



WELCOME, QUILTERS!

Second Annual Ogallala Quilters Festival

Friday and Saturday, April 9-10

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Welcome Quilters

Ogallala Festival set for today through Saturday

Quilters have already started a pattern of activities for the second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival which started today (Thursday) and will continue through Saturday in Dimmitt.

Headquarters for all the action will be at the Expo Building, and admission will be \$3 per person each day.

The admission fee will allow visitors to view the quilts entered in the festival competition. Four 19th century quilts (1850-1900) also will be shown. Additional displays will include special exhibits of articles made by Linda Fisher of Lubbock and by Marie Perrin of Dimmitt.

Miniature quilts will be on display Friday at the Expo before being auctioned off Friday night.

There are still a few openings in some of the classes, so those attending the festival may inquire at the

time of registration. The cost is \$15 per person for each class. These will be held at the Senior Citizens Center. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

There are still spots available in the classes that will be conducted by the "Feature Teacher," Irma Gail Hatcher of Conway, Ark. She will teach "Basic Applique" and "3-D Blooms" on Friday; and Designing Traditional Quilts" and "Foundation Piecing" on Saturday. The cost is \$25 for each session, and they will be held in the City Hall meeting room.

Other classes will include "Bindings" and "Judge Looking" by Nell Smith, "Borders" and "Dear Jane" by Laura H. Syler, "Bursting Star" by Millie Riggs, "Crazy for You" by Vicky Tracy, "Chapelhouse Lanes" by Sharon Newman, "Celtic" by Ina Cleavinger, "Drunkard's Path" by

Nancy Richburg, "Hand Applique" by June Long, "Machine Quilting" by Emily Nipp, "Minis" by Yvonna Hays, "Mystery" by Jean Gilles Dean, "Paper Piecing" by Janet Harter, "Pineapple" by Joyce Davis, and "Quilt Tray" by Molly Yarger.

An evening of entertainment, including singing and cowboy poetry, is planned for today (Thursday) at the Richardson Elementary cafeteria following a meal at 7 p.m. (which is sold out). Admission for the entertainment only will be \$5 per person.

On Friday, following another advanced reservation meal, other participants are invited to attend a lecture and slide presentation by Hatcher, starting between 7:30 and 8 p.m. Admission for the program will be \$5 per person. After the presentation, there will be a miniature quilt auction.

Joyce Davis of Dimmitt, a member of the Ogallala Quilters Society, said that this year's festival also will include several special displays.

A traveling exhibit of "Hoffman Challenge Quilts" will visit Dimmitt during the festival. The Hoffman fabric company issues a challenge to quilters to make quilts from a specific fabric. Last year's 50 wall hangings will stop here on their way from Alabama to Oregon.

A display that will be open to the public free of charge will be the "Kansas City Star" exhibit. From 1928 to 1961, the *Kansas City Star* newspaper published different quilting patterns for its readers, according to Davis. She said a quilting club from Oklahoma has made some panels that feature each one of these patterns. Ten of the panels will be displayed at the First United Methodist Church. Also at the church

there will be an exhibit of quilts and other items made from feed sacks.

Another free exhibit will be the collection of antique sewing machines belonging to Lester Battease of Sweetwater. They will be displayed at the Senior Citizens Center. Quilts from a guild in Pampa also will be shown at the center.

A free exhibit of antique quilts will be on display at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Quilts entered for the festival competition will be eligible for ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards in 17 different categories. The First United Bank is sponsoring the Best of Show Award, and First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch is sponsoring the People's Choice Award.

Food vendor booths will be available during the festival activities on Friday and Saturday at the vendors quonset on the Expo grounds.

Davis said some merchants around town plan to stay open late Thursday for the convenience of festival goers.

Quilt appraisals will be done on Friday from 9 a.m. to noon, and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Expo. Sharon Newman does these for a fee.

A business meeting of the Ogallala Quilters Society will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. They are selling chances on a Bernina sewing machine at \$1 a chance, with the prize to be given away Saturday at 5:15 p.m. A cutting table also will be raffled, with tickets going for \$1 each. This will help cover expenses of the festival.

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By Don Nelson

Today's kids, rich and poor alike, all wear basically the same kind of shoes to school most of the time.

Despite the fact that virtually all sneakers are made in Asian or Latin American sweatshops, some brands definitely have more snob value than others.

For a youngster, the brand and model of sneaker that one wears can mean the difference between being cool and totally humiliated.

It's nothing new. Once upon a time, in the pre-vinyl, pre-Nylon days, when most kids walked to school, the style and weight of a boy's shoes would usually be a dead giveaway of his relative wealth and social status.

Children of the more moneyed

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City manager 'down in the dumpsters'

"You know how it is—some days you're just not in the mood to climb in the dumpsters," said Dimmitt City Manager Don Sheffy.

He was explaining to the city council Monday night about the city's paper recycling project.

He said he has saved some loads from rejection by climbing in a dumpster and removing contaminating items, but he let another load go by the wayside.

Sheffy said that the city is sending approximately 2,000 lbs. of paper and cardboard to Plainview for recycling every week.

"I feel the momentum will build as people become more aware of the effort," Sheffy told the council. "It is helping our landfill situation."

Sheffy said that paper, newspaper and cardboard are acceptable in the paper recycling dumpsters, but magazines and phone books and other "coated" papers take too much processing. Also, if a load is contaminated with garbage it may be rejected.



HAVING A HAPPY EASTER EGG HUNT—An unidentified youngster gets a helping hand finding the sweet treats at Dimmitt's central park Saturday afternoon. Despite the wind and a slight chill in the air, approximately 150 children, along with family

members, turned out for the annual event. The Dimmitt League of United Latin American Citizens chapter sponsored the hunt and gave away prizes of cash and stuffed toys, in addition to all the candy eggs.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Early voting begins Wednesday

Early voting in the May 1 elections will begin Wednesday (April 14) and continue through April 27. Early ballots may be cast at the business office of the governing entities (cities and school districts) that are holding elections.

Registered voters in Dimmitt may consult their voter registration cards to determine which district they should vote in for the school board election.

Terms that are expiring for the various governmental bodies and candidates who have filed are listed below.

Dimmitt

City: The election has been canceled since all candidates are unopposed.

DISD: Terms are expiring for Place 3 representative Chevo Lumbreira; Place 6, Debbie Annen;

and Place 7, Steve Buckley.

In Place 3, Albert Acevedo and incumbent Lumbreira have filed.

In Place 6, Greg Odom, incumbent Annen, and Robert Wilhite have filed.

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

Hart

City: Mayor Tony Leibel's term is expiring, as well as the terms for Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez. All incumbents have filed for re-election, along with challenging mayoral candidate Marguerite McLain.

HISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Coy Myrick and Roy Gonzales. Incumbent Myrick has filed, along with challengers Brian Nelson and Danny Rodriguez.

Nazareth

City: Election has been canceled

due to no candidates filing for the position of city commissioner. The

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	79	37	
Friday	76	38	
Saturday	77	33	
Sunday	59	29	
Monday	71	32	
Tuesday	67	28	
Wednesday	77	31	

April Moisture 0.00
1999 Moisture 2.93

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

Council agrees to contract with Link

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to enter into a contract with John and Melody Link to provide up to \$150,000 in dirt work, using city equipment and personnel, in exchange for their business providing up to 20 new jobs.

The contract is a part of economic development efforts the city is working on to stimulate the local economy.

The council also discussed another economic development proposal in executive session, but details are not available yet.

In another matter, the council voted to amend the city budget to increase the amount allowed for capital outlay in the water department by \$160,992.50. This will cover the purchase price of land the city is buying south of town, that will eventually be used to expand the city's water supply.

At the council's April 19 meeting, a hearing will be held to solicit public opinion about whether the city should look into supplying a television repeater tower. The City of Tulia installed one to make television reception better for its citizens who do not want or cannot afford cable television service.

Council member Trish Elliott said she talked to two citizens of Tulia and both told her that Tulia's tower installation cost in the \$40,000 range. It was a used tower, and was cut down from a 500-ft. size to a 300-ft. size.

"They were most concerned about people on Social Security, who can't afford \$34 a month," Elliott said about Tulia's project. "We have a lot of citizens in that group, too."

Council member Roger Malone suggested that City Manager Don Sheffy obtain cost estimates and other information for the public meeting.

"We want to see what people think—if this is a wise investment of public money," Mayor Wayne Collins said.

In another matter, the council authorized city personnel to contact all

suppliers who sell goods or services to the city, asking them to make sure that their systems are Y2K compliant.

Collins said, "We are checking all our city equipment to make sure it is in compliance. We thought we were in compliance with our city office computers, but we have found out that only our software is compliant, and we are not sure about the hardware. We need to investigate further and make sure we are fully compliant."

"We need to make sure the automated controls on the water system will come on when they are supposed to and that we will have manual over-ride capability," Collins said.

The council voted to cancel the May 1 election, since all city candidates are unopposed on the ballot. State law allows an election to be canceled under that condition, and the candidates will be appointed to office after May 1.

Public meeting set on drug, alcohol policy

Another public meeting has been scheduled to discuss the drug and alcohol deterrent policy being considered for adoption by the Dimmitt schools.

The public is invited to attend the meeting today (Thursday) in the Dimmitt High School library at 7 p.m. Translators will be available for any who only speak Spanish. Also, babysitting will be available.

Dimmitt High School Athletic Coordinator Bruce Dollar is leading the effort to get a policy established that will require all students participating in extracurricular competitions and contests or elective office at the school to sign a consent form to submit to random drug and alcohol testing.

Hereford Community Concerts to close season with soprano show

The Hereford Community Concert Association will complete its current concert season with a show by versatile singer Mary Siebert, a soprano whose repertoire and experience span soprano and mezzo roles in opera, music theater, jazz and pop music.

The concert will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Hereford High School Auditorium. Admission to the show is by membership to the Community Concert Association.

Those attending the concert are asked to park on the south and west sides of the high school due to construction on the east side of the building.

A national winner of the prestigious Metropolitan Opera competition, Siebert is in demand for her dramatic ability as well as for her rich, expressive voice.

One aspect of her performance is her personal contact with the audience. She comments on the numbers she performs and further charms her audience with superb and exciting gestures and expressions. She dem-



Mary Siebert

onstrates that body language can be as expressive as the spoken word.

Siebert's repertoire includes many operatic roles such as *Falstaff*, *Tosca*, *La Boheme*, *Carmen*, *Barber of Seville* and *Marriage of Figaro*.

She has appeared with the Grand Teton Music Festival, Philharmonis Virtuosi, Virginia Chamber Ensemble and Moorhead Symphony performing such selections as *Stabat mater* by Pergolesi, *Messiah* by Handel, *Melani's Cantata for Trumpet and Soprano* and Beethoven's 9th Symphony.

Siebert is no stranger to music theater. To her credit she has performed *A Little Night Music*, *Man of La Mancha*, *Oliver* and *Gershwin Review* on numerous occasions.

Because of her commitment to arts education for children, Siebert has led hundreds of performances with outreach organizations such as Lincoln Center Productions and the Nashville Institute. She has a program she entitles COWBOYS! In one-hour programs, children learn historic cowboy songs in a rollicking presentation woven together with amazing true stories of cowboys and gals from the 1800s, including African American cowboys and Hispanic cowboys.

Plans are being made for Siebert to present her COWBOYS! Program to some of the children of the Hereford Independent School District.

They will see slides of Russell and Remington paintings.

When she has week-long seminars about cowboys the children make their own sourdough starter, bake biscuits from historic cowboy recipes, identify star constellations, mount a western horse properly (using a saddle and a sawhorse), dress like cowboys and sit around a campfire.

Siebert was raised in Missoula, Mont., and she graduated from Indiana University with a bachelor of music degree. She studied at the Academy for Music and the Performing Arts in Vienna Austria.



Amy Garcia

Garcia is inducted

Amy Denise Garcia, the daughter of Paul and Ortensia Garcia of Dimmitt, has been inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma, two National Honor Societies for freshmen.

Classified as a freshman at Texas Tech University, Garcia was one of 450 honored at the spring initiation and banquet of the two organizations on March 28.

To qualify for membership a freshman must have at least a 3.5 grade point average during their first semester or year. Garcia has maintained a 4.0 GPA, according to her father.

The two organizations are committed to recognizing and encouraging superior academic achievement.



5K run, mile walk to benefit athletes

A five-kilometer run and one-mile walk and fun run will be held in Dimmitt Saturday and proceeds from the events will help send three local athletes to the North Carolina World Games this year.

The county athletes who will be competing at the world games include B.J. Klein and Joey and Dene Schacher.

The races will be held at the Dimmitt VFW Post Home, located east of Dimmitt, and entry fee is \$10 per person. Entry fee should be sent to Klein at PO Box 77, Nazareth 79063. Registration will be from 7 to 8:30 a.m. the day of the race.

The one-mile walk and fun run will start at 9 a.m. and the 5K race is slated to start around 10 a.m.

There will be men's and women's division in each race The mile walk

and fun run will be split into five age categories: 20 and under, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50 and 51 and over.

The 5K run will include the following age divisions: 15 and under, 16-23, 24-30, 31-40, 41-50 and 51 and over.

Medals will be presented to first-, second- and third-place winners in each group.

For more information about the race, call Klein at 945-2237.

In Great Britain and Italy, some unmarried women get up before sunrise on Valentine's Day to look out their window. It is believed that the first man they see or someone who looks like him will marry them within a year.

Ethridge and Howard to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ethridge of Floresville, formerly of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Wendi Rene, to Kevin John Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Howard of Culloden, West Virginia.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 19 at the Gruene Homestead in Gruene.

The bride-elect graduated from Dimmitt High School. She is a 1997 graduate of Texas A&M University at Kingsville and holds a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting.

The prospective groom graduated from Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1998 with a bachelor of business administration degree in business management.

4-H leaders plan fundraiser

The 4-H Parent-Leaders will serve box lunches at the Ogallala Quilt Show on Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The money raised from the sale of the lunches will go to the 4-H Scholarship Fund.

For the fundraiser to be successful, those organizing the event will be asking for help from each family in the 4-H program.



Fr. Guillermo Morales

Farewell reception is planned

A farewell reception for Father Guillermo Morales, who has been the priest at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt since July 1993, will be held Sunday at 5 p.m. in the church's hall.

Father Morales will be leaving ICC to accept an assignment in Canadian.

The public is invited to attend the reception. A money tree will be set up and those interested may contribute.

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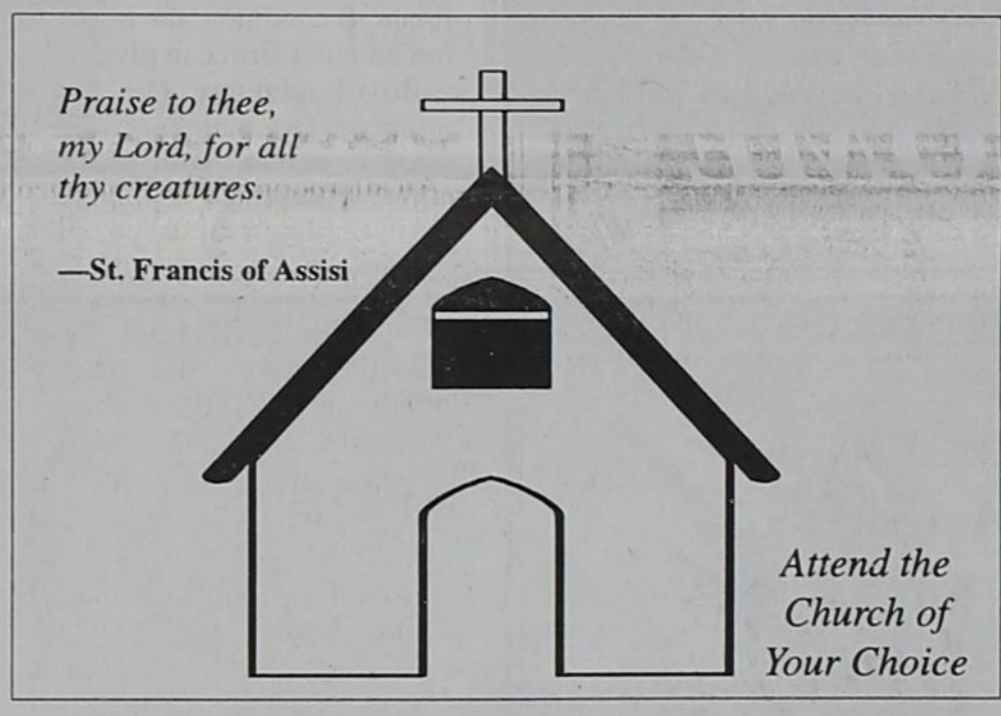
PLAINS MEMORIAL

Armando Ovalle and Obelia Martinez of Dimmitt are the parents of a new baby boy, who was born at 10 a.m. on March 22 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Armando Larry Ovalle entered the world weighing 8 lbs., 12.8 ozs. He was 19 inches long. He has an older sibling, Dominique Ovalle, who is 1. Paternal grandparents are Angie Ovalle of Arlington. Maternal grandparents are Ruben Martinez of Dimmitt and Stella Martinez of Arlington. Great-grandparents are Tomas and Celestina Navarro of Edinburg.

It's a boy for Jesus Gutierrez and Mercedes Garcia of Dimmitt. Their son, Jesus Gutierrez Jr., was born at 10:07 p.m. on March 27 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 6 lbs., 9 ozs., and was 19 inches long. He has a big sister, Alexandria Gutierrez, who is 3. Paternal grandparents are Amadeo and Ester Gutierrez of Alamo. Maternal grandparents are Manuel Garcia of Muleshoe and the late Mary Lou Garcia. Great-grandparents are Margarita Rodriguez of Bovina.

Church Directory

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Swisher Electric observes 60th anniversary at meeting

Swisher Electric Cooperative's March 25 annual membership meeting in Tulia was highlighted by the observance of its 60th year and by the introduction of Touchstone Energy to the members.

In the election of directors, incumbents Eddie Bryan, Dee Inglis and Richard Tye all were re-elected.

As explained to the members, Touchstone Energy is a nation-wide partnership and alliance of electric cooperatives who have committed to provide the best possible electric service, with an emphasis on personal service, to their members. With approximately 570 partners, Touchstone Energy is the largest provider of electric service in the country.

In recognition of the co-op's 60th year of providing service, Co-op manager Charles Castleberry expressed thanks to several groups of people who have contributed through the years to the cooperative's growth and success. He thanked the board of directors, staff, employees and their spouses, the co-op's energy suppliers, and suppliers of products and professional services, and the members in general for their patronage.

In his manager's report, Castleberry encouraged members to contact state legislators to express concerns about deregulation of the electric utility industry. He read a quote from Don Ingle, president of the Energy Services Business Unit of Cinergy, "After deregulation is a reality, and we no longer have an obligation to serve, we can't afford

to hang on to 'loss' customers or even marginally profitable ones."

"Bear that in mind," Castleberry said, "when you communicate your wants to the legislature."

Castleberry also recognized the scholarship winners from the coop's first scholarship program. They include Sabrina Acker, a 1994 graduate and valedictorian at Nazareth High School, who is now a student at Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine at College Station. She is the daughter of Luke and Mona Acker, and she is involved in the student chapters of numerous veterinary associations.

Castleberry talked about the extent of damage from the Jan. 29 ice storm and why it took so long to get some members back on. A large map of the co-op's service area was covered with over 125 red dots indicating every place that had required construction work, whether a single downed pole, or possibly dozens of poles and cross arms down. That was one of the reasons why it was such a monumental task to restore service. Castleberry said some members were without service as long as nine days.

"I didn't realize how many engineers or experts we had out in our service area," Castleberry said. "I talked to quite a few of you [laughs from the crowd] who said, 'If you just connect up this line here . . .'"

Castleberry then explained that many of those red dots on the map were at critical points in the co-op's loop feed transmission and distribu-

tion facilities. The loop feeds normally minimize outages, enabling power to be fed from up to three different directions from three different substations. If your house was at one of these critical points where hardware was down, Castleberry explained, it was possible for your neighbors to have power being fed from one or two of those directions while you were in the dark.

Additionally, Castleberry noted, Southwestern Public Service Co. was having its own problems. At the co-op's two interchanges with SPS, Castleberry said, "Our power supplier can only try that switch so many times before something happens."

When that 'something' happens, he added, it's generally not good. He said he hoped this explanation helped foster some understanding about how widespread and extensive the storm damage was, noting the co-op still had one contractor crew working to help get everything caught up.

In other business reports, Bob Bryant, president and general manager of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, updated the members on the progress of the Mustang Station power plant at Denver City. Bryant said the two combustion turbines should be on line early this summer, with run testing of the turbines expected to commence sometime in April. The third turbine, a steam turbine, was originally scheduled to be in service by January 2000. Construction on it is ahead of schedule, however, and according to the contractor, Bryant said, it should be on line around October of this year.

Auditor Barbee Word of the accounting firm of Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss reviewed the financial data in the annual report. He noted his firm had given an unqualified opinion of the cooperative's financial condition, the highest opinion an audit firm can give.

Board secretary Dee Inglis announced 184 members were registered in person, with an additional eight represented by proxy. This made a quorum for the conduct of business.



IN APPRECIATION—Farm Service Agency employee Dianne Huseman (right) is presented with a service award for 15 years of service with the agency. Making the presentation is Trish Elliott, County Executive Director of the Castro County FSA office. Huseman was honored Tuesday. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Farm Bureau sets seminar

The Castro County Farm Bureau will sponsor an ag market education seminar today (Thursday) at noon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 903 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

There is no charge for attending the seminar, and a free lunch is included. The public is invited to attend, in addition to members of the Farm Bureau.

Also helping sponsor the seminar are Terra International, Lextron and DeBruce Grain.

Bryce Myrick of Abilene, a Texas Farm Bureau field services representative, will lead the program.

"Bryce has the knowledge in this important area, as well as a demonstrated ability to work with agricultural producers," said Lonnie Robb, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

The program includes basic and intermediate education on futures market hedging, options trading and other risk management techniques.

"A combination of low market prices and weather-related disasters has left much of Texas agriculture in a real financial bind." "There is just too much risk in agriculture, and we believe this program will give our members more risk management tools," said Robb. "It will focus on the basics and the 'how to get started' questions that many producers have about the futures market."

Nolan Ryan baseball sales to benefit CMN

Dairy Queen stores throughout Texas will be having a ball in April and will help the Children's Miracle Network in the process.

Beginning Monday, Dairy Queen stores across the state began promoting the sale of a special baseball commemorating the achievements of future Baseball Hall of Fame inductee Nolan Ryan. For each ball purchased, the Dairy Queen store will donate \$1 to the Children's Miracle Network, to benefit the hospital for children in that area.

The collectible ball includes Ryan's facsimile signature and is packaged in a full-color box featuring his career statistics. Because only a limited number of baseballs have been manufactured and will be available only at participating Dairy Queen stores for a short time, the baseball's value will most likely increase in the future.

The Children's Miracle Network is an international, non-profit organization which generates funds and creates awareness programs to benefit children and its 166 associated hospitals for children in the US and Canada. All dollars raised locally directly benefit the CMN-affiliated hospital in that community.

New milk pricing system may hurt Texas farmers

Just as Texas dairy farmers are bracing for the largest price drop in history—a 37% single-month drop announced March 5 by the US Dept. of Agriculture—on March 31 the USDA announced a new system for establishing farm milk prices that is expected to cut farm milk prices even further.

According to USDA's own analysis, Texas dairy farmers will lose up to \$40 million per year under the new system, more than farmers in any other state.

"It amazes me that while we are attempting to stabilize Texas milk prices through state legislation, the

federal government is implementing policies that will cut Texas producer prices even further," said Texas Rep. Bob Turner (D-Voss).

"USDA's latest announcement should be a wake-up call to Texas consumers and legislators that the time has come to transfer some of USDA's authority on milk pricing to a regional entity that recognizes the problems we are dealing with locally," Turner concluded.

Legislation is being introduced in both the Texas House and Senate that would allow Texas to join 11 other southern states to form the Southern Dairy Compact. If approved by the Texas Legislature and the US Congress, the SDC would be established to stabilize the farm price of milk used for fluid consumption (Class I). It would not affect the price of milk used in manufactured products like ice cream, yogurt, or cheese (Class II and III).

Methodist scholarship applications available

Applications are now available for the scholarships offered each year by the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

The applications may be picked up at the church office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. they must be returned by April 23.

Applicants must write an essay and include three letters of recommendation. Details are included with the application.

Lyndy Nelson to present 4-H 'poise' workshop

Lyndy Mitchell Nelson will conduct a poise and presentation workshop at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

The program will be open to 4-H members of all ages.

"Lyndy will help you develop skills in presenting yourself in a most favorable light. This will be a fun class. There will be gifts, information and a lot of hands-on activities," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent.

Those planning to attend are asked to call the Extension office before the program.

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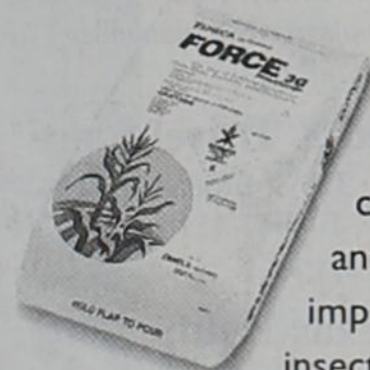
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25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: Lockers for the High School Field House.
All bids must be submitted by 3 p.m., local time, April 27, 1999, at the Superintendent's Office, or sealed bids may be mailed directly to Les Miller, Superintendent, Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.
Plans and specifications are available and may be acquired from Grimes and Associates, Consulting Engineers, PO Box 65, Wolfthorh, Texas 79382; phone (806) 863-2462.
A pre-bid conference will be held at 3 p.m., local time, on April 20, 1999. All interested parties should meet at the Superintendent's Office, Dimmitt, Texas.
The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and waive all formalities.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt I.S.D., Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 1, 1999, for voting in a General Election to elect Trustees for Places 3, 6, and 7.
Location of Polling Place: Dimmitt I.S.D. Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Dimmitt I.S.D. Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning Wednesday, April 14, 1999, and ending Tuesday, April 27, 1999.
Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, Early Voting Clerk, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, (806)647-3101. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Friday, April 23, 1999.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting bids for the following: 1999 improvements (girls' locker room, new athletic facility, two new tennis courts, resurface track and baseball field fencing).
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Childbirth classes are scheduled

Childbirth education classes are scheduled to start April 19 at the Medical Center of Dimmitt. The six-week course will be held Monday evenings, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the continuing education classroom at the medical center. There is no charge for the classes.

The classes are for expectant mothers who have reached the third trimester of their pregnancy and who are interested in childbirth preparation. Information and skills will be shared to assist parents in developing coping mechanisms and support systems that will help them meet their individual goals during labor and delivery.

Cindy Ellis, R.N., and childbirth educator, will direct the classes. Topics will include relaxation and breathing techniques, labor coaching, labor and birth, breastfeeding, and other topics pertinent to dealing with labor and childbirth.

Interested persons should contact Ellis at 647-5497 or 647-4124. Registration forms are available at the Medical Center and at Plains Memorial Hospital.

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TOMMIE WEEMES, member services manager of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative, Inc., gives his report at the 61st annual meeting of the cooperative last week in the Bull Barn at Hereford. Deaf Smith REC distributed a million dollars in capital credits to members during the meeting. Donald Wright of Dimmitt conducted the business session. Tony Acker of Nazareth was re-elected to the cooperative's board of directors during the meeting.

Photo by Don Nelson

Police Calls

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed March 30 on a Deaf Smith County warrant charging him with attempted murder, a second degree felony.

Others jailed on warrants included: March 30, a Hereford man, 25, for violation of probation stemming from driving with license suspended; March 31, a Hart man, 21, for theft by check, and a Plainview woman, 41, for theft by check; Friday, an Oklahoma man for possession of marijuana over 5 lbs. and under 50 lbs.; and Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 22, for criminal trespass.

A 17-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed March 31 to serve time after court on charges of disorderly conduct.

An Amarillo man, 35, was jailed last Thursday on a hold for the Border Patrol.

Alcohol related arrests during the past week included:

—Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 41, for public intoxication.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 37, DWI, and suspects were charged in the 400 block of North Broadway for being minor in possession of alcoholic beverages.

—Monday, a Dimmitt man, 18, DWI, first offense; and a Hart man, 28, DWI, first offense.

Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston said that Daniel Reyna of Hart called him Monday morning to report that someone had put sugar in a diesel tank on one of his trucks in the 300 block of Ave E in Hart. He said the damage must have been done sometime between March 24 and Sunday.

A \$500 reward is being offered by Reyna for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible.

On March 23, a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe driven by Elitrice Marie Rogers, 23, of Dimmitt, struck the rear of a 1989 Cadillac Fleetwood driven by Eric Abriel Espinosa, 17, of Dimmitt. The Cadillac was stopped in the drive in the 1500 block of Western Circle Drive, facing northbound, waiting for traffic to clear. The Tahoe was traveling north in the drive and struck the Cadillac, which had light damage. The Tahoe was listed with no damage. No injuries were reported.

Senior parents set meeting

Parents of seniors at Dimmitt High School will have a meeting Wednesday (April 14) at 4:30 p.m. in the high school library to discuss plans for the seniors' drug-free party following graduation.

All parents of seniors are encouraged to attend.

Pablo Picasso was a most prolific painter. In his 78-year career it's estimated that he produced 13,500 paintings or designs, 100,000 prints or engravings, 34,000 book illustrations and 300 sculptures or ceramics.

Horns claim runner-up team honors in Sudan track meet

The Hart Longhorns, paced by Jared Aven's three medals, finished second among the teams in the Sudan Track Meet Friday.

Hart accumulated 100 points to finish second behind Springlake-Earth, which won the meet with 134. Nazareth's boys finished sixth with 40 points.

Aven won the long jump with a jump of 20-11 1/2, placed second in the triple jump after leaping 41-3 and finished first in the 100-meter dash, breaking the tape in 10.94.

Hart's 400-meter relay claimed gold medal honors with a time of 45.19.

Others placing for Hart were Gerardo Dozal, third in the discus, 126-11 1/2; Jeremiah Velasquez, third in the long jump (19-6 1/4); and Isaias Garcia, second in the 3,200-meter run, 11:45.22.

Bo Hunter was the only Swift to earn gold medal honors, winning the discus with a throw of 149-9 1/2.

Kade Wilcox of Nazareth finished third in the 800 with a time of 2:14.03 and Matty McLain was second in the 300 hurdles (44.03).

In the girls' division, the Swiftettes finished fifth with 67 points while the Lady Horns were seventh with 52.

Lindsey Gerber and Danette Ramaekers, both of Nazareth, claimed the top two positions in the

3,200- and 1,600-meter runs. Gerber won the 3,200 with a time of 12:55.38 while Ramaekers was second in 12:57.38. The two traded finishes in the 1,600, with Ramaekers nabbing the top spot in 5:55.41 and Gerber claiming second in 6:03.93.

The Swiftettes' 1,600-meter relay team finished second (4:30.22) and Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth was second in the 300 hurdles (52.66).

For the Lady Horns, Geneva Finch, Angelica Perales and Ysa Rodriguez all finished third in their respective races.

Finch was third in the 200 with a time of 28.03, Perales claimed third in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.04 and Rodriguez was third in the 100, posting a time of 13.10.

Hart's 400 relay was second (52.59).

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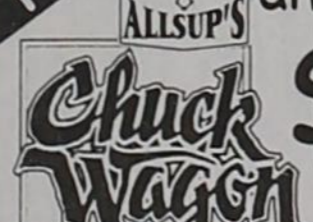
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