Dimmitt, Texas, Thursday, March 21, 1996

Book Swap set Saturday

The Children's Book Swap will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Children who are pre-school age through fourth grade are invited to bring books they are tired of and trade them one-for-one for some different books.

Entertainment will be provided by the FAITH Group of Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, sponsored by Norma Trigo.

Children who are pre-school age will see a puppet show, featuring "Pocahontas" as the narrator and Sesame Street character puppets.

Children in kindergarten through second grade will see a comedy sketch by story tellers "Ima" and

Third and fourth graders will see characters emerge from a giant book and tell about the characters in popular book series, such as "Goosebumps," "The Boxcar Children," and "The Babysitters' Club."

By Don Nelson

This is National Ag Week. Considering what proportion of our income we spend for food and how well we eat, you and I and every other American could take a farmer to lunch every day of the year and still not catch up on our debt to him.

I sat at the baseball field at Morton Friday afternoon and watched a raincloud to the northeast. It was giving off rain, but the rain wasn't reaching the ground. The atmosphere was so dry that the moisture was evaporating before it

reached the ground. The same thing happened Saturday in a raincloud out toward Na-

Not only is our land dry; our whole atmosphere is parched.

When is this drought going to end?

I understand we've got a nearrecord drought on our hands. The average annual rainfall here is 17 inches. One farmer told me the other day that he hasn't received that much total in three years.

Any little amount of rainfall would be welcome. But it's going to take two or three frog-stranglers to really do any good.

One of the biggest success stories in the boys' state basketball tournament this year was Dallas Madison in Class AAAA.

Madison High School is located in one of the meanest ghettos in South Dallas. It's a neighborhood seething with crack cocaine addicts, pistol-packers, drug dealers, urban gangs and hopelessness.

At one time, Madison High was considered one of the lowest achieving schools in Dallas, with a high dropout rate, low graduation rate and terrible SAT scores.

But that was before Principal

Leon Hamilton showed up. Hamilton, a giant of a man in a 10-gallon cowboy hat, brought a bevy of can-do administrators and teachers in with him. And they've turned the school around in every

Dallas Morning News columnist Kevin B. Blackstone calls Madison High's success "the near-miracle on

Martin Luther King Boulevard." A few years ago the school couldn't find enough eligible boys under the no-pass, no-play rule to field a baseball team. Last spring the school not only fielded a team, but won a baseball tournament. And this year the Trojans won the regional basketball championship and advanced to state for the first

The school is getting great help from the neighborhood now-and that's crucial, Hamilton says. Before the state tourney, Robert's Ready to Wear, a neighborhood haberdasher, outfitted a few of the boys who didn't have any dress clothes to wear on the trip to Austin. Anonymous "friends" (Continued on Page 11)



A CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP, sponsored by Rhoads Memorial Library and the FAITH Group of Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, will be Saturday at the library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children of pre-school age through the fourth grade are invited to bring books they are tired of and exchange them one-for-one for different books. 'Pocahontas', portrayed by Jessica Flores, will narrate a puppet show featuring Sesame Street characters as part of the entertainment. There is no charge for participation in the swap, and refreshments will Photo by Linda Maxwell be served.

Producers, firefighters pray for end to parched conditions

it and we require it. Where is the irrigation—that means money—to

That's a question everyone, especially agricultural producers and firefighters in this area, would like to have answered.

In case you have forgotten what the definition of that rare gift of "rain" is, Webster defines it as water falling to earth in drops that have been condensed from the moisture in

the atmosphere. It's been too long since significant rainfall has been recorded in Castro County. So far in 1996 KDHN, the National Weather Service Observer in Castro County, has recorded just five hundredths of an inch of moisture. That came in the form of a dry, powdery snow in early February. No moisture was recorded in January and only a trace has been recorded so far in March.

Meanwhile, the winds are blowing strong and what minimal moisture there is in the ground and in the air drifts away amid the dust storms.

Prior to the early February "flood", the last measurable moisture was recorded on Dec. 17, when gauges almost cracked from the pressure of a 1.33" deluge. November was bone dry, but the sky did drop .64 of an inch of rain in October. September 1995 was definitely not one of the wettest months on record, but KDHN did record .87 of an inch during the month. That amount, however, was spread throughout the month with a tenth of an inch here and a tenth of an inch there.

The lack of moisture has farmers worried. They are almost ready to sow their crops, but the ground is so

Think rain!

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We need it, we crave it, we desire dry, it will take a lot of

get the crops up and growing.

Many farmers have been preparing their ground and are ready to plant corn, and that ground preparation this year includes a lot of prewatering. According to J.D. Ragland, Castro County Extension Agent, many farmers will begin planting corn around April 10.

Normal rainfall for the first three months of the year is about an inch and a half. The five hundredths we've had so far doesn't come close to fulfilling pre-plant moisture



formally agreed to participate in a special season of prayer in cooperation with the Castro County Commissioners' Court to pray for rain.

Assistant City Manager Don Sheffy told the council Monday night that he had been approached by Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldridge about issuing a joint proclamation and setting a specific day and time for all citizens to join in the petition.

The council members agreed with City Manager Reeford Burrous in saying that they should allow the commissioners to set the event and join in with them.

"There's no other way to put it, it is just simply dry," said Ragland. "I saw a report the other day that we needed at least six inches of rainfall to fill the soil moisture profile enough to prepare for the upcoming planting season."

The drought has taken its toll on the winter wheat crop in the county,

While Ragland said irrigated wheat looks okay, other fields are "just simply dried out."

"I anticipate wheat harvest to be on a minimum scale this year, although the price outlook looks good," Ragland said.

The dry conditions also present a high fire threat, especially on Conservation Reserve Program acres.

"We've been really lucky so far, especially when you look at some of the fires other counties have had to battle," said Tommy Cleavinger of the Dimmitt Fire Dept. "We've only had two big grass fires in the last three months, and both of those burned out when they reached wheat fields."

Cleavinger said the fire danger is extremely high right now, and everyone should use common sense when it comes to lighting fires.

"This (drought) is as bad as it's been in a long, long time," Cleavinger said. "People should be careful when burning trash and shouldn't throw cigarettes out of the window while they're driving down the road. A little spark like can be really dangerous right now."

Cleavinger urges producers attempting to burn part of their land

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SAFE!—Dimmitt's Zeke Nino slides safely into third base on a wild pitch in the Bobcats' second game against Morton's Indians Friday at Morton. The Bobcats scored in every inning to post a 13-9 victory and keep Dimmitt High School's longest-ever winning streak alive at five games. Photo by Don Nelson

5-year-old Dimmitt girl drowns after slipping into lake near Lubbock

An outing near Buffalo Springs Lake near Lubbock turned tragic for one Dimmitt family Saturday when a 5-year-old girl slipped and fell into the chilly water.

Felicia Elaine Vasquez and her parents, Jessie and Melba Vasquez of Dimmitt, were walking along a nature trail at the lake Saturday afternoon when Felicia slipped and fell into the water, which was about 10 feet deep.

The girl was pulled from the icy water approximately 40 minutes after the accident, and paramedics attempted to resuscitate her. She was airlifted to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where she was pronounced dead at 6:57 p.m.

According to Alton Chapman of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., Jessie Vasquez jumped in and tried to rescue his daughter, but was unable to find her.

Rescuers were immediately summoned by witnesses and they arrived within minutes. Lake rangers, volunteer firemen and a member of the Lubbock Fire Dept.'s underwater



Felicia Elaine Vasquez rescue team spent more than 35 minutes searching for the youngster, but were hampered by the cold waters.

Services for Miss Vasquez were held Tuesday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Candidates announce for May 4 local elections

The majority of incumbents holding seats on school boards, the Castro County Hospital District board of directors and city councils in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth have filed for re-election, and several new candidates have announced their intentions as well.

The election will be held May 4 and polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Early voting will be held April 15-30.

The filing deadline officially ended Wednesday at 5 p.m., and the candidates had filed as of press time Wednesday morning.

City of Dimmitt

Dimmitt voters will elect one atlarge councilmember and representatives for Places 1, 2, 3 and 4 in the May 4 elections.

Councilmembers whose terms expire this year include Don Sheffy (at-large), Gloria Hernandez (Place 1), Roy Garza (Place 2), Charles Richard (Place 3) and Roger Malone (Place 4).

Malone, Richard, Hernandez and Garza have filed for re-election, and Richard will be challenged in the Place 3 race by Henry Acevedo. Malcolm Reynolds has filed for the at-large seat.

On election day, May 4, Dimmitt voters will cast their ballots at City Hall in the councilmembers' chambers.

City of Hart

Only one of three incumbents has filed re-election to the Hart City

Councilmember seats up for grabs (Continued on Page 10)

City accepts mower bid

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday to accept the bid for \$9,976 for purchase of a riding lawn mower from James Bros. of Plainview.

The council accepted the bid on the recommendation of City Works Dept. Head Ralph Salinas and Assistant City Manager Don Sheffy. The two told the council they had heard from numerous sources that diesel machines perform better and last

Only two bids received were for diesel machines. The other bid was from Liberal Area Service for a

mower for \$8,849. However, that bid was rejected because Salinas objected to the machine's steering mechanism. He termed the duallever system "unsafe" and "too sensitive." He said since many different people operate the mower it would be difficult to have an experienced operator at all times who would be familiar with the steering.

In another matter, the council told Dimmitt Kids, Inc. representative Gary Webb that they preferred the designation "Durham Memorial

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DISD project to cost \$935,924

In a special meeting Monday, the rather than using metal inserts. Dimmitt Independent School District school board approved spending a total of \$935,924 for the project of improvements at Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School.

Of that amount, \$890,924 will go to TEC Construction of Amarillo for heating, air conditioning and roofing. \$45,000 will go to Grimes & Associates of Amarillo for graduation set for May 23, 1997. engineer-ing fees.

Joe Grimes told the board he was able to negotiate the lower bid with TEC and still include the roofing at the high school. DISD Supt. Les Miller said the project will include adding heaters at the old "box" gym and auditorium at DMS, and at the DHS gym and cafeteria, as well as air conditioning the cafeteria. He said the windows that are redone for better climate control will include stucco inserts like those done at Richardson Elementary School,

Miller said it will probably be

April 1 before all the paper work is done and the project can get started, but it is scheduled for completion before the next school year.

In other business, the board adopted the school calendar for the 1996-97 school year. It sets the first classroom day on Aug. 12, with

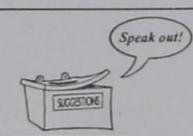
Spring break will be March 24-28. Christmas break will stretch from Dec. 23-Jan. 7. Three days, Nov. 27-29, are allowed for Thanksgiving, and one for Labor

Feb. 6 will be an in-service day, followed by a holiday Feb. 7 for the stock show. An in-service day is set for Oct. 14, also. Snow days will be April 11 and May 9. New teachers must report Aug. 7, with all others starting Aug. 8.

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cial National Weather Service reporting

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'Medicare is socialized medicine'

By FROMA HARROP

Not long ago, an agitated newspaper reader called me from Oregon. system. He was annoyed that I had not responded to an unpleasant letter he had sent a month earlier.

cheaper, fairer and generally as competent as ours. The reader insisted that the American setup of profitto France's government-supervised medical system, which also guarantees coverage for every citizen.

the difficulty of holding a reasonable discussion about a proper government role in American health care. As the phone conversation heated up, the reader unleashed the "S"

word. He accused me of preferring a "socialistic" model for our medical

But there's a punch line.

This caller claimed superior knowledge of the French health care In a column, I had praised the system because he had used it. He French health care system as had arrived in Paris with an infected eye and sought treatment. He complained of a several-hour wait at a "dirty" outpatient facility. He further oriented managed care was superior felt cheated by the French hospital's \$100 fee. As further evidence of our system's superiority, he submitted a statement from a Portland doctor The words that followed illustrate who charged \$42, presumably for the same treatment.

The doctor's statement, however, revealed something far more revealing than the fee. Who had picked up most of his bill? Medicare!



Texans Know How. to Communicate

he busiest room in our Washington, D.C. office is the mail room. Some days, it looks as if all 18 million Texans decided to write to me at the same time. I'm sure it seems that way to the seven staffers whose job it is to open, read and answer the mail.

We receive as many as 5,000 letters a week, plus 1,000 E-mail messages and several hundred faxes. Some weeks we've received as many as 11,000 pieces of mail. In addition to the mail room staff, everyone in the Washington office and our five regional offices in Texas spends time answering the mail. I believe it is important to respond as promptly as possible -- after all, the writers put a lot of time and thought into it. Sometimes we slip, but we work hard to reply within two weeks.

In this column, I thought you might enjoy reading a cross-section of some of the letters I receive. What follows is a (highly selective) sample of the daily mail.

Here's a letter from a student in a history class at League City Intermediate School:

"I always thought that in presidential elections, voters vote for a president. However, I recently learned in school that the voters actually vote for a group of electors and the electors are the ones who actually elect the President. I was shocked!" -- Hotan, League City

Mrs. Comstock's kindergarten class at Plummer Elementary School in Cedar Hill writes:

"We are practicing the letter 'H' so we decided to write to you. Thank you for doing your job. It helps Texas. It helps us. We have 20 students. We

learn a lot. We went to the fire station. We play." Our adult writers have strongly felt opinions, as well:

"Finally it seems there is a general agreement that there needs to be a balanced budget. I am writing to urge you to achieve this goal by cutting wasteful government spending rather than raising taxes... I am convinced that the single most important action Congress can take to boost savings, raise productivity and improve our standard of living is to balance the budget." --Bill, Amarillo.

The subject of taxes invokes lot of comment:

"There is an inequity in the tax code for young people who want to save for college expenses and work at the same time. If the young taxpayer lives at home with someone who can count them on their tax return as a deduction, then the income they earn is taxed unfairly. There is no better way to improve our great State of Texas than to have a large percentage of our population be college educated." -- Tommy, Wichita Falls

"I am in the midst of filling out tax form 1040. I also have to prepare 1040ES, refer to five different publications and use five or six forms and schedules just to give the government my money to waste. This is ridiculous...I recommend that anyone who is elected to Congress or appointed IRS Commissioner be required to personally fill out form 1040 and all its related forms before they can take office!" - M.C., Victoria

And finally, another letter from a young writer who already sees the bottom line, in more ways than one:

"I feel that the most severe problem we have in the United States is the expanding national debt...I am 13 years old. I want the United States to still exist when I grow up. My parents want the budget balanced. They both vote." -- William, Mesquite

One of my college interns said to me, "When do you take your turn in the

I said, "When you can attend committee hearings and vote on the floor." But he had a point -- his job is pretty tough!

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Here was someone getting all incensed over my support for a taxsupported medical insurance system while his own care was covered by a tax-supported medical insurance system. That's all Medicare is. And Medicare recipients who stick to the fee-for-service option have far more freedom in choosing their doctors and hospitals than customers in the supposedly free-market world of health maintenance organizations.

Actually, this is not the first time I've fallen into long debates with Medicare beneficiaries who issued stern warnings against the dangers of "socialized medicine." By this they really mean the extension of a government insurance system to anyone younger than 65.

There should be a new rule. Any Medicare beneficiary who characterizes a taxpayer-supported health care system as "socialistic" must do one of two things: (1) turn in his or her Medicare card; or, (2) henceforth wear a button reading "I use socialized medicine and love it."

Unfortunately, we've all seen too many television commercials sponsored by the health insurance industry. This brainwashing has made it politically impossible to seriously discuss the need for a stronger government hand in our health care system. The issues are complicated and therefore easy to distort.

That tax subsidies make a system "socialistic" apparently does not apply to other parts of our economy. Taxpayers subsidize the nation's agribusinesses, but elected leaders do not refer to "socialized farming." Tax dollars pay for 100% of the military budget, but it would be considered crazy to talk about "socialized defense."

When I mentioned to the reader that a French person would not have been charged anything to visit a hospital in Paris, he responded -correctly-that the French pay for it through their higher taxes. Just as we American taxpayers had paid for his treatment in Portland. (Was he suggesting that French taxpayers also pay for his medical care?)

Finally, the reader's contention that the French medical system is shabby had been contradicted by testimony from other letter writers. Indeed, an unusual number had responded to the column with nothing but praise for the quality of their treatment in France.

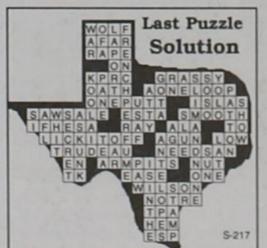
"Choice" is another touchy word. A government-run health care system, its opponents charge, would result in a loss of "choice." However, the only choice lost in Canada's single-payer plan is choice of insurer. The Canadian model allows total choice of doctor and hospital.

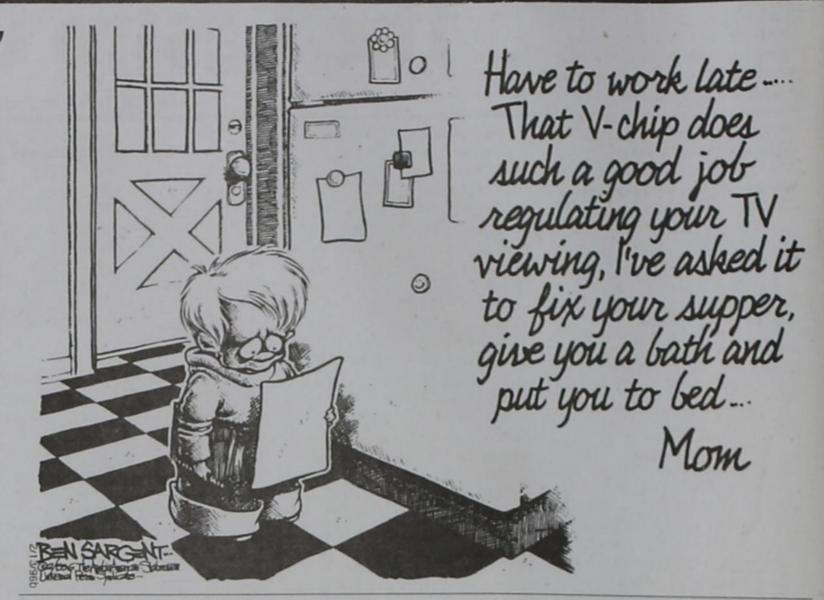
American consumers typically confront the strangest kind of choice. They may decide which HMO will limit their selection of doctors. Politicians say that allowing Medicare beneficiaries to participate in traditional fee-for-service medicine or join an HMO gives the elderly more "choice." In truth, they are being allowed to choose between choice and little or no choice.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could fix some of our meanings when discussing health care? Unfortunately, slippery vocabulary is useful in serving any number of political and economic ends.

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By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN - Gov. George W. Bush is held in high esteem by Texans, according to new ratings in a Texas Poll telephone survey conducted Feb. 21 to March 1.

Bush's job-approval rating of 70 percent is the highest received by a Texas governor in the last 10 years. The survey was conducted for Harte-Hanks Communications by the Office of Survey Research at the University of Texas.

"Gov. Bush is flattered that the people of Texas think he is doing a good job," said the governor's press secretary, Karen Hughes.

Hughes said Texans seem to appreciate Bush's ability to work with the Legislature and his willingness to share credit with Democratic leaders, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who presides over the state Senate and House Speaker Pete Laney.

Bush's approval rating eclipses that of his recent predecessors: Ann Richards peaked at 60 percent in spring 1994; Bill Clements managed a 36 percent mark after taking office in 1987; and Mark White's highwater mark was 42 percent in the winter of 1986.

Poll respondents over age 60 gave Bush the highest marks of any age group. The breakdown by party affiliation was as follows: 88 percent favored Bush's job performance; independents, 66 percent;

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and Democrats, 63 percent.

The poll also showed that Republican U.S. Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison both have improved their job approval ratings from 53 percent each last summer to 57 percent for both officials today.

Topping the list as the most important problem in the state was crime, indicated 21 percent of the respondents.

Moses to Stop Granting Waivers No more skipping final exams because of good grades.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said that next year he would no longer approve funding for students who have been exempted from taking finals because they have good grades.

More than 582 Texas public school districts have waivers from the commissioner that let them collect funding for those students on days they are absent during finals. Schools receive about \$25 a day per student.

"The state has been paying for days when students were not present. I don't feel comfortable with that. I don't believe I have the authority to do that, and besides, I have a philosophical problem with students' not taking final exams," Moses told the Dallas Morning

When students go to a university, they may find themselves unprepared to take required final exams, Moses said.

Gun Permit Report Issued

The Department of Public Safety reports 26,588 concealed handgun permit had been issued from Jan. 1 to March 6.

As of March 3, a DPS report said, white males had been issued 19,313 of 23,615 permits issued, and white and Hispanic males and females - grouped together - had been issued 22,662 permits. As of March 3, blacks held 438 permits and 397 of those were issued to males. Of the grand total, women held 3,444 of the permits.

For the first time, the DPS released information on rejected applications for permits to carry. As of March 6, only 16 applications had been rejected.

In February, a Grand Prairie man became the first permit holder to be charged with using his gun illegally in the shooting death of a Dallas

By March 6, the DPS reported, 59,291 completed applications had been received.

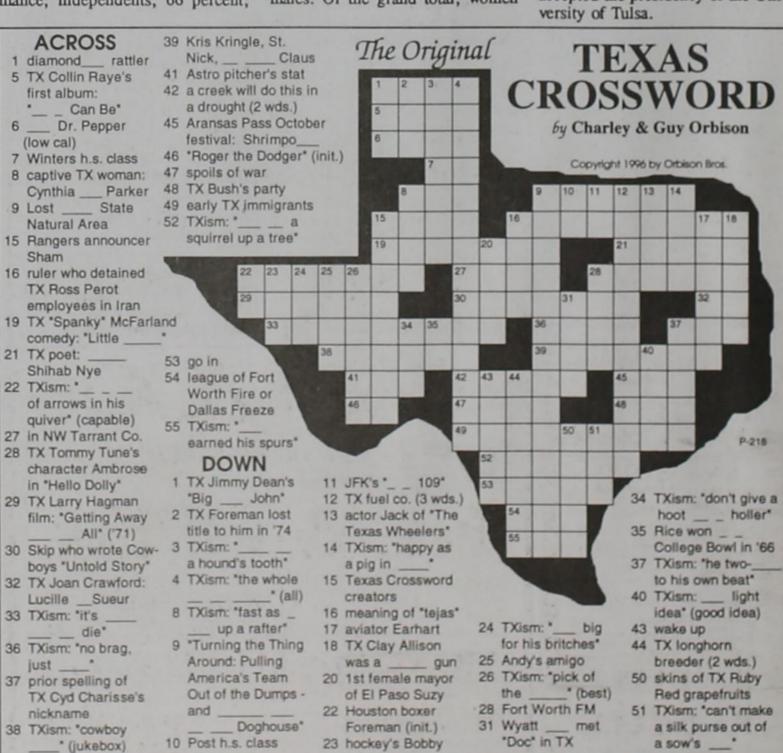
Other Capital Highlights

· For the first time in history, Texas' Republican Primary on March 12 outdrew the Democratic Primary. Political observers say the presidential nomination battle, plus the unusually large number of contested local races on the Republican Primary ballot, attracted conservative Democrats to the GOP Primary.

 State Comptroller John Sharp has negotiated an arrangement to allow welfare recipients who use the state's Lone Star Card to do their grocery shopping in other states' border towns. Sharp said agreements had been signed with New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana to permit grocery stores to opt into the Lone Star card program.

 Gov. Bush has designated James Francis Jr. of Dallas to replace Robert Holt as chairman of the Public Safety Commission. Holt will remain on the commission, which Francis joined on March 29, 1995. Francis, a partner in an oil and gas company, served as a special assistant to former Gov. Bill Clements.

■ Donald R. Haragan has been appointed interim president of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech Health Sciences Center. Haragan, who currently serves as executive vice president and provost of Texas Tech, will serve until a permanent successor to Robert W. Lawless is appointed. Lawless has accepted the presidency of the Uni-



On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Auxiliary held its regular business meeting March 13 at the hospital. Reports were made by the secretary, treasurer, and committee chairper-

Nine members were present to discuss possible membership dues. Also, plans were made for the annual bazaar, and plans were discussed for the state convention.

The next meeting will be April 10 at the Ettie McDermitt Memorial Meeting Room at the hospital.

Members repeated the Auxiliary Prayer, and concerns and joys were shared by those present.

Ed Freeman had his 81st birthday Saturday, and it led to many celebra-

On Friday, Bill and Deanne Clark invited Ed and Betty to lunch at noon at The Place. He was treated to lunch and earthquake cake, and received many cards. Others attending were Jack and Doris Flynt, James and Chunky Wilhelm and Anne Kern.

On Friday evening, Mary Cox took Ed and Betty to the Catholic Church for the Fish Fry.

On Saturday afternoon, Renise Blair entertained for a birthday party, which included Bobby and Beth Jones, Alice Cowen, Ruth Cochran, and Maxine Myers.

Betty made a birthday cake, which was shared with all who were at the adult Sunday School Class on Sunday at the Presbyterian Church.

Betty took Ed to see the movie Mr. Holland's Opus on Sunday eve-

The Freemans' five children and nephews and nieces all called over the weekend.

On March 4, Dan and Oma Dee Heard went to Ruidoso, N.M., to help Dan's sister celebrate her 70th birthday. They took LaNita and her husband, Kenneth, out to the Cattle Baron for supper.

On Wednesday it started snowing

County 4-H Roundup set

Castro County 4-H'ers will hold the annual County Roundup on Monday in the courthouse basement.

A potluck supper will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. and each family is asked to bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks will be provided.

Method demonstrations will be presented at 7 p.m. and all 4-H'ers must present their Method Demonstration during the event.

Grandparents, friends, neighbors, and parents of 4-H'ers are invited to attend.

4-H'ers unable to present their Method Demonstration during roundup should contact the Extension Office to have their project videotaped before the Roundup.

4-H'ers to take tour of denim facility in Earth

Senior 4-H'ers from Castro County who are interest in clothing projects are invited to join the Lamb County 4-H in a tour of the Denim Patch in Earth next Thursday, March 28.

The Denim Patch specializes in embellishing denim garments and specialty wear.

Those interested in going should meet at the Castro County courthouse at 4:15 p.m. on March 28.

You must register in advanct to take the tour and those interested should contact County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.



The Plains Memorial Hospital (people told them it was snow) and it of the program at the Canterbury snowed al afternoon, and was just beautiful. They decided they didn't want to come home in a snow storm, so they finally made it out to the Dixon's home at Bonita and spent the night with them. They also got to visit with Dan's niece and family from Tucumcari. They all played spinner dominos.

The Heards returned home late Thursday afternoon in time to unload and repack. They left Friday afternoon with Austin and Brittany Heard for Six Flags. Danny and Alicia and Niccole left about the same time.

On Saturday, the herd of Heards met the Walter White family of Rusk at Six Flags, where they all enjoyed the cool day and rides, especially the kids; but they didn't have any long lines to wait in. Sunday the Heards all went back until 2 p.m. and it was

Danny came home and PaPa and Nana took the four grandkids and went to Rusk to Pam and Walter's. They got there in time to attend church with them that night. The seven cousins really enjoyed playing and doing things together. Monday afternoon, Pam took them to Jacksonville to the basket factory and the kids watched them make baskets.

Tuesday morning they went to Tyler and went to the Loo-a nice one. They all had lunch and the Whites went back to Rusk and the Heards headed west.

They spent the night in Olney with Dan's cousins and visited several cousins and Dan's 90-year-old aunt, who is recovering from cancer surgery and doing real well.

The Heards got back to Dimmitt Wednesday afternoon and were glad to return the children to their parents-too much energy for the old folks.

Cleo Forson was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. She served cookies and popcorn for snacks and apple cobbler and ice cream for des-

Dude McLauren and Johnnie Vannoy served red beans, tater tots, relish dish and cornbread for dinner. Johnnie Vannoy won high score, and Alma Kenmore won second. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Opha Burks, Ina Rae Cates, Emily Clingingsmith, Virginia Crider, Edith Graef, Loranell Hamilton, Neva Hickey, Louise Mears, Elizabeth Huckabay, Dude McLauren and Susie Reeves.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week were Mary Ann Torres of Hereford, who brought 17 children ages 6 to 12 from the day care center there, along with two sponsors. Rosetta gave them the tour of the buildings, since I had gone to a funeral.

Todd and Karla Poulter of Duncanville, and children, John and Scott, are retired missionaries in Kenya, Africa. They were visiting Ed and Betty Freeman for a few days. We need more visitors at the museum like Todd, since he repaired our storm doors while he was here.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Tilson of Plainview needed some information concerning the Mulky School that was located between Dimmitt and Hart. If anyone has some information on this school, please let us know!

The Baptist church was in charge

Villa on Thursday morning. Bill Newland led the singing, with Mary Edna Hendrix as pianist. Irene Carpenter gave the devotional. Bill sang a special, Fill My Cup, Lord.

Others present were Colleen Newman, Ysleta Ball and Zetha Blackburn.

The dining room was decorated in green and white, with shamrocks everywhere for St. Patrick's Day.

The February birthdays were Wilda Hawkins, Richard Wooten, Inez Lee and Emma Brinker. March birthdays were Alma Umberson, Anne Finch, Edward Irlbeck and Sinforoses Flores.

The FAITH group held their fish fry again on Friday. They plan to serve fish for three more Fridays at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

The youth are good waiters and waitresses. Our group was so big they put two tables together-Leander Reinart, Ed and Betty Freeman, Mary Cox, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Jewell Connell, Fern Jones, Edna Reinart, Charles and Rena Richard, and Mary Edna Hen-

Robin Gonzales and Rosetta led the group in singing "Happy Birthday" to Ed Freeman, whose birthday was on Saturday. The tables were decorated with garlands of tiny green shamrocks and the girls were wearing the same kind of garlands on their heads.

I had two more birthday dinners. My daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo, met me in Tulia, and my sister, Lynna Cloer, treated me to a Mexican dinner at El Camino.

Oleta Gollehon took me to Hereford to celebrate my birthday, and we had a steak dinner at the Sirloin Stockade. Kate Beecher and Irene Carpenter made up the foursome. We visited Marie Bowen and Mildred Sheffy, who were having lunch

Ruby Ramsey has out of town relatives visiting for the week, including Nancy Cranford of Virginia Beach, Va., and John and Yvonne Pitts of El Paso. Charles and Jean Pitts, Leada Hance and Phoebe Claborn joined them for Sunday dinner and visiting.

John B. is learning esophageal speech following his laryngectomy. He asks that everyone still remember him in their prayers as he continues speech therapy.

Linda Maxwell and her daughter, Mindy, flew to Dallas last Thursday to visit with Linda's mom, who lives in Princeton, a small town east of McKinney. One of Linda's sisters lives there, too.

Mindy was excited to have her first plane ride, and enjoyed playing with her three cousins, even if they are all boys! They all went to the Galleria shopping mall, and the older three children went ice skating!

On the plane they sat by a man from Prosper, whose dad used to be a regional supervisor for the Extension service. He had visited in Dimmitt a few times.

When they went to church with Linda's mom at Hillcrest Christian Church in McKinney, they met a young woman who used to live in Lazbuddie.

Linda and Mindy flew home Sunday afternoon, coming down right through a rain cloud. But Linda said they wouldn't let her stick her hand out the window to catch any of it to bring home with her.

Jeremy Langford and seven guy friends from Stephen F. Austin at Nacogdoches stopped by home (the Gary Langfords') en route to Steamboat Springs, Colo., and on the way back, too. They went skiing in Colorado and ate a lot at the Langfords'.

Margaret Parsons hosted the "Hard to Get Together" bridge club at her home last week. She served crab melts, salad and spice cake to Nancy Ross, Sandra Potts, Deanne Clark, Patricia Braafladt, Virginia Hansen, Martha Jo Hyman, and guests, Ruth Jackson and Dorothy Hopson. Ruth and Nancy won high for the day.

The Methodists were treated to music by the Handbells, and three young ladies who sang their winning contest number of Stars Are For Those Who Lift Their Eyes. They

were Lacy Loudder, Jessica Garcia and Leah Scarborough.

Louise Moffett's sister, Ann Butler of Levelland, spent a few days visiting in Dimmitt.

The Monday Morning Koffee Klatch was attended by Deanne Clark, Margaret Parsons, Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Martha Jo Hyman, Mary Small, Jackie McLeroy and Betty Freeman.

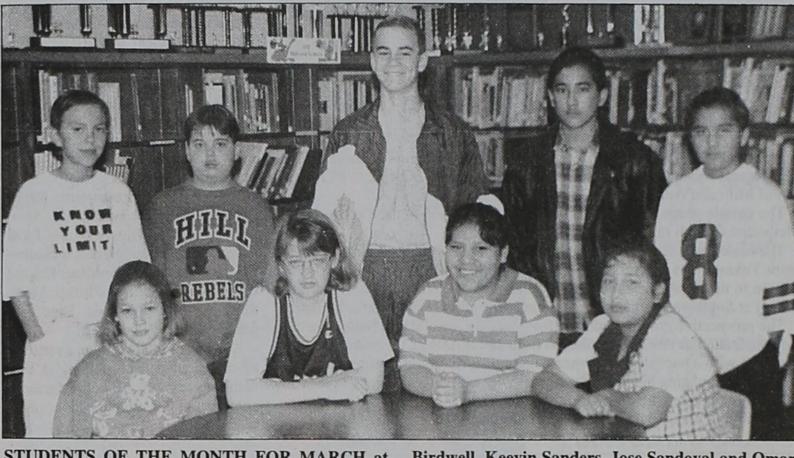
The group is planning to send Easter cards, candies, nuts, cookies, or canned meats (must have opener) to the servicemen and women in Bosnia. Others are invited to join in the project by bringing items to the Senior Citizens Center Monday from 10-11 a.m. or Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Also, cards may be sent now to: Navy-Marine:

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH at Dimmitt Middle School are (front, from left) Kami Sanders, Sally Stahl, Maria Garcia, and Liduvina Rodriguez; (back, from left) Micky Gauna, Joe Birdwell, Keevin Sanders, Jose Sandoval and Omar Torres. Not shown is Dalton Fisher.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Drama Club perform

Club will present "A Canterbury Tale from the Wife of Bath" in a public performance today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the DHS audito-

Admission will be \$2 per person, with children under 10 admitted free. Proceeds from the play will help pay for costumes, equipment and trip expenses for the group.

The one-act comedy was written by Herman Ammann, and is directed by Lisa Fixsen. The group is preparing the presentation for the district one-act play contest.

Goldsmith as the Wife of Bath, Jeff Riggs as Jack of All Trades, Melissa Ivey as Princess Oscarina, Josh Roberts as Sir Gallant Dilemma, Joe Larra and Joey Martinez as guards, Rachel Goldsmith as the Queen, Valerie Gonzales as Lady Fumble, Priscilla Washington as Lady Stumble, Priscilla Tavarez as Lady Bumble, Tracy Grand as the Wizard, Tyson Adams as Lord Bumble, and

Sarah Goldsmith as the Crone.

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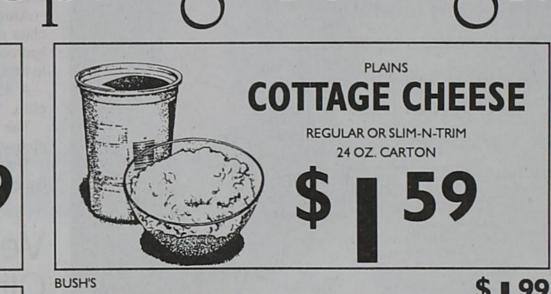
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M.J. Shult and Danna Ralston

July wedding planned

Seth and Anita Ralston of Dalhart, formerly of Dimmitt, announce the upcoming activities of the local engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Danna, to M.J. Shult, chapter. son of Milo and Ann Shult of Conway, Ark.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows July 6 in the Central United Psutka of Lubbock will attend. Also, Methodist Church in Dalhart.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She graduated from Texas A&M University in December 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in nutritional science. She is currently in her final year of pharmacy school at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

The prospective groom graduated from A&M Consolidated High School in College Station in 1990. He graduated from Texas A&M University in December 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering. He is to come out and participate in this currently completing his master's degree program in agricultural engineering at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla.

The couple plans to live in Stillwater after the wedding.

Scott Simpson and Suzanne Fenwick

Fenwick, Simpson to marry

Suzanne Fenwick and Scott Simpson plan to exchange wedding vows on April 12 at the First Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim Fenwick of McAlister, Okla., and

Gain Gladstein of Oklahoma City, Okla.

The prospective groom is the son of Bob Simpson of Dimmitt. He is a 1983 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is currenting serving as associate pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Abilene.

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Breast screening scheduled April 4

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Cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and oneon-one instruction in breast selfexamination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician. The program is certified

Cancer Society plans luncheon

The Castro County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will have a luncheon March 27 at noon at K-Bob's and all interested persons are invited.

The dutch-treat meal will be followed by a planning session for

ACS Field Representative Kathy newly elected officers of the local chapter will be recognized, including Chaun Gunstream, president; Krystal Clearman, secretary; Phillip York, treasurer; and Mildred Bradford, patient services chairman.

"We want to encourage everyone planning session. All help is greatly appreciated," a chapter spokesman

Clothing class set for 4-H'ers

A clothing class for all 4-H'ers interested will be held today (Thursday) from 4 to 6 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

All age groups are invited to at-

Among the areas of focus at the class will be making accessories for bedrooms. Those attending are asked to bring some color samples.

A \$5 fee will be charged for supplies.

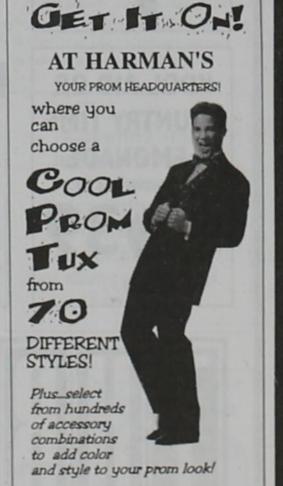
The class will count toward completion of 4-H'ers clothing projects. Those interested should call Marilyn Neal at 647-4115 to register

Vessels weds Clifton Jan. 12

Mr. and Mrs. Brad Clifton are at home in Muleshoe, following their Jan. 12 wedding.

The bride is the former Jilliane Vessels, a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She resided in Dimmitt with her grandmother, Margaret Bland.

The couple exchanged vows in Muleshoe.



Bring along your Prom date and coordinate your tuxedo with her formal gown!

IN DIMMITT

The Women's Center of the Don by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New

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

Showers honor Elly Rhoades

Elly Rhoades, bride-elect of Mark Rogers, was honored with two showers recently.

A bridal shower was held Feb. 24 in the home of Sally Bradford.

The serving table was covered with a white Battenburg lace tablecloth, and held a spring bouquet as the centerpiece. Silver appointments completed the look. Refreshments included miniature cream puffs and almond tea.

Out of town guests included the bride-elect's mother, Gayle Rhoades of Stratford; her sisters, Chancey Rhoades of Stratford and Jolane Rhoades of Amarillo; the honoree's grandmother, Foy Lane of Turkey; her aunts, Wanda Lane of Lockney and Nita Tuckett of Memphis; the prospective groom's grandmother, June Rogers of Lubbock; and a close friend of his family, Carol LeGate of Hereford.

Serving at the table were Mary Bradley, Michelle Baca, Cinnamon Bradley and Carla Bradley.

Thirty hostesses assisted with the courtesy.

A lingerie shower honoring Rhoades was held March 9 at the Hereford Country Club. The event was hosted by Sandy Baker and Martha Jo Hyman and their daugh-

Twenty-three guests attended.



Coy Bruce Bryant and Monica Cheree Moore

Bryant and Moore to wed

Monica Cheree Moore and Coy Bruce Bryant plan to exchange wedding vows at 7:30 p.m. on June 1 at the Hill Chapel on the West Texas A&M University campus in Canyon.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Moore of Amarillo and Mr. and Mrs. Benny Brumley of Idalou. Parents of the prospective groom

are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bryant of Dimmitt. Moore graduated from Idalou High School in 1991. She is attending West Texas A&M University, and will graduate in May with a degree in education. She is currently working as a student teacher.

Bryant is a 1985 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1994 with a bachelor of science degree in general studies and history. He is employed as a coach with the Farwell Independent School District. While at WTAMU he was a membr of the Kappa

After the wedding the couple will reside in Farwell.

THE ATHLETE who holds more medals and set more records in various sports than any other athlete in the 20th century is a Texas woman, Babe Didrikson Zaharias.

Building a Better Dimmitt

Have you heard the joke about the man who was duped into thinking he had bought the Brooklyn Bridge? It's only funny when it is in a joke. It wouldn't be very funny to someone who had paid a lot of money, only to discover they didn't really own a piece of property or couldn't do with it as they pleased. That is why abstract and title companies are needed.

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interesting. We all work together, and I've certainly never been bored," Clara said.

Clara said the main advantage of doing business n Dimmitt is that it is a small enough community that she is able to know almost all of the citizens of

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Johnny and Clara Vick

ities of all the schools in the county and to other local fund-raising projects.

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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

The Open-book Game

I work with some of the brightest, most enthusiastic men and women in the world. They wear many labels, including entrepreneurs, proprietors and the under employed. They are the owners of small businesses.

For many owners the experience is a lonely one. In general, the owners carefully guard business information and don't feel that employees have any right to know anything about their company's bottom line. Only those employees who must have certain informa-

tion to do their jobs have access to it. Sometimes the reluctance to release information is due to how much the owner is making, other times it is because of how little.

The situation can lead to two conclusions. First, uninformed employees often assume their boss is making a ton of money, and therefore they make no attempt to find ways to improve the business or eliminate waste. Second, they have no sense of ownership and can't see how their effort-or lack thereof—affects anything that happens in the business.

The owner, who has access to good management information, can't understand why the employees don't show more motivation in helping the business prosper. The employees who know nothing about the operation can't understand why the boss is always in a stew about something.

An enlightened staff

Some owners are finding new ways to run their small businesses. They are opening the books to all employees and are getting everyone involved in helping the business make money.

In some firms, the owners may have made the move in desperation. The business was struggling and the owner gave the employees an ultimatum: "Help me make money or your job will go away."

When the employees became enlightened and knew their jobs were on the line they pitched in and turned the company around. Then somewhere else, a savvy owner heard of this success and wondered if it would work for a healthy company. He or she opened the books to the staff, split the upside and everyone came out ahead.

This is the essential principle of "open-book management." The owner makes information available to all employees. Everyone is coached to understand the numbers and how their work affects the company's profit. They know if the company is making money and they know the reasons why.

Empowered with this information, the employees then begin to assume seum and Rhoads Memorial Library responsibility for moving the numbers in the right direction. The incentive for through a unique program designed Italian documents the museum remaking these changes is a piece of the larger profit pie. The workers who help for older workers. generate profit reap a portion of it.

A want-to strategy

Open-book management is not so much a "how-to" strategy as it is a "want cally disadvantaged senior itizens Rhoads Memorial Library. He was P.O. Box 7898, Waco 76714; or call to" strategy. Making results available to all employees doesn't help them know and three Dimmitt residents are Louie Allen, and he started with the (817) 776-4081. what to do. What it has done for several companies is provide the motiviation working under the program. for making positive changes.

In open-book companies, everyone is an entrepreneur. It's a great adventure by the Green Thumb Program for 14 every day knowing that you have some control over the company's profits and your own earning power. Employees who are informed and involved are happier, have higher energy levels and are more productive.

Four principles make up the open-book system. First, employees need veteran of the program, and she is access to information so they know what is going on in the business. Second, they have to understand that information and relate it to their job. Third, they must have the authority to use the information to change outcomes and fourth, they must have a stake in the company's success or failure.

If you want to read more about this topic I'd suggest two books. The first is Open-Book Management by John Case (1995, Harper Business). The second is The Great Game of Business by Jack Stack with Bo Burlingham (1992, Doubleday/Currency.)

Don Taylor is the co-author of Up Against the Wal-Marts. You may write Bush's committee to serve on the to him in care of Minding Your Own Business P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105. Panhandle Regional Review Com-

ICA calls for investigation

The board of directors of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas (ICA) is urging the US Dept. of Agriculture to complete a comprehensive investigation of packer concentration. The investigation is being conducted by a commission organized by US Sec. of Agriculture Dan Glickman.

The panel is due to issue its findings in June. The investigation will focus on the fact that three major meat packing companies are buying more than 80% of the cattle in the US. Packer profits have risen steadily in recent years, while prices at the producer level have dropped

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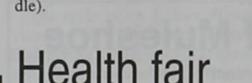
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50% in the past two years.

"We are looking for avenues to get something done," said Jim Selman, president of ICA. "The packers are causing prices to be depressed."

The ICA board voted to make its views known after learning that prices at the cow-calf producer level had dropped drastically since the first quarter of 1994, plunging from \$400 a head to an average of \$213 a head in January.

The group is asking everyone to write their congressmen and to urge Glickman to expedite the completion of his investigation.



in Nazareth

Nazareth Legion Hall. The health fair will be conducted

The health fair is free and is open to the public. Cholesterol and blood sugar testing and other standard pre-

March is named

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Individuals are encouraged to become a Red Cross volunteer and take classes in how to help during and after a disaster, teach first aid and CPR, or teach water safety

Memberships in the Tri-County Chapter of the Red Cross are available at 224 South Main Street, Hereford. For more information, call 806-



THE THREE GREEN THUMB workers in Castro County along with their supervisors were honored Friday morning at a reception at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt. Fay Varner (left), area coordinator, serves doughnuts and juice to (from second left) Castro County Museum supervisor,

Clara Vick; and Green Thumb workers Jewell Connell, who works at the library; and Mary Edna Hendrick and Rosetta Bellinghausen, museum curator and document translator, respectively.

Photo by Anne Acker

Green Thumb program provides workers to museum and library

serves as a translator for the many

Castro County dates back to 1977,

library on Nov. 2, 1977, under the

program. He worked for three years,

then his wife, Lena, also served un-

der the program. Myrtle Behrends

also benefited from the program and

Allen was hired in 1977, and Li-

Fay Varner of Dimmitt is a Green

Thumb program aide and job devel-

oper for Castro, Deaf Smith,

Swisher, Floyd and Hale Counties.

Clara Vick of Dimmitt is a supervi-

sor for the Green Thumb workers at

the museum and Pottorff supervises

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library ever since.

Three Castro County ladies bring seum. She is assisted by a 5-year ence as productive contributors to a lifetime of varied talents and expe- member of the Green Thumb Proriences to the Castro County Mu- gram, Rosetta Bellinghausen, who job skills training which allows for

The Green Thumb Program provides part-time employment and training opportunities for economi-

Jewell Connell has been employed years as an aide at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Mary Edna Hendrix is a 10-year curator at the Castro County Mu-

Collins named to committee

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins has been appointed by Gov. George mittee.

Collins will be serving with other elected city or county officials from Silverton, Dalhart, Pampa, Borger, Canadian, Dumas, Perryton, Shamrock and Wheeler, according to Deanne Clark, Castro County Republican chairman, who was one of several people who nominated Collins for the one-year post.

Municipalities and organizations will appear before this committee to seek federal grants and other funds for development projects. The review committee makes recommendations to Gov. Bush for non-entitlement cities (Amarillo is excluded in the top 26 counties of the Panhan-

Health fair set Saturday

The Nazareth American Legion Post will sponsor a health fair Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

by the Veterans Administration Hospital of Amarillo.

ventive health tests will be offered during the fair.

Red Cross Month

for the American Red Cross this year, and the organization is observing March as National Red Cross

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their communities and profit from transition back into private sector employment.

For more information about the The Green Thumb Program in Green Thumb program, contact Green Thumb, Inc., Senior Commuwhen the first worker was placed at nity Service Employment Program,

SEC sets March 28 meeting

Swisher Electric Cooperative will elect new directors at its annual meeting next Thursday, March 28, in the Ezra Jones High School Cafeteria in Tulia.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. with a buffet supper for members and their guests. Highlights of the meeting include awarding of attendance prizes for members, the director election, brief management and auditor reports and awarding of door prizes to those present.

Among the door prizes is a 27inch stereo color television with remote control. Winners of the door prizes will be announced at the end of the business meeting and you must be present and registered to

Voting in the director election is reserved for SEC members who registered and are present at the meeting (or who are present by proxy representative).

The nominating committee has named incumbent directors Eddie Bryan, W.D. Inglis and Richard Tye; and challengers Larry Stevens, Jeannett Herring and Shawn McClure as candidates for the three positions to be decided.

Individuals with a hearing impairment who plan to attend the meeting who wish a sign language interpreter's services should contact the cooperative by Monday to have an interpreter available at the meeting.

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Agriculture Outlook



Farmers are beginning to prepare their land for planting, with cultivation, pre-watering and fertilizing in full swing.

Most producers will begin planting corn around April 10 despite the dry conditions.

As wheat matures, producers should watch for an increase in green bug infestations.

Corn farmers usually want to plant corn under good moisture conditions, and under furrow irrigation and dryland conditions, this usually means planting seed 1-1/2 to three inches deep.

Corn growers with sprinkler irrigation systems usually plant shallow in order to get a rapid emergence.

But planting corn outside of the 1-1/2 to 2-1/2 inch depth range can cause a number of problems during the growing season. Shallow planting leads to poor functionality of the nodal root system, which is the plant's main support system. Shallow planting (less than 1-1/2 inches deep) will cause the nodal roots to be too close to the soil surface.

Very shallow planting will cause some of the roots to be set above the soil surface, leading to mistaken identity as "brace roots."

Shallow planting also sets the corn plant up for problems from planting to harvest.

Early spring insects are beginning to appear in wheat and alfalfa as the weather continues to become warmer.

Area wheat fields should be checked for green bug and Russian wheat aphid infestations. Greenbugs

PPCAB has

The Pantex Plant Citizens' Advisory board (PPCAB) has a new 24hour Public Information Line at 806-372-1945.

Friday, and will include announcements of upcoming Pantex and PPCAB events. It also provides a means for members of surrounding communities to express concerns and comments on Pantex-related

are visible as they feed on exposed lower leaves, and these leaves may turn yellow and die.

Russian wheat aphids are often found at the base of the upper-most leaf of the tiller. Feeding by this pest causes leaves to roll together from the edges, concealing feeding aphids

Infested leaves and tillers develop long, white streaks and may turn purple when attacked by Russian wheat aphids. Greenbugs also may be found in leaves which have been curled because of Russian wheat aphid attacks.

Grazing wheat can keep greenbug numbers down because the bug is most common in ungrazed wheat. However, grazed fields shouldn't be ignored. Greenbugs can rapidly increase once cattle are removed and temperatures rise. The need for treating greenbugs depends on a number of factors, including size and vigor of plants, moisture conditions and the effectiveness of beneficial in-

As a general guide, treatment for greenbugs is recommended when the number of pests average between 100 and 300 per linear foot in wheat that is three to six inches tall; and 200 to 400 greenbugs per linear foot in four- to eight-inch tall wheat.

The appearance of dead plants in spots within a field may also indicate a need for treatment. Occasionally, populations of 25 to 50 greenbugs per foot of drill row in very young, small grain plants may warrant treat-

Low temperatures will show the activity and effectiveness of most insecticides. It may take twice as long for an insecticide to kill at 45 degrees Fahrenheit as it would at 70 degrees Fahrenheit. For best results, apply insecticides when temperatures are above 50 degrees Fahrenheit. If temperatures fall below 50 degrees, apply the highest rate recommended.

The Russian wheat aphid survived the winter as expected, and numbers are already increasing in wheat.

The aphid is suspected of over-The information is updated every summering in volunteer wheat fields and these fields may be sources of aphids which move to adjacent fields of fall-planted wheat.

While walking across a field, randomly select 100 tillers from different sites. In order to prevent bias, select tillers without looking at them.

Carefully examine each tiller and record the number of bugs infesting the plant.

Consider any tiller with one or more Russian wheat aphids as infested. Determine the percentage of infested tillers and use the table below to determine if treatment is justi-

For example, assume the market value of the crop is projected to be \$100 per acre and control costs are \$6 per acre. The treatment threshold is 12% infested tiller in this case.

Russian Wheat Aphid Control Table

Control Table									
Control	Market Value of Crop: (\$) Per Acre								
Cost									
Per Acre	50	100	150	200	250	300			
4	16	8	5	4	3	3			
5	20	10	7	5	4	3			
6	24	12	8	6	5	4			
7	28	14	9	7	6	5			
8	32	16	11	8	6	5			
9	36	18	12	9	7	6			
10	40	20	13	10	8	7			
11	44	22	15	11 .	9	7			
12	48	24	16	12	10	8			

(The data for this table is from a single year's research and is subject to adjustment as additional information becomes available.)

The pea aphid populations have been on the increase in area alfalfa fields recently. Pea aphid adults are bright green and have long legs. They are about one-eighth of an inch long. Adults may be winged or wingless. Pea aphids generally cause the greatest damage in the spring and early summer, then again in the fall.

Pea aphids prefer to congregate in dense colonies along the stems, terminal shoots and leaves. Heavy infestations cause plants to wilt and turn yellowish-green.

Honeydew is usually not abundant on infested plants.

David Horn and Steve Nutt have completed the Master Marketing Training Program through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and they will offer meetings to share marketing information they learned with area producers as part of their obligation in taking the course. They also will help develop a marketing club in Castro County.

Anyone interested in becoming involved in a county producers' marketing club should contact Horn at the Federal Land Bank in Dimmitt at 647-4178; or the Extension office at 647-4115.

West Texas Rural Telephone to elect directors at meeting

The election of directors for the Frio, Summerfield and Oklahoma Lane exchanges will highlight the 42nd annual meeting of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative on Tuesday at the Hereford Bull Barn.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. with registration and a barbecue dinner catered by K-Bob's Steak House of Hereford. The business meeting will follow

Directors whose terms are expiring include J.B. Noland of the Summerfield exchange and Pat Robbins of the Frio exchange, along with interim director, Charles Christian of the Oklahoma Lane exchange, who was appointed to the board to fulfill the term left by the late Billy Mayfield. All three were nominated for re-election on Feb. 3 by the cooperative's nominating committee.

The nominating committee also nominated Tommy Sparkman as a candidate for the Frio seat and Steve Stancell as a candidate for the Oklahoma Lane post. Noland is unopposed in his bid for another term as Summerfield exchange director.

Noland has served as the Summerfield exchange representative on the board since 1975 and he is completing a term as chairman of the board. He also has served as vice president and secretary of the board. Robbins has been a board member since 1987.

All cooperative members who are registered at the annual meeting will be eligible to vote in the director election.

Also during the business meeting, Thomas Hyer, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative manager, will present the cooperative's financial report. Door prizes valued at more than \$1,000 will be awarded at the event.



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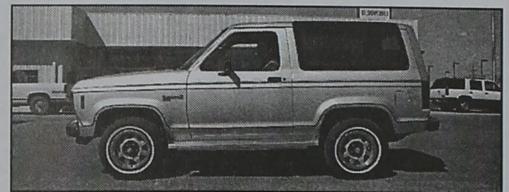
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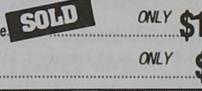


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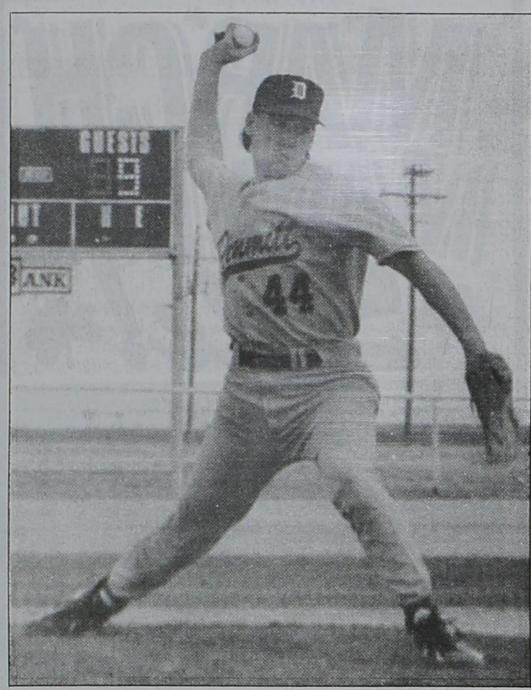
pitcher Jason Nino is carrying a .084

ERA (earned run average) and the

team is batting .360, according to



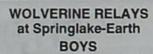
Cats extend win streak to five with double over Morton



DAN MATTHEWS whips a fastball toward the plate in the Bobcats' first game against Morton's Indians Friday at Morton. The senior pitcher gave up only one hit as the Bobcats won, 11-0.

Photo by Don Nelson

Track results



Team Totals: 1. Springlake-Earth 158; 2. Olton 84; 3. Hart 59; 4. Bovina 47; 5. Miami 38; 6. Happy 30; 7. Jesus Chapel 26; 8. Lockney 25; 9. Nazareth 24; 10. Melrose 23; 11. Amherst 19; 12. Lazbuddie 4: 13. Whiteface 2.

Discus: 3. Armondo Minjarez, Hart,

Triple Jump: 2. J.R. Lee, Hart, 40-2 1/2.

Pole Vault: 2. George, Hart, 10-0. 3,200: 1. Casey Hoelting, Nazareth, 10:40.48; 3. Montemayor, Hart, 11:36.09. 1,600: 1. Hoelting, 4:54.22.

400 Relay: 5. Nazareth (Jason Maurer, Jason Burnam, Jerad Birkenfeld and Coby

400: 6. Coby Schacher. Triple Jump: 6. Coby Schacher.

GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Hart 126; 2. Jesus Chapel 61; 3. Springlake-Earth 60; 4. Lockney 56; 5. Whiteface 48; 6. Amherst 47; 7. Nazareth 34; 8. (tie) Olton and Tatum 30; 10. Marshall 25; 11. Clovis 23; 12. (tie) Lazbuddie and Miami 17; 14. Bovina 13; 15. Melrose 2.

Shot Put: 2. Monica Rodriguez, Hart, 29-7 1/4; 4. (tie) Nikki Lee, 27-0.

Discus: 3. Nikki Lee, Hart, 85-1. Triple Jump: 2. Charbra Lee, Hart, 31-9 1/4; 4. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 30-6 1/2; 6. Tiffany Bradford, Hart, 29-11.

High Jump: 4. Kira Ball. Long Jump: 4. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart,

14-0. 3,200: 1. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 13:00.28; 2. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:26.09; 5. Celina Braddock, Nazareth; 6. Teresa Menchaca,

400 Relay: 1. Hart (Tiffany Bradford, Charbra Lee, Tylene Garcia and Ysa Rodriguez), 53.37; 6. Nazareth (Trina Johnson, Kaci Wethington, Becca Garza and Lynsey Hoelting).

800: 4. Sandra Reyna, 2:53; 5. Sara

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ment qualify to advance to the NATIONAL FINALS in July.

age categories. Age as of January 1, 1996.

100 Hurdles: 3. Lee, Hart, 17.72. 400: 6. Valerie Key, 17.60. 800 Relay: 1. Hart (Bradford, Lee, Gar-

200: 2. Tylene Garcia, Hart, 28.28. 1,600: 1. Misti Ball, Nazareth, 5:53.81; 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 5:55.85; 6. Sara

cia and Rodriguez), 1:54.81.

1,600 Relay: 3. Nazareth (Trina Johnson, Lori Maurer, Kira Ball and Misti Ball), 4:42.50; 4. Hart (Reyna, Key, Rincon and Minjarez), 4:45. 100: 5. Trina Johnson, Nazareth.

FRIONA INVITATIONAL

BOYS Team Totals: 1. Boys Ranch 128; 2. Tulia 114; 3. Friona 105; 4. Dimmitt 79; 6. Borger 57; 6. Panhandle 54.

Shot Put: 2. Charley Sanders, Dimmitt,

Discus: 2. Sanders, Dimmitt, 133-5. 400 Relay: 2. Dimmitt (Dagon Newton, Albert Ewing, Richard Ewing and Brandon Smith), 44.05.

800: 1. Joey Flores, Dimmitt, 2:04.31;

4. D.J. Fleeks, Dimmitt, 2:09.27. 1600 Relay: 1. Dimmitt (Smith, D.J. Fleeks, A. Ewing and Flores), 3:27.79. 100: 4. R. Ewing, Dimmitt, 11.19. 400: 6. A. Ewing, Dimmitt, 59.54. 300 Hurdles: 5. Mike Keith, Dimmitt,

200: 5. R. Ewing, Dimmitt, 23.39. Triple Jump: 6. A. Ewing, Dimmitt, 37-

GIRLS Team Totals: 1. Brownfield 147; 2. Borger 114; 3. (tie) Friona and Panhandle 100; 5. Dimmitt 46; 6. Tulia 45.

400 Relay: 3. Dimmitt, 54.77. 800: 1. Amy Ethridge, Dimmitt, 2:43.44. 300 Hurdles: 1. Jennifer Vick, Dimmitt,

JV BOYS 400 Relay: 1. Dimmitt (Felipe Rodri-

guez, Eric Soldevilla, Stuart Sutton and Jerry Thomas), 46.46. 110 Hurdles: 2. Kurt Webb, 16.38. 100: 2. Thomas, 11.41. 400: 1. Rodriguez, 55.55.

300 Hurdles: 3. Soldevilla, 48.12; 4. Webb, 49.51. Pole Vault: 5. Beau Hill, 8-6. 1,600 Relay: 3. Dimmitt (Rodriguez,

Sutton, Soldevilla and Thomas), 3:45.36.

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For more information or to request a registration packet please contact:

Dan Matthews threw a one-hitter to boost the Bobcats to victory in the first game with Morton Friday, then the Bobcats held off a late Indian run in the second game to sweep the double-header on the road.

The Bobcats, 7-4 on the season, are riding a five-game winning streak—the longest in school history.

"I'm just tickled to death with the way the kids are playing right now," said Coach Bobby Feaster. "They're trying hard, practicing hard and doing what they have to do to win. Their attitude is great. They want to win. The kids in our dugout are a big help.

"The fundamentals that we started developing in the lower grades are beginning to pay off," Feaster said. "Most of our present players were in the JV program."

Dan Matthews's performance on the mound in the first game kept the Indians at bay. The Bobcats also used an offensive slugfest highlighted by a Zeke Nino grand slam homer in the second inning to take an 11-0 win.

Matthews pitched the entire sixinning game and gave up just one hit. He faced two batters over the minimum in recording the one-hitter. He improved his season record to 2-

Dimmitt exploded with seven runs in the second inning to break open a scoreless game. Nino had his grand slam in that inning. Dimmitt added two runs in the third and another pair in the sixth to take the 11-0 win.

The Bobcats had 11 hits and no errors in the first game.

Sergio Pedroza got two doubles and Ramiro Gauna added another for the Bobcats.

Dimmitt batters were on fire in the second game, with five hitters recording doubles, one picking up a triple and another knocking it out of



FRIDAY First Game of Doubleheader Bobcats 11, Morton 0

072 002 - 1111 0 000 000 - 012 WP-Dan Matthews, Dimmitt (2-2). LP-Morin, Morton. 2B-Sergio Pedroza 2, Ramiro Gauna. HR-Zeke Nino.

> Second Game of Doubleheader Bobcats 13, Morton 9

2 5 4 1 1 -13 13 0 01260 - 991WP-Zack Matthews, Dimmitt (3-0). LP-Martinez, Morton. 2B—Zack Matthews, Dwayne Espinoza, Zeke Nino, Jason Wooten and Sergio Pedroza, Dimmitt; Morin, Morton. 3B-Ramiro Gauna, Dimmitt. HR-Luis Nino, Dimmitt; Tanner, Morton.

LAST WEEK (Missed Tournament Game-Semis) Bobcats 17, Estacado JV 5

1 0 3 3 10 -17 13 1 Estacado 2 0 0 1 2 - 5 9 2 WP-Zack Matthews (2-0); LP-Alcorte. 2B-Sergio Pedroza, Zeke Nino and Luis Nino, Dimmitt; Rangel, Estacado. 3B-Zeke Nino, Ramiro Gauna, Dimmitt. HR-Zack Matthews, Richard Carpio and Jason Wooten.

Dimmitt took a 11-3 lead before Morton started connecting with the ball, then the Bobcats held on over

the park once, and the Indians

couldn't keep pace with the Bobcats.

the final inning for a 13-9 win in the

second game Friday.

"We were on top 11-3 at the end of the third, then they started hitting Zack Matthews. We put Jason Nino in in the fourth and he pitched an inning and two-thirds and didn't give up a hit or a run," said Feaster. "Our fielding was fine, they just started hitting the ball where we weren't covering. They had five hits in the fourth inning and scored six runs.

"I was a little disappointed that we didn't put them away earlier in the second game, but when they rallied we were able to step up and put a stop to it. That speaks highly of our kids," Feaster said.

Zack Matthews got the win and kept is perfect record intact, improving to 3-0 on the mound.

Morton tried two different hurlers in an attempt to stop Dimmitt's onslaught, but nothing worked.

Dimmitt opened the game with two runs in the first, then added five in the second, four in the third and one each in the fourth and fifth for its 13 points.

"The hit parade just went on and on," said Feaster. "We had 13 runs off of 13 hits, and eight of those hits were extra base hits."

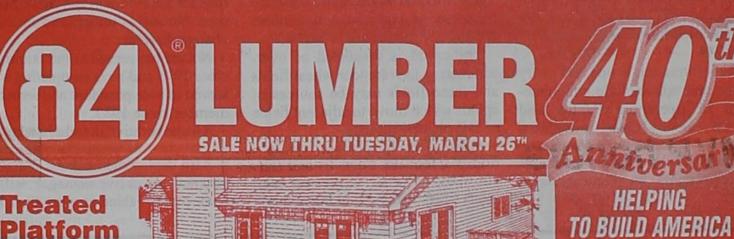
Zack Matthews reached second on a double in the third, then he was knocked home on a two-run shot by Luis Nino. Zack Matthews was one of several Bobcat hitters to record doubles in the game. Others were Dwayne Espinoza, Zeke Nino, Jason Wooten and Sergio Pedroza. Ramiro Gauna picked up a triple.

Through the first 11 games,

"I've set our team goal (batting average) at .420," said Feaster. "With .420, you'll get into the playoffs."



ZEKE NINO connects on a single in the fourth inning of the Bobcats' first game against the Morton Indians Friday at Morton. The senior first baseman walloped a grand-slam home run in the second inning. Coach Bobby Feaster's Bobcats won the first game 11-0 and the second game 13-9 to stretch their school-record winning streak to five games. Photo by Don Nelson



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PLAINVIEW TOURNAMENT

GIRLS' SINGLES

First Round: Selina Carrasco of Hart lost to Bruns of Muleshoe, 3-8; Brandi Key of Hart beat Kelm of Plainview JV, 8-1; Valerie Key of Hart lost to Porter of Plainview JV, 3-8; Amber Langford lost to Torres of Ralls, 5-8; Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt beat Gresham of Boys Ranch, 8-6; Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth beat Porter of Plainview; Mindy Hoelting of Nazareth beat Leah Lair of Happy, 8-1; Tanya Wethington of Nazareth beat Swink of Spearman, 8-4; Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth beat Porter of Plainview, 8-1.

Consolation Second Round: Carrasco lost to Lair, 5-8; Langford beat Sanchez of

Championship Second Round: B. Key beat Tanya Wethington of Nazareth, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2; Ortiz lost to Jones of Childress, 6-8; Hoelting beat Payne of Memphis, 8-6; Schmucker beat Torres of Ralls, 6-1, 6-3. Consolation Quarterfinals: Langford

beat V. Key, 8-0. Championship Third Round: B. Key lost to Godfrey of Memphis, 4-6, 0-6; Hoelting lost to Jones of Childress, 5-7, 1-6; Schmucker beat Canales of Plainview,

Consolation Quarterfinals: Langford

beat Sorra of Post, 11-9. Consolation Semifinals: Langford beat Payne of Memphis, 10-8.

Consolation Finals: Langford beat Green of Anton, 8-3.

Championship Semifinals: Schmucker beat Townsen of Spearman, 6-3, 6-4. Championship: Schmucker beat Julie Goddard, Friona, 6-4, 7-5.

GIRLS' DOUBLES

First Round: Ysa Rodriguez and Veronica Gonzales of Hart beat Carter and McKay of Valley, 8-1; Cassie Neinast and Elissa Velasquez of Hart lost to Davis and Boyd of Spearman, 2-8; Gayla Reyna and Jennifer Martinez of Hart beat Phreet and Sereides of Slaton, 8-1; Kami Hand and Kristin Doss of Dimmitt beat Atwood and Brown of Spearman, 8-6; Kara Josselet and Carrie Bradley of Dimmitt beat Lafuente and Wylle of Friona, 8-1; Tonya Powers and Amber Matthews of Dimmitt lost to Blackburn and Campbell; Sarah Olvera and Whitney McLain of Nazareth beat McDonald and Jubay of Friona, 8-3; K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth beat Davis and Boyd of Spearman, 8-4; Carle Wethington and Robin Schulte beat Bybee and Reeves of

Consolation Second Round: Neinast and Velasquez beat Meals and Sanchez of Post, 8-4.

Championship Second Hound: Hodriguez and Gonzales lost to Blackburn and Campbell, 2-6, 3-6; Reyna and Martinez lost to Pate and Miller of Memphis, 3-6, 3-6; Hand and Doss beat Alonzo and Norris of Littlefield, 6-3, 6-0; Josselet and Bradley lost to Marquez and Renner of Friona, 1-6,

Schilling nabs **MVP** honors

Nazareth post Gaylon Schilling was named the District 7-A Most Valuable Player and the 6-2 senior leads the state semifinialist Swifts on the all-district honor team which was released last week.

Joining Schilling on the honor squad are teammates Nathan Hoelting, a 6-4 junior post; Bryan Braddock, a 5-9 junior guard; and Robby Schmucker, a 6-0 senior point.

Rounding out the all-district team are seniors Jerimi Bourland and Lee Ray, both of Sudan; sophomore Monty Durham of Kress; junior Logan Nichols, senior Chase Hardage and senior Landon Lunsford, all of Farwell; and Bovina senior Cruz Marrufo and sophomore Tony Beauchamp.

Correction

Track results from the Muleshoe Invitational Track Meet should have listed Dimmitt High School runner Jerome Larra as winning first in the 3200, instead of Joe Larra. The News regrets the error.

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6-1, 4-6; Wethington and Schulte beat Grace and Chenault of Anton, 6-3, 6-3; Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Alvarado and Sanchez of Anton, 6-1, 6-1; Olvera and McLain lost to Edwards and Urrutia of Memphis, 6-8.

Consolation Quarterfinals: Neinast and Velasquez beat Powers and Matthews, 9-7.

Consolation Semifinals: Neinast and Velasquez lost to Caddell and Rivera of

Championship Quarterfinals: Hand and Doss beat Edwards and Urrutia of Memphis, 6-4, 6-2; Gerber and Pohlmeler beat Blackburn and Campbell, 6-1, 6-2; Wethington and Schulte beat Marquez and Renner, 6-1, 6-2.

Championship Semifinals: Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Hand and Doss, 6-4, 6-3; Wethington and Schulte beat Dunihoo and Holton, 6-7, 6-2, 6-1

Third Place: Hand and Doss beat Dunihoo and Holtin of Spearman, 7-6, 5-7,

Championship: Wethington and Schulte will play Gerber and Pohlmeier for the championship today (Thursday) in

BOYS' SINGLES

First Round: Matthew Huerta of Hart beat Proctor of Friona, 8-3; Osbaldo Carrasco of Hart lost to Hurst of Miami, 0-8; Jared Aven of Hart beat Parker of Plainview, 8-6; Wesley Mays of Dimmitt lost to Sanchez of Muleshoe, 2-6, 1-6; Joel Townsend lost to Parker of Plainview, 6-8; Matthew Kern of Nazareth lost to Hodges of Adrian, 6-8; Marcus Brockman of Nazareth beat Foster of Childress, 8-2; Matt Olvera of Nazareth lost to Parker of

Consolation Second Round: Huerta lost to Anstey of Happy, 1-6, 3-6; Carrasco lost to Arancy, 5-8; Mays beat Petty of Childress, 8-0; Townsend beat Olvera of Nazareth, 8-0.

Championship Second Round: Aven lost to Fowler of Memphis, 1-6, 4-6; Brockman beat Faver of Muleshoe, 6-4, 6-1.

Consolation Quarterfinals: Mays beat Kem, 8-2; Townsend lost to Zvoncheck, 6-

Championship Quarterfinals: Brockman lost to Thompson of Lamesa, 6-7, 1-

Consolation Smifinals: Mays lost to Gutierrez of Anton, 2-8.

BOYS' DOUBLES

First Round: Raynea Garcia and Sergio Martinez of Hart beat Taylor and McKay of Valley, 8-3; Tyson Adams and Chris Perez of Dimmitt beat Lupe De La Fuente and Brandon Irons of Hart, 10-8; Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood beat Brad Beck and Jimmy Bryan beat Beall and McGuiree of Muleshoe, 8-2; Shane Ethridge and Stacy Schulte of Nazareth beat Shelburn and Lee of Muleshoe, 8-2; Billy Don Cannon and Barry Hoelting of Nazareth beat Miller and Dougherty of Boys Ranch, 8-3.

Consolation Second Round: De La Fuente and Irons beat Martin and Brannon of Littlefield, 8-3; Brockman and Schulte lost to Taylor and McKay, 6-8.

Championship Second Round: Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood beat Garcia and Martinez, 6-3, 6-4; Perez and Adams lost to Payne and Early of Miami, 4-6, 6-4, 2-6; Beck and Bryan beat Abram and Paynel of Valley, 6-0, 6-0; Etrhidge and Schulte lost to Hughes and Helton of Memphis, 0-6, 0-6; Cannon and Hoelting beat Alvarado and Martinez of Plainview,

Consolation Quarterfinals: De La Fuente and Irons lost to Butts and Butts of Spearman, 2-8.

Championship Quarterfinals: Beck and Bryan beat Cannon and Hoelting, 6-3, 6-1; Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood lost to Carter and Woodard of Boys Ranch, 3-6, 6-2, 4-6.

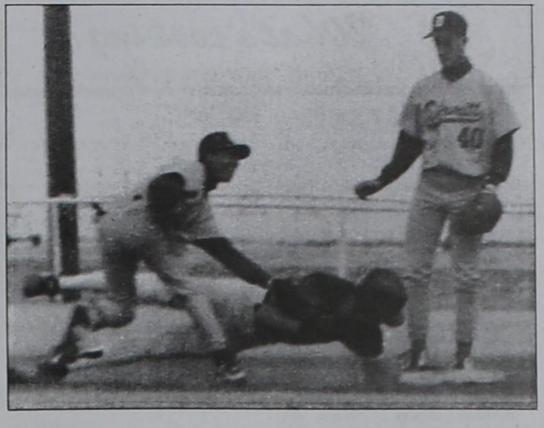
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Lady golfers set membership drive

The Ladies Golf Association from Dimmitt will hold its annual membership dinner Wednesday at 7 p.m.

at the Country Club of Dimmitt. All ladies interested in joining the group are encouraged to attend the dinner. Those planning to attend should contact Kellie Proffitt at 647-5191 or Jan Glenn at 647-4151 by Tuesday, March 26.

Members unable to attend the meeting should contact Proffitt or Glenn if they still plan on renewing membership in the organization.



ONE STEP TOO MANY - Dimmitt second baseman Conrado Saucedo tags out a Morton runner as he scrambles back to the bag after overrunning it on a passed-ball steal Friday at Morton. Coming in to assist on the play is shortstop Zack Matthews (40). This play came in the third inning of the first game, which the Bobcats won, 11-0. Dimmitt also won the second game of the double-header, 13-9, to Photo by Don Nelson stretch its winning streak to five games.

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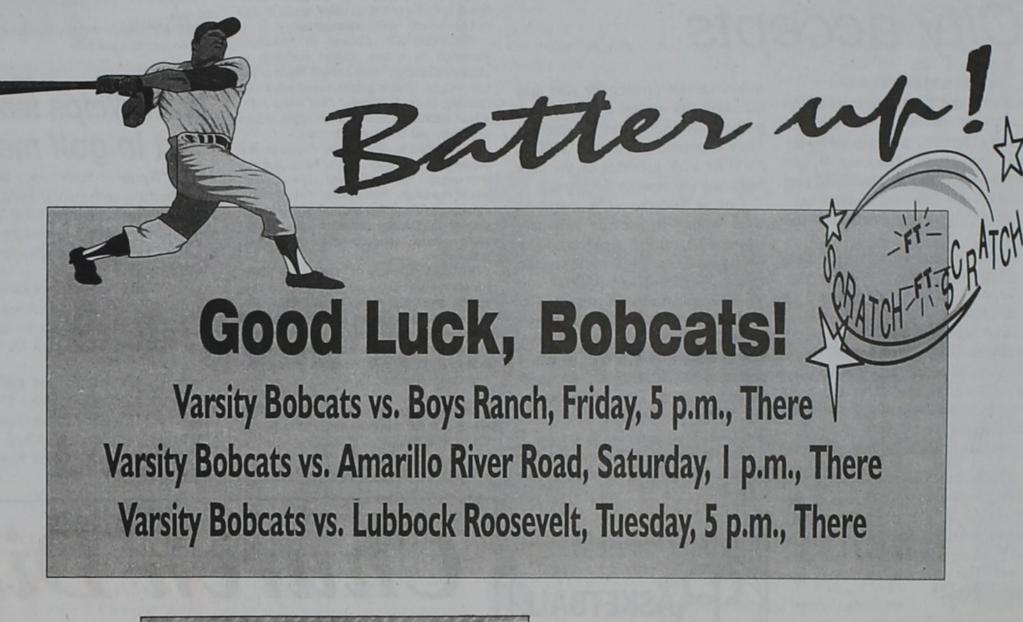


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More about Parched conditions . . .

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to use extreme caution. "Some people start off trying to burn a small spot or some stubble, then it (fire) gets away from them before they know it. If it gets to CRP, it's gone. And there's no way to control a big grass fire on a windy day," Cleavinger said. "Sparks get in the air and as dry as we are, a fire can jump hundreds of yards at a

The fire danger, especially to the tall, dry grass on CRP lands has prompted the Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry to urge the US Dept. of Agriculture to grant waivers on land to extend grazing rights in the hope that continued grazing will help control the danger.

According to Perry, the extension not only will help prevent the spread of grass fires in rural Texas, but it could provide necessary feed for livestock. Farmers and ranchers

would be allowed to continue grazing livestock on the CRP acreage, and would be allowed to begin baling hay on CRP land.

"Cutting and baling the grass would help Texas livestock producers at a time when h a y supplies are running dangerously low in some areas," Perry said. "These waivers are essential for the survival of our livestock threatened by the continued drought as well as the wildfires."

But Perry added that USDA said it won't allow baling because "it might decrease wildlife habitat and nesting. Have these folks in Washington ever seen what a wildfire will do to habitat?'

According to the latest figures from the Dept. of Public Safety's of Emergency Management, almost 288,000 acres have been burned across Texas.

More about City accepts

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Field" for the T-ball baseball field to be named in honor of the late Beverly Durham, as requested by the Kids, Inc. board. The council said the "Durham" designation could also include Jerry Durham without having to undergo a name change in the

Webb said he would relay their suggestion to the Kids, Inc. board and report back to the council at their April 1 meeting.

In other business, the council approved Darla Stewart and Jane Behrends as election judges for the May 4 city election. The two will name their assistants. Judges will be paid \$6 per hour, with assistants receiving \$5.50 per hour.

Sheffy told the council that another member or two needs to be appointed to the city's Board of Adjustment. He said Bill Convers had been approached and agreed to serve. The council approved his appointment.

Mayor Wayne Collins told the council that he had been approached by representatives of the Dimmitt VFW about installing an RV parkeast of Dimmitt near the VFW as a

Bobcat golfers finish fifth in first district meet

Andy Hill shot a 95 to lead the Dimmitt Bobcats to a fifth-place finish at Littlefield in the first round of the District 2-AAA meet over the weekend.

Dimmitt golfers combined for 410 points which was good for fifth place. Muleshoe finished first with 330 points, Floydada was second with 352, Friona Red was third with 355, Littlefield was fourth with 382 and Friona White was sixth with

Hill was boosted by Cory Hopson, who shot a 100, Will Sanders, who finished with 111 and Kevin Baldridge, who had 104. Also playing was Travis Crow.

public service project. He said they asked for city support for the project, particularly in the area of funding. They estimated the cost at \$400 to \$500 for establishment of the park and a modest amount for upkeep.

Collins said the VFW members were willing to provide volunteer labor and operate it. Collins said he felt it would be a worthwhile project. Council member Roger Malone said it has been a priority project listed by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce for several years. Council member Roy Garza said such a facility would definitely be used by pheasant hunters and would be a way of encouraging them to spend money in

The matter will be put on the agenda for the next meeting of the



MINOR GIRLS

Friday: Dimmitt Agri Industries vs. Hi-Plains Oil Co., 6 p.m.; Pancake House vs. Thrasher's Auto Sales, 7 p.m.

Tuesday: Hereford Federal Credit Union vs. Pancake House, 6 p.m.; Thrasher's Auto Sales vs. Dimmitt Agri Industries, 7 p.m.

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Gary's Engine & Machine; Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt vs. Dimmitt Ready Mix, 7 p.m. MAJOR GIRLS

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Tuesday: First United Bank vs. Mr. Burger, 6 p.m.; First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch vs. Lane Dirt **MAJOR BOYS**

Today: Headhunters vs. B&W Aerial Spray, 5:30 p.m.; Wright and Sons Produce vs. Dimmitt Consumers, 6:30 p.m.; Castro Oil and Gas vs. Flagg Fertilizer,

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What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of March 21-29.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of *beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken and dumplings or corn dogs; *Arroz Mexicano, pork and beans or potato salad; *fruited gelatin, tossed salad with dressing or orange wedges; homemade biscuits, combread of flour tortillas; apple, orange or grapes; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets, Monterrey casserole or beans and rice with sausage; *whole, new potatoes, Fideo Mexicano or baked beans; *haystack finger salad, tossed salad with dressing or cantaloupe; *hot wheat rolls, cornbread or saltine crackers; apple, orange or cantaloupe; and *milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *lasagna with ground beef, grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of soup or chicken a'la king; *broccoli with cheese sauce, southern collard greens or potato wedges; *fresh peaches, tossed salad with dressing or carrot and raisin salad; *hot rolls, homemade biscuits or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or

TUESDAY: Choices of *southern fried chicken, western cheeseburger or soft taco; *mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or savory peas; *chilled fruit cocktail, tossed salad with dressing or pasta salad; *garlic bread, hot rolls or tortilla chips; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *barbecue sandwich on a bun, cheese enchilada or chicken a'la king; *corn, refried beans or potato wedges; *fruited gelatin, tossed salad with dressing or fresh oranges; *hot wheat rolls, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or grapes; and *milk, punch or tea. THURSDAY: Choices of *sausage and

pepperoni pizza, corn dogs or beans and rice with sausage; *pork and beans, savory peas or mixed vegetables; *tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or watermelon; and *milk,

FRIDAY: Choices of *crispy cod fillets, hoagie submarine sandwich or beef and bean burrito with chili; *Spanish rice, *macaroni and cheese or Mexicali corn; *tossed salad with dressing, fruit fantasy or apple slices with cinnamon; *hot cheese rolls, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

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

HART THURSDAY: Pizza (elementary) or lasagna, salad, peaches, brownie and milk. FRIDAY: Baked fish (elementary) or corn dogs, corn on the cob, black-eyed peas, fried

okra, cornbread, Rice Krispie bar and milk. MONDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce (elementary), pizza or lasagna, salad, rolls,

peaches, blueberry muffin and milk. TUESDAY: Steak fingers (elementary) or pork chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or chicken sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk. THURSDAY: Charsteak, baked potatoes, broccoli and cheese, sliced bread, chocolate pudding with topping and milk.

FRIDAY: Frito pie (elementary) or French fries with chili and cheese, pickles, pinto beans, crackers, Rice Krispie bar and milk. (Tuna salad will be offered).

NAZARETH THURSDAY: Enchilada, tossed salad,

carrots, applesauce and milk. FRIDAY: Baked potatoes, tuna salad, broccoli, spiced bread, peaches and milk. MONDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce.

tossed salad, rolls, pears and milk. TUESDAY: Baked chicken with rice, green beans, hot bread, fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Ham sandwiches, cheese, lettuce, tater tots, strawberry shortcake and

THURSDAY: Chili dogs, corn, pineapple

FRIDAY: Cheese enchiladas, tossed salad, hot rolls, peaches and milk.

John Welps leads Hart in golf meet

John Welps of Hart broke 100 in both the first and second rounds of the Hereford Invitational Golf Tournament, and his two-round total of 177 paced the Hart Longhorns to a 13th-place finish.

Hart golfers shot a combined 390 after the first round and finished with 816 in the tournament. Welps had 91 in the first round and shot an 86 in the second.

Welps's teammates and their respective two-day scores were Dustin Dyer 100-116—216; Justin Hawkins 114-113-227; Mark Mitchell 107-111-218; and Jared Aven 92 (oneround score).

Praise to thee,

More about May 4 elections . . .

(Continued from Page 1) this year are currently owned by L.C.

McLain, Vickie Ethridge and Todd Pebsworth, and Ethridge is the only candidate to announce so far.

Voters in the Hart city election will cast ballots on May 4 at the Hart Golden Group Building.

City of Nazareth

Nazareth voters will cast ballots in a mayoral election this year, and that office, currently held by Ralph Brockman, is the only one up for election.

The May 4 election will probably be held at the Nazareth City Hall, according to Brockman.

Dimmitt ISD

Positions on the Dimmitt School Board which will be on the May 4 ballot are the representatives from Districts 3, 6 and 7; as well as one from District 5 to fulfill an unexpired

The District 3, 6 and 7 seats will be for three-year terms while the District 5 seat, which was vacated by Frank Welch who moved out of the district, will be to fulfill the balance of a term-about a year.

Current board members filling the seats due to expire are Steve Buckley, District 7; Albert Acevedo, District 3, and Debbie Annen, District 6. Acevedo was filling a term vacated by Gracie Abrego, then he moved out of the district and also had to vacate the position.

Annen and Buckley have filed for their respective seats, while Avery Thrasher has thrown his hat into the ring for the Place 5 seat and Chevo Lumbrera has filed for Place 3.

Hart ISD

Voters residing in the Hart School District will elect two board members this year.

Board members whose terms are

due to expire are Lester Aven and Danny Carson.

No one has filed for the positions,

The May 4 school election will be conducted at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Nazareth ISD

Nazareth School Board seats currently held by Henry Ramaekers, J.C. Pohlmeier and Carroll Gerber will be up for grabs this year, and so far only two individuals have announced their intentions to run for the positions.

Those who have filed are incumbent Carroll Gerber and newcomers Julius Birkenfeld, Dan Gerber and Derwin Huseman

Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson said Pohlmeier and Ramaekers have indicated that they don't plan to seek re-election to their posts.

The home economics room at Nazareth High School will be the site for the May 4 election.

Hospital District

The Castro County Hospital District board terms of Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey are due to expire this

Both incumbents have filed for reelection...

Absentee voting will be held at the hospital, and the general election on May 4 will be conducted at Dimmitt City Hall.

USS Saint Paul CA 73 Association sets reunion

The USS Saint Paul CA 73 Association will hold its eighth reunion in September in Seattle, Wash.

Former crew members are being sought. For more information, contact George M. Takis Jr., secretary, 125 Spaulding Drive N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30328.

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bought game tickets for students who couldn't afford them.

The Madison High kids are now learning to achieve, to say yes to school and no to the streets, to have pride in themselves.

That's why this basketball team is so important," Hamilton said. "These kids are hungry for success."

They didn't win the state championship. In fact, they were very lucky to advance to the state title game over a classy Santa Fe team that went cold in the third quarter. But the Madison boys have gotten a good taste of the lessons and achievements that academics and athletics can provide.

It would be great if Principal Hamilton and his faculty could bottle and sell their formula to other ghetto school districts. It's a good example of solving local school problems at the local level.

Something that really cracked me up at the state boys' tournament was the Anderson-Shiro team's use of "flash cards."

Two students—a boy and a girl
— would stand behind the A-S
bench, holding a stack of 20 or
more poster - board cards, about
18x18 inches. When they got the
command from Coach Scott Biggott, they'd start shuffling rapidly
through the deck. Then one of them
would hold a card high above
his/her head, giving the team such
commands as DOUBLE DOWN or
ZELMO or ACE.

One would think that sometimes, by the time they found the right card in the stack, the situation would already be past.

Anderson - Shiro's journalism teacher told us that the coach initiated the flash-card tactic because "he was afraid the boys couldn't hear him."

The flash cards still didn't keep Coach Biggott from shouting and going ballistic in front of the bench. A curious tactic, sure. But hey,

they got to the state finals.

Here are the best times for most people to accomplish various tasks, as listed in *Executive Fitness* magazine:

→ The best time to make decisions is between 7 and 11 in the morning, when depression and anxiety are lowest. The worst time is between 2 and 8 p.m., when D&A are most severe.

◆ The best time to do complex tasks is during midday or late afternoon, when body temperature reaches its normal high point.

♦ The best time to remember things: short-term memory is most acute between 10 and 11 a.m.; long-term memory is best in early to mid-afternoon.

♦ The best time to learn something new is just before going to sleep. Studying before bedtime is the best way to retain new information for the following day.

◆ The best time to ask for a raise is over lunch. People are more agreeable during the noon meal.

How about those Bobcats?

Coach Bobby Feaster's baseball team has a five-game winning streak going. In their first three years, they never won more than two in a row.

Against Morton Friday, Zac Matthews pitched a one-hitter and first baseman Zeke Nino hit a grand-slam homer.

The Bobcats are for real. They're expected to challenge for the district championship this year.

If you want to see them play this month, you'll have to drive to Boys Ranch, River Road, Roosevelt or Floydada. Their next home game isn't until April 2, when they open district play against Friona.

And how about those Red Raiders and Lady Raiders? Both are in the NCAA Sweet Sixteen, going for the Final Four this weekend.

The Lady Raiders really have their work cut out for them against Louisiana Tech Friday evening. If they can somehow manage to knock off the Lady Techsters, they could end up in the national finals.

And if the Raider men's team can put together the same kind of game Saturday morning as they did against North Carolina the other day—with or without a shattered backboard — they could clean Georgetown's plow.

Win or lose from now on, they've had a great season.

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husband's consent.



FLIGHT FOR LIFE—Virgil Wilhelm of Nazareth and his 2-year-old son, Marcus, were among several who saw the Flight for Life air ambulance from Lubbock EMS Saturday morning in Nazareth. The tour of the helicopter-ambulance was part of an emergency medical technician (EMT) training course which is currently being conducted in Nazareth. Ten

students and several area people earning continuing education units, have been attending classes since Jan. 2. On Saturday the students familiarized themselves with the air ambulance and worked on extricating "victims" from wrecked vehicles and then stabilized the "victims" before moving them to an ambulance.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Shorty Lilley is still in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She did not have knee replacement surgery as reported last week. She had to have a lot of fluid removed from her knee and an infection set in. She is not expected to be home for a while.

Chris Reynolds competes in AQHA events

Chris Reynolds of Dimmitt showed his 10-year-old quarter horse mare, Lucky, in four events each day in the four-day North Texas Spring Circuit American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) Show in Amarillo over the weekend.

Reynolds and Lucky earned two grand champion and one reserve champion honors in the youth halter mare division, and that was enough to boost the tandem to the Circuit Championship in that event.

The team also won Circuit Championship honors in Novice Youth Western Pleasure.

Reynolds and Lucky will participate in numerous AQHA and 4-H horse shows throughout the spring and summer.

The team also qualified for the Texas Quarter Horse Association Champion of Champions Show in Fort Worth on June 30 and will participate in the Novice Youth Showmanship and Novice Youth Western Pleasure competitions.

Bess Bills was dismissed from Methodist Hospital in Plainview Friday morning and is doing fine.

Glenn and LaWanda Wilson were in Lubbock Sunday for the Brooks family reunion. Before coming home they went by Methodist Hospital to see two of Glenn's cousins. James was in ICU with a severe headache. Delores was suffering from a rare blood disease, and has to be on oxygen.

Rev. Benny Wright led the singing the last two Sundays, singing along with tapes, since Gerald was absent both days and Betty Loudder didn't feel like playing.

Melody Roye and four kids from Hobbs, N.M., came last Sunday for a visit with David and Gay Sadler. Melody went home Wednesday, but since Shaina and Samuel were on school break, they got to stay until Sunday afternoon. Then David and Gay took them to Brownfield to meet Melody and Walter and they headed home from there.

W.B. and Gaye Tomlinson of Dimmitt visited with Teeny Bowden Saturday night.

Alton and Betty Loudder and Doug Loudder met Tom and Yvonne Messer of Bridgeport at Stamford Lake on Tuesday and they fished and visited until Friday.

Gregg George and Sharon Bradley spent the weekend with their parents, Lee and Louise Bradley. Sunday afternoon all of them except Lee visited with Lillian Carson, and ate lunch with her.

Margret and Britni of Hobbs, N.M., came Wednesday to see Billie

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and Emma Jean King. Britni stayed until Saturday on her school break. Emma Jean took her to Brownfield to meet her mother Saturday. Jimmy and Jo Ann King of Hobbs met her there and came home with her. Marshel King, Lance and Lincoln of Earth had supper with them Sunday night and spend the night.

Rev. Benny Wright and Joyce and Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler were dinner guests of Verba and Ezell Sadler Sunday. The Wrights were dinner guests of Glenn and LaWanda Wilson last Sunday.

After dinner Sunday, the Wrights visited Bess and R.V. Bills in their home, then went to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock to visit with her dad and with Shorty Lilley.

Laura Sadler, instead of Sharon Sadler, helped Emma Jean with the election Tuesday, and it was Stephanie Sanders, not Rogers, who also helped. The Republican voters had 16, along with three early voters. The Democrats had 17 voters and other early voters. Jo Eddy served dinner to Kevin and Melinda and Ray Joe at noon.

Cotton Talks

Area cotton producers will be able to select from a number of new payment options for 1996 as a result of work by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and Wayne Huffaker, member of the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation Board of Directors.

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The foundation met in Abilene this weekend and Huffaker, concerned with the lack of options available to producers, was successful in his efforts to reform the collection procedures.

Huffaker said the new policy provides a number of payment options for producers ranging from early payment discounts to the development of a delayed payment plan based on the billing practices of agricultural businesses statewide.

Specifics about the new collection policy are limited, however, what is known is good news for producers.

The following breakdown covers what is currently known:

Early payment—Cotton producers across the state will be given an incentive to pay boll weevil assessments early through the initiation of discounts for accounts settled prior to the scheduled due date in each area. The High Plains currently has an assessment due date of July 15.

Producers opting to pay their 1996 assessments 30 days before the

scheduled due date will qualify for a 1% discount. Producers who pay 45 days before the July 15 due date will receive a 2% discount on their assessment.

Delayed payment—Some producers may want to ask for a delayed collection schedule for the 1996 assessment. Assessments for which a Payment Extension Agreement has been properly executed will not be assessed any penalties but will be subject to a monthly finance charge of 1-1/2% on the unpaid balance. A 10% down payment will be required at the time an agreement is executed.

Failed Acreage—Producers who suffer crop losses during the season will also be allowed to request relief from the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation in 1996. Producers who have failed acreage may furnish the foundation with a signed FSA Form 574 and proof of crop destruction to apply for a refund, partial refund or credit for paid 1996 assessments.

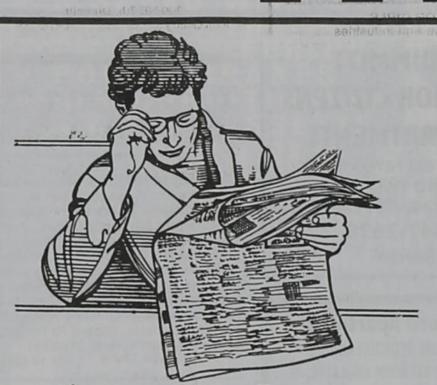
Huffaker notes that these are only the bare bones of the new collection procedures but that they mark a fundamental change in the manner in which assessments are collected across the state. Among the benefits to producers is the ability to more closely match the payment of boll weevil assessments to their own operations.

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- 9. Farm equipment and supplies 22. Notices
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24-Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who helped lighten the load during the passing of our loved one, Leslie Gordin. Friends

JO NITA, GARY, MICHAEL, MARY & NITA 24-50-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

To our friends who took time for a visit and a prayer, brought delicious food, sent pretty flowers and plants and cards, we thank you. For those who have contributed to Danny and Sharla's scholarship fund and other memorials, we are so grateful. For those who braved the awful cold day to be with us at the graveside services, we will always be grateful. Our love to each of

> REEFORD & BETTY **GARY & SHANEE CARY & CAMERON** JERRY & SHERRI TAWNEE, AMBER & TAYLOR K.D. & GAILA KEN, MELISSA & NICK 24-50-1tc

25-Legal Notices

NOTICE

The City of Dimmitt will be accepting sealed bids for "labor only" to paint a 50,000 gallon overhead water storage tank. The City will furnish the paint.

The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The bids will be evaluated Monday, April 15, 1996, at the councilmen's regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

For information call Dimmitt City Hall, (806) 647-2155 and contact Reeford Burrous or Don Sheffy.

25-50-1tc

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOAN

The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher or Briscoe Counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to or coming by the Plainview Trust Dept. Of Norwest Bank of Texas, N.A., 205 West Fifth Street, P.O. Box 580, Plainview, Texas 79073-0580. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1996.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: BILL NICHOLS, and if he be married, to his wife, MRS. BILL NICHOLS, and if either or both of the above named parties be deceased, to their heirs, unknown heirs and legal representatives, if such or both of them as might be deceased, and to all persons, firms or corporations that may claim any interest in the property described below, hereinafter called Defendants in the hereinafter styled and num-

You and each of you, as Defendants, are hereby commanded to appear before the 64th Judicial District Court of Castro County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, at or before 10 a.m. Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the issuance hereof. That is to say, at or before 10 a.m. Monday, the 15th day of April, 1996, and answer the Petition of VALENTIN G. OLVERA, JR., Plaintiff vs. BILL NICHOLS, Defendant, which Petition was filed in said Court on the 26th day of February 1996, in the nature of which suit is as follows:

TRESPASS TO TRY TITLE for title and possession of the following described real estate situated in County of

Castro, State of Texas, to-wit: All of Lot Twelve (12), of Block One Hundred Seventeen (117), of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof of record in the Deed Records of Castro

Plaintiff also claims title by virtue of the ten and twenty-five year statute of limitations as more fully shown by Plaintiff's

petition on file in this suit. If this citation is not served within ninety days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned, unserved.

WITNESS the hand and seal of office of Joyce M. Thomas, Clerk of the District Court of Castro County, Texas, at her office in the City of Dimmitt, Texas, this 26th day of February, 1996

JOYCE M. THOMAS District Clerk, Castro County, Texas

By: RONDA M. WEST, Deputy

WIC to offer early education screening here

The Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program in Castro County will offer a free early education screening for infants and children under age 5.

The screening will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday at the WIC office, located at 113 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

WIC is a special supplemental food program for women, inants and children and the program also offers nutrition classes, healthy foods, referrals, immunizations and other help to those who qualify.



OF WINNERS, LOSERS & GAMES—These Nazareth High School students make up the cast and crew of the One-Act Play which will be performed tonight (Thursday) in a dinner theater show at the school cafeteria. Pictured are (back row, from left) Kelly Jones, Justin Bingham, Malcom Jones, Casey Hoelting, James Wilhite, Cody Annen and Nathan Hoelting; (center row, from left) Vanessa Wilhelm,

Susan Book, Robin Schulte, Courtney Hoelting, Carie Wethington and Amy Pohlmeier; and (front row, from left) Susan Lange, Ann Wilhelm, Stephanie Gerber, Jaimye Bingham, A'llyn Garza and Heather Braddock. The group will perform their play in district competition Saturday at Sudan.

Photo by Anne Acker

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

moving back to Muenster.

Muenster's gain is certainly Nazareth's loss. They were both a very friendly asset to our community, even though we had trouble learning to pronounce and spell their name. We will miss them as they get their daily walks around town and as a Enjoying a delicious meal, horseback Amarillo. part of Holy Family Church.

here, but find the need to be closer to our children when we need help," they said.

622 N. Main, Muenster, 76252.

Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He has three older siblings, Kyle, Ryan and Haley. Grandparents are Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Neil and Judy Harmon of Springfield, Colo.

tion banquet Thursday evening at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. Kelly Jones gave the welcoming address. Deacon Al Maurer gave the invocation and Chubby Buns catered a great fish meal.

Kelly Jones, president, held a wellorganized meeting after the meal. Malcom Jones gave a report on the pheasant hunt, Leroy Birkenfeld gave an update on the ham sale, Kit Schulte reported on the fruit and sausage sale, Cody Annen talked on the livestock competition, Amy Pohlmeier spoke on public relations and Shawn Pohlmeier talked on ag cooperation and gave appreciation awards.

Leroy Birkenfeld conducted the

The FFA motto is "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live and Living to Serve."

Prayers are asked for Nedra Dee, who is having surgery this week; for Rose Hindman, who is in rehab after undergoing hip surgery; for Helen-

THE FIRST, AND ONLY, African-American woman astronaut so far is Mae Jemison.

SARAH COCKRELL built the first iron bridge and the first three-story building in Dallas.

and for Vincent Guggemos and Leonard Schulte, who are recuperating at home.

A get-together was held Sunday for Loretta Durbin and a third birthday party for Kendra Huseman.

riding, picture taking and visiting "We have enjoyed our few years were Loretta's two sisters and a brother-in-law, Jo Ann Vessel of San Diego, Calif., and C.A. and Mary Geraughty of Hinton, Okla.; The Swirczynskis's new address is Loretta's daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jo and Alfred Jennen of Knoxville, Ark., and their son's family, Congratulations to Keith and Kim Marty, Kayla, Kara and David Birkenfeld on the birth of a son, Jennen of Russelville, Ark.; Leonida Lane Michael, on March 4 at Plains and Walter Whiteley and children, Josh, Kayleen, Walter and Dakota of Snyder; Wade Durbin of Waxahachie; Kelli, Codie and Khale Guthrie; and Dorothy, Jack and Kayla Ware of Pampa; Terry, Shelly and Trent Newman of Dalhart; Curtis and Leigh Durbin of Dimmitt; Leo Many enjoyed the FFA apprecia- and Marion Durbin; Joan, Paul, Marlin, Hugh, Lena, Denia and Margie Durbin; and Edith, Paul, Kendra and Carl Huseman.

> Navy Seaman Richard C. Herring has been promoted to an E2 rank. He is now a DCFA, which is a fire apprentice. He is second in command should a fire emergency arise. He has served in the US Navy for nine

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Ray and Mattie Swirczynski are Backus, who had tests and surgery; months. Richard is still on the USS Nicholaus battleship, which is homeported in Norfolk, Va.

> Jerome and Glenda Gerber of Carlsbad, N.M., spent the weekend here with Mary Gerber and her family. Glenda also visited her family in

Nazareth Drama Club to perform play at dinner theater

show in the school cafeteria.

\$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

The play, written by O.B. Rozell and published by I.E. Clark, Inc., will begin at 7:15 p.m. Those wishing to attend the play who do not plan to eat, will be admitted for \$2.

Members of the cast and their respective characters, are Casey Hoelting, who will portray "Bob,"

Nazareth High School's drama Courtney Hoelting as "Susan," club will perform the one-act play, Robin Schulte as "Winner," Nathan Of Winners, Losers and Games to- Hoelting as "Loser," Malcom Jones night (Thursday) at a dinner theater as "Mr. White," James Wilhite as "Mr. Redd," Jaimye Bingham as The Mexican stack-up dinner will "Peace," Stephanie Gerber as "Pabe served from 5:45 to 7 p.m. and tience," Ann Wilhelm as "Compascost for the meal and play will be sion," A'llyn Garza as "Love," Heather Braddock as "Anger," Cody Annen as "Hate," Amy Pohlmeier as "Greed," and Carie Wethington as

Stage crew members are Justin Bingham, Vanessa Wilhelm, Susan Book and Susan Lange.

The group will perform its one-act play in district competition at Sudan Saturday at 2:30 p.m.

Agriculture Week set March 17-23

Family values and farming have while growing and changing to meet always been integral parts of America's culture.

National Agriculture Week, March 17-23, and National Agriculture Day, March 20, have been set to celebrate the continuing legacy of the American farm family.

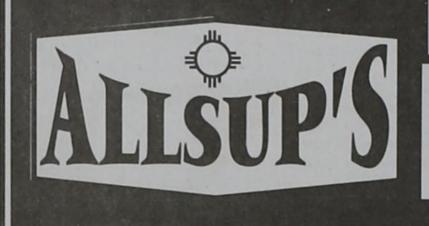
Texas Farm Bureau President Bob Stallman said the family is the most important asset to farmers and ranchers, who continually pass on to their children what has been learned from past generations. Through the theme "Growing Better Everyday, Generation to Generation," the agriculture industry is building on a proud past,

consumer demands.

"Today, farm families provide Americans and millions of others worldwide with a bounty of high quality, safe, tasty and nutritious food," Stallman said.

Stallman also pointed out that the farm family has learned to adapt to new technologies just like their consumer counterparts, to feed each new generation.

"In the 1930s, one American farmer produced enough to feed 24 people in the US and abroad. Currently, that number has risen to 129," Stallman said.



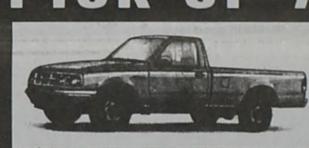
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Obituaries

Mary Cartwright

Funeral services for Jumbo native Mary Moss Cartwright, 92, of Lubbock, were held Friday morning at Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel in Lubbock with Rev. John Ballard, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Lubbock, officiating.

Entombment was in Resthaven Mausoleum under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cartwright died March 13. She was born June 27, 1903, in Jumbo. She moved to Lubbock from Austin. She had attended Baylor Women's College. She married Robert L. Cartwright. He preceded her in death.

She was a secretary.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Meals on Wheels or to Hospice.

Zella Chamberlain

Services for Zella Height Chamberlain, 87, of Waxahachie, were held Wednesday morning at the First Baptist Church in Hart with Rev. Denzil Leonard of Canadian officiat-

Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Chamberlain died at 4:31 p.m. Saturday in Waxahachie after a lengthy illness.

Born Oct. 5, 1908, in Ada, Okla., she lived in Hart for many years before moving to Waxahachie in 1985. She married James T. Height on Oct. 19, 1924, in Olton. He died in 1964. She was a homemaker and a member of Farley Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, W.C. Height of Waxahachie; a daughter, Dorothy Jo Taylor of Waxahachie; a brother, Rev. Waymon Witt of Escondido, Calif.; three grandchil- brothers, Rodney Ivey of Seymour and dren; 11 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-granchildren.

Pallbearers were Donnie Taylor, Dickie Height, Jimmie Height, Mike Reed, Larry Johnson, Frank Walker and Don Taylor.

The family requests memorials be to Hart Golden Group, P.O. Box 178, Hart 79043; or the Hart Cemetery, P.O. Box 174, Hart 79043.

Laura Flores

Services for Laura Flores, infant daughter of Laura Olivia Gonzales and Hugo Flores of Hereford, were held Monday morning at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford with Rev. Domingo Castillo officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

The infant was born and died Saturday at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Survivors include her parents; a brother, Hugo Flores Jr. of Hereford; a sister, Anabell Flores of Hereford; and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Flores of Mexico and Abelado Gonzales of Dimmitt.

Woodrow Hargrove

Woodrow Hargrove, 82, of Perryton, brother of T.S. Hargrove of Dimmitt, died Tuesday.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) in Key Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Harrol Waterbury officiating. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home of Perryton.

Mr. Hargrove was born in Cooper. He married Virgie Velma Thornburg in 1934 in Henrietta.

He was a retired professional Cowboy and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Perryton.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Arlie Hargrove of Perryton; three daughters, Shirley Horn, Sue Rich and Torie Janzen, all of Perryton; five sisters, Florence Fletcher of Joy, Roberta Skelton of Electra, Helen Richardson and Bertha Crowley, both of Vernon, and Lillian Maxwell of Duncan, Okla.; two brothers, T.S. Hargrove of Dimmitt and Jack Hargrove of Bowie; seven grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Erma Limicy

Services are pending for Erma Limicy, 91, of Dimmitt. She died Tuesday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Anna B. Mayhew

Anna B. Mayhew, 70, of Euless, former Dimmitt resident, died at 6:30 a.m. last Thursday, March 14, at Euless after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Saturday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Roy Barringer, former pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the

direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mayhew was born May 14, 1925, in Memphis and she lived in Dimmitt before moving to Euless in 1993. She married Ernest Mayhew on April 12, 1941, in Memphis. He died on Jan. 9, 1991. She owned and operated Ann's Cafe in Dimmitt for many years. She was a member of the First Christian Church in Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Mayhew, on Jan. 4.

Survivors include a son, Ernest Mayhew of Dodge City, Kan.; a daughter, Peggy Mengus of Elfreid, Ariz.; three brothers, Bobby Jouett of Frisco, Doyce Jouett of Grand Prairie and Monte Jouett of Waco; two sisters, Wanda Combs and Billie Pallett, both of Euless; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Ellene Schoenrock

Ellene Schoenrock, 74, of Levelland, sister of Frances Frazier of Dimmitt, died Saturday at Lubbock Methodist

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Levelland with Revs. Lynn Moore and Merle Fulmer officiating.

Burial followed at the City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of George C. Price Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Schoenrock was born Oct. 20, 1921, in Milton, Fla. She moved to Hockley County in 1928 and married Weldon Butler in 1944. He died in

She married Herbert Schoenrock in 1988. She was a member of Fifth Street Baptist Church in Levelland. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a son, Dale Weldon Butler.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Debra Clark of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Doylene Ivey and Gaynelle Box, both of Levelland; two Alvie Ivey of Lubbock; two sisters, Ellen Wall of Levelland and Frazier; several grandchildren; and nine greatgrandchildren.

Oscar R. Tavarez

Private graveside services for 5year-old Oscar Ruben Tavarez of Dimmitt were held Tuesday at Castro Memorial Gardens with Rev. Larry Gilliam, pastor of the First Assembly of God Church in Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Tavarez died at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 17, 1990, in Snyder. He was preceded in death by a grandparent, Cruz Tavarez.

Survivors include his parents, Oscar and Delia Tavarez of Dimmitt; a brother, Richard I. Perez of Dimmitt; two sisters, Jennifer K. Tavarez of Dallas and Priscilla A. Tavarez of Dimmitt; his grandparents, Raymond and Louisa Tavarez of Snyder and David and Santos G. Perez of Dimmitt; and a niece, Angela Tavarez of Dallas.

Felicia Elaine Vasquez

Felicia Elaine Vasquez, 5, of Dimmitt, died at 6:57 p.m. Saturday in a drowning accident at Lubbock.4 A vigil service was held Monday night in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Deacon Joe Ortega officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Miss Vasquez was born Oct. 27, 1990, in Hereford and lived in Dimmitt her whole life.

Survivors include her parents, Jessie and Melba Vasquez of Dimmitt; a brother, Greg Vasquez of Levelland; two sisters, Camille Vasquez of Dimmitt and Summer Vasquez of Lubbock; and her grandparents, Alvin and Maria Vasquez of Dimmitt and Douglas and Shirley Cruise of Bogata.

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A drive to collect food, snacks, notes, Easter cards, letters or other gifts to US soldiers serving in Bosnia will be conducted here.

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Gifts should be no larger than a shoe box.

For more information contact Deanne Clark at 647-3487.

The FAITH Group will hold a public fish fry every Friday evening during Lent through April 5 to raise funds for its "Random Acts of Kindness" program.

The fish fry meal will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. each Friday in the Immaculate Conception Community Hall. Meals will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for children 10 and under, all you can eat with all the fixings.

Coordinated by Norma Trigo, the FAITH Group consists of Dimmitt teenagers who perform voluntary service for the community.

Police Calls

\$1,490-worth of items were taken from the home of Darrin and Jennifer Heiman in the east part of the county around 7 p.m. Saturday.

Entry apparently was gained by kicking open the back door. Items taken included televisions, a VCR and CD players. Investigation is continuing.

An incident of assault-family violence was reported to police March 13 around 11:43 p.m. A 25-year-old Dimmitt woman told police that a suspect assaulted her at her home on Northwest Fourth.

Assault with bodily injury was reported at 11:30 a.m. Friday on Northwest Eighth in Dimmitt. A 15year-old youth allegedly was assaulted by his brother.

Eliza Garcia of Dimmitt told police that someone broke the windshield of a car belonging to Daniel Rodriguez of Dimmitt around 10 a.m. Saturday.

A charge of possession of marijuana under 20 ounces was listed against a Dimmitt man, 26, who was booked into jail around 3 a.m. Sunday. He also was charged with evading arrest.

A 19-year-old Dimmitt man was charged with purchase of alcohol by a minor and was booked into jail Saturday night.

A Vega man, 18, was booked into

Sheriff's deputies reported that jail for public intoxication early Sunday.

A Hereford man, 17, turned himself in the morning of March 13 on a warrant charging him with burglary of a vehicle.

A Dimmitt man, 20, was charged with DWI, first offense, and evading arrest around 3:45 a.m. last Thursday.

Violation of probation charges were listed against a 20-year-old Dimmitt man, who was arrested Friday afternoon.

A Dept. of Public Safety trooper stopped a 21-year-old Dimmitt man early Sunday and booked him into jail on charges of DWI, first offense.

A DPS trooper picked up a 29year-old Levelland man on DPS warrants Sunday evening.

A 31-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for DWI, third offense, around 4 p.m. Monday.

A 48-year-old man was picked up from Hale County on a forgery war-

On March 10, deputies received a report of a truck driver who was assaulted and robbed at the roadside park south of Sunnyside around 11:50 p.m. Brian Hawthorn of Denver, Colo., was passing through on his way to Midland and stopped at the park. He reported that someone struck him on the back of the head as he was getting out of the truck. He said they took some cash from him. Hawthorn was reportedly taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where he was treated for his injuries.

March 8, deputies received a report of a vehicle burglary. Jason Robert Wooten of Dimmitt told police that someone took a CD player, speakers, speaker box, and a baseball glove from his vehicle while it was parked at a barn just west of Dimmitt on SH 86.

A wallet belonging to Jose Castellon of Tulia was recovered recently. When contacted, he told deputies he must have lost it in December at a Castro County business.

Last Thursday at 8:47 p.m., an unattended 1984 Ford van belonging to Corina Ellis of Dimmitt was struck by a 1979 Chevy Impala as it backed out of a driveway in the 300 block of Southwest Fifth. Driving the Chevy was April Reyes of Dimmitt. She was ticketed for backing without safety and no driver's license. Damage was reported light to both vehicles.

A parked vehicle was damaged at the Town & Country Store in Dimmitt last Thursday at 10:46 p.m. Gary Jouett was backing his pickup out and struck an unattended 1992 Chevy Beretta owned by James Gary Thompson of Dimmitt. Damage was rated light to both vehicles.

