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By Don Nelson

I appreciate everyone's concern about my dad.

To just give you a brief update, after he had his stroke it appeared that his condition was terminal, mainly because he couldn't swallow and his "living will" ruled out any artificial means of feeding.

But then he made a big turnaround. One morning the doctor estimated he had a week to 10 days left to live, and that afternoon Shelly Fitzgerald, R.N., called me from the hospital and said, "Your dad is reading the newspaper."

He also started swallowing again about the same time. The nurses are feeding him all he will eat, and he has slowly regained the use of his vocal cords.

He's the first patient ever to be taken off of the Hospice Care program here.

He'll still be bedridden and will require constant care the rest of his life. That's not how he wanted it to ever be.

But that's how it is, and we'll deal with it.

Bill and Deanne Clark are in the process of retiring to Lubbock.

They've been major players in the life of our community for more than two decades, and they'll be missed.

No one here will miss Deanne more than I.

She and I are buddies. We've worked, argued, laughed and made music together for about two decades.

She knows that I love her even though her politics are all screwed up. She and I have kept up a running political argument in the paper for years. She has been a worthy adversary.

We could argue politics like crazy, knowing that underneath it all we liked and respected each other, and that we had much more in common than in conflict.

The main thing she and I have in common is our music. (She won't tell you, but she is an exceptional organist.)

Having her at the keyboard was always a major advantage when I was singing a solo, or singing with the Methodist Men's Quartet, or imitating a church choir director.

I'd like to have a dollar for every rehearsal and performance we've logged together.

(No, on second thought, I wouldn't. You can't put a price tag on pleasant memories.)

Dimmitt was Deanne's first small town. Before moving here as Bill's bride, she had lived mainly in Roswell and Lubbock. It took some adapting on her part.

She wanted to make a difference. She sought advice from some of the locals (including me) as to how to go about it here, and started helping wherever she thought she could do some good.

And that turned out to be a lot of places, to the extent that she was named Dimmitt's Citizen of the Year in 1987. It was my pleasure to present the award to her.

So I don't have to write a tribute to this lady. I already have. Here's what I had to say about her then, and I don't know that I could say it any better now:

"I would like for you to imagine, with me, what our lives and our community would be like *without* her.

"What would things be like if she did not realize that the real joys of life come from giving instead of receiving, and from unselfish service instead of self-indulgence?"

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Pickup seized from drug deal

Judge Ed Self of the 64th District Court signed an order Friday ordering forfeiture of a 1993 Chevrolet pickup that was alleged to have been used in a drug deal.

Claimants Willie Diaz and Michael Diaz were ordered to execute all titles and documents necessary to allow the Castro County District Attorney's office to assume legal ownership of the vehicle.

A spokesperson of the DA's office said the pickup was turned over to the Amarillo Area Drug Task Force to be sold. The task force will receive 70% of the proceeds of the sale of the vehicle and Castro County will receive 30%.



APRICOT TREES BLOOMING IN DIMMITT

... Spring starts Saturday, despite a return to cooler temperatures during the past week.

Early voting to start April 6 for runoffs

Early voting for the April 14 runoff elections will begin April 6, continuing through April 10, at the County Clerk's office.

Runoffs were necessary for both

the Democratic and Republican parties after some races had candidates that did not receive at least 51% of the votes cast.

Locally, two candidates for the

Democratic nomination for Castro County Justice of the Peace will face off once more—Tana M. Young, who received 480 votes in the primary voting, and Garner Ball who received 221.

Voters who voted in the Democratic primary may vote in the Democratic runoff. Republican primary voters may vote in the Republican runoff. Voters who did not vote in either primary may choose the runoff in which they want to vote.

Republican

In the Attorney General's race, John Cornyn will face Barry Williamson.

For Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1, Mike Keasler will face Vicki Isaacs. In Place 2, Cheryl Johnson will face Harvey Hudson.

A spokesperson for the County Republican Party said that the Republicans will try to consolidate voting in the runoff into just one voting box, located in the courthouse. That will be confirmed at a later date.

The Republican County Convention will be March 28 at 7:30 at the City Hall meeting room. To elect delegates to state convention, set resolutions for local platform and submit to state for consideration. Also will elect party officers.

Cathy Hill has "reluctantly" agreed to serve as Republican Party County Chairman, the local party spokesperson said.

Democratic

Information was unavailable at press time.

DHS powerlifting team finishes third Beau Hill, Jason Hall qualify for state meet

The Dimmitt High School Powerlifting Team won the third place team trophy in Division II at the Regional Powerlifting Meet held Saturday in Colorado City, and two team members qualified to advance to the state competition.

Beau Hill was named Outstanding Lifter of the meet on the Heavy Plat-

form, and tied the regional deadlift record at 560 pounds. His other scores came from 540 pounds in the squat and 300 pounds in the bench, for a composite total of 1,400 pounds, earning him first place in the 198-lb. Class.

Jason Hall won second in the 123-lb. Class, with a composite score of 905, based on 345 in the squat, 225 in the bench, and 335 in the deadlift.

In the 181-lb. Class, Jason Hargrove took seventh with a composite of 1,105 pounds. His lifts were 385 in the squat, 305 in the bench, and 415 in the deadlift.

Division II includes teams from AAA schools, as well as AA and A schools. Division I includes AAAA and AAAAA schools.

"Every member of the team did the best they have done all year at this meet," said Monte Gothard, who coaches the team.

He said Hill and Hall will go to the state meet March 28 at Fort Hood in Killeen.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	33	13	
Friday	53	13	
Saturday	70	30	
Sunday	61	43	..06
Monday	46	34	..128
Tuesday	34	31	..13
Wednesday	55	33	

March Moisture 1.65
1997 Moisture 4.37

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



FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS show some of the handmade award ribbons, a quilting square pattern and a custom fabric design that will be featured at the Ogallala Quilter's Festival in Dimmitt April 3 and 4. Seated, from left, are Millie Riggs of Amarillo, Darlene Collins of Dimmitt and Sharon Newman of Lubbock. Standing, from left, are Jean Dean of Midland, June

Long of Amarillo, Elizabeth Shotts of Lubbock, and Doris Lust and Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. All are members of the organizing board, and each chairs a different festival event. Organizers expect the festival to attract quilters from throughout Texas and from surrounding states.

Photo by Don Nelson

Local illnesses not attributed to 'flu'

Although a large number of local people are sick right now, Dr. Leon Joplin, county health officer, said most do not appear to be suffering from the flu.

"Most of what we are seeing are viral infections," Dr. Joplin said. "People come in wanting a shot of penicillin or asking for antibiotics, but those things will not work against viruses."

High fever, however, is a good indicator one needs to see a doctor. Generally, nasal congestion with no fever is viral.

Dr. Joplin said the treatment for viral infections includes treating symptoms and "just waiting."

"People should take decongestants if they are allowed (those who don't have high blood pressure); treat their temperature if it is too high (by taking acetaminophen or ibuprofen); and drink plenty of liquids," Dr. Joplin said.

Dr. Joplin said health care providers are seeing some allergy or sinus-related problems, too. In addition, he said there has been some bronchitis and gastroenteritis.

"We are seeing some allergic rhinitis, and sinus infections are flaring up right now," he said. "I suggest that those who have congestion, sneezing, runny nose and watery eyes go home, go to bed and

rest."

He said that sinusitis should be treated with antibiotics. However, a runny nose is not a reason to visit the emergency room. He said it is best for doctors and patients both if those suffering from the symptoms of an upper respiratory infection would seek treatment at the doctor's office rather than at the emergency room.

He pointed out that it is less wearing on the doctor to see such patients during regular office hours and it is less expensive for the patient. An office call at the local clinic can cost from \$35 to \$40, ranging as high as \$100, depending on treatment received; and emergency room fees start at \$163, plus ancillaries (lab, X-ray, pharmacy, etc.), and can range up to \$733 plus ancillaries, according to Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Joe Sloan.

Dr. Joplin said that none of the antibiotic-resistant Strep A has shown up here yet, but he said if anyone has been to Houston recently (where Strep A has been documented) they should use extra precautions if they show signs of illness, and consult their physician.

Dr. Joplin said that earlier the clinic saw 140 patients in one week, but it has "calmed down a bit" since then.

Heat detector credited with saving Wise family

March 6 at 3:20 a.m. a heat detector sounded an alarm that awakened the sleeping Gary Wise family and possibly saved their lives.

A short in a water softener unit started a fire in the garage of the family home on Sunset Circle in Dimmitt, according to Ronda Wise, Gary's wife. The garage suffered structural damage and heavy smoke damage and the house had light smoke damage. A freezer and refrigerator in the garage were lost, as well as the water softener.

"If the heat detector had not gone off, I shudder to think what might have happened," Ronda said. "When we awoke, we could not smell the smoke until we went toward the back part of the house. The smoke detec-

tors in the house did not go off until we had already been awakened by the heat detector."

Ronda said she and her older daughter, Heather, rounded up younger daughters, Hayli and Hanna, and got them out of the house, while Gary went to the garage to investigate the cause of the alarm. She said they called 9-1-1, and Gary moved his pickup out of the driveway so that she and Heather could remove their cars from the garage before the vehicles suffered any damage.

Ronda said the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. reported to the scene with a fire truck and rescue unit within about five to seven minutes and quickly extinguished the blaze.

She said no dollar estimate has been placed on the damage yet.

Candidate filing comes to a close

Wednesday (March 18) was the last day that candidates could file for a position on the various city, school and hospital governing boards, subject to the May 2 elections.

April 1 is the last day unregistered voters may register to vote in the May 2 election. Early voting will be held April 13-28.

Positions expiring and candidates who could be confirmed as having filed by Tuesday afternoon are listed below:

Dimmitt

On the Dimmitt City Council, terms are expiring for Roy Garza, District 1; Gloria Hernandez, District

2; Charles Richard, District 3; and Roger Malone, District 4.

Garza, Richard, Malone, and Gonzales, all incumbents, have filed.

For the Dimmitt school board, terms are expiring for Earl Behrends in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4.

Behrends has filed.

Hart
For the Hart Board of Aldermen, terms are expiring for L.C. McLain; Stanley Dyer, who is filling the unexpired term of Vicky Ethridge, who resigned; and Richard Entrekim, who is filling the unexpired term of Todd Pebbworth, who resigned.

Entrekim and Dyer, incumbents, have filed.

For the Hart school board, terms are expiring for Mark Bennett, current board president, and Sandy Farris, current board secretary.

Those filing are Farris, incumbent, Carmen Minjarez, Mickey Mendoza, and Daniel Higgins.

Nazareth
On the Nazareth City Commission, the term of Virgil Huseman is expiring. Also, Mayor Ralph Brockman's term is expiring. Brockman, incumbent, has filed.

Nazareth school board members whose terms are ending are J.C. Pohlmeier, Kent Birkenfeld, and Keith Hoelting.

Hoelting, incumbent, and Patti Kern have filed so far.

Hospital
On the Castro County Hospital District board, terms are expiring for Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey.

Those who have filed are W.J. Hill and Mark Welch.

Crime Line offers \$200 reward in theft incident

Floyd Joe Schulte of Rt. 2, Dimmitt, told deputies Friday that someone had taken a cattle-loading chute, valued at \$600.

He said the last time he saw the chute, on March 1, it was parked on his property two miles north on Hwy. 168 from Nazareth and one mile west.

Anyone having any information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons involved in the theft may be eligible for a \$200 reward from the Castro County Crime Line. Informants may remain anonymous, and rewards are paid through a drop system.

Call the Sheriff's Office at 647-3311, or the Crime Line number, 647-4711.

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Since last week was Green Thumb recognition week, Faye Varner held a morning breakfast and meeting at the Pancake House on March 10.

Faye is the Green Thumb supervisor. Others present were Mary Ann Resch of Hereford, who is the Green Thumb district supervisor, Mary Edna Hendrix, curator for Castro County Museum; and Clara Vick, secretary-treasurer for the museum. We appreciate the Green Thumb organization for providing jobs for senior citizens.

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The Plains Memorial Hospital

Auxiliary met on a very cold morning, March 11, with Mattie Seale presiding over the business meeting and leading in the Auxiliary prayer. Barbara Sava gave the treasurer's report and Florene Leinen read the minutes. Carole Dyer gave a very interesting and informative program on nutritional health.

The Food Guide Pyramid has the fats and sweets at the very top—that means we are to use them sparingly.

Next is milk, cheese, meat, poultry, fish, eggs and nuts, and we can have two or three servings. We can have three to five servings of

vegetables and fruits. Last on the pyramid is bread, rice, cereal and pasta, and we may eat six to 11 servings a day from this group.

It is never too late to get enough calcium and it is found in dairy products, broccoli, sardines, salmon and some juices.

Seale served a delicious coffee cake and coffee.

Members present were Claudine Langford, Betty Freeman, Irene Blanton, Lucille Drerup, Laquetta West, Mary Edna Hendrix and Seale, Sava and Leinen.

★
The Dimmitt Book Club met on Wednesday afternoon, March 11, with a large crowd in spite of the cold weather. Several visitors were there since the Odyssey of the Mind teams were performing.

W.J. and Sara Hill and W.J.'s parents, the Hills from Amarillo, were there. Edith Graef, Gwen Bryant's mother, Merle Arthur, Mrs. Gene Broadstreet, Jack Flynt, Percy and Margaret Parsons, Cindy Odom, Shirley Brockman and Henry Ramaekers were present.

The Odyssey of the Mind teams who performed were the Dimmitt High School team, "Camouflaged Creation," composed of Jason Hall, Andy Hill, Tim Proffitt, Michael Keith, Sergio Pedroza and Jeremy Matthews, coached by Wayne Proffitt and Pat Keith.

The other team was the Dimmitt Middle School Division II "Classics Marvelous Mentor" team coached by Kim Hays. Team members are Rae Odom, Ryan Hays, Jill Merritt, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright and Thomas Brockman.

Myrtle Lois Moran and Oneida Hutto were hostesses for the social hour and they served cookies and punch. The serving table was decorated with a grouping of books and a green plant.

★
Emily Clingsmith was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club and she served grilled chicken alfredo, French fries, slaw and cherry pie. Dude McLauren won high score and Edith Graef won second high score. Others playing were Bill Thornton, Louise Mears, Virginia Crider, Bernice Hill, Cleo Forson and Opha Burks.

★
Our sympathy to the family of Neva Hickey.

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The Town and Country Extension Club met Friday at the Senior Citizens Center for a covered dish luncheon and crafts.

Faye Mohon assisted the group in making angels out of white handkerchiefs, and a food carrier out of place mats.

Salads, casseroles, vegetables and desserts were brought for a delicious lunch. Members present were Ann Henderson, Betty Freeman, Edith Graef, Irene Blanton, Mary Cox, Patsy Entekin, Oneida Hutto, Ferne Jones, Mattie Seale, Claudine Langford, and Mary Edna Hendrix, and guests Merle Arthur and Faye Mohon.

★
The classes of Dimmitt High School who attended during the 50s held a reunion in Las Vegas, Nev., with 125 attending along with spouses and friends.

There were three classes in the 60s represented.

Some attended the shows and a few went shopping.

On Sunday, George Ray conducted the morning service with Bryce Dowell leading the music. There were two from Dennis's class and four from Mary Ann Davis Cluck's class attending including Marvin Axe of Vega, Weldon Warren of Florida and Glenn Brown. We will try and get more news about this reunion later.

★
When Steve McCauley, meteorologist for Channel 4 in Amarillo, predicts within one degree of the temperature, he gives away dinner for two from several restaurants. Bernadine Easterwood of Amarillo, former Dimmitt resident, won the free dinner for two recently.

★
Roger and Geneva Malone welcomed the guests at First Baptist

Church on Sunday morning, Debra Ball conducted the children's message and she showed them her fingerprints that fit in with her message.

★
Melba Aldridge Morales, a former Dimmitt resident, called me from Sherwood Shores to tell me she and her husband, Johnny, had attended the wedding of Amber Horton in Arlington. Amber is the daughter of Maxine of Arlington and James Horton of Dimmitt.

★
When Urban and Rosetta Bellinghausen of Munday were in Dimmitt for a few days, they took Ferne Jones and Mary Edna Hendrix to K-Bob's for a belated birthday dinner. They also went to Amarillo to visit Urban's brother, and Lawrence and Vernice Green and Catherine McFarland.

★
The First Christian Church of Dimmitt celebrated its 38th anniversary Feb. 22 with special music, a guest preacher for the morning worship, and a fellowship luncheon following the service. Spence Moore of Amarillo spoke and presented special music. Former minister of the congregation, Roy Barringer of Hereford, and his wife, Nonah, also were present.

A great time was enjoyed by those who attended.

Organizers of the event really "went the extra mile" to make it a special day. The church appreciated all who attended, and emphasized that everyone is always welcome to attend anytime!

★
The First Christian Church Ladies Council had a salad supper at the home of Glenna Fry. The ladies were treated to a wonderful meal and recipes were exchanged. The program was given by Glenna.

Among the business items, the anniversary dinner was discussed and notes were sent to all guests that attended the worship service and fellowship dinner. Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended the council meeting. The group's next meeting will be March 23 at the home of Loranel Hamilton.

★
The Parsons lakehouse at Breckenridge was the gathering place for several tennis players for the weekend starting spring break. Margaret hosted Jane O'Kelly of Pampa, Janet Smith of Amarillo, Deanne Clark of Lubbock, Doricell Davis and Linda Langford of Dimmitt, Amber Langford of Nacogdoches, and Pam Bratton of

Weatherford. They played tennis, shopped, ate, visited, and played card games over the weekend.

★
Several Dimmitt residents enjoyed the Community Concert Friday, March 6.

Banjamania was an entertaining group that played various types of banjos and a tuba, a euphonium and guitars. They entertained with humor and personal biographies in their presentation.

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Among Dimmitt residents attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Broadstreet, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flynt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark, Mr. and Mrs. V.C. Hopson, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Parsons, Carolyn Jones, Martha Jo Hyman, Marie Perrin; and Mr. and Mrs. W.T. King of Hart.

★
Mrs. O.C. Fry has returned to her home in Dimmitt after a two-month trip to the East Coast and West Coast.

In the east, she visited friends, family and several points of interest in Delaware, Virginia, New Jersey, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

Her West Coast jaunt included a two-week stay in the Bellevue-Seattle area as guest of her granddaughter and family.

Highlights of her trip included a visit to the famous Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania and dinner atop the Space Needle in Seattle where she enjoyed watching the sun set over Puget Sound as the restaurant revolved.

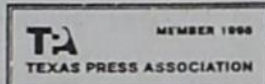
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Kacy Bivens, accountant, assists Swisher Electric member Cynthia Finck with a billing inquiry.

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To the Voters of Castro County,

A very heartfelt thank you for your vote in the Democratic Primary.

I ask for your support April 14 in the Democratic Run-off for Justice of the Peace.

TANA M. YOUNG

Political advertisement paid for by Tana M. Young

My sincere thanks go out to all of you who supported me in the Democratic Primary election.

I ask for your continued support in the November General Election, and if re-elected, I will continue to meet the responsibilities of this office in a fair, impartial and well-informed manner.

Once again, "Thank You".

IRENE MILLER

Political advertisement paid for by Irene Miller



Track Results

FRIONA INVITATIONAL

Boys
Team Totals: 1. Friona 133, 2. Dimmitt 102, 3. Boys Ranch 63, 4. Canyon 63, 5. Littlefield 57, 6. Farwell 51, 7. Muleshoe 47, 8. Borger 33.
Shot: 2. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 47-7 1/2.
Discus: 1. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt, 145-8.
Long Jump: 3. Soldevilla, Dimmitt, 19-2 1/2.
Vault: 1. Stuart Sutton, Dimmitt, 12-0.
400 Relay: 1. Dimmitt, 43.78.
100: 2. Zack Matthews, Dimmitt, 11.07.
1600 Relay: 2. Dimmitt, 3:32.82.

Girls
Team Totals: 1. Friona 158, 2. Dimmitt 135, 3. Farwell 122, 4. Muleshoe 104, 5. Littlefield 50.
Discus: 3. Matthews, Dimmitt, 80-0.
High Jump: 3. Black, Dimmitt, 4-10.
Triple Jump: 2. Casas, Dimmitt, 29-4 3/4.
800: 2. Garcia, Dimmitt, 2:37.74.
100: 3. Porter, Dimmitt, 13.66.
800 Relay: 3. Dimmitt, 1:56.66.
400: 1. Matthews, Dimmitt, 62.52; 2. Kenworthy, Dimmitt, 64.20.
300 Hurdles: 1. Vick, Dimmitt, 54.03.
1600 Relay: 1. Dimmitt, 4:22.12.

WOLVERINE RELAYS at Springlake-Earth
Boys
Team Totals: 1. Springlake-Earth 128, 2. Jesus Chapel 106, 3. Bovina 51, 4. Sudan 47, 5. Hart 46, 6. (Tie) Olton and Morton 40, 8. Kress 26.5, 9. Roosevelt 24, 10. Valley 20, 11. San Jacinto 10, 12. Whiteface 7, 13. Crosbyton 5, 14. (Tie) Vega and Ropes 3, 16. Smyer 1.
Discus: 3. Gerardo Dozal, Hart, 140.10.
Vault: 3. T.R. George, Hart, 10-0.
110 Hurdles: 3. Lupe DeLaFuente, Hart, 16.03.
300 Hurdles: 3. Lupe DeLaFuente, Hart, 43.72.

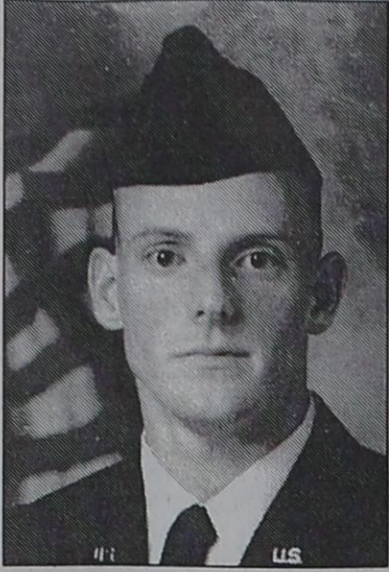
Girls
Team Totals: 1. Hart 102, 2. Smyer 65, 3. Whiteface 62, 4. Marshall 60, 5. Jesus Chapel 49, 6. (Tie) Olton and Hale Center 45, 8. Crosbyton 43, 9. Vega 32.
Long Jump: 1. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 15-7 1/2, 2. Lee, Hart, 15-0 3/4.
3200: 1. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:12.40.
400 Relay: 1. Hart, 53.07.
800: 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 2:43.06.
100 Hurdles: 2. Lee, Hart, 16.41.
100: 3. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 13.03.
800 Relay: 2. Hart, 1:55.69.
1600: 2. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 6:11.97.

AMHERST TRACK MEET
Boys
Team Totals: 1. Plainview Christian 130, 2. Wellman-Union 86, 3. Anton 71, 4. Meadow 70 3/4, 5. Amherst 54, 6. Lubbock Christian 49, 7. Borden County 46, 8. Whitharral 41, 9. Dawson 37, 10. Nazareth 26, 11. Cotton Center 12 3/4, 12. Three Way 13, 13. Loop 6 3/4, 14. Southland 1.
Discus: 1. Bo Hunter, Nazareth 135-4.
110 Hurdles: 2. Stanton Wethington, Nazareth, 16:45.

There will be no movie this week, due to the shortage of films.

Coming soon—more live shows, classic films, Grease and Titanic.

CARLILE THEATRE
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Bradley Phillips finishes basic military training

Airman Bradley S. Phillips has completed basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He is the son of Bobby and Suzanne Phillips. He is the grandson of Aural Davis of Dimmitt and the great-grandson of Edith Graef of Dimmitt.

During the six weeks of basic training, Bradley studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and he received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete the basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Since completing his Air Force basic training, Phillips has finished a 10-week technical training rotation specializing in munitions at Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls. He will be dispatched to Guam in mid-March for a 15-month tour of duty.

Juarez enters guilty plea

In 242nd District Court Feb. 10, Jose Angel Juarez entered a guilty plea to charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury.

He was assessed a \$1,000 fine, a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, and \$236.25 in court costs; must attend and successfully complete a substance abuse felony punishment facility of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice for up to one year; and be placed on community supervision (probation) for 10 years.

Senior fashion show planned

The Castro County 4-H Senior Fashion Activity will be held today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

There will be two divisions in the show—buying and construction.

There are four categories in each division. They are casual, for school and after-school activities; dressy, for ensembles worn to dressy activities such as church and banquets; formal, for formal evening events; and specialty, which is limited to athletic and special purpose garments.

For specific rules and guidelines, and for entry forms, call the Extension office at 647-4115.

Screening set today

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

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

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

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

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

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 - ASSORTED **FRITO LAY CHEETOS** 10 OZ. BAG **\$1.49**
 - CHICKEN OF THE SEA **TUNA** 6 OZ. CAN **59¢**
 - CHOCOLATE OR STRAWBERRY **NESTLES QUIK** 15 OZ. CAN **\$1.99**

PEPSI, 7-UP OR MOUNTAIN DEW
12 OZ. CANS 6 PACK
\$2.69

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People



Haynes to wed Sweet

Amber Suzanne Haynes and John Michael Sweet plan to wed at 3 p.m. on May 2 at 300 Northwest Fourth Street in Dimmitt.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Barbara Haynes and Gus Haynes of Flagstaff, Arizona. She graduated from Sinagua High School in Flagstaff in 1993. She is employed at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

The prospective groom is the son of Mike and Mary Sweet of Dimmitt and he is a 1997 graduate of Hart High School.

The couple plans to live in Dimmitt after their wedding.

Class of 1988 to set reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1988 is making plans for a 10-year reunion.

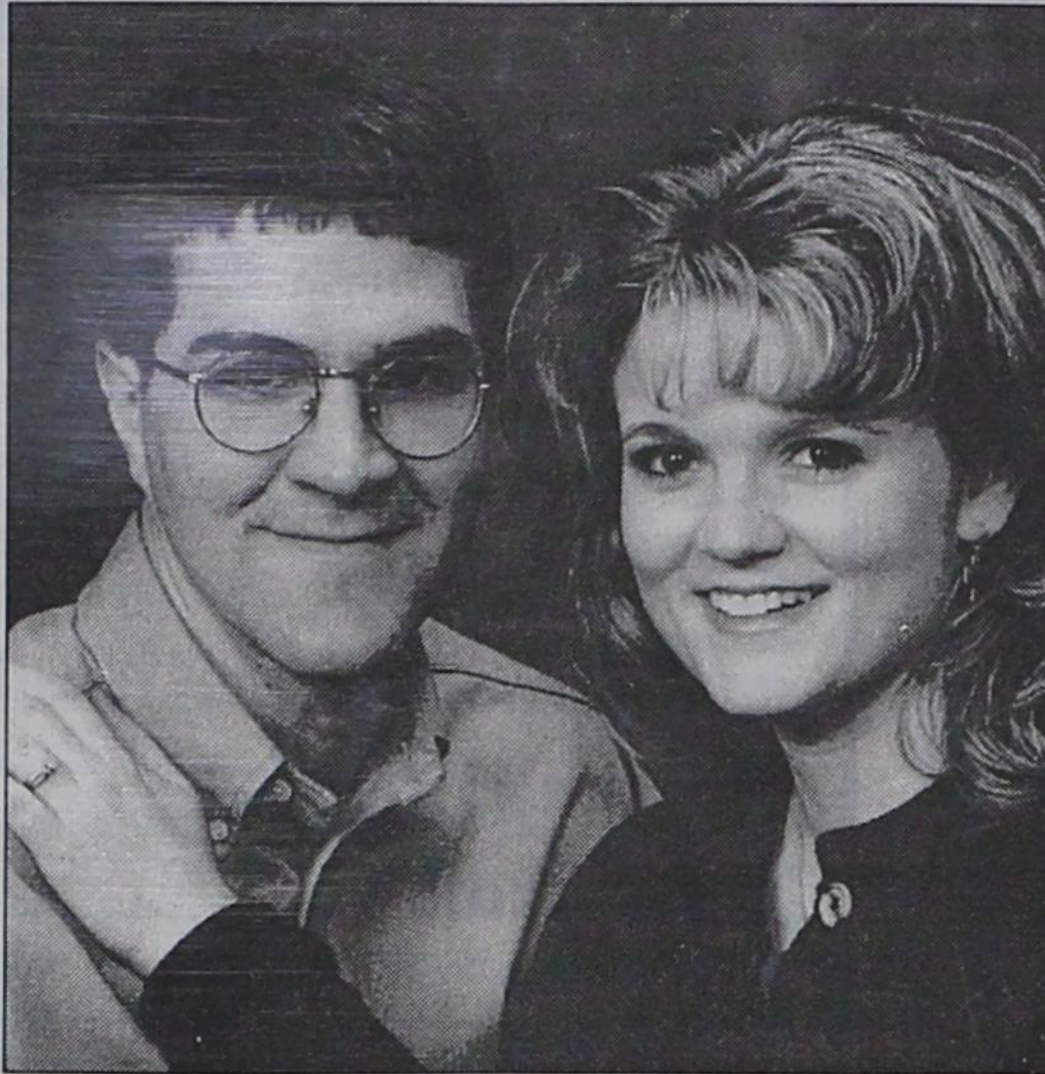
Organizers said they need addresses of class members so that as many can be contacted as soon as possible.

The reunion is tentatively scheduled for mid-July.

Those wanting to send addresses of class members may send them to Class of '88, HCR 5 Box 25, Dimmitt 79027.

Also, those interested may contact Carla Schilling at 806-647-2401 or Carla Pybus Humphrey at 806-291-0004.

"We want to hear from everyone, and we would be glad to hear any ideas you may have for the reunion activities," Schilling said.



Marty Gerber and Tisha Rice

Gerber and Rice to wed

Danny and Shelly Rice of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Tisha, to Marty Gerber, son of Toby and Vincent Gerber of Nazareth.

The couple will exchange wedding vows June 20 at Holy Family Church in Nazareth.

The bride-elect is a 1993 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Exposito's School of Hair Design and she is currently employed at Plains Memorial Hospital and Headhunters.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1990 and from Texas Tech University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics with an emphasis in finance. He is employed by First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Nazareth.

Spring revival slated at FBC

Spring revival services will begin at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

A noon meal and service will be held at 12 noon, and serving will begin at 11:45 a.m.

A second service is planned for 6 p.m. Sunday.

Dennis Teeters, pastor at First Baptist Church in Lamesa, will be preaching the noon and evening services.

Rev. Teeters graduated from Tascosa High School in Amarillo, University of Texas and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served in past churches as a youth and music minister and has been a pastor since 1977.

The singing will be led by Wayland Hazel of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Wayland is new to the staff at the church, coming from First Baptist Church in Farmersville.

Wayland is well-known in the gospel music ministry, having sang with The Hazel Family of Lubbock from 1971 to 1985. He attended school in Kress and Lubbock and received his education at Texas Tech University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He and his wife, Elaine, have four children, Stephanie, Morgan, Samuel and John.

Everyone is invited to attend the services. A nursery will be available for children 3 and under for all services.



Billie and Emma Jean King

Kings to celebrate golden anniversary

Billie and Emma Jean King will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 29 with a reception in Dimmitt.

Cards may be sent to the couple at HCR 1, Box 76, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

The reception, hosted by their children, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on March 29 in the fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church

The couple exchanged wedding vows March 29, 1948, at the Sunnyside Baptist Church parsonage.

Senior Games set qualifying events

Athletes 50 years of age or older are invited to compete at 10 game sites throughout the state for a chance to qualify for the Texas Senior Games set for Sept. 21-27 in Temple.

Those who qualify at the state level then may compete in the National Senior Games to be held in Orlando, Fla., in 1999.

Competitive events include archery, badminton, basketball three-on-three, bowling, cycling, golf, horseshoes, racewalk, racquetball, road race, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field, triathlon, and volleyball.

Medalists in the first three places in most events qualify to advance to the state games at Temple.

Qualifying events include March 26-April 5 in Houston, March 12-April 4 in Mission, April 4-21 in Dallas, April 14-May 3 in El Paso, April 30-May 3 in Kerrville, May 3-9 in San Antonio, May 7-9 in San Angelo, Aug. 12-15 in Lubbock, and

Sept. 10-13 in Wichita Falls. Additional information can be obtained by calling the state office in Kerrville at (830) 896-1510.

"Since the inception of the games, the athletic competition for seniors 50 years and older has gotten much more competitive as the general health and fitness levels have improved," said Bob McCully, executive director of the Texas Senior games Association.

Fish fry set Friday

A fish fry will be held Friday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt and the public is invited to attend.

The meal will be served from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

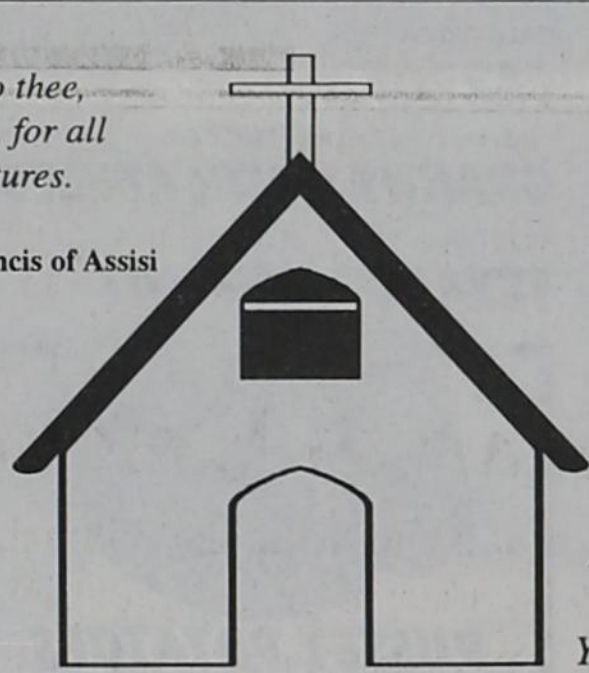
The menu includes fried fish, red beans, coleslaw, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, dessert, iced tea or coffee. Take out plates will be available.

Proceeds from the fish fry will go toward the purchase of a sound system for the church.

Church Directory

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Raymond and Lodema Jones

Golden anniversary party set for Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jones

Raymond and Lodema Jones, formerly of Sunnyside, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner Saturday.

The couple's children are Eddie and Jo, Wade, Darlyne and Doyle Bothwell, and Bubba. The Joneses have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Raymond Jones met the former Lodema Watts in March 1947, and the couple married on March 25, 1948, at Immanuel Baptist Church in

Abilene.

He was pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church from 1975 to 1981. He also pastored churches in, Tennyson, Veribest, Santa Anna, Cotton Center, Sidney and in Caruthersville, Mo. He retired from full-time pastorate in 1994.

She is a homemaker and is active in church and community activities.

The couple lives in Santa Anna where he is pastoring at Voss Baptist Church.

Nazareth youths raise \$1,600-plus for Make-A-Wish

Nazareth students staged a talent show, sponsored a bake sale and other fundraising events and raised more than \$1,600 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Students and faculty at Nazareth Independent School District participated in a local "Kids for Wish Kids" program to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Texas Plains.

Several elementary school classes held special fundraisers. The third-grade sponsored a bake sale, the second grade had a Valentine "Candy-Gram", the first grade sold Kool-Aid and the fourth grade held an ice cream sale. The special ed classes also had a special fundraiser.

The funds raised will help the Make-A-Wish Foundation grant a wish to a child who has a life-threatening illness, according to Don Wood, Nazareth High School principal.

Cindy Spanel, Wish coordinator of Make-A-Wish of the Texas Plains, said the Kids for Wish Kids program provides young people with a valuable learning experience about life-threatening illness and how they can help make a difference to another child.

"This will help the students learn to work together for the common good while at the same time providing a valuable opportunity for students and teachers to get to know each other better," said Spanel.

Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children between the ages of 2-1/2 and 18 years old with a life-threatening illness.



NAZARETH STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS (from second left) Amy Pohlmeier, Celina Braddock, Sara Birkenfeld and Darren Huckert present Cindy Spanel of the Make-A-Wish Foundation with a check for more than \$1,600. Students in Nazareth raised money for the charity through various projects.

Third graders raised \$75 from a bake sale, the second graders earned \$108.35 from a Valentine "Candy-Gram" sale, special ed class raised \$18.25, the first grade Kool-Aid sale netted \$44 and the fourth graders made \$103 from an ice cream sale. The balance of the donation was raised from a benefit talent show.

Photo by Anne Acker

Classic Cable wins award

Classic Cable, which serves subscribers in Dimmitt, was recently honored with the "Best of Texas" award from the Texas Cable and telecommunications Association for their involvement in the communities they serve.

The award is the most prestigious award given to cable operators within the state of Texas.

"This is an enormous honor to be recognized as the "Best of Texas" for our involvement in and commitment to the communities we serve," said Adina Crawford, community rela-

tions manager for Classic Cable. "All of our employees take this commitment very seriously and striving for excellence within our communities is a part of our everyday business."

Classic Cable was cited for their involvement with the Brittney

Meisner Benefit Golf tournament, held last summer in Kermit. The company coordinated and hosted the event, which raised nearly \$10,000 for medical expenses for the six-year-old cystic fibrosis victim who is in need of a liver transplant.



FHA HONOR WINNERS—(Front, from left) Vanessa Sanchez, Gina Arredondo and Ashley Jackson; and (back, from left) Kaci Schulte, Hollie Houck, and Teresa Robertson of the Dimmitt High School

FHA Chapter attended the Regional FHA Convention March 5-7 in Odessa and won several honors there, qualifying them for the state contests in Houston April 16-18.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

FHA Chapter members qualify for state contests

Nine members of the Dimmitt High School Chapter of FHA attended the Regional FHA Convention March 5-7 in Odessa and six have qualified to participate in competitions at the State Convention April 16-18 in Houston.

The DHS Chapter also won the Regional "Treasurer's Award" for having the highest club attendance at the Regional meeting.

Vanessa Sanchez and Teresa Robertson won a first place in the applied technology competition.

Hollie Houck and Kaci Schulte took first place in the entrepreneurship competition.

Ashley Jackson won first in the job interview category.

Gina Arredondo placed second in the illustrated talk contest.

Attending as voting delegates were Leeann Wilkerson, Kacie Bell and Maria Garcia.

If the chapter members do well at the state contests, they may qualify to attend the National Convention in New Orleans in July.

The chapter is sponsored by Jackie Odom and Amy Garcia.

HTFCU accepting scholarship entries

The Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union is accepting applications for scholarships through April 15.

Seniors from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth High Schools are eligible to apply for the scholarships, which are available to seniors who are members of the Credit Union or whose parents are members.

Application forms may be picked up at the Credit Union office at 212 West Bedford in Dimmitt and must be returned to the Credit Union by April 15.

April Showers

These couples have chosen The Village Shop for gift selections which are now on display:

- Halley Bradley & Bryant Steinhilber
- Shelia Dunn & Addison Foskey
- Amy Ethridge & Brandon Risley
- Kara Josselet & Justin Gleghorn
- Faye Killough & Patrick Gill

(Bridal showers for these couples are scheduled for April 18.)

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Lance Loudder, Roxie Loudder win national corn yield contests

Roxie Loudder and Lance Loudder, both of Dimmitt, have been named state winners in the 1997 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association.

Lance Loudder placed second in the state in the Ridge-Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 250.99 bushels per acre. The hybrid planted was

Novartis Seeds N7590Bt. Roxie Loudder finished third in the No-Till Irrigated Class with a yield of 192.79 bushels per acre. She planted Novartis Seeds N6800Bt.

The local operations were among 490 winners out of a total of 3,318 entrants in nine classes in this year's contest. The 490 winners produced an average yield of 203.1 bushels per acre or 17 bushels per acre higher than the 186-bushel average for all contest entrants. The average yield for all winners was 76 bushels per acre higher than the 1997 overall US average corn yield of 127 bushels per acre.

"These are truly amazing yields," said NCGA President Ryland Utlaut, a corn grower from Grand Pass, Mo. "Farming is an occupation that really demands a lot of skill and timeliness of operation, and the people who have obtained these yields certainly demonstrate those characteristics."

Average yields, by class, ranged from 168 bushels per acre in the A Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated Class to 212 bushels per acre in the Irrigated Class. The top national yield was 334 bushels per acre in the No-Till Irrigated Class, followed closely by 332-bushel yields in both the Irrigated and AA Non-Irrigated Classes.

Contest winners were recognized Feb. 23 at the 1998 Commodity Classic, the combined convention and trade show of the National Corn Growers Association and the American Soybean Association, held in Long Beach, Calif.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES were held last Thursday at the new law office of Tempie Angeley (holding scissors), who has moved her law practice from Levelland to Dimmitt. Her new office is located at 106 West Bedford. On hand for the ribbon cutting were (back row, from left) Percy Parsons, Layne Myatt, Gary Langford, Tim Farris, Cheryl Pybus,

Tempie's husband, Bobby Jack Angeley, and his father, Jack Angeley; and (front row, from left) Scott Morris, Edna Tucker, Stella Devers, Carol Dyer, Tempie Angeley, her mother-in-law, Wynnelle Angeley, Clara Vick, Sandra Clark and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

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Cotton Talks

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) is accepting public comment until April 13 on a proposal to create a new, smaller boll weevil eradication zone from the existing statutory Northern High Plains Zone.

The proposed Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone would consist of about 450,000 acres of cotton in five counties: Bailey, Castro, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer. A public hearing will be held at Earth City Hall at 1:30 p.m. on April 2.

Written comments should be sent to Katie Dickie-Stavinoha, Special Assistant for Producer Relations, TDA, PO Box 12847, Austin 78711, by April 13.

If the smaller zone is created, an advisory committee will be seated to gauge whether there is interest in pursuing a comprehensive boll weevil eradication program within the new zone.

Swisher Electric plans annual meeting March 26

Election of directors and a barbecue and chicken supper will highlight the 58th annual meeting of Swisher Electric Cooperative, slated next Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. at the cafeteria on 501 Northeast Fourth Street in Tulia.

Other highlights of the meeting will be attendance gifts for members, a barbecue and chicken dinner for members and their guests, a brief management meeting, audit reports and door prizes.

Two directors will be elected with incumbent Jimmie Reed of Kress being opposed by nominee of Dan Kimball of Edmonson for Position One. Position Two candidates are incumbent Ross O'Daniel of Tulia and Gaylord Cogburn of Happy.

The grand door prize will be a 27-inch GE color television with stereo sound. All door prizes will be drawn at the meeting's conclusion. Members must register prior to the meeting's start time and be present to be eligible to win door prizes.

The candidates were selected by a six-member nominating committee on Jan. 22.

Voting is reserved for current members who registered in person or by proxy representative.

Who's New?

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Simon and Maria Ramos of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Bianca Lynette, who was born at 3:07 a.m. on March 14 in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 8 oz., and was 19 inches long. She has an older sister, Christina Lizette Ramos. Paternal grandparents are Sotera and Delia Ramos of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Mauro Mendoza of Dimmitt and the late Manuela Mendoza. Great-grandparents are Genoveva Romero and Jose Mendoza of Mexico.

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The job of correcting the flaws in the Federal Crop Insurance cotton program has become a regular source of work for the cotton industry and Plains Cotton Growers Inc. of Lubbock continues to be involved in the process.

Recent discussions with the USDA Risk Management Agency has reopened the issue in 1998.

Risk Management Agency officials have agreed to take another look at several areas of concern to producers. Among the issues are a re-examination of the rating procedures and structure of cotton premiums, the need for improvements in the quality adjustment coverage for cotton, the need for replant coverage comparable to that offered for other crops and the need for another look at prevented planting provisions for cotton.

It is hoped that the latest round of talks will provide workable solutions in the future to many of these issues.

Legislation designed to help sub-Saharan African countries passed the House this week despite concerns from the US cotton and textile industries that it will not lead to any significant improvements in the targeted area.

According to PCG officials, the end result will probably be an increase in the trans-shipment of cotton goods and apparel through the sub-Saharan region from Asian markets.

The legislation in question is the African Growth and Opportunity Act of 1998, H.R. 1432.

Cotton and textile industry officials vow they will continue to work for changes in the legislation as it moves to the Senate for consideration. Industry officials noted that the changes necessary to make the legislation successful are relatively simple and should improve the ability of the bill to be successful.

Preparations for the 41st annual PCG annual meeting are almost complete and PCG is proud to announce their speakers for the event.

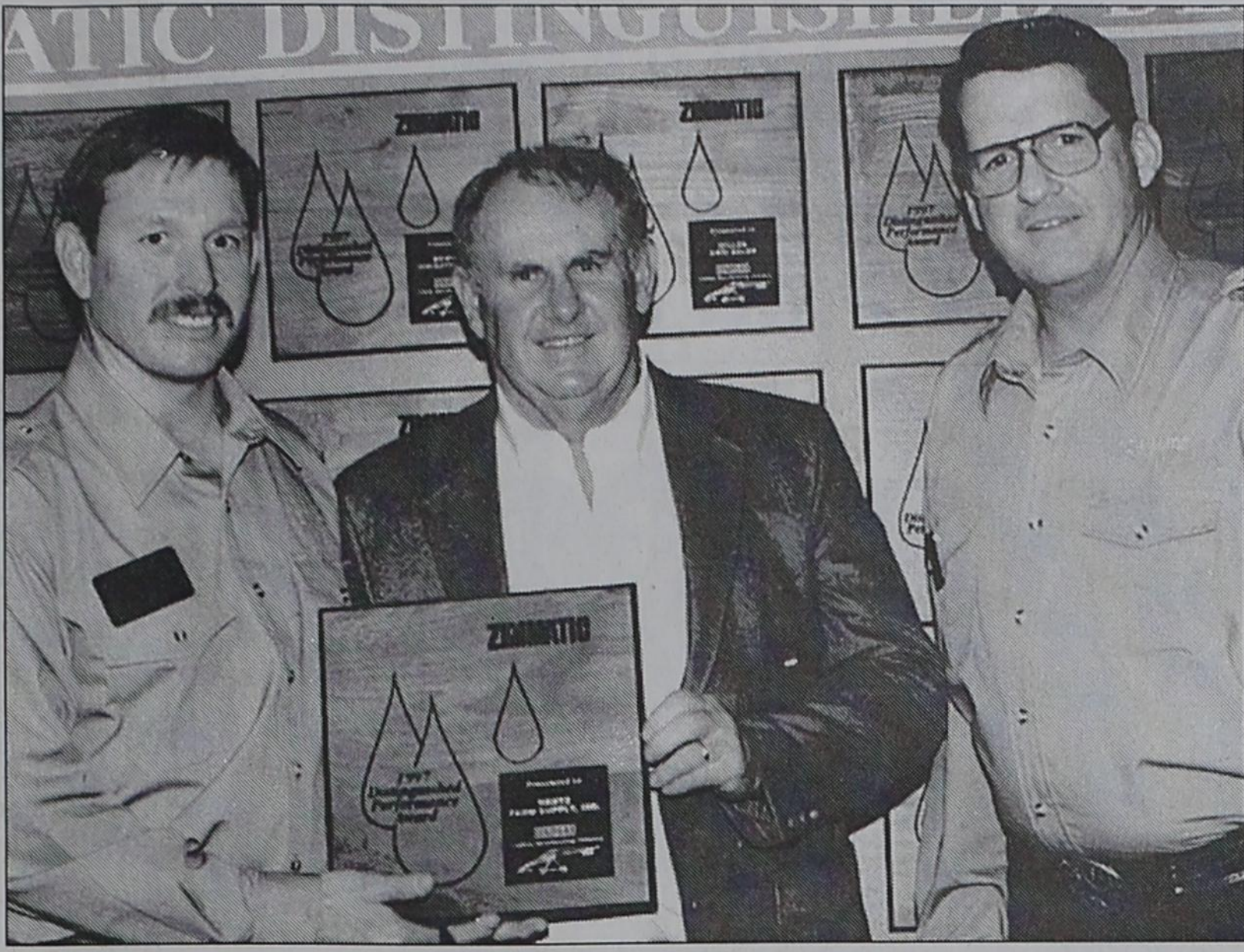
Keynote speaker for the meeting will be Con. Larry Combest of Lubbock. Also on the agenda are Mark Lange, director of economic and information services for the National Cotton Council in Memphis and Carla West, producer relations representative for the National Cotton Council in Washington, D.C.

Reports will also be heard from outgoing PCG President Jackie Burris and Executive Vice President Steve Verett.

A producer workshop on adjusting cotton production systems for boll weevil management will be held on April 17 following PCG's annual meeting that morning.

PCG is sponsoring the workshop to ensure that cotton growers from the area are made aware of the management safeguards available to help survive what appears to be a very serious boll weevil problem in 1998.

The workshop will begin with CEU registration at 1:30 p.m. and the program will start at 2 p.m.



TOP-NOTCH CUSTOMER SERVICE and Performance Award is given to Gaylin Grant (center) of Hi Plains Irrigation of Olton by Farris Hightower (left), regional manager for Lindsay Manufacturing, and Charlie Meis (right), vice president of engineering at Lindsay. The Distinguished Performance Award was presented at the company's annual convention in Or-

lando, Fla. The honor is given to Zimmatic irrigation dealerships which provide growers with top-notch customer service and have implemented high-performing marketing programs. "Their partnership approach to customer service was a big reason for their success," said Bob Snoozy, vice president of sales.

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National Ag Week observed; Ag Day planned for Friday

Agriculture continues to be a significant force in the Texas economy. That's a fact Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry believes Texans should remember during National Agriculture Week, which is set for

March 15-21.

Also, the 25th anniversary of National Agriculture Day is set for observance on Friday.

"Each year, the nation takes time to salute the farmers and ranchers of

our country," said Perry. "I urge Texans to take time beyond National Agriculture Week and think about the contributions made by our state's producers every day. It's their commitment and hard work that makes Texas an agricultural leader."

Agriculture is the state's second-leading industry, generating more than \$40 billion in economic activity, producing about 16% of the gross state product and providing a paycheck for one out of five Texans.

Perry pointed out that Texas remains the second-largest ag-producing state in the nation. Among the notable numbers posted by the industry:

★ Texas farmers and ranchers add more than \$13 billion to the state's economy through the sales of crop and livestock commodities.

★ Texas leads the nation in cotton production, watermelon production, cattle and calves, sheep and goats, wool production, mohair production and cattle on feed.

★ Texas leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches. Almost 80% of the land area in Texas is in some type of agricultural production.

★ Texas produces about 6% of the world's cotton.

★ Texas is one of the top 10 states in poultry and egg production.

★ Texas produces enough wheat each year to make more than 8 billion loaves of bread.

★ Texas is a leading exporter of agricultural commodities with top-five rankings in the exports of cotton, live animals and meat, feed grains and products, wheat and wheat products.

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"How much more difficult would life be for many of our homebound and elderly people if she didn't provide her car and her time to take them to the doctor's office or the store?"

"What memories and lessons would some of our teenagers miss if she did not help raise the money to send them to Boys State and Girls State?"

"How much more difficult would the daily struggle be for some of our less fortunate residents if she had not discreetly helped them when they needed a job, a recommendation, a contact or a donation, without regard to race, creed or color?"

"How bright would Christmas have been for some of our less fortunate children if she had not picked them up and taken them to the stores to buy clothes?"

"How would the elderly recipients of Meals on Wheels have fared if she had not delivered their lunches to them, then come back to help in ways where she had seen a need?"

"What would our city's appearance be without her help in the Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Pride-Up campaign?"

"How would we have gotten the free cheese and butter programs going here if she had not gone to get the commodities herself before local government became involved?"

"What would the progress of a young brain-damaged boy in Hart have been if she had not worked with him, and enlisted other workers, in the relatively new volunteer service known as team patterning?"

"What would life in her church be like if she did not play a major role in it, as a Christian educator at all levels, as a certified elementary church-lab instructor, as a Vacation Church School worker, as a youth coordinator, as a singer, as a local member and former district officer of the church women's group, or . . . most noticeably . . . as a skilled organist and pianist?"

"What would the services at two other churches in our community have been like if she had not volunteered her talent and time to play the piano and organ for them, in addition to her own church commitments?"

"How would we manage during many of our weddings and funerals, were she not available and willing to provide the music?"

"What would be the status of public education here and elsewhere in Texas without her years of positive input as the first woman trustee on the Dimmitt School Board, as president of the Panhandle Association of School Boards, or as an active participant at the state level of public education?"

"What would our experience in party politics and self-government be like if this dedicated Republican had not worked diligently to build the Castro County Republican Commit-

tee, serve as its long-time chair and create a viable two-party system in our county?"

"What would be the status of youth and adult tennis here without her efforts? Or, for that matter, what would it be like to drive past the local tennis courts without having to dodge her backhand lob?"

What would newcomers' impressions of Dimmitt be without her welcoming parties, including the newest dumb parlor games?"

"How much less would our Post Office's receipts be without her letters to the editor, letters to our congressmen and senators, letters to the Texas Education Agency . . . or without her cards to friends who are ill or who need a boost in morale?"

"How bright would our days be without the presence of this attractive, talented, cheerful blonde woman with the sunrise smile, who can wear purple and green together and get away with it?"

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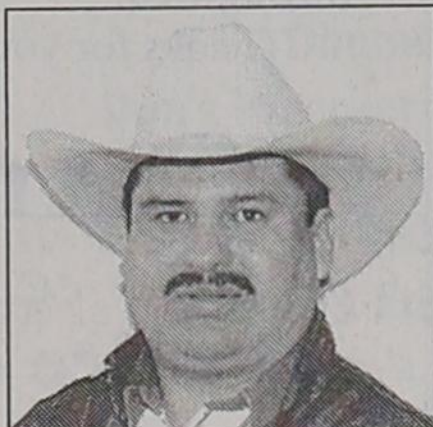
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Sports



Battin' Bobcats are young and excited about season

Dimmitt baseball coach Bobby Feaster is breaking in a bunch of new recruits this season, but so far he's been pleased with their performance.

"We're pretty young, but we've got a positive attitude," said Feaster. "These guys have shown a lot of courage and guts in the eight games we've played so far."

Dimmitt is currently 4-4 on the season and finished second in the Ralls Tournament and made it to the consolation championship in the Floydada Tournament before losing to Idalou.

Feaster welcomes back just five lettermen and of those, only one is playing in the same position he played in a year ago.

But the Bobcats are handling the transition to different positions and Feaster thinks that things will come together as they open district play Saturday afternoon against Sanford-Fritch at 1 p.m. at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

"I think it's going to be an exciting year," said Feaster. "We're in a tough district and we're an inexperienced team, but I feel like we've got a good bunch of kids."

The returning lettermen are Zack Matthews, a senior outfielder who is a four-year member of the varsity; Juary Cavazos, a senior outfielder; Michael Pedroza, a senior first baseman; Sergio Pedroza, a senior third baseman; and Derek Buckley, a junior pitcher/outfielder.

Last year, Sergio Pedroza was an all-district outfielder, but Feaster moved him to third and he's handled the change well. And Michael Pedroza was on third last year and he's moved to first.

Feaster's starting lineup features junior Rusty Wooten at catcher, Michael Pedroza at first base, junior Wesley Wright at second; junior Louis Silva or sophomore Sammy Prieto at shortstop, Sergio Pedroza at third; Buckley in left field, Matthews in center field and Cavazos in right field.

Senior hurler Benny Navarro will be in the rotation along with Silva,

Buckley, Matthews and Michael Pedroza.

"They all have different strengths," Feaster said of his pitchers. "I feel like Zack throws the hardest, then Louis. Then we have Benny, who's a lefty with good control, but he doesn't throw quite as hard. Michael has experience from last year, and I feel like Derek will really develop. He's only been playing a few days because he was in basketball. I'm hoping he'll come along and maybe be our leader."

Rounding out the Bobcats' roster are Courtney Joplin, a senior second baseman; Beau Hill, a junior first baseman; and Eric Gamez, a junior outfielder.

Matthews is the most experienced Bobcat on the roster, and "he's the guy I count on," said Feaster. "I feel confident with him in the outfield. He can cover a lot of ground and he's got a great arm. Teams won't be able to run on him. And if he gets on base he's a big threat because he steals at will. He's caused several pitchers to balk already this year."

Feaster describes Sergio Pedroza as his "most consistent player. He may be the best third baseman I've ever coached. He's not flashy or fast, but he's a competitor and will do whatever is asked of him."

Cavazos bats second in the lineup and is an asset to the Bobcats because of his speed both running the bases and when he's in right field.

"Juary will do everything you ask him to," said Feaster. "Playing time's not important to him, he just wants to see the team succeed."

Silva will be the starting short stop, unless he's on the mound. "He started off slow, but he's shown a lot of heart and competitiveness and has really come along. He's a complement to our infield," Feaster said.

And when Silva's on the mound, Prieto will fill the short stop slot. "We don't miss anything when Sammy's in there," said Feaster. "He's not as big as Louis, but he covers a lot of ground."

"Louis probably has the better bat of the two, but he's been exposed to

varsity pitching a little more," Feaster added.

Feaster said Buckley just seems to "find a way to get on base and make plays."

Michael Pedroza handled the move from third to first with ease.

"Michael's got an outstanding glove, but his range wasn't real good on third. Also, putting him on first saves his arm if we need him to pitch. He's done a great job of handling the transition."

Wright is a "steady kid," who Feaster said came out in the first game and made two outstanding plays.

Feaster has been pleasantly surprised by Wooten at catcher.

"When it comes to pitching and catching, you've got to want to do it. And Rusty really loves playing catcher. He's gone to summer camps and he takes a great amount of pride in his job. He's developed into a very good catcher," Feaster said.

"But the most pleasant surprise has been his hitting. He's had several multi-hit games already. He's reliable and he's a good kid."

Feaster is excited about his bench, too, and said several could start, depending on which pitcher is up.

Gamez should see some action in the outfield and Feaster said he's an outstanding team player. He also said Gamez could "pinch run for the pitcher and catcher from time to time."

Hill will be backup first baseman and also could be designated hitter for the Bobcats.

"We're working with Beau, trying to develop his confidence. He's a competitive kid," said Feaster.

Backup on second will be Joplin.

"She works as hard as anybody we've got, maybe even harder," said Feaster. She'll stay after practice and take extra ground balls, and I've seen her up here on Sunday's working out. She takes a lot of grief from people because she's a girl, but it's been a pleasure having her. She's a real team player and I'm glad she's on the team."



DIMMITT BOBCATS VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM includes (front, from left) managers Jessica Flores and Mary Bradley, and Sergio Pedroza, Michael Pedroza, Luis Silva, Benny Navarro, Sammy Prieto, Eric Gamez, and manager Jennifer Heck; and (back, from left) coach Jesus Quiroz, Rusty Wooten, Cody Brockman, Juary Cavazos, Zack Matthews, Wesley Wright, Beau Hill, Derek Buckley, Courtney Joplin, and coach Bobby Feaster. Photo by Linda Maxwell

In addition to inexperience, Feaster said the team must improve its hitting to be competitive in District 1-AAA play.

"We're inconsistent at the plate.

We'll score 15 runs one game, then none the next. We go from one extreme to the other. We either score a bunch or none," said Feaster.

"Inconsistency plays a big part in

baseball, and each individual has to become more consistent for us to be competitive. We also need to find someone to step up and provide some leadership."

Idalou shuts out Cats for consolation crown

Dimmitt bats were hot in the consolation semifinals of the Floydada Tournament Friday, but turned ice cold in the consolation championship against Idalou Saturday.

The Bobcats opened the tournament last Thursday against Abernathy and almost staged a comeback behind win over the Antelopes, but came up a run shy, losing the opener 9-8.

In the consolation semis on Friday, Bobcat hitters garnered 15 hits enroute to a 15-7 win over Ralls.

But on Saturday, Dimmitt couldn't buy a hit. The Bobcats managed to squeeze out five hits, but couldn't pick up a run, losing the consolation trophy to the Wildcats, 7-0.

Abernathy jumped out to a 3-1 lead over the Bobcats in the first-round game, but Dimmitt took a one-run lead in the second with a three-run surge.

Then disaster struck the Bobcats. Starting catcher Rusty Wooten was injured when he caught a foul ball in the face, bursting a blood vessel in his eye. Wooten had to leave the game and didn't play again in the tournament.

A two-run fourth inning boosted Abernathy to a 5-4 lead, but the Bobcats came back to tie the game in the sixth.

Abernathy exploded for four runs in the top of the seventh, but Dimmitt didn't concede anything, coming back with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning before the Antelopes shut the Cats down for the 9-8 win.

"The guys showed a lot of guts, especially when we were down 9-5. They didn't quit," said Dimmitt

Three-person scramble set at Country Club

A three-person "Goo Shoot" will be held at Country Club of Dimmitt March 28-29 and those interested in competing in the scramble should call the Pro Shop at 647-4502.

Entry fee is \$70 per player and that includes green fees, cart rental and a meal.

The third annual tournament will be flighted after the first round. A meal and calcutta will be held on Saturday night, March 28.

Cash prizes will be awarded. For more information, call the Pro Shop.

Coach Bobby Feaster. "We came back in the seventh and scored three runs and we had two guys on base and one of those was in scoring position and could have tied the game. But then they got the third out on us."

Louis Silva had the hot bat for the Bobcats early in the game, picking up RBIs in the first and second innings. Then Sergio Pedroza knocked one run home in the sixth. Dimmitt got three RBIs in the seventh, one by Benny Navarro and two by Derek Buckley off of a single.

Zack Matthews picked up a triple and Michael Pedroza scored a double.

Silva started the game on the mound and was spelled by Matthews in the seventh. Matthews got the loss.

Dimmitt hitters racked up 15 runs off of 15 hits against Ralls in the semifinals, but a double by Sergio Pedroza was the only extra-base hit the Cats recorded.

Benny Navarro pitched through the fifth, then Michael Pedroza took over and finished out the game.

Dimmitt led 2-0 after the first inning and 5-1 after the second.

Ralls attempted a comeback in the third and fourth innings, but Dimmitt exploded with seven runs in the fourth to take a commanding 12-6 lead, then added three over the final two innings for the win.

Dimmitt had four errors while Ralls had five in the game.

Navarro claimed the win while Morales got the loss for Ralls.

Dimmitt struggled at the plate in the 7-0 loss to Idalou.

"We didn't hit the ball very well, and when we did hit, it was right at them," said Feaster. "We only struck out six times in the game, and we were able to strike them out 12 times. But we walked eight batters and that hurt. They were able to advance those base runners and then errors cost us."

Dimmitt committed two errors in the game, but Feaster said those errors were costly.

Dimmitt used four pitchers against Idalou, but nothing worked.

Derek Buckley started off, then Silva took over in the second. Matthews pitched the third through sixth innings, then Silva returned to the mound to finish out the game.

Idalou took a 1-0 lead in the first, then added five runs in the third and another in the fourth for the win.

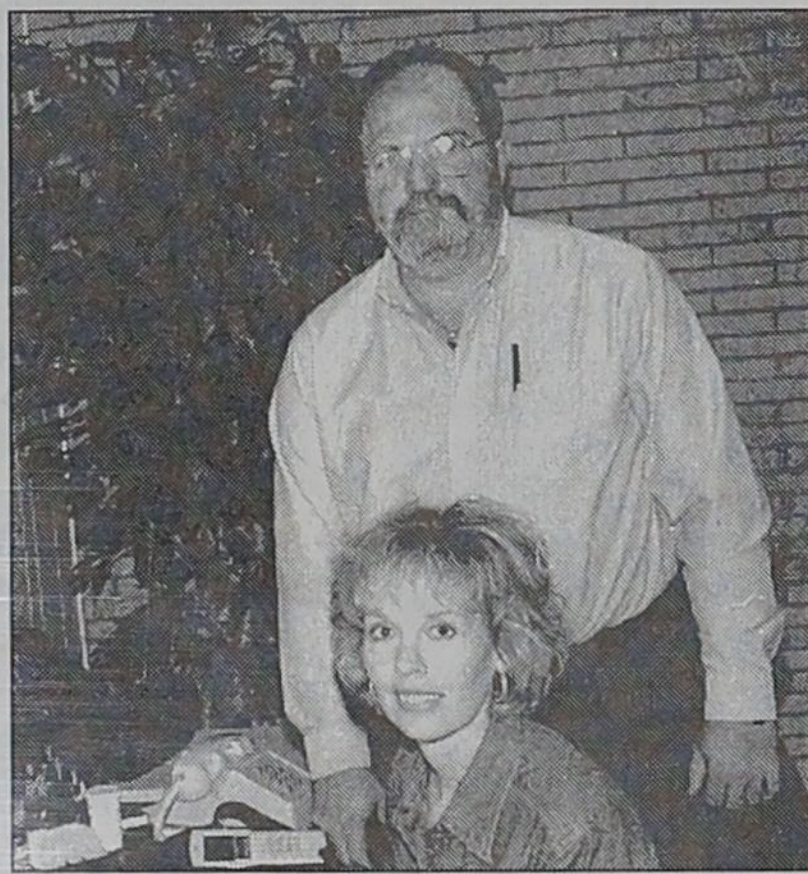
"We were out of pitchers and we had Rusty (Wooten) out with an injury. We used a JV catcher, Bobby Hill, who did an outstanding job for us. He's going to be the catcher of the future for us," said Feaster.

The 1-2 record in the tournament made Dimmitt's overall record 4-4 for the season.

The Bobcats will face Ralls today (Thursday) at 1 p.m. in the final tune-up game before district play opens Saturday.

Dimmitt's first district challenge will be at home Saturday at 1 p.m. against Sanford-Fritch.

Local Professionals Caring for Local People



Christy Batenhorst and Bill Fernihough

Patients need social services, too

Along with medical and therapeutic services, social services often play an important role in patient care.

That's where Christy Batenhorst and Bill Fernihough come in. They are medical social workers whose care extends to patients in many of the hospital district's programs.

"Basically, we work with the Swing Bed program, Home Health, the Hospice program, and occasionally in emergency situations," Bill said. "We try to help people deal with the effects of illness on themselves and their families."

"The focus and emphasis in medical social work is . . . short-term counseling and linking people to the resources that are available to them."

Christy is the social worker most people here see. She's on the job five days a week. Bill, who is an independent social worker and consultant, is here for 2½ days twice a month, and works mainly in a supervisory capacity.

"It's really beneficial for the community to have Christy here five days a week so that she's available to help people deal with problems as they come up," Bill said. "Most rural hospital districts probably don't have a fulltime social worker."

Christy commutes each day from Umbarger, where her husband, Roger, operates the family farm.

Raised at Vega, Christy attended West Texas A&M, receiving her Bachelor of Social Work degree in 1996.

She and Roger have four daughters ranging in age from 13 to 4.

"That's why it took me so long to get through school," she quipped.

But being a young mother definitely gives her some job advantages, she said.

"Motherhood has helped me a lot in working with infants and pregnant women, because I've been there and done that," she said.

Most of Christy's time is taken by the Home Health Agency "because of the case load that the agency has." But she also provides grievance counseling for those in the Hospice program.

"The majority of people we deal with here are elderly people—in fact, sick elderly people," Bill said.

He added, "Sometimes if we could see people earlier we could help them avoid some problems—getting extra income into their home or getting services for them."

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Nazareth honor students named

Nazareth Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the fourth six weeks of school.

Students qualifying for the A honor roll are:

First Grade: Kyle Birkenfeld, Steven Birkenfeld, Caitlin Huseman, Matthew Ray and Kami Rundell.

Second Grade: Brittany Birkenfeld, Brittany Hampton, Allyson Hochstein, Kyle Hoelting and Brandi Kern.

Third Grade: Chris Acker, Jennifer Acker, Matthew Birkenfeld, Kaytlin Huseman, Chandra Jordan Holly Kleman, Heidi Ramaekers and Dustin Schulte.

Fourth Grade: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman and J'Lae Merritt.

Fifth Grade: Jamie Birkenfeld.

Sixth Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Andrew Brockman, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Kyle Ray.

Seventh Grade: Adam Acker, Craig Birkenfeld and Carson Gerber.

Eighth Grade: Blake Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Daryl Pohlmeier, Trinity Robb and Ky Wilcox.

Freshman: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey Gerber, Lindsie Gerber and Whitney Hoelting.

Sophomore: Mindi Ethridge, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

Junior: Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern.

Senior: Barry Hoelting, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

Those qualifying for the A-B honor roll during the most recent grading period are:

First Grade: George Acker, Alec Braddock, Jenny Merritt, Abril Pena, Thomas Schacher and Lane Wood.

Second Grade: Joshua Braddock,

Bryan George, Tessie Huseman, Karis Kleman, Valeria Rodriguez, Darcy Schulte and Taylor Schulte.

Third Grade: Lacey Acker, Candace Birkenfeld, Chase Black, Eric Book, Jacob Braddock, Bradley Gerber, Taylor Johnson, Kean Lilley, Troy Ramaekers, Brady Schulte, Macee Schulte and Brandon Wilhelm.

Fourth Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Nathan Huseman, Charlie Rundell and Kasey Wood.

Fifth Grade: Jenna Acker, Michael Acker, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Jordan Hampton, Jacob Johnson, Garrett Kleman, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte and Tyson Schulte.

Sixth Grade: Sarah Ellison, Trey Robb and Lindsey Wood.

Seventh Grade: Karen Birkenfeld, Tyler Ehly, Evan Huseman, Shane Kleman, Kristi Ramaekers, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte and Shelby Wilhelm.

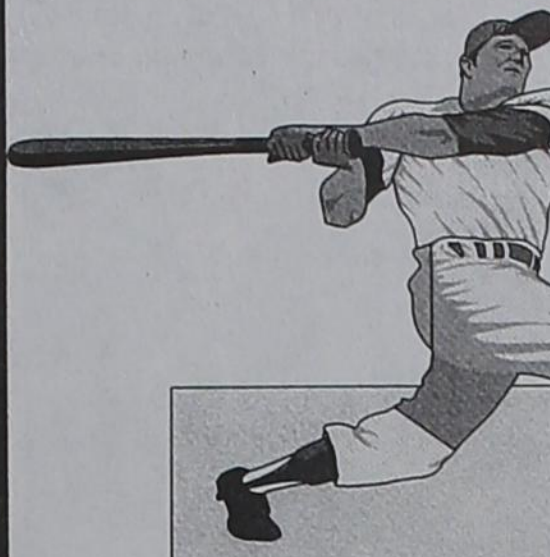
Eighth Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Aaron Kern, Jase Merritt, Danette Ramaekers and Kyla Schacher.

Freshman: Sage Annen, Shawna Gerber, Nichole Huseman, Erin Jones, Matty McLain and Bryce Pohlmeier.

Sophomore: Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock and Karen Wilhelm.

Junior: Mandy Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Kristin Hales, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Lori Maurer, Jessica McGilvray, Jayme Schmucker, Tiffany Schmucker, Pamela VanDelden, Ann Wilhelm and Vanessa Wilhelm.

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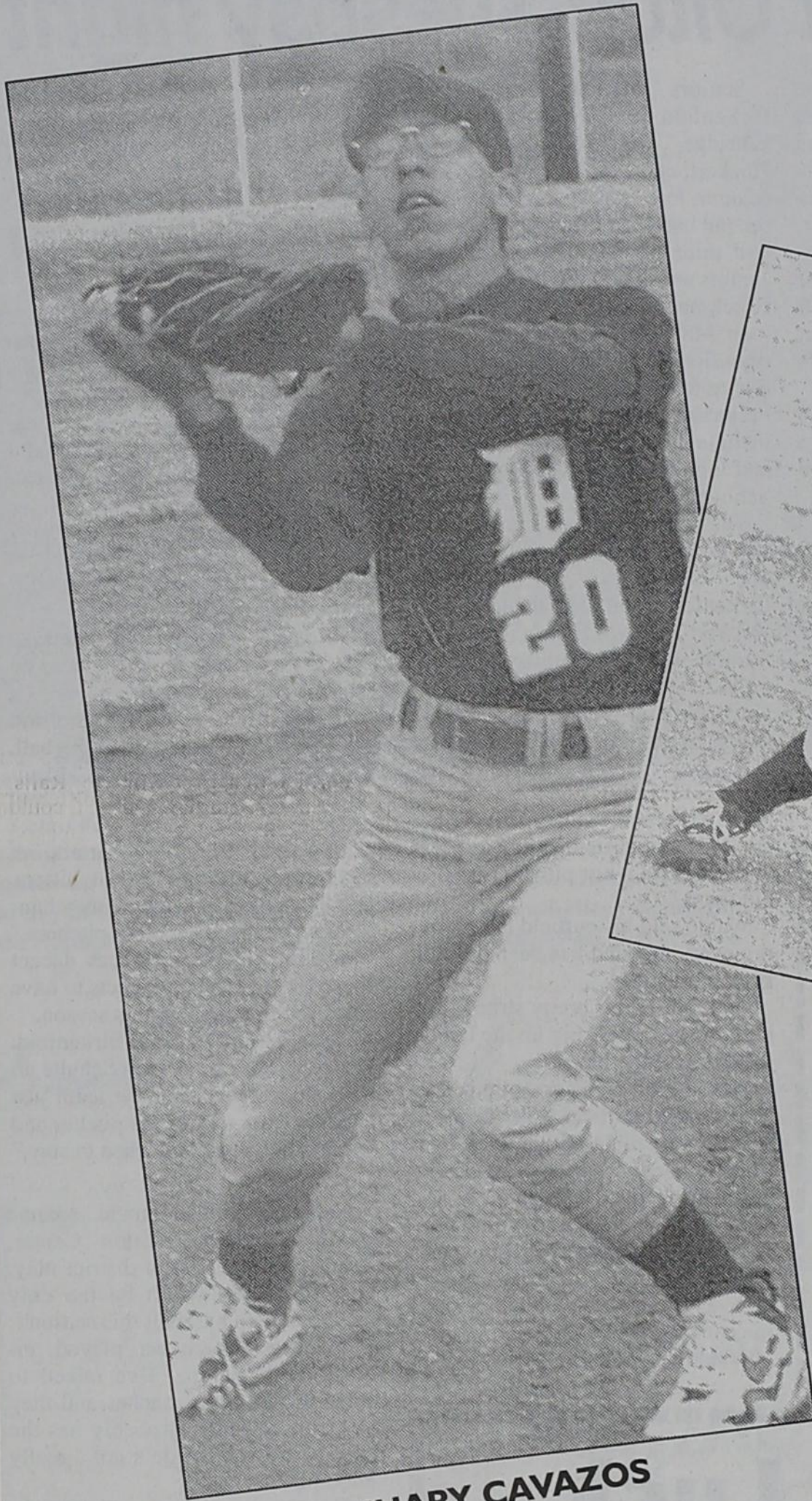
THURSDAY: Bobcats vs. Ralls, There, 1 p.m.

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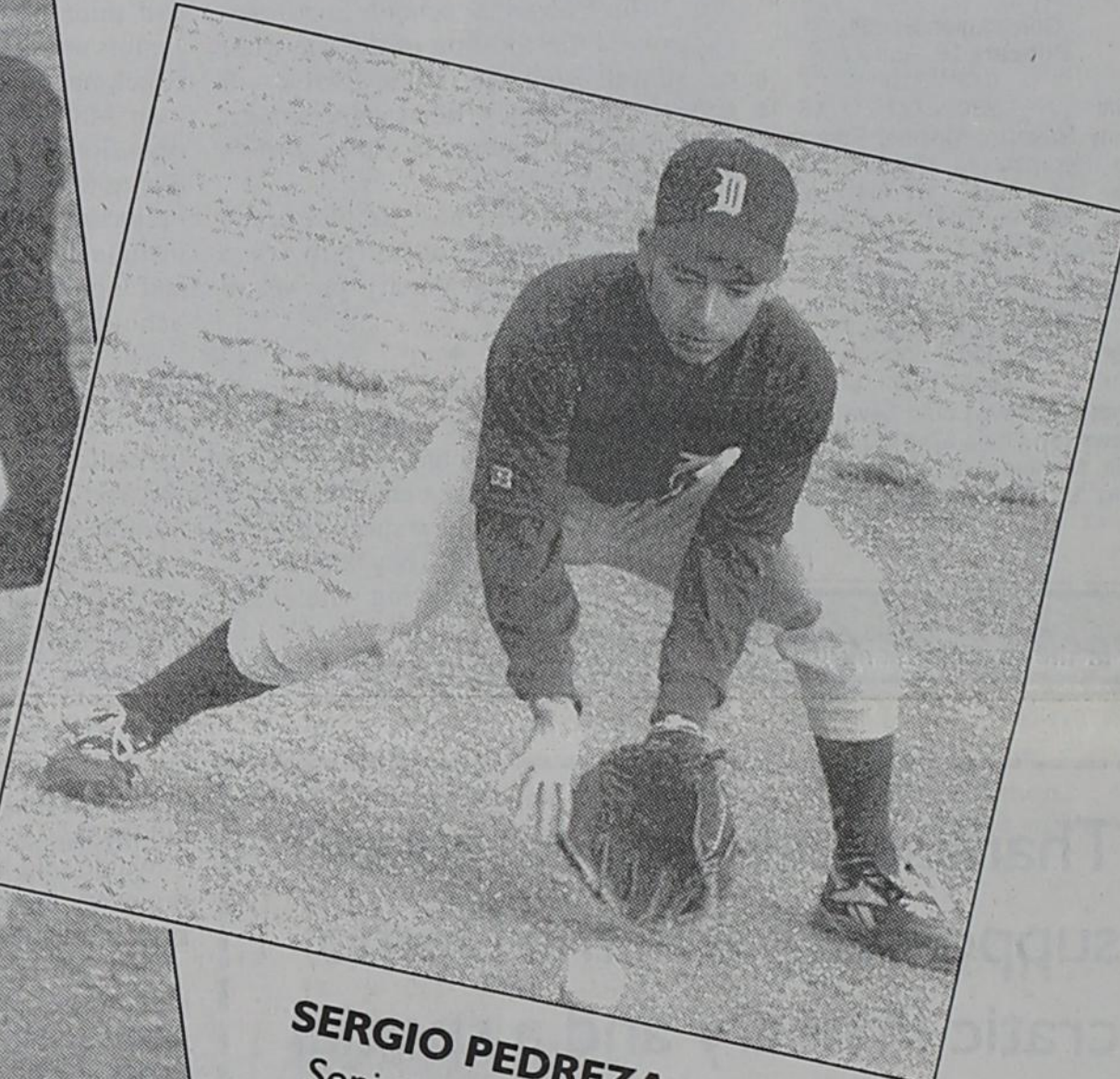
SATURDAY: Bobcats vs. Sanford-Fritch, Here, 1 p.m.

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TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Boys Ranch, There, 5 p.m.



JUARY CAVAZOS
Senior, Outfielder



SERGIO PEDREZA
Senior, Third Base

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A big thanks to the Nazareth Swiftettes, Coach Johnny Hampton and Coach Amy Huseman, the Nazareth cheerleaders and "Swifty" for a great season of basketball.

A great number of fans made the trip to Austin to support the Swiftettes in the state tournament. It's a great honor to make it to state, win or lose!

Friday afternoon the entire group was invited out to the Hill Country home of Floyd and Jo Ellen Hoelting. Everyone enjoyed a tour of their new home, the yard landscaping and the pavilion which stores all their memorabilia. After many toasts were made and pictures taken, some of us returned to the house to the big attraction of the evening—a player piano with many old reels, and everyone really enjoyed singing along with the music.

On Thursday evening Rick and Robbie Gerber invited their family to their home in Austin for dinner. Virgie Gerber stayed in Austin for a week with the Gerbers.

◆
Congratulations to Kent and Lora Hoelting of Amarillo on the birth of a girl, Sara Elizabeth, on March 7 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She has a big brother, Blake.

◆
Grandparents are Clyde and Bea Hoelting of Amarillo, Susie Schulte of Austin and the late Howard Schulte. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker, Martha Schulte and Brigitta Dobmeier, all of Nazareth.

◆
A baby shower honoring Russell

and Denise Hoelting of Austin and their soon-expected twin boys was held recently.

The shower was hosted by Russell's mother, Regina Hoelting, and his godmother, Dorothy McQuilliams.

The boy's great-grandmother, Mary Gerber, was a guest of honor.

A nice group attended and enjoyed a tour of Ronnie and Regina's new home in Nazareth.

◆
A baby shower was held Sunday for Robin Schulte Straley and her month-old daughter, Alicia Kay, of Lubbock. The shower was held at the home of Raelene Hoelting.

◆
Grandmother Lisa Schulte and Marcia Straley of Wolfforth, and great-grandmothers Jo Ann Lacy, Martha Schulte, Anne Straley and Gladys Morris, and great-great-grandmother Margaret Cantrell of Nashville, Tenn., were special guests.

◆
Ernie Brockman has returned home after spending the past two months in Austin where he lived at the Chriss Cole Rehabilitation Center for the Blind Impaired.

◆
He is very enthusiastic and says he gained a whole world of knowledge and experience. He learned how to use Braille and will be ready to use it when the time comes. He said every interested person is entitled to this program through the Commission for the Blind in Amarillo. He will gladly visit with anyone interested.

◆
While there, Ernie visited with his daughter, Shirley Melcher, and his son, Kerry Brockman.

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K'Lynn Gerber, Amy Pohlmeier are all-district

Nazareth seniors K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier are among first-team All-District 3-A honorees.

Gerber and Pohlmeier were joined on the first-team by Vega junior Cami Rea, Farwell sophomore Ashley Crawford and Lazbuddie senior Roxann Warren.

Second-team honorees include Happy seniors Jaci Cumby and Laci Pearson, Vega sophomores Kimberly Artho and Kyla May and Farwell senior Valerie Mace.

Honorable mention all-district honors went to Nazareth's Tanya Wethington, Cassie Birkenfeld and Shawna Gerber.



THE NAZARETH SWIFTS will take to the diamond Tuesday for the school's first high school baseball game in decades. Nazareth will meet Olton, there, at 5 p.m. Members of the newly-formed Swift baseball team are (back row, from left) Dustin Ramaekers, Jason Maurer, Shane Ethridge, Stacey Schulte, Darren Huckert, Kit Schulte and Jerad Birkenfeld; (middle row, from left) Matt Olvera, Mark Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Adam Schulte and John Farris; and (front row, from left) manager Brett Hoelting, B.J. Harbison, Bo Hunter, Nick Bermea and manager Brock Birkenfeld. Coach of the Swifts is Joey Waldo (not pictured).

Photo by Anne Acker



FLOYDADA TOURNAMENT

First Round

Bobcats 8, Abernathy 9

Abernathy	300	200	4	9	9	2
Dimmitt	130	001	3	8	9	2

Louis Silva, Zack Matthews (7), Rusty Wooten, Sergio Pedroza (3) of Dimmitt; Gardner of Abernathy. WP: Gardner. LP: Matthews. 2B: Michael Pedroza of Dimmitt; Cuevas and Cantu of Abernathy. 3B: Zack Matthews.

Consolation Semis

Bobcats 15, Ralls 7

Ralls	012	310	7	6	5
Dimmitt	230	721	15	15	4

Benny Navarro, Michael Pedroza (6), Sergio Pedroza of Dimmitt; Morales, Salazar of Ralls. WP: Navarro. LP: Morales. 2B: Sergio Pedroza, Dimmitt. HR: Salazar, Ralls.

Consolation Championship

Bobcats 0, Idalou 7

Dimmitt	000	000	0	0	5	2
Idalou	105	100	x	7	6	1

Derek Buckley, Louis Silva (2), Zack Matthews (3), Louis Silva (7), Bobby Hill, Dimmitt. Martinez, Arguello, Idalou. WP: Martinez. LP: Buckley. RECORD: Dimmitt 4-4.

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Rookie Swifts open hardball season at Olton Tuesday night

It's been many, many years since Nazareth has fielded a high school baseball team, but on Tuesday the sport will return to the school's lineup when the Swifts travel to Olton in the season and sport opener. The Nazareth school board approved the addition of the sport last summer and the rookie Swifts will play their first official game against Olton. The first pitch will be thrown at 5 p.m. Nazareth will host its first home game on March 27 at 4:30 p.m. when Hereford Junior Varsity comes to town.

"Most of these guys haven't played baseball in a long time, but they're motivated and want to learn the game," said Nazareth Coach Joey Waldo. "This is a new sport for them and they're excited. They want to get better and are improving with every practice."

Waldo has seven seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen on this year's roster.

Seniors are left fielder Jerad Birkenfeld, pitcher/outfielder Shane Ethridge, right fielder Darren Huckert, center fielder/pitcher Jason Maurer, infielder Dustin Ramaekers, second baseman/catcher Kit Schulte, and third baseman Stacey Schulte. Juniors are shortstop/pitcher Mitchell Brockman and catcher/second baseman Matt Olvera. Sophomores are right fielder B.J. Harbison, first baseman/pitcher Bo Hunter and first baseman Nick Bermea. Freshmen include infielders Mark Birkenfeld and John Farris and outfielder Adam Schulte.

The starting lineup against Olton will feature Ethridge on the mound and Olvera at catcher. Jerad Birkenfeld will be in left field, Huckert is pegged at right field and Maurer will be in center field. The infield includes Bo Hunter at first, Kit Schulte at second, Brockman at shortstop and Stacey Schulte at third. "Shane's a pretty decent pitcher. He's got a pretty good arm, he just needs to keep working on his control. He's also consistent in the outfield, and when he's not pitching he'll be out there."

Waldo said his outfield is improving every day and has been a bright spot in practices.

"Our outfield is pretty strong. The hardest part is picking up the ball as it comes off the bat."

"Jason's got really good range and he covers the outfield well. He needs to work on taking a little more control out there because he can usually get there. Jerad's consistent in left field and he's got a good arm. Darren's doing good, he just needs a little more time. He hasn't played since Little League, but he's already improved a lot."

Waldo said he's been pleased with

Kit Schulte's play at second, and added that he and short stop Brockman are getting better at turning doubles.

"Mitch is probably our most consistent infielder and he's got one of the better arms among our infielders," Waldo said.

He said Stacey Schulte is improving every practice, but he hasn't been able to make many yet because of his involvement with stock shows.

"Matt's doing better at catcher, and he's learning to get in front and block the ball. His arm going to second is improving, also."

He said Hunter is "doing great if you throw it to him, but he needs to work on getting the balls in the dirt or those thrown off target."

"We need to cut down on unnecessary errors and be more accurate on our throws," said Waldo.

On the offensive side, Waldo said several of the Swifts can hit the ball.

"We just need to get used to hanging in there when we see different pitches, but that'll come with time," said Waldo. "Out of our starters, we have some that are decent hitters. We'll just have to see how they handle it when they face other pitchers."

Waldo said the team has decent speed overall, and he expects to have some success stealing this season.

He said Maurer, Jerad Birkenfeld, Huckert, Ethridge and Kit Schulte all have good speed, but the team just needs to learn to read the pitcher and learn "when to go and when to stay."

Nazareth will compete against Texline, Hartley, Cotton Center, Spade and Amherst in district play, and the Swifts won't be the only newcomers to baseball this season. "Amherst has never played, either," said Waldo. "I've talked to some of the other coaches and they say Cotton Center probably has the strongest team. Spade's got a really good pitcher."

The Swifts will play Texline at Boys Ranch on April 4 in a double header beginning at 1 p.m. They will face Hartley in a double header at Thompson Park in Amarillo at 1 p.m. on April 9.

Jerry Thomas makes honor team

Matthews and Gerber cop top player laurels

Amber Matthews of Dimmitt and K'Lynn Gerber of Nazareth, both seniors, were named Players of the Year in their respective classifications by the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas made the Class AAA All-South Plains boys' team.

Matthews was joined on the All-South Plains team by Colorado City's Kendra Anderson, Slaton's Tiffany Turney, Denver City's Heather Trout and Seminole's Michelle Wickson.

Joining Gerber on the elite squad were Carrie Fincher of Spur, Wanda Poteet of Paducah, Amy Foote of Whiteface and Kandace Etheredge of Klondike.

Matthews averaged 14.2 points and eight rebounds per game in leading the Bobbies to a share of the District 1-AAA crown this year. Dimmitt advanced to the Region 1-AAA finals before they lost to Comanche, eventual state champion. Dimmitt finished its season with a 21-13 mark. Matthews earned all-regional tournament honors.

Matthews told the A-J that "I wanted to become more of an offensive threat. And I think defensively I

also came along. I felt that since it was going to be my last year I wanted to improve and help my team."

Gerber averaged 14 points and 10 caroms for the Swiftettes, who finished their season with a 30-6 mark as state runners-up. Gerber was named all-district and earned Class A all-state tournament honors. She was a member of the 1996 state championship team and also earned all-state honors that year.

After winning state in 1996, the Swiftettes lost in the area round in 1997. Gerber and her teammates made up their minds they would work harder to earn a return trip to state in '98.

"I was definitely looking forward to the challenge," Gerber told the A-J. "I wanted to become more of a scorer and a leader."

Thomas averaged 15 points and hauled in 7.7 boards per game for the Bobcats, who reached the Region 1-A semifinals before bowing out to Clyde. Thomas's game improved once the Bobcats made it out of District 1-AAA as the No. 2 seed, as he averaged 24 points per game in the post-season.



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for March 19-27.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Chicken fillet strips, country rice dressing, applesauce, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, French fries, hamburger salad, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup, scalloped corn, cucumber and tomato salad, orange wedges and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, refried beans, watermelon, Arroz Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: Baked cajun fish, baked potatoes, pineapple sunset salad, cornbread and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fillet strips, peanut butter and jelly or chicken taco with hot sauce; hash brown potatoes, country rice dressing or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or fruit; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, tuna and noodles or beef and bean burrito with chili; French fries, apple slices with cinnamon or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese with a bowl of soup, beef stir fry or green enchilada casserole; scalloped corn, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with cheese, macaroni, cheese and ham casserole or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked cajun fish, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potato, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or tomato slices; cornbread, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Cheese enchilada with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, green beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Cheese enchilada with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Ham with bread or pizza, salad, potatoes, pineapple, cobbler and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti with roll or corn dog, salad, peas, peaches, applesauce and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, lettuce, potato wedges, corn, oranges, dessert and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Fish or corn dog, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, potato chips, ice cream and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, ice cream, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli; lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, gelatin dessert, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: * Ham with bread or pizza, salad, potatoes, pineapple, cobbler and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Chicken spaghetti with roll or corn dog, salad, peas, peaches, applesauce and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, lettuce, potato wedges, corn, oranges, dessert and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Fish or corn dog, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.

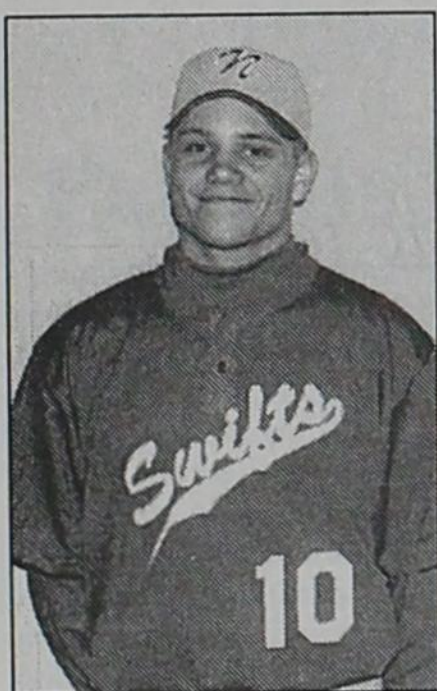
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Vaudeville show slated in Hereford

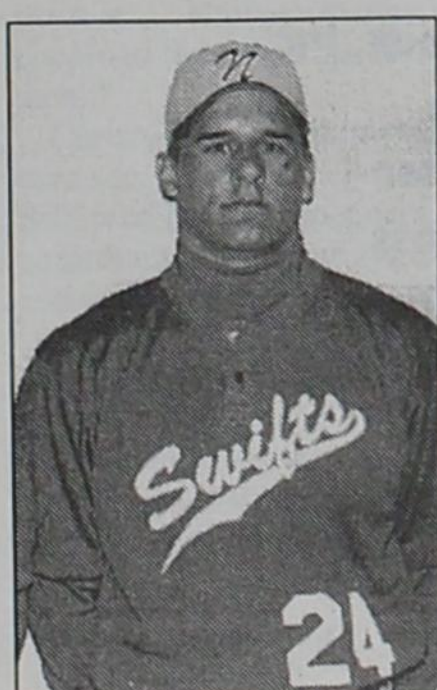
A new musical group, Stock Company, based in Floydada, will present a "Salute to 80 years of Vaudeville" at 7:30 p.m. on March 28 at the Hereford High School Auditorium.

Featuring comedy skits and routines from the "Golden Age of Vaudeville," the family show will include singing, dancing, music and magic.

The show will be sponsored by the Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets may be purchased from a Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce board member, a member of the Hereford Hustlers, or at the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce office.



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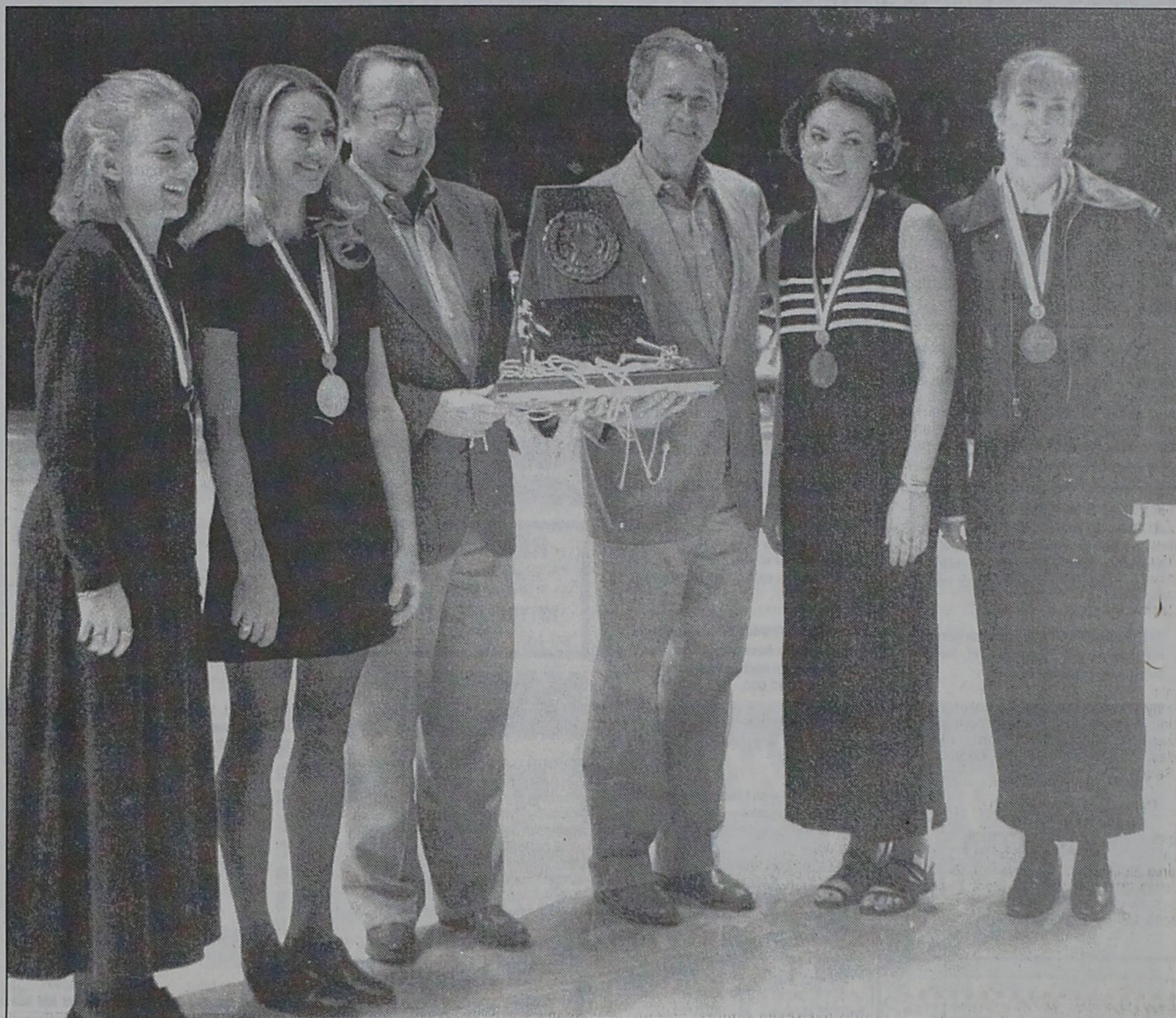


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- Bi-District Champions
- Area Champions
- Region 1-A Champions
- State Runner-Up



Nazareth High School owns 13 state championships in girls basketball!



STATE RUNNERS-UP—Nazareth seniors Celina Braddock, Tanya Wethington, Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber accept the Class A state runners-up trophy from Speaker Pete Laney and Gov. George Bush on March 7 at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. The Swiftettes reached the state championship game before falling to Karnack, 69-45. Gerber was named to the all-state tournament team. Other team members not pictured are Tiffany Schmucker, Jayme Schmucker, Sara Schulte, Cassie Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber, Whitney Hoelting and Tara Kleman.

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Loyd, Omega, Randy, Lynn, Ricky Leavitt

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Coach Hampton, Sharon, Jordan, Brittany + Nicole

Joy, Stephanie, + Spencer Waldo

Kelly, Aaron, Kyle, + Matthew Ray

Cham, Lisa, + Devin Gunstream

Olin, Barbara, Keli, Macee + Landon Schulte

Blenn, Jill + Tyler Ehler

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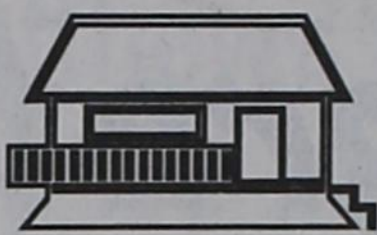
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3—Real Estate For Rent

10—Agricultural Services

CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Call David Schulte at 945-2342, home; or 647-7740, mobile. 10-48-52tp

13—Livestock, Pets

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- ✓ The first time your ad runs it will cost at least \$5 (25 cents per word with a \$5 minimum).
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- Household goods for sale
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- Farm produce for sale
- Livestock and pets
- Automobiles for sale
- Recreational vehicles
- Auto parts and supplies
- Business opportunities
- Services
- Insurance
- Students seeking work
- Help wanted
- Notices
- Lost and found
- Cards of thanks
- Legal notices

20—Help Wanted

DIRECTOR OF NURSING
Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt, a long-term care facility, has a current opening for a registered nurse to direct our nursing department. Our nurses play an integral role in the care of our patients and in the environment of our center. If you are a person who likes to utilize your skills to the fullest, we want to talk with you. We offer a very competitive salary benefit package. If interested, please send current resume or contact:
Jennifer Roush, Administrator
1621 Butler Blvd.
Dimmitt, TX 79027
Phone (806) 647-3117
Fax (806) 647-5212

20—Help Wanted

CASTRO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the following positions:
Occupational/Physical Therapy Aid
Medical Technologist
RN-LVN-NA
DME-Customer Service Tech
Send resume to: Castro County Hospital District, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027 or call 806-647-2191. E.O.E. 20-49-2tc

"AVON" REPRESENTATIVES needed now! No inventory required, IND/SALES/REP, toll free, 800-508-5858. 20-49-4tp

SWISHER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL has a position open for Director of Home Health. Requirements: home health experience, BSN/RN. Send resume to Swisher Memorial Hospital, Human Resources Department, P.O. Box 808, Tullia, TX 79088. 20-49-4tc

ACCEPTING RESUMES for secretarial position. Must be proficient using WordPerfect. Position includes typing, filing, answering telephone and general office duties. Starting pay at \$5.75 per hour. Office hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Send resume to PO Box 954, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 20-47-1tc

ACCOUNTING-CONTROLLER. Contact Hill Land and Cattle Co., 938-2156. 20-45-1tc

THE CASTRO COUNTY SHERIFF'S Department has an immediate opening for a full-time communications operator on the midnight shift. Applications are available at the Castro County Sheriff's Office in the Courthouse. The Castro County Sheriff's Department is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-50-2tc

THE ADULT PROBATION DEPARTMENT is taking applications through March 24, 1998 for a part-time Program Assistant to work on Saturdays supervising community service restitution group work sites that consists of cleaning and beautification projects in Tullia and Dimmitt. Must have transportation, valid Texas Driver's License and liability insurance. Applications may be obtained at the Probation Department located in room 205 of the Castro County Courthouse in Dimmitt. Equal Opportunity Employer. 20-49-2tc

21—Wanted, Misc.

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RAPID FREIGHT of Texas is seeking OTR drivers. Minimum 1 year verifiable experience, class A CDL with HazMat required. Call recruiting 1-800-299-7274 ext. 21 or ext.41.

SMX NOW HIRING flatbed drivers and owner operators living in Texas. A driver friendly company. Please call Al Martin 1-800-874-9514.

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22—Notices

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Castro County Sheriff's Department as a convicted sex offender:

1. 55-year-old male.
2. Coronado Acres
3. Dimmitt, Texas 79027
4. Convicted of indecency with a child.
5. The victim was a 12-year-old female.

La siguiente persona se a registrado con el Departamento del Sheriff del condado de Castro, y fue convicto de una Ofensa Sexual.

1. Un hombre de 55 anos de edad.
2. Coronado Acres.
3. Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
4. Convicto de Indecencia con un niño.
5. La victima fue una niña de 12 años de edad.

22-50-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the care and love extended to us during the illness and death of our loved one. Many thanks to all of you dear friends and family for the many visits, flowers, gifts, food and donations. We would also like to thank Dr. Hardee and the staff at Plains Memorial Hospital and the medical staff at Baptist/St. Anthony's and Hospice in Amarillo. Thank you to the church, florist and funeral home for making our lives easier during this difficult and emotional time. Your thoughtfulness and love will always be remembered. Thank you.

THE NEVA HICKEY FAMILY
24-50-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following individuals and businesses that offered their help and/or equipment for use with our Community Consignment Sale on March 7. Five Star Auctioneers, Dimmitt Agri Industries, Cary Acker and Texas Equipment Co., Randy Small and Castro Co-op Gin, Rocky Wilhelm and Hart Producers Co-op Gin, and Coby Schacher. Thanks for your help in making it a great sale. 24-50-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

Castro County EMT and passersby who came to my aid on Wednesday, March 10 at about 5:20 p.m. when I crashed my van—you each one were a blessing to me. Your loving concern exemplified what America and our rural area stand for. Thank you for calling my family and for every thing you did.

I also wish to commend the tanker driver who saw it and reacted so quickly. What a wonderful example of our younger people. Thank you so much for caring.

Castro County Emergency Room personnel—you were compassionate, kind and very professional.

I hope never to experience such a situation again, but should I, I would pray those caring for me would be like each of you.

Those who transported me to Lubbock were caring and wonderful examples of health professionals.

Castro County and Dimmitt—we are multiply blessed by those who provide health care there.

Thank you and God bless you all.
BOBBIE WIDNER
Hereford
24-50-1tc

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to give thanks to all the people, friends of Dimmitt and other surrounding towns who showed concern during Alonzo Aguilar's stay at the hospital. Thanks for all the food, prayers, and donations that were made during this time. He is home now thanks to all your prayers. Thanks to the Catholic Churches of Dimmitt and Mulshoe and the Baptist Church of Dimmitt for their prayers.

THE AGUILERA FAMILY
THE HERRERA FAMILY
THE RAMOS FAMILY
24-50-1tp

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment is scheduled to conduct a public hearing on March 24, 1998, at 6 p.m. in the City Councilmen's Chambers at the City Hall to discuss and consider a variance of Section 14-21 of the City Code for Church of God of the First Born, Fernando Fernandez, 501 Northeast Sixth, who plans to add an addition which will be located within the 5-ft. side lot line property and the 25-ft. front property line "No Construction Zone" as established by Section 14-21 of the City Code.

Persons wishing to make comments both for and against the request for a variance may attend the public hearing or they may review the request for a hearing at the office of the Dept. of Public Works, 217 E. Jones, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Dimmitt Board of Adjustment does exercise all rights and privileges as established by Article 1011g of the Vernons Civil Statutes.

VICTOR BURROWS,
Building Inspector, City of Dimmitt
25-50-1tc

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Castro County Hospital District is seeking proposals from qualified firms and individuals to assist the District in designing a facility Master Plan. The District is currently operating in three separate locations and the ultimate desire is to have all activities on one campus.

The firm selected should be prepared to not only design a structure, but also to play a major role in the functionality of the entire system.

Proposals should be submitted to the office of the Chief Executive Officer of the Castro County Hospital District, Dimmitt, Texas, by March 23, 1998, at 5 p.m. CST.

Qualified applicants may obtain a detailed Request for Proposal from Mr. Joseph F. Sloan, C.H.E., C.E.O., Castro County Hospital District, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, Texas, 79027, phone (806) 647-2191, in writing or by telephone. Interested persons shall limit contact with Mr. Sloan. 25-50-1tc

CALL FOR BIDS ON NEW PASSENGER VAN

The Castro County Hospital District is accepting bids on a 1998 fifteen (15) passenger van.

Equipment should include the following: AM/FM/Cassette player with CD player; speakers throughout; rubberized floors with mats (NO carpet); removable bench seats except for two captain's chairs; air conditioning front and rear; wheel cover (16 in.); heavy duty alternator; speed control; tilt steering wheel; 5.4L EFI/Elect. 4-speed auto O/D; all-season tires LT245/75R16E BSW; seats for 15 passengers (vinyl buckets-A2); chrome rear step bumper.

Bids should be submitted by March 23, 1998, at 5 p.m. CST to Castro County Hospital District, Attn: Joe Sloan, 310 W. Halsell St., Dimmitt, TX 79027. 25-50-1tc

Gospel music show canceled

The Gospel Music Show, scheduled for Sunday at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt, has been canceled, according to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava.

Sava said the cancellation was necessary because of scheduling conflicts within the community.

Obituaries

Mary Lou Jameson

Funeral services for Mary Lou Jameson, 91, of Seminole, the mother of Charlie Wohlgenuth of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church of Seminole with Rev. Cheryl Homsher officiating.

Burial was in the Gaines County Cemetery under direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Seminole.

Mrs. Jameson died March 14. She was born July 4, 1906, in Sumerville, Ga. She married Eddie Jameson on Aug. 29, 1927, in Canyon. They owned and operated Jameson Grocery Store in Seminole. Her husband preceded her in death in 1982. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Seminole Garden Club, the Seminole Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Seminole Study Club, and a Special Coffee Club.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister.

She is survived by a son, Robert Jameson of Seminole; a daughter, Charlie Wohlgenuth of Dimmitt; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers were Luther Cope, Don Sanders, Dayton Elam, M.W. Hughes, Jamiel Aryain, J. Lewis McCrummen, Wootsie Houston, Bob Hunter and Joe McGill.

Ellen Royston

Funeral services for Ellen Nancy Carden Royston, 95, of Roanoke, Ala., and formerly of Albertville, Ala., the mother of Jimmy Royston of Earth, were held March 10 at Albertville Memorial Chapel in Albertville, with Rev. Bobby Bright and Rev. Wayne Graham officiating.

Burial followed in Marshall Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Royston died March 7 in the Roanoke Nursing Home.

She attended Auburn University and taught school for a few years in the 1920's. She married Judge Harrison Royston in August of 1929 in Wedowee, Ala.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a son, Ben; and a daughter, Ann.

She is survived by two sons, Conrad Royston of Albertville and Jimmy Royston of Earth; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Johnnie Washington

Services for Johnnie Simon Washington, 42, of Lubbock, were held last Thursday in Irvin Street First Baptist Church in Littlefield with Rev. Frank Travis officiating. Burial followed in Littlefield Cemetery under the direction of McCarty Funeral Home.

Mr. Washington died March 8 at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born April 15, 1955, in Littlefield and he attended school there. He was a member of the Ford Temple Church of God in Christ in Littlefield. He was a laborer.

Survivors include his wife; a stepson, Walter Lee Johnson Jr., of Lubbock; his mother and stepfather, Mollie and Joe L. Porter of Dimmitt; his father, Johnnie Washington of Phoenix, Ariz., two brothers, Randy Porter and Joe Porter, both of Dimmitt; and four sisters, Doris Ewing and Pauline Johnson, both of Dimmitt, Norma Smith of Hereford and Tracy Simon of Lubbock.

Area sales tax rebates decline

March sales tax rebates issued to Castro County and the cities of Dimmitt and Hart dropped significantly while Nazareth's stipend increased by over 3%.

The city of Nazareth, which collects a 1.5% sales tax, received a check for \$798,33, up 3.27% from the March 1997 payment of \$773,02. For the year, Nazareth has received a total of \$3,499.53, up 17.82% from the 1997 total of \$2,970.22.

Dimmitt, which also collects a 1.5% city sales tax, earned a rebate check of \$19,111.01, down 20.47% from the \$24,031.84. That brings Dimmitt's yearly rebate total to \$73,178.48 for 1998, compared with \$70,829.86 through March 1997, an increase of 3.31%.

Hart's rebate also dropped, from \$1,214.46 in 1997 to \$1092.51, a slide of 10.04% Hart, which collects a city sales tax of 1%, has earned rebates totaling \$3,779.72 this year, down 3.65% from 1997 totals of \$3,923.16.

Castro County's rebate was 18.97% lower than its March 1997 check. This year's payment was \$8,209.90, compared with \$10,132.26 in 1997. The year-to-date total of rebates issued to the county is \$31,227.29, up 2.41% from \$30,491.03 in 1997. Castro County collects a .5% sales tax.

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered monthly sales tax rebates totaling \$147.8 million to Texas cities, 7.1% higher than last March's payments of \$137.8 million. Rebates of \$15.5 million to Texas counties were 16.5% higher than allocations of \$13.3 million in March 1997.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for April 10.

Police Calls

A cattle loading chute valued at \$600 was reported taken from the property of Floyd Joe Schulte. He reported the chute missing on Friday, telling deputies the last time he saw the chute was March 1. It had been at a location two miles north on Hwy 168 from Nazareth and one mile west. The Castro County Crime Line has offered a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft.

James Lloyd Vaughan of Dimmitt told deputies Saturday that someone apparently attempted to burglarize a building by using a prying tool. The building is west of Flag on the Castro/Parmer County line.

Two Hart men told deputies that a suspect had made terroristic threats against each of them. The suspect is a 28-year-old Hart man. The incident happened March 9 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, an 8-year-old boy was bitten by a dog in Coronado Acres.

March 10, Maximo Castaneda, 19, a student at Dimmitt High School, told police that a suspect threw a snowball at his pickup and cracked the windshield.

Saturday night, Kelly Lee Birdwell, 40, of Dimmitt, told police that a suspect threw a beer bottle and broke the rear window of his 1985 Buick.

Last Thursday at 11:52 p.m., a Hart man, 18, was jailed for DWI, first offense.

Friday, a 41-year-old Hereford man was jailed for DWI, second offense.

Early Sunday, DWI, first offense, and driving with license suspended were the charges listed against a jailed 31-year-old Dimmitt man.

A Deaf Smith warrant for violation

of probation stemming from charges of burglary of a building resulted in the jailing Thursday of a Hart man, 28.

A Randall County warrant for theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500, resulted in the Saturday jailing of a 21-year-old Dimmitt man.

4-H slates beef raffle

Local 4-H members plan to raffle off some beef donated by Dimmitt Feed Yard as a part of the fund raising effort for the construction of a meeting/educational building at the 4-H center north of town.

A local farmer-businessman has offered \$20,000 in matching funds if 4-H'ers are able to raise an additional \$20,000 for the project.

Tickets for the beef raffle may be purchased from any 4-H member or by calling the Extension office at 647-4115.

The "4-H'ers For Hire" project is continuing, with local citizens welcome to hire 4-H members to perform chores and then pay their wages to the 4-H building fund.

To schedule a time for work to be done by a 4-H member, call the Extension Office at 647-4115; or Earl Behrends at 647-4324 (work) or 276-5872 (home).

In addition, the 4-H has set up a trailer on the parking lot near Dimmitt Thriftway to collect aluminum cans, and other fund-raising activities will be scheduled at later dates.

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