

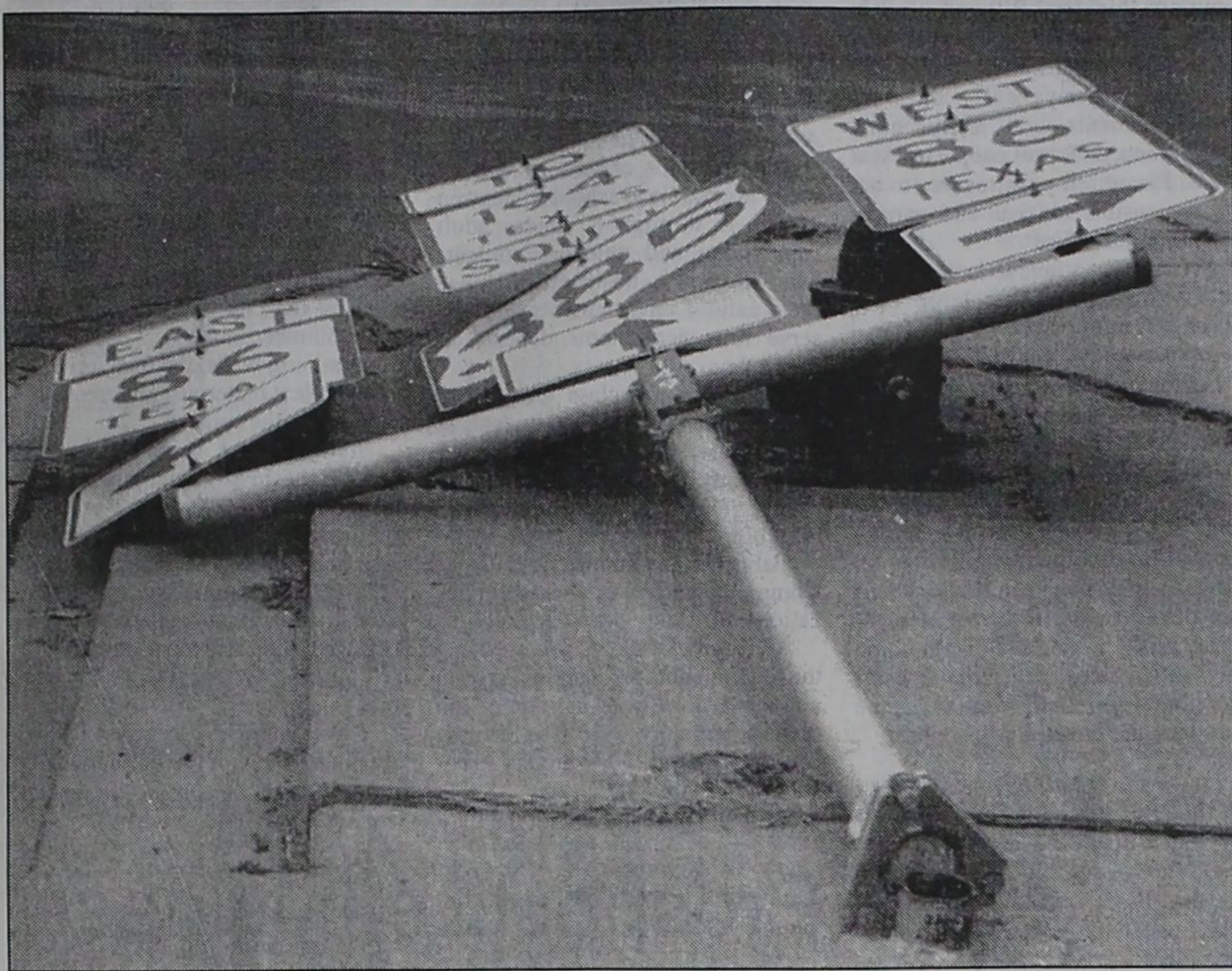
# The Castro County News

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**WHICH WAY DOES THE WIND BLOW?** We're not sure if the wind was blowing south on US 385 or east or west along SH 86, but the gusts were strong Monday night and Tuesday morning. This highway

marker sign was knocked over—by strong wind or other means—and it landed on a fire hydrant at the intersection of SH 86 and US 385 Tuesday morning. Photo by Anne Acker

## April 11 runoff slated

# Edwards and Horton matched in CA-DA race

Run-off elections appear certain for both the Democratic and Republican parties in Castro County on April 11. Final orders for the election were expected to have been issued Wednesday.

Jack Edwards and James Horton are vying for the Democratic nomination for the office of Castro County/District Attorney, and the Senate race also will require a choice between top runners Gene Kelly and Charles Gandy. Republican voters will be asked to clarify their choice in three court of criminal appeals races.

Edwards and Horton were the

front runners in a field of three candidates in the March 14 Democratic Primary election. Horton was the top vote-getter, with 594 votes, but not enough for a clear majority of the 1,517 votes cast. Edwards garnered 551 votes, and incumbent Jerry Matthews received 372.

The Republican justice races include Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, with top runners Sharon Keller and Tom Price; Judge Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1 between Charles Holcomb and Guy Williams; and Place 2 between Jim Wallace and Barbara Hervey.

Early voting for the run-off elec-

tions will be held April 3-7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Clerk's office in the courthouse.

Anyone who voted in the Republican Primary may not vote in the Democratic run-off, and those who voted in the Democratic Primary may not vote in the Republican run-off. In addition, any voter who may have signed a candidate petition for a candidate may only vote in the run-off of the party in which that candidate filed.

April 4 is the last day for the early voting clerk to receive application for ballots by mail for the run-off election.

# Local candidate filing ended Wednesday

In the May 6 elections for city, school and hospital board positions, candidate filing was to have ended Wednesday.

Positions that are expiring and candidates who had filed as of Tuesday are listed below.

April 6 is the last day individuals may register to vote and still be eligible to vote in the May 6 election. Early voting will be held April 19 through May 2.

### Dimmitt

City of Dimmitt—City council members whose terms are expiring are Roy Garza, Dist. 1; Gloria Hernandez, Dist. 2; Charles Richard, Dist. 3; and Roger Malone, Dist. 4.

All incumbents have filed for reelection.

DISD—Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David

Schaeffer in Place 5.

Schaeffer has filed in Place 5. Also filing in Place 5 are Larry Gonzales and Brian Rambo. Nino has filed in Place 1.

### Hart

City of Hart—Terms are expiring for Aldermen Harold Smith, Richard Entekin, and Horace E. "Tom" McLain.

Entekin and McLain have filed, along with Bill Rich. HISD—Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Rodriguez has filed. Harold Bob Bennett and Vivian Finch also have filed.

### Nazareth

City of Nazareth—Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are coming to the end of their terms.

NISD—Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Olvera and Birkenfeld both have filed, along with Christine Acker.

### Hospital

Trustees for the Castro County Hospital District whose terms are expiring are Mark Welch and Dr. W.J. Hill.

Welch and Hill have filed.

# Five cases heard in district court

In recent hearings in District Court sessions, three people entered pleas of guilty or nolo contendere and two had their probation modified and extended.

In 64th District Court with Judge Jack Miller presiding:

—Juan Castillo entered a plea of guilty to charges of DWI, third or more offense, in connection with a Feb. 11 incident. Terms of his sentence included five years in the Institutional Division Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for five years; a \$1,000 fine; \$262.25 in court costs; a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line; 400 hours of community service; 180 days of work release; and DWI terms.

—Daniel Jesus Perez had an order modifying and extending his probation, which was based on charges of credit card abuse in May 1992. The order stated that he violated his probation by failure to report, leaving the county without the consent of his community supervision officer, failure to pay, use of a controlled substance, and failure to complete community service. His four years of probation was extended for an additional two years and he was instructed to complete his community service at 16 hours per month. Also, he must live with his parents in Castro County until he

completes his community service.

In 242nd Dist. Court with Judge Ed Self presiding:

—Anthony Moreno entered a plea of guilty to charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury in connection with an incident on Aug. 28. Terms include four years in the IDTDCJ, probated for four years; \$1,000 fine; \$272.25 court costs; \$250 in attorney fees; \$2,326 restitution to Plains Memorial Hospital; \$50 to Crime Line; and 400 hours of community service.

—Rosa Isela Dones pled guilty to theft by check over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 in connection with a May 5 incident. Terms include two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice state jail facility, probated for five years; \$1,000 fine; \$261.25 court costs; \$250 attorney fees; \$4,285.39 restitution; \$50 to Crime Line; and 200 hours of community service.

—Lois Dean Gardner had her probation modified and extended. The probation stemmed from charges of endangering a child. Her original probation of four years was extended an additional year, she must pay an additional \$250 in attorney fees, and she must remain in a substance abuse felony punishment facility for not less than 90 days nor more than one year.

# Hart receives \$20,000 grant

The City of Hart has received a \$20,000 grant from the Amarillo Area Foundation and the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation.

The award to Hart was one of six grants given in the first of three discretionary grant-making cycles by the board of directors of the two foundations.

After sifting through \$1.2 million in requests from 15 nonprofit organizations, the foundations decided to

distribute \$326,409 to six requestors.

The grant for Hart was earmarked to support construction of the Hart Centennial Pavilion in downtown Hart, which will house community festivals, and family and church gatherings in Castro County.

"We expect that children and older citizens will truly benefit from these new funds to be distributed

# City approves second 'sales tax holiday'

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to approve a "sales tax holiday" for the first weekend in August.

August 1999 was the first such holiday, declared by the state, with other taxing entities joining in if they wished.

This year the city has agreed to forgo the city's portion of the 8.25% sales tax during the designated weekend.

The tax holiday was designed to give shoppers a break on back-to-

school expenses.

City Manager Don Sheffy said the city's portion of sales for the weekend would not make that much difference to the city budget and he would like to see the city encourage shoppers to shop at home rather than out of town.

In another matter, the council voted to appoint V.C. Hopson as the election judge for the upcoming city election May 6. They also voted to set the salary for the election judge and any helpers at the same level as

last year.

A final public hearing was held on the water tower grant project. Karen Babcock with the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission reported on the grant and said everything will be final once a state monitor comes to inspect the final paperwork and two final checks are issued.

The city received a report from the Texas Historical Commission saying that the Ozark Trail Marker in Dimmitt has been designated as a State Archeological Landmark.

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By Don Nelson

A few words about two long-time friends:

Maxine Childers was always quietly pleasant, and always seemed to have that pretty smile ready.

I don't think she set out to blaze trails, exactly; she just did it. She wasn't pushy by nature, just very efficient.

That's why she became one of the first woman officers of the First State Bank (assistant vice-president), and the first woman president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce (in 1980). And that's why she landed eventually in Washington with a presidential appointment to the Farm Credit Administration.

She had been fighting the cancer for a long time. I wish it hadn't been so hard for her.

She was quite a gal.

If I had to describe Ellis Mayberry in one word, it would be "devoted." He was devoted to his family, to his ministry, to his friends, and to nearly everything he undertook.

He and his wife, Centrie, were instrumental in forming the Interracial Youth Group here in the 1970s to help our black, white and brown

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**STEP BY STEP**—Dimmitt Middle School eighth grade earth science students are selling "Bobcat Paw" cement stepping stones to raise money to help fund the outdoor environmental classroom that is being constructed in the patio area at the middle school. The stepping stones sell for \$10 each, two for \$15 or three for \$20. Orders may be placed by calling the school at

647-3108. The students mix the cement themselves and pour it into molds. Shown are (from left) Mindy Maxwell (holding a drawing of the classroom plan), Shae Odom and Jake Wright. The project recently was announced as one of the winners of a \$10,000 beautification grant from the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation and the Amarillo Globe-News. Staff Photo

# Dimmitt, Nazareth win beautification grants

Dimmitt and Nazareth each earned \$10,000 grants from the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation for community beautification projects.

Dimmitt's \$10,000 award will be used for Dimmitt Middle School's Outdoor Environmental Classroom and will also help fund improvements to South Lake Park, a pond and plant materials.

Nazareth's award will be used to construct a city park, including a gazebo, fountain and bird garden.

The two matching grants are part of \$100,000 the Harrington Foundation awarded to 10 area communities under the Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project. The project is a partnership between the Harrington Foundation and the Ama-

ricillo Globe-News, and is designed to inspire community beautification efforts to commemorate the new millennium.

Cities and small towns within a four-state region that comprises the *Globe-News'* circulation area were eligible to apply for the grants, and applications had to be submitted by the city after application forms were mailed to each community's city manager secretary or clerk. A total of eight communities within the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle and 12 communities outside the Texas Panhandle submitted grant applications.

A Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Advisory Committee, comprised of local horticultural and

landscape experts, reviewed all applications and submitted recommendations to the Harrington Foundation board. The projects were judged according to creativity, community involvement, visual impact and sustainability beyond the current project year.

The committee included Jo Tyler Bagwell of the *Globe-News*, Kristi Wright of Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Billy Krause of Krause Landscaping, Darren Ruthardt of Pete's Greenhouse, Mary Emeny of Wildcat Bluff, John Ladd of High Plains Natural Gardens, Jim Reid of Coulter Gardens, Jim Allison of Potter County Extension Service and Chris

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## Weather

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Thursday	76	25	Tr.
Friday	35	20	
Saturday	65	19	
Sunday	58	26	
Monday	67	27	
Tuesday	81	29	
Wednesday	42	37	1.01

March Moisture ..... 1.50  
2000 Moisture ..... 1.57

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

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Letter

Congratulations offered to NHS players and coaches

Dear Editor: This is to the Nazareth Swiftettes and coaches: I am so very proud to see that you are carrying on the torch of the past winners. I also know that your mothers and aunts are very proud. Congratulations to each and every one of you and may you always remember your greatest time ever. May God bless you in the days ahead. I also would like to congratulate the Nazareth Swifts' football team. It has been so great to read about all of your wins—not only because those famous McLain brothers are my nephews. It makes me proud to be an ex-Nazareth High School student and to be able to tell people I meet about the great teams we have at NHS. I couldn't be more proud and I know your parents are, too. May God always walk with each and every one of you through life. Also, I would like to offer a big congratulations to Coach Garrett and his wife on their newest team member. Good timing. May god bless you all with the very best of the world. Carry on the great work, coaches of NHS.

From a NHS fan always, DENISE (MCLAIN) HARRIS & FAMILY

Police Calls

Last Thursday, a Nazareth man told deputies that someone has been harassing him. Friday, deputies investigated a domestic disturbance in which a resident of Coronado Acres reported an assault with bodily injury/family violence. Last Thursday police investigated a case of criminal mischief. Bob Walters said that someone ripped up some wire and kicked yard lights at his home on Maple Street. He estimated the damage at \$35. Janet McDaniel of Dimmitt told police Saturday morning that someone broke off a lock and took some items from a coin operated machine at the laundromat on Locust Street. A Dimmitt High School student told police Sunday morning that a suspect had returned to her residence after being told to stay away. Sunday at about 6 a.m. two people were jailed for public intoxication, including a 21-year-old Dimmitt woman and a 23-year-old Colorado man. Jailed on warrants or probation matters during the past week: —March 14, a woman in the 1100 block of West Bedford on a warrant for theft by check. —Friday, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for motion to revoke, stemming from charges of evading arrest or detention; and a Dimmitt woman, 21, on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury. —Sunday, a Hereford woman, 44, on a warrant for theft by check,

over \$20 and under \$500. Last Thursday at 10:30 a.m., a 1983 Oldsmobile driven by John Lantz, 76, of Dimmitt backed into a 1989 Buick Regal driven by Eulalia Balderas, 73, of Dimmitt. Police said Lantz backed up after putting mail in the outside mail boxes at the post office and struck the right side of the other vehicle. Police reported that the back window and outside rear-view mirror on the Oldsmobile were covered with ice, impairing visibility. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported. Last Thursday at 11:04 p.m., a 1990 GMC Suburban driven by Sebastian Rosalez, 19, of Dimmitt, backed out in the Town and Country parking area and struck a 1994 Chevy Corsica driven by Lisa Ann Marin, 26, of Dimmitt. Police said Rosalez left the scene and was located about half an hour later. He was ticketed for failure to stop and render aid, no driver's license and no proof of insurance. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. In the crash March 14 in which Laura Gil, 17, of Dimmitt, was injured, Roberto Garcia of Crane, the driver of the Freightliner truck, was given a ticket for passing in a no passing zone. Gil was ticketed for no driver's license. Gil had been attempting to turn left into Roadside Park, when the truck struck the car.

TWC offers awards for child care training

The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is offering \$1,000 awards to eligible child care workers as part of the Train Our Teachers (TOT) program. Awards will be given to approximately 500 child care workers enrolling in summer sessions to earn national certification as a Child Development Associate (CDA) or Child Care Professional (CCP) or who are seeking a Level One Certificate or an associate's degree in child development or early childhood education from an institution of higher education. "The TOT awards help support the recruitment and retention of child care workers in the state of Texas," said Diane Rath, chair of TWC. "The ultimate beneficiaries of this award will be the children of Texas. They will have the guidance of child care professionals who have further developed their skills with the help of

the TOT program." Applicants must have a high school diploma or a GED; must currently be employed in a child care facility that is licensed, registered or accredited by the Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services (DPRS); must obtain one of the aforementioned credentials; and, immediately after completion of award-subsidized course work, must continue employment for at least 18 consecutive months in a DPRS licensed, registered or accredited child care facility. Applications and guidelines for the 2000 summer sessions are available on the TWC Web site (www.twc.state.tx.us) under Education/Training Opportunities. They also will be available at TWC centers and community colleges with approved programs. Completed applications and supporting documents must be mailed to the TWC address on the application and must be post-marked by April 17.

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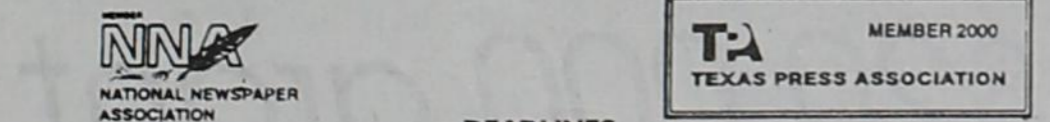


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More about

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teenagers "talk things out" and get to understand each other better, under adult supervision. I enjoyed working with them in the group because it was something I believed in, too. Ellis was a serious sports fan, and was so proud of his children that he couldn't hide it. He was a hands-on dad—there at every snap, every tip-off, every pitch. I wish the world had more fathers like him. The last time I visited with him in the hospital, the emphysema was getting worse. "But I'm not going to worry about it," he told me. "When my time comes, that's it. Whenever the Lord is ready to take me, I'm ready." His body finally wore out Monday.

This town, and a lot of us personally, are better off because Maxine and Ellis lived here among us.

Some of my favorite letters to the editor are those that aren't really meant for publication. They're the more personal ones that readers include with their checks when they renew their subscriptions.

I'd like to share a couple of my recent favorites with you, and I hope the writers won't mind. Both are from California.

This one came from Dona Holland of Fresno:

"Dear Don: 'We enjoy getting your paper. It is like a letter from home.

"I especially like your column, and your dad's was real special. When he left us, it was like one of our family was gone.

"We lived many years in Texas—Dimmitt, Plainview, Hart and Nazareth.

"We harvested for the Bruegels Juanita was my cousin.

"Have a good retirement now, you and Verbie see the rest of the world. I have seen a little of it, been through four wars and just had my 85th B.D. "God bless and keep you."

This one is from Dr. Keitha Scott, a Los Angeles pediatrician who grew up here as Keitha Davis, J. G.'s and Aural's daughter, and who was an eighth-grader in our Methodist Youth Fellowship group when Verbie and I had 'em in our first year out of college:

"Once again, with pleasure, I am renewing my subscription.

"We look forward each week to the arrival of the newspaper, and 'we' includes my native Californian, Los Angeles-born husband, Bill.

"My favorite sections are the front page and the social news. As time passes I know fewer and fewer of the people mentioned, but sometimes I see news about old friends and classmates, or their children and grandchildren.

"As the chef extraordinaire in our home, Bill is especially entertained by reading the school lunch menus. I think 'pancake-on-a-stick' has to be his favorite menu item. He's also amazed at stories about hogs and boll weevils, viewing them almost as foreign news. Both of us love your column....

"We both wonder why, in the obituaries, the cause of death is never mentioned. We're interested in this fact, especially when someone our own age dies. We very much miss Teeny Bowden's stories of Sunnyside. She always mentioned, in great detail, how, why, and where people died. I might add that obituaries of any substance here in the L.A. Times mention the cause of death. Why, do you suppose, it's such a closely guarded secret in Dimmitt? Perhaps it's because the local citizens already know the cause? We'd appreciate your comment on this. "My final comment is made as a concerned pediatrician. Almost every week the paper carries the story of an

Texas is the nation's leading producers of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat.

Each Texas farmer grows enough food and fiber to feed 128 people—94.3 in the US and 33.7 abroad.

Last Puzzle Solution grid with letters filled in. Includes words like ALICE, MICA, CODGER, etc.

automobile accident. Often people are injured, and sadly, sometimes killed. I am appalled to read, almost every time, that persons failed to wear seatbelts, and failed to buckle up their children. What are the citizens of Castro County and environs thinking? Bill and I live in a city of five million people, with hundreds of thousands of cars on crowded freeways every day, yet fatal accidents are really quite uncommon, and most people use seat belts. Please tell your readers to act as responsible citizens and parents and to 'Buckle Up!' "We shall continue to look forward to the arrival of 'The News' each week."

As for listing the cause of death in obituaries, it just isn't done in Texas, and never has been, unless the cause is obvious, such as an automobile accident.

In fact, it's against Texas law for a hospital to divulge that information. Only the physician can certify cause of death, and Jerre Wooten at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral home says that a mortuary usually doesn't get that form until well after the services and the obituary are past.

"It used to be that anyone could go to the county clerk's office and get the cause of death," Jerre said, "but you can't even do that anymore unless you're a close relative with the papers to prove it. I think it has to do with the privacy act."

As for the seatbelt question: The longer I live and the more I learn, the more I realize that I don't know anything.

And that includes why so many Texans don't use seat belts. You can put them in vehicles, and prove the odds, but you just can't make some people buckle up, even to save their own lives.

Angelica Peña continues recovery

The family of Angelica Peña reported recently that the Nazareth kindergarten student is doing well in school and has made progress in her medical treatments, too.

JoAnn Peña said that her daughter came through her five-hour surgery in Galveston in December with flying colors. The surgery was to repair damage done by a dog that attacked the child.

"The doctors were able to open her eye and build up the eye socket, using donated tissue," JoAnn said. She said that Angelica has recovered most of the vision in her injured eye, and it keeps improving.

JoAnn said that Angelica has been wearing an eye patch over her good eye for four to six hours every day to encourage her to use her injured eye and keep it from weakening.

Angelica will go back to Galveston in May to see if the doctors feel she is ready to have a tear duct put in.

JoAnn said that Angelica's teacher and fellow-students have been very supportive and encouraging.

"We are really grateful to everyone who has helped Angelica in so many ways," JoAnn said.

Outdoor classroom starting to take form

The concrete oval terrace has been poured, tree plantings are planned for April, and a garden party is set for May in the continuing project of the outdoor environmental classroom at Dimmitt Middle School.

The project has been awarded a \$10,000 grant through the Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project sponsored by the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation and the Amarillo Globe-News.

The outdoor classroom will be easily accessible to school students in grades K through 8. Under adult supervision and guidance students will learn how to positively influence their natural environments and observe how ecosystems depend on each other.

Started as a class project by eighth grade earth science students at DMS, under the guidance of teacher Kathy Lust, the project has involved a wide range of students and skills. Matching funds have been made available by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and several civic organizations.

Currently, students are studying the requirements for planting, growth and survival of trees in anticipation of the community-wide Tree Planting Day set for April 30, which is Arbor Day.

The students, along with the City

of Dimmitt, will host a ceremony at South Lake Park for the planting of trees selected by the eighth graders. These plantings are an additional part of the beautification grant project.

At the end of May the students are planning to host a celebration for the community partners who have helped in the project, and also will invite parents and local senior citizens. Activities will include guided tours of the classroom area, a butterfly release and a plant sale.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$20,000. Half of that cost is being supplied through the matching funds and in-kind donations by the city and school, along with volunteer labor.

Retaining walls, the oval terrace, a pond, plant materials, and trees are included in the project.

Students have been selling cement "Bobcat Paws" stepping stones to help raise \$1,000 for the project. They have taken orders for 250 and have completed 130. They are still working on completing the other orders, and additional orders are welcome. The stepping stones cost \$10 for one, \$15 for two, or \$20 for three.

Those interested in ordering the stepping stones or in helping with any aspect of the project may call DMS at 647-3108.

Prospective business owners are cautioned

It's not so hard to see why consumers would be drawn to ads for business opportunities that trumpet claims like "be your own boss," "set your own hours," "work from home," and "earn money quickly."

But as the Federal Trade Commission has repeatedly found, business opportunity promotions like these often are scams, taking consumers' money up front, but failing to deliver on their promises in the end.

Prospective business owners can take steps to make sure they're not taken in by fraudulent business opportunities. Before investing in any "biz opp," the Federal Trade Commission suggests that consumers:

◆ Get all earnings claims in writing. If the promoter hesitates or refuses to give the information in writing, find another business opportunity.

◆ Interview references provided by the promoter of the business opportunity. Talk to each prior purchaser in person, preferably where their business operates. This may help reduce your risk of being misled by "shills."

◆ Study the business opportunity's franchise disclosure document. It includes information about the company, including whether it has faced any lawsuits from prior purchasers or lawsuits alleging fraud.

◆ Ask the Attorney General's office, state or county consumer protection agency and Better Business Bureau in the area in which the business opportunity promoter is based and where you live whether the promoter has a history of unresolved complaints.

◆ If the business opportunity involves selling products from well-known companies, call the legal department of the company whose

merchandise is being promoted. Find out whether the business opportunity and its promoter are affiliated with the company.

◆ Consult an attorney, accountant or other business advisor before you put any money down or sign any papers.

For more information about business opportunities or to make a complaint, call the FTC toll-free at 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357) or visit online at www.ftc.gov

"Many consumers are taken by the idea of owning their own businesses. Taking advantage of business opportunities can be one way to successfully reach this goal. But consumers who buy into a business opportunity without checking facts first may find themselves taken in by deceitful promoters," said Paula Kurtzweil of the FTC Office of Consumer and Business Education.

Advertisement for The Castro County News at various locations including The 19th Hole, Nazareth Coleman Pharmacy, Dimmitt Market, etc.

TEXAS CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes 'The Original' logo and author by Charley & Guy Orbison.

# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Mattie Seale recently had the privilege of a visit from her sister and brother-in-law, Opal and Howard Baker of Hartley.

Joining them were two of Mattie's nieces, Bonnie Talley of Shreveport, La., and Christy Bainum of Dripping Springs; two great nieces, Amber Bainum, who is a sophomore at Howard Payne University, and Nichole Laws, who is a student at the University of Texas; and Nichole's son and Mattie's great-great-nephew, Jackson.

Visits from loved ones and friends are always so good.

Linda and Ken Shannon, Will and Kendra, along with Kendra's friend, Mindy Maxwell, went to Lake Conchas over spring break. The weather was very warm and the kids were able to play in the water.

The news of the snow storm alarmed them, so they came home in time to visit Linda's mother in Cherokee. Cherokee is 16 miles from Llano and 60 miles from Austin. According to Linda's mother, it is very warm there now.

Shirley Wise had company during

## Nazareth

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A benefit talent show and dinner will be held Sunday, April 9, at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by the show at 7.

Proceeds will benefit the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

To enter the show, contact Deborah Clinton at 945-2231. Monetary awards will be presented to the winners of the talent show.

The Nazareth High School Drama Dept. presented its one-act play in a dinner theater show last Thursday evening.

After a spaghetti dinner, the cast presented the play, *The Madwoman of Chaillot*. It was very well performed before a good crowd. It should do great when presented for UIL competition.

Congratulations, Nazareth!

The community was awarded \$10,000 for the "Celebrate 2000 Community Beautification Project, submitted by the City of Nazareth. With the grant, a city park will be constructed across the street, just north of Nazareth City Hall.

Work on the park will begin soon—organizers will welcome a helping hand anytime.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Sue Schneider, Paul Venhaus, Odella Schulte, Dianne Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman, Virgil Brockman, Amber Waite, Herman Birkenfeld, Mary Lou Birkenfeld and Catherine Hochstein, who had surgery to repair a broken hip.

spring break. Her daughter, Susan Cerday and Susan's children, Courtney, Clayton, Caroline and Colton, all of Wimberly, visited with Shirley, Linda Welch of Friona and with Susan's brother, Gary, and his family.

They were entertained with Little Dribblers' basketball games. Linda's son, Dillon, and Gary's girls, Haylei and Hannah, participated.

The Rotary Club honored Ed Freeman on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday March 16. Ed's wife, Betty Freeman was a guest.

All of Ed's children called him on his birthday, as did his nieces and nephews.

Roger and Geneva Malone treated Ed and Betty to dinner Friday night at Long John Silvers. As the birthday boy, Ed got the honor of choosing the restaurant.

Betty joked that Thursday was St. Ed Freeman's Day.

Happy 80th birthday to Hopper Ivy!

About 60 members of his family helped him celebrate his birthday with a big luncheon party Saturday at K-Bob's in Hereford. They came from Dallas, Childress, Muleshoe, Bovina, Farwell, Ransom Canyon, Olney and Oklahoma.

The party was arranged by two of Mr. Ivy's nieces, Eva Dean Stephens

of Farwell and Tonya Gober of Bovina.

On Tuesday afternoon, Martha Jo Hyman's father, Roy Baccus of Seminole, and Cecil Jeter, Martha Jo's brother's father-in-law, came to Dimmitt to spend the day.

They had lunch at Pancake House with Leigh and Curtis Durbin, Aubrie and Riley.

Martha Jo's brother, Ricky Baccus and his son, Len, joined them.

On Friday night, Ricky and Martha Jo met Curtis and Leigh Durbin, Aubrie and Riley at K-Bob's to enjoy "fish night." While there they saw Howard and Belinda Rhodes and their children and grandchildren. Howard brought his grandchildren over to show them off. The Rhodes' grandchildren were visiting from North Carolina.

Lint and Connie Merritt took their girls, Julie and Jill, to Hawaii to celebrate Julie's upcoming graduation. They left on Sunday and returned Saturday.

They stayed at the Hyatt Regency in Honolulu, and the hotel was just across the street from the beach.

They went to a luau. The girls learned to hula. One day they went body boarding.

Connie and Lint had a little trouble keeping up the pace, but they managed.

They toured the Rain Forest, went

snorkeling and saw fish and coral. It was a great time and was quite an experience. It was a vacation they will always remember.

They day they left was the day they toured the cemetery, museum and Arizona Memorial. This is an "awesome site," according to the Merritts.

On Sunday after church, Bill and Jo Settle and Martha Jo Hyman went to Tulia to El Sombrero and met Billy and Mike Settle there for lunch. Curtis and Leigh Durbin and girls, Aubrie and Riley; and Jack Ware, Curtis's nephew from Pampa, joined them.

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## Swisher Electric will hold annual meeting March 30

Swisher Electric Cooperative's 60<sup>th</sup> annual membership meeting is slated next Thursday, March 30, at Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia.

Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. and guests will be served a catered buffet supper. The business meeting will follow at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Theme for this year's meeting is "A Whole New World." In their annual report to members, the cooperative's management explains that on the dawn of a new millennium, several significant events occurred including legislation restructuring of the electric utility industry in Texas, which was passed in 1999; a new power plant for cooperative members came on-line; the co-op initiated its own web page; and the Touchstone Energy brand was

unveiled to coop members at the 1999 meeting.

The report goes on to describe the importance of "branding" as the utility industry begins to compete for customers, with a web presence being an important tool in the efforts. All of this represents "a brand new world" for Swisher Electric and other electric utilities.

Two director positions will be voted on by members during the March 30 meeting. Incumbent director Guinn Fitzgearld will be opposed by R.D. Reynolds for the Position One Seat; while incumbent Gene Latham will be challenged by Jack Hill. Candidates for both positions were selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January.

Drawings for door prizes will be held at the conclusion of the meeting.

## Hart church plans 'Friend's Day'

The Hart Church of Christ is planning a "Friend's Day" at the church on April 9. Everyone is invited and lunch will be provided.

All are invited to attend classes at the church starting at 10 a.m., along with Bible Hour for children and praise and worship at 11 a.m.

For more information, call 938-2267.

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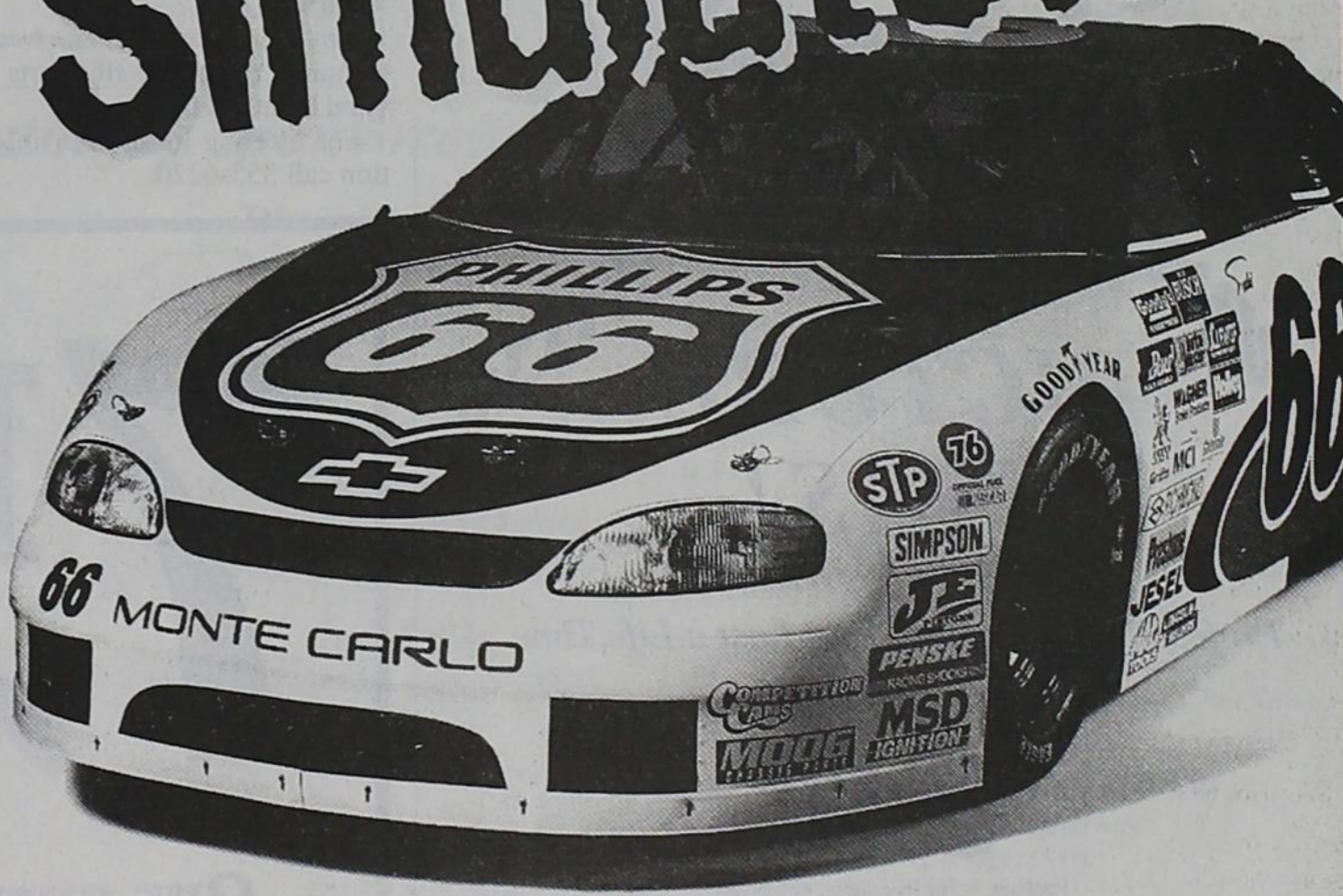
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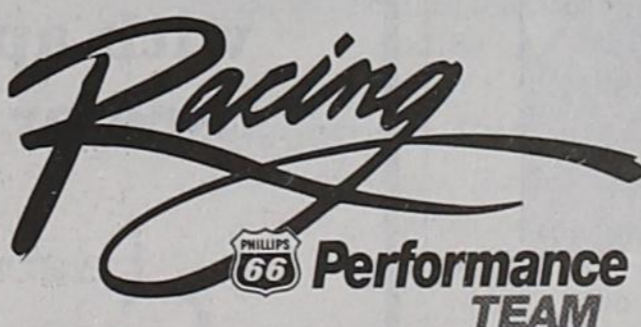
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# People



## Deaf Smith REC members to receive capital credit refunds

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative members will receive capital credit refunds totaling \$750,000 from a portion of 1989 at the cooperative's annual meeting and dinner on Tuesday.

The meeting is slated to begin at 5 p.m. with a fish, chicken and beef dinner at the Hereford Bull Barn.

During the meal, the Flying J Wranglers of Ruidoso, N.M., will perform.

A short business meeting to elect three directors will follow the Flying J Wranglers' first performance.

Position 1 candidate is incumbent Donald Wright of Dimmitt. Another candidate for the Position 1 seat may be nominated from the floor during the annual meeting.

Candidates for Position 2 are incumbent Clarence Martin and nominee Raymond Hamilton.

Position 3 candidates are incumbent Clark Andrews and nominee Frank Bezner jr.

Another highlight of the evening's activities will be drawings for attendance prizes totaling more than \$1,000. A color television set will be awarded as the grand prize.

The Flying J Wranglers, making their first appearance at Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's annual meeting have enjoyed tremendous success for the past two decades and are one

of the area's most well-known groups.

Since 1982, the Wranglers have been performing their own special brand of traditional western music at the Hobb's Flying J Ranch and Chuckwagon Suppers just north of Ruidoso, in historic Lincoln County, N.M. From late May through Labor Day, the Wranglers serve up cowboy "fixins" and a fast-paced western stage show that has become a "don't miss" while you are in the neighborhood.

The Wranglers are performing more and more off the ranch during their off season. The group has performed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., and on The Nashville Network. They recently completed a trip to Japan at the invitation of the New Mexico Japan-America Society to perform at one of Japan's largest cultural festivals.

The Wranglers have performed all over the United States and have also traveled to Italy, Germany and France to perform at the request of the New Mexico Dept. of Tourism.

The group will perform memorable western harmonies and tall tales from the Old West. You'll also enjoy some outstanding yodeling by WMA Yodeling Champion Cindy Hobbs; along with great guitar, mandolin and banjo picking by Randy Jones.



Shelly Leann Cole and Stephen Troy McDonald

## April wedding is planned

Pete and Lucia Fuentes of Dimmitt and David Cole of Pryor, Okla., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelly Leann Cole, to Stephen Troy McDonald, son of Leon McDonald of Borger and the late Phyllis McDonald.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on April 15 at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. She attends West Texas A&M University and will graduate this summer with a bachelor's degree in general studies. She plans to pursue a degree in social work following graduation.

The prospective groom graduated from Borger High School and attended Frank Phillips College and Amarillo College. He is employed at B&L Body Shop.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Borger.

## Amarillo Opera to present 'The Magic Flute' Saturday

Amarillo Opera will present the musical fantasy, *The Magic Flute*, on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Amarillo Civic Center.

A delightful, whimsical tale of good and evil, *The Magic Flute* combines magical music and an enchanted dragon to tell the story of a handsome prince and a comical bird catcher as they set out to rescue a beautiful princess.

Using only a magical flute and magic bells for weapons, the duo meet a dragon, genies, a high priest and an evil queen during their quest.

This is the second time Amarillo Opera will offer *The Magic Flute* to the community. It was presented initially in 1994 and several of the current performers also acted in the earlier version, including Dale Elliott, who returns as "Papageno"; Katrina Elliott as the second genie;

Joe Bolin, back as "Tamino"; and Dr. Sheryl William, a local internist, who plays the ominous dragon.

For tickets to *The Magic Flute*, call the Amarillo Civic Center Box Office at 378-3096.

## Breast cancer screening set for April 6

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on April 6 and appointments are now being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

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

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

Breast cancer affects one in eight women.

## Handweaver's Guild to meet

The Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on March 30 in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is invited to attend the meeting.

For meeting location or information call 355-6220.

## Quilt festival will offer something for everyone

You can learn some of the finer points of quilting from some of the best seamstresses in the business when the Ogallala Quilters hold their third annual festival in Dimmitt on April 6-8.

One of the highlights of the annual show for visitors is viewing the amazing creations of quilters from around the area, but the quilt show is just a small part of this year's festival.

Several classes have been planned to interest everyone from the novices to the most experienced quilters.

Darlene Christopherson of China Springs will be the feature teacher, leading three classes during the festival.

Christopherson has been quilting since 1979 and has had her work published in several books. Teaching fine hand work in the areas of applique, hand piecing and hand quilting, her classes on design and color are inspirational and hold the interest of hand and machine artists alike.

She taught on the staff of the Jinny Beyer Hilton Head Island Quilting Seminar from 1989 to 1993, as other quilt seminars.

At the Ogallala Quilters' Festival, Christopherson will lead "Lady Bird's Rose Garden" from 9 a.m. to noon on April 7; and that afternoon, she will speak on "Fabric Selection: Lessons I have Learned." The fee is \$25 for each class. All day on April 8 will be devoted to "A Perfect Union: Combining Patchwork and Applique," with a class fee of \$50.

Morning classes on April 7 will include "Beginning Needle Turn Applique," a combined project-technique class taught by Nell Smith; "Machine Quilting," lead by Emily Nipp; "Redwork in Quilting," guided by Jane Cappadonna; and "Designing a Vertical Set Quilt," which will include information from Sharon

Newman about setting bar style or "strippy" quilts.

Afternoon sessions on April 7 will feature "Bear Paw Miniatures," explained by Yvonna Hays; "Paper Foundations," taught by Sally Hatfield; "Crazy Cabins," lead by instructor Jean Dean; and "Improving Hand Quilting Stitches," taught by Nell Smith.

Saturday's class schedule will cover the following topics: "Easter Basket Pillow," by Karen Rolan; "21st Century Bull's Eye," by Suzanne Garman; "Designing Circular Blocks on a Square Grid," by Jackie Reis; "Felt on Applique," by Lauretta Dash; "Crazy Quilts," by Jane Cappadonna; "Dimensional Flowers," by Nancy Richburg; and "Basic Hand Piecing" by Sally Hatfield.

Other classes will all last 3 hours with a \$15 fee. Kits or materials for most of the classes are available, for an extra fee.

Two special meals are planned during the festival.

"Intergalactic Night" will be held April 6, starting at 7 p.m. and will include an enchilada supper for \$11 per plate. An "Intergalactic Fashion Show" from Roswell, N.M., will be featured.

"Fantastic Friday" on April 7 at 7 p.m. will include a steak dinner at \$13 per plate and a lecture and trunk show by Christopherson. Also, a miniature quilt auction will be held.

The deadline for ordering meal tickets for the two meals is March 31.

For more information or for registration forms, call Ogallala Quilters' Society member Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

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**Garden Checklist**  
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By **JOHNNA L. PATTERSON**, Integrated Pest Management Agent Texas Agricultural Extension Service  
Check with your local county agent for the average last killing freeze date for your area. Killing freezes can and do occur after this date, but it will be a good indication.  
Prepare beds for planting warm-season flowers and vegetables.  
For early color in the landscape, try some of the following annuals as transplants: ageratum, cockscombs, coreopsis, cosmos, cleomes, marigolds, nasturtiums, petunias, phlox, portulacas, salvias, sweet alyssums, sunflowers, and zinnias.  
Start hanging baskets of petunias and other annuals for another dimension in landscape color.  
Select and order caladium tubers as well as geranium and coleus plants for late April and early May planting. Do not plant caladiums until soil temperatures read 70 degrees F.  
As camellia and azalea plants finish blooming, fertilize them with three pounds of azalea-camellia fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed area. Check mulch on azalea and camellia beds and add where needed.  
Beware of close-out sales on bare-root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled-and-burlapped plants for landscape use.  
In North Texas there is still time to plant seeds of your favorite annuals in flats to be transplanted out-of-doors when danger of frost is past.  
Fertilize roses every four to six weeks from now until September. The traditional heavy pruning practices are appropriate for Hybrid Teas, but most antique and shrub roses require less severe methods. Weak or dead canes should be removed or shortened to healthy tissue any time during the year.  
Reprint from: **LAWN and GARDEN UPDATE, MARCH 2000** by Dr. William C. Welch, Landscape Horticulturist, Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas

You are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring **Carrie Bradley** bride-elect of **Chad Rogers** Saturday, March 25 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of **Doris Swinburn** 1605 W. Bedford, Dimmitt.  
Selections at Coleman Pharmacy, Hays Company, Running M Bath Shop, Scale Floral, and The Village Shop.



# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for March 23-31.

**DIMMITT**

**Elementary Breakfast**  
 THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.  
 MONDAY: Pecan spinwheels, orange juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Banana nut loaf, apple juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispie treats, orange wedges and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Blueberry loaf, banana and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, grape juice and milk.

**High School Breakfast**

THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh bananas and milk.  
 MONDAY: Waffles and syrup, grape juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, orange wedges and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, banana and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.  
 MONDAY: Turkey lasagna, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, French bread and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Pigs in a blanket, whole new potatoes, gelatin, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Southern fried chicken, seasoned black-eyed peas, bananas and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Beef taco, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Red Baron pepperoni pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled chopped steak or beef stir fry; Mexipinto beans, lyonnaise carrots or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchiladas, Chinese chicken plate or fish nuggets; refried beans, tomato and okra gumbo or baked potato; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 MONDAY: Choice of turkey lasagna, teriyaki steak or chicken taco; Mexicali corn, mashed potatoes and gravy or broccoli with cheese sauce; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; French bread, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of pigs in a blanket, beef stir fry or beef stew; parsley buttered potatoes, fried okra or savory green beans; gelatin, fruit fantasy or tossed salad; hot wheat rolls, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, pork tamales or hoagie submarine sandwich; seasoned blackeyed peas, potatoes au gratin or vegetable medley; banana, hamburger salad or tossed salad; cornmeal yeast rolls, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of beef taco, bean chalupa or chicken tetrazzini; Spanish rice, Mexipinto beans or southern collard greens; taco condiment salad, tossed salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potato or tomato and okra gumbo; cantaloupe, tossed salad or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**HART**

**Breakfast**  
 THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
 MONDAY: Waffle, sausage, assorted fruit juice, graham cracker and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Blueberry muffins, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham cracker and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, variety of cereal, graham cracker, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Lunch**

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, pizza with cheese topping or chalupa; Spanish rice, gelatin dessert, salad, peaches and milk.  
 MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, sliced cheese, peaches, assorted fruit juice, salad and milk, punch or tea.  
 TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or steak finger basket; green beans, salad, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito with sliced cheese or

sloppy Joe on a bun; French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit, pears, and milk, punch or tea.  
 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, Pizza Hot Pocket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets; cornbread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH**

**Breakfast**  
 THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 MONDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffins, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**

THURSDAY: \* Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, green beans, fruit salad, chocolate chip cookie and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* Baked potato and sliced bread or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, broccoli, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.  
 MONDAY: \* Chicken spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, broccoli, applesauce, peach cobbler and milk or juice.  
 TUESDAY: \* Pork patties and roll or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, dump cake and milk or juice.  
 WEDNESDAY: \* Ham sandwich, turkey sandwich or hamburger; tater tots, lettuce, orange, yogurt and milk or juice.  
 THURSDAY: \* Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.  
 FRIDAY: \* Tuna casserole or chef's salad, tossed salad, corn, fruit cocktail, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

\*Items designated with an asterisk (\*) will be served to elementary school students.



MICHAEL PENNEY (left) of Dimmitt accepts a \$500 scholarship from Marke Hamlin of Pampa, a representative of Classic Cable. Penney was selected for one of Classic Cable's scholarships from among thousands of applicants in the company's trade area, which includes nine states and more than 400 communities.

Photo by Joyce Nelson



## Who's New

**PLAINS MEMORIAL**

It's a girl for Edward Sarinana and Katrina Casas of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Desiree Nicole Sarinana, was born March 17 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 7 lbs., 15.4 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Maria Dolores Cardona and Candelario Sarinana, both of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Raul Casas and Anna Casas, both of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Vidal and Gloria Perez, Ruben and Carmen Casas and Maria del Socorro Cardona, all of Dimmitt, and Damiana Soto of Mexico.

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## 2CARE for MOMS sets Dimmitt meeting

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Those interested in learning more about the program are invited to attend.

The 2CARE for MOMS incentive program is sponsored by the Coalition of Health Services. The program encourages pregnant women to visit a participating physician or nurse practitioner during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. By enrolling in the incentive program during their first prenatal appointment, moms-to-be

can earn points redeemable at the Baby's Coming Shop in Amarillo.

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## Wildflower hotline ready for calls now

The search for the best wildflower locations along Texas highways is now easier.

The Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) has added wildflower location information to its hotline. The toll-free hotline, 800-452-9292, will provide callers with information on the best locations for wildflowers along the state's 79,000-mile highway system.

TxDOT's maintenance personnel around the state provide the update with help from cities, chambers of commerce and park officials.

Predictions for this spring's crop of wildflowers are not as optimistic as they have been in recent seasons.

"Because of the dry summer and fall season of 1999, it's likely that this won't be one of the state's best wildflower seasons, but early blossoms have already been spotted around the state," said Herb Neimann, TxDOT's director of landscape design.

"Late spring-blooming flowers could provide the roadsides with more color than the early spring flowers, depending on spring rain levels," Neimann said.

TxDOT maintenance personnel assist nature by sowing 60,000 pounds of wildflower seeds along Texas highways each year.

Where there is no impact to motorists' safety, TxDOT may also delay mowing right-of-way in many areas around the state to allow for growth and re-seeding of wildflowers.

TxDOT's wildflower program not only helps Texas highways look good, but also reduces the cost of maintenance and labor by encouraging the growth of native species that need less mowing and care.

Another place to view Texas' wildflowers is in *Texas Highways'* April issue. A TxDOT publication, the annual wildflower issue features colorful photographs of bluebonnets, poppies, Indian paintbrushes and more from around the state.

The magazine hits newsstands this month.

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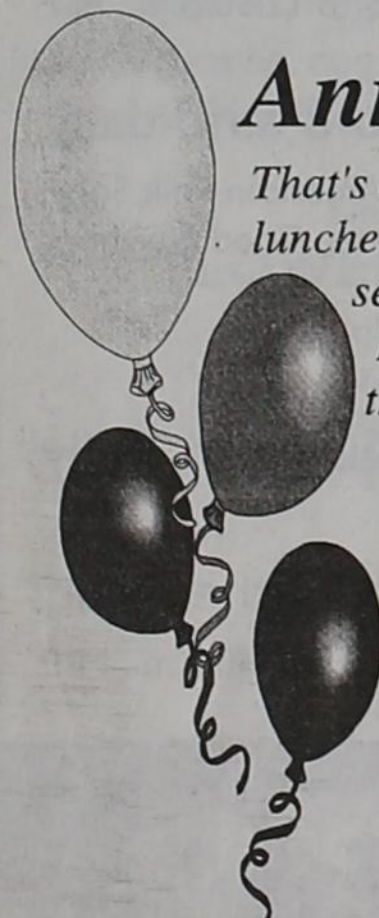
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## Pesticide, waste collection planned April 7 in Hereford

A free agricultural waste and pesticide collection program will be held in Hereford on April 7.

The collection will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Deaf Smith County Bull Barn, and anyone who applies for the production of agricultural products in Texas is eligible to participate.

The collection is free. There are no fees and no signature is required from any participant. Participants will be asked to answer a few survey questions concerning the types of chemicals they brought in to gauge the effectiveness of the program.

The following will be accepted at the designated collection center: insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, nematocides, bactericides, growth regulators, harvest aid chemicals, pesticides used on livestock, all formulations of herbicides excluding those containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex, and unknown substances (label containers as "unknown").

The following will not be accepted at the collection on April 7: explosive materials, pesticides (herbicides) containing 2,4,5-T-Silvex, unrinsed or improperly rinsed empty pesticide containers, fertilizers or nutrient materials that are neither hazardous nor contain pesticide admixtures, pesticides or wood preservatives

containing Pentachlorophenol, compressed gas cylinders, out-of-state waste, waste pesticides from chemical manufacturers or laboratory waste from government entities (except school districts—schools may bring lab waste to this collection).

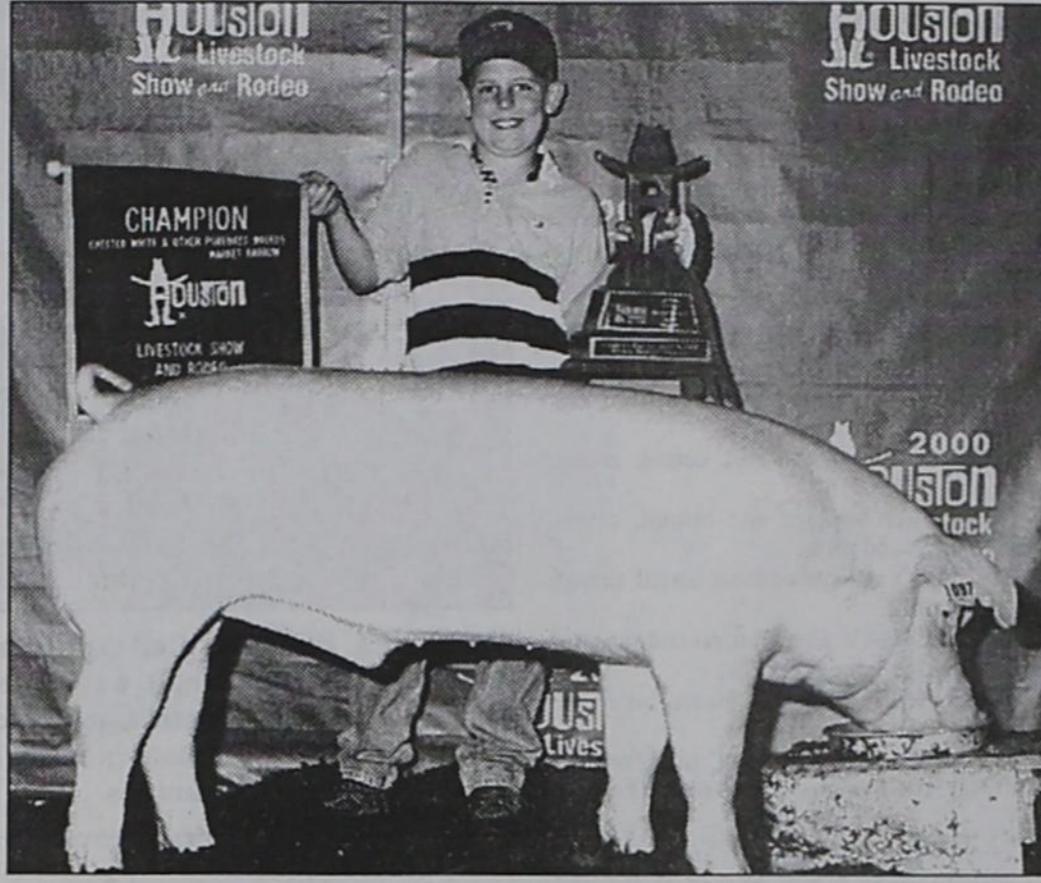
The regional waste pesticide collection is sponsored by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission in cooperation with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

A recycling service for empty, properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers will be offered on the same job site as the waste pesticide collection service.

Only clean, properly rinsed plastic containers will be accepted for recycling.

Containers should be triple or high-pressure rinsed and rendered unusable by puncturing. All empty plastic containers brought to this collection will be visually inspected by collection site representatives.

Rejected containers will not be accepted for handling and disposal at the waste pesticide collections. You are responsible for properly disposing of these "rejected" containers.



**BREED CHAMPION CHESTER WHITE AT HOUSTON**  
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Courtesy Photo

## Cornett's barrow named breed champ at Houston

Tyler Cornett, 10, son of Tad and Cindi Cornett of Dimmitt, drove his barrow to the breed championship in the Chester White and Other Purebred Breeds division at the Houston Livestock Show on Feb. 29.

This was Cornett's second year to show barrows in Houston, but it was his first win.

Cornett said he didn't expect to win with his 259-pound barrow, but

admitted he is excited and plans "to buy more pigs with the prize money."

Cornett also won breed champion with the barrow at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show in February and placed first and second in that show last year.

Jeremy Schram of Anthon, Iowa, judged the barrow show at Houston this year.

## Poster contest will feature US flag theme

Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring a poster contest to commemorate the 223rd birthday of our nation's flag and theme of this year's contest is *What does the US flag mean to me?*

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dren's awareness of liberty and justice for which our nation stands," said Barbara A. Cheaney, vice president of fraternal communications for CLIU.

Elementary school students in grades kindergarten through fifth may submit one original poster, no larger than 20" x 20". Judges will evaluate posters based on eye appeal, originality and theme. Winners will receive cash awards.

To receive an entry form and complete rules for the contest, contact Sadie D. Wilks in the Communications Department at (800) 262-2548 or (210) 828-9921, Ext. 135. Deadline to submit entries to the contest is May 15. All entries will become the property of Catholic Life Insurance.

## National Ag Week is celebrated now

State Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 19-25 is National Agriculture Week in Texas, the nation's second leading state in agricultural production.

Texas accounts for about 7% of the total US agricultural income.

"Agriculture is important to Texas 52 weeks a year, but National Agriculture Week is the time set aside each spring to honor the hard-working individuals in our nation's food and fiber industry," Combs said. "It's also the time to recognize the impact agriculture has on our daily lives."

"The food we eat, the clothes we wear, the wood for the houses we live in, the flowers and plants we enjoy are all rooted in one industry—agriculture."

Agriculture is the second-largest industry in Texas, generating \$80 billion throughout the state's economy. Texas is the nation's leading producer of cattle, sheep, goats, horses, wool, mohair and cotton. The state is also one of the top producers of vegetables, citrus, peanuts, pecans, grain sorghum, rice, sugarcane and wheat.

"From the Gulf Coast to the Pan-

handle, Texas is the most diverse state in the nation in agricultural production," Combs said.

The Lone Star State leads the nation in the number of farms and ranches, and approximately 80% of the land is involved in some form of agricultural production.

Although agriculture provides a job for one out of every five working Texans, less than 2% of the population is involved in day-to-day farming or ranching.

"It's incredible when you think that only a small number of people produce our food and fiber," Combs said. "And many times they do it against difficult odds."

"This year producers are facing another drought and some of the lowest commodity prices in the past 20 years. But because of their commitment and their love of agriculture, Texas farmers and ranchers will continue to do what they do best—produce food and fiber to meet a growing global demand."

"We all depend on agriculture. National Agriculture Week gives us an opportunity to recognize those producers who help enrich our lives," she said.

## March sales tax rebates reflect large increases

Sales tax rebates issued to the cities of Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth; and to Castro County, reflected large increases over the same period in 1999.

Rebates issued in March were for local sales taxes collected by monthly filers in January which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in February.

The City of Nazareth was the big winner for the period, receiving a rebate totaling \$1,438,23. That's 100.81% higher than the March 1999 rebate of \$716.20. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax. So far this year, the city has earned \$4,010.45, which is 6.32% ahead of the \$3,771.97 collected from January through March of 1999.

Hart also saw an impressive increase in its rebate from March 1999 to March 2000. This year's payment of \$1,979.08 is 95.91% higher than last year's stipend of \$1,010.16. Hart collects a 1% sales tax rate. This

year, Hart is running 41.6% ahead of 1999 totals after receiving \$5,679.22, compared with the \$4,010.70 earned through March 1999.

Dimmitt enjoyed a 46.70% increase in its rebate from March 1999 to March 2000, earning \$31,436.58 this month, compared with \$21,429.10 a year ago. Dimmitt collects a 1.5% sales tax that has earned the city \$85,158.33 so far this year. That's 9.63% ahead of 1999 payments which totaled \$77,671.50 through March.

Castro County raised \$12,930.66 from its half-percent sales tax rate, an increase of 27.13% from the \$10,171 paid in 1999. For the year, the county has earned \$35,400.61 in rebates, up 2.94% from \$34,386.24.

## Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

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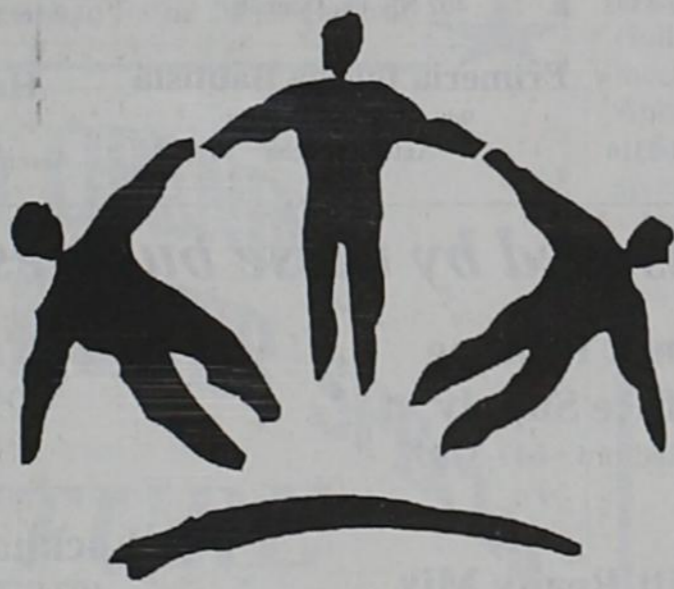
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# Ongoing drought costs Texas ranchers additional \$154 million

Texas ranchers have spent an additional \$154 million in supplemental feed and water hauling expenses since the summer of 1999 as a result of the ongoing drought that continues to plague the state.

Stocks of hay that were thought to be adequate through the winter feeding season are almost depleted, with at least two months of feeding still expected, even if there is future rainfall.

Texas beef cow numbers dropped by 100,000 during 1999, according to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, and occurred during a year when ranchers were planning to rebuild herds after the sell-offs of 1996 and 1998 due to drought.

Ranchers have also not been able to participate in an improved cattle market as herd liquidations nationally the past four years and liquidations in Texas during 1996 and 1998

have severely decreased cattle inventories across the United States.

"We still haven't been able to start rebuilding herds to take advantage of these prices," said Dr. Ernie Davis, an Extension livestock marketing economist. "If we don't get some good winter and spring rains, there's going to be people scrambling all over the place for hay. We'll see hay prices go up and see maintenance-ration prices go up. As a result, we'll see people continue to liquidate their herds. Some are not in the financial position to have to subsidize feed for their herds for another year.

"That's where most of our losses have been in these additional feed costs, and some ranchers are hauling water now," Davis said.

Beef cattle stocker operators and dryland wheat producers lost income due to the drought affecting available forage from planned winter stocker

operations. Extension economists estimated that \$59 million could have been earned in the fall of 1999 had the drought not occurred. Feeder replacements were up 18% in December compared with 1998, another indicator of poor range conditions.

Davis said the cattle inventory across the nation is at a low enough level that prices will continue to be strong.

"If Texas has a run at the markets, we'll have buyers coming in from all over the country because feedlots are scrambling for supplies," Davis said. "Last year's calf crop and this year's calf crop were small, and they are going to run out of feeder cattle."

Replacement heifers, female calves that are retained for breeding stock, have also been on the decrease. Davis said when ranchers begin retaining heifers for their herds, that affects feeder cattle supplies.

"Normally, heifer-steer slaughter is 65% steers and 35% heifers," Davis said. "The last three years, the heifer slaughter rate has been running about 40 to 41% of total slaughter. It's been 5 to 6% higher than normal, meaning not many of those heifers are being held back. They're being taken to market, forced to slaughter just to get cash flow for the ranches. It's not a matter of profits, it's a matter of cash flow (for ranchers)."

With the exception of the Coastal Bend and surrounding areas where Hurricane Bret brought rains in August, stock ponds are drying up. Water that is presently available is of poor quality. Ranchers are hauling water in some areas of the state, just to keep animals alive.

Sheep and lamb inventory was down 11% on Jan. 1, compared with last year. Goat numbers were down 4% on Jan. 1 from the same time last year.

The drought is also jeopardizing spring planting. Spring planting normally begins in February in South Texas, and timely rains are critical to salvaging the 2000 crop.

While major losses have not occurred yet for crops, they could be in the near future. Extension economists say that if 2000 is somewhat similar to the 1996 Texas drought, crop losses could approach 20% less of normal production. If the dry weather continues as it did in the 1998 drought, losses could approach 50% of normal production. These potential producer losses could mean losses of \$637 million and \$1.5 billion, respectively.

"Not only are we looking at a potential production shortfall, but commodity prices are extremely bleak," said Dr. Roland Smith, Extension economist. "You put the low price situation in combination with low production, then we're going to need government assistance like we got in 1998 and 1999 to keep our farmers and ranchers going."

# Cotton talks

Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., has shuffled its speaker lineup for its 43rd annual meeting, slated for April 6 at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The annual meeting is being held in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Association trade show and convention April 6-7 in Lubbock.

PCG's revised lineup will now include Keith Kelly, administrator of the US Dept. of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA). Kelley will replace previously scheduled speaker, Gus Schumacher, Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Service.

As FSA administrator, Kelly reports to the Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign and Agricultural Services, and is responsible for the administration of farm commodity programs, agricultural credit programs and certain disaster and federal crop insurance programs.

The PCG membership will also hear from J. Berrye Worsham III, CEO of Cotton Incorporated and Dr. Mark Lange, director of economic services for the National Cotton Council in Memphis, Tenn.

Kelly will be asked to discuss the department's views on ag policy and which direction it feels US agricultural policy should be directed.

The meeting will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and the program will start at approximately 9 a.m. in

Room 107 of the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Agenda items will include remarks from outgoing PCG President Don Langston of Lubbock, reports from PCG Executive Vice President Steve Verett and Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Dale Swinburn of Tulia.

The long wait for 1999 disaster assistance should be coming to an end relatively soon as USDA Farm Service Agency county offices prepare to upload disaster program data to Washington.

The upload, originally scheduled for March 6, has been pushed back to March 27 to allow FSA offices to process and finalize applications made by producers.

Past experience shows that once the data is uploaded to Washington, a final payment rate should be determined within two to three weeks and checks will be issued.

If that timetable holds true this time around, producers should receive checks before the end of April.

Qualifying producers who signed up for the program before the Feb. 25 cut-off date received an advance payment equal to 35% of the total amount they were eligible to receive.

Once the data gets to Washington, total dollars available to the program will be compared with the total

amount of qualifying payments to determine whether or not the final payment needs to be factored.

Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

House Budget Committee members have recognized the need for additional farm sector support and set-aside \$6 billion to protect farmers against another year of low commodity prices and excessive commodity supplies.

The action by the House Budget Committee guarantees that funds will be available for Fiscal 2001 spending beginning Oct. 1.

Any ag disaster program would move through the normal appropriations process. The Appropriations Committee will also determine the final size of any aid package. The Budget Committee recommendation will likely be the starting point for agricultural assistance in 2000.

House Ag Committee Chairman Larry Combest has stated, "Whatever else we have to do, we're going to do it." He also pledged to work to provide more aid if low prices and forecasts of continued drought conditions in the south and midwest bear out.

Senate Budget Committee recommendations for Fiscal 2001 are expected to include a similar amount for disaster assistance.

## Farm Service Agency notes

**By TRISH ELLIOTT**  
**FSA County Executive Director**  
 We are still using Wednesday mornings for non-public office hours and we appreciate your cooperation with us as we try to work on upload of the crop disaster program data, and making payments due to producers on several programs. We open to the public Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

For 1999 only, producers were granted relief if they inadvertently sold their crops without timely requesting a loan deficiency payment. This exception has been authorized only for the 1999 crop year and it does not relieve producers from their responsibility of timely requesting loan deficiency payments on crops produced in the future.

If you have eligible crops that you have already sold and you did not request a loan deficiency payment, you need to apply before March 31 for wheat or oats and by May 31 for corn, sorghum, soybeans or cotton. These are also the final availability dates for all 1999 loan deficiency payments and loans.

Aug. 2 is the deadline to designate shares and specify the month in which you wish to receive your 2000 payments.

If you did not specify a month, you will receive the entire payment in September. Shares must be designated on the contract in order for you to be eligible to receive a payment.

Sign-up for the 1999 oilseed payment program will continue through March 31. We have mailed appointment postcards to producers who are eligible for the program according to our records.

If you are an owner and your operator has power of attorney for you, a postcard was not sent because we will get the operator to sign up for you. If you missed your appointment, please call us to reschedule. If you have any questions about this program, call us at 647-2153.

Castro County producers are not authorized to graze CRP land, even though several of our neighboring counties have been approved for the measure.

We do not meet the qualifications of having 40% below normal rainfall for four consecutive months. We are

monitoring the rainfall records each month and we will submit a request if and when we meet the qualifications.

May 15 is the final date to report small grain acreage, including those for pastures.

Disaster-affected crops should be reported to the FSA office within 15 days of the date the disaster occurs, or the date the disaster becomes apparent, but always before any other use of the crop is made, such as grazing, baling or plowing.

Previous disaster programs have instilled the importance of timely certifying and/or failing all affected crops.

Beginning in April we will be sending out appointment cards to producers who have not certified their acreage.

Results from the committee election for Local Administrative Area (LAA) 2 are as follows: Shari Willis Bradley, COC member; Lint Merritt, first alternate; Kevin Acker, second alternate; and Dale Wilhelm, third alternate.

Terms are for three years and will become effective on April 1.

The final planting date for corn is May 15, cotton is May 31, and grain sorghum is June 30.

Other dates to remember include the following:

**March 15**—Grazing cattle must be pulled off of wheat if that wheat will be kept for grain harvest.

**March 31**—The final date to request 1999 wheat or oats loan or loan deficiency payment.

**March 31**—The final date to sign up for the oilseeds program.

**May 5**—EQIP sign-up ends.

**May 15**—The final date to certify small grains.

If you have conservation practices on your farm that need to be done, please come by the FSA office and sign up before May 5.

Funds will be allocated after this sign-up period ends.

Producers can choose 5- to 10-year contracts and can elect their own level of cost-share assistance up to 75% of the expense.

Environmental benefits scoring is similar to that of scoring for CRP.

## DYF will talk about changes for stock show

The Dimmitt Young Farmers will discuss prospective rule changes for the 2001 junior livestock show at a meeting tonight (Thursday) at the Dimmitt High School Ag Building. All Young Farmers are invited to attend the meeting, which is slated to start at 7 p.m.

## Navy band will perform in Hereford

Atlantis, an eight-piece band of members of the US Navy, will perform in a free concert on April 11 at Hereford High School Auditorium. The band will perform Top 40 hits in the special concert, which is sponsored by the Navy Recruiting Station in Plainview. Tickets for the show are free and will be available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce on April 5.

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# Sports



## Cats gain confidence as they learn baseball basics

The Dimmitt Bobcats have gotten off to a slow start this season, but they are gradually gaining confidence and are eliminating some of the mental mistakes they made early in the season.

Coach Jesus Quiroz says all of the members on this year's roster play hard, and if they can keep the errors down and get their batting averages

up, the Bobcats could be one of the teams to beat in District 1-AAA.

Dimmitt has only picked up two wins out of its first nine games, but Quiroz said the Bobcats could just as easily be 6-3 on the season.

Junior Tanner Griffitt has been the Bobcats' main hurler while senior Sammy Prieto and junior Wesley Harkins have each seen action on the

mound.

"Tanner's had some good games, and in the games we've lost he's either had very little run support or we had a lot of fielding errors," Quiroz said. "He's got a good breaking pitch and his fast ball is okay. If he's got that breaking pitch working, he's tough to hit."

Griffitt, Prieto and Harkins also see action on the infield when they're not pitching. Griffitt is a first baseman while Prieto and Harkins are shortstops. Quiroz said Harkins also is a "utility infielder," who could play several spots.

"Sammy's our best infielder and you hate to bring your best infielder to the mound, but sometimes we need him there. He throws from all different angles—side arm, quarter arm—and he's got a lot better control out of the pitchers. He's got a good change-up and he can keep batters off balance with that," Quiroz said.

"Wesley is third in the rotation, but he should pitch as much as Sammy. He throws slower than the other two, but hitters always seem to be ahead of the ball. I think the little change in speed gets them," Quiroz said.

B.J. Hill, a junior, is the starting catcher for the Bobcats, and junior Bobby Hill also could see action at the position.

"B.J.'s just coming out of basketball, so he's still trying to get the motions down," Quiroz said.

"Bobby was our catcher last year and we're just getting him back. He's one of the best kids out there with baseball sense. We're also looking at him at third base and he could be a center fielder. He's one of the leaders on the team."

Sophomore Brent Josselet starts at second base and Quiroz said Josselet is "one of our best fundamentally-sound players. He does everything we ask of him. He doesn't have a very strong arm, but his fielding is solid and he's going to make the plays."

The weakest spot on the infield is first base, Quiroz said.

Junior Johnathan Stevens and Griffitt split time at the position and they're both working hard. Quiroz said he's still working with both on



**THE 2000 DIMMITT BOBCATS** are hoping to make a run for the district title this season. Seated, from left, are team managers Sharla Kenworthy, Caitlin Buckley and Mary Bradley. Kneeling, from left, are Bobby Hill, Jeremy Furr, Tanner Griffitt,

Josh Hardwick. Standing, from left, are Head Coach Jesus Quiroz, Michael Penney, Sammy Prieto, Jacob Dones, Daniel Proffitt, Brent Josselet, Oscar Melendez, Wesley Harkins, B.J. Hill, Johnathan Stevens, Assistant Coach Jeff Smith. *Photo by Don Nelson*

### DIMMITT BOBCATS

47--Jacob Dones	So.	Outfielder
22--Jeremy Furr	Jr.	Outfielder
00--Tanner Griffitt	Jr.	Pitcher
45--Josh Hardwick	Jr.	Outfielder
12--Wesley Harkins	Jr.	Pitcher/Shortstop
21--B.J. Hill	Jr.	Catcher
32--Bobby Hill	Jr.	Third Baseman/Catcher
9--Brent Josselet	So.	Second Baseman
10--Oscar Melendez	Fr.	Outfielder/Pitcher
46--Michael Penney	Sr.	Outfielder
23--Sammy Prieto	Sr.	Shortstop/Pitcher
11--Daniel Proffitt	Jr.	Outfielder
41--Johnathan Stevens	Jr.	First Baseman

## Finch, Anzaldua headed to state power lifting meet

Geneva Finch and Yadira Anzaldua of Hart will compete in the state power lifting Friday in Killeen.

The two will represent Region 1-A in the state meet after winning their respective weight classes at the regional meet.

Finch and Anzaldua competed against weight lifters from 30 other schools at the regional meet.

Finch "dominated her weight division," according to Coach Martin

Parker, who accompanied the girls to the regional meet because their regular coach, Bryan Welps, was involved with a track meet.

Anzaldua finished fifth overall in the meet and tied for first place in her division.

Cynthia Gonzales of Hart also competed in the regional meet and she finished 11<sup>th</sup>, just missing out on a trip to state. Only the top 10 individuals qualified for state.

what they need to do in different situations.

All new faces are featured in the Bobcats' outfield lineup this season.

Center fielder is junior Daniel Proffitt while senior Michael Penney covers left field. Juniors Jeremy Furr and Josh Hardwick and sophomore Jacob Dones are sharing time in right field.

Proffitt was an infielder a year ago, but Quiroz said he practiced in the outfield some and did a good job.

"We moved him (Proffitt) to the outfield and he's adapted well," Quiroz said. "He's worked hard and he's earned a spot."

Penney didn't play baseball last year, but he was on the team his freshman and sophomore years.

"Michael's not a bad fielder. If it comes his way, he's going to catch it," Quiroz said. "He can make the routine plays, he just doesn't have a

very strong arm."

Of the three players Quiroz is using in right field, he says Dones is the best fielder, but Furr isn't far behind.

"Jeremy's faster and he can cover the ground better. He goes and gets the balls," Quiroz said.

The Bobcats' hitting is not where Quiroz hoped it would be, but they are improving each game.

"We've still got a lot of work to do," Quiroz said. "Our number one through five hitters are pretty consistent, but those in the bottom of the lineup need to pick it up."

Penney is the strongest hitter on the team right now and he bats third in the order. He's had three home runs this season, and one of them was a grand slam.

Prieto hit .399 a year ago, but he's a little under that this season. Quiroz said that could be because he hasn't

been playing for long because he was still in basketball.

Bobby Hill also should give the Bobcats a boost offensively when he returns to action.

A year ago Bobby Hill was the lead-off man and Prieto batted second. Prieto moved into the lead-off spot when Hill was out.

Josselet "is great for a sophomore," according to Quiroz. "He spends a lot of hours at night, after practice is over, just hitting balls. He can put the ball into play and he's a good second lead-off man batting in the sixth position."

"Our hitting is improving. I've noticed that if we're doing well defensively, we tend to do better at the plate. The guys just need to learn to leave their defensive mistakes on the field and not carry them to the plate and vice versa. We need to learn to carry over the good and leave the bad."

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# Area teams will flock to Hart for big track meet this weekend

Area track and field stars will compete in the Hart Longhorn Invitational Track Meet Friday and Saturday at Longhorn Stadium in Hart.

Teams from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth will be joined by others from Valley, Sudan, Vega, Kress, Hale Center, Crosbyton, Happy, Lockney, Olton, Muleshoe, Springlake-Earth, Bovina and Friona in the two-day meet.

There will be divisions for junior high boys, junior high girls, varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys.

The junior high will run preliminary races on Friday afternoon. Junior high field events are slated for Saturday morning.

High school field events will be held Friday afternoon, with running prelims scheduled for Saturday at 9 a.m.

Here's a complete schedule of events for the weekend's meet:

## FRIDAY

**Junior High Running Preliminaries**

3:30-3:45 p.m.: 400-meter relay, all divisions.

3:45-4 p.m.: 800-meter run, all divisions.

4-4:15 p.m.: 100-meter low hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> girls.

4:15-4:30 p.m.: 110-meter intermediate hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> boys.

4:30-4:45 p.m.: 100-meter dash, all divisions.

4:45-5 p.m.: 800-meter relay, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> girls.

5-5:15 p.m.: 400-meter dash, all divisions.

5:15-5:30 p.m.: 300-meter hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> girls.

5:30-5:45 p.m.: 300-meter hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> boys.

5:45-6 p.m.: 200-meter dash, all divisions.

6-6:30 p.m.: 1,600-meter run finals, all divisions.

6:30 p.m.: 1,600-meter relay, all divisions.

(On preliminaries for all divisions, the following order will be followed: 7<sup>th</sup> girls, 7<sup>th</sup> boys, 8<sup>th</sup> girls, 8<sup>th</sup> boys.)

**High School Field Events**

1:30 p.m.: Varsity boys' shot put, high jump and pole vault; varsity girls' discus and triple jump; and junior varsity boys' discus and long jump.

2:30 p.m.: Varsity boys' discus and triple jump; varsity girls' high jump; junior varsity boys' shot put.

3:30 p.m.: Varsity boys' long jump; varsity girls' long jump; junior varsity boys' high jump and triple jump.



**Golf Strokes**

## DIMMITT GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday's results

**Boys**

**TEAM TOTALS:** 1. Dimmitt A 410, 2. Anton 410, 3. Nazareth 439, 4. Dimmitt B 444, Hart incomplete.

**TOP INDIVIDUALS:** 1. Chris George of Hart, 84; 2. Van Jeter of Dimmitt A, 92; 3. Stanton Wethington of Nazareth, 96.

**OTHER DIMMITT A INDIVIDUALS:** Jerem Bishop 101, James Jackson 102, Taylor Matthews 115, Matthew Sandoval 124.

**OTHER NAZARETH INDIVIDUALS:** Adam Schulte 111, Ky Wilcox 116, Cameron McLain 116, Aaron Kern 117.

**OTHER HART INDIVIDUALS:** Zach Harris 114, Austin Dudley 119.

**DIMMITT B INDIVIDUALS:** Brandon Burks 97, Colby Williams 106, Ryan Hays 116, Patrick Hunter 125, Jason Harris 129.

**Girls**

**TEAM TOTALS:** 1. Anton 460, 2. Nazareth 478, 3. Dimmitt 486.

**TOP INDIVIDUALS:** 1. Whitney Harris, Anton, 90; 2. Mindi Ethridge, Nazareth, 112; 3. Kylie Webb, Dimmitt, 113.

**OTHER DIMMITT INDIVIDUALS:** Rae Odom 123, Sadra Daniel 125, Morgan Hazel 125, Lyndee Behrends 130.

**OTHER NAZARETH INDIVIDUALS:** Susan Kern 117, Jaci Birkenfeld 119, Melanie Book 130, Rose Wilhelm 142.

## Golden Spread All-Star Tourney slated April 6-8

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held April 6-8 at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo.

Teams from the North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers and players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle as well as from Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle Counties and the counties of Eastern New Mexico which border Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 6 and 8 p.m. on April 6, 6 and 8 p.m. on April 7 and 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. on April 8.

A three-point shooting and slam dunk competition also will be held during the tournament. Any senior boy or girl, regardless of whether or not they have been selected for the all-star games, is eligible for these competitions. Those interested in one of the contests should send an entry to Brent Sherrod, PO Box 19395, Amarillo 79109, or call him at 352-7348.

## SATURDAY

**Junior High Field Events**

8:30 a.m.: 7<sup>th</sup> girls' long jump and shot put; 8<sup>th</sup> girls' triple jump and shot put; 7<sup>th</sup> boys' long jump and discus; 8<sup>th</sup> boys' high jump and discus.

9:30 a.m.: 7<sup>th</sup> girls' triple jump and discus; 8<sup>th</sup> girls' high jump and discus; 7<sup>th</sup> boys' shot put; 8<sup>th</sup> boys' shot put.

10:30 a.m.: 7<sup>th</sup> girls' high jump; 8<sup>th</sup> girls' long jump; 7<sup>th</sup> boys' pole vault; 8<sup>th</sup> boys' long jump.

11:30 p.m.: 7<sup>th</sup> boys' high jump and triple jump; 8<sup>th</sup> boys' triple jump.

**High School Running Preliminaries**

9-9:15 a.m.: 400-meter relay, all divisions.

9:15-9:30 a.m.: 800-meter run, all divisions.

9:30-9:45 a.m.: 100-meter low hurdles, varsity girls.

9:45-10 a.m.: 110-meter high hurdles, junior varsity and varsity boys.

10-10:15 a.m.: 100-meter dash, all divisions.

10:15-10:30 a.m.: 800-meter relay, varsity girls.

10:30-10:45 a.m.: 400-meter dash, all divisions.

10:45-11 a.m.: 300-meter low hurdles, varsity girls.

11-11:15 a.m.: 300-meter intermediate hurdles, junior varsity and varsity boys.

11:15-11:30 a.m.: 200-meter dash, all divisions.

11:30 a.m.: 3,200-meter final, all divisions.

**Running Finals, All Divisions**

2-2:15 p.m.: 400-meter relay, all divisions.

2:15-2:30 p.m.: 800-meter run, all divisions.

2:30-2:45 p.m.: 100-meter low hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> girls, 8<sup>th</sup> girls, varsity girls.

2:45-3 p.m.: 110-meter intermediate hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> boys and 8<sup>th</sup> boys.

3-3:15 p.m.: 110-meter high hurdles, junior varsity and varsity boys.

3:15-3:30 p.m.: 100-meter dash, all divisions.

3:30-3:45 p.m.: 800-meter relay, 7<sup>th</sup> girls, 8<sup>th</sup> girls and varsity girls.

3:45-4 p.m.: 400-meter dash, all divisions.

4-4:15 p.m.: 300-meter low hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> girls, 8<sup>th</sup> girls, varsity girls.

4:15-4:30 p.m.: 300-meter low hurdles, 7<sup>th</sup> boys and 8<sup>th</sup> boys.

4:30-4:45 p.m.: 300-meter intermediate hurdles, junior varsity and varsity boys.

4:45-5 p.m.: 200-meter dash, all divisions.

5-5:30 p.m.: 1,600-meter run, varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys.

5:30-6 p.m.: 1,600-meter relay, all divisions.

## NHS is selling t-shirts honoring state champions

Nazareth High School is selling t-shirts honoring the Class A state champion Swiftettes.

The shirts are \$10 each and will be available until all are sold. Sizes range from youth large to adult extra-large and those interested in purchasing one should call Coach Matt Garrett at 945-2231 or stop by the school.

The shirts honor the Nazareth Swiftettes as the 2000 Class A State Champions and include mention of the school's 14 state championships, which is a national record.



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Schulte was on first when Tyler Ehly connected on a single to left, and Schulte slid into third with time to spare. Nazareth downed the Bulldogs, 14-4, in six innings.

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# Fire alert issued for Panhandle area

A "Level 2" fire alert warning of the high threat for wind-driven wildfires has been issued for the South Plains, Panhandle and Far West Texas by the Climate Prediction Center of the Texas Forest Service.

Strengthening surface winds plus low relative humidity (in the teens), very dry fuels and long-term drought conditions have prompted the alert.

Far West Texas also is under a Red Flag Warning according to the National Weather Service, due to a very strong Pacific storm system moving south, producing gusting winds in the area. Red Flag Warnings are the highest weather alert issued for fire danger by the service.

The Texas Forest Service is asking residents to continue to be on the defensive against these fire-prone conditions until significant rainfall and spring green-up has occurred. The agency asks that residents postpone all outdoor burning.

With sustaining winds forecast to blow more than 17 mph at times, fire departments are encouraged to observe local weather forecasts before responding to a fire, according to Tom Spencer, Texas Forest Service fire risk assessment coordinator.

Frontal passages are predicted for the next two weeks and the high winds that typically follow have the

agency's regional fire coordinator, Les Rogers, concerned.

"With frontal passages you can expect high winds, and because of the winds, plus the heavy fuel load and dry conditions, we will be threatened with the most potentially dangerous fires," Rogers said. "We're not out of danger yet."

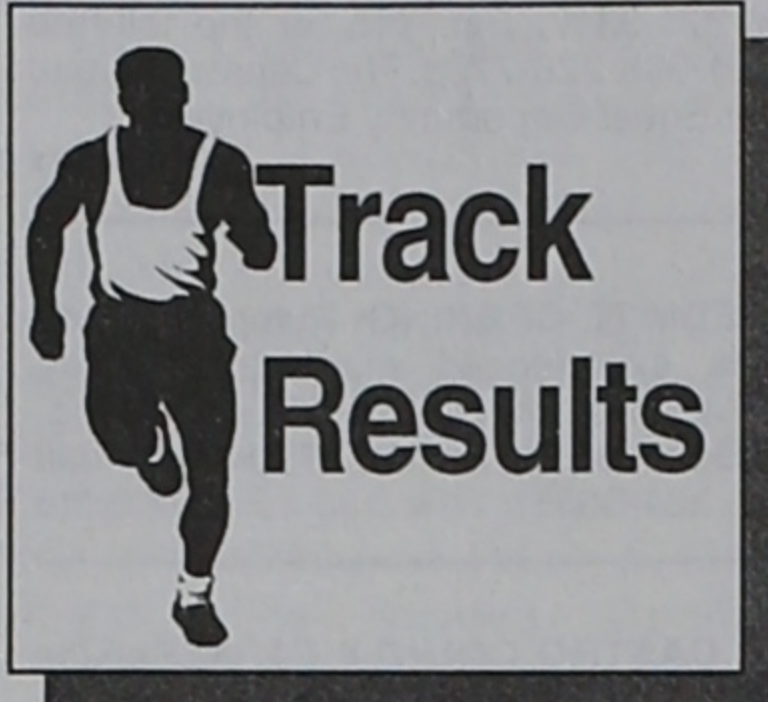
Sunday, a fire started by a deaf Smith County resident burning weeds around a barn got out of control resulting in at least \$25,000-worth of damage to the barn, which housed 300 to 400 rabbits, and to a nearby trailer home. Three firefighters and an elderly woman who lived in the trailer were treated for smoke inhalation, according to Fire Chief Jay Spain. Deaf Smith County is currently under a burn ban. The resident faces a fine of up to \$2,000.

"Residents need to comply with their local burn bans," Rogers said. "They're put in place to protect residents, not to bind them. It's just too dangerous to burn right now."

Rogers urges all residents to extinguish all smoking materials in vehicle ashtrays rather than out of a window or on the ground. He warns to be careful when pulling over onto the side of the road or driving through fields. Hot catalytic convert-

ers can ignite dry vegetation.

If welding outside, Rogers suggests spraying water around the work area and keeping a fire extinguisher nearby. And finally, he asks that homeowners not burn their household trash until conditions improve or their county's burn ban has been lifted.



## Track Results

### LOCKNEY TRACK MEET

**Boys**  
**Discus:** 1. Bo Hunter, Nazareth, 160-8.  
**Shot Put:** 3. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 45-8; 4. Bo Hunter, 44-8 1/2.  
**Long Jump:** 2. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 19-0.  
**Triple Jump:** 3. Jeremiah Velasquez, 39-9 3/4.  
**Pole Vault:** 6. Marcial Mendoza, Hart, 8-6.  
**400 Relay:** 5. Nazareth (Aaron Kern, Kade Wilcox, Matty McLain and Ky Wilcox), 46.9.  
**400:** 4. Kade Wilcox, Nazareth, 56.4.  
**100 Hurdles:** 3. Jeremiah Velasquez, Hart, 15.96.  
**300 Hurdles:** 4. Matty McLain, 44.2; 5. Jeremiah Velasquez, 44.86.  
**1,600 Relay:** 4. Nazareth (Kade Wilcox, Ky Wilcox, Matty McLain and Justin Kleman), 3:48.2; 5. Hart (Keith Finch, Marcial Mendoza, Jacob Reyna, Jeremiah Velasquez) 3:53.56.  
**1,600:** 7. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 5:28.88.  
**3,200:** 5. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 11:37.  
**800:** 6. Gabe Carrasco, Hart, 2:21.12.

### Girls

Results were unavailable at press time.

## Fund mascot needs name

The Texas Tomorrow Fund's official mascot, a six-foot tall walking talking diploma needs a name and Texas elementary school children are being asked to come up with one that displays creativity and humor.

"I encourage all Texas elementary school children to use their imagination and creativity to give the Texas Tomorrow Fund's diploma mascot a name," said Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander. "I hope this contest also encourages all children to envision their own name on a college diploma and to think about how a college education will help them achieve their dreams. Nothing is more important than education."

Suggested names for the mascot should be funny, cute or clever, and should reflect the fact that he (or she) just graduated from college. Entries should be submitted on a postcard and sent to Texas Tomorrow Fund, Name the Mascot, P.O. Box 13407, Austin 78711-3407. Entries should be postmarked by March 31.

Entries should include the suggested name for the mascot, the child's name, home address and home phone numbers. Also, it should include the child's grade, school name and school address.

The winner will be announced at a later date. The mascot will visit the winner's classroom and provide refreshments and Texas Tomorrow Fund mementos.

The mascot will make appearances throughout the state to help promote the state's prepaid college tuition program. The fund allows families to prepay tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at today's prices.

For more information on the program, call 1-800-445-GRAD (4723); or visit the web site at [www.texastomorrowfund.com](http://www.texastomorrowfund.com)

Together We Can

## Stevens homers for Cats; game halted by weather

Dimmitt's Johnathan Stevens blasted a solo shot 335 feet over the right center field fence at Lubbock Roosevelt Tuesday, but that was the only offense the Bobcats would get.

The Eagles exploded for 25 runs before weather forced an end to the action after four and a half innings.

"We had a lot of errors and we walked eight batters in those four innings," said Dimmitt Coach Jesus Quiroz. "It just wasn't a very good night for us."

Lubbock's pitching staff shut down Dimmitt in the first inning, then the Eagle offense went to work, attacking Dimmitt's defense and

pitcher Tanner Griffitt for 12 runs in the bottom half of the inning.

Stevens' home run in the top of the second got Dimmitt on the board, but Roosevelt answered with six more runs in the bottom of the second for an 18-1 advantage.

After a 20-minute rain delay in the third, Roosevelt would add five more runs, then capped the offensive deluge with a pair in the fourth.

Dimmitt had just three hits against the Roosevelt pitching staff and the Bobcats were charged with nine errors in the game.

The Eagles' 25 runs came on 13 hits in four innings.

### More about

## Beautification grants . . .

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Chambers of the Texas Dept. of Transportation.

Other communities receiving \$10,000 awards were of Booker, Wellington, White Deer, Elkhart, Kan., Guymon, Okla., Hooker, Okla., Hugoton, Kan., and Muleshoe.

The community beautification projects are funded by a gift of \$50,000 from the Don & Sybil Harrington Foundation to match a gift from the Amarillo Globe-News made possible by Amarillo National Bank,

Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corp., Northwest Texas Healthcare System, and Southwestern Public Service Company.

"We were impressed to see the hard work, citizen collaboration and great detail reflected in the communities' applications," said Jim Allison, president and executive director. "Just as we had hoped, communities came together to involve youth, students, seniors and gardening enthusiasts in the development of projects to make their community even more interesting and beautiful."

The Foundation had requested participants from various community groups in completing the beautification projects, such as schools, civic organizations, senior citizens and other interested parties. Projects were encouraged to include various landscape or architectural items such as flowers, trees and shrubs; soil amendments, water ecosystems, benches and gazebos.

To assist communities in the project development and application process, Amarillo Botanical Gardens hosted a free Community Beautification Project application workshop last October. Several community representatives attended, including high school students who were assigned a class project to make proposals for beautification grants. The implementation of the beautification projects is scheduled to begin this spring.

### More about

## Hart grant . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

around the Panhandle," said Jim Allison, president and executive director of the board. "In addition, we proudly support projects in the rural areas where communities have come together to prioritize and support projects that will keep their community vibrant. It's heartwarming to reward the work of so many Panhandle citizens."

The Amarillo Area Foundation, a community foundation, is a public charity which accepts funds from individuals, families, businesses and other groups interested in helping Panhandle communities. Additionally, the foundation provides funds through grants to charitable organizations for the enrichment of the quality of life of the people residing in the 26 northernmost counties of the Texas Panhandle.

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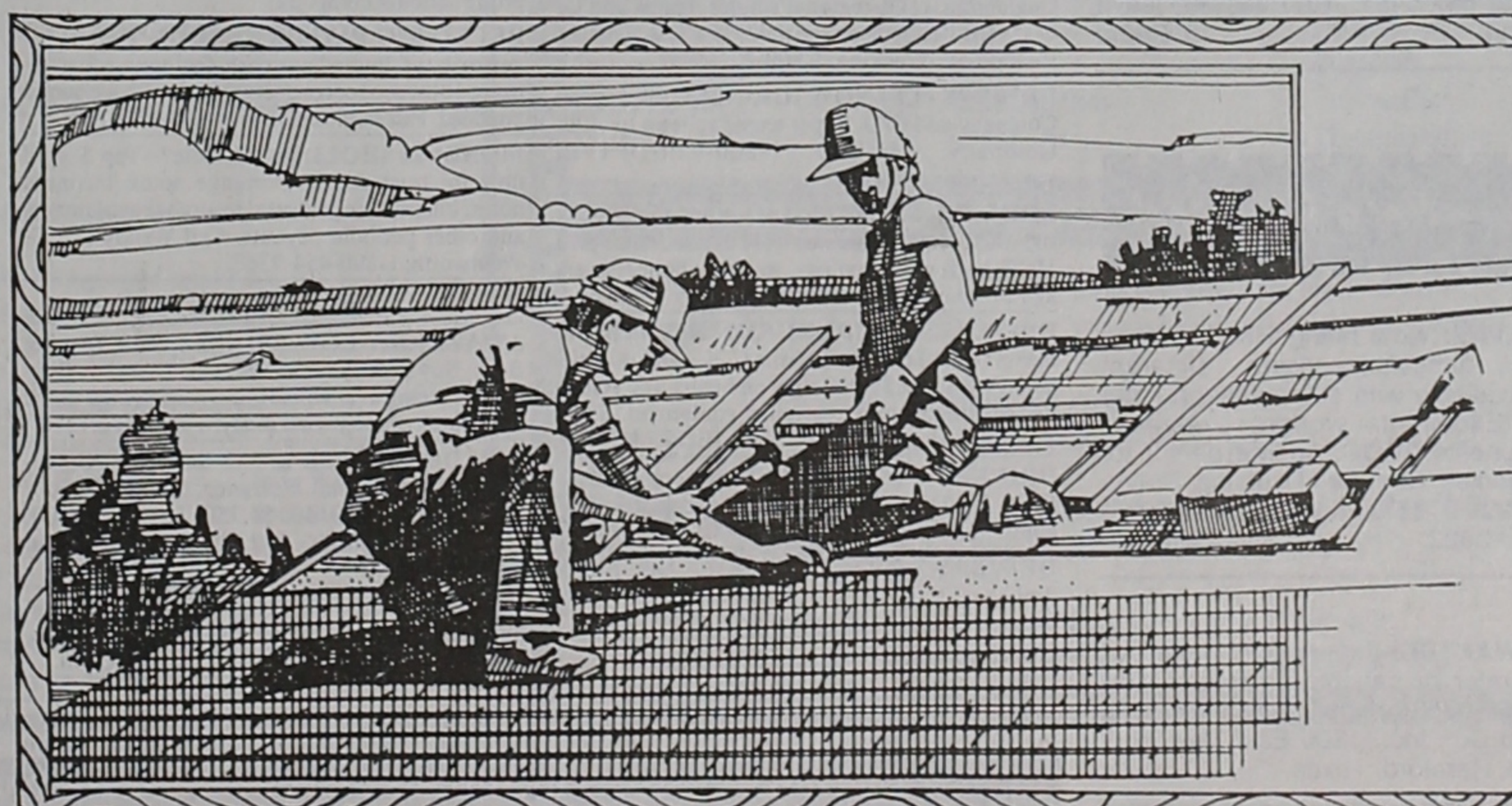
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# Obituaries

## Winnie Boothe

Funeral services for Winnie Boothe, 91, of Amarillo, were held Saturday afternoon at Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors' Home in Amarillo with the Rev. Larry Richardson, pastor of Palisades Fellowship Baptist Church officiating.

Burial followed at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Boothe died last Thursday, March 16.

She was born in Stringtown and had lived in Amarillo since 1954. She had worked as a part-time secretary for the YWCA and was a homemaker.

She was an A.E. Shirley member of Order of the Eastern Star and had recently received a lifetime certificate for more than 50 years of service. She was a member of the First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, C.A. "Buster" Boothe in 1994; a son, Don Boothe in 1956; and a daughter, Helen Jean Boothe in 1930.

Survivors include two sons, Phil Boothe and Ronald Boothe, both of Amarillo; two brothers, Alfred Coward and B.E. Coward, both of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice, Box 950, Amarillo 79176-0001.

## J.T. Brinkley

Funeral services for J.T. "Brink" Brinkley, 83, of Kress, the father of a Hart woman, were held Sunday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Kress with Rev. Jay Simpson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Kress Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home.

Mr. Brinkley died March 16 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born May 29, 1916, in Leonard, and attended school in Leonard and Taylorville. He married Ollie Bell McBroom on Jan. 8, 1936, in Leonard. She died Nov. 29, 1984. Mr. Brinkley was a Navy combat veteran of World War II, serving from 1941 to 1945. After the war, they lived in Leonard, moving to Kress in 1951. He was the manager of operations at the Kress Co-op until he retired in 1978. After his retirement, he worked for Swisher County for many years. He was a member of the Tulia Masonic Lodge for more than 50 years, reaching the level of a 32nd degree Mason.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mattie Lois.

He is survived by three daughters, Eloise West of Lubbock, Elaine O'Daniel of Hart, and Connie Heard of Allen; a son, Jim Brinkley of Abilene; a brother, Bill Brinkley of Lawton, Okla.; two sisters, Helen Green of Leonard and Lilla Duncan of Lawton; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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## Maxine T. Childers

Maxine T. Childers, 68, of Austin, former Dimmitt resident, died at 9:50 p.m. Tuesday at Christopher House in Austin.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating, assisted by Ronnie Parker. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Ms. Childers was born on Sept. 28, 1931, in Tuscola. She attended school there and graduated as valedictorian of her class. She attended McMurry College in Abilene. She moved to Childress in the early 1950s and to Dimmitt in 1962. She worked at First State Bank of Dimmitt for 20 years before retiring. She was the first woman to serve as the president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

She moved to Austin in 1982 and worked at Farm Credit Bank of Texas until 1994. She moved to Washington, D.C., in 1994, where she resided at McLean, Va. She was appointed by President Bill Clinton as an administrative assistant in the Farm Credit Administration. She belonged to many clubs and organizations and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Survivors include a son, Truett Childers of Austin; a sister and brother-in-law, Merle and Don Franklin of Houston; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jay Lee and Reba Touchstone and Truman and Betty Touchstone, all of Dimmitt; four nephews, two nieces; nine great-nephews; three great-nieces; and special cousins, Ruth and Burl Swafford of Dallas.

The family requests that memorials be to the American Cancer Society or to a favorite charity.

## Juanita Contreras

Funeral services for Juanita G. Contreras, 59, of Tulia, the sister of a Dimmitt woman, were held Monday afternoon in Brooks Chapel in Canyon with Rev. Frank Barrientes, pastor of Life in the Word Assembly of God of Tulia, officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon under direction of Brooks Funeral Directors in Canyon. Prayer services were held Saturday evening in Brooks Chapel with Rev. Rossendo DeLos-Santos officiating.

Mrs. Contreras was born in Edinburg. She married Juan Garcia in 1956 at Lamesa. He died in 1986. She moved to Tulia in 1971. In 1978, Mrs. Contreras moved to Canyon, where she was employed as a custodian for the Canyon Independent School District. In 1986 she returned to Tulia and was a member of Life in the Word Assembly of God Church. She married Bacillio Contreras in 1994 in Tulia.

She is survived by her husband; four daughters, Alicia Diaz, Lupe Garcia, Maria Lucero and Florence Garcia, all of Amarillo; five sons, Juan Garcia Jr. and Poncho Garcia, both of Tulia, Agapito Garcia of Amarillo, Jesus Garcia of Canyon and Jose Angel Garcia of Hereford; three brothers, Felipe Flores, George Flores and Daniel Flores, all of Edinburg; three sisters, Aureia Berremia of Tulia, Lupe Ogas of Dimmitt, and Flora Arguigo of Clovis, N.M.; 27 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Sarah Emerson

Funeral services for Sarah Lucile Emerson, 87, of Amarillo, the aunt of two Dimmitt men, were held Monday morning in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors Memorial Chapel in Amarillo with Rev. Jimmy Phillips officiating.

Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery of Amarillo.

Mrs. Emerson died March 18.

She was born in Dunlap and moved to Amarillo in 1953. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God Church in Amarillo. She married Burt L. Emerson in 1954, at Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death in 1963.

She is survived by three nieces, Luan Cordi of Amarillo, Karen Brown of Rialto, Calif., and Gala Reiman of Mesa, Ariz.; and four nephews, Scott Martin and Tommy Martin, both of Dimmitt, Bobby Martin of Dubuque, Iowa, and James Kelly Martin of Mesa, Ariz.

## Victor Hudman

Funeral services for Victor Hudman, 91, of Post, the stepfather of a Dimmitt woman, were held Sunday afternoon at First Christian Church of Post with Rev. Jack Alexander officiating.

Burial followed in the Terrace Cemetery under direction of Hudman Funeral Home of Post.

Mr. Hudman died March 17 at Covenant Medical Center.

He was born March 1, 1909, in Bronte. He married Ella Mae Blanton on Nov. 11, 1937, in Slaton. She died April 17, 1972. Mr. Hudman married Iva Hogue on Sept. 25, 1973, in Slaton. He was a US Navy veteran of World War II. He was the owner and operator of Hudman Furniture and Hudman Funeral Home in Post from 1945 until 1996, when he retired. He was a member of the Texas Funeral Directors Association for more than 50 years, and was a trustee of the First Christian Church of Post.

He is survived by his wife; three sons, Victor Hudman of Abilene, Curtis Hudman of Post, and Joe Hudman of Kingwood; four stepchildren, John Hogue of Wimberly, Patsy Self of Littlefield, Jerry Hogue of Slaton and Linda Frye of Dimmitt; a brother Hansford Hudman of Post; a sister, Bernice Cockrum of Ballinger; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Myrtle Ramsey

Graveside services for Myrtle Ramsey, 88, of Tulia, a former resident of Hart, were held Saturday afternoon in Rose Hill Cemetery of Tulia with Rev. Bill Guenther, pastor of First Assembly of God Church in Tulia, and Rev. Rusty Grey, pastor of Tulia Christian Fellowship, officiating.

Arrangements were by Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Ramsey died March 16.

She was born in Bonham and grew up there and in Dallas. Her first marriage was to L.B. Clark in 1928. He died in 1975. In 1980, she married Slim Ramsey, who died in 1983. Prior to moving to Tulia in 1955, Mrs. Ramsey lived in Royce City, Vernon, Hart and Plainview. She was employed by Tulia Steam Laundry. She was a member of First Assembly of God Church in Tulia.

She was preceded in death by a son, Fred Clark.

Survivors include two daughters, Delores Kell of Boise City, Okla., and Betty Elkins of Fort Worth; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can. -Mark Twain



## Ellis Mayberry

Ellis Mayberry, 73, of Dimmitt, died Monday at 5:51 p.m. at North-west Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Robert Mayberry officiating. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Mayberry was born March 15, 1927, in Gonzales. He married Centrie Allen on Nov. 7, 1951, in Oklahoma City, Okla. He grew up in Hillsboro and graduated from Peabody High School. He attended West Texas State University for a year and a half.

He served in the Army during World War II and during the Korean Conflict. He farmed in the Dimmitt area for a number of years. He worked at the First State Bank of Dimmitt for 10 years.

He attended Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock. He began preaching in Dimmitt at the Seventh Street Church of Christ for two years. He was the pastor of Northside Church of Christ in Levelland for 14 years. He became the pastor of Weldel Church of Christ in Littlefield and served 10 years before retiring in 1998.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Zenitha Ann Rosales of Amarillo; four sons, James Mayberry and Herman Mayberry, both of Fort Worth, Robert Mayberry of Dallas and Thompson Mayberry of Canyon; four sisters, Georgie A. Mayberry of Dallas, Aquilla Dawson of Houston, Jesse Mae Ransom of Hillsboro and Marjorie Mayberry of Fort Worth; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A man had rather have a hundred lies told about him, than one truth which he does not wish should be told.

-Samuel Johnson

A large apple tree in full leaf may require as much as 95 gallons of water from the soil every day.

## Mary Robison

Graveside services for Mary Lucille Robison, 79, of Littlefield, a native of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at Littlefield Memorial Park with Rev. Larry Harvey, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Littlefield, officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mrs. Robison died March 18 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

She was born April 26, 1920, in Dimmitt. She lived in Littlefield since the early 1930s and graduated from Littlefield High School in 1938. She married Charles Earl Robison March 22, 1942, at Portales, N.M. Mrs. Robison owned and operated Robison Upholstery and Drapery Shop until retiring in 1982. She was a member of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Littlefield Senior Citizens Center, and was a member of the Littlefield First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 7, 1997.

She is survived by two sons, Charles N. Robison of Calhoun and Georgia Eddie Brent Robison of Littlefield; two daughters, Sherron E. Shore of San Jose, Calif., and Charlotte K. Polvado of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

## Stephanie Walker

Funeral services for Stephanie Walker, 19, of Hereford, the granddaughter of Isom Walker of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon at the First Assembly of God Church in Hereford with Rev. Mike Sullivan officiating.

Burial followed at West Park Cemetery in Hereford under direction of Parkside Chapel funeral Home of Hereford.

Miss Walker died March 15 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice in Amarillo.

She was born Oct. 4, 1980, in Hereford to Bob and Valerie (Bridges) Walker. She attended Hereford High School and sang in the choir. Miss Walker attended the First Assembly of God Church in Hereford.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

She is survived by her parents, Bob and Valerie Walker; a brother, Justin Walker of Hereford; her grandparents, Christine Bridges of Amarillo, Edwin and Faye Bridges of Amarillo, and Isom Walker of Dimmitt; several aunts and uncles; and several cousins.

There are two things in this life for which we are never fully prepared, and that is twins.

-Josh Billings

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