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Voters to elect reps to local boards Saturday

Balloting in city and school elections will be held Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Candidates who have filed for positions for the school boards and the City of Hart are listed below, along with the balloting locations.

Elections have been canceled for the City of Dimmitt and the Castro

County Hospital District since all candidates were unopposed. The City of Nazareth will not have an election, since no candidates filed.

DISD

Registered voters in Dimmitt may consult their voter registration cards to determine which district they

should vote in for the school board election. Voting will be at the school administration office at 608 W. Halsell. Voters may enter through the east door.

In Place 3, incumbent Chevo Lumbraera faces Albert Acevedo. In Place 6, incumbent Debbie

Annen is challenged by Greg Odom, and Robert Wilhite.

In Place 7, Jim Wright, Barbara Bain, and Connie Nutt have filed.

Hart

City of Hart and HISD balloting both will take place at the Hart Golden Group building.

City: Mayor Tony Leibel is challenged by Marguerite McLain. Incumbent Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez are unopposed.

HISD: Incumbent Coy Myrick and challengers Brian Nelson and Danny Rodriguez seek to fill two positions.

NISD

Voting will be held at the Elemen-

tary or north end of the school building. Voters may enter through the north doors by the band hall.

Five candidates are vying to fill three positions, including incumbents Rex Ramaekers, Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber, and challengers Don Schulte and Jeanie Birkenfeld.



SAFE! Nazareth's Daryl Pohlmeier slides into home plate, scoring from third on a wild pitch by Amherst hurler Gilmore Monday night in a regular season game at Nazareth. Pohlmeier's run gave the Swifts a 10-2 lead in the third inning, but it wouldn't last. Amherst came back to take a two-run lead in the sixth, but the Swifts came back to regain control in the bottom of the inning. After the Bulldogs

recaptured the lead in the top of the seventh, the Swifts took advantage of Gilmore's wild arm to score the tying and go-ahead run for a 19-18 win. Nazareth improved to 6-3 with the win. The Swifts have qualified for the playoffs for the second year in a row, and will play Texline on May 4 and May 12 to decide the district championship. Both district games will be played in Boys Ranch. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Semi-automatic rifle is fired from moving vehicle

At least three and possibly five suspects may be charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with an incident at 1 a.m. Monday in Dimmitt, and a 17-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Monday morning in connection with it.

Police Chief Ray Aleman reported that a car kept driving by a residence in Dimmitt. On one of the passes,

someone at the residence yelled at those in the car. The car stopped, and a confrontation ensued. One of the occupants of the car was punched in the face.

Aleman said the people at the residence then got a .22 caliber semi-automatic rifle, and when the car came back by, the people at the residence got into a pickup and chased the car, discharging the weapon at

the vehicle. Aleman said it was uncertain how many shots were fired and the car had some damage, but no injuries were reported.

One of those involved was a juvenile, the rest were adults. The incident is still under investigation, and no one had been arraigned as of Tuesday afternoon.

Dimmitt may have expanded calling in place by Aug. 31

The Dimmitt 647- telephone exchange may have expanded local calling service (ELCS) to the exchanges of Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford and Tulia on or before Aug. 31, according to information from the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

The PUC granted interim approval of the proposed fees and implementation schedule, as submitted by GTE Southwest, Inc.

GTE-SW filed its cost documentation and implementation schedule on April 20. GTE-SW is proposing a

monthly per-line charge for all subscribers in the Dimmitt exchange at the rate of \$1.23 for Tel-Assistance, \$3.50 for residential and \$7 for businesses. These rates will be in addition to the basic local exchange rates.

The ELCS will provide service to the Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford and Tulia exchanges without a long-distance charge.

The fees shall not be charged to subscribers before the first billing cycle following implementation of the ELCS. No tariff sheets had been

filed as of April 20. GTE-SW has 10 days from April 22 to file its tariff sheets reflecting rates for ELCS in the Dimmitt exchange to the exchanges of Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford and Tulia.

By May 3, the Office of Regulatory Affairs must file an analysis of the cost information and a recommendation on the proposed rates, implementation schedule or tariff sheets.

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Local schools have 'crisis plans' in place

Spokesmen for the three school districts in Castro County have said that at least some form of crisis plan is in effect in their school systems, and two are working out additional procedures in view of the recent tragedy at a high school in Littleton, Colo.

Les Miller, Supt. of Dimmitt ISD, said that the Dimmitt schools issue a crisis management notebook to each teacher and administrator at the beginning of the school year. It deals with situations ranging from someone choking all the way up to a hostage/terrorism situation.

Miller said that in the event of a hostage/terrorism incident, teachers are instructed to attempt to isolate the area of the disturbance. Also, a code is broadcast over the public

address system which alerts all teachers to immediately lock their classrooms. The police are then notified and staff are advised to follow police instructions from that point.

Miller said a meeting on crisis management was planned for Wednesday afternoon between school administrators, District Attorney Jerry Matthews, and representatives of the Sheriff's Dept. and Dimmitt Police Dept.

Dimmitt High School Assistant Principal Lyman Schroeder said that DHS has had no known incidents of anyone bringing a gun to school. He said a meeting of school administrators was held Monday morning to review the school's policies in the light of the Colorado incident.

"Our student body are all pretty

good kids," Schroeder said. "But Colorado probably thought so, too."

"Every school is susceptible (to possible violence)," Schroeder said. "Are we ready for something like that? No, you're not ever fully prepared. Hopefully, it will never happen in Dimmitt."

In a report in the April 23 issue of the *Hart Beat*, Hart Jr. High and High School Principal Digger Elam said that he is working on a "crisis plan" that will include the school, local law enforcement agencies, the Hart Volunteer Fire Dept. and EMS, and other emergency agencies in the county.

Elam said that among the mea-

sures he wants included in the school crisis plan would be limiting access to the school by locking some of the doors, and conducting a student count in case of emergency.

He also said that the school should probably emphasize more that students report any unusual conduct, actions or statements by other students. He said this is usually mentioned at student orientation at the beginning of each school year, but not at any other time.

Elam told the *Hart Beat* that he has not had any student report to him concerning any unusual behavior of another student.

Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson said that Nazareth has an emergency preparedness procedure that has been

put in place and all staff and teachers are familiar with the procedures.

"All of the teachers monitor students and would respond by notifying the administrators if there is any suspicion of danger," Johnson said. "If we spot a strange vehicle driving around the school or notice a stranger, we take steps to find out who that person is and why they are here."

Johnson said that Nazareth has not had a problem with students having weapons on campus.

"The biggest problem we've ever had was a few years ago, when one student had a rifle or shotgun—I don't remember exactly what—it was hanging on a gun rack in the back of his pickup. When it was noticed, we talked to the student and

told him it was illegal and asked him to not carry the gun in his vehicle at school," Johnson said. "We haven't had a problem since then."

"There are so few of us that we can generally keep a handle on things, but that's not to say that we're 'bullet-proof,' so to speak," Johnson said. "I don't believe any school is immune to problems like Littleton's."

"I don't think it's so much what we do here, but what the parents of our students do," Johnson said. "They are involved in their kids' lives and they pay attention to what's going on. They are supportive and it shows in the students. Our kids are so involved in extracurricular activities that they don't have time to build a bomb."

DHS suspends 14 due to alcohol at prom

Fourteen students at Dimmitt High School served a three-day out of school suspension April 21-23 due to being under the influence of alcohol at the junior-senior prom on April 17, according to DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill.

Two of the students were repeat offenders and are ineligible for any extracurricular participation for one calendar year. However, both are seniors, so it only affects the remainder of this school year, according to Stockstill.

The other 12 students were re-

quired to complete 10 miles of running or 10 hours of community service before being eligible to participate in any extracurricular activities. The penalty choice is spelled out in the current substance abuse policy, according to Stockstill. He said to his knowledge none of the students missed any activities due to the suspension or for not completing their penalty in time.

However, as of Tuesday, Stockstill said three seniors were suspended from the National Honor Society and a junior was placed on probation with the NHS. Two other seniors were suspended from the Student Council.

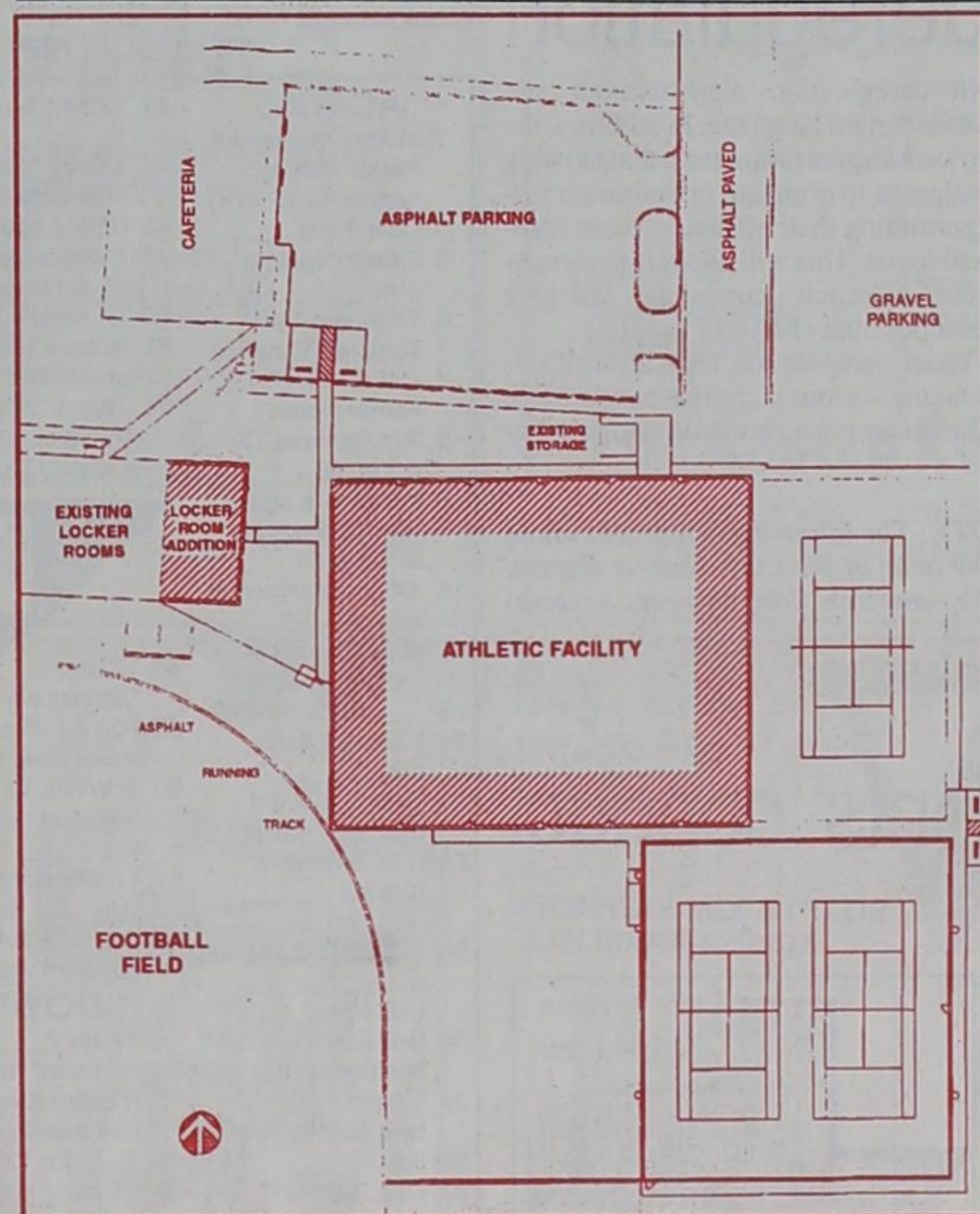
The students were allowed, according to policy, to make up the class work they missed for the three days they were suspended, with a maximum allowable grade of 70 on any of the make-up work.

Stockstill said 30 to 40 parents of high school students asked to meet with school officials on April 21 to discuss the incident.

"The biggest complaint was that it was not dealt with on Saturday (of the prom)," Stockstill said.

Stockstill said that some students involved in the incident had first been told they could not participate

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SCHOOL PLANS—A proposed construction project for Dimmitt High School athletic facilities may include a gymnasium, three outdoor tennis courts, an addition to the fieldhouse and resurfacing of the track. For details, see Page 16.

Graphics by Linda Maxwell,

—adapted from plans by Grimes & Associates

Hospital board Architect fees rankle

Hospital board members gave the go-ahead last Thursday night for a new CAT-scan facility and X-ray room, but expressed aggravation over the architects' charges.

Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan estimated it would cost about \$90,000 to build a CAT-scan room in the hospital's ambulance barn and about \$35,000 for a new X-ray room at the Medical Center of Dimmitt (including the X-ray machine).

But the total cost of this phase of the project is listed at \$155,000. Sloan said the difference is in architects' fees and expenses.

"The actual work is \$125,000?" Board Chairman Henry Ramaekers asked.

"Yes," Sloan said. "But the total cost is \$155,000," Ramaekers said.

"Yes," Sloan replied. "That's \$30,000 for architectural fees in a \$125,000 project," Ramaekers exclaimed.

Sloan and Maintenance Director Mark McDonald said the extra expense is partly because of "exhaustive inspections and testing" required by the state.

Ramaekers and Jerry Annen also expressed aggravation over a 10% surcharge by the contracted architectural firm, DesignCare, on reimburs-

able expenses, and other charges which they felt should be considered administrative expenses.

"Just as a matter of principle, I don't think we ought to have to pay a surcharge on reimbursable charges," Ramaekers said.

Other board members didn't think so, either, and disallowed the proposed surcharge.

The board approved a motion by Dr. W. J. Hill to accept DesignCare's plan as presented "with the exception of the 'carrying fees' on charges paid on time."

The district plans to buy a new state-of-the-art "spiral" type CAT scanner, to make more diagnostic services available here and keep more trade at home. The scanner is expected to cost up to \$400,000.

Chief Financial Officer Ron Walton estimated the upgrade project would generate \$28,000 to \$30,000 per month in revenue and would pay out in 32 to 40 months.

Reporting for the medical staff, Dr. Leon Joplin told the board that "a lot of positive changes are taking place."

"There has been improvement in the lab—more equipment, better response time," he said, "and it appears we'll be able to provide CAT

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	83	46	
Friday	83	44	Tr.
Saturday	50	38	28
Sunday	45	38	23
Monday	70	40	
Tuesday	71	38	
Wednesday	81	39	

April Moisture 1.37
1999 Moisture 4.30

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

Op-Ed Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Letter 'The facts are—fire, law departments work together'

Dear Editor: This is in response to the letter 'Dimmitt, don't be stupid—get out of way of firefighters, EMS!'

I felt that the community needed to know the facts of this incident. The fact is that there were only two police units at the scene of this incident.

When we arrive at a scene such as this residential fire, our very first priority is to find out if anyone is in the residence, and, if there is, to try to get them out.

Back to this incident on Northwest Fifth Street. The letter stated that the streets were blocked so bad that emergency vehicles had to go down alleys and around the block just to get to the residential fire.

around the block, this fire truck went around the block to hook up to a fire hydrant that was north of the fire.

I do agree that there were a lot of people there standing around watching who had no business there. They really don't realize how dangerous it can be for them and how much harder it makes it for emergency personnel to do their job.

As far as law enforcement doing their job, yes, it was done. I yelled at a bunch of people to get back and get away from the scene.

It is very difficult to control the crowd and block intersections off at the same time. Quite simply, it can't be done. Blocking off a bigger area for the fire department and EMS is fine.

Emergency personnel have to deal with sight seekers all of the time, whether it be at an accident scene, a fire call or any other call.

Any time that an emergency vehicle uses its emergency lights and siren, I guarantee that you will have a crowd wherever you go in the city.

I know that there are times that people will criticize you about the way things were done, by either law enforcement, fire department or EMS personnel, but I know that you can't please all of the people all of the time.

I believe that the Dimmitt Police Dept. has a great working relationship with the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., Dimmitt Fire Dept., and Castro County EMS, and the letter that was written will not change that.

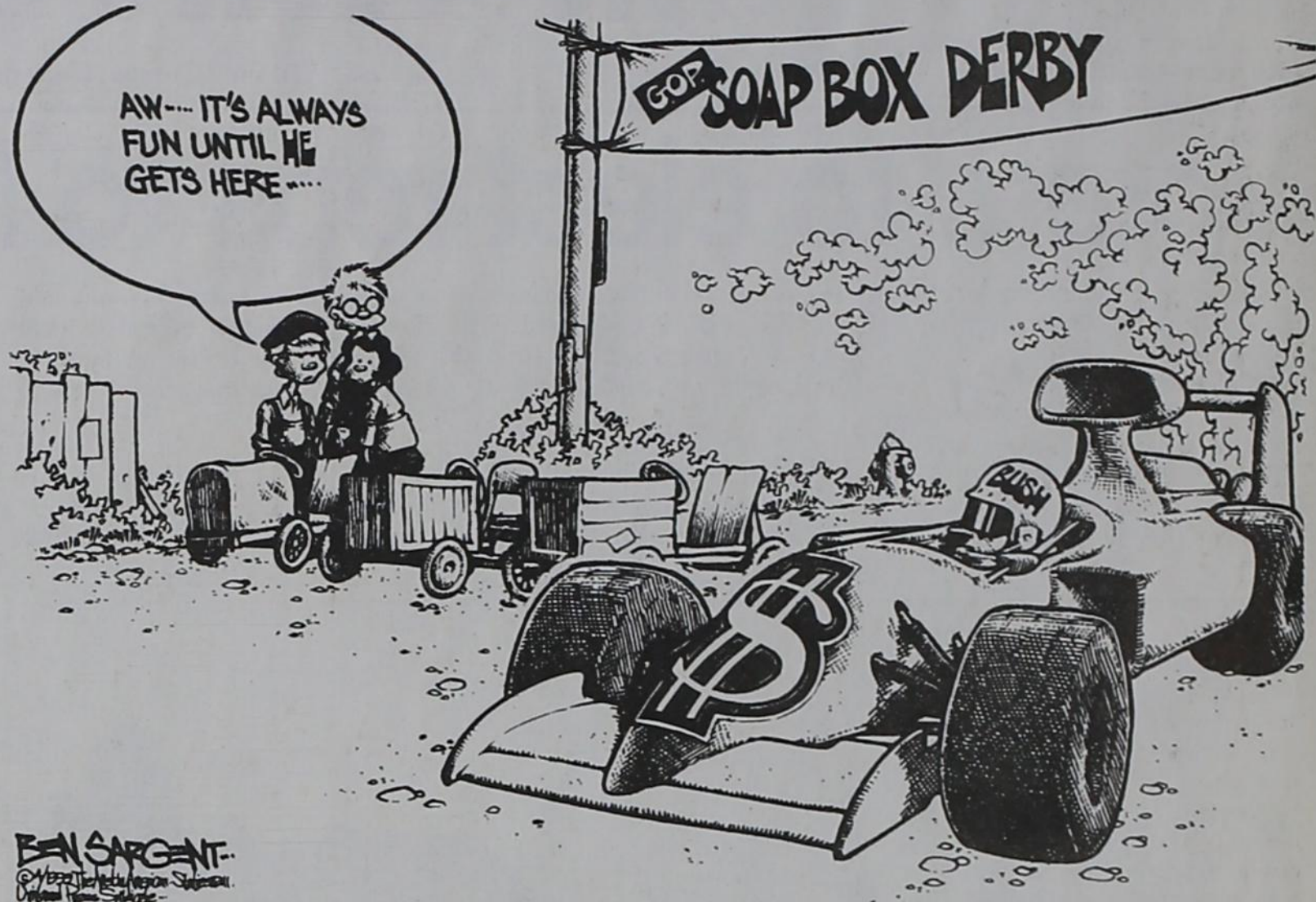
I, too, would like to praise the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. for a job well-done that day. While I'm praising people, let me praise:

—Deputy (Billy) Cox for his attempt to get into the residence to see if anyone was inside. Unfortunately, he was unable to enter due to the intense smoke and heat from the fire.

—Deputy (Mitch) McDonough for his assistance to the fire department in stretching out fire hoses and helping them fight the fire.

—Both deputies for assisting me at the scene.

To conclude this letter, let us all praise GOD for watching over us that day and keeping all of us safe. SANTOS PEREZ JR.



BEN SARGENT

Letter Why can't schools name co-valedictorians?

Dear Editor: Two valedictorians? Last week at Nazareth the decision was made on who would be the valedictorian this year.

Two young ladies in Nazareth High School who are due to graduate were so well-learned in their education that they were actually tied for the top graduation honor.

Now I am certain that sometime within the past few years I had heard of some school somewhere else being in the same situation and that school ended up having both students as valedictorian.

This is an honor which is going to be very valuable to any student who acquires it for use in their future education and life's work.

Apparently, the state board of education can't see that

being a bit lenient on certain requirements for the number of honors allowed for each school, allowing two or more, would actually encourage more students to study harder and further their education.

After a phone call, the ladies were told that only one of them could be valedictorian.

The school then had to figure their grade points all the way down to four decimal places (.0001) to determine who would be valedictorian.

I will bet one of them feels like a cowboy who misses a win by a hundredth (.01) of a second. The closest I have heard in rodeo is a thousandth of a second (.001).

But 1 in 10,000? Come on! Congratulations to both Jessica Kern and Susan Book. STEPHEN W. ANDERLE

Letter Dimmitt Fire Department officials address concerns

Dear Editor: The Dimmitt Fire Department officers and members would like to address some concerns addressed in last week's edition of the News.

We do appreciate citizens' concern in our operations when we are called into action, and some of the problems mentioned in this letter do hamper our operations.

During an emergency, there will be several different agencies responding to the call and everyone will be on edge. The tragedy affects everyone—family, friends and all of the responding agencies.

All emergency responders in Castro County have good working relationships and at times it may appear things go wrong and sometimes they do. It may appear at times that more equipment is needed, such as fire trucks, ambulances, etc., or better traffic control, and these concerns are constantly addressed by department leaders.

All agencies within the city and county have specific jobs to complete in any emergency situation and strive to work together in getting these jobs completed in a safe manner for themselves and the people in the community.

The police department and sheriff's deputies work in clearing roads and securing areas before we arrive, and these efforts are greatly appreciated by the Dimmitt Fire Department.

The fire department, police department, sheriff's department and EMS Services all strive to work as a team at emergencies and will continue to do so in the future.

DIMMITT FIRE DEPARTMENT RANDY GRIFFITT, Emergency Management Coordinator TOMMY CLEAVINGER, Fire Chief

Editorial New study underscores rural concerns over proposed electricity deregulation

An internal administrative study conducted by the US Dept. Of Agriculture's (USDA) chief economist office shows that rural residents in 19 states would be forced to pay higher electric rates under electricity deregulation.

The USDA analysis, dated January 1999, forecasts that electricity deregulation would bring savings to consumers in most populous states while causing energy price increases in Alabama, Colorado, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

While most of rural America is in the depths of a depression caused by the agricultural crisis, the American Corn Growers Association believes that increasing the electricity rates would be devastating.

develop their own deregulation plan without and federally-imposed date certain language. In addition, the American Corn Growers Organization feels that existing utilities should be allowed to compete in their own former service areas, permitting their affiliates to use company brand name and logos.

In its efforts to enact deregulation legislation, Congress should avoid taking various steps that would place farmers and rural Americans at a competitive disadvantage.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was taken from the April 1999 issue of the Corn Grower Report, a publication of the American Corn Growers Association.)

Letter Band sponsors praise students' conduct

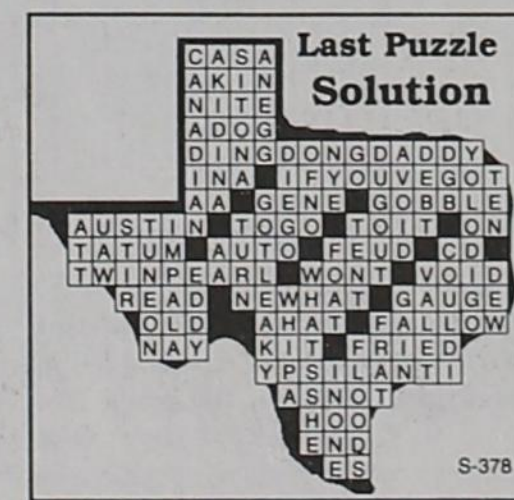
Dear Editor: We would like the people of Dimmitt to know how much we enjoyed being sponsors for the DHS band on their recent trip to Houston.

The band members were very responsible and respectful of others. There was not a discipline problem of any kind and the students were always on time. We had a very rigid schedule so that we could visit NASA, Astroworld and Hard Rock.

Our band received a II rating and that was icing on the cake because they had worked so hard and their discipline paid off. There were five ratings given—a gold (or I rating), a silver (II rating), a bronze, a merit award and a festival award.

Thanks to the parents of these students for having such well-mannered students.

BILLY & CAROLYN HARMAN JAKE & ANDREA DE LA CRUZ RICHARD & PEGGY WEST



Letter Letter was 'pat on back' for firemen

Dear Editor: Last week's letter had nothing to do with the Dimmitt Fire Dept., except to offer them a pat on the back. It was a written opinion.

The First Amendment gives every citizen of the United States that right.

To the one fireman who believed in me, I offer my deepest thanks. To him and his family, I offer my sincerest apologies for the flack they have been receiving.

Standing up for what you believe in today's society takes guts. Not everyone has to agree with everyone else—that's what opinions are all about.

I wrote that letter last week to wake up the people in this town so no one loses a loved one due to someone else. THERESA ALLEN

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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Doug and Dorothy Ware of Pampa have a new baby girl. The entire Durbin family celebrated in Pampa over the weekend, including Philip, who is stationed in London.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center. Virginia Crider was hostess and she served a talorni casserole and pig picking

cake for dessert. Dude McLaurin finished with the high score and Loraanell Hamilton was second. Twelve people played.

Dorothy Nutt and I went to Sunnyside to visit Dorothy's brother and sister-in-law, Hershel and Retha Wilson.

Dorothy and Hershel's mother, Ruby Wilson of Ropesville, was visiting along with Retha's mother, Mrs. Epperson of Olton.

They played Skip-Bo and train, which is a game played with double 12 dominoes. They enjoyed a fish fry using fish from Hershel's pond. The Wilsons' yard looks like a park.

Kelly and Taylor Hopson and Leigh and Aubrie Durbin met Dawn and Madison McDaniel in Hereford for lunch on Tuesday.

Hanna, Halle and Tate Farris were honored with a baby shower on Saturday at the home of Barbara Bain. The three are the triplet babies of Tim and Shelly Farris.

The New Hope Baptist Church in Dimmitt has a new pastor, Rev. Bobby Starling and his family including his wife, Billie; their three daughters, Ebony, Jahvon and Elisha; and a son, Zack. Rev. Bobby and family have lived here for seven years but just recently became part of New Hope. They are originally from Vernon.

Mae Hargrove and Ruth Hackleman spent Tuesday in Lubbock celebrating Louise Goodson's birthday. Louise is Mae's older sister.

Ann Stroud went to Lubbock Saturday to have lunch with her sister, Carlene Stroud of Muleshoe, and with her brother and sister-in-law, Garry and Betty Kervell of Lubbock.

Annie Hargrove celebrated her 94th birthday recently. She had her children here on Saturday and Sunday including Betty and James Pugh of Spearman, Lee Roy and Annette Hargrove of Abilene, Hazel and Frank Britt of Friona, Don and Mae Hargrove of Dimmitt, and a grandson, Garry Hargrove and his family from Abilene.

Becky and Sarah Sava, who reside at Fort Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming, flew to Alaska to visit Greg Sava, who is on a tour of duty there. The occasion was Sarah's first birthday and they wanted her dad to

enjoy the event. After a 10-day stay, Becky and Sarah are back in Cheyenne.

The deacons of First Baptist Church entertained with a Ladies' Night Out Banquet recently. The decorations were done in spring pastels and African violets. The food was prepared by Mary Cluck. The ladies were all presented with a violet. The entertainment was by Between Friends, Missy Shultz and Penni Cox of Sudan.

The Melvin Walker family has recently moved to Amarillo. Their baby, Queen Remaliah, was honored with a pre-dedication celebration Saturday, April 17, at the Antioch Fellowship Church. Those attending from Dimmitt were Joyce Thomas and Gwen Lewis.

Jo and I went to Seminole on Saturday to visit with my parents. We spent the day tidying up the house.

Jerry and Delores Heller attended the Texas State Credit Union Conference in Houston last week. Jerry was able to play golf with a group at Cypress Wood and Tour 18 Golf Course. While Jerry was in meetings, Delores toured Spring Town Antiques. One evening they dined with Scott and Yvette Hill. As always, it was good to return home.

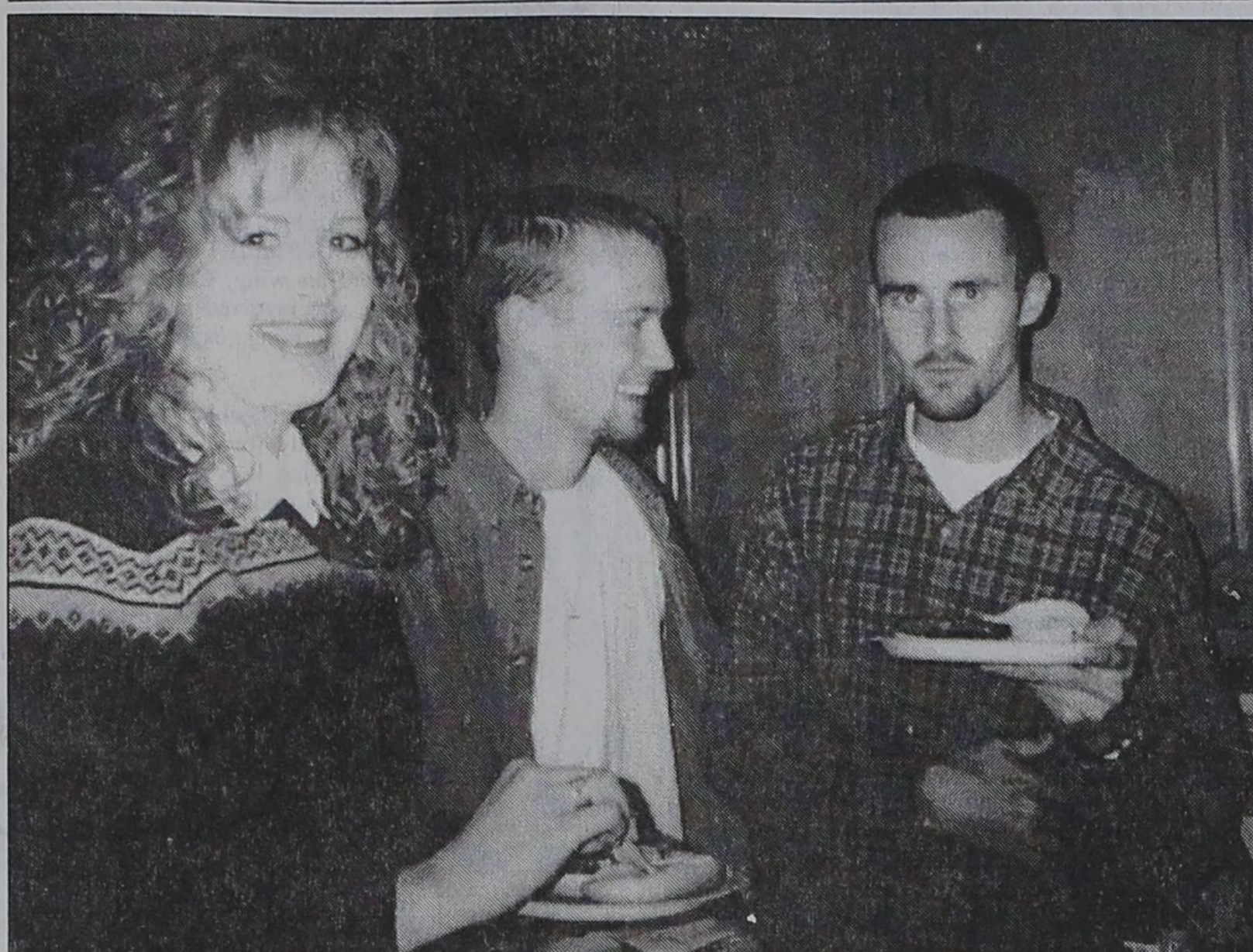
Paula Graham visited with the Lynskis over the weekend. Don Graham is currently in Bulgaria. Paula has heard from him once by fax.

Head Start enrollment set May 7

Applications for enrollment for the Head Start program at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School will be accepted May 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the school library.

Children who will be 4 on or before Sept. 1 are eligible to enroll. However, the child's family must meet income guidelines or be on public assistance, or the child must have a documented disability or be in foster care. Enrollment is based on need.

Those wanting to enroll a child must bring the child's birth certificate, income verification (check stubs, income tax return, etc.), the child's immunization record, Social Security numbers, documentation of the child's disability (if applicable), proof of public assistance (food stamp card, WIC, TANF benefits, SSI, HUD, Medicaid), and a health insurance card (if applicable).



INSPIRING SPEAKERS—Among the speakers for a presentation to Dimmitt High School students at a gathering April 14 at the home of Gene and Shari Bradley were these Wayland Baptist University students (from left) Becca Whittle, Kurt Gibson and Jacob Reed. Students signed pledge cards to make Prom night a "night of no regrets" by abstaining from alcohol and drugs and avoiding risky behavior. The event was sponsored by Catholic Family Services and the Dimmitt Youth Group. An estimated 55 students attended. *Photo by Edna Tucker*

Health summit set in Dimmitt

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission is working with the Coalition of Health Services to sponsor the Panhandle Rural Health Summit.

One session of the summit will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 2:30 to 5 p.m. at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

The summit sessions are being held to inform the leaders of the Texas Panhandle about current health-care related issues. Other sessions will be held in Childress, Borger and Dumas.

Subjects that will be discussed include "What Current Trends in Community Health Mean to You," "Economic Impact on Communities," "Health of Communities," "New Directions in Community Health," and "Meeting the Challenges: Collaborative Efforts."

Speakers will include Lee Persefield, Gary Pitner, Wally Boyd, Charles Bell, M.D., Durquia Guillen, Tricia Vowels, and Tim Hayes.

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Nazareth Lions plan broom sale

The Nazareth Lions Club is planning its annual broom sale Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m.

The sale will be held under the awning of the Nazareth Community Hall.

The event is being held in conjunction with the Forresters' breakfast.

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 May 7
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Volunteers to inform public about crime victims' options

Volunteers with the Castro County Crime Victims' Assistance Program will man booths at Dimmitt Market and Dimmitt Thriftway Saturday, handing out information on victims' rights and other information that will be beneficial to victims of crimes.

The educational project is the group's way of promoting the Crime Victims' Assistance Program during National Crime Victims Rights Week, which is this week.

The Castro County Crime Victims' Assistance Program is directed by Castro County District Attorney Jerry Matthews and Delbert Morris serves as coordinator. Volunteer

advocates include Betty McClure, Connie Martinez, Maria Triana, Alice Jordan and Dixie Lively.

Rita Ramos is the liaison officer representing the Dimmitt Police Dept., Glen Snitker is liaison officer for the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., and Jay Livingston is the liaison officer for the Hart Police Dept.

The group holds weekly meetings, usually on Thursday evenings at 6 at the courthouse.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should contact Morris at 647-3331 or Matthews at 647-4445.

DMS plans May book fair

Dimmitt Middle School will host a spring book fair Tuesday through next Thursday, May 4-6, in the DMS Library and a special buy one, get one free option will be available.

The books will be of the same quality as those offered at the fall book fair. For each purchase a student makes, he or she will receive an

equal amount of merchandise for free.

"This is an excellent time to purchase books for summer reading so students can get ahead on their fall Accelerated Reading," said a library spokesperson.

The public is welcome to visit the book fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



MRS. BRIAN SCOTT NORRIS
... She's the former Tanya Lee.

Lee, Norris exchange vows in San Angelo

Tanya Lynn Lee and Brian Scott Norris exchanged marriage vows April 10 in the First Presbyterian Church of San Angelo, with Rev. Ron Sutto officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Linda Bethel of San Angelo and Cindy Lee and the late Larry Lee of Hart. She is the granddaughter of Myrtle Lee of Hart. The groom is the son of Suzanne Norris of San Angelo and Mike and Brenda Norris of San Angelo.

Serving as matron of honor was Cara DeWolfe of Fort Worth. Julie Biggs of Denton was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Lisa Nance of Dallas and Laurie Nance of Temple. Meaghan Norris of San Angelo served as flower girl.

Best man was Scott Martin of San

Angelo, and groomsmen were Brent McCasland and John Jackson of San Angelo and Bill Pritchard of Tucson, Ariz.

Ushers were Matt Norris, Jason Norris and Neil Wheat, all of San Angelo.

Kaci Lee of Hart registered guests.

The bride graduated from Central High School in San Angelo in 1991 and obtained her bachelor of arts degree in history from Texas A&M. She received her master's degree in history from Angelo State University, and is employed by ASU.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Central High School, and also attended Angelo State University. He is employed by GTE.

After a honeymoon to Charleston, S.C., the couple will make their home in San Angelo.

Cox is deployed to Arabian Gulf

Airman apprentice Thomas J. Cox, son of Castro County Sheriff's Deputy W.H. "Billy" Cox Jr., is stationed on the *USS Kitty Hawk*, which has been assigned to the Arabian Gulf.

The CV-63 aircraft carrier recently completed a field training exercise off the coast of Guam and was ordered to relieve the *USS Enterprise* in the Arabian Gulf.

The *USS Kitty Hawk* and its embarked air wing, Carrier Air Wing Five, was involved in the multi-national training exercise "Tandem Thrust '99."

The *Kitty Hawk* is America's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier. It is permanently forward deployed to Yokosuka, Japan.

"Again, the most ready battle group answers our nation's call. This is the second time in less than 15 months that the Forward Deployed Naval Force has been called upon to

serve in another theater," said Vice Admiral Archie Clemins, Commander, Pacific Fleet, in a message to the crew. "Quite simply, this is the right choice, and no other battle group can do what you can. You are the best we have."

Billy Cox said that in recent letters from his son, T.J. reported that his ship-board job consists mainly of delivering parts to aircraft mechanics in the many repair bays.

"He said he knows how to get around the ship almost as well as anyone else," Billy said. "He told me that seeing the Pacific Ocean was 'pretty cool,' and he saw his first shark as the ship was enroute to Guam."

"T.J. said he works 12 hours on and 12 hours off, with no 'days off' while at sea. During his off time, he writes letters, spends 'too much time' watching movies at the on-board theater, and lifting weights in the gym."

CFS 'Summer Quest' sign-ups to end soon

Catholic Family Services is signing up teens in Castro County now for the "Summer Quest" program.

The first 50 eligible teens in grades 7-12 who sign up may participate free of charge in "Summer Quest: Stepping Stones to a Safe Future."

Sign-ups began Monday night, and more than 21 are already registered. Also, a waiting list will be kept, in case some who have signed up are unable to attend.

Those who attend will receive a lot of value for their time, including learning life skills such as job interviewing and resume preparation, money management, choice making, and education in abstinence, sexually transmitted diseases, the "secret pregnancy" issue, and HIV/AIDS prevention.

They also will receive certification in CPR/first aid and safety, babysitting certification, and instruction in personal care, nutrition and food preparation, sewing, and fire safety.

Those interested in registering may call 647-0323 and leave a message.

The program sessions will start in June, continuing through July 30, with participants meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 1 to 3 p.m. Most sessions will be held at the activity center in the Azteca Complex. Cooking and sewing sessions will be held in the basement meeting room of the court-house.

Irons wins history award

Ashley Irons of Dimmitt has been named a United States national award winner in history and government.

The award is presented by the United States Achievement Academy and fewer than 10% of all American high school students receive the honor.

Irons is a student at Dimmitt Middle School and she was nominated for the award by Carla Award, a teacher at the school.

Irons' picture and biography will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy.

The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Irons is the daughter of Sherry and David Schaeffer and Bryan and Jayne Irons, all of Dimmitt. Her grandparents are James and Jerrie Horton of Hart, Al and Thaylia Irons of Hart, Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer of Dimmitt and Mrs. Wayne Petty of Clovis, N.M.

Robin Schulte inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Robin Schulte, daughter of Clyde and Lisa Schulte of Nazareth, has been inducted into the Texas Tech University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

Texas Tech inducted 201 students from the main campus, the School of Law and the School of Nursing into Phi Kappa Phi during a banquet Monday night.

The national honor society, which was founded in 1897, was chartered on the Texas Tech campus in 1956. Only seniors and graduate students in the top 10% of their classes and juniors who make the top 2% are invited for membership. Selection for membership has traditionally been considered the highest academic honor awarded at Texas Tech.

Schulte is majoring in interdisciplinary studies at Texas Tech.

DHS Band earns II rating in festival

The Dimmitt High School Band received a silver trophy, or a rating of II in their recent band trip competition.

The band competed in the Heritage Music Festival, held Saturday in Houston.

They played *Marcho Slav*, *Prospect*, which is a spiritual hymn dedicated to the victims of Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., and *Canto*.

Bands competed from Dimmitt, San Antonio, Holly Springs, Mo., and Jackson, Mo.

Choirs were represented from Bellmore, N.Y., Del City, Okla., Baton Rouge, La., and Mandeville, La.

The bands and choirs were competing for gold, silver and bronze trophies, merit plaques and a "Best of Festival" trophy. The bands and choirs were honored with an awards dinner and dance on Saturday night.

The Dimmitt Band also visited Hard Rock on Friday, NASA (Johnson's Space Center) and Astroworld on Saturday.

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You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Amy Beck bride-elect of Jachary Bell Saturday, May 1 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Jean Morris 1601 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt

Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Hays Company, Lockhart Pharmacy, Running M Bath Shop, Seale Florist and The Village Shop.

You are invited to a Baby Shower honoring Jennifer (Carter) Howell Saturday, May 1 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Barbara Bain 1624 Butler Blvd. (It's a Girl!)

Selections at Tots and Teens and The Village Shop.

Come meet Will Thornton Graef first born of Brent and Tucker Graef Join us for a Coffee on Saturday, May 1, 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of Lynn Sides 10 miles west of Dimmitt, Hwy. 86, 3 miles south, FM 1524, East Side

Hostesses Suzanne Phillips, Lynn Side, Aural Davis



Shea Bennett and Chris Brattain

June wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bob Bennett of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shea Bennett, to Chris Brattain of Whiteface.

The couple will be married on June 26 in Hart.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Hart High School. She is a senior biology major at Wayland Baptist University and will graduate in May. She has been employed as the head varsity girls' basketball coach for Kress Independent School District.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Lovington High School. He is a senior at Wayland Baptist University and is employed by the university.

Nazareth names honor students

Nazareth Independent School District has named its honor students for the fifth six-weeks grading period.

Students who made straight As during the six weeks period include

First Grade: Ryan Birkenfeld, Alexandria Gerber, Amber Huseman, Joseph Huseman and Kenley Kleman.

Second Grade: Steven Birkenfeld, Caitlin Huseman and Kami Rundell.

Third Grade: Brittany Birkenfeld, Brittany Hampton, Allyson Hochstein, Kyle Hoelting, Ryan Mixson, Darcy Schulte and Taylor Schulte.

Fourth Grade: Christopher Acker, Holly Kleman and Dustin Schulte.

Fifth Grade: Kendra Huseman.

Sixth Grade: Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld.

Seventh Grade: Brock Birkenfeld and Kimberly Brockman.

Eighth Grade: Adam Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld and Carson Gerber.

Freshman: Blake Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Trinity Robb and Ky Wilcox.

Sophomore: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey Gerber, Lindsie Gerber, Whitney Hoelting and Matty McLain.

Junior: Melanie Book, Mindi Ethridge, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

Senior: Mandy Birkenfeld, Laura Birkenfeld, Stephanie Gerber and Susan Jones.

Among those making the A-B honor roll during the grading period are:

First Grade: Adrian Ellison, Gus Gesling, Anthony Hochstein, Clint Huseman, Emily Leavitt, Jade Schulte and Marcus Wilhelm.

Second Grade: Amanda Acker, George Acker, Kyle Birkenfeld, Alec Braddock, Jenny Merritt, Abril

Pena, Thomas Schacher, Steffani Steffens, Amy Thiel and Justin Wood.

Third Grade: Joshua Braddock, Tessie Huseman, Brandi Kern and Karis Kleman.

Fourth Grade: Jennifer Acker, Lacey Acker, Candace Birkenfeld, Matthew Birkenfeld, Chase Black, Eric Book, Berry Clinton, Bradley Gerber, Kaytlin Huseman, Chandra Jordan, Kean Lilley, Heidi Ramaekers, Troy Ramaekers, Brady Schulte, Macee Schulte, Adam Thiel and Brandon Wilhelm.

Fifth Grade: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, J'Lae Merritt, Charlie Rundell and Kasey Wood.

Sixth Grade: Jeremy Acker, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Jordan Hampton, Garrett Kleman, Orin Schulte and Tyson Schulte.

Seventh Grade: Andrew Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting, Trey Robb and Mark Villeneuve.

Eighth Grade: Nicole Acker, Wendy Black, Tyler Ehly, Erica Gerber, Koty Huseman, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Kristi Ramaekers, Teri Ramaekers, Eric Schilling, Megan Schulte and Shelby Wilhelm.

Freshman: Patricia Acker, Jason Birkenfeld, Jennifer Cecil, Megan Hoelting, Mikki Huguley, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Jace Merritt, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers, Kyla Schacher, Stephanie Thiel and Kade Wilcox.

Sophomore: Sage Annen, Nick Bermea, Jaelyn Birkenfeld, Aundrea Eymbers, Shawna Gerber, Jason Huseman, Nichole Huseman, Erin Jones, Tara Kleman, Mark Lange and Bryce Pohlmeier.

Junior: Cassie Birkenfeld, Judy Schacher and Karen Wilhelm.

Senior: Kira Ball, Susan Book, Mitchell Brockman, Jessica Kern, Matthew Kern, Heather Schilling, Jayme Schmucker, Tiffany Schmucker, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm.



Craig Lewis Neal and Heather Ann Montgomery

Neal and Montgomery to wed

Lila and Gretchen Montgomery of Clovis, N.M. announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Heather Ann Montgomery, to Craig Lewis Neal of Dimmitt.

Neal is the son of Clayton and Kay Neal of Quinlan, formerly of Dimmitt. He is the nephew of Larry and Jean Morris of Dimmitt and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hilburn and Lewis Neal and Rosa Lee Neal Gallagher, all former Dimmitt residents.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 5 p.m. on June 19 at Central Baptist Church in Clovis, N.M.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Clovis High School. She graduated from Eastern New Mexico University in 1998. She is currently employed by Bovina Independent School District.

The prospective groom graduated from Wheeler High School in 1992 and from Tarleton State University in 1996. He is currently employed at Dimmitt Market.



Tawnya Morrison and Tim Wales

Wedding plans told

Tawnya Morrison of Friona and Tim Wales of Dimmitt plan to exchange wedding vows on June 5 in Friona.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Retta Hand of Friona and Burke Hand of Carrollton. Parents of the prospective groom are Charles and Lois Wales of Dimmitt.

Miss Hand is a graduate of Friona High School and she attended West Texas A&M University in Canyon. She is employed as an information systems manager for Hi-Pro Division of Friona Industries, L.P.

Mr. Wales graduated from Dimmitt High School and Texas A&M University. He is self-employed in farming and ranching in the Dimmitt area.

4-H District Roundup is Saturday in Levelland

4-H'ers from Castro County and 19 other counties on the Texas South Plains will compete in several contests Saturday at the annual District 4-H Roundup in Levelland.

County 4-H'ers who will be competing at District Roundup with method demonstrations are Susan and Melanie Book, Rachel Wall and Nikki Burress, Gabe Garcia and Thomas Brockman, Aaron Hart, Jeremy Bishop, Holly Lane, Corey Lane, Bryce Pohlmeier, Jennifer Wilhelm, Vanessa Wilhelm, Jaci Bishop, Adrienne Hart, Anna Brockman, Brandon Wilhelm and Brad Lane.

Those competing in consumer decision making will be Susan Book, Melanie Book, Vanessa Wilhelm, Jeremy Bishop, Bryce Pohlmeier, Thomas Brockman, Gabe Garcia, Jennifer Wilhelm, Eric Book, Anna Brockman, Casey Maurer and Kendra Puente.

4-H'ers in the entomology judging competition will be Aaron Kern, Matthew Kern, Jessica Kern, Mitchell Brockman, Brandon Wilhelm and Robin Beames.

The youngsters will compete in 31 contests at the Levelland Middle School. Parents, club leaders and county Extension agents from across the South Plains also will participate,

according to Allison Davis, Extension 4-H program specialist at the Texas A&M Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Lubbock.

"District 4-H Roundup is an annual event where 4-H'ers present method demonstrations on various subjects such as public speaking, share the fun, consumer judging and fashion design," said Davis. "By participating in these contests, they gain leadership skills, improve their self confidence and develop the ability to think on their feet."

This year's Roundup kicks off at 9:30 a.m. Competition and judging begins at 10 a.m.

"Our 4-H'ers will compete in two junior divisions and one senior division. First- and second-place winners in the senior division will qualify to compete at the State 4-H Roundup this summer at Texas A&M University in College Station," Davis said. "A panel of volunteers and county agents will judge our District Roundup contests."

New Century Energies Foundation will sponsor the medallions to be awarded to contest winners.

Brockman earns award

Mitchell Brockman, son of Ralph and Sharon Brockman of Nazareth, has been named a United States national award winner in English by the United States Achievement Academy.

Brockman, who attends Nazareth High School, was nominated for the award by Brenda Schulte, an English teacher at the school.

Brockman will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

USAA winners are selected upon the recommendation of teachers,

coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the standards of selection set forth by the academy. Criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Brockman is the grandson of William and Catherine Hochstein of Nazareth and Katie Brockman of Nazareth.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9.

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Ethridge, Genn exchange vows

Michael Ethridge and Jennifer Genn were united in marriage April 10 in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Edwina and Randy Peterson of Amarillo and Taylor Genn of Spearman. She is the granddaughter of Doris and Kenneth Garrouette of Amarillo. She is employed with Baptist/St. Anthony's in Amarillo.

The groom is the son of Johnny and Kathy Ethridge of Floresville, and formerly of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of Ray and Faye Ethridge of Dimmitt and A.D. (Cowboy) and Chris Crawford of Hart. He is employed with GTE of Dumas.

The couple plan to reside in Dumas.



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Welcome Reception

Castro County Hospital District cordially invites the public to attend a welcome reception for the newest member of our Medical Staff:

Dr. Margaret M. Bailey

The reception will be held Thursday, April 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Solarium at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Come by and say hello and join us in welcoming Dr. Bailey to Dimmitt.

ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



Farmers gather in Austin to celebrate 'Corn Day'

Corn farmers from across Texas gathered at the Texas Capitol Tuesday to celebrate Texas Corn Day and help increase awareness about the importance of corn production on the Texas economy.

"Corn is a crop that every Texan benefits from every day," said Texas Corn Producer Board Chairman Joe Reed. "We hope that Corn Day helped Texans realize the valuable asset corn production is to our state.

Almost 20,000 farmers produce 248 million bushels of corn on two million acres of Texas farmland.

This celebration to promote agriculture was designed to provide Texans with a better understanding of how extensively corn touches their lives and to recognize the corn farmer's impact on Texas' prosperity. From corn-on-the-cob, to colas to chemicals, corn by products are an ever present part of everyday life.



MIKE GARNETT (right), board member of the Farm Credit Bank of Texas, presents the Pacesetter Award to the leaders of the Plainview Production Credit Association during the Tenth Farm Credit District's annual meeting on April 9th. Accepting the award are (from left) Don Loafman of Plainview, association president; and Troy Christian of the Oklahoma Lane community, association chairman. The Plainview Production Credit Association has a branch office in Dimmitt.

Courtesy Photo

State soil and water board to hold member elections

The regular election to the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSWCB) to represent State District One will be held Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Plainview at the Plainview Country Club Ballroom.

The TSWCB is an agency of the state government and it was created in 1939. Unlike many state agencies and commissions whose policy-making bodies are gubernatorial appointments, the TSWCB consists of five elected members.

Delegates elect TSWCB members in a convention-type election from soil and water conservation districts within the state district the member is to represent. Qualified delegates voting in the election must be landowners, reside in the soil and water conservation district he or she represents at the convention and be actively engaged in farming or ranching. Each soil and water conservation district in State District One selects one delegate to attend the conven-

tion.

Each member of the TSWCB serves a two-year term and represents one of the five state districts. Each member must own agricultural land and be actively engaged in farming or ranching.

State District One, which consists of 51 counties in the Panhandle and South Plains region of the state, has 49 soil and water conservation districts within its boundary. Collectively, Texas has 216 soil and water conservation districts within its statutory five state districts.

The TSWCB's chief responsibility is to coordinate the programs of Texas' soil and water conservation districts and assist them in developing and carrying out local conservation programs.

The TSWCB is the lead agency in Texas for programs relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution.

Plainview PCA is honored for outstanding performance

Plainview Production Credit Association (PCA) has earned the Pacesetter Award for the highest possible performance rating from the Farm Credit Bank of Texas. The bank honored the association during the Tenth Farm Credit District's annual meeting in Austin on April 9.

Plainview PCA was one of 13 associations recognized for exhibiting above average performance in the areas of growth and performance in 1998. There are a total of 15 PCAs and 20 Federal Land Bank Associations (FLBAs) within the Farm Credit District.

The Dimmitt Production Credit Association office is a branch of the Plainview PCA. Local staffers are Ann Armstrong, Plainview association vice president; Mark L.

Kleman, assistant vice president of the Plainview association; and Edna Sanders, office assistant.

"To receive this award, an association must exceed a rigid set of financial performance standards," said Arnold Henson, the bank's chief executive officer. "These associations are setting the pace in the areas of financial performance and growth in the Tenth District."

PCA's provide production and operating loans to farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses in Louisiana, New Mexico and Texas. FLBAs provide mortgage financing for agricultural real estate, rural residences and agribusinesses across Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas.

Dairy plan earns House approval

A proposal allowing Texas to participate in a planned Southern Dairy Compact was given preliminary approval last week by the Texas House of Representatives.

The legislation, House Bill 2000, introduced by Rep. Bob Turner, is essential to the economic survival of the Texas dairy industry, according to Bob Stallman, president of Texas Farm Bureau. The bill was approved by the house on April 20 by a vote of 100-42.

"Our state's dairy industry has fallen victim to a federal milk pricing system that does not accurately reflect the supply and demand of Texas fluid milk," Stallman said. "HB 2000 offers a regional approach to establishing a minimum floor for the price

paid to the dairy farmer. Based upon the experiences of the Northeast Dairy Compact and industry projections here in Texas, consumers will actually benefit from a more stable milk supply, without shouldering any excessive increase in the retail price of milk at the grocery store. It's a win-win situation for producers and consumers."

Stallman said over one-third of Texas dairy farmers have gone out of business in the last four years, resulting in a loss of 10% of the state's milk production. Eleven other southern states, including Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana have already adopted legislation authorizing the participation in the compact, contingent upon approval of Congress.

Minding Your Own Business

Three terrific triples---
Powerful, life-changing words



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR

My good friend Webster defines triplet as "a collection or group of three," so today, I offer you three groups of three very special words.

These are not ordinary words, rather, they are powerful, life-changing words. These triplets will help you build your business, put sizzle in your career and maybe even spice up your love life.

They are not new words and I haven't even combined them in a new way. You've heard them before and many of you have probably even used these powerful triplets, so why do I bring them up again? Because they contain great wisdom and wisdom, when applied, will change your life.

Words to live by

The first powerhouse triplet is—*and then some*. If you're in school, do all your teachers ask of you—*and then some*. If you work for someone else, do all your boss asks you to—*and then some*.

Want to help your favorite church or charity? Write out a nice check—*and then some*. Know someone who needs a caring friend? Be that friend—*and then some*. If your partner needs a lift, offer a helping hand—*and then some*.

I have watched the lives of many successful people over the years and every true success I have ever met was an "and then some" person. Go the extra mile and do a little more than is expected. You'll find life will be very rewarding—*and then some*.

The second triplet is—*yes, I can*. Life doesn't always give us what we expect. Our friends sometimes let us down and trouble sometimes picks us up. When you are faced with an impossible mountain to climb, focus on the summit and say these words—*yes, I can*.

When your boss asks for a little more effort, just look him in the eye and say, *yes, I can*. When the doctor gives you bad news and you don't know if you can handle the challenge, just say to yourself—*yes, I can*.

Several years ago I was asked to write a newspaper column for small business owners. The pessimistic little monkey who sits on my shoulder and whispers negative words in my ear immediately went to work. He said, "You're not a writer. No one will read what you write! You can't even spell very well."

I brushed that little monkey off my shoulder with these three words—*yes, I can*. Then I can begin to write. Nine years later you're one of more than a million readers who seek out *Minding Your Own Business* every week.

The third powerful triplet is—*I love you*. If you are a parent or if you have parents, use these words—*I love you*. It is much more difficult to show our love to our fellow man with random, unplanned acts of kindness.

I hope you'll adopt these three sets of triplets. The world needs more *and then some* folks who greet their challenges with *yes, I can* and who never hesitate to say, with meaning, *I love you*.

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

A good way to clean oven racks is by putting them on an old bath towel and soaking them in the tub in a mixture of hot water and ammonia.

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Water District closely monitoring current water-related legislation

More than 4,000 bills have been introduced in the House of Representatives and 1,900 bills in the Senate since the 76th Texas Legislative Session began on Jan. 12.

With the March 12 deadline for filing bills behind them, lawmakers are now involved with committee meetings, debates and other aspects of the legislative process. The regular session will end May 31.

The High Plains Water District closely monitors water-related legislation, securing copies of bills in its areas of interest, studying the bills and writing letters to legislators.

These letters point out positive and negative aspects of proposed legislation and make suggestions to accom-

plish the author's objectives while eliminating concerns of people in this area. As needed, written testimony is prepared for presentation by District staff at committee meetings in Austin.

"Senate Bill 1 was the major piece of water legislation passed during the last legislative session," said A. Wayne Wyatt, Water District manager. "A great deal of time and energy was spent by the Water District staff working on major components of this bill prior to its introduction and through its final passage by the House and Senate. Thus far, eight bills have been introduced to fine-tune Senate Bill 1."

Approximately 158 water-related bills have been filed in the House and Senate as of March 12. In addition, other types of legislation which may affect the operation of this Water District are also being monitored.

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Price, weather may inhibit 1999 cotton

Cotton producers on the Texas Plains aren't likely to experience a banner weather or price year in 1999, according to a pair of Lubbock experts who spoke to producers at a recent crop conference.

"On average, El Nino increases winter and spring precipitation in West Texas, but not this time," said Andy Anderson, chief forecaster for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Lubbock.

"February 1999, for example, was one of our driest Februaries on record—the driest since 1955," said Anderson.

NOAA's three- to four-month forecast calls for above-normal temperatures for West Texas and the Southwest during March, April and May with a return to more normal temperatures through summer.

"The warm El Nino weather phenomenon has switched to its cool La Nina phase. If La Nina runs its normal course, we will probably see below-normal precipitation through June and July," said Anderson. "La Nina should taper off as the summer progresses, but if it doesn't, it could severely limit our summer and fall rainfall."

The year's price outlook fared little better than the weather outlook.

"The 1998 global cotton crop was the smallest since 1989, but the world is producing more cotton than it can consume—hence our current low prices," said David Stanford, vice president of marketing with Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Cooperative Association (PCCA). "We produced less than 85 million bales last year, but mill use declined almost 4%. World carryover stocks (beginning stocks) were up 3% as we started the 1998-99 marketing year."

"At the same time, the Asian financial crisis devalued the currencies of some of our best export buyers.

Those nations, especially China, are now exporting cotton and textiles, creating a tough pricing situation for US cotton products," Stanford said.

In 1998, 66% of textile supplies in the US market came from abroad while 40% of the world's current cotton carryover resides in China. China will have a huge influence on the global cotton economy for many years to come," Stanford said.

Adoption of a market-oriented farm policy in the United States helped reduce US cotton stocks, but the loss of cotton export enhancement funds more than offset that gain.

"My best-case scenario for 1999-2000 puts the US cotton crop at 17 million bales, domestic mill use at 10.6 million bales, US exports at six million bales, and ending stocks at about four million bales," Stanford said. "At the same time, I think we'll bring a world crop around 88 million bales, but see mill use of only about 85 million bales. We will again produce more than we consume."

Such a scenario, plus the US Dept. of Agriculture's forecast for higher cotton imports before the 1998-99 marketing year ends in July, could make May and July 1999 cotton futures especially volatile.

"Volatile markets attract imports and tend to push prices lower. As a result, hedging for a better price may not be your (producers') best option this year," Stanford said. "Buying put options on New York Futures will provide better price protection than relying on marketing loan, loan deficiency or producer option payments."

"Put options will give you some downside price protection in the current market and still leave the door open for you to capture a higher price if the market moves up. The rewards of hedging simply may not outweigh the risk this year."

Spring armyworms may infest small grains, corn

Wet winter weather conditions and sightings of moths have entomologists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service concerned about a possible outbreak of armyworms this spring.

"These are the 'true' armyworms which come in the spring. Here in East Texas we are usually worried about fall armyworms, which are a different species, and usually show up in the summer and fall," said James Robinson, Extension entomologist.

Last year's drought may also contribute to an increased threat of armyworms this spring. Dr. Emory Boring, entomologist based in the Rolling Plains, said that the more severe infestations of armyworms in the spring follow drought years. This may be due to drought-related die-off of beneficial insects, primarily a wasp that attacks the armyworm larvae.

The larvae of the fall armyworm and the true armyworm have similar habits. They both attack grass crops and, during severe infestations, march across fields in waves, eating everything in their wake.

Armyworms, however, are more likely to attack small grains such as wheat, winter pastures and corn where fall armyworms prefer bermuda grass. Armyworms will eat bermuda grass pasture, but usually as a last resort when their preferred crops are not available. The armyworm will typically attack and defoliate wheat before it reaches the flag leaf stage, thereby severely reducing yields.

"I do not expect we're going to see a major problem in bermuda grass pastures this spring," Robinson said. "I do want our producers of small grains, winter pasture and corn to be aware of the potential threat to their crops."

The two species are easily identified. The moth of the true armyworm is tan with a small white spot in the center of each of the front wings. The moth of the fall armyworm is black with white markings on the trailing edges of the wings.

The larvae of the fall armyworm is also easy to identify. It has a "y"-

shaped mark on its head with yellow stripes running the length of its body. The armyworm does not have this "y" shape and has mottled orange stripes.

The larvae of the two species behave differently as well. The fall armyworm forages primarily during the day while the spring version forages primarily at night, late in the afternoon or on heavily overcast days.

"During a sunny day, armyworms will hide in ground cover and debris. Producers will have to brush the debris away to check for larvae."

Robinson suggested producers be on the lookout for worms. If they have questions about identifying larvae or moths, they should contact their local county agents.

Robinson has made fact sheets with color images available on the Internet site of the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton. The address is <<http://overton.tamu.edu/insects>>. Look at the links named "True Armyworm Factsheet" and "Fall Armyworm Factsheet."

The fact sheets are in Acrobat format, which means producers will need the free Adobe Acrobat plugin for their browsers before they will be able to view the files. Within a week, the files will be converted to standard Internet files that won't require the Acrobat plugin.

Step 3 Quota Watch

Under Step 3 of the Cotton Competitiveness Provision, federal law provides for the opening of raw cotton import quotas following 10 consecutive weeks where the price of US cotton exceeds the world price by more than 3¢ per pound.

Through April 22, USDA has announced the following quotas under this program:

Quota #	Established On	Quota Amount (In bales)	Cotton must be Purchased by:	Cotton must enter US no later than:
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7	4/15/99	197,267	7/13/99	10/11/99
8	4/22/99	197,267	7/20/99	10/18/99

Cotton Talks

With a lot of road yet to be traveled, Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. (PCG) continues to advance its thoughts and concerns about crop insurance to fellow industry members and to the legislators that will eventually put forth a reform plan.

PCG has worked on crop insurance issues for many years. What appears to be different this time is the emphasis placed on improving the overall performance of the agricultural safety net following 1998s adverse weather and price situation.

Both House Agriculture Committee Chairman Larry Combest and Ranking Committee Member Charles Stenholm have commented on the lack of protection afforded by current insurance products and have called for an overhaul of the system.

PCG officials have been working to develop a crop insurance priority list that includes changes producers feel are necessary to make insurance a viable risk management tool.

PCG representatives traveled to the American Cotton Producers meeting in Dallas last week to discuss crop insurance and other important cotton-related issues. American Cotton Producers is the producer arm of the National Cotton Council.

This week will find PCG representatives and members of the Texas Cotton Producers organization in Washington, D.C., visiting about crop insurance issues with members of the House Agriculture Committee staff, USDA and the National Cotton Council.

Key concepts being communicated by PCG at this time include:

- The importance of providing yield coverage levels that track producer expenses during the growing season so they have the opportunity to recoup production costs through the time a loss occurs.

- Provision for a harvest incentive that encourages producers to produce.
- The need for programs that protect against price fluctuations beyond the control of individual producers.

PCG will continue to "put meat on the bones" of crop insurance reform as the process moves forward and communicate the latest developments to producers.

An agreement between China and the US on agricultural trade issues could mean positive changes are on the horizon for cotton exports.

The agreement, signed April 10, is part of the effort by China to gain membership in the World Trade Organization and should significantly open Chinese markets to US

agricultural goods. For cotton, it means the establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas (TRQ) which will allow cotton imports up to the quota level to be charged a minimal tariff (1% for cotton). This means that up to 3.4 million bales of cotton a year, growing to 4.1 million bales in 2004, would qualify for the minimal TRQ rate.

Under the agreement, 67% of the imports would be available to private sector in China and 33% would be available to the state-run textile business, Chinatex.

RES sets new student enrollment

Enrollment of elementary students for the 1999-2000 school year will be May 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Richardson Elementary School library.

This enrollment is for students who are new to the district or who will be starting kindergarten in the fall.

Parents must provide a birth certificate, shot record, and social security card for each child being enrolled.

Children entering kindergarten must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1.

Each student enrolling will have his/her name placed in a drawing for free school supplies for the upcoming year.

Thomas wins fishing tourney

Dustin Thomas, 9, son of Jimmy and Julia Thomas of Dimmitt, won two trophies at a fishing tournament Saturday at Lake McKenzie.

The youth was entered in the Woody Miller Children's Benefit Tournament, and caught a nine-inch crappie.

His trophies were for the biggest fish of the tournament and for the largest stringer.

"Dustin's fish wasn't real big, but it was the only one caught and turned in for the tournament," said his mother. She said the weather conditions contributed to the lack of competition at the event.

The tournament raised funds for the children of the late Woody Miller of Littlefield, who died as the result of burns he received in an accident.

Music program set for Friday

First graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt will give a music program Friday at 9:30 a.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

The public is invited to attend the concert, titled "Spring Time in Texas."

The music program is directed by Ruby Teaschner.

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DHS Choir sets spring concert

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Sports



Schmucker is bound for Finland, Sweden with Big 12 All-Star team

Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth is honing her basketball skills in preparation for a two-week tour overseas as a member of the Big 12 Conference Women's Basketball All-Star Team.

Schmucker, a 5-9 junior guard, is the lone Texas Tech Lady Raider to be selected for the all-star team and she, along with other team members, will be playing basketball as part of a foreign tour in Finland and Sweden this August.

The team will be coached by Dick Halterman, head coach at Oklahoma State University.

Each school in the Big 12 Conference will have one representative on the all-star team and Schmucker was selected to represent Texas Tech.

The staff and team will participate in meetings and practices in Dallas Aug. 1-4 before arriving in Helsinki, Finland, on Aug. 5. Four games are

scheduled in Finland from Aug. 6-10. The team will then travel to Stockholm, Sweden, on Aug. 12 and will play two games in Sweden on Aug. 13-14 before returning to Dallas on Aug. 15.

Here's a schedule of the European tour:

- Aug. 1-4: Meetings and practice in Dallas.
- Aug. 5: Arrive in Helsinki.
- Aug. 6: Game No. 1 in Finland.
- Aug. 7: Game No. 2 in Finland.
- Aug. 8: Game No. 3 in Finland.
- Aug. 10: Game No. 4 in Finland.
- Aug. 11: Depart to Stockholm, Sweden.
- Aug. 13: Game No. 5 in Sweden.
- Aug. 14: Game No. 6 in Sweden.
- Aug. 15: Depart for Dallas.

Schmucker, a junior point guard, was just named the recipient of the Lady Raiders' Fighting Heart Award

for the 1998-99 season. "We were totally shocked," said Schmucker's mother, Mary Lou Schmucker, who attended the banquet. "That award usually goes to a senior. Melinda was taken totally by surprise."

Schmucker was presented the award "for being the hardest worker on the team."

During the most recent season, Schmucker started every game and led the team with 188 total assists. She was second on the team in the three-point shooting department, making 33 on the year.

Schmucker, who graduated from Nazareth High School in 1996, started 13 of 29 games for the Lady Raiders her freshman year. She became a full-time starter her sophomore year, starting in all of Tech's games, and she continued that streak through her junior season.



HERE COMES THE THROW, but Nazareth's Blake Birkenfeld is able to slip behind Amherst third baseman Ferguson and slides safely into third after bouncing a hit off the wall in left center field Monday

afternoon. The Swifts watched a big lead evaporate in the sixth inning, but managed to come from behind in the seventh for a 19-18 win. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swifts rally in bottom of seventh for 19-18 win

After blowing a 7-run lead in the sixth inning Monday, the Nazareth Swifts bounced back to regain the lead, then promptly lost it again in the top of the seventh.

But the Swifts kept their heads and used a walk by Daryl Pohlmeier, an RBI-triple by Matt Olvera and a couple of wild pitches and an error on Amherst to pull out a 19-18 win over the Bulldogs at home.

The win boosted Nazareth's season record to 6-3.

Kade Wilcox got the start for Nazareth Monday, and the freshman hurler went five innings, striking out eight and giving up just two hits as the Swifts built up a 12-5 lead.

The Bulldog hitters caught fire in the sixth, though, striking for nine runs on five hits and four Swift errors to steal the lead, 14-12. Nazareth would answer with four runs of its own in the bottom of the sixth to regain control, 16-14, but Amherst countered with a four-run seventh to regain the advantage, 18-16.

Nazareth won the game in the bottom of the seventh, scoring its first three hitters of the inning for the win.

Wilcox was spelled in the sixth inning by his twin brother Ky Wilcox. Blake Birkenfeld relieved Ky Wilcox in the top of the seventh and faced five batters, giving up three hits before he was relieved by Mitchell Brockman.

Brockman got the win for the Swifts after retiring three of five hitters in the top of the seventh. Suffering the loss for Amherst was Gilmore, who switched from third to pitcher in the second inning after the Swifts tattooed Bulldog starter Collins with four hits and seven runs in the first.

Kade Wilcox struck out Amherst's lead-off hitter Hood to open the game, but the second batter, H. Miller, reached on a Brockman error. D. Miller walked, giving Amherst two base runners, both of which would score to give the Bulldogs a 2-0 lead.

Nazareth didn't waste any time in taking over that lead, though. Three Swifts stepped to the plate twice in the first inning, as Nazareth amassed seven runs to take the lead.

Collins walked four hitters and gave up singles to Olvera, Brockman, Aaron Kern and Daryl Pohlmeier. The Bulldog pitcher was hampered by wild pitches, one of which hit Mark Birkenfeld, advancing him to first.

After taking the 7-2 lead, Nazareth went to work on defense, retiring the side in the second and third innings to hold Amherst at 2. Wilcox struck out three of those six hitters, two others were thrown out on infield grounders and the sixth flied out to short.

Meanwhile, the Swifts were having a few problems of their own on offense in the second. Gilmore relieved Collins and promptly struck out Brockman, Stanton Wethington and Kern, in order, to retire the side in the second.

After a three-up, three-down effort in the top of the third, Nazareth added three runs in the bottom of the third for a 10-2 lead, scoring the three runs on a two-out rally.

Bo Hunter and Mark Birkenfeld each struck out, giving Gilmore five straight strike outs in the game, but he walked Kade Wilcox and Nazareth's assault was underway.

Blake Birkenfeld nailed a triple

that hit the fence in left center field, scoring Kade Wilcox. Blake Birkenfeld slid into home after a wild pitch got away from catcher D. Miller. An error on the Amherst left fielder placed Pohlmeier on base, then three wild pitches sent him home safely for the 10-2 Swift lead.

In the top of the fourth, Kade Wilcox struck out Ferguson, who was first up for the Bulldogs. He gave up his first hit of the game to Chandler, who picked up a single, then allowed the second hit—a big two-run home run by Kackley.

Nazareth shut down the threat after that, with Wilcox fielding a grounder and throwing Gilmore out at first, then striking out the next hitter to end the inning.

Gilmore made short work of the Swifts in the bottom of the fourth, striking out two and relying on H. Miller for another out as he caught a Brockman fly ball.

The Swifts gave up one run in the fifth, but forced the Bulldogs to leave a runner on third.

The Swifts would add two runs in the fifth, taking advantage of three Bulldog errors in the inning. The Swifts did pick up one hit in the inning, an RBI-single by Pohlmeier.

The Swifts changed their fielding lineup around in the sixth, and Amherst was able to pick up nine runs in the inning, getting a little help from the Swifts, who were charged with four errors.

Ky Wilcox gave up a lead-off double to Chandler, then hit the next batter, giving Amherst runners on first and second. He struck out the next batter for out number one, but then allowed a left-field single that loaded the bases. An error on Swift right fielder Wade Price allowed two runs to score, then Hood walked. Another Swift error, this time on third baseman Olvera, gave the Bulldogs another advantage. Price's second error of the inning kept Amherst in good shape.

Nazareth finally got its second out when Brockman tagged a runner headed to second. He attempted to turn the double play, but his throw to first was off the mark, and Amherst scored two more runs.

Amherst would pick up another double and single, scoring runs eight and nine of the inning before it was over.

The Swifts were able to put the mistakes behind them in the bottom of the sixth, though, adding four runs to their total to regain the lead. The lone hit of the inning was a lead-off single by Brockman, who then stole second and third. Kern walked to give Nazareth runners at the corners, then Amherst's defense collapsed.

Hunter struck out, but the third strike ball escaped D. Miller and Hunter took off for second on the passed ball. The throw from Miller to first was wild and Hunter reached safely while Brockman and Kern both headed for home.

Ky Wilcox hit a sacrifice to score Kern and Hunter would come in on a series of wild pitches and passed balls, giving Nazareth a 16-14 lead.

The Bulldogs picked up four runs in the seventh to regain the lead, getting three hits off of Blake Birkenfeld and another off of Brockman before Nazareth's defense ended the threat, but the Swifts needed three runs for the win.

Pohlmeier's walk in the bottom of the seventh started the comeback. Olvera's triple took care of one of those runs, then Gilmore took care of the rest, throwing several wild pitches that allowed Olvera and Brockman to score for the Swift win.



MILE RELAY HOPEFULS—The Nazareth girls' mile relay team, including (from left) Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Whitney Hoelting and Stephanie

Thiel, hope to top the field in the Region 1-A track meet this weekend in Levelland. The quad earned a trip to regional with a third-place time at area.

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Gerber will join duo at state after runner-up finish

Schmuckers win regional crown

Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker of Nazareth set a lofty goal for themselves for the 1999 tennis season, but on Tuesday the pair achieved the first step of that goal when they captured the Region 1-A tennis doubles championship in Levelland.

The two, along with teammate Shawna Gerber, who finished as Region 1-A runner-up in girls' singles, will advance to the Class A state tennis tournament, which will be held May 14-15 in Austin.

A year ago, the Schmucker twins had advanced to the regional finals, only to lose the championship match. That forced them into a playback match for second place against fellow Swiftette netters, K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier.

The Schmuckers couldn't rebound

from the championship match and were forced to settle for third place, just missing out on a trip to the state tennis tournament.

This year, no one could stop the sisters, who breezed through the first two rounds of regional, losing just one game.

They destroyed their first round opponents, Tiffany Timmons and Emma Canales of Paducah, 6-0, 6-0. In the quarterfinals, the Schmuckers topped Jessica Stapp and Karen Conrad of Groom, 6-1, 6-0.

Things got a little tougher for the twins in the semifinals and championship, but they never lost a set.

In Tuesday morning's semifinal, they outlasted Irion County's Cheyenne Vasquez and Jamie Hamilton, 7-5, 7-5.

That earned them a spot in the

Region 1-A title game for the second straight year.

Once they had earned that berth, there was no stopping the twins.

They blasted Irion County's April Mohler and Kristi Turner in the first set of the championship, 6-0, then held on through a tough, hard-fought second set for a 7-5 win and the regional championship.

Gerber lost a couple of games over

her first three matches, but never dropped a set—until the championship.

Gerber, who won the Region 1-A singles title a year ago as a freshman, made it back to the title match Tuesday, but she couldn't duplicate her effort from a year ago. In last year's championship, she downed Lindsey Brown of Whiteface, 6-3, 6-4.

Gerber and Brown squared off in

the finals this year again, but the outcome was a little different.

Just like a year ago, Gerber won the first set against Brown, 6-4, but Brown took over from there, winning the next two, 7-5, 6-4.

Both netters advance to the state tournament, where they could meet again.

Gerber opened regional play with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Stephanie Dominguez of Balmorhea. In the

quarterfinals she downed Tiffany Flowers of Sudan, 6-1, 6-1.

In the semifinals, she blasted Misty Wilkinson of Silverton, 6-0, 6-1.

The Hart girls' doubles team of Raquel Garcia and Veronica Gonzales made it to the Region 1-A tournament, too, but they lost a heartbreaking marathon battle in the first round, 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 2-6.



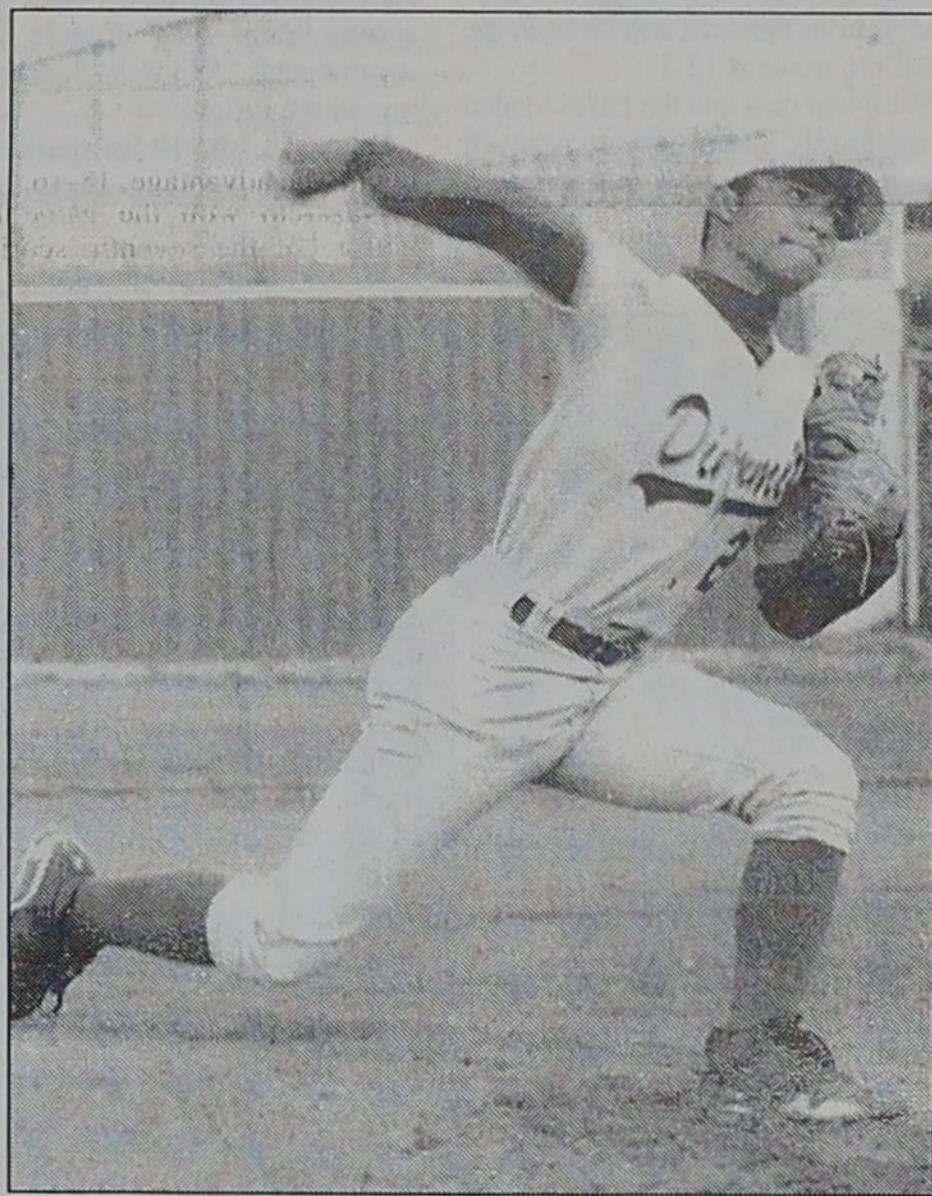
HURDLING HIS WAY TO REGIONAL is Nazareth's Stanton Wethington. Wethington finished third in the 110-meter high hurdles at the area track meet to earn the trip to the Region 1-A meet, which is this weekend. Photo by Brenda Schulte



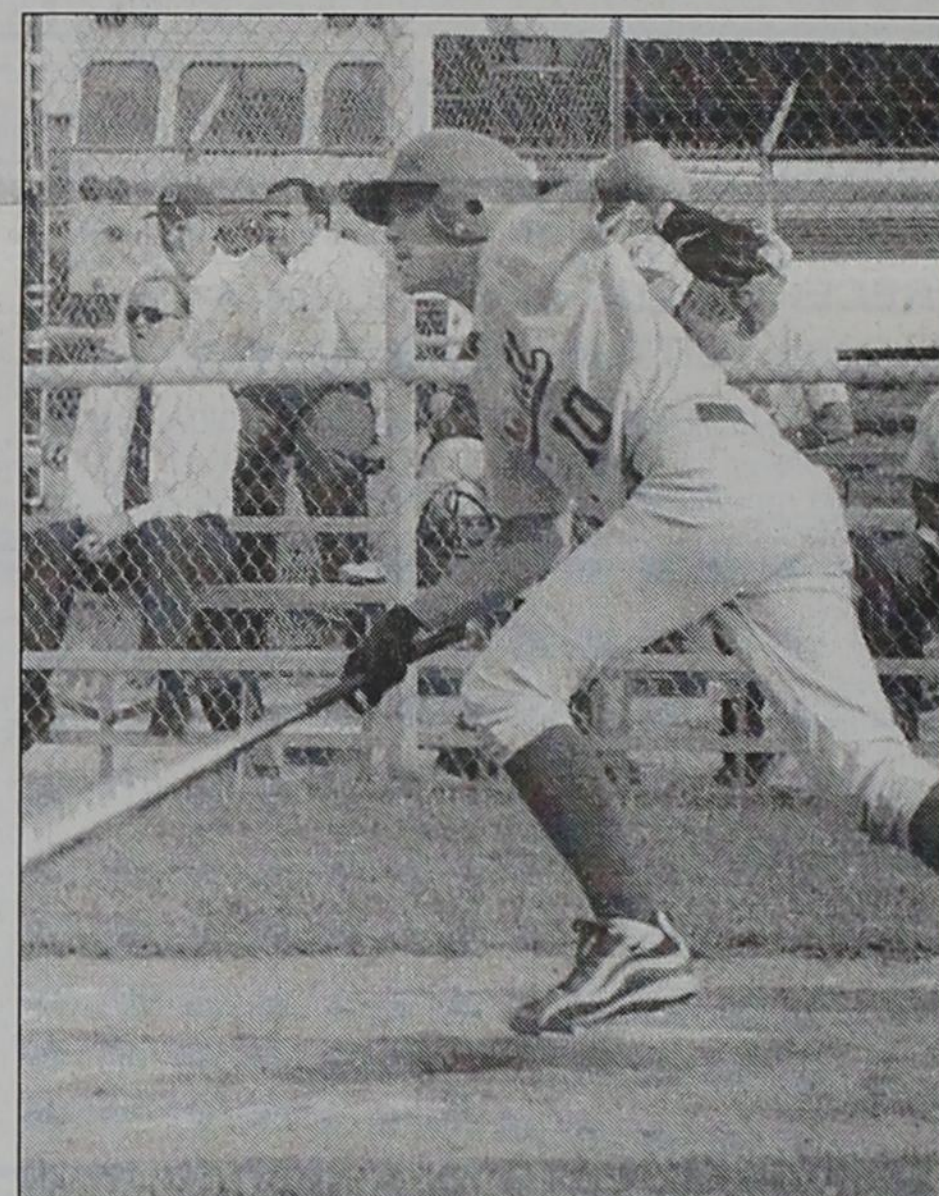
LONG-DISTANCE SPECIALISTS Danette Ramaekers (left) and Lindsey K. Gerber, both of Nazareth, will test their stamina this weekend as they compete in the 3,200- and 1,600-meter runs at the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland. At area, Ramaekers won both races while Gerber finished fourth. Photo by Brenda Schulte

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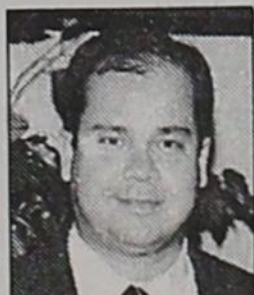
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Swifts 19, Amherst 18
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 Collins, Gilmore (2) and D. Miller for Amherst; Kade Wilcox, Ky Wilcox (6), Blake Birkenfeld (7), Mitchell Brockman (7) and Matt Olvera, Daryl Pohlmeier (6), WP: Brockman. LP: Gilmore. 2B: Hood, H. Miller, Chandler and Kackley for Amherst; Matt Olvera for Nazareth. 3B: Blake Birkenfeld and Matt Olvera for Nazareth. HR: Kackley for Amherst. Record: Nazareth 6-3.

Bobcats 2, River Road 12
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 Luis Silva, Sammy Prieto (4) and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt; Adam King and Steven Beck for River Road. WP: King. LP: Silva. 2B: Chantz Howell, Marcus Liedtke, Brandon Shedd of River Road. HR: Justin Chancler of River Road. Record: Dimmitt 8-8, 3-6; River Road 13-7-1, 6-3.

TUESDAY
Bobcats 15, Dalhart 13
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 Derek Buckley, Tanner Griffitt (5), Sammy Prieto (7) and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt; Lasley, Cunningham (7) and Vogel. WP: Griffitt. LP: Lasley. Save: Prieto. 2B: Bezner, Lasley, Scales and Slaton for Dalhart. 3B: Luis Silva for Dimmitt; Jones for Dalhart. HR: Robert Sepeda and Sammy Prieto for Dimmitt. Record: Dimmitt 9-8, 4-6; Dalhart 3-13, 2-7.

Together We Can



TIME STANDS STILL for a split second for Dimmitt second baseman Wesley Wright and River Road baserunner Justin Chancler in the third inning of Monday's District 1-AAA game at River Road. Chancler is trying to steal second, and is pulling up as Wright takes the throw from

catcher Bobby Hill. Wright spun, dropped to a knee and stretched to make the tag, while Chancler took an outside step, dived head-first and stretched out his left arm to touch the base. Chancler was ruled safe on the steal. The Wildcats won it, 12-2. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Bobcats split final two

The Bobcats finished their regular season with a 15-13 win at Dalhart Tuesday after suffering a 12-2 loss at River Road Monday.

The win over Dalhart left the Bobcats with a chance to still go into the playoffs as the No. 3 seed from District 1-AAA. Perryton and River Road are the No. 1 and 2 seeds.

Dalhart and Sanford-Fritch were to play a make-up game Wednesday. A Sanford-Fritch win would send the Eagles into the playoffs, but a Dalhart win would leave S-F tied with Dimmitt in the district standings and force a playoff for the third spot. The Eagles and Bobcats are 1-1 against each other.

Coach Jesus Quiroz's Bobcats finished the regular season with a 9-8 record, 4-6 in district play.

At River Road Monday, the Wildcats' big bats racked up runs in every inning until they had enough on the board by the bottom of the fifth to invoke the 10-run rule, 12-2.

Monday's game was played in balmy weather following its postponement Saturday due to cold, rainy conditions.

For the Wildcats, the win nailed down the district's second playoff berth.

Sammy Prieto was Dimmitt's first man to reach base in the top of the first (on a fielder's error), and scored the game's first run when Eric Gamez brought him home with a single to right field.

RR retaliated by pounding Bobcat starter Luis Silva for four hits — including a double by Chantz Howell, a triple by Golden Littlefield and a two-run homer by Justin Chancler — to take a 4-1 lead.

While holding the Bobcats scoreless in the next three innings, the Wildcats added one run in the second, four in the third and three in the fourth to make it 12-1.

With two outs and the bases loaded in the fourth, Sammy Prieto relieved Silva on the mound and got RR pitcher Adam King to ground out to

end the inning.

The Bobcats loaded the bases to start the fifth, with Bobby Hill getting on board via a hit pitch, Prieto drawing a walk and Derek Buckley bingling one to third base.

However, as Buckley raced to first, RR third baseman Howell fielded the ball and caught Hill in a rundown along the third-base line, eventually tagging him out halfway to the plate.

Silva got on base, Prieto was tagged out trying to steal home on a passed ball, then Buckley scored Dimmitt's final run on a throwing error as Silva stole second before Gamez grounded out to end the game.

Dimmitt spotted Dalhart a five-run lead in the first inning Tuesday, then worked their way back to a hard-fought 15-13.

Derek Buckley started on the mound for the Bobcats; Tanner Griffitt relieved him in the fifth and was credited with the win; and Sammy Prieto took the mound in the seventh and got the save.

"We got out of that first inning, then we settled down and started getting them out," Coach Quiroz commented. "We only had two errors in the infield."

Prieto at shortstop sparked the infield with heads-up plays that included a diving catch with two outs

and two on in the fifth.

"He saved two runs with that catch," Coach Quiroz said. "He played his best game. He played his heart out."

The Bobcats went ahead 6-5 in the fourth when Robert Sepeda blasted a two-run homer.

Dalhart came back with a run in the fourth to tie it up, but Dimmitt retaliated with a big five-run fifth inning to go ahead 11-6.

That still wasn't enough to win the slugfest, though, as Dalhart struck back with five runs in the sixth after holding the Cats to three-up, three-down.

Trailing 12-11 going into the seventh, Dimmitt put together another rally. Cody Brockman scored his second run, and later—with two outs—Bobby Hill, Prieto and Buckley all crossed the plate to make it 15-12.

The Wolves got a run in their half of the seventh, but the Cats managed to put out the fire to preserve the win.

Kids, Inc. Basketball Schedule

Today (Thursday)
 Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Lane Dirt vs. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, & Myatt; 7 p.m. ALCO vs. Castro Co. Hospital District.

Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. First Bank Muleshoe vs. C&S Battery; 7 p.m. Smothermon Ditching vs. Dimmitt Printing.

Friday
 Minor Girls: 5:30 p.m. Red X vs. North Gin; 7 p.m. Wright & Sons vs. Benny's Auto.

Major Girls: 5:30 p.m. Gary's Engine vs. Seale Florist; 7 p.m. Hereford FCU vs. Goodpasture.

Monday
 Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Roy's Plumbing vs. Bobcat Barber Shop; 6:30 p.m. ALCO vs. Cerestar; 7:30 p.m. Lane Dirt vs. Castro Co. Hospital District.

Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. Pancake House vs. Dimmitt Consumers; 6:30 p.m. Smothermon Ditching vs. Coleman Pharmacy; 7:30 p.m. First Bank Muleshoe vs. Dimmitt Printing.

Tuesday
 Minor Girls: 5:30 p.m. Dimmitt Equip. vs. Wright & Sons; 7 p.m. First United Bank vs. Benny's Auto.

Major Girls: 5:30 p.m. Paxton Tire vs. Gary's Engine; 7 p.m. Seale Florist vs. Hereford FCU.

Next Thursday
 Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, & Myatt vs. Castro Co. Hospital District; 6:30 p.m. Roy's Plumbing vs. ALCO; 7:30 p.m. Lane Dirt vs. Bobcat Barber Shop.

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TRINITY ROBB of Nazareth will be competing in the 3,200-meter run this weekend at the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland. Robb qualified for regional by placing third at the area race. *Photo by Brenda Schulte*



TWO-MILER—Nazareth freshman Blake Birkenfeld finished second in the 3,200-meter run at the area meet to earn a trip to the Region 1-A track meet in Levelland this weekend. *Photo by Brenda Schulte*



BO HUNTER of Nazareth threw the discus 155 feet at the Class A area track meet and that was good enough for first place and a trip to the Region 1-A track meet. Hunter is one of the favorites in the event at regional. *Photo by Brenda Schulte*

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Police Calls

An incident of arson was investigated in Hart April 20. A mobile home fire apparently was started by a 9-year-old child, using a barbecue grill lighter and some newspaper. The child has been temporarily placed with children's social services.

A property owner in Dimmitt told deputies that items of drug paraphernalia were discovered in an abandoned residence on Northwest Fourth when it was being cleaned April 20.

Steve Carbajal Jr. of Dumas told deputies Friday that someone diverted money that was due him from a local business on March 18.

The Dollar General store in Dimmitt reported Saturday afternoon that someone took four chairs from the business without paying for them. The four were valued at \$14.

Juan Jose Almanza, an employee of the City of Dimmitt, reported to police April 16 that he had misplaced a hand-held flip-phone belonging to the city. The item was valued at \$60.

Saturday, police received a report that someone struck an unattended vehicle in the 100 block of Southwest Ninth in Dimmitt and then left the scene.

An employee of the Town & Country store in Dimmitt told police that someone drove off without paying for \$6.04-worth of gasoline Friday night.

Those jailed in connection with alcohol-related incidents during the past week included:

—On April 21, an 18-year-old Dimmitt man for public intoxication, and failing in his duty to report on striking a fixture on the roadway.

—On Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 30, at 12:35 p.m. for DWI, second offense; and a Dimmitt man, 35, for DWI, first offense, at 12:55 p.m.

—Early Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 30, for DWI, first offense, and also for driving with license suspended and on a warrant for issuing a bad check in Potter County.

Those jailed on warrants included: —On April 20, a Dimmitt man, 20, a warrant on a judgment for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; and a Nazareth man, 64, on a warrant for injury to an elderly.

—On April 21, a 27-year-old Hobbs, N.M., man on a warrant for forgery.

—Early Saturday, a 41-year-old Hereford man on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.

More about Architect . . .

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scans and save money.

"I expect things to be going real smoothly at this time next year. The medical staff morale is very good. Surgery is way up. Dr. (Margaret) Bailey is having a very positive effect.

"And," he added, "we're getting good comments from outside our district, from Muleshoe and other cities in our region where people are realizing that we have a real service-based hospital here."

At the recommendation of Associate Administrator Linda Rasor, the board approved the updating of hospital and medical staff bylaws to conform to new Medicare and Texas Dept. of Health guidelines and regulations.

The board approved a new health insurance plan for district employees as outlined by Charlie Brooks of Corporate Benefit Solutions of Arlington, and authorized Sloan to execute a three-year contract.

More about Calling . . .

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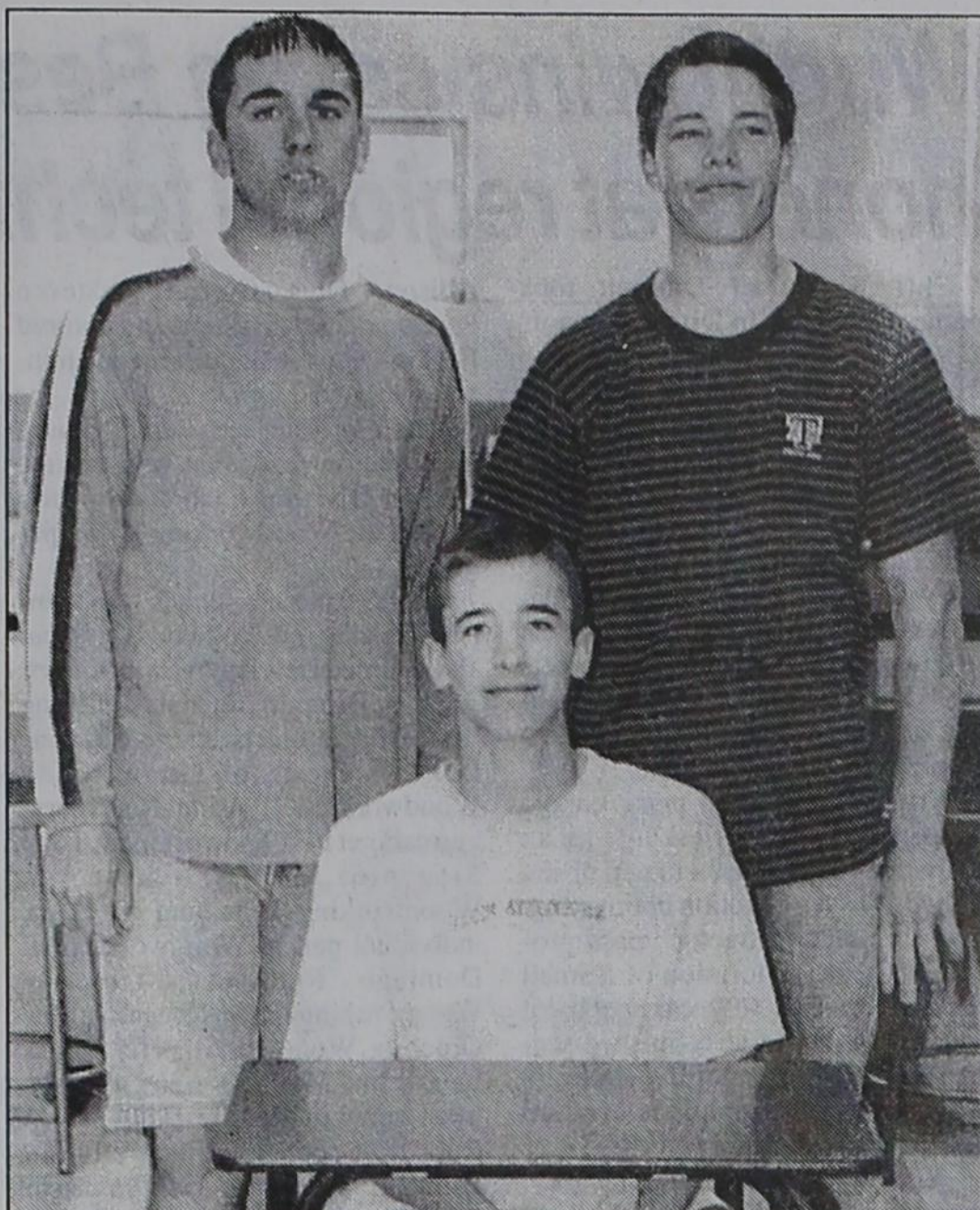
The Plainview exchange has been severed into another case file, since it is in another Local Access and Transport Area (LATA), and requires approval by the Federal Communications Commission.

The Dimmitt exchange is in the Amarillo LATA, while Plainview is in the Lubbock LATA and is served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

May 24 is the intervention deadline for the Plainview petition, and June 3 is the deadline for the intervenor's recommendation regarding the request for an interLATA exchange.

The PUC staff has until June 14 to file its recommendations, and an interim order must be filed by July 5.

Together We Can



STATE QUALIFIERS—Nazareth High School will send this trio to the Class A State UIL Literary Meet on May 7. The three placed either first or second at the regional meet held last week in Levelland. State qualifiers include (standing, from left) Mitchell Brockman, who won the regional Headline Writing competition; and Mark Birkenfeld, who placed second in Calculator Applications and second in Editorial Writing; and (seated) Blake Birkenfeld, who was second in Computer Science.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Nazareth, Hart students qualify for state UIL meet

Castro County students from Nazareth and Hart hope to bring home the gold from Austin next week as they get set to compete in the Class A State UIL Literary Meet.

Nazareth's hopes for a literary state championship will rest with senior Mitchell Brockman, who will be competing in Headline Writing; freshman Blake Birkenfeld, who is in Computer Science; and sophomore Mark Birkenfeld, who will pull double duty this year, competing in Calculator Applications and Editorial Writing at state.

Hart senior Rachel Wall will represent her school at the state meet in the News Writing contest.

The Class A state meet will be held May 7 in Austin.

The four county youths earned their trips to state by placing either first or second in the Region 1-A Literary Meet, held Friday and Saturday at South Plains College in Levelland.

Brockman was the only county competitor to claim a regional championship, winning the Headline Writing event.

Wall finished second in News Writing at regional to earn her trip to state. She also competed in Editorial Writing, where she finished fourth.

Blake Birkenfeld was second in Computer Science and also finished fourth in News Writing at regional.

Mark Birkenfeld placed second in both of his events, Calculator Applications and Editorial Writing.

Susan Book of Nazareth finished fourth in Current Events at regional while Hart's Efrain Salazar placed sixth in the Math contest.

Dimmitt's Computer Science team, including Ironica Traylor, Tiffany Stevens, Monica Ortiz and Larissa Fuentes, finished fifth overall at the Region 1-AAA meet, held Friday. Fuentes was the fifth-place individual competitor in the event.

Ortiz also competed in the Feature Writing event at regional, but did not place.

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Chamber plans Dimmitt's city-wide garage sale June 5

Clean out those closets and straighten up your garage because it's just about time for Dimmitt's annual city-wide garage sale.

This year's garage sale day will be on Saturday, June 5, and the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is making plans for the event now. Sales that day will start around 8 a.m.

Each year, over 100 families participate in the sale by holding garage sales at their residences or join with neighbors, family or friends to hold a sale.

Those planning to hold a garage sale that day are asked to contact the Chamber to have their sale listed on a special directory for a \$10 fee. For that fee, individuals will receive a yard sign to advertise their sale on June 5, and their sale will be included in advertisements and flyers which will be distributed on sale day.

Booth spaces are available for rent

downtown on the west parking lot of the Castro County Courthouse and those renters will be charged \$25 per space.

The Chamber prints a directory listing each sale, the name of the seller, the address and a list of three main items or categories of items which will be offered for sale at each location. The back side of the directory includes a city map.

The chamber will sell business card-sized ads around the edges of the directory for \$20. Since these spaces are limited, they will be sold on a first-come basis.

"Hundreds of people from across the area flock to Dimmitt each year on garage sale day and most of them pick up the directories to assist them in locating the items which are of the most interest to them," said Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava. "Last year, over 1,000 directo-

ries were distributed by the Chamber of Commerce."

The Chamber advertises the sale over an 80-mile radius from Dimmitt.

Radio Day

The Dimmitt Lions Club will sponsor its annual Radio Day on June 5 in conjunction with the city-wide garage sale.

Members of the Lions Club will be traveling around Dimmitt, visiting various sales and will provide on-the-spot interviews and sales updates throughout the morning on 1470 KDHN Radio of Dimmitt.

More information about the annual garage sale day is available by contacting the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford Street in Dimmitt, or by calling Sava at 647-2524.

Three face 12 indictments for delivery of controlled substance

In the April 20 session of the 64th District Court Grand Jury, three Hereford people faced 12 indictments for delivery of a controlled substance. Another four individuals were charged with one indictment each on various charges.

Travis Gilliam, 41, Carolyn Johnson, 27, and Thomas Walker, 44, all of Hereford, were charged with delivering controlled substances to Manuel Garza. Bond was set at \$10,000 on each charge.

Five charges against Walker stated that on Aug. 28, 1998, he delivered methamphetamine over 4 grams and under 200 grams; on Aug. 31, 1998, he delivered methamphetamine over 1 gram and under 4 grams and cocaine of less than 1 gram; and on Sept. 2, 1998, he delivered cocaine over 1 gram and under 4 grams and amphetamine and cocaine over 1 gram and under 4 grams.

Walker was charged with delivery of methamphetamine over 4 grams and under 200 grams on Aug. 28, 1998; and delivery of cocaine over 1 gram and under 4 grams and delivery of amphetamine and cocaine over 1 gram and under 4 grams on Sept. 2, 1998.

Dirkston Sherman, 18, of Dimmitt was indicted for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and bond was set at \$100,000. The charge stated that on March 25, while in the course of committing theft of property, he

threatened or placed Wanda Barnett in fear of bodily injury or death and exhibited a deadly weapon—a knife.

Roberto Lopez Jr., 20, of Hart was indicted for burglary of a building, and bond was set at \$5,000. The charge stated that on March 1 he entered a building without the consent of the owner, Bob McLain.

Carlos Javier Escamilla, 17, of Dimmitt was indicted for DWI, third offense, and bond was set at \$7,500. The charge stated that he was arrested on April 11, and had prior convictions from August and September.

Rolando Garcia, 37, of Dimmitt, was indicted for DWI, third or more, and bond was set at \$7,500. The charge stated that he was arrested April 4, and had prior convictions from April and October of 1995.

More about DHS suspends 14 . . .

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in an extracurricular activity April 20.

"Then we went back and lifted that suspension, because we were not through with the investigation," Stockstill said. "We wanted to make sure that all were treated equally. We wanted to be sure we were through with investigating and getting answers before any students suffered any penalty."

He said that all those involved were suspended starting the morning of April 21.

"I think it is regrettable that it happened. Some mistakes were made in dealing with it," Stockstill said. "We apologize for our mistakes, but do not see our mistakes as a justification for not acting on Wednesday, when we should have acted on Saturday night."

The mistake was in not dealing with it Saturday (prom) night, Stockstill said.

Teachers were assigned to see that students did not go out and come back in, according to Stockstill. He said if that did happen (going out and coming back in), "then someone didn't follow instructions."

Stockstill said he had a meeting with the teachers who were sponsors at the event.

"I hope we can use this—and the parents made it plain that it is their wish—to use this as a stepping stone toward policies and procedures that will improve our prom," Stockstill said. "We are as much concerned with drinking both before and after the prom as at the prom."

"We need to look at the entire celebration and see if it can be improved, so that there is no drinking before, during or after."

Stockstill said that the new drug and alcohol testing policy with its sanctions will not go into effect until next school year.



Who's New

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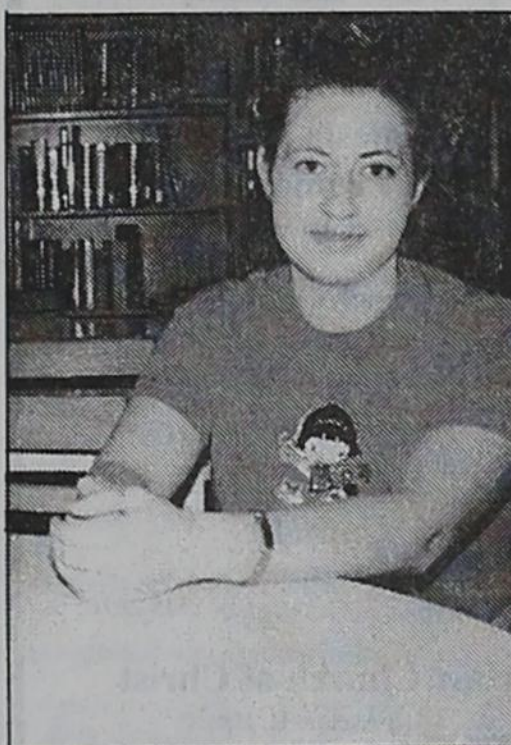
It's a boy for Joey and Stephanie Waldo of Bridgeport, formerly of Nazareth. Their son, Rylan Daniel, was born on April 8 at Decatur Community Hospital. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 12 ozs., and was 19 inches long. He has one big brother, Spencer, who is 3-1/2. His grandparents are Robert and J'Lyn Ryan of Seminole, formerly of Dimmitt, and Glen and Wynelle Waldo of Wheeler.

Spring band concert set

The Dimmitt school bands will hold their annual spring concert May 11, starting at 6 p.m. in the DHS auditorium.

The fifth grade, sixth grade, junior high and high school bands will perform.

The public is invited to attend. The high school band director is Robin Stephens. Teresa Carlisle leads the middle school bands.



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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for April 29 to May 7.

DIMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh bananas and milk.
MONDAY: Scrambled eggs with biscuits, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Rice Krispie cereal, apple slices and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast with syrup, pineapple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, peaches, refried beans, hamburger salad and milk.
MONDAY: Ground beef with macaroni, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
TUESDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, fresh fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Poor boy beefsteak, summer squash, potato salad, hot cheese rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, fresh fruit, Fideo Mexicano, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, potato wedges, corn on the cob, old fashioned cornbread and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato with apple or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with sauce, cheeseburger on a bun or chicken stir fry; French fries, peaches or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of ground beef with macaroni, sloppy Jane on a roll or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, applesauce or orange wedges; hot wheat rolls, assorted muffins, Fideo Mexicano, crackers or corn tortillas; and

chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos, Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, or beef and bean burrito with chili; broccoli with cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or fresh fruit; garlic bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, poor boy beef steak or Chinese chicken plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, chicken enchilada or nachos with cheese; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or fresh fruit; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice and Mexican enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
HART Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage, frozen biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.
Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, ham sandwich or chicken nuggets; gravy, mashed potato, fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, hot dog on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickle, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken

tetrazzini or stromboli; bread, salad, lettuce, tomato and pickle, carrot stick, corn on the cob, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken strips or chicken nuggets; mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit, pears and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, hot pizza pocket or pizza; green beans, macaroni and cheese, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: no school.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Waffles and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
Lunch
THURSDAY: * Taco or taco salad, lettuce, beans, pineapple, peanut butter cookies and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Chicken pot pie or pizza, tossed salad, peas, carrots, fruit salad, Rice Krispie treat and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Pizza or chef's salad, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or hamburger and french fries, tossed salad, peas, peaches, pudding and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Baked potato or pizza, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Barbecue on a bun or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, coleslaw, dessert and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Ham or corn dog, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, applesauce and milk or juice.

* Items designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students.
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Wright wins seven Best in Division honors at regional technology meet

Cliff Wright of Dimmitt took home seven Best in Division honors along with 25 first-place medals in the regional Technology Student Association competition, held Saturday in Lubbock.

In the Woodworking I competition, Wright earned Best In Division honors with his "Lord's Prayer" entry and a clock. In the Miscellaneous competition, he copped Best In Division Honors with five projects including Sketching, Portrait, Fishing Weights, Metal Tractor and Fish Hooks.

Wright's other first-place honors were given in Woodworking I for an individual pen, a pen and pencil set, a bowl, mass production boomerang, mass production tractor, mass production pens, restoration of a small rocking chair, a CO2 car wood kit and a dresser. He also finished second with a hummingbird plaque and was third with a dolphins creation and a candle stick.

In the Miscellaneous category, Wright earned first-place honors with the five Best in Division projects as well as with a still life portrait, business cards, TSA certificates, mass production fishing weights, recycled pens, bullets, metal kit, electric kit and plastics. He finished second with a computer graphic entry and placed fourth with a name tag. Dimmitt technology students dominated the regional contest, capturing several other Best in Division and first-place honors.

The Dimmitt club project, which involved restoring a tractor, was judged first and Best in Division. Also earning Best in Division honors were Metal Working I students Luis Reyes, who entered a gun grill, and Emanuel Jaramillo, who entered a trailer. The Dimmitt team of Amber

Allison, Olga Gonzales, Steven Porras and Adam Guzman captured Best in Division and first-place honors with a wall unit.

Juanita Vasquez and Laura Cardona finished first and earned Best In Division honors with their desk in the Woodworking II competition.

Estela Salazar's chuck box finished second in Woodworking II, but also claimed Best in Division honors.

Other Dimmitt students finishing first with projects were Suzanne Dones, chest of drawers in Woodworking I; Anita Rodriguez, gun cabinet in Woodworking I; Tony Sifuentez, small table in Woodworking I; Juanita Vasquez, individual pen in Woodworking II; Domingo Rodriguez, table in Woodworking II; Luis Reyes, coffee table in Woodworking II; Roger Salazar and Maria Salazar, entertainment center in Woodworking II; Ben Ruiz, tripa cooker in Metal Working I; Julian Velo, gas grill in Metal Working I; and James Torres, grill guard in Metal Working II. Juanita Vasquez was first in the safety poster competition while

Wright was second and Fabiola Ontiveros placed third. Woodworking I students who earned second places at regional were Benny Pompa, who made a jewelry chest; Edward Fernandez, who made a podium.

Those earning third-place honors in Woodworking I competition were Mark Castillo with a chest of drawers; Adam Guzman with a game chest.

Ivette Sifuentes placed fourth with a night stand in Woodworking I while Chris Reynolds' book and guitar case also earned fourth-place honors.

Other Woodworking II students who placed include Dale West, second with a display chest; Estela Salazar, second with a glass top table; Jose Vasquez, second with an armoire; Steven Porras, second with an entertainment center and third with a cedar chest; and Daphanie Rivera, third with a dressing screen. In Metalworking II, Isias Olmos placed second with a tripa cooker.

Winners in the regional contest will advance to the next level of competition.

Axtell's 'Beautiful Bones' program earns \$400 grant

A key to improving the area's educational system most often is the imagination of our classroom teachers.

One Dimmitt teacher who turned imagination into innovation will be honored this week for her achievements by New Century Energies Foundation on behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company.

Diane Axtell of Richardson Elementary School received a \$400 grant from the NCE Foundation through a program called Classroom Connection. These grants not only reward the teachers for their work, but also allow them to disseminate their ideas to teachers across a six-state area through the annual Classroom Connection Catalog.

Axtell, along with award winning teachers from other parts of the SPS Service area will be honored at the second annual Classroom Connection banquet at 7 p.m. on May 7 at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

Axtell was honored for "Beautiful Bones and Mighty Muscles," a multi-disciplinary study of bones and muscles at the third grade level. Students observe bones and muscles in diagrams, x-ray slides and in a demonstration where the teacher dissects a processed chicken. Students then construct a Venn diagram to compare the anatomy of humans and chickens. Students also read about bones and muscles and build a paper skeleton. In the process, they learn to work together and learn to observe and gather information.

"Teachers rarely get individual public recognition for a job well done, and they rarely have time to talk with teachers from other schools to share their ideas," said David Wilks, SPS president and member of the NCE Foundation board. "Classroom Connection not only gives them the recognition they deserve, it also helps spread their good ideas to

other teachers willing to implement them.

Each winning program will be summarized in the Classroom Connection catalog, which is published every fall. These catalogs are mailed to every school in the SPS service area, plus every school in the service area of Public Service Company of Colorado and Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company, all of which are owned by New Century Energies. Teachers in the six-state area where NCE operates can then apply for adapter grants that will help offset costs of adapting the programs to their own classrooms.

The teachers winning the \$400 "disseminator" grants will use their money to compile "how-to" packets that can be mailed to interested teachers in other towns and cities. Any money left over from the grant can be used to purchase classroom supplies.

Classroom Connection is one of several programs of the New Century Energies Foundation that benefits customers of New Century Energies Companies. For more information on these and other programs, or to find out how to apply for Classroom Connection grants, contact Wes Reeves at (806) 378-2714.

Reception set at PMH today for Dr. Bailey

Dr. Margaret Bailey, newest member of the Castro County Hospital District's medical staff, will be honored at a welcoming reception today (Thursday).

The public reception will be from 5 to 7 p.m. in the solarium at Plains Memorial Hospital, and all persons wishing to meet Dr. Bailey are invited to attend.

The hospital district administration and trustees will host the reception. As a family medicine practitioner, Dr. Bailey serves at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, Plains Memorial Hospital and the Welch Home Place.

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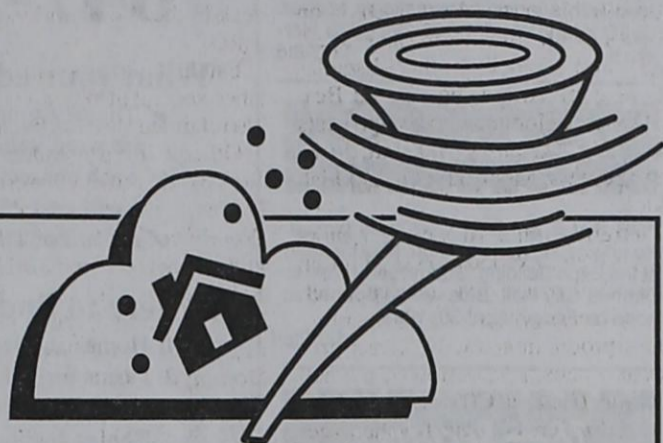
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Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County, however, the courthouse basement is made available during threatening weather. If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of a siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

IN HOMES: Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTISTORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:

Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

IN MOBILE HOMES:

Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building. If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

IN SCHOOLS:

If school building is of strongly reinforced construction stay inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

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On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

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Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

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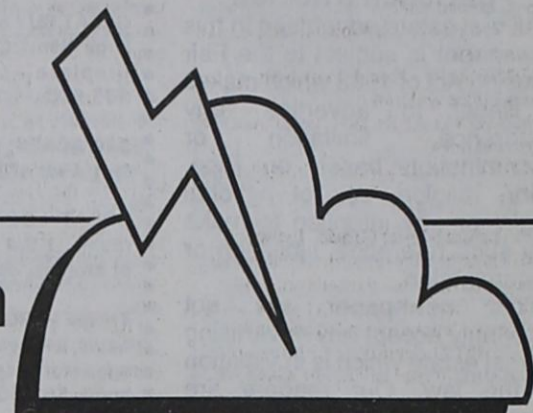
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IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Keep calm. It will not help to get exited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines and are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.



Lightning Storm Safety Rules

Move indoors immediately.

Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

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ON THE GOLF COURSE:

Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

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IN ANY LOCATION:

Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

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22—Notices

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20—Help Wanted

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Applicant must be a RN. Please apply to join our caring staff at Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt, 1621 Butler Blvd. or call 806-647-3117 and ask for Jennifer.

NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: 1. Part-time art, 1/2 day (secondary); and 2. Part-time special education, 1/2-day (all-level). Please send resumes to Nazareth ISD, Attn: Don Wood, PO Box 186, Nazareth, Texas 79063; or call (806) 945-2231 (fax 945-2431).

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank the Castro County EMS for the quick and professional action that was taken last weekend. A person often wonders if the 9-1-1 system really works and how quickly it works for those living in the country residences.

We live approximately 12 miles out of town and I think the personnel were there within 15 minutes of the call. We also would like to thank the staff of Plains Memorial Hospital for the care and treatment that was given to Mrs. Mecom for the week of her stay. Everyone was very courteous and professional in the duties that they performed. The board of the hospital has good reason to be proud of their employees. Again, to those that helped us in our time of need, we say thanks.

EARL & DONITA BEHREND 24-4-1tc

25—Legal Notices

CITATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: JOSE MARTINEZ

You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you.

The accompanying petition was filed on the 8th day of September, 1998, in the indicated court of CASTRO County, Texas. You are directed to file a written answer to the petition on or before 10 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of 20 days after you were served with the citation and accompanying petition.

The suit is an action to establish paternity of and to enter appropriate orders for the conservatorship and support of the following children subject of suit:

JOSE MARTINEZ JR., male, born 8/14/80 in Lubbock.

ISRAEL MARTINEZ, male, born 9/5/81 in Lubbock.

FRANCISCO MARTINEZ, male, born 9/21/82 in Amherst.

VIRGINIA MARTINEZ, female, born 9/20/83 in Littlefield.

TANYA MARIE MARTINEZ, female, born 3/4/89 in Lockney.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the children's interest, which will be binding on you, including the termination of the parent-child relationship, the determination of paternity and the appointment of a conservator with authority to consent to the children's adoption. No property is involved in the suit.

The suit is entitled:

CAUSE NUMBER 9801B7273FL

IN THE INTEREST OF

JOSE MARTINEZ JR.

ISRAEL MARTINEZ

FRANCISCO MARTINEZ

VIRGINIA MARTINEZ

TANYA MARIE MARTINEZ

CHILDREN

IN THE 242ND DISTRICT COURT OF

CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

Other parties to the action:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

JOSE MARTINEZ

CELIA MARTINEZ

ISSUED under my hand and seal of court this 26th day of April, 1999.

DALE W LEE

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

State Bar No. 12113900

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CASTRO County, Texas

CASTRO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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By Ronda M. West, Deputy

25-4-1tc



DIMMITT POLE VAULTER Justin Sutton won first in his event at the district track meet, earning him a trip to the regional meet Friday and Saturday in Odessa. Photo by Carter Townsend

Kindergarten registration set today for Hart students

All Hart youngsters who will be five years old before Sept. 1, 1999, must pre-register for kindergarten for the 1999-2000 school year, and Hart schools have set today (Thursday) as the registration date.

Parents of the future kindergartners are asked to register their children from 1 to 2 p.m. on April 29 in Kindergarten Room 13 at Hart Elementary School.

Students who are not enrolled in Hart's pre-kindergarten this year must bring their birth certificate, Social Security card and vaccination record.

Pre-kindergarten registration will follow, beginning at 2 p.m.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

NO. PR 2326

THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WOOTEN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RICHARD WOOTEN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of RICHARD WOOTEN, Deceased, were issued to BOBBIE RUTH EUBANKS and STANLEY SCHAEFFER on the 19th day of April, 1999, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, at the address below, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows: MRS. BOBBIE RUTH EUBANKS, c/o Mr. Jimmy L. Ross, Registered Agent, PO Box 35, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; or Mr. Stanley Schaeffer, PO Box 99, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

25-4-1tc

Numbers listed for Red Cross

All American Red Cross disaster assistance is free, made possible by voluntary donations of time and money from the American people.

To help the victims of disasters around the world, contributions can be made to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund by calling 1-800-HELP NOW (435-7669) or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish).

Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund also may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Internet users can make a secure online credit card contribution by visiting www.redcross.org

School earns \$1,000 award

RES audiotape selected as one of 10 state finalists

Richardson Elementary School of Dimmitt and Bushland Middle School have been named state finalists and winners of \$1,000 in the Hooray for Excellence program sponsored by Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corporation.

Students and teachers at the schools accepted the Hooray for Excellence challenge and produced short audiotapes to bring public attention to academics.

Richardson Elementary teacher Elaine Steinle submitted a tape that describes how students work with teachers to set reading goals. Reading is a priority at Richardson Elementary School and the student body surpassed the principal's challenge to read 20,000 books in one school year.

The Bushland Middle School entry submitted by teacher Dawn Riley promotes a student tutoring service conducted by the school's Teen Leadership Club. Students needing assistance with their class work are encouraged to request a student "study buddy."

Fifty-one radio stations in 29 markets supported Hooray for Excellence in 1999, first broadcasting tapes from schools in their area and then selecting local winners for automatic consideration in regional competition.

Richardson Elementary's entry was first broadcast by 1470 KDHN Radio in Dimmitt. Bushland Middle School's winning audiotape was first submitted to KMML/KNSY in Amarillo.

In addition to the \$1,000 finalist award, Ultramar Diamond Shamrock will present both schools with \$50 earned as local winners and another \$100 for each success in regional competition.

Eight other Texas schools also won \$1,000 state finalist awards. They include South Elementary in Brownwood, Johnson Elementary in Bryan, Shady Grove Elementary in Burnet and Blaschke-Sheldon Elementary in Ingleside. Other winners are Spring Hill Elementary in Longview, Central Junior High in Pollok, Pfeiffer Elementary in San

Antonio and Juan Linn Math and Science Magnet School in Victoria.

Hooray for Excellence is a statewide program conceived to bring public attention to good ideas and innovations in Texas schools.

All public and private schools in Texas were invited to participate in Hooray for Excellence. From 45 local winners, judges selected 34 regional winners at the elementary, middle school and high school levels. Those regional winners competed for the 10 state finalist awards.

Judges considered the execution, originality and impact of the audiotape presentations as well as the academic value of the highlighted program. The 10 state finalists described a variety of interesting activities such as seventh graders in Pollok learning about wetlands conservation in their outdoor classroom and elementary students in Bryan who began building personal art portfolios in kindergarten.

Audio examples of the 10 state finalists are available on the Internet at www.hoorayforexcellence.com.

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DHS Class of 1944 sets reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1944 will be holding its 55-year class reunion Sept. 11 at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center.

The reunion will be held in conjunction with the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

There will be a potluck lunch at 12 noon that day at the Senior Citizens Center.

Those who would like information on this reunion should contact Billy Hackleman at (806) 647-3401, Bill Birdwell at (806) 647-2575, or Patsy Lou Merritt at (505) 763-4520.

Obituaries

Brett Richard Gill

Brett Richard Gill, 41, of Silverton, husband of former Dimmitt resident Judy Carole Birdwell, died Monday at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Memorial services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Lockney with the Rev. Russell Byard, pastor, officiating. Cremation was under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mr. Gill was born March 12, 1958, in Lockney. He graduated from Silverton High School in 1976 and from West Texas State University in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

He married Judy Carole Birdwell on May 28, 1983, in Dimmitt. He was a farmer and a lifelong resident of the Lockney-Silverton area. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lockney, where he served on several committees. He formerly served as the chairman of the council on ministries and was the former secretary of the Plainview District Methodist Men's Association.

Survivors include his wife; his parents, John and Wilma Gill of Silverton; two daughters, Corye Beth Gill and Kendall Suzanne Gill, both of Silverton; two brothers, Chris Gill of Fort Worth and Eber Gill of Dallas; and a sister, Tracy Baird of Southlake.

Ouida G. Lowrance

Services for Ouida G. Lowrance, 96, of Dimmitt, will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Dean Wiseman officiating. Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Lowrance died at 2:55 a.m. Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born Aug. 1, 1902, in Giddings. She married William Lowrance on Dec. 1, 1923, in Cisco. He died in 1971.

She came to Dimmitt in 1941 from Scranton. She moved to Hobbs, N.M. in 1953 and returned to Dimmitt in 1971. She had been a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home since 1983. She was a homemaker and a member of the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Wayne Lowrance of Houston; two daughters, Zoe Blackwell of Athens and Judy Birdwell of Dimmitt; two sisters, Neva Toler of College Station and Lois Wilson of Fort Worth; a sister-in-law, Lucille Killough of Rockport; nine grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Wyma Jean Swain

Wyma Jean Swain, 61, of Dimmitt, died at 7:45 p.m. on April 19 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Rose Chapel of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home in Hereford with the Rev. W.L. Scott, pastor of the Abundant Life Family Church of Borger, officiating. Graveside services followed in Dimmitt.

Mrs. Swain was born Sept. 12, 1937, in Henderson. She married Eddie Swain on Aug. 8, 1953, in Clovis, N.M. She moved to Dimmitt in 1995 from Fritch. She was a member of the Abundant Life Family Church in Dimmitt. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband; four sons, Eddie Swain Jr., and Fred Douglas Swain, both of Dimmitt, Garry Swain of Fritch and Edward Swain of Borger; two daughters, Joyce Williams and Billie Starling, both of Dimmitt; four brothers, James Benton of Vernon, Kenneth Benton of Crowell, and Curtis Benton and Obie Benton, both of Wichita Falls; a sister, Sandra Benton of Wichita Falls; 16 grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Kenneth Williams

Funeral services for Kenneth Williams, 64, of Floydada, brother of Peggy Williams Cline of Dimmitt, were held Sunday afternoon at Trinity Church in Floydada with the Rev. Henry Russell, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Floyd County Memorial Park under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Floydada.

Mr. Williams died last Thursday at Covenant Medical Center in Plainview.

He was born Jan. 29, 1935, in Winters. He moved to Lockney in 1947. After graduating from Lockney High School, he attended Texas Tech University and Angelo State University. He served in the Navy where he was an electrician on an aircraft carrier.

He was an electrical engineer at Cape Canaveral, Fla., during Apollo II. He retired as an electrical engineer and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Aiken Baptist Church.

He married Evleyn Juarez on July 9, 1993. He was preceded in death by a son, Tim Williams.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Jeannine Moore of Climax, Ga.; three stepchildren, Teroy Juarez, Gabriel Juarez and Victoria Wells; his mother, Irene Williams of Aiken; two brothers, Jerry Dale Williams of Lockney and Luther L. Williams Jr. of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a sister, Peggy Williams Cline of Dimmitt; a grandchild; two stepgrandchildren; and four step great-grandchildren.

DISD

Project may cost \$700,000

The Dimmitt Independent School District is looking at a proposed construction project that could cost \$600,000 to \$700,000. The school board will consider bids for several phases of the project at its May 10 meeting.

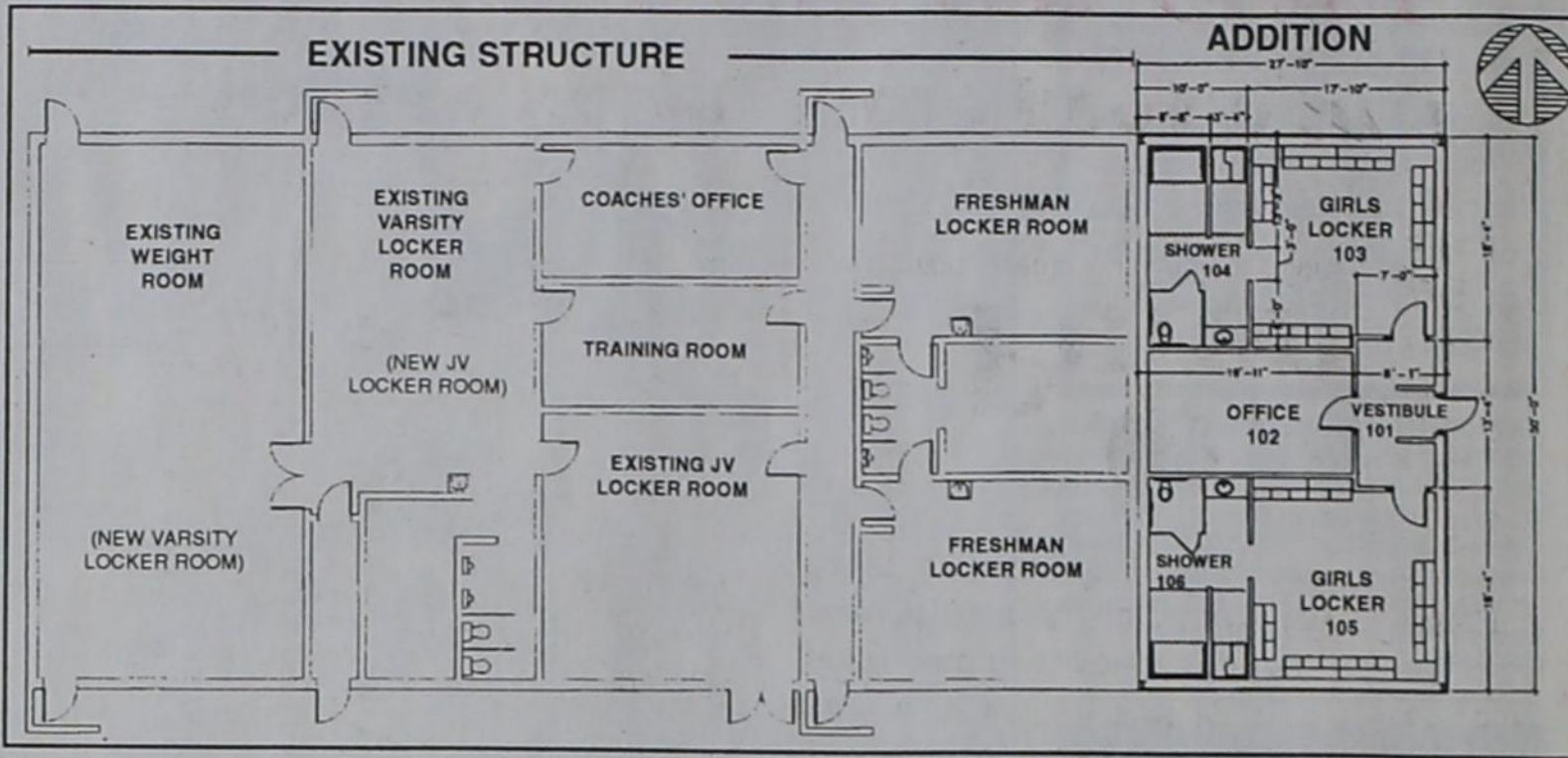
The largest part of the proposed project will include constructing an athletic center at the high school. It will be a metal building about 125' x 150' x 24' that will sit on an overlay on top of the western three of the present tennis courts. The building will be big enough to house two indoor courts that will be double marked—for both tennis and basketball, and there also will be room for a batting cage and a pole vaulting box. The southwest corner of the building will be partitioned into a weight room, approximately 40' x 60'.

The eastern-most tennis court will be re-worked and remain as an outdoor court. Two more outdoor courts will be constructed to the southeast of the athletic center. Also, the asphalt running track will be resurfaced and an inside curb will be added.

In another part of the project, locker rooms for the high school girls will be added to the east side of the present field house. The 50' x 28' addition will include a coach's office and two dressing areas and showers.

At the baseball field, the outfield fence will be raised to a height of 10' and a windbreak insert will be added. The greater height will make it more difficult to hit home runs over the fence.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill said the school board is trying to fulfill several needs in the athletic



POSSIBLE NEW LOOK TO FIELDHOUSE—Dimmitt High School may get an addition to the fieldhouse for a girls' locker room and new lockers and carpeting for the existing portions of the structure if project bids are accepted at the May 10 meeting of the school board. Graphics by Linda Maxwell

program through the proposed project.

Those needs include more room for weight lifting, an important part of the off-season program for both boys and girls in athletics; adequate girls' locker rooms at the high school; adequate practice room for basketball for the girls; and better scheduling for junior high athletics.

Currently, girls in the high school varsity athletics program are required to travel back and forth to the middle school gym. During basketball season, they travel to the middle school to change clothes and practice. During spring sports, they travel to the middle school to change, then travel back to the high school to work out in the weight room or on the track.

During basketball season, the mid-

dle school gym is tied up the last two periods of the middle school schedule with the practices for the high school girls. Consequently, some basketball practices for the middle school teams have been held as early as 6:30 a.m. in order to squeeze them all in. Also, with the seventh and eighth grade athletics periods scheduled earlier in the day, students who leave school early to participate in an athletic competition frequently miss their classes that are scheduled the last two periods of the day.

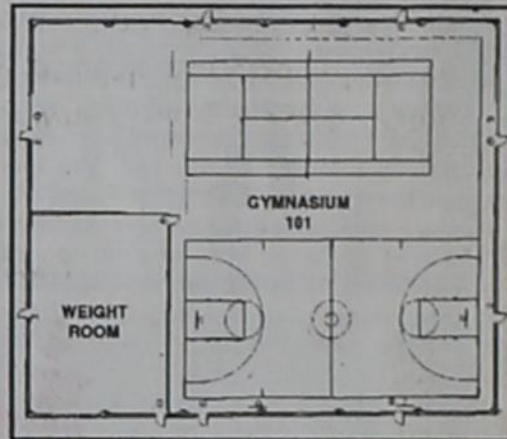
The schools have been patching the tennis courts and the track every couple of years for the last few years, spending from \$2,000 to \$4,000 each time on the tennis courts and \$1,000 to \$2,000 each time on the track.

"The cracks just get worse and worse," Hill said. "Both facilities have already outlasted their expected life span—eight to 10 years for the track and 15 to 20 years for the tennis courts."

Athletic coordinator Bruce Dollar told the school board at their last meeting that it was fortunate that the district has not had problems in the past about the discrepancies between the girls' and boys' athletics programs and that no one had been involved in an accident while traveling between the two school buildings.

Bids also have been sought on separate projects of building lockers and installing carpeting in the present field house. The present weight room will become the varsity locker room, and the present varsity locker room will become the junior varsity locker room. The junior varsity locker room will be used for storage. The freshman locker rooms will remain the same.

Hill said the school will make every effort to make the athletic center available for public use. He said a walking track will be installed around the tennis and basketball courts, so that people would have a



GYMNASIUM—A proposed new structure for Dimmitt High School would house a new weight room and indoor tennis and basketball courts, in addition to a walking track available for public use. Graphics by Linda Maxwell

—adapted from plans by Grimes & Associates

place to exercise in inclement weather. He mentioned that the basketball courts could possibly be made available for the Kids, Inc., basketball program, too.

Hill said that the school district has \$2.9 million in reserve funds. After allowing for operating reserves and restricted funds already designated for other projects, there would be enough left to cover the estimated construction costs.

He said that in the long run it would be to the district's advantage to reduce the fund balance.

He said Tier II funding received from the state is increased as the district's tax rate gets closer to \$1.50. It is currently \$1.21.

"As the fund balance gets lower and lower due to the cost of doing business, we will get closer to having to raise taxes. As we raise the tax rate, the state will assist us more in Tier II funding," Hill said. "We are all against raising taxes, but we will get more funding from the state. The board has been real staunch about not raising taxes if we don't need to, but we have had a deficit budget for the last two years."

County may be drawn into battle with termites

A tiny insect could cause big problems for Castro County, but commissioners are checking into matters to eliminate the problem before it spreads.

Termites have been spotted around the courthouse and on Monday, commissioners reviewed a proposal from Gafford Pest Control on what it would cost to exterminate the pest using the Sentricol Colony Elimination System.

Proposed costs for eradication measures were estimated at \$2,625, and annual renewal costs will probably follow. After studying the proposal, commissioners decided they would like to speak with a representative of Gafford Pest Control before making any decision.

The matter was tabled until the county's next meeting. The county used to have a contract with Gafford Pest Control to spray the courthouse for pests on a regular basis, but that contract is no longer in place. Gafford Pest Control does, however, spray the Expo Building for pests regularly.

Castro County will purchase 30 new tables for the Expo Building.

V.C. Hopson, Expo Building supervisor, told commissioners that there are 58 tables "that will stand up" at the Expo Building now, but most of those have broken corners. He priced new tables at Dimmitt Office Supply and said he can purchase a new one, complete with a 10-year warranty on materials and construction, for \$246.

He said the tables have an aluminum frame with a laminated top. He said the tables are lightweight and appear to be very sturdy. He asked

commissioners to allow him to purchase 30 of the tables for the Expo.

Commissioners agreed, and the money for the purchase will be taken from the Expo Building budget.

In other action, commissioners agreed to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use the gazebo and courthouse parking lot for the city-wide garage sale in June, July Jubilee and for the county fair in September.

They also reviewed and adopted the county investment policy, approved bonds for Pct. 4 Commissioner Dan Schmucker and Deputy Sheriff Mitch McDonough; adopted the employment agreement between the county and County Emergency Management Coordinator Randy Griffith; and authorized Dimmitt Ready Mix to perform needed vent work in the courthouse.

Hays inducted into honor society

Taryn Hays of Dimmitt was recently inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Amarillo College.

Membership is based on achieving outstanding scholastic averages by students enrolled in two-year colleges.

Hays is the daughter of Norman and Kim Hays and has been enrolled in Amarillo College through the dual credit courses at Dimmitt High School. She also has taken several

other college courses offered at night in Dimmitt.

Community band to meet Tuesday

The Dimmitt community concert band will hold a practice Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The community band will hold a benefit concert May 23 at 3 p.m. to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation again this year. Members of the community who are interested in participating are invited to attend one of the practices, slated for each Tuesday night at 7:30.

Have an Escape BE FIRE-SAFE

- Plan two exits out of each room.
- Designate a meeting place outside and take attendance.
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