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C/DA cracks down on hot check writers

Castro County/District Attorney James Horton sent out warning letters to hot check writers after he took office in January, and now he is hauling them into court.

"I take these theft by check crimes very seriously and will aggressively prosecute them," Horton said in the letters. "The old practice of paying when you can or when you feel like it is over."

Forty-eight cases were handled in county court during March, with the offenders being assessed court costs in addition to taking care of the

checks and fees. Court costs are generally \$250.25 in county court, Horton said.

"I gave them a warning and if I receive no response, I file on them," Horton said. "When they ignore me, I don't like it."

Horton said he did get a good response, but there were many who ignored the warning letter and made no attempt to make arrangements to pay their hot checks.

He said some did contact his office and promised to pay as soon as they get their tax return or some

other expected money.

"As long as they are trying, I won't file on them, but there is no sense in these merchants being out this money," Horton added.

When a merchant brings a hot check to the DA for collection, the writer of the check must make good the amount of the check, plus paying a \$25 merchant fee and then a graduated collection fee to the DA's office. The collection fees are \$15 for checks from \$10 to less than \$100; \$30 for checks from \$100 to less than \$300; \$50 for checks from \$300

to \$500; and \$75 for those over \$500.

Hot checks that are over \$1,500 are subject to indictment as a felony offense.

Horton said he will often take the aggregate amount of checks written by the same person to determine the collection fee.

For those who are arrested on hot check charges, they may be jailed and bond is usually set at \$1,000.

"That would cost a person \$150

for the services of a bondsman," Horton said.

Horton sent a letter to local merchants and also spoke at a meeting of the Retail Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

He advised merchants to not hold hot checks for too long, but to bring them in to him as early as they can.

"Some will hold a hot check for several months," Horton said. "The fresher the check, the better the chances of collecting it."

Horton also advised merchants to

get adequate identification on all checks. He said they should get a driver's license number and date of birth on the writer of each check.

"We need that information before a warrant can be issued," Horton said.

The collection fees received by the DA's office go into the "Hot Check Fund," Horton said. The money is used to help run the DA's office. He said the new furniture in the recently relocated law library was purchased out of those funds.

Ogallala Quilt Festival starts today in Dimmitt

"Crazy" is the theme of the annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, which starts today (Thursday) and continues through Saturday in Dimmitt.

Classes, lectures, demonstrations, displays, two special meals and other activities and events have been scheduled for the festival, and the public is invited to attend.

Admission is \$3 per person to the display of the contest quilts on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Expo building in Dimmitt. The Hospitality Section of the Senior Citizens Building in Dimmitt will be open for the convenience of those attending the festival.

Today (Thursday) there will be a fajita supper at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided and ribbon award winners will be announced, in addition to the winners of the Fat Quarter and Silver Dollar Awards. The deadline has passed for ordering tickets for the meal. However, admission is free for those who only attend the award ceremony.

At 7 p.m. on "Fantastic Friday," there will be a steak dinner at the RES cafeteria. Again, reservations are required. In addition to the meal, the 2001 "Feature Teacher" Sharyn Craig will give a lecture and show some of her quilts. Also, the miniature quilt auction will be held, with

proceeds going to the Ogallala Quilters Society to help defray the costs of the festival. Those who only want to attend the lecture and auction may be admitted for \$5 per person.

A general membership meeting of the Ogallala Quilters Society will be held Saturday at 12:30 p.m. at the Expo Building.

Classes, demonstrations and lectures will be given by a slate of 14 teachers, and there will be commercial displays from area merchants. Classes and lectures will be held at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, and the Dimmitt City Hall. Vendors will have booths in the "Quilters' Quonset" on the grounds of the Expo building.

Demonstrations

Free demonstrations will be held at the Expo building, and will be presented by Needle Nook of Midland, Passtimes of Gainesville, Becky Holley of Midkiff, Linda Fisher of Lubbock, Jean Dean of Midland, and Yvonna Hays of Dimmitt.

Lectures

Five lecture classes will be offered Saturday afternoon with admittance to each set at \$5 per person. Nell Smith will speak on "Crazy Quilts—An American Phenomenon,"

Sharon Newman on "200 Years of Quilting," Jackie Reis on "Whole Cloth (Durham) Quilting," and Michelle Watts on "Southwestern Lecture/Trunk Show."

Feature Teacher

"Feature Teacher" Sharyn Craig of El Cajon, Calif., will give a six-hour workshop on Friday at a cost of \$50 per person, "Broken Dishes & Then Some." On Saturday, she will give a three-hour class at \$25 per person, "Scrap Half of a Log Cabin."

Craig has a degree in home economics from San Diego State University. She has been quilting since 1978 and teaching it since 1980. She also is an author of several books including *Designing New Traditions In Quilts*, *Twist 'n Turn*, *LeMoyné Stars Made Easy*, *The Art of Classic Quiltmaking*, and a series of *Design Challenge* volumes: *Half Log Cabin Quilts*, *Northwind*, *Pyramids Plus* and *Logs Plus*.

In 1985, *The Professional Quilter* magazine named her the Quilt Teacher of the Year in an international competition.

Classes

Enrollment for other classes is \$15 per person per class, with additional costs for kits or supplies. Each class is scheduled for three hours. Subjects

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SHOW CHAIRMAN for the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters' Society Quilt Festival is Becky Holley of Midkiff, shown here at last year's event leading a class on stenciling enhancements for quilts. Besides

chairing the show, this year she also will lead in a free demonstration at the Expo Building. Events for the festival start today (Thursday) and will continue through Saturday.

Photo by Anne Acker

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By Don Nelson

Virtually every journalist who has been in the profession long enough has heard—or experienced first-hand—the parable of the king and the messenger:

As the last of the king's soldiers were falling on the battlefield, the commander dispatched a messenger to tell the king that the battle was lost.

The messenger ran half a day to get back to the castle, where he delivered the message to the king.

And the message made the king so angry that he killed the messenger.

That parable is being re-enacted in Oklahoma City and elsewhere since the release last Thursday of the book, *American Terrorist: Timothy McVeigh & the Oklahoma City Bombing*.

The book was written by Lou Michel and Dan Herbeck of the Buffalo, Okla., *News*. The two reporters spent 75 hours interviewing McVeigh in prison.

Kathleen Treanor, the mother of a 4-year-old girl who was killed in the bombing, made this public response to the authors, as quoted by the AP:

"Thank you for making him (McVeigh) a martyr. . . . This book just negates the whole purpose behind executing him. It gave him the forum he was looking for. . . . Every person who buys this book is an accomplice to murder and has validated what he stands for. The only reason to purchase that book is to

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RAFFLE PRIZES—These quilts were assembled by the Friendship Quilters Guild using blocks purchased by supporters of last year's Relay for Life. The blocks feature the names of cancer victims or survivors. The three quilts will be raffled off this year, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The quilts were

displayed at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt on March 28 for the Relay for Life Rally that launched this year's event, slated for June 8. Chances on the quilts are going for \$1 each or six chances for \$5. Contact Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or any member of the guild.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

ACS Relay for Life will adopt different schedule

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Dimmitt has been slated for June 8, with activities scheduled from 12 noon until 12 midnight, according to Relay Co-Chairmen Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite.

The change was announced at the Relay for Life Rally held March 28 at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Buckley said that although many people expressed the opinion that an all-night event was "really neat," very few stayed all night at last year's relay, which lasted from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. She said ending the event at midnight will still allow some after-dark activities, but allow people to go on home for the remainder of the night.

A crowd of over 100 turned out

for this year's rally on March 28. They were served a meal of Mexican stack up, heard reports from the chairmen, and viewed a video presentation of last year's event. Also, chairpersons for the various Relay committees were announced.

Karron Smith is the chairman of the luminarias, Jayne Vaughan and Doris Flynt are co-chairs for the

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Brockman gets lung transplant

By LINDA MAXWELL

Virgil Brockman of Dimmitt is breathing easier now, ever since he got a new set of lungs in a transplant operation that came up as unexpectedly as the hiccups.

"They got the call Sunday at 9 p.m. that there were some lungs available for the transplant," said June Norman, a friend of the Brockman family. "They had one hour to get ready to fly to Dallas."

A Lear jet came from Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo to pick up Virgil and his wife, Shirley, and take them to Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. They wouldn't know if the donated organs would be a match until after they got there.

The doctors decided it was a perfect match, according to Cindy Odom, another friend of the family. She said the decision was made based on the blood type and height of the donor. (The donor was not from Texas, Odom said.)

Norman said she got a call at 3 a.m. Monday that the transplant operation would be done, and it would probably take six to eight hours.

Everything went well and Virgil is doing very well, although he will have to stay in the hospital for three months to make sure his body doesn't reject the new lungs.

He was sitting up in the bed and off the ventilator by Tuesday, according to Odom. She added that, if things went well Tuesday night, they

would try to walk him on Wednesday.

"They had told him he could expect to be on the ventilator anywhere from two hours to two days, depending on his body," Odom said.

Odom said that Virgil had been on the list for a transplant for quite a while. The family had been informed back in October that he was nearing the top of the list for a double transplant, around number six or eight.

"They were sitting on the couch, visiting with friends, when they got the call," Odom said. "My kids were

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Weather

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Thursday	52	35	.02
Friday	61	40	.59
Saturday	61	38	
Sunday	57	39	
Monday	77	40	
Tuesday	79	40	
Wednesday	79	42	

March Moisture . . . 3.59
April Moisture 0.00
2001 Moisture 5.83

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

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Bill and Joanne Snider went to Grand Prairie to visit their daughter, Layne and son-in-law David Horton during Layne's spring break. They were joined by daughter Lindsey and her husband, John Cook. The ladies went to Dallas to shop and the men played golf.

Joanne spent some time in Fort Worth with her Aunt Cora, who is 92 years old, and Bill drove over to Burleson and had lunch with his brother.

The Sniders joined Joanne's brother Elton Endebrock, his wife, Marge, and Joanne's sister, Sharon Young and her husband, James, for an excursion to New Orleans. They took a trip down the Mississippi on a steamboat and learned that at this time New Orleans is the world's largest sea port. After a bus tour of the city, they toured two plantations. One of them was the Oak Alley plantation. It is probably the most photographed and best known. It has 28 oak trees planted in 1737 that line the alley (road) to the plantation house.

And, of course, the food was high on their list of favorite things. They dined at Brennan's and Antoine's. Joanne has used a recipe from there since she has been home to make some beignets. They are rather like cinnamon rolls. You let the dough rise and then fry them.

They toured Jackson Square and here we are reminded again about this small world. They ran into new-laws Brett Boozer and his bride,

Karen. Brett and Karen were having their portraits done on the square.

Trudy Jackson has recently been to El Paso to visit her sister, Gayle (Elder) Becker, and Gayle's husband, Philip, who is retired from his medical practice there. Gayle still works as a broker for Merrill Lynch. Gayle's son, Jeff, lives in Houston and her daughter, Christina, lives in El Paso.

Now that I am too soon old and too late smart, I know what I would like to be. Texas is such a beautiful state; especially when it has had enough rain. This is one of those good years. The old timers in the hill country are predicting the blue bonnets and other wild flowers. I would like to work for the Texas State tourist Bureau and tout how beautiful our state is and tell about the wonderful tourist attractions.

Two weeks ago we saw wild flowers of every kind. My favorites are the blue bonnets and Indian paintbrush. This is supposed to be the peak time for them. It's a good time to tour south Texas.

A Texas resort we had never visited before this year is Kemah, a beautiful sea port and tourist attraction. It is about two hours south of Houston. There are many quaint little shops, lots of good seafood places and plenty of parking. The parking spaces are right in the midst of the yachts, beautiful sail boats and a few vessels that could qualify as ships.

On our recent trip back from seeing our newest great-granddaughter and her family at Pattison, we drove to Independence. We took pictures of the historic Baptist Church, where Bessie Strickland's son, Butch and his wife, Pam, serve. Butch is the pastor.

The Washington-on-the-Brazos park where the Texas Declaration of Independence was signed, is very beautiful. It's one of the few Texas state parks that do not require a visitor's fee. It is near Independence. There are many points of interest.

By the time we had visited these last two places on our way home, we began to think about the god pie at

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Round Top and drove several miles back south to the Royer Café for lunch and pies. The restaurant is a converted 1930s-vintage gasoline station. The friendly proprietor takes the time to visit and make you feel at home. Wade and Walter Maynard discovered this place several years ago. There is a sign on the wall that says, "If you don't order ice cream with your pie, you will be charged 50¢ extra."

We spent a few nights at the home of Don and Paula Graham on the Llano River. V.C. and Don fished, we shopped Fredericksburg, rode on lake LBJ near Kingsland for hours looking at the beautiful mansions that line the shore, and watched the birds from the Graham's deck. V.C. spotted the first hummingbird that came to feed there. He saw it twice before any of the rest of us did.

And sure enough, our red cardinal came back to Dimmitt. Of course, that cardinal does not belong to anyone. Cindy Adams had spotted it a couple of days before we did. We believe he's the same one that we took to the veterinarian's clinic near Canyon. The bird was sick, but he recovered. The law is that only the clinic staff can set a wild bird or animal free. It was one month after we took him there before we saw him here again. He sat behind the snowball bush, just like he always did, and ate sunflower seeds from his favorite feeder. It has been two days since we've seen him in our back yard. If you spot him, please give me a call. My phone number is at the top of this column.

Jeff and Susan Lindsey of Dallas recently invited his mom, Doris, and Bill and Kim Holland of Rockwall, for a great week of skiing in Telluride, Colo., which is being touted as "the next Aspen." Incentives to entice skiers and tourists are the free,

glass-enclosed gondolas (some even designated for pets) that go up and down the mountains, day and night, to the other side, called "Mountain Village," where there are wonderful hotels, restaurants, shops and skiing instruction schools. Many beautiful homes are located on the mountains, including one fabulous home recently built by Ralph Lauren, the designer.

Bill and Kim took a day off from skiing to visit the Arches National Park in Moab, Utah. They hiked and viewed the many sandstone formations, beautiful scenery and herds of wild deer.

The town of Telluride is full of history and Victorian charm, with unique shops and restaurants. The city provides free buses called "The Galloping Goose," every 10 minutes to the downtown district. However, one may easily walk. It was a wonderful week.

Martha Jo Hyman was hostess for the seniors bridge game Thursday. Helen Braafladt won high score with 7,730 points, while Dwight Joiner was second with 7,050.

Howard and Belinda Rhodes flew to Richmond, Va., to visit their daughter, Amber Peacock, her husband, Phil, and their children, Seth and Melody, during spring break. Phil is pastor of the Broad Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond.

The Rhodes' son, Greg, is a student at Texas A&M. He flew in from College Station to be with the family. Howard, Belinda and Greg landed at the airport in Richmond. Betty and E.M. Jones also had flown into Baltimore, Md., earlier the same week for Betty to have surgery on that Friday. Deanne Clark and I had a stopover in Baltimore and I realized that Betty was probably in surgery there at that exact time. Baltimore is a long way from Dimmitt, but this is just another

example of how small our world has become. Betty did fine, the Rhodes had a wonderful visit and we are all back in Dimmitt pretty much at our normal pace.

The other member of the Howard Rhodes family is Jeff Rhodes. He has just been appointed the registrar for Odessa College. He had served as assistant registrar at San Angelo State University before accepting this position. Jeff has two sons, Lance and Brent.

B.C. Bossett spent two weeks in Washington, D.C., visiting with her daughters, Mary Compton and family and Roberta Bossett. Accompanying her on the trip was her eldest daughter, Gwen Lewis.

Mary's husband is first assistant to the pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Bobby L. Livingston Sr., who was celebrating his seventh anniversary as pastor of Mt. Bethel. It was also the 126th anniversary of the church, which was first established by freed slaves in 1875 and later named as a historical landmark.

Mary has two children, Katie, who is 15; and Robert, 11. Both maintain honor roll status. Katie is also part of WISP (Wilson International Studies Program), which allows her to travel and study abroad.

Last year she traveled to England, France and Italy and will soon travel

to Cuba. Mary continues to teach child development and is very active with church activities. She coordinated the pastor and church anniversary celebrations, a week-long affair ending with a huge banquet.

Roberta is a nurse and works for Cigna Health Care, an insurance company located in Columbia, Maryland. She does appeals and claim review as well as concurrent review for members admitted to non-participating hospitals all over the US where Cigna Insurance is provided.

While visiting, they also had the opportunity to hear Katie and Robert participate in church activities.

Although Roberta is also active in the church, she has always been shy and is very reluctant to speak before a crowd; however, they got to hear her speak about the goodness of the Lord.

They had a great time and met a lot of good people. The preaching was spirit-filled and uplifting.

They also had the opportunity to drive to Baltimore and see the harbor. They visited the Shrine in Washington and enjoyed browsing the many malls and shopping centers.

Mary and Roberta assured them that there was much more to see and wanted them to stay for a month. They hope to make a return trip in the near future.

Head Start registration set April 12

Registration for the Head Start program in Dimmitt will be held next Thursday, April 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School Library.

To qualify for the Head Start program, a youngster must be 4 years old before Sept. 1, 2001.

Head Start offers educational opportunities, medical screening, dental screening, social services, parent involvement, social skills and counseling services.

For a child to qualify for the program, his or her family must meet income guidelines or be on public assistance. Children with a documented disability or those in foster care also may qualify.

When registering children for the program, parents are asked to furnish the child's birth certificate, child's Social Security card, the child's immunization records, income verification (check stub, tax form, TANF, etc.), proof of public assistance (WIC, Medicaid, Food Stamp Case Letter, CCMS, etc.) and documentation of a child's disability, if applicable.

To apply or for more information call 647-4131 or 647-3314.

Auxiliary plans 'Enlistment Tea'

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary will sponsor an "Enlistment Tea" on Thursday, April 19, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the hospital's Solarium.

The public is invited to attend the event.

Volunteers are needed for the auxiliary's gift shop and annual bake sale, and those who wish to offer their support and time should plan to attend the tea.

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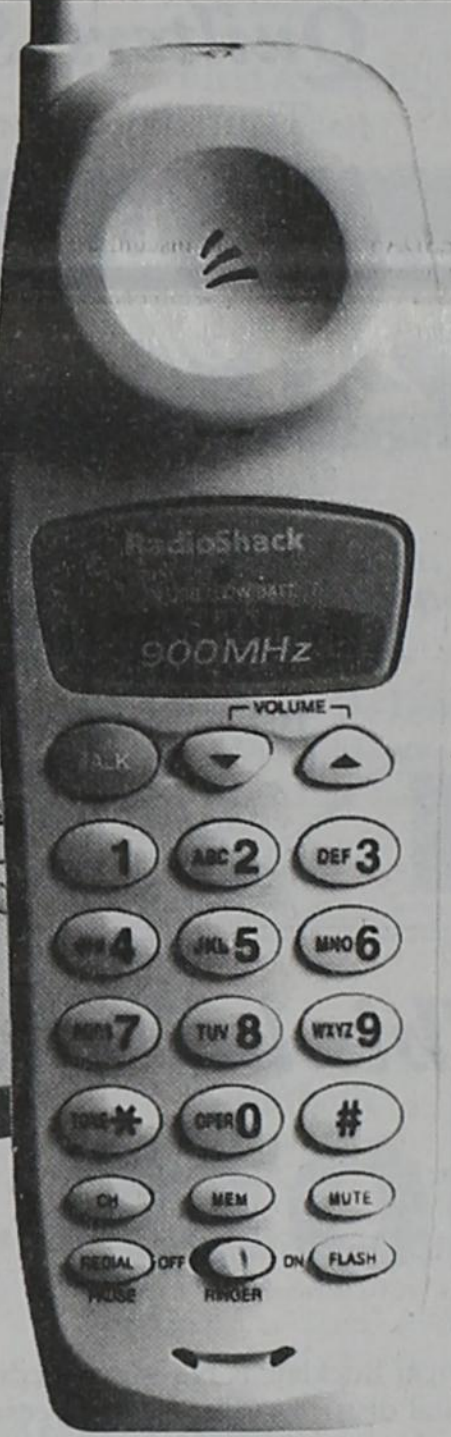
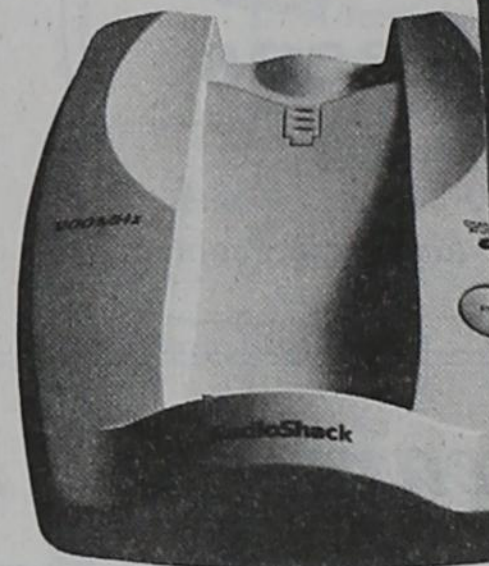


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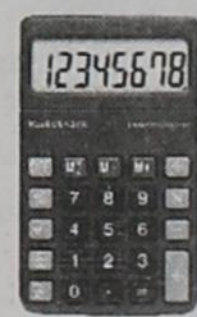
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Scholarship applications accepted now

The Tracy Grand Scholarship Fund is accepting applications for the 2001 fall semester.

Scholarships are awarded to students planning on attending West Texas A&M University this fall, and the awards are renewable on a semester basis.

For more information or to pick up a scholarship form, contact Jackie Odom or Sue Summers at Dimmitt High School, 647-3105.

Bennett chosen for District 3-A all-star cast

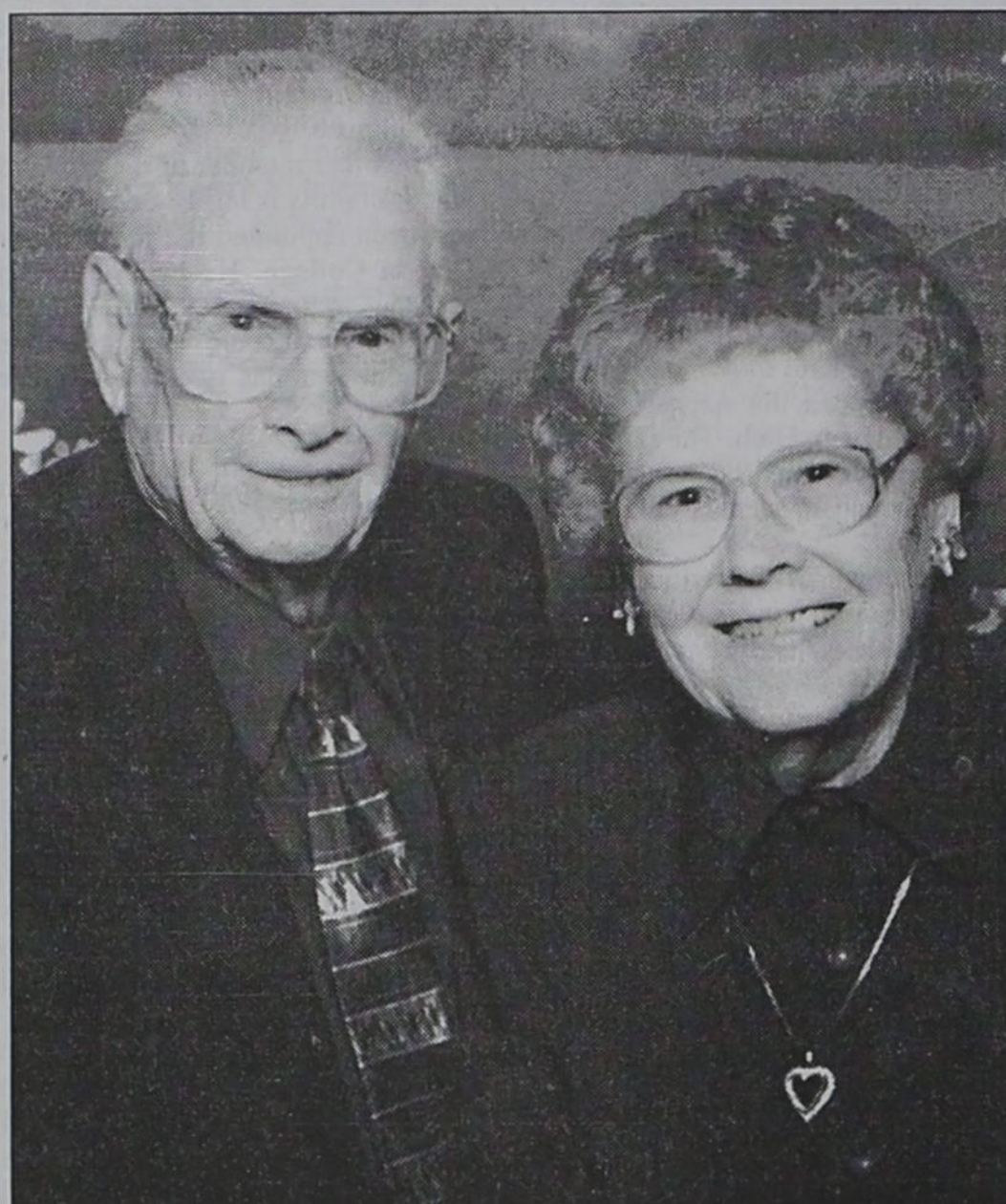
Hart's John Mark Bennett was named to the all-star cast for his portrayal of Abe Steinman, a Jewish union organizer, in Hart High School's One-Act Play at district.

The Hart cast and crew presented the play, "The Kentucky Cycle" from "Fire in the Hole" at the district level on March 26. The play failed to qualify for the area round.

Josh Finch earned honorable mention all-star cast honors at district.

The school's play qualified for district after winning zone competition recently. At the zone competition, Bennett was voted Best Actor.

Whiteface won the district contest while Farwell finished second. Only the top two plays advance.



Fate and Dorothy Shannon

Couple to celebrate 60th anniversary

Fate and Dorothy Shannon of Amarillo, and formerly of Castro County, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary today (Thursday).

Fate Shannon married Dorothy Sinclair on April 4, 1941, in Clovis, N.M. They were involved in farming during the time they lived in Castro County in the Bethel community. They moved to Hereford and then to Amarillo about a year ago.

The couple have four children, David Shannon of Borger, Ken Bob Shannon of Dimmitt, Kathy Christie of Burkburnett, and Ray Earl Shannon of Boerne; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter, Madison Christie.

Student Council organizes blood drive for April 17

The Dimmitt High School Student Council along with Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host a blood drive on Tuesday, April 17, at the DHS band hall.

The public is invited to donate blood from 2 to 7 p.m. Members of the DHS student body will donate earlier in the day so the waiting lines should be shorter this year than in the past.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and must show a driver's license when donating. Donors also must know their social security number.

"We recognize that everyone has a hectic schedule this time of year. Your time is greatly valued. Every unit of blood collected has the possibility of helping as many as three individuals," said Connie Dickerson, DHS Student Council advisor.

Loveless and Simpson wed in formal, double-ring wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Kris Simpson are home south of Dimmitt after enjoying a wedding trip to Orlando, Fla., and the Bahamas.

The couple were married on March 24 at the First Baptist Church in Amarillo. Cliff Hargrove officiated at the formal, double-ring nuptial service.

The bride is the former Jody Lee Loveless, daughter of Laurelee Oakley of Amarillo and Butch Loveless of Tulia.

Parents of the groom are James and Veal Simpson of Dimmitt.

The church was decorated with candelabra with greenery and floral arrangements of white daisies, roses and carnations.

Music was provided by organist David Lowe and soloist Lanny Allen. Selections included *The Treasure* and *In This Very Room*.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white floor-length satin gown designed with a beaded and sequined bodice, lace sleeves and cathedral-length train.

She wore a fingertip-length veil edged in pearls.

She carried a silk assortment of red roses and yellow and purple flowers.

Maid of honor was Beverly Foster of Dallas, friend of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Summer Haney and Dawn Vannoy, both of Amarillo, friends of the bride; and Lindsey Miller of Dallas and Leah Miller of Lubbock, cousins of the bride. Jessica Corbett of Ector, cousin of the bride, was a junior bridesmaid.

The bridal attendants wore floor length chiffon empire dresses in an eggplant color. Each carried an arrangement of red carnations, and yellow and purple flowers.

Best man was Jeremy Edward Simpson of Dimmitt, brother of the groom. Groomsmen included Max Moore of Kress, Brady Nelson of



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN KRIS SIMPSON
... She's the former Jody Lee Loveless

Hart and Michael Ellison of Canyon, friends of the groom; and Shandy Lindley of Arlington, cousin of the groom.

Guests were seated by Russell Evans and Jonathan Armbruster, both of Amarillo; and David Evans of Alamogordo, N.M.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the newlyweds was held at the Party Barn in Amarillo. Decorations included floral arrangements of red carnations and purple and yellow flowers in tall crystal vases. White candles completed the decor.

The bride wore a black casual skirt set for her traveling attire as the couple departed for their wedding trip to Orlando and the Bahamas.

The bride is a graduate of Tascosa High School. She attended Amarillo College. She currently works for Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union.

The groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1994. He graduated in 1999 from Texas Tech University with a degree in agronomy. He is self-employed as a farmer.

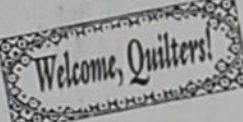
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This lady wears lots of hats

Vicki Buckley, R.N., is another of the hospital district's valued employees who wears more than one hat.

In fact, she wears three. She's the director of the Home Health Agency, Hospice Care, and the Primary Home Care program.

All three programs operate out of offices at 213 W. Etter St. with a staff that includes three part-time Licensed Vocational Nurses, three full-time aides, a part-time aide and two clerical workers. Vicki is the only R.N. in the programs.

The staff that she oversees is currently serving 15 Home Health Care patients, 19 families in the Hospice Care program and 16 in Primary Home Care, "so we're stretched real thin right now," she said.

Vicki knows her patients about as well as anyone could. She grew up in Dimmitt, graduated from high school here in 1972, received her nursing degree from West Texas A&M in 1976, and has been working in the hospital district ever since.

Four months before graduating from college, she married Steve Buckley, so she was already prepared to "settle down" in her hometown when she completed her degree and passed her state board exam.

She served as director of nurses at Plains Memorial from 1985 until 1988, the year her daughter Chelsea was born.

Chelsea is now a sixth grader. Vicki's and Steve's other children are Dustan, who lives in Lubbock and "is the father of my precious grandchild"; Derek, a premed student at Texas Tech; Deacon, a high school junior; and Labor (Lee) Cejna, an American Field Service exchange student from the Czech Republic, a DHS senior.

Vicki instituted the district's Employee



Vicki Buckley, R.N.

Health Program in 1989 and also was in charge of Infection Control for a time. And she has worked in surgery and on the floor at the hospital as needed through the years.

"Of course, when you've been with the district as long as I have, you're going to do it all sooner or later," she said with a smile.

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DMS names honor students

Dimmitt Middle School has recognized students who made straight As during the most recent nine-week grading period, and those who qualified for the A-B honor roll.

Individual students also were recognized for top achievement in subject areas during the nine weeks.

Seventh graders honored include Hayli Wise in English; Ryan Hunter and Ross Hunter in history; Laura Raser, John Perez and Sean Hunter in pre-algebra; Ashley Sears in math; Brenda Silva, Brittany Williams and Ester Velasquez in reading; Ross Hunter in science; Casey Maurer in industrial arts; Sergio Cuevas in mechanics; Casey Maurer and Sean Hunter in health; Hayli Wise and Ross Hunter in computer; Samantha Neri and Norma Moran in homemaking; and Gabriel Mireles and Pedro Ramos in band.

Eighth-grade honorees include Jeremy Norman and Meggie Lemons in English; Chuck Cruz and Stevie Hays in history; Alejandra Velasquez and Charley Saenz in Algebra I; Yvonne Sifuentez in pre-algebra; Alejandra Velasquez in reading; Felisha Starling in science; Fabian Pena and Darrell Reyes in industrial arts; Matthew Ruiz in mechanics; Alejandra Velasquez in Spanish; Rosa Marrufo and Kelvin Clark in

homemaking; Viktorya Navarro and Javier Rodriguez in band; and Stevie Hays in computer.

"A" honor roll students during the third nine-week grading period include:

Fourth Grade: Juana Arredondo, Taron Clark, Samuel Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Bailey Nutt, Laura Rodriguez, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith, Ethan Wales and Hanna Wise.

Fifth Grade: Cameron Cluck, Chauncey Gilbreath, Shaira Gonzalez, Nayeli Monsivais, Ross Myatt, Eric Odom, Michael Raser, Lana Reinart and Kalan Steinle.

Sixth Grade: Rye Patton, Micaela Salinas, Brandy Smith and Edward Wait.

Seventh Grade: Kathy Amador, Darcy Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Brittany Williams and Hayli Wise.

Eighth Grade: Nyssa Martinez, Layne Penney and Salud Zepeda.

Students earning mention to the A-B honor roll are:

Fourth Grade: Paul Acker, Jeffery Addison, Mayra Aguilar, Abraham Aguirre, Alyssa Back, Michael Barrera, Stephanie Castro, Jake Ebeling, Casey Eby, Brittany Flores, Christian Fuentes, Chase Hatla, Anthony Jackson, Jessica Leivas, Alejandro Lopez, Devonee Ortiz, Brooke Parker, Alyssa Saenz, Rubi Sanchez, Chance Schilling, Jazzalyn Sepeda, Mark Shetty, Ramona Sifuentez, Nickolas Tijerina and Dustin Venhaus.

Fifth Grade: Laraine Aquero, Erin Black, Molly Bradford, Michael Cline, Tyler Cornett, Anthony Enriquez, Haylee

Evans, Ashley Fleeks, Courtney Garza, Cynthia Gomez, Gillian Gonzales, Kaden Griffith, Lourdes Neri, Ana Olmos, Landon Porsch, Vanessa Reyes, Kamryn Steffens, Houston Sutton, Curtis Thomas, Dustin Thomas, Dennis Underwood and Valerie Villarreal.

Sixth Grade: Jessica Arguijo, Kim Back, Anna Brockman, Arica Cisneros, Samantha Howell, Jessie Larra, Noe Marquez, Zane Matthews, Thelma Medrano, Judith Meraz, Brittany Nelson, Joshua Norman, Bryce Parker, Gladys Ruiz, Kashonda Sherman, Edith Velasquez, Isidro Villaiba, Sverre Vogt and Daniela Zepeda.

Seventh Grade: Marisa Allison, Vanessa Caballero, Jorge Cenicerros, Fabian Diaz, Mandi Ebeling, Stephanie Enriquez, Jonathon Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Aaron Herrera, Clarissa Herrera, Rodrigo Jackson, Casey Maurer, Emilio Mendoza, Pedro Mirelez, Samantha Neri, Ashlee Nino, Nicholas Ortiz, Sabrena Patlan, Maria Quintana, Pedro Ramos, Laura Raser, Kristy Reyes, Krisopher Ross, Timothy Sandoval, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, Kendra Smith, Zjhon Smothermon, Blanca Torres, Anayelli Uribe, Bridgette Velasquez, Pedro Belez and Shenea Wright.

Eighth Grade: Kayla Acker, Liliana Aguilar, Robin Beames, Corrie Black, Shelley Burk, Jaime Cavazos, Marissa Demster, Stevie Hays, Daniel Hueramo, Meggie Lemons, Kristin McClure, Ryan Miller, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Jeremy Norman, Kelly Reyes, Nallely Reyes, Charley Saenz, Felisha Starling and Alejandra Velasquez.



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Texas 'Trash-Off' slated Saturday

Everything is bigger in Texas, and community cleanups are no exception as more than 100,000 volunteers will take to the streets on Saturday to declare war on trash.

In Castro County, there are five Adopt-a-Highway groups who keep 20 miles of road clean during the year. Of the five groups, the Sands Motel Adopt-a-Highway team is the only one participating in this year's trash off.

Other Adopt-A-Highway teams include the Castro County 4-H Horse Club, 1997 State 4-H Horse Judging Team from Castro County, Hart Student Council, Nazareth FFA and Sands Motel.

According to the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT), the number of groups adopting highways in

Texas has hit a plateau of approximately 3,800 volunteer groups at a time when Texas has more miles of road and more drivers than ever before.

"Adopt-a-Highway volunteers clean only 10% of the state's roadways, and state tax dollars must be used to keep the remaining stretches clean," said Penny Mason, Lubbock District police information officer. "Adopting a highway not only helps keep our state beautiful, it also allows tax dollars to be used for road improvements and beautification instead of trash pickup."

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't mess with Texas Trash-Off can call Penny Mason at 748-4337 or Cat Soto at 748-4446.

Plainview Theater will present 'Charlie Brown' musical this week

In celebration of the 50 years of Charles M. Schulz's PEANUTS, Plainview Civic Theater will present one of Schulz's most popular strips, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*.

The musical will open tonight (Thursday) and runs through Saturday at the Wayland Baptist University Black Box Theater. Each show will begin at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Reservations can be made by calling the Wayland Baptist University ticket office at 291-4385.

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown unfolds in a kaleidoscope series of songs and scenes that bring the world of Charlie Brown and the PEANUTS gang to theatrical life. Featuring book, music and lyrics by Clark Gesner, the show premiered in New York in 1967 and charmed critics and audiences alike for over five years.

It has since become one of the world's most popular musicals, spawning 13 national and 15 international companies and a Hallmark Hall of Fame television production.

Familiar songs from the score include *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*; *Supertime*; and *Happiness*.

"The musical brings Schulz's cherished PEANUTS characters to the stage with all of their lovable quirks and idiosyncracies firmly in place," said a spokesperson for the production. "This production about children will be performed by children."

Six cast members include one fifth grader, one seventh grader, and four sixth graders.

Erin Melton is Snoopy, the high-flying beagle with a dream. Caitlyn Vaughan is Patti, Charlie Brown's jump-roping, Valentine-collecting friend. Kori Bowen tackles the role

of the scheming Lucy, famous dispenser of psycho-analysis for a nickle. Daniel Nash is the Beethoven-loving, Lucy-deflating Schroeder. Kirk Quebe plays Charlie Brown, that lovable, round-headed kid unable to succeed at baseball, football kicking or kite flying. Brett Wesley is Linus, the philosopher of the bunch with an unnatural dependency on his security blanket.

The cast is accompanied by a group of chorus members.

The show is directed by Tisa Whitfill and features choreography by Michelle Smith of Lubbock. Lighting and sound design will be by Wes Naron and Gene Whitfill.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Diana and Ricardo Saucedo of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Jonas Xabian Saucedo, who was born at 1:47 on March 26 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 14.2 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has three older siblings: Cori, 8; Alex, 4; and Zeke, 1 year, 10 months. Paternal grandparents are Ricardo and Annie Saucedo of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Candelario Sarinana of Dimmitt and Dolores Cuevas of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Lauro and Paula Jackson and Socorro Cardona.

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The First United Methodist Church
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On KDHN 1470



Pamela Anglin and Jackie Thomas

Couple to wed in June

Terry and Trish Anglin of Aspermont announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Pamela, to Jackie Thomas, son of Sonny and Alene Thomas of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on June 2 at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Aspermont High School. The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1991. He graduated from Texas State Technical College in 1993 with a degree in automotive technology. He is employed by Sonny's Irrigation and Tractor Service.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Dimmitt.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Nazareth High School's One-Act Play cast and crew for advancing from the zone and district contests to the area round.

They will perform their play, "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson," today (Thursday) at Amarillo College. The play is directed by Tony Crone, a teacher at Nazareth High School.

Evelyn Backus is home after spending several days in Schulenburg, visiting friends and relatives. She visited with her two brothers and sisters-in-law, Alvin and Lynette Langhamer and Leon and Marcella Langhamer.

One day, Evelyn and her twin brother, Alvin, drove to High Hill to visit the beautiful old Catholic Church where Evelyn and her first husband, Wilbert Albus, were married in 1949. High Hill is a small community five miles from Schulenburg.

The bluebonnets were in full bloom along the roadsides thanks to the beneficial rains which have fallen over the past few weeks.

Charley and Beverly Hill enjoyed the weekend in Henrietta with Kevin and Traci Scholl and children. Kevin's family also joined them to celebrate Ethan's third birthday.

Philip and Dora Pohlmeier have made their big move to Amarillo where they will be close to several of their married children.

I'm sure it was a tough decision for them to make as they have lived here all their lives. They will be missed, but we all wish them the best.

Prayers are asked for Leonard Gerber; Anna Huseman Lee; Edith

Huseman; Lori Huseman; Tammy Drerup; Ray Schmucker; Ernie Brockman; Brenda Crouse; Art Albracht; Jackie Book's husband, Steve Coch of Grapevine; LeRoy Pohlmeier, who is home after having knee surgery; and Virgil Brockman, who had a lung transplant in Dallas Monday morning.

Friona banquet set for Monday

The Friona Chamber of Commerce will hold its 45th annual Chamber Banquet Monday at 7 p.m. at the Friona Community Center.

The meal of prime rib will be catered by K-Bob's of Hereford, and the speaker for the evening will be Keith Ingram of Clovis, N.M.

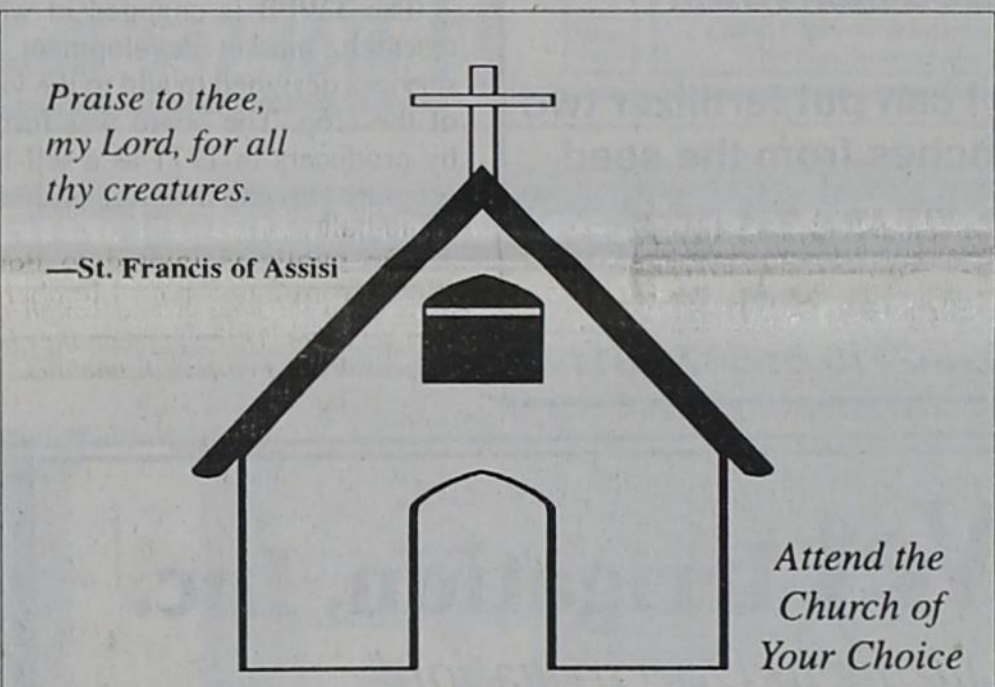
Advance tickets for the banquet are \$12 for students and \$15 for adults. They are available at the Chamber office in Friona, (806) 250-3491, 621 Main, Friona, or from any board member. Tickets at the door will be \$14 for students and \$17 for adults.

Ingram is a teacher at Marshall Junior High in Clovis, and the author of *Surprise, Teachers Come From the Human Race*.

Information from the Chamber states, "(Ingram's) presentations are described as a mixture of Garrison Keillor, Peter Jennings and Bill Cosby. His life experiences include winning National Finals at Daytona, Riverside and Road America with Porsche and Corvette, piloting a jet fighter at the invitation of the US Air Force, running in the New York City and Dallas White Rock Marathons and racing downhill bicycles."

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USDA announces start of crop disaster payments

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman has announced that payments of more than \$1.1 billion were to begin March 16 under USDA's Crop Disaster Program (CDP). So far, about 450,000 applications from 160,000 farmers have been approved, and more are expected. Final payments and statewide totals will be announced when all payments are made.

"American farmers are still feeling the pressure of low prices, and, in many cases, the effects of natural disasters," said Veneman. "These payments will assist farmers in this

difficult time."

Signup for the CDP began on Jan. 18. Farmers should contact their local USDA Service Center or Farm service Agency county office to file an application. To be eligible, farmers must have suffered at least 35% loss to one or more of their 200-year crops due to natural disasters. Eligible farmers will receive payment soon after approval of their application. The deadline to file an application will be announced later.

The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropri-

ations Act, 2001, provided funds for the CDP. Last year, USDA issued more than \$1.2 billion in crop disaster payments.

For information on this and other USDA programs, contact your local USDA Service Center or the FSA local office at 647-2153, or on the Internet at www.usda.gov.

TWPB voting to end April 12

The Texas Wheat Producers Board (TWPB) will conclude voting in its 15th biennial mail election on April 12.

David Cleavinger, farmer-elected chairman of the organization, said that five board members are at the end of their six-year terms. They are: Dist. I, Cagle Kendrick of Stratford; Dist. II, Tommy Womack of Tulia; Dist. III, Fred Dwyer of Wichita Falls; and Dist. IV, Jack Norman of Howe and Ken Davis of Grandview. Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for the district in which he resides. Castro County is included in Dist. II, along with Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Parmer, Hale and Floyd counties.

The election is being held by mail ballot, which should have been mailed to all eligible voters 14 days prior to the election, Cleavinger said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who has not received a ballot may obtain one at the County Extension office, as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

The TWPB is engaged in wheat research, market development and services designed to add to the value of the crop. The board was formed by producers in 1971 as a self-help program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas.

Many smokers have a bad cough they can't get rid of. This can mean they have a disease called chronic bronchitis.



DON CARPENTER of Dimmitt (right) was recently recognized as a state winner in the 2000 National Corn Yield Contest sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association. Fred Yoder (left) a NCGA board member and corn grower from Plain City, Ohio, presented the award to Carpenter and his wife, Betty (center) during the Commodities Classic on Feb. 25-27 in San Antonio. *Courtesy Photo*

Carpenter wins corn yield contest

Don Carpenter and his son, Donny Carpenter of Dimmitt has been named a state winner in the 2000 National Corn Yield Contest, sponsored by the National Corn Growers Association.

Carpenter placed first in the state in the Irrigated Class with a yield of 275.6652 bushels per acre. The hybrid planted in the winning field was Pioneer 33B51.

The local grower was one of 507 state winners from among 3,552 entrants nationwide.

The state winners used 159 different hybrids to produce an average yield of 207.5 bushels per acre, up 1.1 bushels from last year's winning yield average.

Even the non-winners fared well—only 5.2 bushels separated the average of all entrants (202.3 bushels per acre). The high yield was 357.3 bushels per acre, produced by a grower in Manchester, Iowa, who topped the popular contest for the second year in a row.

Weather once again played a significant role in yields that ranged from the winning 357.3 bushels to the lowest national yield of 216.7 bushels per acre.

"It's interesting that the majority of the winners were east of the Mississippi River," said NCGA President Lee Klein of Battle Creek, Neb. "Growers in eastern states who endured devastating droughts in previous years finally enjoyed better-than-ideal growing conditions in 2000.

"Hot and dry conditions pulled yields down in Nebraska and Kansas while a pre-harvest storm in the central Corn Belt damaged crops in

key corn growing states like Iowa and Illinois," Klein said.

The top national yields ranged from 226.1 bushels per acre in the A Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated Class to 357.3 bushels per acre in the AA Non-Irrigated Class. Average yields, by class, ranged from 169.5 bushels in the A Ridge-Till Non-Irrigated Class to 214.7 bushels per acre in the Irrigated Class.

The goal of the National Corn Yield Contest is to provide farmers with information that can help improve their methods of production to increase profitability, while addressing environmental concerns. Contest participants also improve their operations by getting a unique opportunity to compare their own proven corn production capabilities with other farmers in their state and across the country.

Farmers are encouraged through the contest to develop new, efficient production techniques. Fertilizer is one example of the improved efficiency being reflected in the contest. The average commercial nitrogen use per bushel of yield was 0.98 pounds for all entrants, significantly less than the agronomic requirement of 1.1 to 1.2 pounds per bushel.

Other agronomic data gleaned from the 2000 contest includes:

- ◆ Contest entrants planted 548 different hybrids.
- ◆ 67.6% of the contest fields followed soybeans; 17.7% followed corn.
- ◆ 70.9% of entrants ran a soil test on their entry field before planting.
- ◆ Average planted population per acre was 30,895 for entrants; 30,928 for winners.

Sunflower production meeting set April 12

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a sunflower production meeting in Plainview next Thursday, April 12, from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Ollie Linder Center on South Business I-27.

Calvin Trostle, TAEX agronomist of Lubbock, will discuss production agronomics for both confectionary and NuSun oilseed sunflowers as well as concerns common to sunflower production and how to compensate for them.

Greg Cronholm, TAES-Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agent for

Hale and Swisher counties will outline control strategies for sunflower moth and other insects.

Sunflower contractor, processor and seedsmen representatives will be on hand to answer questions about 2001 pricing, delivery and hybrids.

New TAEX sunflower production publications, including "Common Concerns in West Texas and Sunflower Production and Ways to Solve Them," will be available to growers.

One continuing education unit (CEU) will be offered to producers attending.

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Farm Service Agency notes

By TRISH ELLIOTT
FSA County Executive Director

There is no general sign-up period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) for 2001; however, the continuous CRP program is available for landowners who wish to enroll environmentally sensitive areas around intermittent and perennial water bodies into filter strips or riparian buffers.

Please contact the Natural Resource Conservation Service office if you have questions concerning these areas.

LAP

Castro County producers are eligible for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) for losses suffered due to drought and excessive heat in 2000.

Producers must have suffered a loss in dryland and pasture grazing and own livestock.

Sign-up for the LAP continues through April 27.

Call 647-2153, Ext. 2 for an appointment if you think you are eligible for the LAP.

Each applicant must bring the following documentation when applying for the program: Copies of land lease or proof of payment for acres used for eligibility; sales receipts showing purchase date, weight of livestock and number of head grazed; and location of pastures.

2000 disaster program

Sign-up continues for the crop disaster program.

We do not have a sign-up deadline yet, but if you feel that you have had a production loss of at least 35%, then you should contact the FSA office to schedule a sign-up appointment.

For details on the program or for more information, call the FSA office.

Graze out

Grazed small grains payments (GRAZE-OUT) are available to producers who are otherwise eligible for marketing assistance loans and loan deficiency payments; grazed 2001 crop acreage planted to wheat, barley or oats; or those who don't harvest the same crop on the same acreage.

GRAZE-OUT payments are subject to the same basic eligibility

requirements as commodity loans and loan deficiency payments including, but not limited to payment limitation, person determinations, beneficial interest or offsets.

Application for GRAZE-OUT begins on the first day of mechanical harvest as determined by the county committee (probably around May 1), and ends on Aug. 31. Late filed application provisions will not apply to this program.

Any application received after the deadline, whether by fax, mail or hand-delivered, will not be approved.

An eligible-producer is any producer who meets the following guidelines:

- Plants wheat, barley or oats as an owner or operator on a farm participating in PFC (the farm program).

- Is certified on the acreage report as sharing in the small grain intended for grazing.

- Files a request on a CCC-633 prior to Aug. 31.

- Agrees to forgo any other harvesting of the commodity on eligible acreage planted for the grazing by livestock.

- Retains control, title and risk of loss in the commodity from the date of planting through the date the crop is considered grazed out and no further harvesting is made of the crop.

- Agrees that the requested acreage is not eligible for any other market assistance loans or loan deficiency payments for the crop.

Eligible acreage for GRAZE-OUT purposes is any acreage of wheat, barley or oats that meets all of the following:

- Is planted on a farm having a PFC contract.

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Any acreage considered as wheat, barley or oats for grain, including crop insurance and crop disaster purposes, is not eligible for this program.

The GRAZE-OUT payment rate is determined by the amount the applicable commodity loan rate exceeds the CCC-determined value for the county where the acreage is grazed (same formula as used for LDPs).

The GRAZE-OUT payment rate is the rate in effect on the day the request is completed. The request date is when the administrative county office receives a completed CCC-633 grazing form. This form is considered complete when all required entries have been completed and all applicable producer signatures have been obtained.

The applicable yield is the higher of the following: Established yield for the farm (this is the farm program payment yield used for PFC payments); and the average county yield for the administrative county.

Producers requesting GRAZE-OUT payments shall maintain records for a period of three years after the date of the payment to document that eligibility requirements are met.

Small grain certification

May 15 is the final date to certify small grains.

The FSA office will send producers a card with an appointment time so they can certify all small grains such as wheat, barley or oats. This includes what you have for grain, grazing or hay.

If the time set is not acceptable, producers should call 647-2153 to reschedule.

Wool/mohair sign-up

Payments are authorized to wool and mohair producers who produced and sheared wool or mohair during the 2000 marketing year of Jan. 1 through Dec. 31.

Sign-up ends on April 13. You must file an application by the deadline in order to be eligible.

A multi-county producer must apply in the county where his or her headquarters is located.

Late-file provisions do not apply for this program.

An eligible wool or mohair producer is one who, as a single unit, produced wool or mohair and whose production and facilities are located in the US. Also, the individual must have a beneficial interest in the wool or mohair production, have a financial risk in the production and be a citizen or legal resident alien of the US.

The national payment rate will be determined after sign-up ends and all reported eligible wool and mohair are processed.

2001 AMTA program

It is extremely important to remember that only the person who takes the risk in growing the crop is eligible for the AMTA payment.

Landowners are not eligible to receive payments on land they cash rent to others.

We still have contracts that have undesignated payments for crop year 2001. Stop by the FSA office and update all your rented farms so you can get paid on these contracts.

Aug. 1 is the deadline to update your contract. Landowners can sign the contract or provide a 2001 lease or rental agreement.

Participants who want to divide land from their farm combination or add newly-rented or purchased land have until June 1 to request this action on participating farms.

All involved producers must sign resulting AMTA contracts the earlier of 30 days after the combination or division is finalized or by Aug. 1.

Producers should update their records if they bought, sold or are renting different land that what is on record at the FSA office. FSA also needs to know if someone else is taking over a farm a producer had in operation so they can take over the contract.

If the contract is not succeeded by Aug. 1, any AMTA payment issued must be refunded.

2000 loans and LDPs

The final request date for corn, sorghum, sunflowers, soybeans or cotton will be May 31.

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Co-facilitators Roy Puente of Welch Home Place in Dimmitt and Shelly Moss, social services director at King's Manor in Hereford, will direct the meeting.

A support group is a gathering of people with common problems,

needs and interests who share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in a combined effort to better cope with and survive the challenge they face daily.

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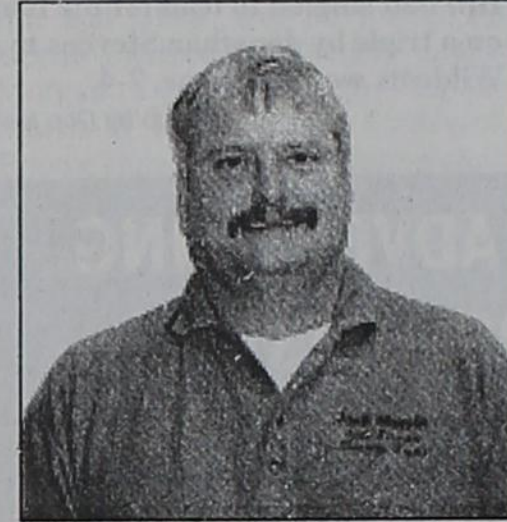
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Public meeting set Monday about agriculture protection

A public meeting will be held Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the Koko Palace at 5101 Avenue Q in Lubbock to discuss "lawful obligations of the federal government to protect agriculture, but which the President has failed to enforce," according to information forwarded by Jerry Herndon of Tulia. Everyone is invited to attend.

The obligations of government toward agriculture will be brought into focus in the light of statutes such as 7 USC 601, 602, 1301, 5671 and others.

These statutes when enforced will place farmers, ranchers and consumers on an equitable economic footing with the other segments of our economy, according to the information from Herndon.

"At this meeting you will learn what these obligations are, and how government agencies are being called to task to answer for their failure to act under their statutory and constitutional duties to protect the production property right of agriculture and its citizens and what you can do to help," it read.

Speakers for the meeting will include the plaintiffs in the "Four Farmers Case," Eugene Schroder,

Russell Grider, Ed Petrosky and Wesley Meyers. Also speaking will be Dr. Walker Todd, who is lead counsel for the plaintiffs. He is a former legal counsel and monetary affairs lawyer for the federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. He also served as a negotiator for the US during the Iran hostage crisis. He currently teaches law at Cleveland State University, in addition to maintaining his private practice.

Knowledge of these constitutionally mandated requirements are the result of extensive legal research by these farmers and their legal counsel, and is the basis of a federal lawsuit currently pending before the US 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, Colo.

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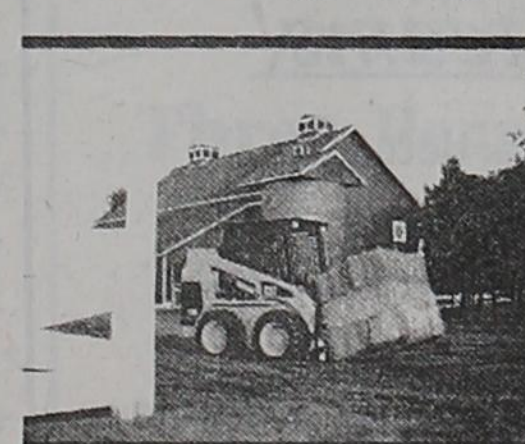
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Sports



'GO! GO! GO!'—As Coach Jesus Quiroz waves him on, Dimmitt's Bobby Hill rounds third base and heads home with the Bobcats' first run at Littlefield Saturday afternoon. Hill had singled to lead off the fourth inning, and scored from first base on a triple by Jonathan Stevens to cut Littlefield's lead to 3-1. The host Wildcats won the game, 7-4.

Photo by Don Nelson

Bobcats drop district games

Dimmitt suffered a pair of district losses on the road over the weekend, falling to state-ranked Lubbock Cooper, 4-14, on Friday; then losing to Littlefield, 4-7, on Saturday afternoon.

The Bobcats' season record dropped to 1-6-1 overall and 0-3-1 in District 2-A play after the losses.

Bobcats 4, Cooper 14

Dimmitt battled the third-ranked Cooper Pirates evenly for three innings, but Cooper pulled away with a big fourth inning effort.

Cooper took the game, 14-4, on a 10-run rule at the end of the fifth inning.

Wesley Harkins got the start for Dimmitt, and he allowed eight hits and 10 runs in four innings before he was relieved by Brent Josselet in the fifth.

Harkins suffered the loss while Cooper's Loveland was the winner. Dimmitt scored its four runs on five hits and two Cooper errors.

The Pirates had 14 hits and scored 12 runs. The Bobcats were charged with six errors.

Three batters stepped to the plate for each team in the first inning and all six hitters were retired, in order.

Dimmitt took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second on a pair of hits. The first was a single by Jonathan Stevens and he scored on a double by B.J. Hill.

Cooper batted around in the bottom of the inning, though, scoring three runs to take the lead.

Harkins walked the first two hitters before the third flied out to second base. An error on shortstop Bobby Hill and a single by Maines scored Cooper's three runs before Dimmitt escaped.

The Bobcats tied the game at 3 in the top of the third, using a walk by Josselet, a Cooper error and double by Tanner Griffitt to score two runs.

Cooper opened up a big lead in the fourth inning, though, and Dimmitt never recovered.

Harkins gave up a lead-off single, then walked three more hitters in the inning. He allowed four singles and Cooper was able to score six runs to take the 9-3 lead after four.

A single by Thomas Brockman gave Dimmitt new life in the fifth, and although he scored, Dimmitt couldn't do any more damage.

Cooper picked up the run-rule win with four runs in the bottom of the fifth, highlighted by a Tucker home run.

Bobcats 4, Littlefield 7

Dimmitt got off to a slow start at the plate in Littlefield Saturday afternoon, going without a hit until the third inning. That allowed the Wildcats to post the early lead and they wouldn't relinquish it, claiming a 7-4 district win.

Tanner Griffitt suffered the loss for Dimmitt, going the distance while giving up five hits. Griffitt struck out five and walked (or hit with a pitch) four. The winning pitcher was N. Soria of Littlefield, who recorded six strike-outs.

With Littlefield ahead 3-0 in the top of the fourth inning, Bobby Hill scored Dimmitt's first run on a triple by Jonathan Stevens.

A single by Daniel Proffitt brought Stevens home to pull the Bobcats within a run.

Dimmitt's defense held Littlefield in check during the fourth and fifth innings, but the Wildcats returned the favor, retiring six straight Bobcat batters in the middle innings.

Three singles by Littlefield hitters in the bottom of the sixth inning, coupled with a Dimmitt error and a walk resulted in four runs and gave the Wildcats the lead and ultimately the win.

Dimmitt enjoyed a brief rally in the seventh, but it wasn't enough.

Two straight errors on Littlefield's infield in the top of the seventh allowed Matthew Wright and Daniel Proffitt to reach, then Thomas Brockman singled to score a runner.

Josselet hit into a double play, but Proffitt was able to score from third, pulling Dimmitt within three. A double by Self gave Dimmitt new life, but the Bobcats would leave him stranded.

Bobcats 0, Roosevelt 11

Dimmitt had just three base run-

ners and never hit Lubbock Roosevelt hurler Smith in a 0-11 loss to the Eagles Tuesday.

Smith struck out eight Bobcats in five innings, walked two and allowed one to reach on a fielder's choice.

Dimmitt struggled at the plate and in the field. The Bobcats were charged with eight errors in the game.

Roosevelt took a 1-0 lead in the second and stretched that advantage to 3-0 after three innings.

The Eagles opened up an 8-0 lead in the fourth after batting around, and they put the game on ice in the fifth with three runs.

Dimmitt's B.J. Hill started on the mound and he was spelled by Tanner Griffitt. Hill suffered the loss while Smith got the victory.

Golden Spread Super Team includes four local standouts

Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle is the boys' Coach of the Year for all classifications in the Texas Panhandle and three county players were recognized on the All-Class *Globe News* Golden Spread Super Team.

The honor team, announced Sunday in the *Amarillo Globe News*, features Dimmitt's Dee Norman and Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel as first-team selections while Nazareth's Kade Wilcox was a second-team honoree.

Steinle, who took over the helm as Dimmitt's head coach in 1993 when Ken Cleveland died, took his team through the playoffs, demolishing tough opponents along the way, including Seminole for the Region 1-AAA championship.

That earned Dimmitt its first trip to Austin since 1988. The Bobcats fell in the state semifinals, but finished the season with a 26-9 record.

Leading the team through those playoff victories was Norman, a 6-0 junior forward who averaged 19.3 points, 8.8 rebounds, 2.7 steals and 2.3 assists per game. He shot 41% from the three-point line.

Thiel, a 5-9 junior guard, was the leading scorer for the Nazareth Swiftettes as they captured their second straight state championship—the 15th in the school's history—and won the first-ever Texas Cup championship. Thiel averaged 21.5 points per game, pulled down 8.3 rebounds and averaged 4.1 assists and 4.1 steals.

The Swifts also advanced to the state tournament, falling in the state championship game to Goodrich. Wilcox, a 5-10 junior guard, paced Nazareth all year with a 22-point-per-game average. He also averaged four assists per game and was a tremendous threat from three-point range.

Other honorees on the boys' first-team roster were Kyle Griffiths of Logan, N.M., Cody Hodges of Hereford, Keenan Hooker of Randall and Tate Lombard of Canyon. Devin Johnson of Palo Duro was voted the Newcomer of the Year. Those qualifying for the boys' second-team honor along with Wilcox were Hank Baskett of Clovis, N.M., Slade Hodges of Hereford, Steve Jackson of Tascosa and Calvin Nite of Randall.

For the girls' other first-team selections were Cisti Greenwalt of Clovis, N.M., Mandi Moore of Canyon, Alesha Robertson of Plainview and Chelsi Welch of Plainview. Newcomer of the Year was Jennifer Arenas. Selected to the girls' second team were Brooke Baughman of Canyon, Geri Butler of Clarendon, Melissa DeGrate of Amarillo High, Courtney Nowlin of Perryton and Maggie Sauls of Borger.

The Surprise Teams of the Year were the Stratford Elks and Borger Lady Bulldogs.

Norman, Steinle top DHS honorees on Super Team

Dimmitt forward Dee Norman and Bobcat Coach Alan Steinle were named the Class AAA Player of the Year and Coach of the Year, respectively, on the *Globe News* Super Team while Heather Black and Daniel Proffitt were named to the honor squad.

Norman, a 6-0 junior, poured in 19 points per game and averaged an impressive 29 points per game in the regional tournament as he led Dimmitt to the state tournament in Austin.

Steinle guided the Bobcats to their first appearance in the state tournament since 1988.

Black earned Super Team honors on the girls' roster after leading the Bobbies to the area round of the playoffs. Black, a 5-9 senior guard, was Dimmitt's top scorer with an average of 16 points per game.

Proffitt, a 6-0 senior guard, led Dimmitt in assists and averaged 14 points a game.

Other girls' honorees were Erin Hale of Perryton, Carrie Mullins of River Road, Andria Vaughn of Tulia and Courtney Nowlin of Perryton.

Boys joining Norman and Proffitt on the team were Cuyler Dear of Perryton, Caleb Campbell of Perryton and Justin Reed of Sanford-Fritch.

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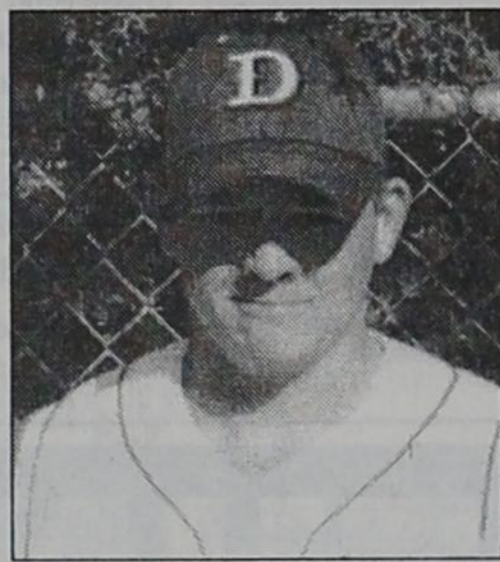
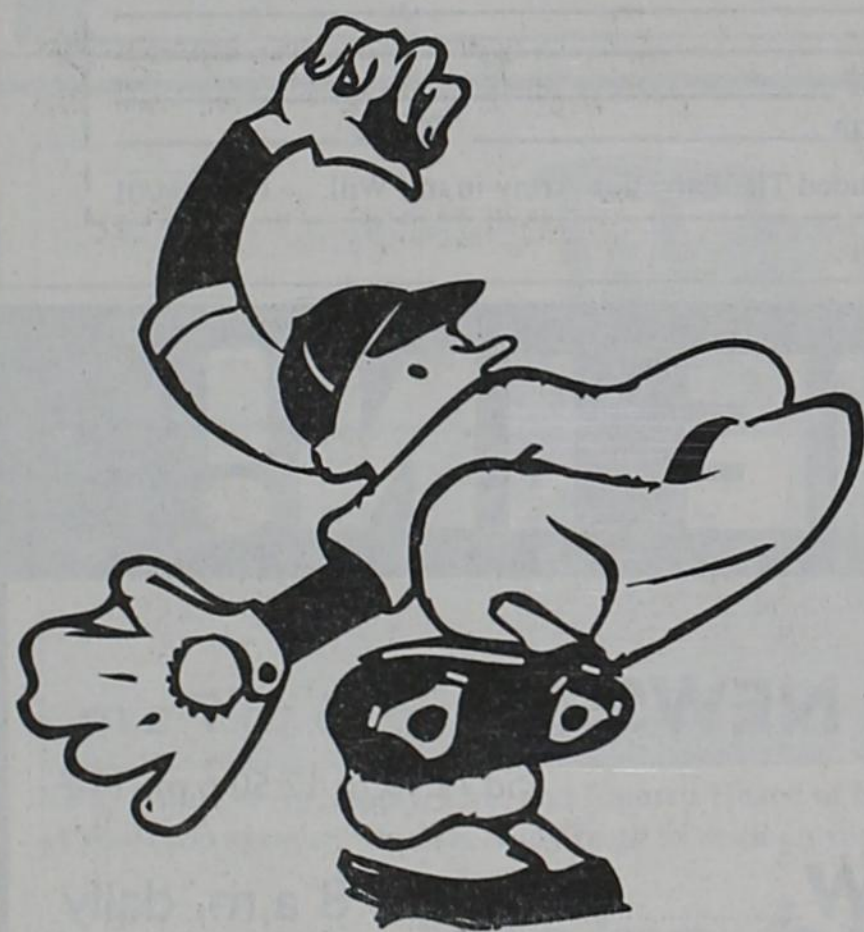
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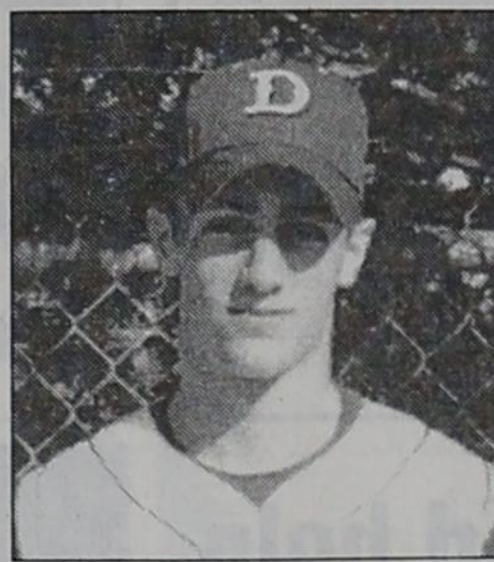
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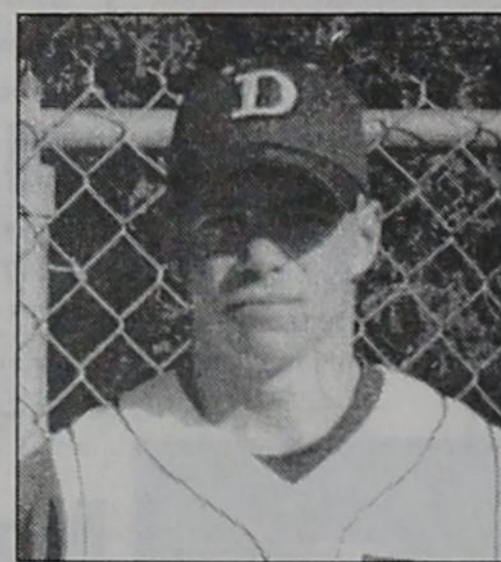
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Rodriguez tops Class A power lifters at state meet

Hart's Fabian Rodriguez is the best power lifter in the state among those 275.5 pounds and over competing from Class A schools.

Rodriguez topped Class A competition in the recent state power lifting meet and he finished seventh overall among all schools in the Class A, AA and AAA competition.

Rodriguez competed in the 275.5 pound-plus weight division at the Texas High School Power Lifting Association state meet at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum on the Texas Christian University campus in Fort Worth.

Rodriguez lifted 665 pounds in the squat, which was his personal best. That boosted him over several lifters from Class AA and AAA. He bench-pressed 370 pounds and recorded a lift of 489 in the dead lift for a total of 1,515 pounds.

Winner of the state meet was Elijah Bivens of Hitchcock, a Class AAA school. He lifted 810 pounds in the squat, bench-pressed 315 and had a dead lift weight of 635.



AND HE'S SAFE!—Nazareth's Justin Kleman, a courtesy runner for pitcher Blake Birkenfeld, steals and slides safely into home plate after Smyer's Ramirez lost control of a pitch in third-inning action.

The Swifts picked up their fourth win of the year and upped their record to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in District 2-A play with a 12-2 victory in five innings.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swifts pound Smyer, 12-2, to remain unbeaten on year

Blake Birkenfeld allowed five hits and struck out nine in a complete game Friday, leading the Nazareth Swifts to a 12-2 District 2-A win over Smyer at Bobcat Field.

Two of Smyer's hits were doubles, but every time it looked like the Bobcats would mount a comeback, Nazareth's defense came up with the plays.

The Swifts turned two double plays to kill Smyer efforts—one in the third inning and another in the fourth.

Both double plays were set up by Birkenfeld, who fielded grounders hit back to the mound. In each instance, he tossed the ball to shortstop Eric Schilling for the first out at second, then Schilling turned and pegged the batter heading to first.

Schilling had the hot bat for the Swifts Friday, going three-for-three with a triple that scored one runner. He crossed the plate three times himself and he walked once.

Nazareth finished with 12 runs on seven hits and had just two errors. Smyer scored two runs on five hits and was charged with six errors.

Birkenfeld got the win, which was his second of the year. Smyer tired four different pitchers Friday in attempt to cool the Swift bats, but nothing worked. Starter Ramirez suffered the loss after giving up three hits and six runs.

Nazareth improved to 4-0 overall and 3-0 in district play with the win while Smyer dropped to 3-4, 1-2.

Schilling's triple was the first hit of the game in the top of the first inning and came after Smyer retired the first two hitters. Schilling scored on a passed ball to give the Swifts a 1-0 lead.

Nazareth retired the side in the bottom of the inning and headed to the second with the single-run advantage.

Aaron Kern was hit with a pitch to start the second and he stole second

and third before scoring on a single up the middle by Evan Huseman. Huseman scored on a Mark Birkenfeld single, but Birkenfeld was caught trying to stretch the single to a double for the inning's second out.

Smyer got its first base runner in the second when Davis connected for a shallow double down the right field line.

He would go no further as Blake Birkenfeld struck out the next hitter for the third out.

Swift lead-off hitter Chase Schulte reached on an error to start things rolling in the third, then Blake Birkenfeld and Schilling each walked to load the bases for Daryl Pohlmeier.

Pohlmeier knocked a ground ball toward the third baseman and the fielder was charged with an error on the play, allowing Schulte and Birkenfeld to score.

Kern walked to load the bases again, bringing up Adam Acker. Acker was credited with a sacrifice after taking the first pitch deep to left field, scoring Schilling.

Nazareth's 6-0 lead remained intact after three complete innings, thanks to the first double play of the game.

The Swifts added four runs in the fourth as Smyer went to the bullpen, trying two new hurlers in the inning.

One run was walked in and another scored on a wild pitch as the Swifts plated four runners on just one hit and a pair of Smyer errors.

The Bobcats' first run came in the bottom of the fourth after Birkenfeld

walked Calazos, the lead-off hitter in the inning. He would score on a fielder's choice by Botas.

Nazareth escaped with another 1-6-3 double play for a 10-1 lead.

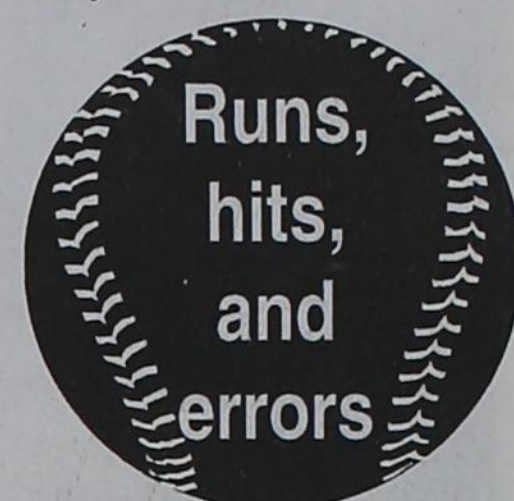
Three up, three down was the story of the fifth as neither team had a base runner in the inning.

After the first two Nazareth hitters struck out to start the sixth, the Swifts went on a two-out rally.

Back-to-back walks by Pohlmeier and Phillip Bergendahl set up the sequence. Pohlmeier scored when Acker took a pitch to left field, giving Nazareth a 11-1 lead.

The Swifts allowed Smyer one run in the sixth before putting the Bobcats away, but that run pulled Smyer within nine and forced a seventh inning.

The Swifts picked up an insurance run in the top of the seventh, Schulte and Acker teamed to pick off a runner trying to steal third, then Birkenfeld struck out two to put the game on ice.



FRIDAY

Bobcats 4, Lubbock Cooper 14	
Dimmitt	012 01 —4 5 6
Cooper	031 64 —14 12 2
Wesley Harkins, Brent Josselet (5) and Tanner Self for Dimmitt; Loveland, Cleveland (5) and Madison for Cooper. WP: Loveland (2-1). LP: Harkins. 2B: Tanner Griffith and B.J. Hill for Dimmitt; Aycock for Cooper. HR: Tucker for Cooper. Record: Dimmitt 1-5-1, 0-2-1; Cooper 17-6, 3-0.	

Swifts 12, Smyer 2

Nazareth	123 401 1 —12 7 2
Smyer	000 101 0 —2 5 6
Blake Birkenfeld and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; Ramirez, Marcum (4), Smith (4), R. Gutierrez (5) and R. Gutierrez and M. Gutierrez (5) for Smyer. WP: Birkenfeld (2-0). LP: Ramirez. 2B: Eric Schilling, Adam Acker and Shane Klemm for Nazareth; M. Gutierrez and Davis for Smyer. 3B: Schilling for Nazareth. Records: Nazareth 4-0, 3-0; Smyer 3-4, 1-2.	

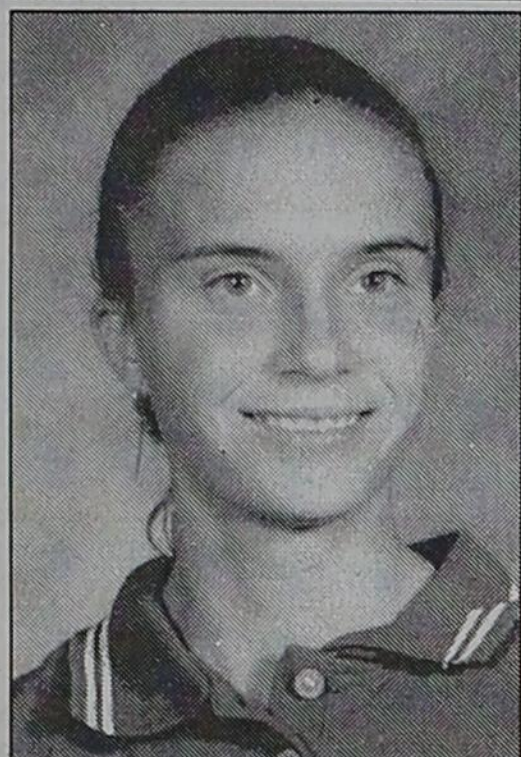
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Bobcats 4 Littlefield 7	
Dimmitt	002 000 2 —4 6 3
Littlefield	102 004 x —7 5 3
Tanner Griffith and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. Soria and Richards for Littlefield. WP: Soria. LP: Griffith. 2B: Tanner Self for Dimmitt; Mendez for Littlefield. Records: Dimmitt 1-6-1, 0-3-1; Littlefield 10-7, 2-2.	

TUESDAY

Swifts 21, Kress 6	
Kress	004 11 6 5 6
Nazareth	439 5x 21 15 8
Gabe Vasquez and Justin Borum for Kress; Eric Schilling and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth. WP: Schilling (3-0). LP: Borum. 2B: Isaias Barrera, Chase Street and Earl Vasquez for Kress; Blake Birkenfeld, Daryl Pohlmeier, Adam Acker and Reece Hales for Nazareth. Records: Nazareth 5-0, 3-0; Kress 0-6, 0-3.	

Bobcats 0, Lubbock Roosevelt 11	
Dimmitt	000 00 0 0 8
Roosevelt	012 53 11 8 0
B.J. Hill, Tanner Griffith and Tanner Self for Dimmitt; Smith and Escobedo for Roosevelt. WP: Smith. LP: Escobedo. 2B: Walker (2) for Roosevelt; 3B: Rocha for Roosevelt. HR: Tomison and Rocha for Roosevelt. Records: Dimmitt 1-7-1, 0-4-1.	



Anna Funck

Funck is honored

Anna Funck, a sophomore at Amarillo High School, was recently named to the District 3-5A All-District Second Team as a midfielder in soccer.

Funck is a native of Dimmitt and the daughter of former Dimmitt residents Rob and Vickie Funck.

She has been on the varsity soccer team since her freshman year in high school and was a starter on this year's co-championship team.

Funck has played soccer since the age of 5. Not only does she play for her school, but she plays club soccer for the High Plains Drifters Soccer Club. She is a starting midfielder for her club team and was moved up to the U-17 team this year.

Funck is the great-granddaughter of the late Leland and Zelma Smith. The Funcks still have family in Dimmitt, including the Robert Smith family, the Elbert Smith family and the Milton Bagwell family.

"Anna also has enjoyed her Dimmitt connection at Amarillo High School with her cousin, John Smith, who is the Amarillo High School Varsity Boys Basketball coach and who also was Anna's ninth grade math teacher," Rob Funck said.

Track Results

TULIA INVITATIONAL at Tulia High School GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Randall 148, 2. Lockney 98, 3. Sanford-Fritch 98, 4. Friona 81, 5. Tulia, 73, 6. Floydada 57, 7. Kress 30, 8. Dimmitt 18.

Triple Jump: 2. Ashley Irons, Dimmitt, 32-0.

BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Canyon 123, 2. Tulia 99, 3. Sanford-Fritch 95, 4. Friona 83, 5. Randall 72, 6. Lockney 37, 7. Dimmitt 28, 8. Kress 17.

Discus: 1. Matthew Sanders, Dimmitt, 135-5 1/2.

300 Hurdles: 1. L.J. Soler, Dimmitt, 41.69.

ROUGHNECK RELAYS at Sundown High School BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Lamesa 108, 2. Tahoka 59, 3. Hale Center 55, 4. Floydada 41, 5. Sundown 40, 6. Whiteface 31, 7. Seminole 30, 8. Morton 27, 9. Hart 26, 10. Olton 25, 11. Borden County 20, 12. Trinity Christian 19, 13. O'Donnell 18, 14. Ralls 16, 15. Abernathy 14, 16. Slaton 12, 17. Brownfield 8, 18. Plains 5, 19. Sudan 2, 20. (Tie) Lubbock Cooper and Farwell 1, 22. New Deal 0.

Shot Put: 3. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 46-7.

300 Hurdles: 3. Salvador Velasquez, Hart, 42.00.

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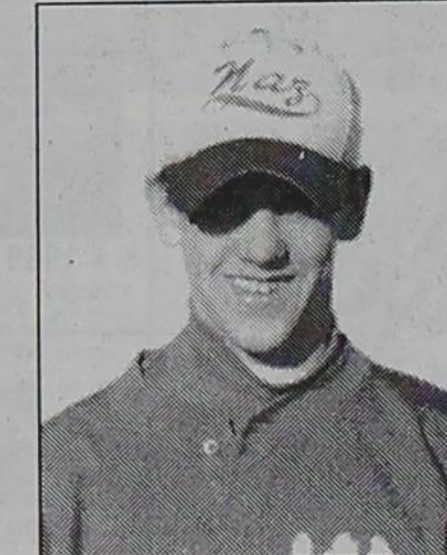
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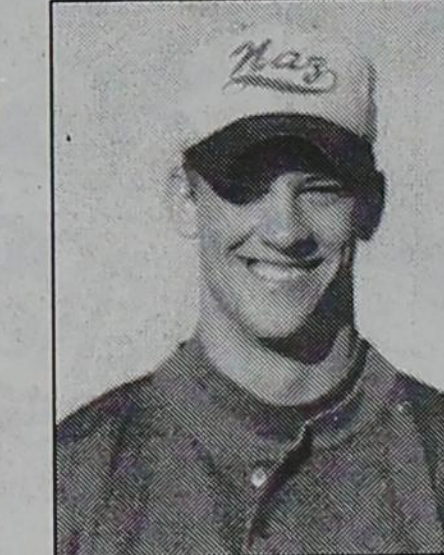
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A FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT—Students in the Gifted/Talented classes at Dimmitt Middle School hear a presentation by Lee Cejna, the American Field Service exchange student at Dimmitt High School, who also is from the Czech Republic. Shown are

(from left) Laura Rasor, Anthony Enriquez, Michael Rasor, Hayli Wise, Meggie Lemons, Cejna, Elizabeth Hill, Keshia Smith, Chauncey Gilbreath, and Hanna Wise.

Photo by Joyce Nelson

DMS students learn about Czech Republic

The Gifted/Talented classes at Dimmitt Middle School have been studying the Czech Republic and heard a presentation recently from

Lee Cejna of the Czech Republic, who is an American Field Service exchange student at Dimmitt High School.

G/T teacher Sara Hill said that Pat

Keith, first grade teacher at Richardson Elementary School, has traveled several times to the Czech Republic, and she showed the students some items she had purchased there and told about her travels. She showed pictures and talked about some of the Czech customs.

The culmination of the study came last Thursday when Cejna visited the class. He showed slides of his home country and explained customs and conditions there. He answered many questions from the students.

Cejna said he feels the AFS experience is very valuable in his life. He encouraged the students to consider participating in the AFS program themselves.

He said that one of his goals is to come back to the US after he graduates from high school in the Czech Republic. He wants to attend Texas A&M University to prepare for his life's work.

All the students enjoyed Cejna's accounts of his home, according to Hill. She also said they enjoyed the snack that was supplied by class member Elizabeth Hill and her mother, Patrice. The snack is a favorite treat in Cejna's country.

Instead, I imagine, it will likely prompt a public dialogue that might even help prevent McVeigh's brand of pathetic hatred from festering somewhere else and causing another such tragedy.

McVeigh will be executed next month for his inhuman deed, which will remain a black smudge on our nation's history. Society at large will not mourn his death, nor will he be well remembered.

That's the ultimate lesson for any fledgling McVeigh out there to take away from this whole dark episode.

Let's not kill the messenger here. Instead, let's look for the message.

More about 1:1

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take time out to burn it."

It's easy to sympathize with this grieving young mother, whose little girl's life was snuffed out six years ago this month, along with those of 18 other children and 149 adults, in the biggest mass murder in our nation's history.

In her grief and anger, she will, justifiably, resent the very mention of Timothy McVeigh's name for the rest of her life.

However, that same grief and anger have led her to overlook the fact that this book delivers a message.

What is that message? I don't know. I haven't read it.

But neither has she. That's my point.

The daily newspapers are reporting that other people here and there are refusing to buy the book because it "glorifies" McVeigh or, as one Amarillo man said, "It's just teaching people how to do it."

Again: How does he know?

He's inclined to kill the messenger so he won't be exposed to the message. That isn't a very intelligent attitude.

One of the greatest things about our republic is that it deliberately allows a free market of ideas: Provide a forum for all thought, and the best ideas will ultimately prevail.

I doubt seriously that this book will become an American *Mein Kampf* or *Das Kapital*, or a primer for terrorism, or that it will martyrize Timothy McVeigh.

The date requiring the most Roman numerals is 1888, with 13: MDCCCLXXXVIII.

Hospice Care plans candle-lighting ritual

A special memorial service and candle-lighting ritual conducted by Hospice Care will be held to "honor the memory of loved ones."

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will hold its "Celebration of Life" service on Monday, April 16, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

Traditionally, this service has been used to honor the memory of persons who were on hospice service.

"This year we would like to include anyone in the community or surrounding area that would like to honor the memory of a loved one," said Vicki Buckley, director of Hos-

pice Care. Jim Hardwick, hospice pastor, will share a short lesson on *Depending on God*.

"We want this to be an uplifting service—a celebration of the life of your loved one," Hardwick said.

Candles will be lit in memory of persons who were on hospice care during the last year.

If anyone would like to have a candle lit for a special person who was not on hospice care, please call 647-3785 to notify the hospice office of your wishes and arrangements will be made.

"We really want to emphasize that everyone is welcome to attend," Buckley said.

Precipitation enhancement program kicked off Sunday

The regional precipitation enhancement program began its fifth operating season on Sunday and officials with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District hope there will be many opportunities to conduct cloud seeding operations in this area during the 2001 growing season.

The target area includes Bailey, Castro, Cochran, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Parmer, Terry and Yoakum counties as well as portions of Armstrong, Crosby, Deaf Smith, Floyd, Potter and Randall counties.

"One of the primary goals of the regional precipitation enhancement program is to conduct cloud seeding operations to provide additional rainfall which can help reduce ground water pumpage from the Ogallala Aquifer," said Comer A. Tuck Jr., interim manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Several changes have been made in the operation of the precipitation enhancement program this season.

In previous years, three soil and water conservation districts in New Mexico also participated in the program; however, this year the soil and water conservation districts in Curry County and southwestern Quay County are not participating.

The High Plains Water District is now directing the entire project operation rather than relying on a contractor to provide the aircraft, project meteorologist and seeding materials.

David Beer is the staff meteorologist who makes daily forecasts, conducts daily weather briefings and directs the precipitation enhancement program. He previously worked as a project meteorologist for the Western Kan-

sas Weather Modification Program and has several years' experience in cloud seeding operations.

Beer briefs the weather modification pilots about daily weather conditions from the radar unit stationed at Littlefield Municipal Airport. If conditions are right for seeding, he instructs pilots at Levelland and Plains to go to their respective airports and ready their aircraft for launch.

Each of the three Cessna 340 aircraft used in the program have a belly-mounted rack that holds 102 silver iodide flares. In addition, 24 burn-in-place flares are mounted along the trailing edge of each aircraft wing.

Once the planes are in air, Beer uses the C-Band Radar to direct pilots to clouds to be seeded with silver iodide. The pilots then seed the clouds either by top-seeding or base-seeding methods. Top seeding involves flying above the cloud and injecting burning silver iodide flares into the cloud updraft. Base seeding involves flying at the base of the cloud and lighting the silver iodide flares on the edge of the wing to release silver iodide into the updraft.

If weather conditions suddenly become severe, the project meteorologist directs pilots to suspend cloud seeding operations in that area. Certain criteria, such as potential damage to the aircraft, presence of slow-moving storms producing more than two inches of rainfall per hour, potential for flash flooding, issuance of a National Weather Service severe weather warning, or detection of a funnel cloud and/or a tornado, can cause operations to be suspended.

The pilots can continue cloud seeding in other portions of the target area away from the severe weather.

Operations can also be suspended at any time upon request by the program sponsors.

Rain gauges are read each month throughout the Texas target area to measure the amount of rainfall that actually reaches the ground. In addition, these rainfall totals are compared with Doppler radar data provided by the National Weather Service. This information is carefully studied to document the results of the precipitation enhancement program and to determine its effectiveness.

Information about the 2001 precipitation enhancement program is available on the High Plains Water District web site at www.hpwd.com.

The web site provides links to current radar images of the target area from the Littlefield radar site, a map of the target area, aircraft flight tracks from each cloud seeding mission, weekly flight operations summaries, a precipitation enhancement fact sheet and links to the Amarillo and Lubbock National Weather Service forecast office web sites.

Program sponsors in the Texas target area include the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, the Llano Estacado Underground Water Conservation District, the Sandy Land Underground Water Conservation District, and the South Plains Underground Water Conservation District.

Each agency pays its pro-rata share of fixed and reimbursable costs based upon the total acres enrolled in the program. Texas reimburses 50% of the operating costs in the Texas target area. The cost of the precipitation enhancement program has ranged from five to eight cents per acre since its beginning in 1997.

First graders win honors

First graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School were recognized for honors received for the third nine-week grading period. They were honored for citizenship, perfect attendance, most improved, homework and hand writing.

They are listed below by classroom.

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CITIZENSHIP: Matthew Aguilar, Katy Aljoe, Brittany Enriquez, Jennifer Fernandez, Aimee George, Tanner Gilbreath, Carter Hill, Patrick McGrorey, Nallely Salas, Amber Sanchez, Caryn Steffens, Richard Torres, Bridget Ward.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Aljoe, Fernandez, Angel Robles, Salas.
MOST IMPROVED: Salas, Gilbreath.
HANDWRITING: Steffens, Aljoe, Johnny Ray Doies.
HOMEWORK: Aljoe, Nacho De La Cruz, Doies, George, Hill, McGrorey, Steffens.

Villareal

CITIZENSHIP: Liliana Castillo, Crystal Escamilla, Maribel Favela, Juan Hernandez, Karla Muñoz, Alonso Sanchez, Veronica Porras, Luis Martinez.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Gerardo Bojorquez, Muñoz.
MOST IMPROVED: Juan Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Marco Medrano.
HANDWRITING: Castillo, Bojorquez, Escamilla, Maribel Favela, Karen

Guadiana, Juan Hernandez, Porras, Marisol Soto.

HOMEWORK: Bojorquez, Escamilla, Favela, Guadiana, Mauricio Garcia, Juan Hernandez, Uriel Rodriguez, Soto.

Matthews

CITIZENSHIP: Manuel Acevedo, Monique Aleman, Jeffrey Almanza, Haley Bonilla, Gabby Cantu, Austin Cluck, John David Flores, Jonathan Gamez, Meranda Garcia, Marissa Jackson, Codi Jenkins, Cassidy Nutt, Kelsey Schilling, Amy Smith, Josslene Torres.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Cantu, Noe Jackson, Schilling, Torres.
MOST IMPROVED: Cantu, Flores.
HANDWRITING: Aleman, Garcia, Schilling.
HOMEWORK: Aleman, Bonilla, Cluck, Garcia, Jenkins, Nutt, Smith, Torres.

Keith

CITIZENSHIP: Tiffany Medrano, Eric Oltivero, Candace Munoz, Andrew Saenz, Briana Prieto, Andres Rodriguez, Lakana Thomas.
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MOST IMPROVED: Joshua Garcia, John Falcon, Oscar Navarro, Kelsie Grantham, Sullivan-Ramos.
HANDWRITING: Uvalle, Saenz, Rodriguez, Priscilla Reyes, Katrina Barrios, Oltivero, Munoz, Medrano, Grantham.
HOMEWORK: Uvalle, Saenz, Rodriguez, Oltivero, Munoz, Medrano, Grantham, Barrios.

Roberson

CITIZENSHIP: Tori Addison, Gabby Aguilar, Clarissa Anes, Alex Ibarra, Kale Johnson, Brittany Lindley, Ty Morrow, Alberto Nicolas, Michael Reyes, Jessica Ross, Jose Salas, She-Kana Thomas, Mario Velasquez, Coby Venhaus, Mayra Hernandez.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Addison, Johnson, Lindley, Morrow, Reyes.
MOST IMPROVED: Morrow, Thomas.
HANDWRITING: Addison, Aguilar, Johnson, Lindley, Velasquez, Venhaus.
HOMEWORK: Addison, Aguilar, Johnson, Lindley, Morrow, Ross, Velasquez, Venhaus.

Shannon

CITIZENSHIP: Josiah Burzynski, Tramaine Kirven, Michael Oltivero, Adam Reinart, Stephanie Bryan, Karina Doza, Brittany Luna, Alma Melendez, Kristarae Silva, Michelle Waite, Abby Oltivero, Armondo Ortega, Israel Marquez.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Burzynski, Michael Oltivero, Miguel Rodriguez, Tiffany Oltivero.
MOST IMPROVED: Reinart, Kirven, Melendez, Waite.
HANDWRITING: Burzynski, Justice Bell, Kirven, Reinart, Israel Rodriguez, Doza, Luna, Melendez, Waite, Abby Oltivero, Ortega, Marquez.
HOMEWORK: Kirven, Miguel Rodriguez, Burzynski, Michael Oltivero, Reinart, Doza, Luna, Melendez, Tiffany Oltivero, Silva, Waite, Abby Oltivero, Marquez.



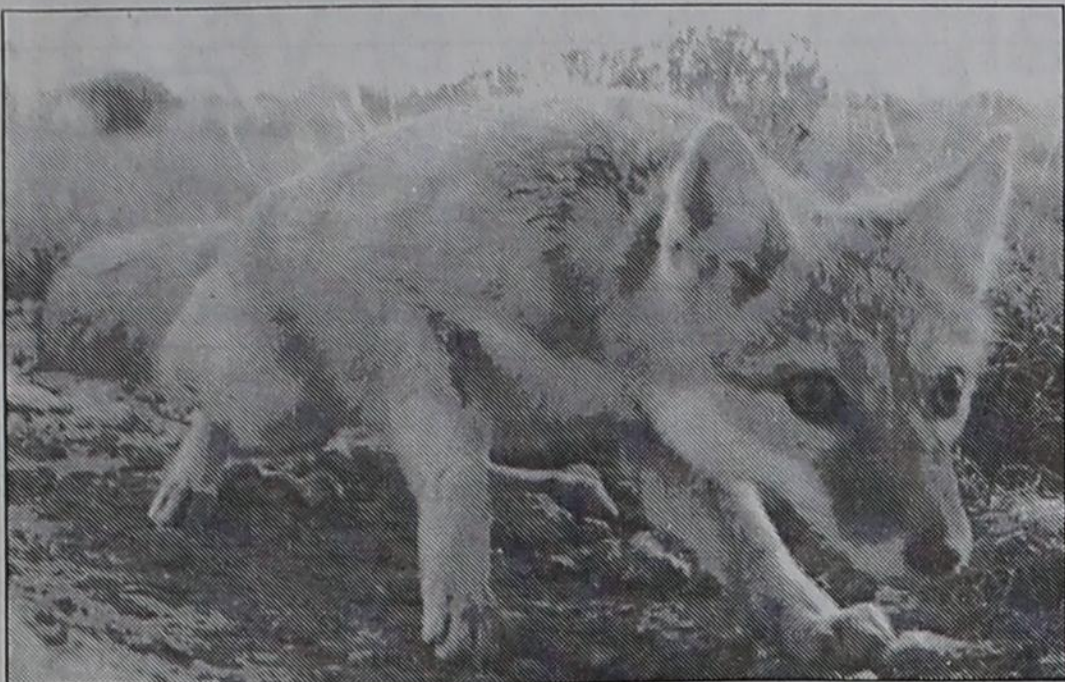
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SWIFT FOX LECTURE AND DISPLAY

... To be featured Sunday at Home Mercantile in Nazareth

Courtesy Photo

Swift fox lecture planned at Home Mercantile Sunday

Researchers Jan Kamler and Celine Perchallet will present a lecture on the swift fox Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth.

Kamler is a doctoral student in the department of wildlife and fisheries at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Perchallet is employed in field research.

The two conducted a study from 1998 through 2000, trapping, radiocollaring and monitoring swift foxes in Sherman and Dallam counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The lecture will include slides, anecdotes and interesting data from their work.

In addition to the lecture, Perchallet will display 15 close-up photos of swift foxes, including a rare albino swift fox.

"Photos of swift foxes are very hard to find, so it will be a real treat to show them in the community where the swift fox is the school mascot," Perchallet said.

Other paintings from Nazareth residents will be added with the swift fox display to serve as a community art show.

The show can be viewed at Home Mercantile from April 9-13.

For more information, call 945-2444.

Flu shots will be available at shot clinic

The Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) will conduct an immunization clinic next Thursday, April 12 in Dimmitt.

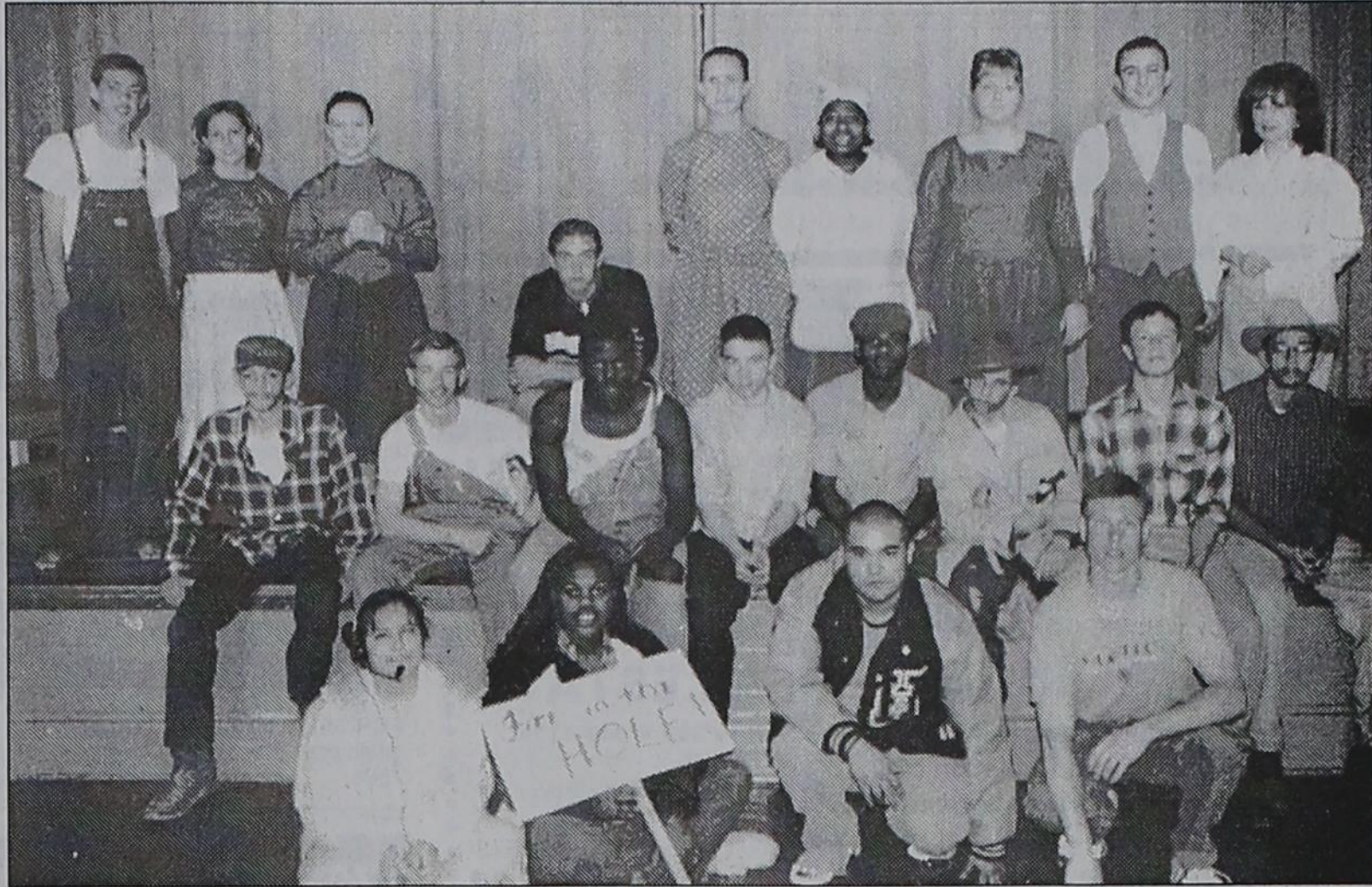
The clinic will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall.

Flu shots also will be available at the clinic and will be administered to the general public.

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. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay. Also, the varicella vaccine is covered by Medicaid. Those who qualify should bring their card to the clinic.



A FIRE IN THE HOLE!, Hart High School's One-Act Play, was the best act in the zone contest and advanced to the district level before being eliminated. Members of the play's cast and crew are (back row, from left), Trent Barnes, Maegan Farris, Whitney Mitchell, Corey Moore, Lacie Curry, LaCretia Robinson, Melanie Davis, Aaron Hart and Vivian Bennett; (middle row, from left) Trevor Barnes, Logan McLain, Keith Finch, Jordy Rowland, Josh

Finch, Zachary Farris, John Mark Bennett and Jeff Corbitt; and (front row, from left) Amy Carrasco, Geneva Finch, Dan Eric Castillo and Jeff Bennett. At zone, Bennett and Davis were named Best Actor and Best Actress, respectively. Finch and Robinson made the all-star cast. At district, Bennett was named to the all-star cast while Finch earned honorable mention honors. The play's "miner's crew" also garnered honorable mention laurels.

Photo by Sally George



TODD JANSA (left) and Casey Jones, students at Dimmitt High School, perform a special musical program for members of the Castro Masonic Lodge, their wives and guests recently as the Masons hosted a special "Ladies' Night."

Courtesy Photo

Masons salute ladies

Members of the Castro Masonic Lodge No. 879 AF & AM honored their wives and other guests on March 22 at a special "Ladies' Night" gathering.

There were 42 masons, wives and guests attending the event.

Other special guests included Eastern Star members from the Dimmitt and Muleshoe chapters.

Several years ago the Dimmitt and Muleshoe chapters merged and now meet as one chapter.

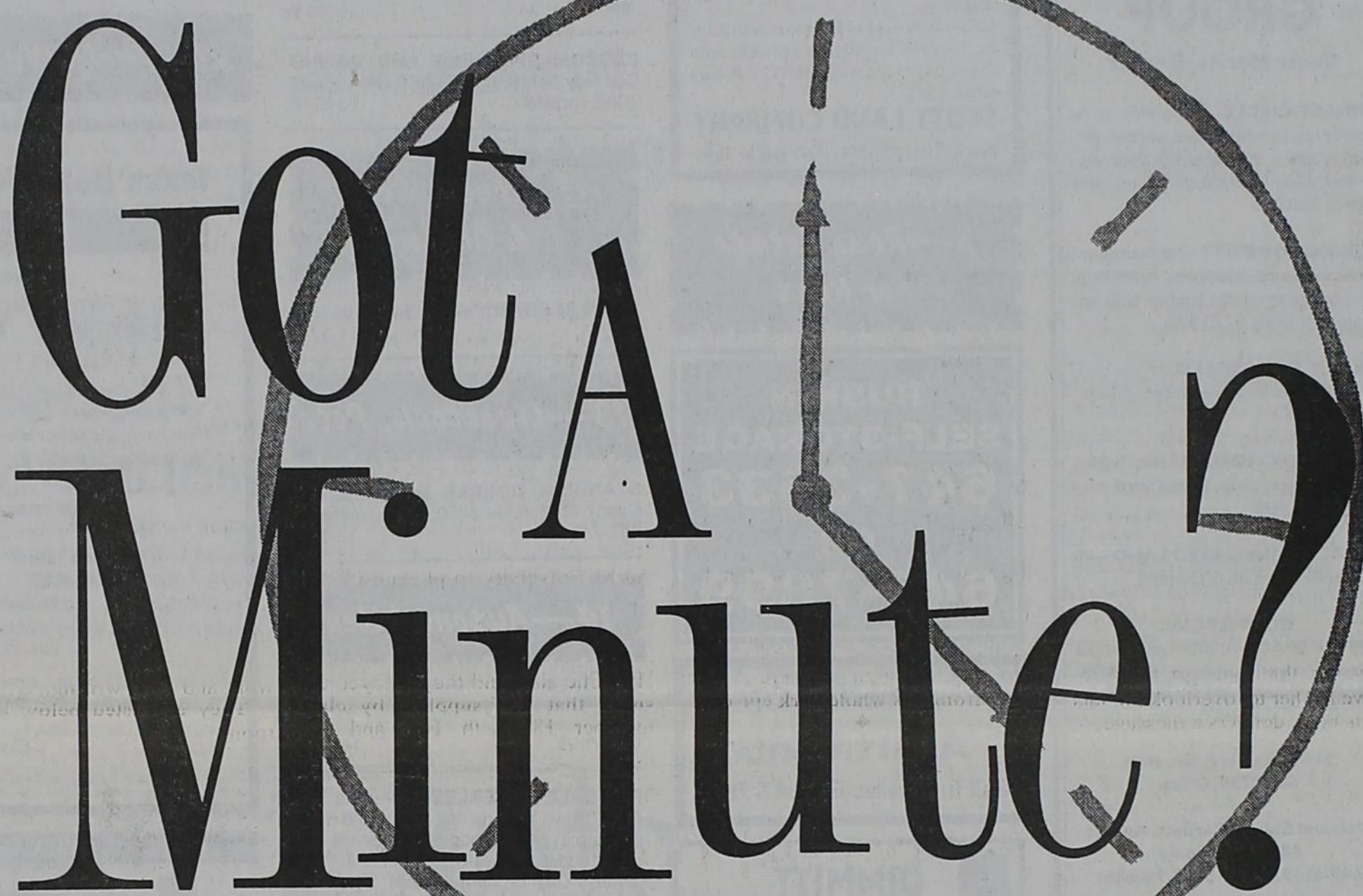
Also honored on March 22 were new Masonic members Mike Odom and Malcolm Reynolds and their wives. Odom and Reynolds are now

studying to be Master Masons.

Honored guests were M.M. (Corky) Langford, District Deputy Grand Master, and his wife; and District Education Director of the 100th District of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Richard Berquist and his wife.

Jim Baker, member of the local lodge, coordinated the banquet, which featured chicken and all the trimmings.

Entertainment was provided by Casey Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jones; and Todd Jansa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jansa. The two presented a special musical program.



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A snake has no ears. However its tongue is extremely sensitive to sound vibrations.

Today is voter registration deadline for May 5 elections

Unregistered persons may register by today (Thursday) and still be eligible to vote in the May 5 elections.

Residents who have not registered to vote may do so at any time by filling out a voter registration application and returning it to the office of Voter Registrar Billy Hackleman in the Castro County Courthouse.

Also, voters who have had a change of address need to notify Hackleman's office so that they may receive a corrected voter's registration card.

Elections may be canceled if all candidates are unopposed and there are no referendum items on the ballot. The City of Hart most likely will cancel their election, according to City Secretary Sue Hawkins, who said the matter will be addressed at

the April 9 meeting of the Board of Aldermen. The Hart Independent School District Board of Trustees probably will cancel theirs, according to Nelda Ethridge, HISD Business Manager. She said the matter will be on the agenda of the April 9 meeting of the board.

NISD is planning to cancel their school board election, according to Supt. N. Dean Johnson. He noted that it will be addressed at the next meeting of the board. City Secretary Diane Wilhelm said that Nazareth will cancel its city election.

Applications for early ballots by mail will continue to be accepted through April 27.

Early voting will be held April 18-May 1.

In the elections that are not being

canceled, positions that are expiring are listed below, along with candidates who have filed.

Castro County Hospital District
Terms are expiring for Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, and Jerry Annen. Sides and Ramaekers have filed for re-election. Frank Mendoza and Layne Myatt also have filed as candidates.

Dimmitt City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins and the three at-large council members, Trish Elliott, Bobby Murdock and Clint Seward. Incumbents Collins and Murdock have filed. Diane Parker, Paul Wayland and Steve Buckley also have filed as candidates.
DISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Rick Wright in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4. Both incumbents have filed, and Johnny Gonzales is a challenger for Place 4.

More about

Lung transplant . . .

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over there, too. It was pretty cool.

"Everyone got together and helped them get organized and packed. Rae took out her cell phone and started making phone calls. Tanner Griffitt started a change collection so they would have change for vending machines."

Norman said the Brockmans had a small group waiting at the airport with them when the Lear jet landed.

"We were hoping and praying while we were waiting," Norman said. "It was exciting."

The group included the Brockmans' son, Thomas, a junior at Dimmitt High School, and their daughter, Anna, a sixth grader at Dimmitt Middle School. Their older son, Cody, a student at Texas Tech University was still in Lubbock.

"The last thing Anna told the people on the jet as they were loading up was 'You take care of my daddy,'" Norman said.

Others waiting with them were Norman; Odom and her husband, Mike, and their daughters, Rae and Shae; Griffitt; Shirley's brother, Dwayne Maurer; and the family's priest, Fr. Fern Couture.

The children were not able to go on the jet, but went and stayed with Lucy Pohlmeier at Tulia, where they were joined by Cody. When they got the call at 3 a.m., they drove to Dallas. They didn't get there in time for the surgery, but were there soon after, according to Odom.

"Virgil doesn't like to fly, but they didn't give him much choice," Odom said. "The people on the jet were super nice. They were very

upbeat and positive. A nurse was on board who was a good friend of Kim Sava."

Odom said that Shirley plans to stay with Virgil in Dallas for a month. She is an employee of Brown, Graham & Co. in Dimmitt.

Virgil had worked on the George Sides farm in the past, but he has been on disability for seven or eight years. The lung problem he suffers from is "something that runs in the family, and usually starts out with asthma," Odom said.

She related that during the past few years Virgil had always had a "bad spell" with his health in December and in March, but this year he remained healthy throughout March, so he was stronger as he faced the surgery.

"I credit it to the power of prayer," Odom said. "All prayers are greatly appreciated."

She said Shirley and Virgil can be reached at Twice Blessed House, 2732 Gaston Ave., Apt. 132, Dallas 75226.

The surgery is partially covered by the family's insurance and partly under Virgil's disability coverage,

but it will still be a strain on the family finances.

The Dimmitt Lions Club has donated \$250 to help the family with medical expenses. Donations can be made to the Brockmans' account at First United Bank.

The DHS Interact Club is sponsoring a car wash on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt to raise money for the family.

Car wash to benefit Brockmans

The Dimmitt High School Interact Club is sponsoring a car wash on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt to raise money for the Virgil Brockman family.

Brockman had a lung transplant this week, and the funds will help with medical and travel expenses.

More about

Relay for Life . . .

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survivors, Eddie Sutton is team chairman, and Barbara Bain is the publicity chairman.

Cancer survivors are being urged to sign up now to participate in the Cancer Survivors' lap of the Relay for Life, also known as "the winners' lap." Forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford, or by calling Flynt at 647-3473 or Vaughan at 647-5213. There is no charge to participate, and each survivor will receive a Relay for Life t-shirt. The Survivors' Lap will begin at 6 p.m., to start off the relay portion of the event.

Luminaria chairman Smith said that the special paper bags will be sold again this year for \$5 each. Those purchasing the luminarias may designate them for a cancer survivor or a cancer victim, or someone who is still battling with the disease. The bags may be decorated before they are turned back in, and the night of the relay they will be placed around the high school track and a votive candle will be placed in each. They will be lighted at dusk and the names of those who are being honored will be called out during the relay. The luminaria kits will be available at

selected businesses around town or at the Chamber office.

Those interested in forming a team to walk during the relay may contact Sutton for a team packet. Teams are asked to raise money through donations in the amount of at least \$50 per team member. There must be at least one member of each team walking around the track during the six hours of the relay. Sutton can be contacted at 647-2145.

Awards and recognition will be given for best banners, best costumes, best theme, most money raised, most laps walked and lots more.

Games, entertainment and food also will be part of the event.

The First United Bank will cook hamburgers again this year, with the proceeds from the sale of the meal going as a donation to the ACS. All proceeds from any event connected to the Relay for Life will go toward cancer research and services.

The Friendship Quilters' Guild is selling chances on the three quilts that were made of blocks with the names of cancer victims or survivors, with proceeds going to the ACS. Chances are \$1 each or six for \$5. Tickets may be purchased from Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or from any guild member.

Two sentenced in 242nd district court

Three judgments against two men were rendered in 242nd District Court on March 23, with Judge Ed Self presiding.

Self ordered that probation be revoked for Chris Salinas in two concurrent cases stemming from charges of aggravated assault/serious bodily injury. Salinas was ordered to serve four years of confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

He also was assessed a \$1,000 fine for each case, \$242 in court costs for each, and additional attorney fees of \$250 for each.

According to the court documents, Salinas had failed to report to

his community supervision officer, failed to pay restitution, and did not refrain from controlled substances.

An order of the court for deferring further proceedings was entered for Jimmy Casas. In exchange for a plea of guilty to charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault (Nov. 5, 2000), Casas was sentenced to five years of community supervision under the terms of deferred adjudication. He also must pay a \$1,000 fine, \$262.25 in court costs, and a \$50 donation to the Castro County Crime Line, and must perform 400 hours of community service.

Police Calls

Investigation is continuing into an incident of attempted aggravated assault with a deadly weapon that was reported to police early Sunday. A Dimmitt woman told police that a suspect pulled a gun on a 34-year-old Dimmitt man in the 100 block of West Cleveland.

A 25-year-old Dimmitt man suffered cuts on his head when a suspect struck him with a brick in an incident of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon at 11 p.m. Sunday in the 300 block of Northwest Third. Investigation is continuing.

Deputies reported that a \$450 portable generator that had been reported stolen from Derrell Matthews was recovered on March 26.

Larry Leivas reported to police Monday afternoon that he left a cell phone in the stands at the Dimmitt High School gym and when he returned for it, it was gone. He valued the phone at \$100.

The manager of Pizza Hut told police Friday night that some suspects left without paying for their meal.

An employee of the Town & Country Convenience Store told police Friday night that some suspects had paid for a gasoline purchase with dime coin rolls that had been filled with pennies.

Rodrigo Jackson of Dimmitt told police last Thursday that someone

put dirt in the gas tank of two trucks at his trucking business.

A 31-year-old Hereford man was jailed Monday at 3:21 a.m. on charges of DWI, third offense.

Picked up on warrants during the past week:

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 31, on three charges of theft by check and a DPS warrant for overweight back axle.

—Friday, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man for criminal mischief.

—Saturday evening, a Dimmitt woman, 20, for no safety belt.

—Monday, a Happy man, 26, for possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and under 4 grams; and a Hart man, 27, for possession of a controlled substance under 28 grams.

March 25 at 9:15 p.m. a 2000 Ford van driven by Morley Donald Woods, 43, of Canada, struck a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Tyson Jared Garza, 26, of Amarillo. Police said both vehicles were heading north in the 400 block of North Broadway when the van attempted to change lanes and did not see the car. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Friday at 1:07 a.m. a 1994 Pontiac van driven by Roy Lee Rodri-

guez, 16, of Dimmitt, struck a 1991 Chevrolet Capri driven by Anadelia Saucedo, 38, of Dimmitt. Police said Saucedo was stopped at the intersection of East Bedford and Northeast Sixth Street, heading south, when she saw the van drag racing with another vehicle and attempted to get out of the way. Her vehicle was struck on the rear and sustained heavy damage. Saucedo was listed with possible injury. Rodriguez was not injured. His van had moderate to heavy damage. He was given citations for no driver's license and racing/drag racing contest.

Tuesday at 9:10 a.m. a 1998 Dodge pickup driven by Carolina Esquivel, 36, of Dimmitt, struck a 1995 Ford Thunderbird driven by Felicita Soto Hernandez, 77, of Dimmitt. Police said Esquivel was heading east in the 300 block of West Bedford and Hernandez was stopped at a stop sign. Hernandez's vehicle then entered the intersection and was struck by the pickup. Hernandez was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign, and Esquivel was ticketed for no driver's license. No injuries were reported. The pickup had light damage, while the car had light to moderate damage.

More about

Ogallala Quilt Festival . . .

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include machine quilting as a design factor, beginning hand embroidery, pine tree block, applique bonnet girls of the Civil War, Amish Star, origami pillow, big stitch quilting, Rose 3-D applique, Tegula, dating quilts, mariner's compass, grandmother's flower garden, antique embroidery vest, embroidery for crazy quilts, and mama, pappu and baby birds.

"Kids Can Quilt, Too" will be the subject of one of the classes, with ages seven and up invited to participate.

Displays

Crazy quilts will be on display at

the Expo building, in the Sun Room at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, and at Rhoads Memorial Library.

"The Raggedy Anns" of Amarillo will have a special display of quilts hanging in the Senior Citizens Center both days of the festival.

Sue Haney of Lubbock will display a collection of "Crazy" antique quilts at the Expo building.

"The Hoffman Challenge" also will be on display, with 50 wall quilts from around the US.

Jean Roberts of Midland will have a trunk show. She was one of nine quilters nominated nationwide for

Teacher of the year in 1990 by *Professional Quilt Teachers Magazine*.

Peggy Vannoy of Lubbock and her "Beautiful Crazy Quilted Pieces" will be featured in the Sun Room of the First United Methodist Church.

Sharon Newman, a certified quilt appraiser will be available to appraise quilts at a charge of \$30 each. Those interested may bring a quilt by at the Expo building or they may call 647-4534 for an appointment.

For more information on events and classes, contact Ogallala Quilters members Joyce Davis at 647-5362, Doris Lust at 647-5637 or Shirley Wise at 647-4534.

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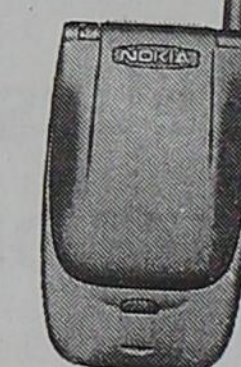
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Letter

April is Abuse Prevention Month

Dear Editor:

At first glance, it seems like such an obvious statement—all children deserve a safe, stable home. But the sad fact is that last year nearly a million children in the US lived in homes filled with abuse and neglect. These are just the documented cases, the cases that result in children being placed under the jurisdiction of dependency courts. We can only guess the actual total numbers of abused and neglected children in our country today.

During the year 2000, there were 18 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Castro County, which is almost six out of every 1,000 children. Eleven children were in the custody of the Texas Dept. of Protective and Regulatory Services. It is impossible to know how many more cases of child abuse/neglect are going unreported in this area.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the one period of time dedicated to the many children who live with abuse and neglect, and to remind ourselves that there may be something we can do to alleviate their suffering. I thought this April might be a good time to bring to the public's attention the plight of children in foster care, and maybe spotlight the people who can make a difference in their lives, such as Children's Protective Services workers, judges, attorney ad litem, foster parents, teachers and CASA.

Increased community awareness is an important key in the prevention of child abuse, and April is the month to do something to educate the citizens of Castro County about child abuse/neglect.

KIMBRA WILLINGS-OROZCO
Outreach Coordinator
Court Appointed Special Advocates

Obituaries

Cecil Ray Chisum

Cecil Ray Chisum, 66, of Vega, father of Mistie Brown of Summerfield, died Sunday.

Memorial services were held Wednesday afternoon at Caprock Christian Fellowship of Amarillo with the Rev. Max Beggs, pastor, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Vega Funeral Home.

Mr. Chisum was born in Miami and had been a Vega resident for 16 years. He worked in the maintenance department for Vega Independent School District and Best Western Motel.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Chisum; a son, Kenneth Joe Stanton of Graham; five daughters, Debi Ware of Lorenzo, Rhonda Miller of Vega, Michelle Lindsey of Amarillo, Mistie Brown of Summerfield and Christie Savage of Floydada; his mother, Myrtie Mae Hamblen of Amarillo; two brothers, Rual Chisum of Clarendon and Ronald Chisum of Amarillo; two sisters, Winona Colson of Amarillo and Vanessa Swindell of Lewisville; and 12 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo 79101; or the American Lung Association, 3520 Executive Center Drive, Ste G-100, Austin 78731-1698.

Nola Ivy

Nola Ivy, 90, of Muleshoe, died March 27 at Bender Terrace in Lubbock.

Chapel service was held Saturday afternoon at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with Jimmy Ivy of Dallas officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ivy was born Nov. 30, 1910, in Doole. She married Olen R. Ivy on March 23, 1929, in Farwell. He died on April 5, 1983.

She was a member of the First Baptist Churches in Dimmitt, Muleshoe and Lazbuddie. She was very involved in the WMU. She worked in the Lazbuddie School Cafeteria.

She moved to Lazbuddie in 1926 and to Slaton in 1995. She moved to Lubbock in 2000.

Survivors include a son, Olen Ivy of Gordon; two daughters, Barbara Matthews of Ransom Canyon and Gail Mosley of Lubbock; a sister, Iris Clements of Muleshoe; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

The family requests memorials be to Vista Care Family Hospice, 7606 University Ave., Ste. C, Lubbock 79423.

Peggy James

Funeral services for Peggy James, 71, of Hereford, were held Friday afternoon at Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt, with Rev. Ron Brunson, pastor of New Covenant Church in Plainview, officiating.

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

Mrs. James died March 28 in Hereford.

She was born May 17, 1929, in Dodson. She married C.H. James on Nov. 17, 1944, in Amarillo. He preceded her in death in 1984.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Chris Maples; a grandson, Christopher Johnson; and three brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by a son, Joe James of Amarillo; a daughter, Ann Johnson of Bangs; a sister, Sharon Blackmore of The Woodlands; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Swiftettes cop honors

Nazareth Swiftette Coach Matt Garrett is the Class A Coach of the Year and junior guard Stephanie Thiel was named the Player of the Year in the Texas Sports Writers Association (TSWA) all-state poll, released Tuesday.

Joining the two on the honor squad is senior post Whitney Hoelting, who was named to the first team.

To live is like to love-all reason is against it, and all healthy instinct for it.

The average human scalp contains about 100,000 hairs.

To remove fat from hot soup, put an ice cube in a thin cloth and swish back and forth in soup; the fat will collect in the cloth.

N.C. "Junior" White

Funeral services for Noonan Casey "Junior" White, 74, of Dimmitt, were held March 29 at 10 a.m. at the Fourth & Bedford Church of Christ in Dimmitt with Clay Mims and Gary Webb officiating.

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

Mr. White died March 27 at 3:15 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

He was born June 16, 1926, in Maud, Okla. He moved to Lazbuddie in 1937, graduating from Lazbuddie High School in 1944. He served in the US Army, with the 108th Infantry, from 1944 until 1946, serving in the Philippines and Korea. He married Bette Alverson on Aug. 21, 1947, in Portales, N.M. He was the manger of Sherley Anderson Grain in Friona for over 30 years, and had been a member of the Masonic Lodge in Muleshoe and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Aaron Kyle White, in 1981.

He is survived by two sons, Jimmy White of Austin and David White of Tulsa, Okla.; two daughters, Judy Walker of Lubbock and Shelly Crabtree of Howe; two brothers, Pete White of Mathis and Harold White of Rogers, Ark.; a sister, Lucille James of Harrison, Ark.; and nine grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Dee Willard, Jim Roy Daniels, Garvin Thorn, Joe Mercer, Bill John Thorn and Fred Bruegel.

Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Bruegel, Billy Lytal, Earl Whitten and J.W. Gammon.

The family suggests memorials to the Fourth & Bedford Street Church of Christ, Southwest Fourth & West Bedford, Dimmitt 79027; or to the New Mexico Christian Children's Home, 1356 NM Highway 236, Portales, NM 88130.

Dr. Joplin will perform at ICC dinner Friday

Dr. Leon Joplin is scheduled to perform at the Immaculate Conception Church Friday evening when the Holy Cross Society serves its final public dinner of the Lenten season.

In addition to being a family physician here, Dr. Joplin is an accomplished musician, songwriter and singer. He recently recorded a CD album in Nashville that included many of his own songs.

From 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday, men of the church will serve a meal of fried fish (Santa Fe style pollock) with cole slaw, potato salad, rolls and dessert, priced at \$5 for all you can eat.

The meal will be served on a come-and-go basis in the parish hall. Take-out plates are available also.

For those unfamiliar with the church building, the most convenient access to the parish hall is through a set of double doors on the north side of the church facing Halsell Street.

Swifts batter Kress pitcher in 21-6 win

It wasn't pretty, but the Nazareth Swifts kept their unbeaten record (5-0, 3-0) intact Tuesday night with a 21-6 run-rule win over Kress in five innings.

The Swifts' fielding was sloppy and they committed eight errors in the District 2-A game, but their performance was good enough for the win.

The Nazareth bats were hot and that helped offset the poor fielding performance. The Swifts had 15 hits in the game, including four doubles.

First baseman Chase Schulte was four-for-four in the game and drive in a pair of runs. Catcher Daryl Pohlmeier was two-for-two with a double and four runs-batted-in (RBI). Three Swifts were two-for-three with a double—shortstop Blake Birkenfeld, third baseman Adam Acker and right fielder Reece Hales. Acker had four RBIs while Birkenfeld and Hales had one apiece. Nazareth jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first and controlled the game 7-0 after the second.

In those two innings, the Swifts allowed just one base runner—a ground-rule double by Earl Vasquez.



SURVIVORS—Doris Flynt (left) and Jayne Vaughan are co-chairs of the cancer survivors part of the Relay for Life that will be held in Dimmitt June 8. Cancer survivors are asked to sign up to participate in the event, which is the signature fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. Those participating will receive a t-shirt and will start off the relay by walk-

ing "The Winners' Lap." There is no charge for those who take part, and anyone who is interested may contact Flynt at 647-3473 or Vaughan at 647-5213. At the Relay for Life Rally March 28, they asked that participants from last year who took home their signs (shown), please return them for use this year.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Second graders are recognized

Second graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt recently were recognized for honors earned during the third nine-week grading period.

Those honored for penmanship, perfect attendance, spelling, math, reading improvement and hard work are listed below by classroom.

Gilliland

PENMANSHIP: Bruce Aldridge, Karina Casas, Shea Myatt, Geena Steffens, Vivian Sanchez, Salvador Ramirez.

MATH WHIZ: Aldridge, Myatt, Ramirez, Liset Soto, Steffens, David Underwood.

HARD WORKERS: Myatt, Aldridge, Angel Ramirez, Salvador Ramirez, Soto, Steffens, Underwood, Nikki Ward, Mercedes Villanueva.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Aldridge, Salvador Ramirez.

SUPER SPELLERS: Aldridge, Casas, Desiree Lopez, John David Martinez, Myatt, Steffens, Underwood.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Aldridge, Kimberly Dove, Desiree Ewing, Sergio Ibarra, Salvador Ramirez, Steven Sustaita, Matthew Vigil, Villanueva.

Echevarria

PENMANSHIP: Cesar Ontiveros, Albert Martinez, Javier Vargas.

TOP READERS: Ricky Gonzales, Estefani Olivias.

TOP SPELLERS: Olivias, Gonzales, Gustavo Ruiz, Erasmo Merz.

MATH WHIZ: Maribel Alanis, Javier Ayala, Gary Gil, Gonzales, Jose Hernandez, Meraz, Olivias, Ruiz.

Waggoner

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Eric Gil, Jessica Martinez, Juan Martinez, Corina Mendoza, Monty Morrow.

SUPER SPELLERS: Larissa Corral, Jessica Martinez, Rudy Martinez, Morrow, Megan Wilkerson, Anthony Wall.

MATH WHIZ: Joseph Barrios, Wendy Bradford, Anthony Cisneros, Corral, Gil, Melissa Gomez, Juan Martinez, Rudy Martinez, Morrow, Katrice Perez, Wilkerson.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Gil, Cody Harris, Michael Kirven, Brittany Chavez.

PENMANSHIP: Barrios, Bradford, Corral, Gomez, Morrow, Danielle Prieto, Michael Shea, Wall.

HARD WORKERS: Chavez, Bradford, Wall.

Venhaus

SUPER SPELLERS: Brianda Aguero, Natasha Aguilar, Alonso Bygoytia, John Hazel, Tori Hinojosa, Carlie Thomas, Jeremy Davis.

MATH WHIZ: Aguilar, Cody Collins, Thomas.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Davis, Hazel, Angel Juarez, Collins.

HARD WORKERS: Hazel, Aguero.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Alex Esquivel, Hazel, Juarez, Daniella Oltivero, Roman Ovalle, Stephanie Reyes.

PENMANSHIP: Rodrigo Grado, Erik

Reyna, Annabel Garcia, Ashley Howell, Ruben Rodriguez.

Johnson

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Erik Mendoza, Sarina Whitt.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Elizabeth Preston, Whitt.

PENMANSHIP: Karina Abrego, Bethany Garza.

MATH WHIZ: Abrego, Makenzie Cornett, Garza, Alex Herrera, Sam Wales.

SUPER SPELLERS: Abrego, Cornett, Erik Davis, Garza, Herrera, Mari Pena, Josue Quiroz, Danielle Sandoval, Wales.

HARDEST WORKERS: Abrego, Cornett, Davis, Garza, Devin Hernandez, Herrera, Wales.

Thames

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Charlene Calderon, Johnathon Casas, Kris Cline, Phylissa Kinser.

SUPER SPELLERS: Calderon, Casas, Marissa Flores, Tanner George, Nikki Lara, Jerry Velasquez, Monica Paz.

PENMANSHIP: Joe Aguero, Calderon, Flores, Shyleigh Harris, Lara, Ruben Martinez, Gracie Ortega, Emily Rodriguez, Velasquez, Paz, Renee Buskirk.

MATH WHIZ: Aguero, Calderon, Casas, Cline, George, Lara, Velasquez.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Aguero, Casas, Cline, Flores, George, Kinser, Lara, Johnny Lopez, Velasquez, Paz, Buskirk.

HARD WORKERS: Flores, George, Martinez, Ortega, Velasquez, Buskirk.

Book Club will meet

Libor (Lee) Cejna of the Czech Republic, a foreign exchange student studying at Dimmitt High School this year, will speak to the Dimmitt Book Club Wednesday afternoon at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Cejna is living with the Steve Buckley family this year and is a senior at Dimmitt High School.

Doss inducted into Alpha Chi

Kristin Doss of Dimmitt was inducted into the Texas Zeta chapter of Alpha Chi, the national honor society at West Texas A&M University, on Sunday.

Membership in Alpha Chi is limited to students with a grade-point average of at least 3.5 who rank in the top 10% of the junior and senior classes.

At West Texas A&M, membership in Alpha Chi is one of the highest academic honors a student can receive.

In February, Doss received the Regents Scholar Award for scholastic achievement in education.

She also is a member of Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

4-H selling lunches on Friday

The Castro County 4-H will be selling box lunches on Friday to raise money for the 4-H Scholarship Fund.

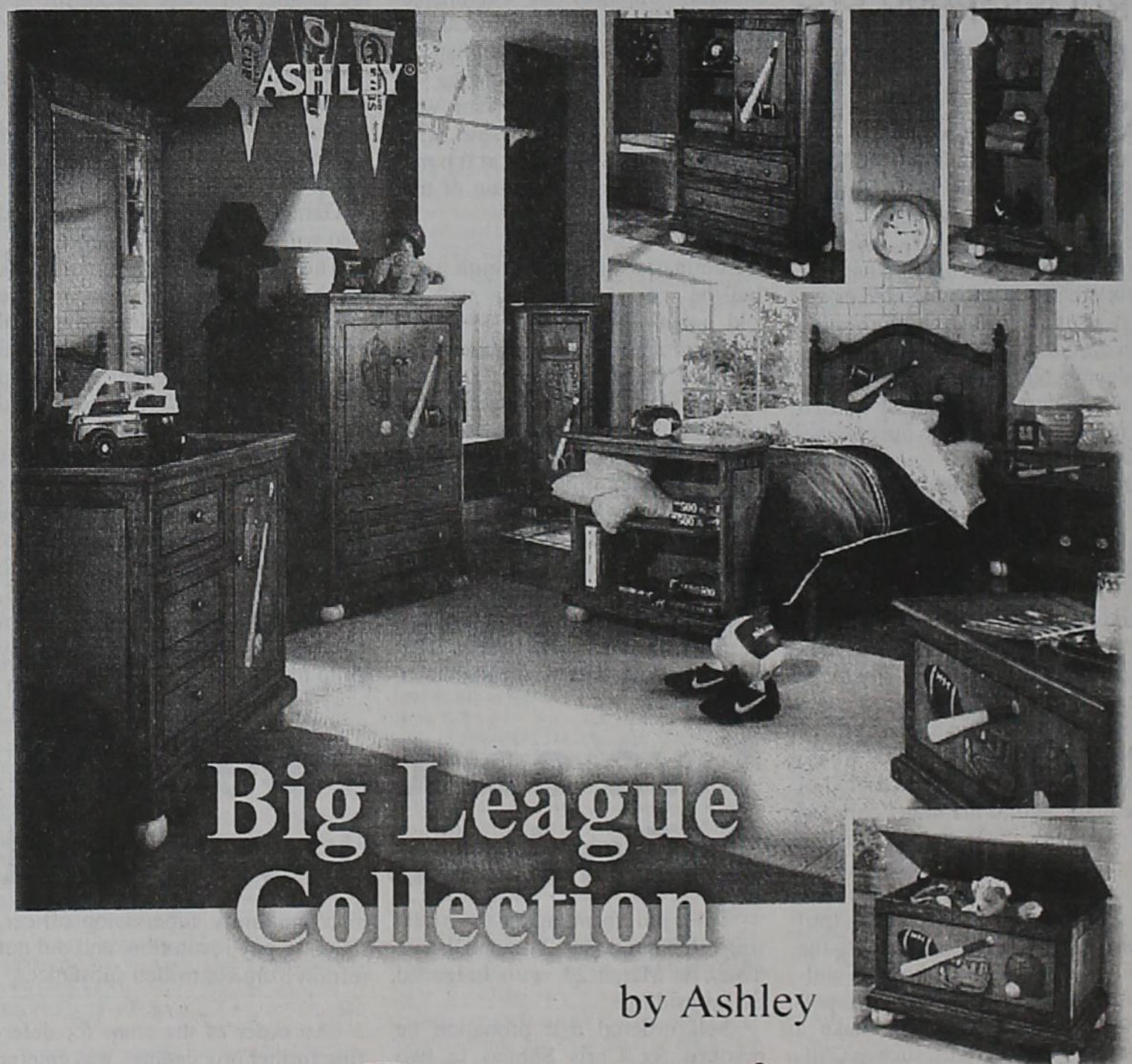
The lunches will sell for \$6 each and will include fruited chicken salad or tuna salad on a croissant, spinach salad, home-made cookies, and a drink.

The lunches will be available at a booth at the Expo building for the Ogallala Quilters' Society Quilt Festival.

Also, delivery will be available for orders that had been placed by 5 p.m. Wednesday by calling 647-4115.

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