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**'WHAT IS YOUR BOOK ABOUT?'**—Brenden Wall (left) seems to be asking other students in his Head Start class as they examine their selections at the Reading Is FUNDamental book give-away held last Thursday at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School. The other students are (continuing, back,

from left) Alexandra Torres and Todd Hall; and (front) Stephanie Fuentes. After books were chosen, the school observed a period of "Drop Everything and Read" for the last few minutes of the day. The RIF program gives money to schools to buy books to encourage children to read. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Hospital board may decide to 'outsource' business office

In an effort to cut the cost of collections, the Castro County Hospital District may "outsource" its business office operations in a phased approach.

The hospital board of trustees heard a presentation Tuesday night from Robin Bradbury, a CPA with Resolution, a receivables management firm.

Bradbury told the board that allowing his firm to handle most of the operations would reduce costs by

20%, reduce timely filing write-offs and denials, increase space available, accelerate cash flow and increase the reimbursement percentage.

Bradbury also said it would improve the admissions process, improve the electronic billing process and improve the follow-up process.

He promised an improvement in cash receipts of at least 5% in Phase I, which would represent at least \$30,000 per month; and of at least 10% in Phase II.

Phase I would include continuing to use the district's current billing program (Dairyland), with Resolution doing all of the billing, using employees who are familiar with Dairyland.

In Phase II, Bradbury said his company will supply new hardware and software to be phased in over a period of several years, with the cost of it to be covered out of the fees that his company would receive.

Bradbury said his company would pay a business office manager that would stay in Dimmitt, but the actual billing would be handled out of Amarillo. He noted that his company would have specialists that would handle Medicare and Medicaid billing and who would be familiar with all the requirements.

Hospital CEO Joe Sloan said that the contract with Resolution will be ready for the board to examine and make a decision on at their next meeting.

In other business, the board heard a report from Sloan on the activities of the H.O.P.E. organization. He said the group is continuing to look at establishing a day care center in Dimmitt and is interested in the hospital district's lot located just north of the quonset barn behind K-Bob's.

Board members said they would have no problem with donating the land if the H.O.P.E. group is willing

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## State literary meet features six from county

Six county students will be competing in the Class A UIL Literary meet Friday and Saturday in Austin.

Josh Finch of Hart will compete in Prose Interpretation.

Mark Birkenfeld, Blake Birkenfeld and Ky Wilcox of Nazareth will be one of the four Calculator Applications teams vying for a state championship and Mark Birkenfeld will be going for the individual crown.

Mark Birkenfeld also will compete in Mathematics while Blake Birkenfeld will also try his luck at News Writing and Computer Science.

Mandy Hoelting of Nazareth will represent her school in the Feature Writing contest while Eric Schilling of Nazareth is slated to compete in Headline Writing.

For more details on state UIL meet, See Page 2

## Three judgments set in district court

In 64<sup>th</sup> District Court on April 12 with Judge Jack Miller presiding, judgments were handed down in three cases.

A judgment of a plea of guilty/nolo contendere was entered by Lonnie Joe Ramirez on charges of driving without a license, third or more offense, in connection with a Dec. 26 incident. In exchange for a guilty plea, Ramirez was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail, a \$500 fine and \$262.25 in court costs.

Maria Vasquez Zepeda entered a

plea of guilty/nolo contendere on charges of forgery, from a Sept. 11 incident. The terms of her plea bargain include a year in a state jail facility of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice, probated for two years. She also must pay a \$500 fine, \$262.25 in court costs, \$250 in attorney fees, \$145.12 in restitution, a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, and 50 hours of community service.

Miller entered an order modifying and extending the probation of Jessie Perez Jr. His original sentence, on

charges of criminal mischief on Jan. 6, 1995, included a \$100 fine, \$242 in court costs, \$50 to Crime Line, \$250 in attorney fees, \$4,269.75 restitution, and two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice State Jail Division, probated for five years.

His probation was extended for an additional year due to violation of his probation. The judgment said he had failed to report to his supervision officer, failed to pay restitution, failed to perform community service, and violated curfew.

## Vote Saturday for hospital board, Dimmitt Council, and DISD Place 4

Polling sites will be open Saturday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in three elections that have drawn more candidates than there are positions available.

In filling three positions on the Castro County Hospital District Board of Trustees, voters must choose among four candidates: Frank Mendoza, Layne Myatt, Henry Ramaekers (incumbent), and Carolyn

Sides (incumbent).

Polling locations will be at the city hall meeting room in Dimmitt, the Golden Group Building in Hart, and the west end of the school building in Nazareth.

Three at-large positions on the Dimmitt City Council must be filled and there are four candidates: Steve Buckley, Bobby Murdock (incumbent), Dianna Parker, and Paul

Wayland.

Ballots will be cast at the city hall meeting room in Dimmitt.

The Dimmitt Independent School District Board of Trustees must fill the position for Place 4. Johnny Gonzales is challenging incumbent Paul Garcia.

Voting will take place at the DISD administration building at 608 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	78	40	
Friday	80	40	
Saturday	77	41	
Sunday	77	43	
Monday	80	52	Tr.
Tuesday	85	49	
Wednesday	93	50	

April Moisture	0.45
May Moisture	0.00
2001 Moisture	6.28

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



## Going for the doubles gold

Whitney Hoelting (left) and Nichole Huseman of Nazareth are among the best tennis doubles teams in the state and they'll be going for the state championship Monday and Tuesday as they compete in the Class A state tennis tournament in Austin. Hoelting and Huseman will compete in the state quarterfinals Monday at 9 a.m. at World of Tennis at Lakeway.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Hoelting, Huseman open state tourney play Monday

They've already beaten the defending Class A state doubles champions, and now Nazareth seniors Whitney Hoelting and Nichole Huseman are ready to face the best tennis doubles teams in the state.

The two will compete in the Class A state tennis tournament Monday and Tuesday at World of Tennis at Lakeway.

Hoelting and Huseman knocked off the defending Class A doubles champions, Whitney Harris and Heather Chenault of Anton, in a second-place playback at the regional tournament last week and that earned them a berth in the state meet.

They'll open state tournament action Monday at 9 a.m. against Holly Kyukendall and Hope

Kyukendall of Menard in the quarterfinal round.

Other state quarterfinal matches will pit Jamie Mathis and Kaela Spence of Sabin against Kendra Luig and Jana Vieth of Windthorst; Jessica Kirkpatrick and Jeana Wilson of Dodd City against Laura Goodson and Brandi Moore of Sabin; and Cassie Petty and Suni Jo Petty of White Deer against Sabrina Bush and Dena Head of High Island.

If Hoelting and Huseman can win their quarterfinal match, they'll play the White Deer-High Island winner in the semifinal round.

This will be the duos first appearance at the state meet. They've been playing doubles for two years.

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**KIWANIS KITE FLY**—(LEFT) Denise Schilling watches as her two daughters, Amy, 4, (in pink) and Shelby, 5, (in blue) participate in the activities held Saturday just east of Dimmitt High School. About 26 children came out to enjoy the Kiwanis-sponsored fun day. (ABOVE) This large, colorful kite is 90 feet long with a 13-foot opening, but the wind easily filled it enough to get lift-off. It is owned by Bruce Defoor of Clovis, N.M., an art teacher at Clovis Community College. Also helping fly the larger kites that were on display was Eddie Miller of Tam Anne, who also brought his motorized parachute, but was unable to fly it very much due to the wind. Photos by Linda Maxwell

## Chamber slates annual garage sale for June 2

It's time to clean out the closets and storage rooms, then organize and price those unused items for sale during Dimmitt's annual city-wide garage sale.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has slated this year's sale for June 2 and bargain hunters from around the area are expected to flock to the city.

To list a garage sale on the official map, contact Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524. The fee is \$10 for each location listed.

Booth spaces around the courthouse square also will be available for rent, and these may be reserved by contacting Sava.



# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Dr. Leon Joplin looked around the lobby of the First United Bank as he was enjoying a hamburger and all the trimmings at the benefit cookout for Virgil Brockman and said, "I love it when our community comes together for a good cause like this!"

A nice part of Dimmitt's community gathered at the Lee Street Baptist Church a couple of days later to enjoy Dr. Joplin's first concert since the release of his new CD. He sang all of the songs from this recording and some new songs, too.

Patricia Braafladt enjoyed having her one and only grandbaby, Michelle Braafladt, at her home recently. Michelle brought along her

mom and dad, Todd and Jennifer Braafladt. They live in Lewisville.

Patricia agreed with a lot of other people when she proclaimed, "There's just nothing like being a grandmother."

Martha Dannevik has spent three weeks in Lubbock keeping her newest grandbaby, Caylor, while parents Kathy and Paul Dannevik were working. This was a labor of love.

The Alvin Fraziers attended a gospel singing at the Assembly of God Church in Muleshoe. Pastor Stone, a very talented musician, has organized a band and other groups

join them for a concert about every three months. This time a group from Hereford, the 4 Square Gospel Singers, and another group from Big Spring were there.

Billie Kirby was honored on her birthday by some of her neighbors on the block. They treated her to a breakfast at a local coffee shop. Billie and her husband, Troy, enjoyed a Mexican dinner with friends. All of this was the day before her birthday.

On her birthday, Billie and her daughter, Kerri Jack of Friona, drove to Lubbock for an all-day celebration

with Billie's granddaughter, Holly Jack and daughter, Bobbie Wooten. Bobbie is now living in Lubbock and is director of nurses at Covenant Hospital.

Among those enjoying Sunday brunch at the Hereford Country club on Sunday were former Dimmitt residents Nancy Harp of Hereford and Percy and Margaret Parsons of Friona. Among the Dimmitt people were the Houston Luts, Rex Luts, Myrtle Lois Moran, Marie Perrin, Martha Jo Hyman, the Bill Settles, and the Curtis Durbins.

Jerry Frazier and a friend were some of the Dimmitt folks who enjoyed Bob Wills Day Saturday at Turkey. The old Turkey football stadium and field were filled with lawn chairs, umbrellas and people for the afternoon concert by the former Texas Playboys.

Dr. Charles Townsend, a staff member at West Texas A&M University, and noted expert on the life and successes of Bob Wills, emceed the event.

In the year 2000, Bob's recording, "The New San Antonio Rose," was named one of the best 400 songs written in the last century. This recording also received a Grammy Award and is still the favorite of Bob Wills' many fans of western swing.

R.V. (Hopper) and Dolores Ivy made a recent trip to visit relatives. Their first stop was in Sentinel, Okla., where they were joined by cousins before traveling to Bakersfield, Calif., and Overland Park, Kan.

Next they visited with R.V.'s niece, Johnny Coker, and her husband in Olney. From there they traveled on to Jackson to visit Dolores's brother and sister-in-law, Max and Dorothy Self and children.

The green fields, bluebonnets and wild flowers were at their very best all along the way.

Jack and Murna Miller of Plainview and their daughters, Cara Shive of Houston and Kim Hays of Dimmitt went to Washington, D.C., over the Easter holiday.

Murna and Carla are both voting delegates in the Daughters of the American Republic and were attend-

ing the national convention in Washington. Jack and Kim just got to go along for the ride.

They arrived Saturday to beautiful weather and walked to all the memorials—Jefferson, Washington, FDR and Lincoln. All the trees were blooming and the tulips were beautiful.

On Easter Sunday they attended a sunrise church service at the Lincoln memorial, then Cara and Murna registered with the DAR at their beautiful building just two blocks from the White House.

For the DAR they attended a formal tea for the Texas Representative and night meetings with Sen. Bob Dole and Charlton Heston as speakers.

Cara and Murna attended the day

meetings with Cara paging and Murna researching her ancestors. They found out they are related to Laura Welch Bush, so Murna was looking for information on that.

On Tuesday they went to the White House and saw President George W. Bush leaving from the helicopter on the back lawn. They also enjoyed a visit to the Capitol building. This visit was arranged by Mac Thornberry's office.

Jack and Kim went to the Space and Air Museum, the Iow Jima Memorial, the Navy Museum and researched Jack's relative who served in the Navy.

During the week they went to Arlington Cemetery, Mount Vernon, the Smithsonian Institute and the Supreme Court building.

# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Sixteen youth from the parish enjoyed the Amarillo Diocesan Youth Rally this weekend.

The conference opened Saturday morning with a celebration of the Eucharist centered around the theme, "Who's Call Is It, Anyway?"

The featured speaker was Jesse Romero, a former police officer from Los Angeles, Calif., who is now a Catholic evangelist and is committed to keeping the faith alive.

His talks were awesome, very uplifting. Workshops were enjoyed by all during the afternoon and a coffee shop (talent show) and concert by Sudden Impact that evening. Their music and lyrics testify to the

commitment they have made to minister to the young and young at heart.

The weekend was topped off by "Mass in the Grass" at Thompson Park, celebrated by Rev. Joe Bixenman. Hamburgers were served by the Knights of Columbus. That afternoon all enjoyed Wonderland Park.

It was a very full couple of days surrounded by almost 900 Catholic teens.

Thanks to the parish for helping our teens deepen their faith and thanks to Mary Beth Gerber and her helpers, Vera Ramaekers and Jeanie Birkenfeld.

Keith Hoelting and his son, Kyle, enjoyed the weekend fishing with Harold Gerber at Lake Ivie. They enjoyed a good fish fry before returning home on Sunday.

Hospice Care and Castro County Hospital District hosted a volunteer luncheon last Tuesday in the solarium at Plains Memorial Hospital. Members of the Hospital Auxiliary and other volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch and each was given their choice of a plant.

Congratulations to Lawrence Schmucker, who was featured in the volunteer section of the *Amarillo Globe News*. For years he has been there for anyone who needed help in any way.

He says, "I don't consider it anything or extraordinary or special. It's just what we're all supposed to do." And that's just what he does!

The Home and School meeting was held last Thursday evening during which a faculty appreciation dinner was enjoyed by all at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

Prayers are asked for Leonard Gerber, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Alice Palazzini, Lori Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ann Heck, Ray Schmucker, Brenda Crouse and Art Albracht.

# Hart ISD receives cash award for achievement

Hart Independent School District is one of several campuses across the state which will receive a cash reward for the high performance achieved by its students in the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs.

This is the first year that state funding has been available to reward schools when their students excelled in these two rigorous programs.

The Texas Education Agency, through the Advanced Placement (AP)/International Baccalaureate (IB) Incentive Program, is providing \$100 for each student who scored three or better out of a possible five on an AP examination or a four or above out of a possible seven on an IB exam.

Five Hart students took the exam and scored high enough to qualify for the cash prize for their school, and HISD will receive \$500.

The awards go to the schools and are to be used for "academic enhancement purposes," according to state law. The funds are to supplement, but not replace, current funding. The award could be used, for example, to provide professional development workshops for teachers and to purchase additional instructional materials.

Although the campus staff will decide how the money will be spent, funds do not necessarily have to be used at the high school that earned the award. Funds could be used to enhance the pre-advanced placement training and programs on middle schools that feed into these high schools.

"This incentive program created by the Texas Legislature assures that campuses are recognized for their diligence and commitment to advanced academic programs. We applaud these schools and the 32,908 students whose accomplishments earned this award," said Jim Nelson, commissioner of education.

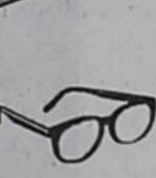
Texas public school students took almost 98,000 AP exams in 1999-2000, a 21.9% increase over the previous year and double the growth rate experienced by AP/IB nationally. Scores of three or better were earned on 51,988 of the 97,965 exams taken by Texas public school students. Most higher education institutions award course credit or advanced placement in college when a student earns a score of three, four or five on an AP exam.

The IB program is an internationally recognized curriculum that offers high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to earn the IB di-

ploma. The program is offered in more than 700 public and private secondary schools in more than 100 countries around the world. IB tests are given in six subject areas and a score of four or better is considered passing. Most universities award course credit for IB scores of five or higher. More than 85% of the Texas public school students who took an IB examination score at least one four or above on the exam.



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**Be sure to vote Saturday, May 5, in the Castro County Hospital District Trustee Election.**  
Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall, 200 E. Jones.  
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**To my patients:**  
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*In general, I refer "my patients" to Medical Center of Dimmitt.*  
*Call me if you have any questions at 647-5256.*  
**B. D. Murphy, M.D.**

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## Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or special appraised value placed on your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affected you.

**Informal Review**  
If you have any questions, you may contact the Castro County Appraisal District at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027, or telephone (806)647-5131.

**Review by the Appraisal Review Board**  
If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination.

The CAD may ask you for a copy of evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

**Review by the District Court**  
After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

**Tax Payment**  
If you appeal and your case is pending, you must pay the lesser of the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

**More information**  
You can get more information by contacting Castro County Appraisal District, 204 SE 3rd (Rear), Dimmitt, TX 79027 or phone (806) 647-5131. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, TX 78711-3528.

### Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB\*

**Usual Deadline**  
On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

**Special Deadlines**  
For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

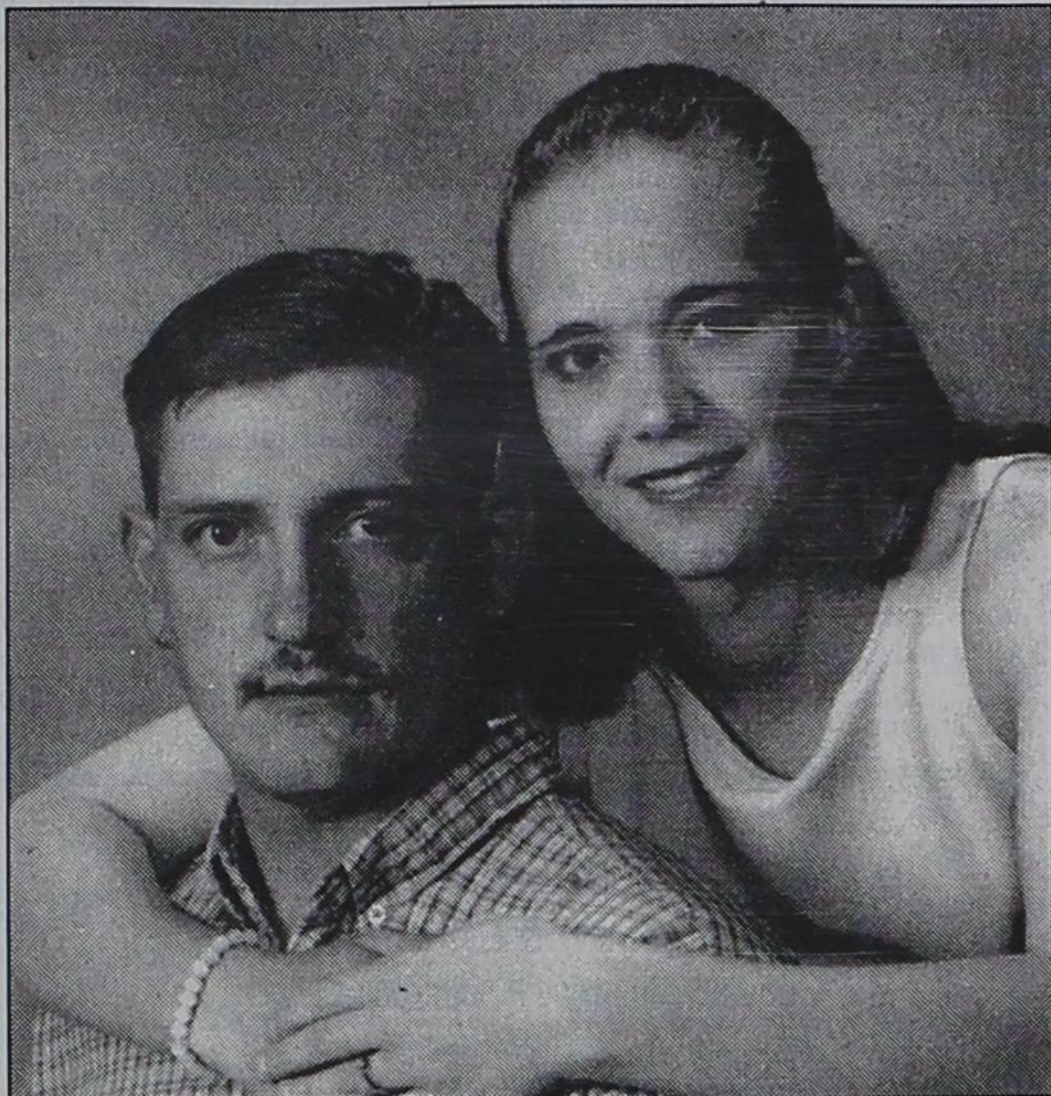
For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

\* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

The science fiction of the 19th century French novelist Jules Verne predicted the invention of the airplane, the submarine, television, guided missiles and space satellites, among other things.

# People



Ty Waller and Melissa Ethridge

## Ethridge to marry Waller

Wayne and Nelda Ethridge of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Melissa Ethridge, to Ty Waller, son of Butch and Kathy Waller of Hart.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 30 at the home of the bride's parents.

Both the bride and groom attended Hart High School.

The bride-elect is employed by the US Postal Service.

The prospective groom works as an electrician for Waller and Son Electrical.

Following the wedding, the couple will reside in Hart.

## Lowrey, Urbina set May 25 vows

Rebecca Jill Lowrey and Alejandro Urbina Jr. plan to exchange wedding vows in a private ceremony May 25 at 7 p.m. at County Line in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Robert and Kathy Lowrey of Tulia. She is the granddaughter of Bob and Jane Lowrey of Lubbock. Bertha Runkle of Sapulpa, Okla., and Royce Davis of Snyder. She is a 1996 graduate of Hart High School, attended Texas Tech University and International Business College, and is currently majoring in business studies at the South Plains College Lubbock

campus. She is employed by Select-a-Seat of Lubbock.

A 1989 graduate of Hart High School, the prospective groom is the son of Alejandro Sr. and Maria Urbina of Hart and the grandson of Elisa Gonzales and Anastasia Urbina, both of Laredo. He is attending Tech, where he is classified as a senior and is majoring in management information systems. He is employed in the shipping department of the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in Plainview.

The couple plan to reside in Lubbock.



Mike Baker and Sherri Lynn Hunter

## Hunter and Baker to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunter of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sherri Lynn, to Mike Baker, son of Joyce Huff of Amarillo and Dub and Monica Baker of Possum Kingdom.

Miss Hunter is the granddaughter of Rachel Hunter of Dimmitt and Geneva Sutton of Happy.

The couple will marry on July 21.

The bride-to-be graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1992. She attended Texas Tech University and graduated from West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is a registered nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Plainview High School. He attended Clarendon College and South Plains College. He served in the US Air Force for four years and was stationed at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. He is currently employed as a fire fighter for the City of Amarillo.

## Activities planned for Nurses Week

Several events have been planned to help celebrate National Nurses Week, May 6-12.

The nurses of the Castro County Hospital District invite the community to attend the events.

On Monday there will be a bake sale in the hospital solarium from 9 a.m. until all is sold.

Proceeds will benefit the Ettie McDermitt Nursing Scholarship Fund, supporting local education and promoting careers in nursing.

On Tuesday the public is invited to join in prayer for nurses, the nursing shortage, and the health care of our nation. Prayer sessions will be held at 7:30 a.m. and again at 8 p.m. at the flagpole at the front entrance.

Wednesday (May 9), the public is invited to visit with the nurses in the courtyard of the hospital from 2 to 4

p.m. Booths will be set up to bring public awareness to the diversity of nursing, their different roles and responsibilities, and the nursing services that are offered in our community.

Also, a silent auction is scheduled for next Thursday in the hospital solarium, starting at 9 a.m. and ending promptly at 5 p.m.

"In honor of the dedication, commitment and tireless effort of the nurses, not only in Castro County, but nation-wide, to promote and maintain the health of our community and for the quality work they provide seven days a week, 365 days a year, remember a nurse during National Nurses Week," a hospital spokesperson said.

"Nurses provide highly skilled, safe and quality care in a variety of settings and encounter increased challenges to their professional and ethical commitment to deliver essential health care," the spokesperson said. "Please take this opportunity to recognize our community's nurses and pay tribute to a particular nurse who touched your life or the life of someone dear to you, or to a group of nurses whose care has meant a great deal to you and your family."

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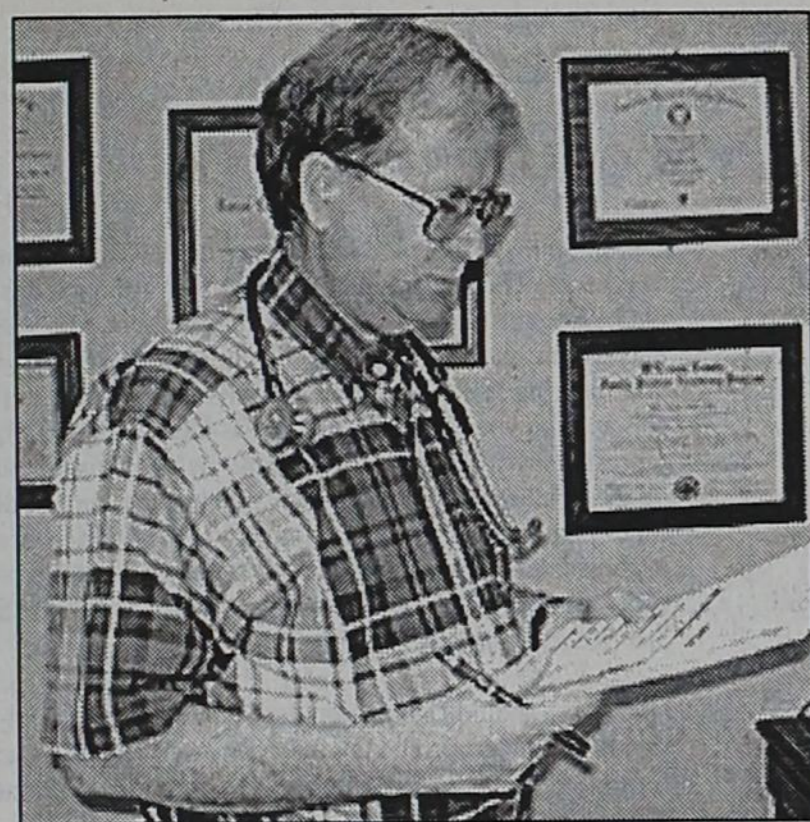
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## Dr. Leon Joplin

In August, Dr. Leon Joplin will have completed his sixth year with the Castro County Hospital District. He has come to be very important to the medical community and the residents of the hospital district.

"I love the people here," Dr. Joplin says. "I care about them. My concern is to see good health care for both the poor and those who can afford it."

He stays quite busy dispensing that health care at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and at Plains Memorial Hospital. As a certified family practitioner, he provides conscientious care for everyone from the oldest to the youngest among us.

His office is at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, where he is available by appointment from 9 to 4 Monday through Friday.

Dr. Joplin has felt the call of God on his life in many ways. Throughout his medical career, he has felt called to help people. He said that he has always had a desire to go into mission work and that was what led him into medicine in the first place, first as a Registered Nurse, then as a doctor. He has served on two missions to Haiti and one to Mexico.

However, just within the past year, he has felt called to minister to people

through a musical ministry. He has been writing original songs and singing them, joining with other local musicians to form the gospel music group "His Messengers." They just released an album of songs titled "By the Power of the Lord." He said they are looking forward to having a county-wide concert in the fall and releasing another album sometime this year.

Dr. Joplin graduated from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine, and served his residency at the Southwestern School of Medicine in Dallas. He is certified by the American Board of Medical Examiners. He serves alongside Dr. Gary R. Hardee, Dr. Donald McGrorey, Dr. Bill D. Murphy, Dr. Dhiraj S. Patel and Family Nurse Practitioner Kim Sava to provide primary medical care through the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Plains Memorial Hospital.

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## FBC sets women's 'Spring Encounter'

The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will hold its "Spring

Women's Encounter" on Saturday at 6 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall.

Theme for the event is "A New Creation in Christ."

Guest speaker will be Debra Hochgraber, a consultant for women's evangelism with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Hochgraber is described as "an outstanding Christian speaker and has spoken in many conferences and seminars across the US through the last 20 years."

She is married to Dr. Dennis W. Hochgraber, pastor of Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church in Dallas, and the couple have two grown daughters.

Allison House, a local special education teacher at Richardson Elementary School, will lead the music for the Women's Encounter.

House was raised in Canyon and she married Curtis House, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Happy. She has sang throughout the area at a number of events. She and her husband have led the praise and worship in surrounding cowboy churches, and have led many revivals. They are active in the Golden Spread Emmaus Community.

House recently recorded a CD, which should be available in May.

All women are invited to attend the seminar. Those attending are asked to bring a salad.

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## Braddock feted at bridal shower

Heather Braddock, bride-elect of Chris Stanford, was recently honored with a bridal shower in the home of Sara Hill.

The hostesses assisting Mrs. Hill with the shower presented the honoree with Noritake stone ware place settings.

The serving table featured a burlap cloth accented with blue and yellow napkins. The centerpiece was an arrangement of forsythia in a metal urn, antique copper pots and pitchers.

Special guests included Mary Braddock of Nazareth, mother of the bride-to-be; Janet Stanford of Dimmitt, mother of the prospective groom; Whitney Braddock of Nazareth, the bride-to-be's sister-in-law; Dorothy Schulte and Joan Backus of Nazareth, the honoree's aunts; and Tammy and Emily Summersgill of Lubbock, the prospective groom's sister and niece.



Robert Allen Brownfield Jr. and Wendy Lee Aldridge.

## June wedding is planned

Richard and Ernestene Aldridge of Tulia announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Wendy Lee Aldridge, to Robert Allen Brownfield Jr., son of Virgil and Brenda Starcher of Ramsuer, N.C.

The couple are planning to exchange wedding vows on June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Wedding Chapel in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Tulia High School. She graduated from South Plains College in 1995 as a licensed vocational nurse. She is currently employed by Dimmitt Independent School District.

The prospective groom graduated from Princeton High School in 1984. He currently works for Homer Scale Service in Hereford.

The couple will reside in Dimmitt following their wedding.

## Relay for Life luminaries being sold to honor cancer survivors, victims

The Castro County Relay for Life will be held June 8 and one of the highlights of the event will be the lighting of the luminaries at about 9:15 p.m.

"It is a very moving ceremony, with more than 200 luminaries lighted and circling the track," said Karron Smith, luminary chairman. "Each luminary flickering represents someone who has been touched with cancer."

"You hear each name from the luminaires read aloud. Many names you know and can still cheer that person on with their success, but many have lost their battle and have left you with only memories. It makes you realize you want to help make a difference."

Smith said those wanting to remember a cancer victim or survivor may purchase a luminary in their honor for \$5 each. The luminaries may be decorated and labeled with the name of the honoree.

The luminary packets, with in-

structions, are available at many businesses around the county or at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. For more information, call Smith at 647-1066.

"The public is invited, not only to the luminary ceremony, but also to cheer on the walkers during the entire Relay for Life event," Smith said.

The proceeds from the luminary sales will go to the American Cancer Society.

## Nazareth Lions set broom sale

The Nazareth Lions Club will hold its annual Mop and Broom Sale Sunday from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall, or as long as there are customers.

The merchandise is from Caravan Sales for the Blind, with the proceeds to benefit the blind.

For more information, call Fidelis Fetsch at 945-2231 or 945-2332.



**Who's New PLAINS MEMORIAL**  
It's a girl for Rudy Alaniz and Frances Velasquez of Hart. Their daughter, Presley Faith Alaniz, was born at 6:12 a.m. on April 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Janie Quintero of Dimmitt and Modesto Rodriguez of Olton. Maternal grandparents are Floyd and Sylvia Velasquez of Sanger. Great-grandparents are Nadine and Abel Quintero and Josefa and Gabino Rodriguez, all of Dimmitt, and Carmen Gonzales of Hart. Great-great-grandparent is Romanua Reyna of Hart.

Alonzo and Candi Trevizo of Earth are the parents of a baby girl, Eden Alexis Trevizo, born April 26 at 6:14 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds and 10.3 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Big brothers are Mark Anthony, 5, and Isiah, 3. Paternal grandmother is Maria B. Trevizo of Earth. Maternal grandparents are Polita Espinosa of Dimmitt and Abel Espinosa of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Susie Herrera and Nicolasa Espinosa, both of Dimmitt.

**OUT OF TOWN**  
Mike and Jackie Cornett of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Alex Sandra "Bree" Cornett, who was born at 2:34 p.m. on April 12. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 ozs., and was 19 inches long at birth. She has two older siblings, 12-year-old Bryce and 10-year-old Brooke. Paternal grandparents are Don and Shirley Cornett of Dimmitt and Glenna Cornett of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Danny and Sandy Lewis of Dimmitt and David Forbes of San Angelo. Great-grandparents are Elsie Cornett of Silverton, Otha and David McIntosh of Snyder and Charlotte Etgen of Snyder.



**MY BOOK IS ABOUT CINDERELLA**—Gabby Cantu, a first grade student at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School, proudly shows the book she received from the Reading Is **FUN**damental book giveaway last Thursday. "It's my favorite story," Cantu said. Students were given a chance to pick out a book

to keep as their very own in an effort to encourage them to read more. Funding for the books came from a grant from the RIF program. After students spent the afternoon selecting books, the school had a "Drop Everything and Read" observance.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Prom Promise program is set

The Dimmitt High School Student Council is sponsoring Prom Promise Week starting Monday. The prom is set for May 12 and the Eighth Grade Banquet and Dance is set May 19.

A highlight of the special week will be a three-screen, multi-media presentation of "Voices" by Camfel Productions.

The program motivates teens to avoid the pressure to get involved in negative activities. It challenges teens to consider how their voice can be used to give acceptance and appreciation to others.

DHS students will view the presentation at 10 a.m. on Monday, while a screening will be held for

seventh and eighth graders at 9 a.m., both at the DHS auditorium. The public is invited to attend either session.

"The Student Council is sponsoring this show in preparation for a safe, drug- and alcohol-free prom season," said Connie Dickerson, student council sponsor.

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## Kindergarten pre-registration is set for today

Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt has scheduled pre-registration for its 2001-02 kindergarten class today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the school's library.

Parents of children who will start kindergarten this fall should plan to pre-register their child for school this day. When registering their child, parents must be ready to provide a copy of the child's birth certificate, shot record and social security card.

This will be the only registration for kindergarten students before school begins next fall.

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## Cottonseed payment program will offer aid to producers, gins

A total of \$100 million in assistance will be distributed to cotton producers and gins under the 2000 crop cottonseed payment program, which started April 27.

The program will provide additional economic assistance to cotton gins and growers to offset the detrimental effects of low cottonseed prices during the 2000 crop year, according to the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA).

Sign-up for the program started April 27 and will continue through May 18.

Individual payments will be based on the estimated quantity of cottonseed produced from the bales and lint weight reported on the application.

Payments will be made to gins because they usually retain proceeds from the sale of the cottonseed; how-

ever, gins may be required to share payments with farmers in cases where farmers have been affected by low cottonseed prices.

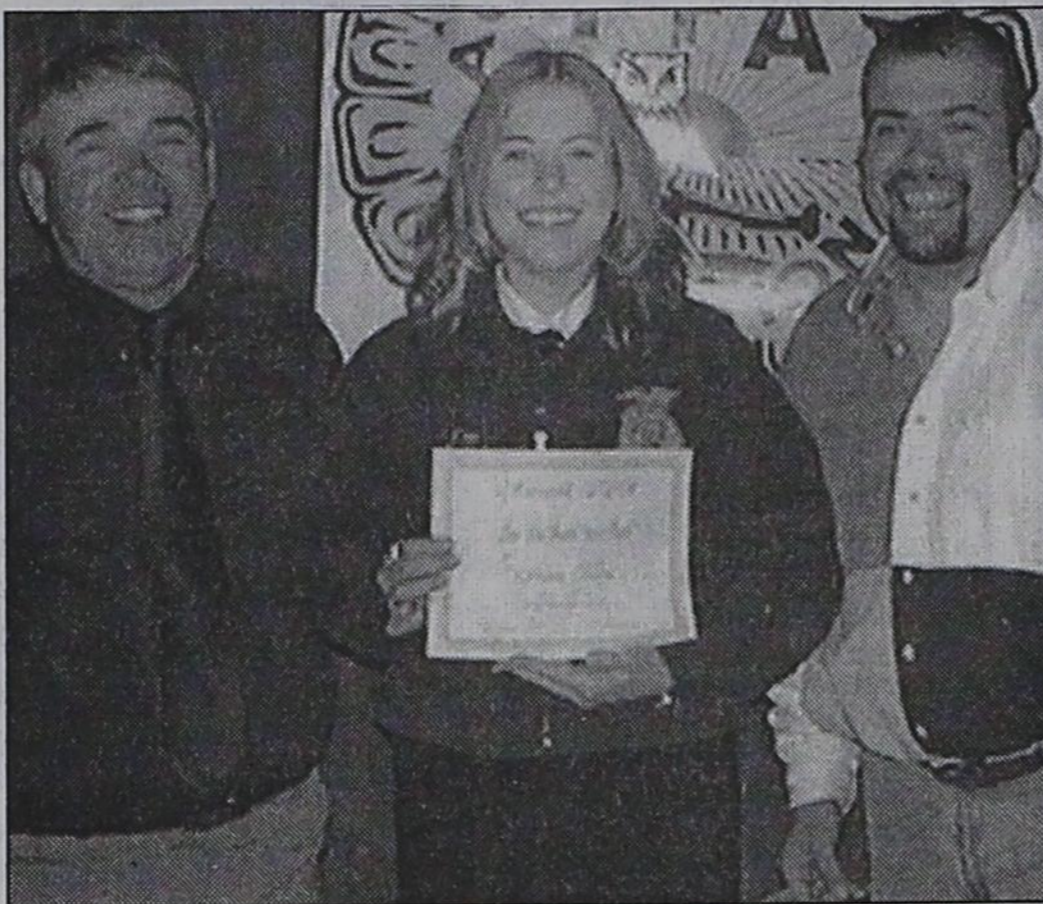
USDA has mailed applications to 1,004 cotton gins. Gins that haven't received an application form should call (202) 720-8481 to request an application via fax or mail.

Ginners who have submitted an original signature to the Farm Service Agency's Price Support Division in Washington may send their application by fax to (202) 720-9069. Companies that operated more than one gin for the 2000 crop year should submit one application for all gin locations.

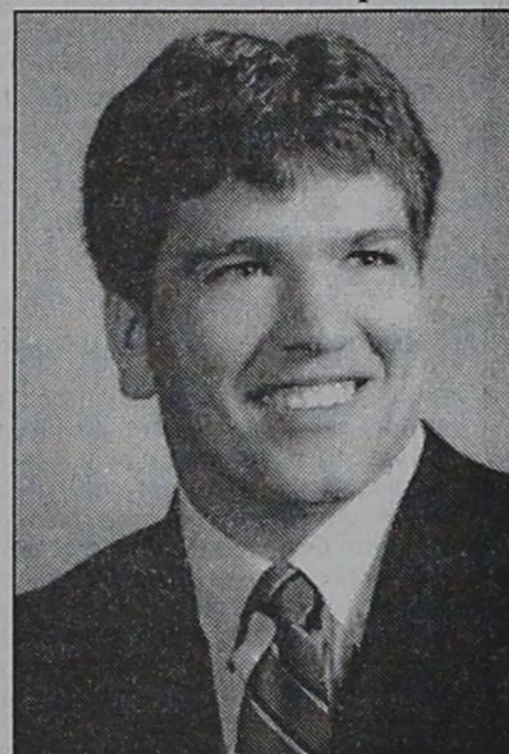
USDA's Commodity Credit Corp. should issue direct deposit payments and mail deposit notifications to gins about two weeks after the final application is received.

The first continuously operating laser was produced in the United States in 1961.

One word frees us from all the weight and pain of life: That word is love. -Sophocles



SUSAN KERN (top photo, center) accepts the Brad Klein Memorial Service Award from Nazareth FFA Advisor David Bownds (left) and Brian Klein, brother of Brad Klein. The newly established award was presented recently at the Nazareth FFA Banquet in honor of the late Brad Klein (right), a Nazareth High School graduate who was active in FFA. Klein died earlier this year and the award was developed in his memory. It will be presented each year to the "student who best exemplifies the unselfish hard work and effort that Brad did in his FFA activities and in everything else he did. He didn't do it for glory, he did it because it was duty to himself to do his best in whatever he did." In addition to the service award, Klein will be remembered for a \$1,000 bequest he left the FFA. Also, the first annual Brad Klein Memorial Scholarship will be presented to a NHS graduate during commencement exercises in May. Klein also donated \$1,500 to the Nazareth Independent School District.



Courtesy Photos

## TDA warns of plague after prairie dog die-off

The Texas Dept. of Health has issued a number of precautions after concluding that plague was the cause of a prairie dog die-off at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area.

According to Dr. James Alexander, a zoonosis control veterinarian with TDA, evidence of the prairie dog die-off was investigated at Lake Meredith on April 19, raising suspicions that plague could be responsible.

On Tuesday, preliminary test results at the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Plague Laboratory in Fort Collins, Colo., identified the bacteria (Yersinia pestis) responsible for plague in fleas from the Lake Meredith prairie dog town.

Plague is a bacterial disease of rodents that can be spread to humans and other animals by infected fleas. It has three forms: bubonic (infection of lymph nodes), septicemic (infection of the blood) and pneumonic plague (infection of the lungs). Pneumonic plague is the only form that can be spread from person to person.

Humans can become infected with plague by the bites of infected fleas, by direct contact with the tissues or body fluids of a plague-infected animal, by inhaling infectious airborne droplets from persons or animals with pneumonic plague or by laboratory exposure to plague bacteria.

Plague is common in animals in West Texas and New Mexico, and the disease is occasionally seen in rodent or rabbit populations in the area.

No cases of plague in humans have been reported at this time. Human plague is rare, averaging 12 cases per year in the US. The last case of human plague in Texas was reported in 1993, and the last human plague

death in Texas occurred in 1982.

Medical personnel throughout the area have been advised to watch for plague symptoms, which are similar to those of the flu, including fever, sore throat, muscle pain, headache and swollen lymph nodes.

Persons who have visited the park recently and have developed symptoms should consult a doctor.

Untreated plague can have a mortality rate ranging from 30 percent to almost 100 percent, depending on the type, but if treated early, a full recovery is likely.

"Plague is a highly treatable disease," said Alexander. "Early diagnosis and treatment are the keys to a full recovery."

Alexander adds that the best way to prevent plague in humans and pets is to observe the following measures:

- ◆ Practice flea control in and around your home and on your pets.
- ◆ Practice rodent control around your home.
- ◆ Avoid all contact with rodents, squirrels and other wild animals.
- ◆ Wear insect repellent if you are in an area where plague is present.
- ◆ Do not camp, rest or sleep near animal burrows.
- ◆ If you are hunting and must handle wildlife, wear gloves.
- ◆ If traveling to an area where plague is present, protect your pets with flea powder or flea collars, or leave your pets at home.
- ◆ Do not touch sick or dead animals.
- ◆ Report all die-offs to the Texas Dept. of Health.

People who live near prairie dog towns should be sure their pets are kept free of fleas. Swelling of lymph nodes in the area under the lower jaw and pneumonia are the primary symptoms of plague in cats. Suspected cases should be evaluated and treated by a veterinarian.

## County sales jump more than 20% in third quarter

Retail sales in Castro County were up 24.2% during the third quarter of 2000 while sales for all industries rose 21.1% in the county.

The latest sales figures were released April 12 by State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

In the retail trade division, 92 county outlets reported sales during the third quarter, compared with 86 reporting during the same period in 1999.

Those outlets reported combined gross sales of \$12,659,256, compared with \$10,193,358 in 1999.

Of that amount, \$15,690 was for use tax purchases and another \$4,162,394 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

There were 159 outlets in all industries reporting sales during the third quarter, compared with 154 a year ago. Those 159 outlets had sales totaling \$26,154,242 during the third quarter, and that's 21.1% higher than the \$21,590,695 reported in 1999. Use tax purchases for all industries totaled \$26,654, and \$5,122,311 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

If a man aspires to the highest place, it is no dishonor to him to halt at the second, or even at the third.

-Marcus Tullius Cicero

## TDH plans shot clinics

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct two immunization clinics during May.

The first clinic will be held Monday from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Nazareth Independent School District.

A second clinic is slated in Dimmitt next Thursday, May 10, at the Dimmitt City Hall. The clinic will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 4 p.m.

The immunization clinics will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open.



A REAL WINNER—Lydia Lopez of Amarillo, a surgical tech at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, recently won a \$500 gift certificate and two airline tickets for raising the most money for the Amarillo March of Dimes. A 1985 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Lopez is the daughter of Crescencio and Mary Lou Lopez of Dimmitt.

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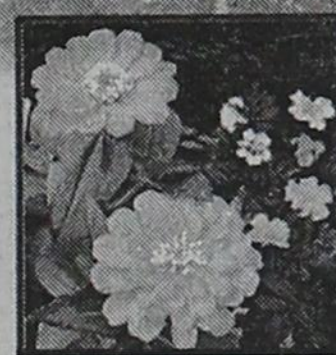
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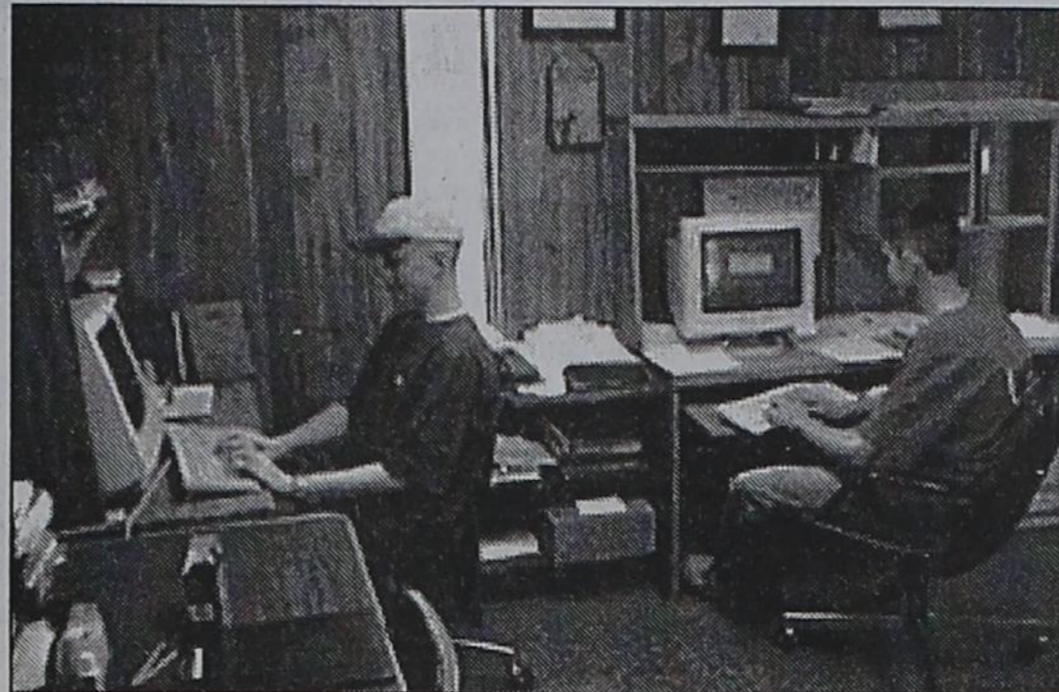
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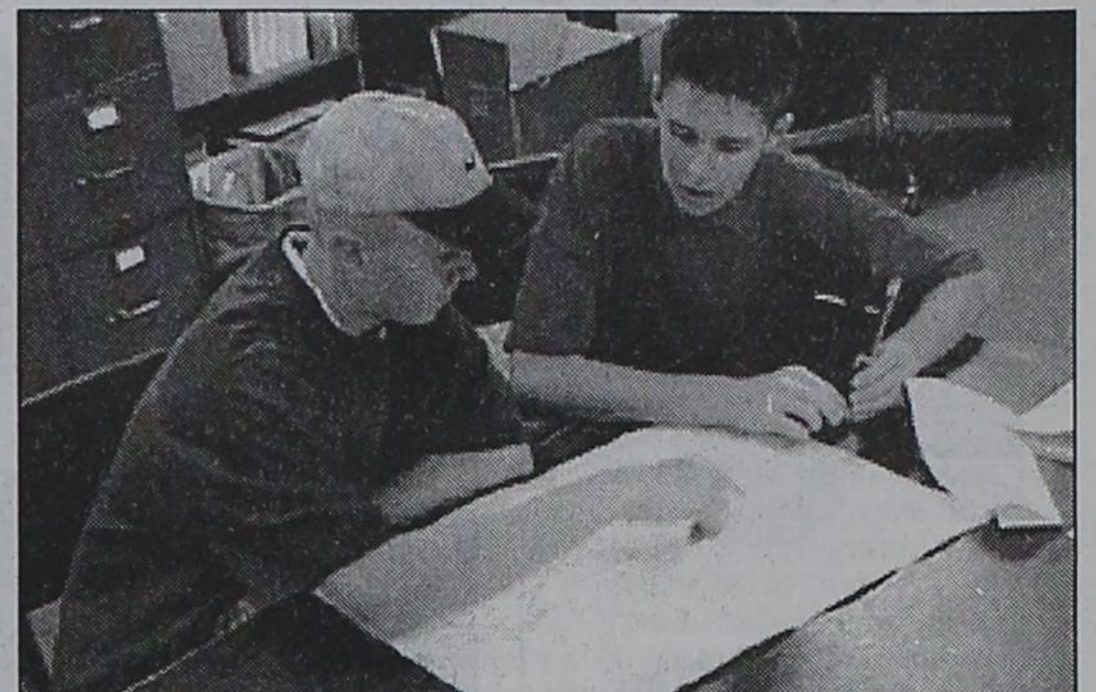
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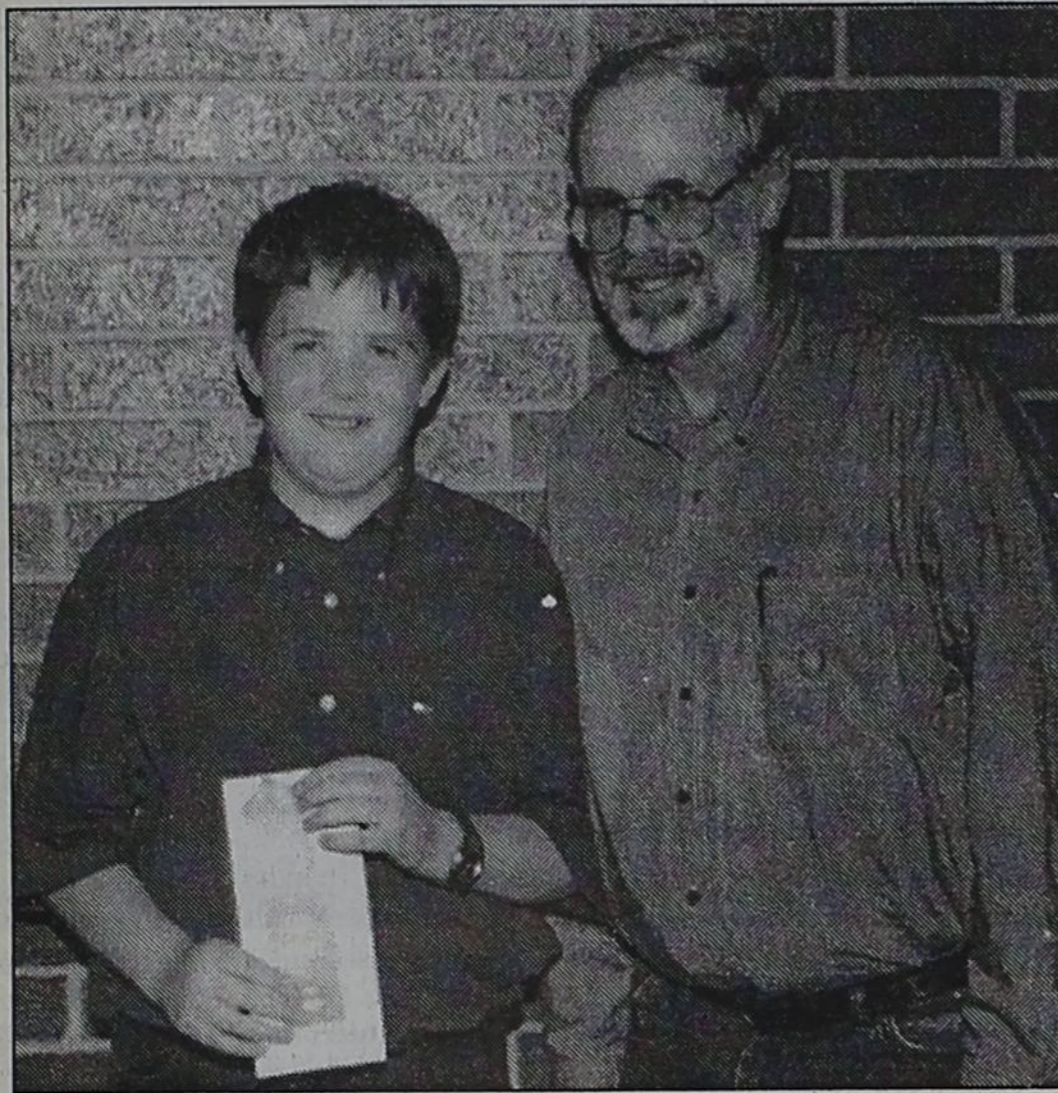
Matthew White (left) and Pat Hunter (right) checking irrigation well with Panametric Flow Meter ...



Helping write CRP Contracts ...



Working on Irrigation Survey of Castro County ...



Sean Hunter, son of Gary and Mary Hunter, was first place winner in the Running Water SWCD Essay contest. The 7th grade student at Dimmitt Middle School, was awarded with a \$100 savings bond. The essay and poster winners, along with the Conservation Teacher of the Year, Kathy Lust, were honored at an Awards dinner at K-Bob's on April 9th, 2001.

### Sean Hunter's winning essay

#### Soil and Water Conservation

Soil and Water Conservation districts are engaged in the effort to carry out a local conservation program that meets the needs of the nation's soil and water resources for continued productivity. These services are very important to the farms of Castro County. Farming is very necessary all around the world.

The main source of water and irrigation in the Texas Panhandle is the Ogallala Aquifer. It provides water for our homes and farms. It is very important that we conserve the water of this aquifer for future generations to us for the necessary sources of life. The programs that conservation service provides help the farmer to control the amount of water used. There are programs that repay money to the user for water saving practices, such as renozzeling center pivots and installing irrigation pipelines, once the job has been done. Soil and Water Conservation Districts also provide assistance in developing water quality plans which aid in conservation water. They also provide assistance by checking well efficiency and gallons used per minute. By improving well efficiency farmers should be able to improve their productivity.

Another important thing the service helps provide is assistance in controlling wind and water erosion. The CRP program encourages farmers to plant native grasses on fields that are easily eroded from wind and water. The grass roots grab the soil tightly so that the land is not as effected by the water and wind. This program also helps wildlife by providing food and habitat. The CRP program is a great way to increase wildlife population and decrease erosion of valuable topsoil.

The Soil and Water Districts provide useful programs and assistance to farmers that help conserve water and soil for future generations to come. The programs discussed in this essay (provided by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts) provide essential practices which protect our environment.

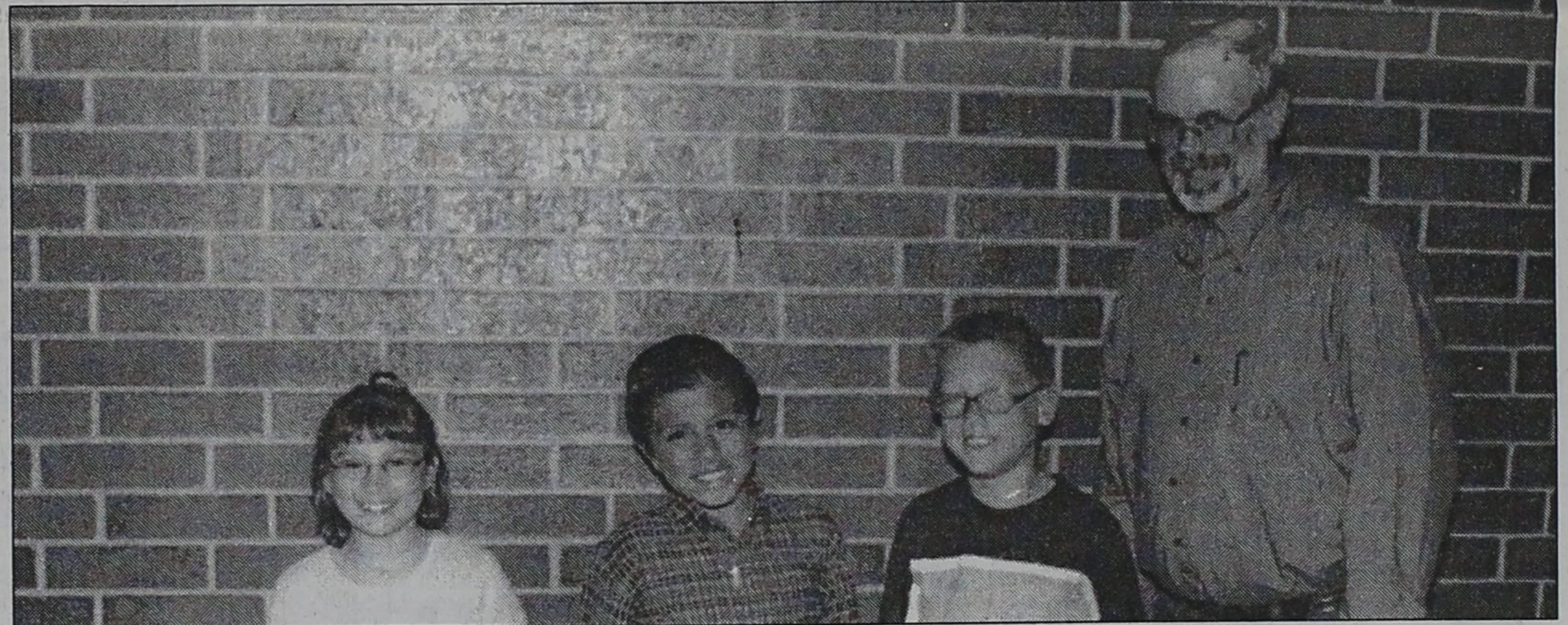
## Running Water SWCD Employed Local Students

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) employed three local high school students this past summer to assist NRCS with heavy work loads encountered in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the State 503 Water Quality Program and were also able to provide other conservation assistance to local producers. Jennifer Heck, Patrick Hunter, and Matt White learned and carried out a variety of activities for the SWCD and NRCS. Jennifer helped to carry out SWCD activities such as the annual windbreak tree sales, educational programs, the water quality program, and provided valuable conservation information to local producers. She assisted NRCS with CRP and EQIP sign ups and contract development. The Running Water SWCD has long recognized the importance of irrigation water and its efficient use. They feel that it is important to provide irrigation assistance in the field for producers in Castro County. This is the reason they hired Patrick and Matt. Their primary responsibility was irrigation well monitoring to determine gallons per minute and efficiency. They were also able to check the gallons of water going through center pivot systems. Their ability to monitor wells and pivot systems proved valuable to NRCS in carrying out a successful environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Since Castro County is in an EQIP priority area whose major resource concern is water quantity, the service these students were able to provide made implementation of the program that much easier. Patrick and Matt also provided assistance in mapping contour lines, helping producers determine row direction for erosion purposes, assisted in completing the county irrigation survey and conservation tillage report, and helped with some additional technical assistance provided to private landowners for conservation planning purposes. Another big plus all three students brought to the district and NRCS was their computer skills and the ease with which they adapted to the computer system NRCS is using.

The SWCD and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office assist private landowners in conservation planning for conserving our natural resources. The local SWCD is housed within the NRCS field office. The SWCD could see the need for additional help when Dimmitt, Hereford and Friona combined into one Resource Team. There are currently few permanent employees covering this large area and the district knew that not all the farmers and ranchers that requested technical assistance would receive it. The SWCD recognized this shortfall and decided to employ the students during the summer months, which is a busy time of the year for local producers. By doing so, it enabled the conservation assistance needs of more producers to be met. Students worked closely with NRCS technicians and soil conservationist. This allowed them to receive proper training, which resulted in high quality assistance being provided by these students in the office and in the field.

The efforts of the local SWCD translated into positive benefits for their communities. All technical assistance requests by local producers were met, work load requirements and deadlines were completed, and the students have assisted in a professional position that allowed them to gain excellent work experience.

USDA/NRCS Dimmitt Resource Team Leader, Mike White said, "The students were ambitious, motivated and willing to learn in order to get the work done. The experience was invaluable to the students. Its not often when students have this kind of opportunity." He explained, "The SWCD was the driving force and support system for this project. They achieved what they set out to do and local producers as well as NRCS were the beneficiaries of their efforts. We all hope that this is a program which can be carried on in the future." The Running Water SWCD board of directors should be commended for their insight in helping the Castro County Communities benefit in this way.



Pictured are the winners of the Poster contest sponsored by the Running Water SWCD. Left to right are Cailee Gilbreath, Ricardo Barrios, Anthony Hochstein, and Gary Hunter, Resource Conservationist. Caliee, the daughter of Coby and Connie Gilbreath, is a third grader at Richardson Elementary. Cailee was awarded at \$100 savings bond for

her first place poster. Ricardo, the son of Robertio Barrios, is in the third grade at Richardson Elementary. Roberto was awarded a \$75 savings bond for his second place poster. Anthony Hochstein, son of Joe and Angie Hochstein, is a third grader at Nazareth Elementary. His third place poster earned him a \$50 savings bond.

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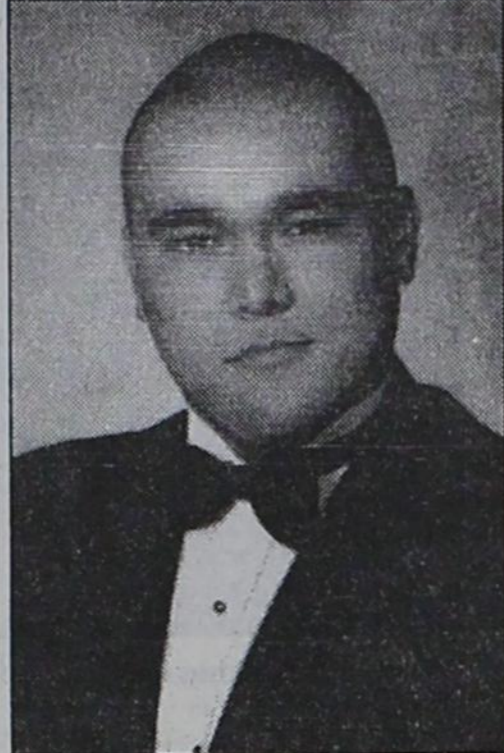
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# Sports



## Thiel, Castillo earn berths in state track meet



Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth and Dan Eric Castillo of Hart will compete in one more track meet this season and it will be the biggest of the 2001 season.

Each qualified for the Class A state track meet over the weekend, and now they are working out harder than ever as they prepare to go for the gold in the state meet.

Thiel will run 800-meters and Castillo will throw the shot put in Austin next week after each qualified with second-place finishes at the Region 1-A meet.

Thiel had to settle for the regional

runner-up spot after posting a time of 2:27.36 in the 800-meter run. She just edged Carly Matthews of Stratford, who finished third in 2:28.01; and was just a couple of steps behind regional champ Lindy Stuart of Roby, who broke the tape in 2:23.38.

In the Class A shot put competition, Castillo managed a throw of 49 feet, four inches, which was good enough for second behind Matthew Lowe of Knox City who heaved the shot 50 feet, six-and-a-half inches.

Two other county athletes earned bronze medals at regional, but just

missed out on state meet berths.

Dimmitt's Matthew Sanders finished third in the discus in the Region 1-AAA meet at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa Friday after his best attempt was measured at 149 feet, 11 inches. Winner of the meet was Kevin Folger of Midland Greenwood, whose best throw was 171 feet, two inches. Brett Unger of Abilene Wylie finished second with a throw of 159 feet, one inch.

Long distance specialist Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth missed out on a return trip to the state meet in the 3,200 after she was edged by Juliana Canalez of Petersburg for

second place honors in the Region 1-A race.

Ramaekers managed a third-place finish with a time of 12:34.81 in the regional meet. Regional champion in the event was Michelle Fuchs of Garden City, who completed the two-mile distance in 12:13.75. Runner-up was Canalez, who posted a time of 12:25.90.

Other county athletes who placed at the regional meet were Trinity Robb of Nazareth, who finished fifth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4:53.99; and Nazareth's Wendy Black, who was fifth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 49.08.

### State bound!

Nazareth runner Stephanie Thiel (left) and Hart shot putter Dan Eric Castillo will be the lone county athletes competing in the state track meet this year. Each qualified for the Class A state meet after finishing second in their respective event at the Region 1-A meet Friday and Saturday in Levelland. Thiel will run the 800-meter race at Austin while Castillo will throw the shot. The state meet will be held May 11-12 at the University of Texas in Austin.

Left photo by Linda Maxwell  
Courtesy photo on right

## Rick Peacock is hired as NHS football coach

Nazareth Independent School District has hired Albany native Rick Peacock as its new head football and track coach and junior high and high school social studies teacher.

He also may work as an assistant basketball coach.

Peacock has been coaching for 14 years. He graduated from Albany High School and attended Angelo State University in San Angelo. After obtaining his bachelor of science degree in physical education and social studies, he began coaching at Lone Oak, a Class A school, as assistant football and basketball coach and head track coach. He remained there for four years.

His next coaching assignment was as assistant football, basketball and track coach at Class AA Stamford in 1991. He was later promoted to head basketball coach and football offensive coordinator and held those positions for three years. He also served as assistant baseball and track coach.

In 1995 Peacock was hired by Class A Sterling City as its head basketball coach, a job he held for four years. He also was the head baseball and tennis coach. Later in his career at Sterling City, he was named athletic director and head football coach, positions he held for

two years.

He moved to Leakey this year and served as head football and basketball coach in addition to duties as athletic director.

"I've coached everything at every level from junior high to high school," Peacock said last Thursday in a visit to the Nazareth ISD campus. "I grew up in a small Class AA school and I like the environment a small school has. I feel like it's an environment I want my children in."

Peacock and his wife, Leah, have two daughters. Whitney will be an eighth grader in Nazareth next year while Kelsi will enter the fourth grade. The family will make their home in Nazareth.

Peacock said he and his family are excited about the move to Nazareth and he's looking forward to the 2001-02 school year.

"There are a lot of positive things about being in a small school," Peacock said. "I'm familiar with Nazareth's tradition and success and I have some friends in the Lubbock area who told me they thought the job of head football coach would be open next year. I applied and was lucky enough to be interviewed and eventually hired for the position."

"I'm looking forward to getting involved in the school and community. I met with some of the kids and faculty and everyone has been very friendly, warm and open. I think it's going to be a good experience for us. We're excited to be here," Peacock said.



NAZARETH'S ADAM ACKER slides into second, trying to bust up a double play opportunity Monday night in a District 2-A showdown at Nazareth. The Elks took advantage of numerous Swift errors in the fourth inning to take a 4-2 lead. Nazareth cut the lead to a run, then had a chance to tie or win it in the bottom of the seventh with bases loaded and one out, but the Elks held for the 4-3 win. It was Nazareth's first district loss of the season.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

### Region 1-AAA tennis tournament

## Dimmitt netters fall in first round

Five Dimmitt tennis players made the long trek to Odessa last week for the Region 1-AAA tennis tournament, but each was disappointed after falling in the first round.

Rachal Harman, girls' singles qualifier, dropped her first-round match to Megan Shawn of Monhans, 0-6, 1-6. Shawn eventually finished third and had a playback for second, but couldn't win that final match.

In girls' doubles, the Dimmitt duo of Sally Stahl and Kelsey Welch were paired against Vernon's Whit-

ney Robinson and Kelli Quintero. The Vernon team won the match, 6-3, 6-1. Robinson and Quintero advanced to the championship before falling, but they will still earn a trip to state.

The Dimmitt boys' doubles team of Jeremy Bishop and Lee Cejna fell to Aashish Chopra and Ben Hawkins of Monahans in first-round action, 0-6, 1-6. Chopra and Hawkins also qualified for state after finishing second in the regional meet.

## Hoelting will play in TABC all-star game

Whitney Hoelting of Nazareth will be playing in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) all-star game in San Antonio Friday.

Hoelting will play on the Class A-

AAA North team along with Monique Carter of Rusk, Jametra Clark of Hale Center, Jordan Davis of Celina, Brandy Doan of Bland, Lauren Martin of Celina, Courtney Nowlin of Peryton, Tiffany Perkins of Groesbeck, Krissy Shipman of Guthrie and Nikki Weeaks of Moulton.

The North girls' team will play the South girls' team Friday at 4 p.m. at the Blossom Athletic Complex in San Antonio.

## Hart sets fund raiser

The Hart Pavilion committee is having a fund raiser Friday to help complete the work on the Hart Centennial Plaza on Broadway in Hart.

The committee will sell lunches from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5 each. The meal will include a barbecue sandwich, chips, homemade ice cream, and a soft drink.

Meals will be available for delivery to Dimmitt. Orders must be placed by 5 p.m. today (Thursday). The meals must be picked up at noon on Friday at the Castro County Courthouse.

Call the Hart City Hall at 938-2171 to place an order.

## Electric Camp entry deadline is approaching

Castro County 4-H'ers who would like to attend 4-H Electric Camp this summer must submit their application to the county Extension office in Dimmitt by May 15.

This year's Electric Camp will be held June 25 to 29.


"This is one of the most fun activities for senior 4-H members," said Castro County Extension 4-H agent Suzanne Gibbs. "We are hoping that with all of the great moisture we have been receiving we won't have to cancel because of wild fires."

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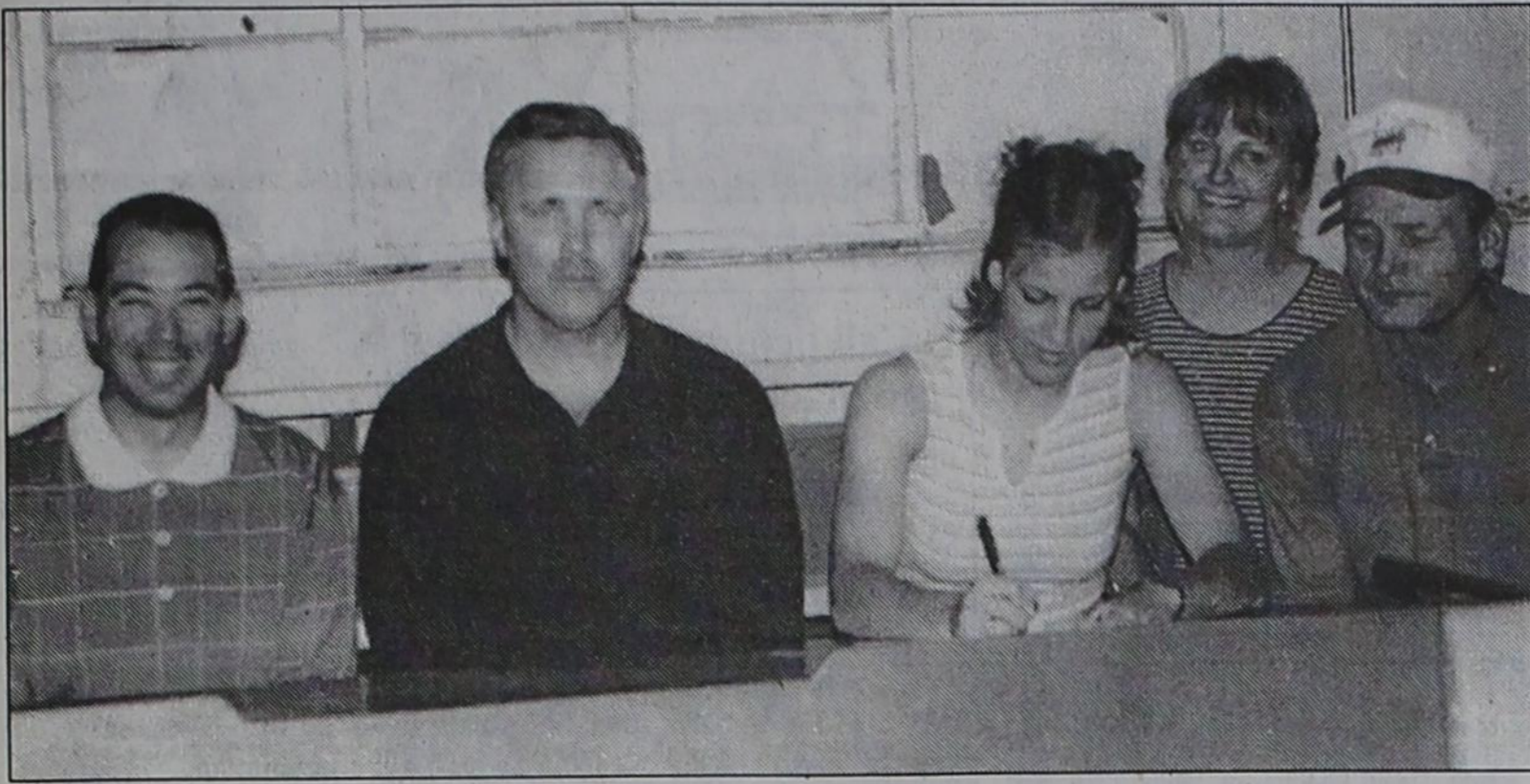
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**HEADED TO SEWARD COUNTY**—Nazareth all-stater Whitney Hoelting (third from left) is signing a national letter of intent to play basketball for Seward County Community College in Kansas next season. Hoelting recently accepted the scholarship offer from Seward College Coach Jim Littell

(second from left). She will receive a full, two-year scholarship at the junior college. On hand to witness the signing were Hoelting's high school coach, Matt Garrett (left) and her parents Sandee and Jim Hoelting (right).

Photo by Brenda Schulte

# Police Calls

A Nazareth eighth grader suffered an eye injury April 24 when a classmate threw a bottle of water at him on the school grounds and it struck his left eye. The victim was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital where he was examined and referred to an ophthalmologist in Plainview. The specialist said the victim suffered permanent damage to the eye, requiring corrective lenses and possibly causing him to develop glaucoma. The victim's parents told deputies they wanted to file assault charges against the suspect.

A 23-year-old Plainview woman told police Sunday afternoon that a suspect had scratched her around the face and neck area and vandalized the window on her car door, causing \$50 in damage to the window. The suspect, an 18-year-old Plainview woman, was jailed Sunday evening on charges of assault/bodily injury/family member, second offense.

Two fights were reported at Dimmitt Middle School on April 24, one at 1:53 p.m. and one at 2:35 p.m.

Joe Crespin and P.J. Manyak, both of California, reported to police last Thursday that someone entered a residence on West Halsell without

consent and removed a white ceiling fan, end table, corner table with shelves, round glass table, and a coffee table. The items were valued at \$600.

A 16-year-old Dimmitt High School student told police April 25 that someone took her purse, valued at \$2.99, without her consent. She had been at the courthouse.

A fire was reported last week at the Sonic Drive In, when a Chevy Corsica belonging to Danita Mireles of Dimmitt caught fire. Police said the fire apparently was electrical in origin and caused heavy damage to the vehicle. No one was in the vehicle when the fire started.

Friday, a Dimmitt man, 24, was jailed for possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Early Sunday, a Lubbock woman, 39, was jailed for speeding, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Alcohol-related arrests during the past week included:

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 49, was jailed for DWI, third or more offense.

—Sunday, a 30-year-old Dimmitt man for public intoxication.

—Monday, a 31-year-old Bovina man for DWI, second offense, and driving with license suspended.

Jailed on warrants or court matters during the past week were:

—April 24, a Dimmitt man, 41, on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

—April 25, a 26-year-old Tulia woman for theft by check.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt woman, 29, on a warrant from Randall County on charges of bigamy.

—Monday, a 37-year-old Hart man on a motion to revoke, stemming from possession of a controlled substance.

### Jail Count

There were 16 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, with one more out on work release.

# Errors, cold bats plague Swifts in 4-3 loss Monday

Cotton Center took advantage of four Swift errors in the fourth inning Monday to take the lead, then stymied seventh-inning rally to hand Nazareth its first district loss and the first loss at home, 4-3.

The Swift's mistakes in the fourth inning cost them three runs and that would prove to be the difference in the close game.

The Swifts dropped into a tie with Crosbyton for first place in District 2-A after Monday's loss. Cotton Center sits two games back with a 6-3 district mark. The Swifts and Crosbyton are slated to square off Tuesday night in a game that could decide the district championship.

The Swifts must win one of their two remaining district games (Crosbyton on Tuesday and Smyer on May 11) to clinch a playoff berth, and if they beat Crosbyton, they'll win district outright.

The Elks had to have the win at Nazareth Monday to have any chance at earning a playoff berth, and they were able to deliver.

Nazareth couldn't hit Elk pitcher Tyler Cline, who went six innings, allowing just four hits. Johnathan Land finished out the seventh inning and escaped with the save, preserving his team's one-run lead after loading the bases.

Eric Schilling suffered the loss for Nazareth after giving up five hits and fanned four in four innings of work. Reliever Blake Birkenfeld finished the game with three strikeouts and giving up a single hit.

After retiring the first two Elk hitters in the game, Schilling gave up back-to-back singles to Land and Matt Rodriguez in the first inning. Rodriguez' single scored Land, giving the Elks the early lead.

That one-run advantage would hold up through the first inning, but

Nazareth took control in the second.

In the top of the second, Schilling struck out two and retired another hitter who hit a short chopper back to the mound, holding the Elks at bay.

The Swifts claimed the lead in the bottom of the second.

Daryl Pohlmeier beat out a throw to first for a lead-off infield single, and he scored on a sacrifice grounder by Adam Acker that was mishandled by the Elks' shortstop, Christopher Ashby.

A single to right field by designated hitter Phillip Bergendahl brought Acker home, giving the Swifts a 2-1 lead.

The Swifts held onto that lead until the fourth and that's when the wheels came off.

An error on Swift center fielder Justin Kleman allowed lead-off hitter Matthew Ashby to reach, then Tony Castillejo took a 2-1 pitch down the right field line for an RBI-double, tying the game at 2.

Schilling struck out Jerad Reeves for the second out of the inning, but the errors wouldn't go away.

Mike Bueno drove in Castillejo when his fly ball to right field bounced off the glove of Swift right fielder Aaron Kern. Another error, this time on Acker, allowed Cline to reach.

With two outs and the Elks' leading hitter, Land, coming up, Nazareth shifted the infield to cover Land's favorite area—left field.

Land did his part and hit it to the left side of the infield, but the Swifts committed their third consecutive error and the fourth in the inning. Land not only reached on the error, he drove in what would be the Elks' winning run.

Cline retired six of the next seven hitters, either on strike outs or infield ground outs, keeping his team's lead intact.

Birkenfeld relieved Schilling in the fifth and the Elks would get just three base runners over the final three innings.

The Swifts just couldn't come up with the big hits when it counted.

In the bottom of the sixth, Kern slapped a shot down the left field line, shocking third baseman Christopher Ashby. Cline walked Acker to give the Swifts runners at first and second with no outs.

The Elks cut down that threat by turning a double play on an infield grounder by Bergendahl that did advance Kern to third.

Evan Huseman picked up his first hit of the game and it went for extra bases as he drove in Kern with a triple to left center field to trim the Elks' lead to a run, 4-3.

The Swifts would strand Huseman on third, though.

Stranded runners killed Nazareth the entire game, including the bottom of the seventh.

Chase Schulte took advantage of a Land error to lead off the inning safely.

With one out, Schilling picked up a single, then Land hit Pohlmeier with a pitch to load the bases for Kern with one out.

Kern hit it back at Land, who was able to throw out Schulte at home on the force.

The Swifts still had life with the bases loaded and two away, but Land was able to retire Acker to pick up the save.

### MONDAY

Team	Runs	Hits	Errors	Left on Base	Strikes Out	Walks
Swifts 3	3	6	4	6	5	0
Cotton Center 4	4	6	5	6	6	0

Tyler Cline, Johnathan Land (7) and Land, Christopher Ashby (7) for Cotton Center; Eric Schilling, Blake Birkenfeld (5) and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth. WP: Cline. LP: Schilling. 2B: Tony Castillejo for Cotton Center. 3B: Evan Huseman for Nazareth. Record: Nazareth 8-2, 7-1; Cotton Center 6-7, 6-3.

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**3—Real Estate For Rent**

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**6—For Sale, Misc.**

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**20—Help Wanted**

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**22—Notices**

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**24—Card of Thanks**

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Golda Arlene "Toots" Holbrooks wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughtfulness during this trying time. If I have forgotten to thank anyone personally, perhaps this may reach them. All the people over the years at Dimmitt and Sunnyside and in Castro County are some of the best people on earth. We especially would like to thank Margaret Ann Henderson and her family, the Rev. Benny Wright, Gerald Elkins, Rev. David Fletcher of Jayton and also the Sheriff's Dept. of Castro County for their escort duty from the church to the grave site. Again, I wish to express our thanks and undying gratitude to one and all.

FREDA HOLBROOKS HENDERSON  
JEANETTE HOLBROOKS WALLING  
BETTY HOLBROOKS RAMEY  
JOHNNIE WAYNE HOLBROOKS 14-5-1tc

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I want to give my thanks to all my friends who have volunteered to help me, Janie Quintero, while I recovered from surgery. Thanks to all those who have called me to ask how I'm doing.

Silviano & Estella Mendez  
Judy Nix  
Ettie Alexander  
Juanita Hernandez  
Dalia Peralez  
Thanks to my sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Joe, who came all the way from Abernathy to see me. God bless you. JANIE QUINTERO 24-5-1tp

**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The City of Dimmitt and Castro County are requesting bids on a new 2001 fire truck. Specs. for unit may be obtained from Mr. Bill Conyers at 806-647-3215. Please send bids to Don Sheffy, City of Dimmitt, 201 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Bids will be opened at 6:30 p.m., May 7, at City Hall. 25-4-2tc

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE** to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 2 p.m. at West Texas Mini Storage, 403 E. Stinson, Dimmitt, Texas. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property from sale. Property includes the contents of the unit from the following delinquent account: Maria Sias—910 E. Jones, #200, Dimmitt, Texas. For further information contact Mary Jo Birdwell, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas, 647-3427. 25-5-2tc

*The earth is not perfectly round. Distances measured through the poles are shorter than those at the equator.*

*The age recorded on a whiskey bottle refers to the number of years it's aged before it's bottled.*

*Many of the first houses in the American colonies were built from bricks used as ballast in the holds of ships.*

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**ESSAY WINNERS**—Nazareth eighth graders Keli Schulte (left) and Jamie Birkenfeld (right) accept \$200 savings bonds from VFW Post 8056 Commander Don Howell. The two won the savings

bonds with essays they wrote on patriotism. There were 30 entries submitted from Nazareth, according to Howell. *Courtesy Photo*

# Nazareth girls win \$200 savings bonds for essays

Nazareth eighth graders Jamie Birkenfeld and Keli Schulte each earned a \$200 savings bond for youth essays they penned as part of a contest sponsored by the Castro County VFW Post 8056.

Theme for this year's essay contest was "What does it mean to be patriotic."

A total of 30 entries were received in the contest, all of them from Nazareth, according to VFW Post Commander Don Howell.

Here are the girls' essays.

## Patriotism

By JAIME BIRKENFELD

The word patriotism is not thought of much today. Students around the nation say the Pledge of Allegiance not as a show of pride in our country, but as a form of habit.

To find the real meaning of being patriotic, you would have to go back to the years of the World Wars or even the Revolutionary War.

Men volunteered to fight for their country knowing they may not come back. They left families and friends behind to go fight for a country they loved.

There are many freedoms we gained by these wars such as freedom of speech and the freedom to practice the religion we choose. Most of these we do not think about and take for granted.

People in other countries could only dream of such freedoms and back then we took pride in knowing that we fought bravely for them. We built our country on patriotism and went to great lengths to support it.

If people did not go and fight in the wars, they sent food, clothing and even donated money to the war and the soldiers. Americans did everything they could to give a good name to the country they loved.

Over the years, people have found many ways to show patriotism, such as music and art. Today, before most public events, we sing our National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*.

We also put our hand over our heart as a sign of love.

Some statues like the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia and the Statue of Liberty in New York, show our patriotism. They symbolize our freedom, which most people do not even think about.

Americans today never had to make the choice to fight or run away. Being patriotic is not just supporting your country, but it is loving your country so much you would do anything to see it prosper, no matter what the cost.

The definition of patriotism is loving and having pride in one's country, but it is more than that. It is going to great lengths to make people know that our country is something to be proud of. I hope patriotism is alive in our country forever.

## What does it mean to be patriotic

By KELI SCHULTE

Patriotic means to be loyal to your country.

There are a lot of people these days who don't respect the flag and are forgetting that thousands of people gave their lives to make this country more inhabitable for us today.

America is very lucky. We don't have slavery, we have freedom of speech, freedom of religion and we have the right to vote on political matters. Most other countries aren't this lucky.

In the United States we have begun to think of our National Anthem as just a song we sing before some special events, but it is more than that.

During the Revolutionary War, Francis Scott Key wrote *The Star Spangled Banner* out of his own observations. "The land of the free, and the home of the brave," is describing America, though most of us don't respect the name given to us here.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America." What does this really mean?

In the dictionary it says pledge means to promise, and allegiance means loyalty. Every time you say the "Pledge of Allegiance" you are promising your loyalty to this country, though you might not really know it.

The flag of the United States of America also means something. The 13 red and white stripes represent the 13 original colonies, and the 50 white stars in the upper left corner represent the 50 states today.

The Fourth of July, a patriotic holiday, has been celebrated for many years. America declared our independence on this day, though many young children do not know it. Parents think it is not important to teach their children this, but it is.

The Fourth of July might lose its meaning, but it is a very important holiday, if not the most important.

Without the independence, freedom and liberty this holiday represents we might not be able to celebrate many of the other holidays, if not all of them.

At my school, we were given a challenge to look up at the flag and remember those who died for our sake, and to realize how much Americans take for granted.

So now I challenge you—can you live up to the name so many have given us? If you can, then you are patriotic.

## First graders visit News

Students in the first grade at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt visited the office of *The Castro County News* Friday morning.

The *News* staff gave a tour of the office and told the students about how the paper is put together each week.

The students learned that news stories, photos and advertisements are all included in the newspaper. They also learned that it is important to know how to spell so that words can be understood.

The students who visited the office were from the classes of Mrs. Littlejohn, Mrs. Roberson, Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Shannon, Mrs. Keith, and Mrs. Villarreal.

# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for May 3-11.

### DIMMITT

#### Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Super donuts and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Blueberry cereal bar, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Strawberry Danish, applesauce and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Mini cake donuts, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cutie fried pie, assorted fruit juice and milk.

#### Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Shrimp poppers, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.  
TUESDAY: Steak fingers, onion rings, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog on a bun with chili, corn on the cob, tater tots and milk.  
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.  
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.

#### Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or fried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: No school.  
MONDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili or new Mexican enchiladas; mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans, mashed potatoes with gravy or Mexipinto beans; jellied applesauce, tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fresh spinach salad; hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
TUESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, macaroni and cheese or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; onion rings, refried beans or spinach; tossed salad, pasta salad or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortillas; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, southern fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; corn on the cob, tater tots or baked sweet potato and apple; tossed salad, coleslaw or cucumber and tomato salad; hot wheat rolls, cornmeal twist bread sticks or potato chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron pepperoni pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; and hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or tortilla

chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

### HART

#### Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cinnamon toast, applesauce, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito with variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Blueberry muffins, peanut butter bar, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken strips and nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken fajitas, tuna sandwich or sub sandwich; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, sliced cheese, peaches, assorted fruit juice, salad, whole wheat sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or steak finger basket; green beans, salad, sliced pickles, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito with sliced cheese or sloppy Joe on a bun; French fries, lettuce, tomato and pickles, assorted fresh fruit, pears and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot pocket or large slice of pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, white cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, chicken sandwich with chips or tuna sandwich; salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.

### NAZARETH

#### Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

### Lunch

THURSDAY: \* Chili dogs or baked potato, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, oranges and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Beef and bean chalupe or chef's salad, lettuce, green beans, peaches, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, pears, gingerbread and milk or juice.  
TUESDAY: \* Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, potato wedges, lettuce, beans, pineapple, cookies and milk or juice.  
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## Obituaries

### Virgie Davis

Graveside services for Virgie Davis, 85, of Dimmitt, were held Friday morning at Lockney Cemetery in Lockney with Jeff Addison, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Services were under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home of Lockney.

Mrs. Davis died April 24 at her residence in Dimmitt.

She was born May 12, 1915, in Graham to the late John and Molly (Norfleet) Herd, and attended schools in Greenville. She married Harold Davis on July 27, 1935. He preceded her in death on Aug. 24, 1975. She was a homemaker and moved to Dimmitt in 1996 from Lockney.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, Marion Herd and Clarence Herd; and a sister, Velma Wells.

Survivors include a son, James Harold Davis of Dimmitt; a sister, Eunice Green of Richardson; and a granddaughter, Tiffany Davis of Dimmitt.

### Maria Teresa Longoria

A vigil service for Maria Teresa Longoria, 51, of Dimmitt, was held last Thursday, April 26, in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

Funeral services were held Friday morning at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Father Fern Couture, pastor, officiating. He was assisted by Father Guillermo Morales, former pastor.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Longoria died last Tuesday, April 24, at 6:41 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt following a lengthy illness.

She was born May 24, 1949, in Mexico. She married Dagoberto Longoria Jr., on Oct. 2, 1971, in Dimmitt.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1964 and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1969. She worked for the Dimmitt Independent School District after graduation and remained an employee of the school until her retirement.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Alma Longoria of Amarillo and Christiana Longoria of Dimmitt; a son, Fabian Longoria of Big Spring; four brothers, George Acevedo, Luis Acevedo and Guadalupe Acevedo, all of Dimmitt, and Miguel Angel Acevedo of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister, Minerva Ortiz of Canyon; her mother, Mrs. Marcelina Acevedo of Dimmitt; and a granddaughter.

### Local school seeks box tops

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School is participating in the "Box Tops for Education" program sponsored by General Mills.

Schools may send in the specially marked box tops and labels to the food company and receive money for purchase of equipment or other school needs.

There is a school bus-shaped box in the elementary library where the specially marked box tops and labels may be deposited by community members who want to help the school. Also, the tops may be sent to school with the students.

The school will receive 10 cents for each box top or label that is sent in.

"We have a goal of \$500 this year, but of course we would love to get more," said RES Librarian Diane Leatherwood.

### Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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



ALMOST FIRST PLACE—Castro County's "drug dog," Robbie, and his handler, Deputy Glen Snitker, finished a half-point behind the top narcotic detection dog team at a seminar and certification held recently in Abilene.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

### Robbie and Snitker place second at regional contest

The Castro County Sheriff's Dept. "drug dog," Robbie, and his handler, Deputy Glen Snitker, won second place at a regional competition held recently in Abilene.

The duo missed taking first place by only half a point, scoring 196.66 out of a possible 200 points, just behind the 197.16 points scored by the first place team.

Snitker and Robbie have been working together for four years and five months. They spent a week in Abilene at the narcotics detection seminar and certification meeting sponsored by the US Police Canine Association. They received certification from the USPCA and the National Police Canine Association.

Snitker said there were 32 teams entered in the competition, and only 26 of those earned certification.

The judging for the event is based on the dog's ability to find narcotics, what his response is, how willing he is to work, and how good his "alert" signal is. The handler is scored on how he interprets the dog's alert signal, control of the animal, confidence in the animal, enthusiasm, whether he uses an inconsistent search pattern, and whether he influences the dog to signal an "alert" prematurely.

Snitker said canine teams attended the seminar from throughout the Texas Panhandle and the Permian Basin and from as far away as Dallas and Huntsville.



A CHALLENGE FOR INVOLVEMENT—Paul Garcia spoke to the Dimmitt Rotary Club last Thursday. He told about a conference he had attended that encouraged those attending to become involved in mentoring minority students or students who are at risk. The title of the conference was Celebrating Educational Opportunities for Hispanic Students. "We all have the opportunity to touch someone and make a difference in that person's life," Garcia said. "Help them take control of their life and look to you as a role model."

Photo by Linda Maxwell

### More about

### Hoelting and Huseman . . .

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"The girls are really excited about the chance to play at state," said Sandee Hoelting, Whitney's mother.

Hoelting is also slated to play in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) all-star game Friday in San Antonio, so she'll fly south today (Thursday).

Her parents and Huseman will drive down early Friday morning and will arrive in time for the 4 p.m. all-

star game Friday afternoon.

Hoelting and Huseman are slated to practice Saturday and Sunday.

Also joining the entourage in cheering Huseman and Hoelting on will be Nazareth senior Shawna Gerber, a three-time state qualifier in girls' singles. Gerber was unable to play this season because of a season-ending knee injury she suffered in basketball last summer.

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