated to those men who fought in World War II. It is hoped that this series will stir the interest of younger readers who will, in return, seek to record in a book the memories of the veterans from their family before they all pass away.
--Patrick Steiert

Soldiers don't carry flea powder."

When the Germans surrendered on May 9, 1945, Cpl. Schacher was with his unit near the German city of Nuremberg.

"We were going to attack Berlin, but the Russians took care of that," Schacher said. "I remember thinking to myself that at last I'm finally going to go home. We were all very jubilant."

Schacher recalls that there were some interesting celebrations. "Somehow we got hold of some alcohol. Well, let's just say we got happy! But our superiors wouldn't allow any of us to leave our areas, and our party was closely monitored. Most of the guys stayed close to their gun positions. The news was too good to believe, but too obvious not to be real."

Schacher's unit remained at Nuremberg until the close of all hostilities in Europe and Asia. In November of 1945, he was returned to his family farm east of Nazareth.

His personal thoughts about WWII and its purpose are straightforward:

"We fought to win that war from the very start. There was no politicking in our affairs. War was war, and that's how we fought it! We stopped an evil leader, a mad man. We accomplished what we set out to do."

Schacher sends a thought-provoking warning to all young Americans.

"We haven't learned enough from World War II," he said. "What happened in Germany could happen anywhere, including here in the US. Don't ever take your government for granted. Don't let it change itself where it is greater than the Constitution. Don't ever lose the right to defend yourselves, and don't ever forfeit your right to free speech. "Our government is the greatest on earth, but our government is not greater than its Constitution, which protects the peoples' rights."

Schacher's comments reflect a striking similarity to the warning



enriched upon the entrance of the notorious Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz, Poland. It reads: "Those who forget the past are doomed to repeat it." May we all heed that warning.

--- About the author: The Rev. Patrick Steiert is a 1975 graduate of Hart High School. He attended college at West Texas State University, receiving degrees in speech and journalism in 1981. He was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1981.

He attended the Assemblies of God Theological Seminary in Springfield, Mo., 1985-88, and was endorsed for the Army Chaplaincy by the Chaplaincy of Full Gospel Churches, located in Dallas.

Rev. Steiert has served on active and reserve status for 13 years. His overseas assignments include Germany, Kuwait and a recent tour in support of the troops in Haiti. He is scheduled to report to Fort Bragg, N.C. this summer.

Rev. Steiert is the son of Pete and Earlene Steiert of Hart.



SHERMAN TANKS such as these were used by Gen. Patton's troops in Europe.

Photo courtesy of Pete Steiert

Bobcats win season finale

Dimmitt pitcher Dan Matthews threw just 66 pitches and faced only four batters over the minimum Tuesday as the Bobcats beat the Mustangs 4-0 at Shallowater.

Shallowater had just four baserunners in seven innings, and three of those were thrown out on the bases by catcher Gerald Barrios. Dimmitt had just one error on the afternoon in the final game of the year.

"It was a great job by our whole team," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "We could have gone down there and just checked it in, but it's a credit to our young men to go down there, play hard and play well."

Matthews induced 10 pop-ups or fly ball outs from the 25 batters he faced. Eight Mustang batters put the first pitch they saw in play.

Meanwhile, the Bobcats had six hits and three walks off Shallowater. Ramiro Gauna scored what proved to be the winning run in the first inning after a single and a stolen base. He scored when the Mustangs mishandled a hit by Emilio Nino.

Dagon Newton, running for Barrios after the Dimmitt catcher singled in the second, scored to make it a 2-0 game. Dwayne Espinoza scored in the sixth, and Zac Matthews homered to lead off the seventh.

TUESDAY

Bobcats 4, Shallowater 0

Dimmitt	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	6	1
Shallowater	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Dan Matthews and Gerald Barrios, Ortiz, Garza (6) and Sowell. WP-Matthews. LP-Ortiz. HR: Dimmitt-Zac Matthews.									

Saturday storms bring welcome rains

Continuous-tone sirens, warning a deadly storm was imminent, began wailing about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, throughout Dimmitt.

Dimmitt officially received 1.03 inch of rain from the weekend storms.

Nazareth was on the short end over the weekend, with .25 to .50 inch.

Funnel cloud or tornado hit power lines and poles about 10 miles south of Dimmitt. Funnel or straight-line winds also ripped through trees and center pivots near Sunnyside. This cloud, hail larger than golfball size, and warnings from the National Weather Service, prompted officials to sound sirens in Dimmitt.

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WAITRESS NEEDED—Apply at the Pancake House, 313 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. 20-2-tfc

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Castro County Hospital District is accepting applications for chief financial officer. BA in accounting or BBA with concentration in accounting is required. Send resume and salary requirement to Steven M. Goode, CEO, Castro County Hospital District, P.O. Box 278, Dimmitt Texas 79027. EOE. 20-4-2tc

THE COUNTRY CLUB of Dimmitt is taking applications for morning golf course maintenance personnel (30 hours per week), and also an evening pro shop attendant. Apply in person with Kevin at Country Club between 8 and 5. 20-52-tfc

SUMMER JOB: Demonstration technician for assisting County Extension Agent in implementing, conducting, monitoring and harvesting field trials in Castro County. Help county staff with data collection and field monitoring. College graduate or some college completion preferred with training in agriculture. Ability to communicate in writing and speech, cooperate as a team member, and respond positively to policy, administration and supervision. Farm background and familiarity with crop production and irrigation desired. Record keeping and some computer skills preferred. Must have own transportation with proof of insurance for travel in area with paid mileage. Applications will be accepted immediately and until the position has been filled. Opening date for position is June 1. The Texas Agricultural Extension Service is an Equal Employment Opportunity employer. Persons interested in being considered as an applicant should contact J.D. Ragland at the Castro County Extension Office, 100 E. Bedford, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. 806/647-4115. 20-5-1tc

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22-Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-tfc

23-Lost & Found

LOST! Two basset hounds, black and white male, red and black female. 1 year old. Have collars. Small reward. Call 647-3731. 23-5-5tc

FOUND! Set of keys during election at Dimmitt City Hall. Identify and claim in person at City Hall. 23-5-tfx

24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to thank everyone who was brave or very crazy like us and came out to the fajita sale last Friday. The guys wouldn't cancel it and we are glad that we didn't. It turned out okay and actually was fun after it was all over. We had a good laugh. We looked like wet chickens. We want to apologize if we served you wet fajitas and also for running out of food. We didn't plan on a good turnout in the rain. Thanks to Marshall Young and Ben Aleman for cooking. If this had been a cookoff, I'd have given you first place, hands down. Thank you Dimmitt.
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24-5-1tx

25-Legal Notices

TEXAS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO PAVING CONTRACTORS
LOCATION: Dimmitt, Castro County, Lubbock District.
PROJECT NUMBER: BC-5-K-11 (Revised).

DESCRIPTION: Construction of site improvements at the General Maint. Bldg. BID DATE: Thursday, June 1, 1995, 2:30 p.m. at 200 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas.

ESTIMATED COST: \$137,700.

Plans and specifications will be furnished without charge to any general contractor. Request from TxDOT General Services Division, Bldgs., Attn: Catherine Ferrera, 125 E. 11th Street, Austin, Texas 78701, phone 512/416-3048; FAX: 512/416-3072; or pick up from 150 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 406N, Austin, Texas, or from TxDOT Lubbock District, Merlin Bennett, P.E., 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas 79404; phone 806/745-4411; FAX 806/748-4382.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE: \$3,000 (see bidding documents for specific requirements).

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: None scheduled. 25-5-2tc

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST RELATING TO IRRIGATION INTERRUPTION CREDIT AND RECOVERY OF POWER COSTS

Notice is hereby given that Lamb County Electric Cooperative, Inc. (The "Utility") intends to change rates for electric utility service by implementing an irrigation interruption credit applicable to irrigation customers who agree by contract that their service may be interrupted and by revising the Utility's power cost recovery factor ("PCRF"), effective May 8, 1995, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. The proposed changes are not expected to have any effect on the revenues of the Utility. The changes are applicable to all electric utility services, all areas served by the Utility, all customer classes and all customers.

Copies of the proposed revised tariffs, schedules and supporting testimony and other pertinent data may be inspected at the office of the Utility located at 2415 South Phelps Avenue, Littlefield, Texas 79339, and at the office of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Inquiries should be directed to Mr. Delbert Smith, 806/385-5191.

The Utility's wholesale power supplier currently allows a credit on the Utility's wholesale power bills in exchange for the ability to interrupt a portion of the Utility's irrigation load. The Utility's existing retail rates, which were established before the wholesale interruption credit became available, apply the interruption credit to all customers of the Utility, regardless of whether such customers have agreed that their service may be interrupted. This occurs because the Utility's power cost is reduced by the amount of the irrigation interruption credit from the Utility's wholesale power supplier and the reduced level of power cost is flowed through to all consumers through the PCRF.

The rate revisions are proposed for purposes of: (1) establishing a tariff authorizing payment of an interruptible credit to irrigators who agree by contract to allow their service to be interrupted, and (2) allocating the irrigation interruption credit received from the Utility's wholesale power supplier to the irrigation customers who have agreed to allow interruption of their load in the event the Utility's wholesale power supplier requires the Utility to shed load. Irrigation customers who agree to have their service interrupted should receive the benefit of the interruptible credit from the Utility's wholesale power supplier. The proposed changes will not increase or decrease the revenues of the Utility, however, the proposed changes are expected to increase the revenues derived from all customer classes other than irrigation and industrial (Plains Cotton Cooperative Association).

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission's Public Information Office at 512/458-0256 or 512/458-0221 for text telephone. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is May 18, 1995. 25-5-3tc

25-Legal Notices

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

You are hereby notified that DIMMITT AGRI INDUSTRIES, INC. has applied for Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality Permit No. 28799. This permit, if approved, will authorize construction of an Anhydrous Ammonia Storage Facility in Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The location of the proposed facility is at the northwest corner of the intersection of FM 3215 and East Street. This facility will emit the following air contaminant: anhydrous ammonia.

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone 806/353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone 512/239-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Mr. Michael Wilson, TNRCC Office of Air Quality New Source Review Program, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not issue the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on May 4, 1995 and May 11, 1995.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit application pursuant to Section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone 512/239-3300.

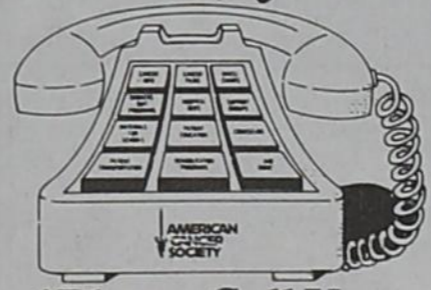
Before a permit can be issued for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. This includes the application of "best available control technology" to each new or modified emission source and compliance with all ambient air quality standards. 25-4-2tc

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Castro County Hospital District will receive sealed proposals until 7 p.m. May 24, 1995, at the office of Stephen M. Goode, Administrator, Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 for the complete design and construction of a medical clinic building, at which time, all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. All proposals must be submitted in duplicate and in accordance with the written proposal specifications which can be obtained from Stephen M. Goode, Administrator, Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

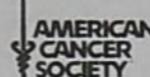
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Chamber working on mobile phone list

If you have ever needed to call someone and you know that person is in their vehicle and has a mobile phone but you can't remember their number, the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce may have a solution.

The Chamber has been asked to compile a listing of mobile phone numbers. The cost to have a mobile

number listed is \$3 per phone. Those interested should send their listed name and mobile phone number to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 West Bedford, Dimmitt 79027.

For each listing, the Chamber will provide the phone holder with a directory. Listings should be turned in to the Chamber by May 30.

Fill out the following and return to:

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce
115 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, TX 79027

Listed Name _____

Mobile Phone Number _____

For each of your listings you will receive a directory. We would like to have your listings by May 30, 1995, by mail or drop them by our office. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you.

More about

Hospital board ...

(Continued from Page 1)

and the Home Health Agency, which Goode described as the single service the district "does the best."

Answering a question by Benny Scott, Welch explained that the eight-person Home Health Agency, headed by Patti Kern, R.N., is "an in-house service which we decided to provide ourselves rather than farm it out. It is very popular with the people here because they can have their health-care needs tended to at home, and it saves money on Medicare charges so it's popular with those folks, too."

Since the Medical Center of Dimmitt building can't be remodeled to accommodate three doctors and a pair of mid-level practitioners, it has been designated for future use by the Home Health Agency.

"I'm sure the Lubbock and Amarillo hospitals would love to come in here," Townsend commented.

"That's another reason we've established the rural health clinics here," Goode said, "to provide primary care here at home and to control our own situation, with doctors that will be loyal to us as to where they send their patients."

About the proposed new clinic, Trustee Bill Clark said, "We're not ready to decide what option we're going to take on that."

"We do need to have a good facility," Welch said, "one that our doctors could perform in, and one that would serve you well, that you'd be proud to take your family into."

He added, "One architect asked us how fancy we wanted it, and we told him 'fancy' wasn't even in our vocabulary."

"I don't see why you couldn't put these (two) new doctors in (an available empty building) instead of spending so much on a new clinic when it may not work," Benny Scott said.

Goode answered that he was to meet with an architect the following morning to look at three available buildings and see whether they could be remodeled to serve the purpose.

Dr. B. D. Murphy advised against "too much building." Asked how many examining rooms a physician needs, he said an "active doctor" would use three, a physician assistant one or two, and an "inactive doctor" one.

"Just in case this clinic program with three doctors doesn't work out," Dr. James Sims asked the board, "Do you have a way out?"

"A future board would have to make that decision," Welch said, then added:

"For comparison, look at what's happening at Tulia. They're at the point now that we were at five

years ago when we had to raise our tax rate to survive."

The hospitals at Tulia, Littlefield and Muleshoe all have become satellite operations of metropolitan hospitals in the region.

"What would have happened without that 300% tax increase that was supposed to last one year?" Scott asked. "That's what really bothers me; that's why I'm here. I thought the emergency room was plenty adequate, yet you spent half a million on it from what I heard. We're all having to hunker down, and I think we need fiscal responsibility—not just at this level but at all levels."

"It took us three years to pay off our debts with the new tax rate," Welch answered. "Then, when we got that done, much of our equipment was worn out and had to be replaced. Then we had to upgrade the hospital to conform to new regulations. Then we had to look at the time when we'd have to do without Dr. Lee and Dr. Murphy, and that's what we're working toward now."

"As to taxes," he continued, "we're well aware of the problem, and one of our main goals is to not increase—in fact, to roll it back if we get a chance."

"It's like farming," Welch added. "There comes a time when you have to farm or quit."

"We have a full-service hospital here," Dr. Murphy said. "If you don't have a full-service hospital, the town will die."

Asked how much of a surplus is recommended for a hospital to be financially healthy, Goode said, "50% of a year's expenses is what is recommended, and that's where we are now" with a \$2.5 million surplus.

"What's your money turnaround?" Townsend asked.

"Probably 90 days, which is 30 days too long," Goode said. "When I first came here it was about 120. If you can get it down to around 60 in the hospital business, you're really doing an excellent job, considering the delays caused by insurance claims and so forth."

"What's your main holdup factor?" Townsend asked. "Computers?"

"Yes, I'd say so," Goode answered.

"Will you be able to bill the major insurance companies electronically?" Townsend asked.

"It's gradually moving in that direction," Goode said.

Questioned further by Townsend, Goode said the turnaround on Medicare and Medicaid billings is about 21 days, and that approximately 70% to 75% of Plains Memorial's patients come under the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

Townsend and Dr. Sims both complimented the hospital for the advances it has made, and for the quality and range of its services.

"It seems like, with the surgeons we have and the facilities, we have a great opportunity here to increase business," Townsend commented.

Anesthetist Michelle Bailey, C.R.N.A., told the audience, "It's important that you support this hospital by using it as much as possible when you need surgery and care. I hired another anesthesiologist to come here when I had surgery so I could have the services of the caring professionals in this hospital."

"Ultimately, it will be the taxpayers who decide what kind of health care they want here," Clark said.

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Together We Can

Board approves hospital budget, waits on clinics

The hospital board adopted Plains Memorial Hospital's budget for fiscal 1996 last Wednesday night, but allotted the Castro County Community Clinics only a month's operating funds "pending further review" of their projected income and expense figures.

Trustees Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey were assigned to get together with CCCC Administrator Vince Moss to reconcile what Lindsey termed "a whole lot of questions" about the rural health clinics' budget figures.

The rural health clinics—which now employ one doctor and two mid-level practitioners, with two more doctors scheduled to go to work this summer—anticipated \$770,400 in income and \$1,142,982 in expenses for a projected operating loss of \$372,582 during the coming year.

Lindsey balked over the clinics' figures, saying, "I can't vote on a budget that I can't get some answers to."

"I know the rural health clinics are running over cost... and I know the revenue is overstated, but I can't get the historical numbers," Lindsey said. "It scares the heck out of me..."

"I know what it costs to run a clinic," she added, and estimated the clinics would show "a million-dollar loss" during the coming year.

Lindsey especially targeted the CCCC's projected income figure.

"We're told that we'll have \$770,000 in projected revenue," she said. "I cannot see how you can have \$770,000. We don't control but 49% of the market in Castro County."

The board discussed adopting the budget and amending it later, since the hospital district was already three days into fiscal 1996. But Lindsey said she couldn't vote for it.

Trustee Carolyn Sides broke the impasse with a motion to adopt the hospital's budget as proposed and allot 1/12 of the CCCC's budget pending further review of its figures by Lindsey, Clark and Moss.

Her motion carried unanimously.

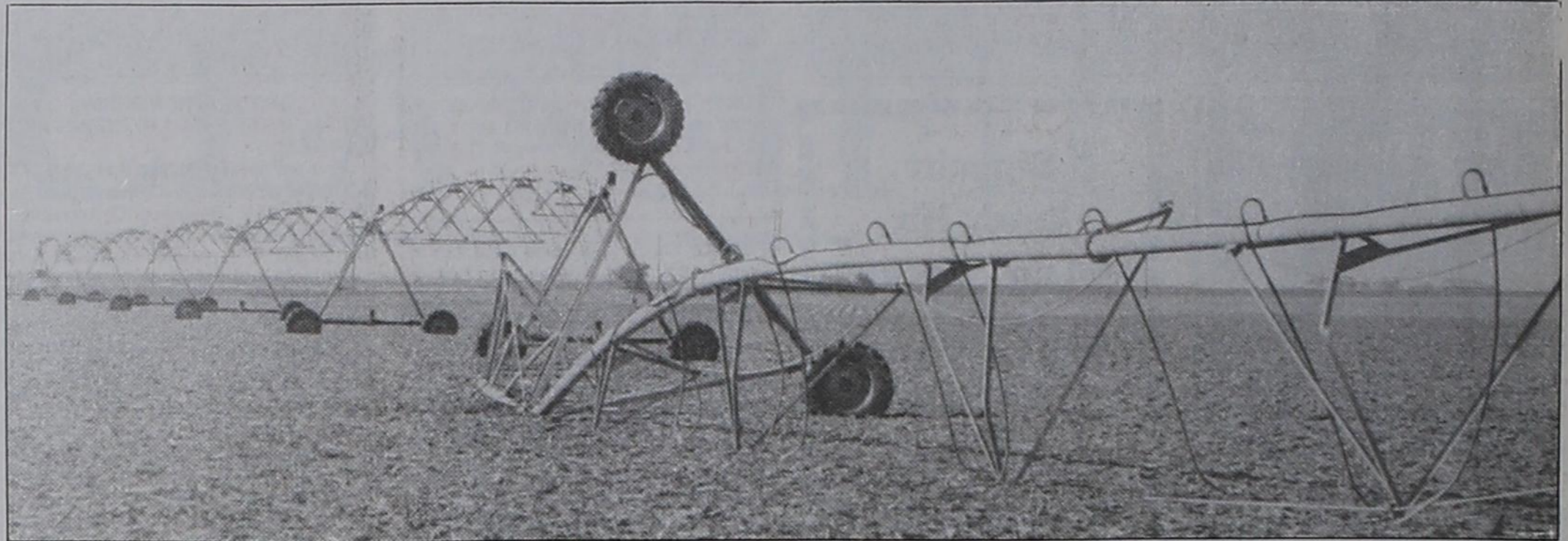
The budget for Plains Memorial anticipates operating expenses of \$4,145,599, offset by \$3,945,270 in operating revenue and \$1,236,082 in non-operating revenue (including \$1,201,851 in property-tax income), leaving a projected profit of \$1,035,753.

The budget also includes capital expenditures of \$997,150, including \$744,294 for a new clinic, which the board has indicated it is "in no hurry" to build.

The district expects to dip into its reserve funds for \$334,000 to balance the budget. Hospital Administrator Steve Goode said the district currently has about \$2.5 million in reserve.

One of the brightest spots in the budget is the Home Health Agency, which is expected to generate \$249,058 profit on \$745,685 revenue during the coming year.

The growth of the Home Health Agency here reflects the current trend nationwide toward more home care and outpatient care and less hospitalization.



PIVOT GETS PIVOTED—A center pivot sprinkler system about 10 miles south of Dimmitt was sent sprawling by a probable tornado on early Sunday morning. A funnel was spotted near where the pivot was twisted. The

pivot was one of about a half-dozen that were twisted in high winds and possible tornadic activity on Saturday night-Sunday morning.

Photo by John Brooks

County will scrape up new legal fees

Castro County will pay \$21,723.75 in legal fees to two plaintiffs who filed suit against the county over redistricting.

The order to pay the legal fees was issued by Federal District Judge Mary Lou Robinson on April 26.

Approximately \$200,000 had been sought by the plaintiffs in *Emma Reyna and Joe Crespin vs. Castro County*, but Castro County Attorney Jerry Matthews issued an objection saying the requests were untimely, proof was unclear, and part of the work was in preclearance and Washington, D.C., and the plaintiffs were not entitled to compensation for legal fees incurred in those instances. Robinson agreed with Matthews, but awarded the plaintiffs smaller amounts—\$6,098.75 to Reyna and \$15,625 to Crespin.

"How soon does this have to be paid?" Judge Irene Miller asked Matthews Monday during a regular county commissioners meeting.

"I would advise paying it as soon as possible," Matthews said. "We don't want the court to become upset if we drag it out before paying."

Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos agreed that the county needed to settle the matter.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson told commissioners there was \$6,700 left in the budget for attorney fees, but added she didn't want to drain the line item.

She said she could amend the budget and find enough to pay the fees.

Guggemos made the motion to pay the attorney fees and Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland seconded it. The vote was unanimously in favor of payment as soon as possible.

The original suits were brought in 1992, charging that the county's

March primary elections were "invalid" because redrawn redistricting lines had not been precleared by the US Justice Dept. when the election was held.

Commissioners granted approval to Smithson and County Treasurer Janice Shelton to hire an assistant.

More about

Haney takes leave ...

(Continued from Page 1) options will probably include looking at jobs in other cities.

The city council met for about three hours in executive session Tuesday night following a day of turmoil at City Hall and the police department. Haney and at least three officers were interviewed during the day by Collins, City Manager Reeford Burrous and Councilman Roger Malone. The three officials make up the city's personnel committee.

The interviews came after at least two officers complained of low morale and other problems at the police department. Officers met with Collins on Monday to discuss problems.

"I think a lot of the problems were brought on by stress after an internal investigation," Collins said

Wednesday. The department was part of an investigation over the theft of \$1,288 from city utility receipts last month. The investigation was conducted by the Castro County Sheriff's Department at the direction of the city council.

No charges have been filed in that theft.

The *News* also learned that Haney's office was allegedly rifled at least twice in the past two weeks. Nothing was reported missing, and whoever rifled through files was not after money as \$70 cash in the office was not disturbed. Officers were reported to have been questioned and fingerprinted in connection with the office break-in.

Haney had taken personal effects from his office last week and on Monday and Tuesday.

"I'm turning my office over to the officers because they need more room for their work and for investigations," Haney said Tuesday. Also gone was a department picture that was taken several months ago that hung in the outer office.

Haney, who had served as an officer several years ago here, returned as police chief with orders to increase the amount of training in the department.

"He accomplished that and much more," Collins said Wednesday. "We now have a very well-trained department and hope to get more training. Dewayne also took the lead in helping obtain some new equipment and some new radar equipment that we really needed. The department has some new patrol cars and is in good shape, equipment-wise."

Obituaries

Darryl McLain

Darryl McLain, 47, of Hart, died Tuesday.

Services will be today (Thursday) at 2:30 p.m. in Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Roy Shave, minister of Bellvue Church of Christ at Bellvue, and Harry Riggs, minister of Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in the Hart Cemetery by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. McLain was born March 19, 1948 in Plainview. He was a life-long resident of Hart. He was a member of the Church of Christ at Hart. He managed Hi-Way Garage and owned Hart Carwash.

He married Linda Harman on Jan. 19, 1968 in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Susie McLain, and a brother, Dennis McLain, in 1966.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Darryl McLain of Hart; a daughter, Amy Lynn McLain of San Angelo; and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. McLain of Hart.

The family suggests memorials be to the Hart Cemetery Association or the Hart Fire Department.

Lurline Pope

Lurline Pope, a longtime Dimmitt resident, died Monday.

Services were Wednesday at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Ken Cole, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Shamrock, officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park by Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Pope was born in Fayette, Mo. She moved to Dimmitt in 1950 from Petersburg. She graduated from Amarillo High School and attended West Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University. She had farmed since 1935. She worked for Pioneer Natural Gas Co. from 1958 to 1981.

She was a past president of the American Legion Auxiliary, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a former Cub Scout den mother, a member of the Rebekah Lodge No. 228 and past Noble Grand of the lodge here. She had been a member of the Baptist Church for 60 years.

Survivors include a son, Darrell C. Pope of Alexandria, Va.; a daughter, Shirley Hollums of Dimmitt; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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(Continued from Page 1) and Nazareth deserved representation on the board.

Lucille was elected to a full term in 1991 and re-elected in '93.

She ran for another term this year, but lost in Saturday's election.

"I wasn't sure I wanted to run again," she said, "but I felt we should have somebody from Nazareth on the board."

She has some strong opinions about the goals the board has tried to accomplish, and about the controversy that ensued. But she won't let me quote her.

"Just say that I thoroughly enjoyed it and I learned a lot," she said.

Although she isn't on the board anymore (a fact that doesn't break her heart), she'll still continue to serve the hospital, to carry on what she and Eddie helped start, because she's totally dedicated to it.

"Will I stay active in the Auxiliary? Positively," she said.

I think that some of us, if we're truly interested in the hospital and in the quality of our local health care, should try walking a mile in her moccasins.

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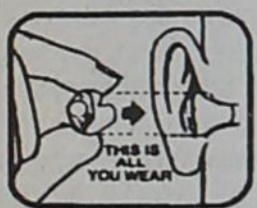
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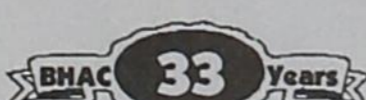


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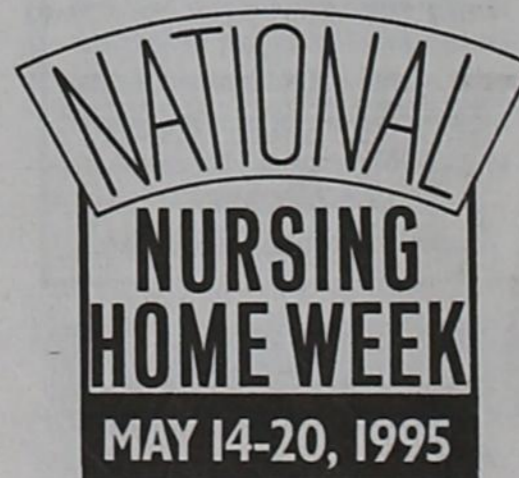
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