

# Rejoice at Easter

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### POWER

#### Hill wins first at state

Beau Hill, a senior at Dimmitt High School, won first place at the state power lifting competition, held Saturday at Fort Hood in Killeen.

He competed against 12 other lifters in Division II(Class 1A-3A schools) in the 198-lb. class. His total lift score of 1,445 was 15 points ahead of his nearest competitor, but that doesn't tell the whole story.

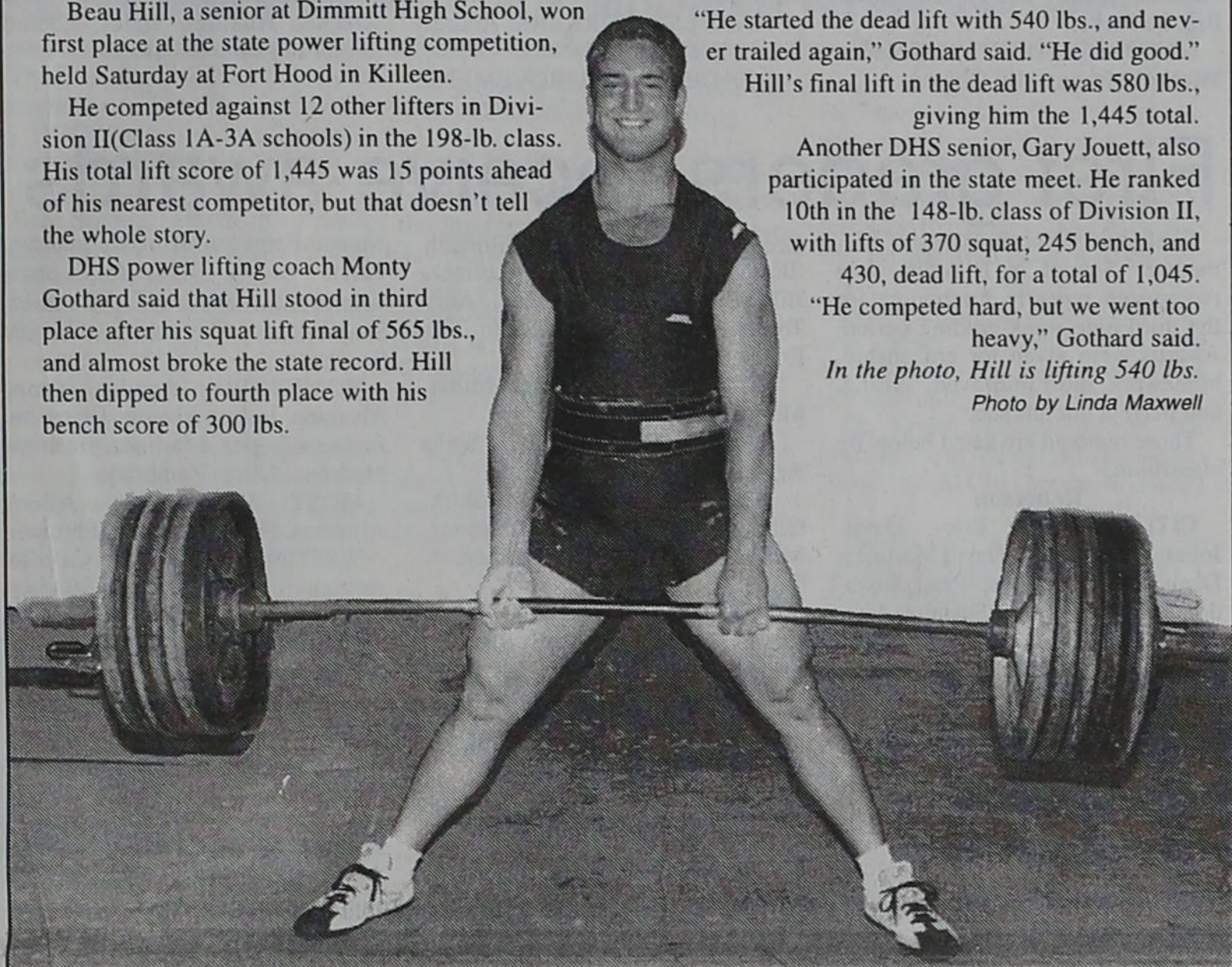
DHS power lifting coach Monty Gothard said that Hill stood in third place after his squat lift final of 565 lbs., and almost broke the state record. Hill then dipped to fourth place with his bench score of 300 lbs.

"He started the dead lift with 540 lbs., and never trailed again," Gothard said. "He did good." Hill's final lift in the dead lift was 580 lbs., giving him the 1,445 total.

Another DHS senior, Gary Jouett, also participated in the state meet. He ranked 10th in the 148-lb. class of Division II, with lifts of 370 squat, 245 bench, and 430, dead lift, for a total of 1,045.

"He competed hard, but we went too heavy," Gothard said.

In the photo, Hill is lifting 540 lbs. Photo by Linda Maxwell



### Clerk injured in attempted robbery

Dirkston Sherman, 18, of Dimmitt was arraigned last Thursday afternoon on charges of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and his bond was set at \$75,000 by Justice of the Peace Tana Young.

He was charged with the attempted robbery of the Dimmitt Allsup's Store at 1:19 a.m. last Thursday.

Police said Wanda Barnett, a clerk in the store, was assaulted in the incident and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital, where she was treated and released.

The police stated that the suspect entered the store and ordered a burrito. As Barnett placed the food on the counter, he demanded that she open the cash register and displayed a knife. He then came around the counter and began assaulting the clerk. Police said he hit her at least twice, knocking her to the floor. Her dentures were broken and she received a bruised eye.

Police said the suspect attempted to stab Barnett. Barnett was able to activate the store's alarm and summoned police. The suspect attempted to pry the cash register open, but then ran away without getting any money or even the burrito.

Dimmitt Police Chief Ray Aleman said that police took Sherman into custody within three hours after the incident. He said the investigation led to the man due to the description given by the victim, and other circumstances surrounding the incident.

Barnett also received damage to her watch and eyeglasses, and the cash register was damaged.

The weapon used by the suspect turned out to be a steak knife.

### Hospital may get scanner

The hospital board has authorized Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan to get cost figures on equipping Plains Memorial with a state-of-the-art "spiral" type CAT scan unit.

The unit would be housed in the ambulance garage, in a special room that would be lead-lined for the purpose, Sloan said.

At the board's March meeting last Thursday night, Sloan estimated that it would cost up to \$400,000 to purchase the unit and \$90,000 to \$100,000 to convert a room in the ambulance garage. He asked for the authority to negotiate for both the equipment and financing.

Sloan and Chief of Staff Gary R. Hardee, M.D., told the board that a

CAT scan unit is necessary and that the latest "spiral" type is highly desirable.

"There's no question that we need a CAT scan, especially since we're a Level 4 trauma center," Dr. Hardee said.

A "chamber" CAT scan unit—the older style that is still widely used—would cost much less, but wouldn't offer the sophistication or patient convenience of the new "spiral" type, Dr. Hardee said.

"The (chamber) type is outdated," he said.

A CAT (computerized axial tomography) scanner provides a method for diagnosing disorders in soft tissues of the body. It uses a computerized combination of many X-ray photos taken by tomography (selected slice-planes) to form an image of a selected organ or area.

"For the technology we need for emergencies and general treatment, a CAT scan . . . can do most of the work required," Dr. Hardee told the board. "And there's no question that we can keep many people here for treatment that we're now having to (transfer to metro hospitals)."

The board authorized Sloan to survey prices of spiral-type CAT scan units and lease-purchase options that are available through local banks.

Sloan reported that the hospital admitted 55 acute-care patients during February, compared with 43 in February 1998.

The hospital's number of acute

care patients averaged 6.71 per day in February, compared with 5.85 per day a year ago.

At the same time, the hospital cared for three extended-care patients and one skilled nursing facility patient all month, and had shorter stays by four patients in the Welch Home Place geriatric psychiatric unit and by patients who were admitted for monitoring and for day surgery.

Average daily census for all patient types was 14, compared with 13.46

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### Voter deadline today for May 1 elections

Voters wanting to vote in local elections on May 1 must be registered to vote by today (Thursday). They may register at the office of Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

The May 1 elections are for candidates wanting to serve on governing boards for local cities, school districts, and the hospital district.

Early voting will be held on April 14-27.

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

#### Dimmitt

**City:** Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins, and at-large council members Trish Elliott, Lyman Schroeder, and Clint Seward. All incumbents have filed for re-election, with no opponents.

**DISD:** Terms are expiring for Place 3 representative Chevo Lumbrera; Place 6, Debbie Annen; and Place 7, Steve Buckley.

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

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

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

#### Hart

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

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

#### Nazareth

**City:** City Commissioner Glen Ehly's term is expiring. No one filed before the filing deadline.

**NISD:** Terms are up for Rex Ramaekers, who had been filling one year of an unexpired term; and Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber. All incumbents have filed, along with challengers Don Schulte and Jeanie Birkenfeld.

#### Hospital District

Terms are expiring for Jerry Annen, Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides. All incumbents have filed, with no opponents.

## 1:1

By Don Nelson

There was a definite air of gratitude at the annual membership meeting of the Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative Tuesday night in the Hereford Bull Barn.

The gratitude was directed mainly toward all those guys in the crowd who were wearing the blue uniform shirts—the outside service men—for what they accomplished after the snow-and-ice storm the last week of January.

Board Chairman Donald Wright of Dimmitt noted that 7,823 of the cooperative's meters — almost 70% of the system — were knocked out. But the Deaf Smith REC crews put all but seven of them back in service within 48 hours.

"That was an incredible accomplishment, especially with the bad roads they had to negotiate," Wright said.

They repaired or restored \$350,000 worth of destroyed poles, crossbars and line.

Often, the service crews had to have their vehicles towed to or from a repair site by cooperating farmers with tractors.

The way all those folks came through during that emergency gives you a new appreciation of good old American commitment, know-how and ingenuity.

I'm taking the pledge: When it (Continued on Page 7)

Weather			
	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	61	33	
Friday	58	35	
Saturday	58	40	
Sunday	64	45	
Monday	59	36	
Tuesday	63	41	
Wednesday	64	46	
March Moisture	1.35		
1999 Moisture	2.93		

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



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday at 2 a.m., so be sure and move your clocks forward one hour Saturday before you retire so you'll be on time for Sunday activities.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE—Trudy Jackson, R.N., places a candle at the altar in the First United Methodist Church Monday evening during Hospice Care's "Celebration of Life" service memorializing former hospice patients. Many of the candles were lighted and placed by family members of those being memorialized.

Seated in background are Shelly Rice, R.N., nursing service director, who assisted with the program, and Hospice Pastor Jim Hardwick, who gave the devotional. Standing in right background are Hospice Care Director Connie Nutt and narrator Simon Camarillo.

Photo by Don Nelson

'He is not here. He is risen. Come, see the place where He lay'





**CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**—April is designated as Child Abuse Awareness Month, and Castro County Child Protective Services board members Jackie Smothermon (center), vice president, and Howard Smithson (right) have been putting up posters around town to make people aware of the special

observance. Looking on is Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (left), who will sign a proclamation for the observance in Dimmitt. For more information about preventing or reporting child abuse call the Texas Dept. of Human Services at 647-4181.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Second graders are honored

Second graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt received awards recently for the third nine-week grading period. Honors included perfect attendance, hardest workers, penmanship, reading improvement, and top spellers. Students are listed below by classroom.

- Lynch**  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Raquel Barrios, Damian Gauna, Chase Hatla, Joshua Hill, Kellie Martinez, Stephanie Mendoza, Phillip Perez, Laura Rodriguez.  
**HARDEST WORKERS:** Cassandra Chavers, Perez, Jazzalyn Sepeda, Barrios.  
**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Chavers, Fernando Fernandez, Hatla, Sam Hazel, Mendoza, Perez, Anthony Puente, Rodriguez, Keshia Smith, Hanna Wise.  
**TOP SPELLERS:** Gauna, Hatla, Hazel, Hill, Martinez, Mendoza, Perez, Puente, Rodriguez, Sepeda, Smith, Shawn Ryan, Wise.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Puente, Rodriguez, Isidro Rodriguez, Perez, Hill.
- Thames**  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Paul Acker, Anthony Fuentes, Jordan Fuentes, John David Gonzales, Brooke Parker.  
**HARDEST WORKERS:** Fuentes, Michael Martin, Ally Oltivero.

- READING IMPROVEMENT:** Robert Arguijo, Fuentes, Javier Ibarra, Jessica Leivas, Oltivero, O'Bryan Dominguez.  
**TOP SPELLERS:** Acker, Fuentes, Gonzales, Ibarra, Martin, Kathleen Martinez, Bailey Nutt, Oltivero, Devonee Ortiz, Parker, Stephanie Sanchez, Viviana Quiroz.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Fuentes, Ibarra, Martinez, Nutt, Oltivero, Parker, Melissa Ruiz, Quiroz.  
**Howell**  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Austin Heard, Anthony Jackson, Chance Schilling, Ryan Pool.  
**HARDEST WORKERS:** Isaac Trevino, Mark Sheffy.  
**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Pool, Nati Sias, Sally Arce, Nick Tijerina.  
**TOP SPELLERS:** Mayra Aguilar, Jeremy Barrera, Brittany Flores, Heard, Tommy Howell, Jackson, Yvonne Lopez, Carlee Noland, Stormy Nutt, Schilling, Mona Sifuntez, Trevino.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Jackson, Trevino.
- Casas**  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Alyssa Back, Frankie Castro, Johnathan Lule, Kimberly Martinez, Joe Pedrosa, Casandra Rosalez, Isaac Sifuntez.  
**HARDEST WORKERS:** Andrew Larra, Pedrosa.  
**READING IMPROVEMENT:**

- Larra, Pedrosa, Robert Barrios, Matthew Sheffy, Thomas Rivera.  
**TOP SPELLERS:** Back, Barrios, Castro, Casey Eby, Elizabeth Hill, Lule, Kim Martinez, Klarissa Martinez, Casandra Rosalez, Dustin Venhaus.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Barrios.  
**Luna**  
**HARDEST WORKERS:** Juana Arredondo, Fabiola Gomez.  
**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Arredondo, Gomez.  
**TOP SPELLERS:** Arredondo, Gomez.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Arredondo, Gomez, Angela Vasquez.  
**Mann**  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Linda Calderon, Lindsey Cates, Jake Ebeling, Tabatha Esquivel, Alex Lopez, Noe Lopez, Alyssa Saenz.  
**HARDEST WORKERS:** Noe Puente, Saenz.  
**READING IMPROVEMENT:** Martin Lopez, Ray Velez.  
**TOP SPELLERS:** Stephanie Castro, Cates, Alex Lopez, Erik Porras, Cornelio Salinas, Ethan Wales.  
**PENMANSHIP:** Calderon, Saenz, Salinas, Castro.  
**MATH IMPROVEMENT:** Castro, Noe Lopez, Carolyn Jenkins.  
**TIMED MATH FACTS:** Jessica Dennis, Jenkins, Wales, Ebeling, Holly Bryan.

## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for April 1-9.

**DIMMITT Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Rice Krispie cereal, apple slices and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** French toast with syrup, pineapple juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pancakes with syrup, apple juice and milk.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Grilled chipped steak, Chinese-style vegetables, cantaloupe, assorted muffins and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, fruit fantasy, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Pigs in a blanket, seasoned black-eyed peas, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Sloppy Jane on a roll, Spanish rice, gelatin and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Sliced ham, savory green beans, peaches and milk.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stir fry, grilled chipped steak or nachos with cheese; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or flour tortilla; and chocolate or white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of sliced turkey, beef stir fry or salad plate; mashed potatoes with gravy, Chinese-style vegetables or savory peas; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or gelatin; wheat rolls, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, turkey stew or pigs in a blanket; potatoes au gratin, seasoned black-eyed peas or vegetable medley; tossed salad, hamburger salad or fresh banana; cornmeal yeast rolls, white hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of beef taco, sloppy Jane on a roll or chicken tetrazzini; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate or white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of sliced ham, chicken pot pie or chili Fritos; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, peaches or pineapple sunset salad; tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

**HART Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Waffles, Canadian bacon, applesauce, variety of cereal, graham crackers, orange and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Biscuit, sausage, variety of cereal, graham cracker, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, sausage, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

**Elementary Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or pizza; corn on the cob, salad, peaches, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or nacho with chili and cheese; dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert.

**High School Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, pork tamales or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or pizza; corn on the cob, salad, peaches, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or nacho with chili and cheese; dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert.

**NAZARETH Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** No school.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** No school.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Cinnamon roll or blueberry muffin, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** No school.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.  
**MONDAY:** No school.  
**TUESDAY:** No school.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Chicken spaghetti or pizza, salad, corn, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.  
**THURSDAY:** No lunch—school will be dismissed at 10 a.m. for UIL Literary meet.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Soft taco or pizza, lettuce, beans, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.

Applications for the Tracy Grand Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from Jackie Odum at Dimmitt High School. They must be completed and returned by April 10. The scholarship is available only for students planning to attend West Texas A&M University in Canyon. Contact Odum at DHS at 647-3105 for more information.

**Crisis Pregnancy Services sets fundraising meal**  
 Crisis Pregnancy Services of the Central Plains of Plainview is planning a fundraising banquet for April 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University in the LRC multi-purpose room. Theme for the banquet is "A Baby's Prayer," and reservations are required. Call 806-296-5000 for more information. Speaker for the event will be Brenda Shafer, a registered nurse with 14 years of experience. In September 1993 she was assigned to work at an abortion clinic in Ohio. Her views on abortion were changed after seeing a partial-birth abortion performed. Ever since that time she has campaigned to stop the use of partial-birth abortions.

**EPA says no propazine on sorghum**  
 The US Environmental Protection Agency has denied a request by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for the use of propazine to control weeds in sorghum, either through a Section 18 specific exemption or a Section 24(c) special local needs exemption. After allowing the use of propazine for five years, EPA denied a request for a Section 18 in 1998, basing its denial on the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. FQPA requires analysis of a pesticide's safety for aggregate exposure to residues. The law also requires EPA to use the standard of "a reasonable certainty of no harm" when evaluating exposure to pesticide residues. Representatives from TDA wrote and phoned EPA officials to respond to all questions regarding the "reasonable certainty of no harm" standard. In a March 12 letter to TDA, the federal agency once again denied a request for a Section 18 or Section 24 (c).

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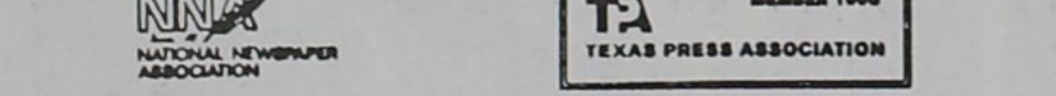
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**Last Puzzle Solution**

# First graders receive awards

First graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt were recognized recently for honors for the third nine-week grading period. Awards were given for citizenship, homework, most improved, writing, and perfect attendance. Those honored are listed below by classroom.

- Roberson**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Eric Davis, Johnny Lopez, John David Martinez, Daniella Oltivero, Mari Pena, Salvador Ramirez, Steven Sustaita, Matthew Vigil.  
**HOMEWORK:** Davis, Ramirez.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Mario Fuentes, Oltivero, Vigil.  
**WRITING:** Vigil.  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Martinez, Vigil.

- Waggoner**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Monique Marmolejo, Matthew Ortiz, Terence Hernandez, Dustin Gilbreath, Eric Herrera.  
**HOMEWORK:** Beau Bradley, Ortiz, Valeria Quiroz, Herrera, Gilbreath.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Bradley.  
**WRITING:** Amy Saenz, Jonathan Mireles, Ricardo Barrios, Gilbreath, Ruby Corrales.  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Jeffrey Bishop, Corrales, Gilbreath, John Lopez, Quiroz.

- Villarreal**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Anna Diaz, Claudia Gallardo, Rigo Lopez.  
**HOMEWORK:** Diaz, Melissa Escamilla, Pepito Flores, Gallardo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Jorge Grado, Jose Hernandez, Viviana Porras, Tracy Silva.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Diana Arredondo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Porras.  
**WRITING:** Arredondo, Diaz, Elizabeth Gallardo, Grado, Ricardo Velasquez.  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Grado, Hernandez, Porras, Virginia Reyes.

- Matthews**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Rubin Buskirk,

- Brennan Cluck, Cailee Gilbreath, Elizabeth Jackson, Marissa Martinez, Jill Miller, Niede Sanchez, Amy Torres, Klarisse Espiritu Santo, Tito Rodriguez, Tyler Hatley.  
**HOMEWORK:** Martinez, Miller, Markous Sifuntez.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Sinfo Arguijo, Buskirk.  
**WRITING:** Arguijo, Buskirk, Gilbreath, Reagan Hunter, Martinez, Miller, Espiritu Santo, Sifuntez, Torres.

- PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Cluck, Miller, Jonathan Rosalez, Espiritu Santo, Hatley.  
**Padilla**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Laura Chavez, Daniel Esquivel, Eric Gil, Victor Lopez, Melissa Molina, Yesenia Ontiveros, Jacqueline Ramirez.  
**HOMEWORK:** Javier Ayala, Chavez, Esquivel, Gil, Briana Lopez, Cruz Maldonado, Molina, Angelica Nicolas, Ontiveros, Ramirez.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Ayala, Gil, Gustavo Ruiz.  
**WRITING:** Chavez, Esquivel, Maldonado, Corina Mendoza, Molina, Nicolas, Ramirez, Ruiz, Ontiveros, Briana Lopez.  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Gil, Victor Lopez, Ruiz.

- Shannon**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Jessica Behrends, Eric Fuentes, Jonathan Lafuente, Adriana Marquez, Yareli Olmos, David Oltivera, Caleb Penney, Fabian Reuna, Salene Saenz, Keila Schilling, Sidney Sheffy, Joshua Williams, Miguel Zepeda, Quincy Duran.  
**HOMEWORK:** Fuentes, Martin Puga, Penney.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Gus Arguijo, Lafuente, Behrends, Duran, Sheffy, Randy Preston, Oltivera.  
**WRITING:** Penney, Zepeda, Schilling, Williams, Marquez, Edgar Meza, Reuna, Sara Arguijo, Fuentes, Sheffy.  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Zepeda, Schilling, Puga, Lafuente.

- Keith**  
**CITIZENSHIP:** Nicolas Aguilar,

- Megan Ferguson, Amanda Jackson, Kayla Lively, Kasandra Lopez, Valerie Martinez, Lyssa Ramirez, Shambriica Sherman, Georgia Sanchez.  
**HOMEWORK:** Aguilar, Ivonne Alvarado, Joshua Alvarez, Ferguson, Jackson, Lopez, Martinez, Irashima Medrano, Olivia Zambrano.  
**MOST IMPROVED:** Ashley Almanza, Ricky Castillo, Sherman.  
**WRITING:** Almanza, Castillo, Anthony Fernandez, Colin Stradley, Sanchez.  
**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Andre Aleman, Alvarado, Travis Harris, Lopez, Martinez, Medrano.

## Band boosters to meet Tuesday

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will hold their regular monthly meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall, and all parents of band students are urged to attend. Items to be discussed at the meeting will include the concert contest, the band trip, and the high school band banquet. Following the meeting, the community concert band will hold a practice at 7:30 p.m. The community band will hold a benefit concert to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation again this year. Members of the community who are interested in participating are invited to attend one of the practices, slated for each Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in May.

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**ACROSS**

- gem found in TX
- this Nicolas starred with TX Dabney in "Amos & Andrew"
- Stanton h.s. class
- TXism: "the light" (understood)
- Jon \_\_\_ Jovi played at TX Willie's Farm Aid II
- TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- Gulf shrimp net
- car cooler (abbr.)
- "life of Riley"
- in Falls Co. on 77
- reprocesses newspaper
- "Bullet" Bob Hayes won gold in '64 400m
- TXism: "\_\_\_ the light" (understood)
- Jon \_\_\_ Jovi played at TX Willie's Farm Aid II
- TX Perot's 1st naval rank (abbr.)
- 28 horse gait
- Gulf bird
- Ranger Rafael Palmeiro's timber
- TXism: "it's root hog \_\_\_ die"
- TXism: "chew \_\_\_ \_\_\_ awhile" (ponder)
- antique autos
- TX Joan Crawford: Lucille \_\_\_ Sueur
- TX actress Meredith Mac \_\_\_
- impute
- big TX families
- \_\_\_ & order"

**DOWN**

- state fair month (abbr.)
- TXism for "hand"
- TXism: "hungry as \_\_\_ \_\_\_ a concrete pasture"
- once the name of the Graham newspaper
- TXism: "he's \_\_\_ \_\_\_ to ride the river with"
- TXism: "best I \_\_\_ \_\_\_"
- TX Steve Martin's "\_\_\_ Story"
- TX Tubb's "\_\_\_ Since \_\_\_ \_\_\_ You Baby"
- Reagan & TX Bush's "Star Wars" (abbr.)
- long-time Dallas Baptist preacher \_\_\_ Criswell
- weapon handle
- relating to UT's purpose
- this Adams starred with TX Lynda Day George in "Racquet" gunfighter Luke Short owned White \_\_\_ Saloon in Fort Worth
- TX Ivory Joe's "Since \_\_\_ \_\_\_ You Baby"
- as a fire at the \_\_\_ office"
- \_\_\_ of the trade"
- "tomorrow" south of the border



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

It was a "Happy Birthday, Elizabeth" when several friends and relatives got together and celebrated Elizabeth Huckabay's birthday March 23. Those attending were Cleo Forson, Louise Mears, Irene Blanton, Gail Nelson, Sandra and Norman Nelson, Lucy Nelson, Janice Shelton, Mary Cluck, Joy Smith, Billie Cluck, Ann Armstrong, Mozelle Lilly, Stanley Nelson, Bobbie Dodd, Sue Merritt, Betty Huckabay, Johnny and Harriet Goodwin, P.O. Goodwin, Mildred Burnam and Bill Stephenson. They enjoyed watching her open her cards and gifts.

The Johnny Goodwins moved back to Dimmitt from Beaver, Okla. They bought Sonny and Ann Armstrong's house at 715 Oak.

This was birthday week in Dimmitt. Jo Hyman celebrated her 28th birthday on March 25. Jo, Randy Friesen, Jeanita Newton, Leigh, Curtis and Aubrie Durbin, and I went to the Hereford Country Club for dinner.

The Thursday Bridge Club had some different excitement when they last played. Dude McLaurin had a score of 10,150 points. This is a club record for high score. Avis Smith was second high. Hostess was Helen Braafladt.

Kay Kellar and I went to Amarillo Friday night and joined Jo Hyman and Randy Friesen for the Texas Panhandle Builders Association Casino Night. Dinner was a Mexican buffet. There was a silent auction and a live auction, along with black-

jack and dice tables. Jo was on the planning committee for the event.

Jeanita Newton and Jo came to visit for the weekend. We planned to spend Saturday night playing cards, but Jo and Jeanita ended up having to repair my plumbing. Next time I believe I'll call a professional plumber (that has to be cheaper than having to pay those girls back).

Mrs. M.L. Simpson Jr. attended the West Texas Judges and Commissioners Association meeting in the civic center in Lubbock March 17-20. Polly is a past president of this association. She attended the Past Presidents' Luncheon Wednesday at the Lubbock Club. She attended meetings and the banquet on Friday and had a good time with friends and old acquaintances. Jeff and Karen

Robertson joined her on Friday night for the dance. Jeff is a former Castro County commissioner for Precinct 3.

During spring break, Jerry Heller had a birthday on March 17. Delores had a birthday supper for family. Attending were his dad, Everette, his brother, Gary, and friend, Rhonda Hayes of Plainview, daughter-in-law Amy Heller of Denison and granddaughter Brooke, granddaughter Stormy Heller of Lubbock and daughter Mitzie Alexander of Levelland. After cake, old home movies were watched, with most of the oohs and ahhs over childhood super wonder pets.

The Dimmitt Multiple Sclerosis Support group got together on March 23 at the home of the Hellers for sharing, games and snacks. Those in attendance were Fred and Joyce Bolton, Alice and Lewis Jordan, Howard and Maretta Smithson, Susan and Garland Coleman, and Delores and Jerry Heller. The group played skip-bo, chicken foot, and 42. Besides having fun, the group discussed the need for a fund-raiser to purchase a wheelchair for one of its members. A lightweight wheelchair costs \$700.

Jo ran into Don and Paula Graham at Tacos Garcia recently. She was glad to see them, but especially glad to see Baby Joseph, the Grahams'

grandson.

The Howell clan celebrated birthdays all weekend. The first birthdays to be celebrated were for Moss Howell, who turned 95 on March 25, and Katrina Howell, Kelly's wife, also had a birthday on March 25. Kim Howell Tirnetta's birthday is March 26. Kaymee Sue Howell celebrated her first birthday on March 27. Those helping celebrate the birthdays were Mr. and Mrs. Chas Howell of Weatherford, April Hazlewood of Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Howell of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Howell, Karrie, Blake, Lindy and Jayla of White Deer, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Howell of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howell of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Kennan Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Howell and Kaymee of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Tirnetta and Dustin of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Oran Howell of Ozona, Mr. and Mrs. Kent Mansker, Keith and Brooke of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Letton Howell and Emily of Littlefield, Dana Burks of Wimberly, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrell Enloe of Wichita, Kan., Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stovall of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Bethea, James and Sara of Weatherford, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Texline, Melania Howell of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Brian Howell of Stillwater, Okla., Chris Smith of Canyon, Mr. and

Mrs. Ace Overton of Guymon, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Dan Carney, Shannon and Stacy of Weatherford, and Crystal, Micah and Morgan Moore of Texhoma.

Billie Kirby, Bobbi Wooten, and Kerri Jack of Friona were guests at a going away party for Twila Parker Lester at the Wild Plum in Olton. Twila and Winston Lester have recently married and are moving to a new home on Lake Hubbard. Twila is a former Dimmittite and is a sister of Wade and Troy Kirby.

The First Christian Church's Ladies' Council was hosted by Glenna Fry in her home recently. The ladies were treated to a wonderful meal and recipes were exchanged. The program was given by Karen Hutson. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all that afternoon.

# Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Christian Mothers Society in Nazareth hosted the Hereford Deaneary DCCW meeting last Thursday afternoon at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The Bovina, Hereford, Friona, Happy, Kress, Tulia and Nazareth affiliates were represented.

Clergy present were Father John Salazar, Father Ed Sweeney and Deacon Jerome Brockman. Bishop Yanta presided over the mass at Holy Family Church.

Father Sweeney gave an inspirational speech on the theme of the meeting, which was "Enter into the house of our Father."

New officers installed by Msgr. Erpen were Alta Mae Wilhelm of Happy, president; and Judy Lange of Nazareth, treasurer.

A large group of Nazareth students, parents and others attended the Sedar (Passover meal) Sunday evening with Father Jerry Stein presiding.

This is a Jewish celebration and a feast of unleavened bread with lamb, bitter herbs and salt water.

Father Jerry; Darlene Fetsch as a mother; and Tara Klemman, Susan Book, Cassie Birkenfeld and Karen Wilhelm as children, portrayed a family and answered many questions asked of them.

The Jewish Menorah Candle burned during the meal. The service proved to be very meaningful.

## Easter egg hunt is set on Saturday

Eager children will be searching for Easter candy across Dimmitt City Park on Saturday afternoon.

The annual Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the park. Children between the ages of 1 and 5 and students in kindergarten through third grade are invited to join the hunt.

The event is sponsored by the LULAC Club of Dimmitt.

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A pot luck supper then followed with a final prayer and blessing.

Gerber relatives from the surrounding area attended the baby shower for the Straffuss Triplets in Vega Saturday morning at the Catholic Hall.

The babies are Brenton Joseph, Brooklyn Claire and Blakely Ann. They are now three months old. Great-grandmother is Frances Gerber of Umbarger.

Sandee Hoelting and Virgie Gerber attended the "Variety Show '99," presented Friday evening at Gene Howe Elementary School in Amarillo. Andi Rose and seven first-grade classmates did sign language to the

## Ambassador lab planned in June

The 4-H Junior Ambassador Lab will be held June 2-4 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

The lab will involve Districts 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8. Theme for the lab is "Surpassing Your Dreams, Exceeding Our Imagination."

Any 4-H member who is between the ages of 11 and 13 on June 2 can attend the lab.

Cost of the camp is \$75 per 4-H member or adult chaperone. This includes meals, snacks, lodging and facilities fees.

Those interested in attending should call the Extension office as soon as possible. All registration forms must be sent to the District 3 office by April 27.

## LEHA plans summer shows

The Llano Estacado Horse Association (LEHA) has planned four shows this summer, and those who plan on competing should have their LEHA certification paper turned in to the Extension office by April 15. 4-H certification papers are due at the Extension office by May 1.

The first of the four LEHA shows will be held June 5 in Parmer County. Other shows will be June 12 in Deaf Smith County, June 19 in Lamb County and June 26 in Castro County.

song, *Come Little Child*. This was a very special song for Andi because it was played at her brother, Eric's funeral two years ago.

Others attending were her parents, Jerry and Tricia Rose, and grandparents Ed and Ruth Rose of Amarillo.

Fritz and Julene Gerber and Carl and Mary Klemman drove to McKinney to see Esther Braddock last weekend.

On Friday, Esther, Julene and Mary drove to Arlington to attend the "First Annual Girl Cuzzins Weekend Out."

On Saturday evening a "Back to the 50s" birthday party was held for Helen (Gerber) Ratland. The celebration was hosted by her daughters.

It was a fun weekend with 22 cousins from all over Texas attending.

Fritz and Carl Dean stayed in McKinney and entertained Esther and the boys—or vice versa!

Betty Wilhelm and her daughters, Barbara Reed of Houston, Kim Huseman of Amarillo, Michele Schmucker, Becky Hooper and Gaylene Wilhelm of Wichita Falls recently spent several days in Branson, Mo.

While there they attended several shows, including Shoji Tubuchi, Jim Stafford, the Osmond Brothers, Fredrick Antonio and the Legends. All were very good and entertaining. They also enjoyed a helicopter ride.

On the drive to Branson they spent some time at the Precious Moments Chapel in Carthage, Mo. It is a very impressive place and one can sure spend a lot of money there! It was a wonderful, fun trip.

Prayers are asked for Father Harold Heiman, Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Regina Steffens, Florene Brockman, Deanna (Heiman) Huseman and Patricia (Kern) Butler.

Out one-act play was performed Sunday evening for the public at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

This play was chosen as alternate at the zone competition at Vega on March 22. Trinity Robb and Ann Wilhelm were chosen for the all-star cast and Karen Wilhelm was selected for honorable mention all-star cast. This play was extremely funny to watch.

Congratulations to the cast, stage crew and director.

## 4-H plans Youth Range Workshop

One of the more popular 4-H workshops will be held June 27 through July 2 at the Texas Tech University Center in Junction and only 38 youths will be chosen to attend.

Applications for the 45<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Range Workshop are due by April 23 and those planning to apply should contact Castro County Extension Agent Benny Martinez.

Those who will be selected to attend must have demonstrated outstanding youth development skills. They will receive advanced training in partial range ecology, and ranch and natural resource management.

Participants in the workshop are expected to return to their communities and serve as leaders in educating other youths.


Students selected to attend the camp must pay \$180 by May 28.

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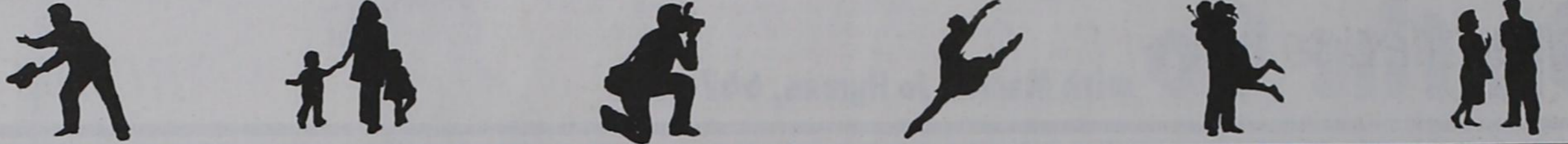
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# People



## Chamber selling tickets for theater production set in Dimmitt April 16

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the musical, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, in April at Dimmitt High School.

The show is a production of the Amarillo Little Theater and will be presented in Dimmitt on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

The Amarillo Little Theater's *Always Patsy Cline* and *Smoke on the Mountain* played to packed houses throughout the Panhandle last year, said Bill Sava, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Sava said. The appearance of the show in Dimmitt is partly underwritten by the Texas Commission of the Arts. Tickets for the event are \$7.50 in advance and can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt. Tickets at the door will be \$10 each. Based on the award winning series of books by Robert Fulgham, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* has been called a "revue in the key of life."

Six storytellers take the audience through the entire life-cycle from kindergarten through adolescence to adulthood, old age and even death.

Sometimes whimsical, often poignant and generally hilarious, this play combines some of Fulgham's best stories with innovative staging and a fabulous rhythm and blues score.

The show offers inspiring lessons of love, loss and life.

## Meals on Wheels program has served food since 1977

The Meals on Wheels program in Dimmitt began on Nov. 1, 1977,

when the first meals were served. When the Meals on Wheels program was formed, the board made the decision not to accept any form of government subsidy, and to this day the program is funded as a community volunteer project with assistance from Plains Memorial Hospital.

The meals are prepared at Plains Memorial Hospital five days a week as authorized by the recipient's doctor. Anyone who is not able to prepare their own meal or who cannot secure a meal through other means, may apply for the Meals on Wheels program. Forms may be picked up at Plains Memorial Hospital or First United Bank. There is no age limit and special diets can be prepared.

Members of community organizations, churches and individuals deliver the meals.

There is a \$3 charge per meal (which does not cover the total cost) and the recipient or their responsible party is expected to reimburse the hospital monthly upon receipt of a bill. If that amount poses a financial burden, it can be negotiated through Joe Josset, who will refer the recipient to the Meals on Wheels board.

Anyone who would like to help with the delivery of Meals on Wheels food should contact Walter Maynard, delivery chairperson, at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, 647-3115.



A MINISTRY TEAM—Jeff Addison is the new minister at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt. He and his wife, Christina, have three children. Christina sings and plays the piano.

## Addison is new minister at Lee Street Baptist Church

In February, the congregation of Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt voted to call Jeff Addison as their new minister. He began his duties here March 7.

He and his wife, Christina, have three children, Jeffery, 9, Tori, 5, and Kaylee, 2. They moved here from Slaton, where Jeff had been serving as youth minister. Jeff was born in Anson and graduated from high school there in 1989. He and Christina married in September of 1989.

He obtained an associate degree in computer maintenance technology from TSTI in Sweetwater, and will complete his bachelor of science and occupational education on June 5 at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

"I surrendered in the ministry in the spring of 1990," Jeff said. He said he went into evangelism with his in-laws, Bill and Vicky Murphy that year and stayed at it for two years.

"Then I dropped out and did some soul searching," Jeff said. "I ran from God for four years."

He said he held jobs ranging from oil field work, to building fences, to being a service writer at a car dealership. During that time, he did a lot of part-time youth and music ministry, including a period as a volunteer in the youth ministry at the First Baptist Church in Anson.

In January 1996, when he just found out that Christina was expecting their third child, he lost his job at the car dealership.

"At that point, I prayed and asked God for forgiveness for running from his call and rededicated my life to him," Jeff said. "He began to open doors for me."

On Sept. 1, 1996, he began his first full-time ministry position as the youth minister at Westview Baptist Church in Slaton. He served there for two and a half years before being called here.

Jeff said he and his family already like Dimmitt.

"I think the people are real loving," Jeff said. "The people I drive by, they wave, and they don't even know me. I enjoy that home-town friendship that everyone expresses."

Jeff said he enjoys basketball, racquet ball and golf. He said he would like to help with youth sports programs, and has worked with a T-ball team before. Other than her musical interests, Christina is mainly involved in being a homemaker for their three children. Jeffery is a second grader at Richardson Elementary. Tori will enter kindergarten next year.

## 4-H County Roundup is set Monday

The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held Monday at the Extension office in Dimmitt, and a Mexican stack-up pot-luck meal is being planned.

The Parent/Leader Association will furnish the meat and 4-H'ers are asked to bring something else to add to the Mexican stack-up.

The first Method Demonstration will begin at 5:30 p.m. and presentations will follow until the dinner break at approximately 7 p.m. Method Demonstrations will continue after the meal.

"It is extremely important that you call in and reserve your time for your Method Demonstration," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "We will reserve 15 minutes per Method Demonstration. Please call the office and let us know what time you would like to do your Method Demonstration."

The District Roundup will be held May 1 in Levelland. All Senior 4-H'ers who qualify at District Roundup will attend State Roundup at College Station in June.

## Masons honor past masters

The Castro Masonic Lodge held its annual Past Masters' Night on Saturday at the Lodge home.

Members and guests had a chili supper, and a program was presented by Tom Hyer of Hereford.

Past Masters from the Castro Lodge who were honored included Arthur Oakley (now of Amarillo), who served in 1976-77; Luke McGuire, 1975-76; Bill Henderson, 1968-69 and 1994-95; James Baker, 1987-88 and 1993-94; Jay Lindley, 1996-97; Jerry Jansa, 1992-93; and Corkey Langford, 1990-91. Also honored was Edd Freeman, who has been a Past Master, but not of the Castro Lodge.

A past master is one who has served as Worshipful Master of the lodge, but the title represents much more than that, Hyer said.

"Each Past Master here tonight represents many years of dedication and service to Masonry and each family of a Past Master represents many years of sacrifice for the good of Masonry," Hyer said. "We owe a great debt of gratitude to our wives and families for allowing us the time to do what we do for Masonry."

## Methodist scholarship applications available

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

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

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

The scholarships are available to all students planning to attend college in the coming academic year, not just those who are high school seniors, a church spokeswoman said.

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## Clothing project planned for Senior 4-H'ers

Castro County Senior 4-H'ers can work on their clothing skills April 12 at a special clothing contest in Dimmitt.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension office and 4-H'ers will be able to participate in clothing construction or clothing buying categories. There are four divisions in each category and they are casual, dressy, formal and speciality.

4-H'ers planning to participate in the show should call Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal to get an entry form and to book a spot.

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## DHS class plans reunion

The Dimmitt High School Class of 1969 is planning a 30-year class reunion for this summer.

The reunion has tentatively been scheduled for a weekend in July and will be held in Lubbock. Organizers of the event are seeking current addresses and/or phone numbers for class members.

If you are a class member, a family member or have information about a class member, please send information or call Richard Jackson, HC 5, Box 26, Dimmitt 79027, phone (806) 647-3466; Janice Mooney Davis at (806) 355-6795; Cindy Hopson Lee at (806) 938-2251; Steve Buckley at (806) 647-2472; or Diane Webb Townsend, 1002 Oak, Dimmitt 79027, phone (806) 647-4208.

Those planning the event would like to have addresses or phone numbers on all class members by April 15.

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# Ogallala Quilters Festival scheduled for April 8-10

The second annual Ogallala Quilters Festival will be held in Dimmitt April 8-10, and organizers are expecting a large turn-out of visitors for the area-wide event.

Special displays, classes, a judging competition, appraisals, and special activities are included in the schedule of events.

Classes will include "Bindings" and "Judge Looking" by Nell Smith, "Borders" and "Dear Jane" by Laura H. Syler, "Bursting Star" by Millie Riggs, "Crazy for You" by Vicky Tracy, "Chapelhouse Lanes" by Sharon Newman, "Celtic" by Ina Cleavinger, "Drunkard's Path" by Nancy Richburg, "Hand Applique" by June Long, "Machine Quilting" by Emily Nipp, "Minis" by Yvonna Hays, "Mystery" by Jean Gilles Dean, "Paper Piecing" by Janet Harter, "Pineapple" by Joyce Davis, and "Quilt Tray" by Molly Yarger.

In addition, Irma Gail Hatcher will teach "Basic Applique" and "3-D Blooms" on Friday; and Designing Traditional Quilts and Foundation Piecing on Saturday.

One of the special activities of the festival will be "Fantastic Friday" on April 9 at 7 p.m., which will include a steak dinner at the Richardson Elementary School cafeteria. Advance reservations are required for the meal and the deadline has passed, but other festival goers may attend the activities after the meal. Hatcher will give a lecture and slide show starting sometime between 7:30 and 8 p.m., followed by a miniature quilt auction. There is a \$5 admission charge for the program only.

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

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

Also on display will be the "Kansas City Star" exhibit. From 1928 to 1961, the *Kansas City Star* newspaper published different quilting patterns for its readers, according to Davis. She said a quilting club from Oklahoma has made some panels that feature each one of these patterns. Ten of the panels will be displayed.

Another display will be the collection of antique sewing machines belonging to Lester Battease of Sweetwater.

Quilts entered for the festival competition will be eligible for ribbons, cash prizes, and "Silver Dollar" and "Fat Quarter" awards.

Food vendor booths will be available during the festival activities on Friday and Saturday.

## Lyndy Nelson to present 4-H 'poise' workshop

Lyndy Mitchell Nelson will conduct a poise and presentation workshop at 6:30 p.m. next Thursday, April 8, at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

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

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

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

The late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said that our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. Children are our future and communities must look out for their welfare. Get involved. Protect the children. Report child abuse at 1-800-252-5400.



**RIBBON CUTTING**— "Just Imagine" held ceremonies Monday morning for their location at 111 E. Bedford in Dimmitt. Present for the event are (front, from left) Edna Kittrell, co-owner Shelly Smith and her daughter Macy, Mavrik and Matt Gfeller, and co-owner Mandy Gfeller; and (back, from left) chamber representatives Jim Wright, Dale Moore, Gary Langford, Wayne Collins, Bill Sava and Mike Huseman. The store carries antiques, painted furniture, and gift items, and features a tanning bed and massage therapy. Photo by Linda Maxwell

# One-Act Play to be performed Tuesday

Members of the Dimmitt High School Speech Class will present a performance of the school's entry in the district UIL One-Act Play competition, which was held recently.

The public is invited to attend the performance Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the DHS auditorium. Admission is suggested at a \$1 donation per person to raise money for the One-Act Play and speech program for next year.

The play did not place at the district competition, but cast members Ivan Flores and Valerie Gonzales won honorable mention All-Star Cast, according to speech teacher and play sponsor Ed Garvin.

The name of the comedy is "The Doctor, in Spite of Himself." Cast members are Ivan Flores as Sganarelle, Jessica Flores as Jaqueline, Josh Flores as Geronte, Valerie Gonzales as Lucinde, Josh Hardwick as Valere, Daniel Proffitt as Lucas, Marcus Oviedo, and Deane Clark as Martine. David Garcia is the technician and Ashley Jackson does the makeup.



**OUT OF TOWN**  
Brent and Tucker Graef of Dimmitt are the proud parents of a baby boy, Will Thornton Graef, who was born March 19 at 10:31 p.m. at Covenant Hospital in Plainview. The infant weighed 9 lbs. and 3 oz., and he measured 22 inches long. He is the grandson of Jack and Dorothy Currie of Houston and Joe and Wilton Armstrong of Hale Center. Great-grandmother is Edith Graef of Dimmitt.

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## Safe quantity cooking class set for April 29

A safe quantity cooking class will be held April 29 at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

The class will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and those attending will learn safe food preparation skills as well as safety hazards to watch for when preparing food for large groups.

"This is a painless, fun class," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal. "If you are working with any groups this summer, it would be advisable for you to attend."

To reserve a spot in the class, contact Neal at 647-4115. There is no charge to attend the class.

## Spring music program will be Wednesday

The kindergarten students at Richardson Elementary School will present a spring musical program Wednesday from 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. at the school's cafeteria.

The musical will be directed by Ruby Teashner.

The public is invited to attend the program and admission is free.

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Breakfast to Follow in Lamar Fellowship Hall
- Easter Worship Service ~ Sunday, 10:45 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt to Follow on South Lawn

You are invited to come rejoice with us!

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# ABI Agriculture, Business & Industry



## Local groups agree to 'Adopt-a-Highway'

On Saturday, April 10, more than 185,000 volunteers will give the Lone Star State a face lift for the spring wildflower season by participating in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off.

In Castro County, three adopt-a-highway groups including the Castro County 4-H Horse Club, the 1997 State Champion Horse Judging Team and the Sands Motel will rid state roads of litter.

Organized by the Texas Dept. of Transportation (TxDOT) and Keep Texas Beautiful, the trash-off is a component of the state's Don't Mess with Texas litter prevention program.

"Nobody wants to see litter along our beautiful Texas roadways—especially when things are greening up and blossoming in springtime," said Penny Mason, TxDOT public information officer. "Every year thousands of Don't Mess With Texas Trash-Off volunteers do a lot of hard work to clean up after the people who keep trashing our landscapes and communities."

TxDOT's litter prevention program includes the Don't Mess with Texas public education campaign, the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off, Adopt-a-Highway and a grass-roots partnership with Keep Texas Beautiful. Together, these programs have reversed a trend in the increase

in the amount of litter on Texas highways, resulting in a 72% reduction in litter and a cost savings to taxpayers of \$2 million to \$4 million per year.

However, according to a 1998 study for TxDOT by NuStats International, even though 96% of Texans are aware of the Don't Mess with Texas slogan, one in three admit they continue to litter.

The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is also part of Keep America Beautiful's new national "Great American Cleanup" event, which runs March through May in 12 states.

"We are proud to link the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off to this national litter cleanup program, which is a partnership of state and local affiliates, national sponsors and local supporters," said Mason. "The Great American Cleanup was created to change attitudes and behavior through hands-on involvement in litter removal and litter prevention."

TxDOT's grassroots partner, Keep Texas Beautiful, is a non-profit, environmental umbrella group consisting of a network of private citizens, communities, industries, civic groups, schools and government agencies.

Anyone interested in participating in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off can call TxDOT at (806) 647-3361.



**KEN MULDROW**, (left) president of Goodpasture, Inc., accepts the **Environmentally Conscious Dealer** award from **Tommy Brandenberger** at the 1999 Texas Ag Industries Association Membership Conference in Arlington in January. Goodpasture, based in Brownfield, has a branch operation in Dimmitt. *Courtesy Photo*

## Goodpasture earns 'environmental' award

Goodpasture, Inc., was presented the Environmentally Conscious Dealer Award at the 1999 Texas Ag Industries Association Convention, held Jan. 25-26 at the Arlington Marriott Hotel.

The award recognizes a company which has shown good environmental stewardship.

Goodpasture, Inc., based in Brownfield, has a facility in Dimmitt.

"Goodpasture, Inc., has the type of operation that makes our industry

proud," said a spokesperson for the Texas Ag Industries Association. "They determined what would be best for the surrounding environment at each of their locations and it shows. They have spent millions of dollars to improve existing facilities with the only return to be a benefit to the environment. In addition to having fine facilities, Goodpasture has been involved in some innovative projects through education for its customers."

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## Minding Your Own Business

### Spring: A great time for business renewal

By DON TAYLOR

*No winter last forever, no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep and we know it.*  
 —Hal Borland



Don Taylor

There is something very comforting to me in the cycle of the seasons. From my early years on the farm, I know that the coming of spring always means new life. Spring is a renewal season.

As I write this column, the apricot trees are in full and colorful bloom. The white buds with the pinkish centers contrast vividly with the dark, reddish-gray bark. The greater contrast, however, is the snow which is falling on those early blooms.

As often happens in early spring, two seasons collide. Just when the cold and dreary winter seems unbearably long, hints of spring begin to stir our minds toward renewal.

It often happens in business, too. We try to hang on a little longer to the old, and yet we know the challenge of change is upon us. In business, we tend to grow comfortable in the seasons or cycles of business. But we need the awakening, hope and renewal spring begins.

### Renew your relationships

This spring could be a perfect time to renew your personal touch with customers. As long as customers are people—and they always will be—personal service will be in style.

The personal touch will make your business stand out from the competition like the first yellow daffodil of spring. Make them forget all the cold, dreary service of the past. Call them by name, treat them with respect and make each customer feel important.

At times all customers feel like cold frozen icicles of winter. They are treated like just another number in the lottery of life. Thaw out your customer relationships. Arm yourself with a fresh, springtime smile, a courteous, friendly greeting and a new growth of product knowledge.

Are you rewarding employees for providing good customer service? Are you open-for-business hours convenient for your customers? Do you need to do some spring cleaning? Do your floors look more like winter than spring? Is it time to renew some paint, signs or landscaping? Can you hear the warm sunshine of spring when you answer the phone?

Spring is also a good time to renew your relationship with your bank. Drop in on your bank contact person and share your latest financial statements. Discuss your plans for growth or expansion. Seek your banker's advice. Invite all bank employees to become customers at your business if they aren't already doing business with you.

One of my banker friends always makes certain that he takes his clients to lunch at restaurants that bank with his bank. If your bank doesn't make an effort to do business with you, I'd wonder about the strength of your long-term relationship. Business relationships are no different from personal relationships. It takes the commitment of both parties to make it work.

This spring would also be an excellent time to renew your relationships with your vendors and suppliers. Make some calls or write some notes and let your external partners know that you appreciate doing business with them. You never know when you will be in a position to benefit from a strengthened relationship.

One of my business acquaintances writes his top suppliers each year to thank them for helping him build his business. Then he reminds them of the total volume of business he brought to them last year. He says these not-so-subtle reminders often bring a call from the vendor thanking him for reminding them of the importance of his business.

Take time this month for some spring renewal. You'll be glad you did.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Marts." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

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4-H'ers also are asked to clear up any outstanding charges for pen rent, etc., incurred during the past year.

"All county checks from the junior livestock show will be held until all pen rent is paid," said Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall.

"If you are planning on feeding summer animals, you need to come by the office and fill out a new contract for your pens," Royall added.

Those interested in showing livestock during the summer should contact Royall or Assistant County Agent Benny Martinez if they need help in selecting animals.

A special clean-up day will be held at the 4-H Livestock Center in May.

## 4-H leaders plan fundraiser

The 4-H Parent-Leaders will serve box lunches at the Ogallala Quilt Show on Friday, April 9, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

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

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

## Farm Bureau sets marketing seminar

The Castro County Farm Bureau will sponsor an ag market education seminar next Thursday (April 8) at noon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at 903 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

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

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

Bryce Myrick of Abilene, a Texas Farm Bureau field services representative, will lead the program. He has served as liaison between the state organization and Farm Bureau members in the Abilene area for almost 10 years.

"Bryce has the knowledge in this important area, as well as a demonstrated ability to work with agricultural producers," said Lonnie Robb, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau. "He was a licensed commodity broker for nine years and

served as a workshop instructor when ag options first began trading in the early 1980s."

The program includes basic and intermediate education on futures market hedging, options trading and other risk management techniques. It will feature initial seminars and follow-up sessions that will be offered to producers free of charge. It will also serve as a source of information and dialogue for Farm Bureau members who implement risk management techniques.

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

Robb noted that the organization also is conducting a membership drive at this time.

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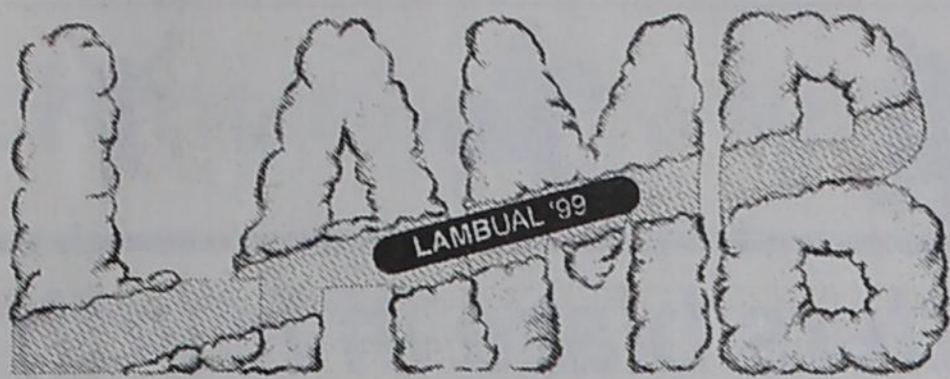
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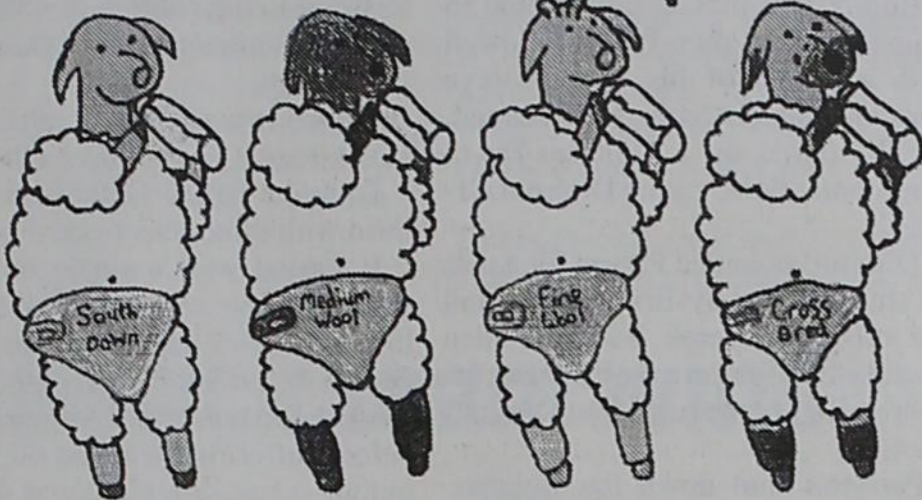
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**HOUSTON WINNER**—Dimmitt High School student Cliff Wright designed this artwork that was selected for the cover of the Houston Livestock Show's Junior Lamb Auction Program. The Junior Lamb Auction Committee held a statewide contest seeking new artwork for the cover of its "LAMBUAL '99" program. Wright entered the contest and his drawing was selected. Wright, a freshman at DHS, has been showing lambs since he was in the third grade. He is involved in woodworking, FFA, 4-H, Student Council and Youth Group. He plans to attend Texas A&M University after he graduates. He is the son of Jim and Danice Wright of Dimmitt.

Artwork by Cliff Wright

**Sow seeds in suitable soil by sampling in the spring**

April showers can bring more May flowers if soil from a lawn or garden is tested and treated prior to the growing season. A soil test now can provide valuable information concerning the type of fertilizer needed in March or early April to achieve a healthy lawn or productive garden.

Soil can be tested for a variety of things: salinity, boron, potting media, organic matter, texture, micro-nutrients and pH. Cost of the tests vary from \$2 to \$25, according to Dr. Clay Robinson, West Texas A&M University assistant professor of plant science.

"Collecting a sample is a simple process people can do themselves," Robinson said. "Fertilizing a lawn or garden is pretty simple."

Soil sampling kits, which are available without charge through the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, contain instructions, a sample bag and a soil questionnaire form. Users are directed to gather soil from five places—the four corners and middle of the area are recommended—and mix them together. The total soil sample will measure one cup.

To help scientists find a solution specific to the soil, the questionnaire asks about soil problems, previous fertilizer treatments and types of plants to be grown in the lawn or

garden.

Once the sampling and questionnaire have been completed, the kit should be sent to the Texas A&M University Soil Lab at the address provided. Results are returned in two to three weeks.

Those results may be confusing, but the accompanying recommendations are pretty easy to understand, Robinson said. Along with technical data, an interpretation is given explaining which nutrients and fertilizers should be used on the soil to improve productivity. If the data is still confusing, Robinson and county extension agents, who also receive a copy of the results, are willing to help with the interpretation.

Four soil nutrients are usually needed in this area: nitrogen, phosphorous, sulfur and iron. Nitrogen and iron agents keep plants green, phosphorous is needed for productive harvests and sulfur is essential for growth.

Robinson advises that fertilizer purchases should be made at lawn and garden centers that have knowledgeable employees. Many lawn and garden centers also rent spreaders and set them up for the particular product.

"Once the fertilizer is spread and watered-in, time will produce the best results," Robinson said.

**More about**

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(Continued from Page 1) comes to Dimmitt High School's basketball history, I'm going to quit printing lists.

First, I listed the names of a bunch of current basketball coaches who learned the game here. I left out at least three.

(Make that four, including Dimmitt assistant coach Gus Ortiz, who I also used to take camping when he was a kid.)

Then I listed DHS's state championship years in boys' basketball: 1952, 1967, 1982 and 1983.

Hold it! The Bobcats didn't win their second state title in '67. That was the first year for Ken Cleveland to take a team to state, but they lost in the finals that year to Hardin-Jefferson Sour Lake.

That second championship year was '75. That team will be (as I said about three weeks ago) the Class AAA honor team in next year's state tournament.

Joe Lombard, Canyon High School girls' coach and former long-time coach of the Nazareth Swiftettes, has been getting a lot of well-deserved press this month.

In the current issue of *Texas Monthly* magazine, Joe and his Lady Eagles are shown on a page of a special section entitled, "The Best of Small-Town Texas."

At the time the magazine went to press, the Lady Eagles were still undefeated. They finally lost in the state championship game to Dallas Lincoln.

And Sunday, Joe was featured in the *Amarillo Globe-News* as one of the top sports figures of the century in the Panhandle.

Incredibly, he has a career winning average of more than 90%. And in all his years as a coach, he has drawn only one technical foul. That was for standing up once to get the attention of one of his players when the UIL had just initiated the seat-belt rule (which has since been repealed).

All this publicity couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

Here are the top 39 things you would NEVER hear a good ol' Southern boy say, no matter how much he's had to drink, no matter how far from the South he has wandered, and no matter how much the skunks might be threatening:

39. "I'll take Shakespeare for 1,000, Alex."
38. "Duct tape won't fix that."
37. "Lisa Marie was lucky to catch Michael."
36. "Come to think of it, I'll have a Heineken."
35. "We don't keep firearms in this house."
34. "Has anybody seen the sideburns trimmer?"
33. "You can't feed that to the dog."
32. "I thought Graceland was tacky."
31. "No kids in the back of the pickup—it's not safe."
30. "Wrasslin's fake."
29. "Honey, did you mail that donation to Greenpeace?"
28. "We're vegetarians."
27. "Do you think her hair is too big?"
26. "I'll have the grapefruit instead of biscuits and gravy."
25. "Honey, do these bonsai trees

- need watering?"
24. "Who's Richard Petty?"
23. "Give me the small bag of pork rinds."
22. "Deer heads detract from the decor."
21. "Spitting is such a nasty habit."
20. "I just couldn't find a thing at Wal-Mart today."
19. "Trim the fat off that steak."
18. "Cappuccino tastes better than espresso."
17. "The tires on that truck are too big."
16. "I'll have the arugula and radicchio salad."
15. "I've got it all on a floppy disk."
14. "Unsweetened tea tastes better."
13. "Would you like your fish poached or broiled?"
12. "My fiancée, Paula Jo, is registered at Tiffany's."
11. "I've got two cases of Zima for the Super Bowl."
10. "Little Debbie snack cakes have too many fat grams."
9. "Checkmate."
8. "She's too old to be wearing a bikini."
7. "Does the salad bar have bean sprouts?"
6. "Hey, here's an episode of 'Hee Haw' that we haven't seen."
5. "I don't have a favorite college team."
4. "Be sure to bring my salad dressing on the side."
3. "I believe you cooked those green beans too long."
2. "Those shorts ought to be a little longer, Darla."
- And the number one thing you would NEVER hear a good ol' Southern boy say is:
1. "Elvis who?"

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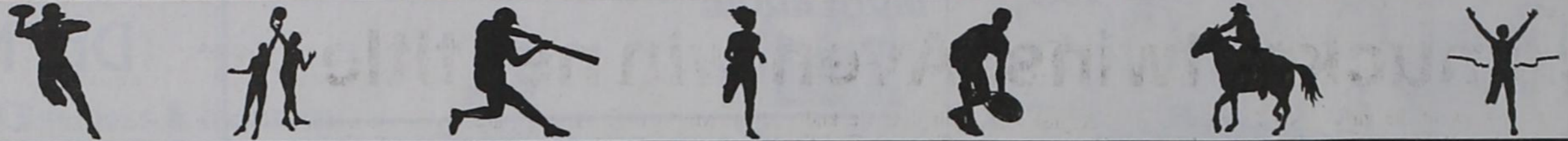
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# Sports



## TABC includes area players on all-region squads

Several Castro County basketball players were recognized by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches with mention to TABC's all-region squads. Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas was named to the first team for Region 1-AAA while teammate Derek Buckley earned second-team honors. Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez captured second-team honors on the Region 1-A team. Shawna Kenworthy of Dimmitt made the Region 1-AAA first team and Tonya Robertson was named to the second team.

## Jared Aven is top medalist in Olton Tourney

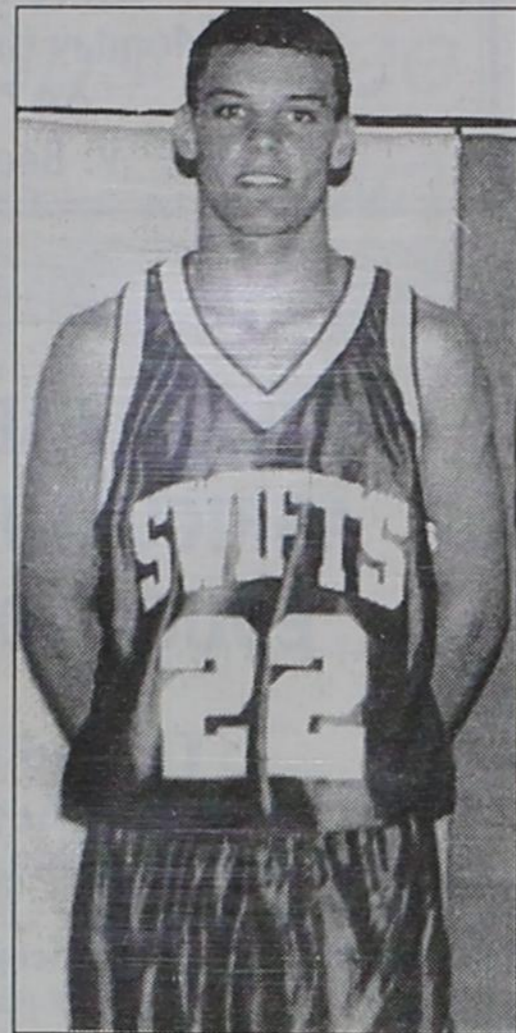
Hart's Jared Aven captured gold medal honors Monday at the Olton Golf Tournament, and the Longhorns managed a fifth-place team finish boosted by his performance. Dimmitt's boys finished fourth as a team, posting a team score of 372 over the 18-hole tournament. Hart finished with 382 strokes. Aven won the first-place medal by a stroke, edging Derek Roberson of Olton, 78-79. Tyler Chadwick of Farwell was third with 81.

Dimmitt's top finishers were Van Jeter and Ben Coleman, each with 92. Alan Lewter fired a 93, Brandon Allison finished with 95 and James Jackson recorded a 101 to round out Dimmitt's scoring.

For Hart, Aven was tops with 72. Chris George finished with 93, T.R. George recorded 105, Shane McLain finished with 106 and John Mark Bennett had 108.

Farwell claimed top team honors in the nine-team field with a score of 350 while Olton was second with 353 and Sundown finished third with 360.

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**KADE WILCOX**, a 5-10 freshman guard from Nazareth was named the Super Team Freshman of the Year, for all classifications, by the *Amarillo Globe News*. Wilcox averaged 18 points per game for the Swifts this year. Wilcox was deadly from long range.



**TONYA ROBERTSON** of Dimmitt, a 5-9 senior post, was named to the *Amarillo Globe News* Super Team's second unit after helping lead the Bobbies to the regional finals this year. The Super Team includes 10 players from across the Panhandle area.

## Wilcox, Robertson, Shultz nab Super Team superlatives

The *Amarillo Globe-News* honored Nazareth freshman Kade Wilcox and Dimmitt senior Tonya Robertson with "Super Team" player honors while former Dimmitt player and resident Justin Shultz was recognized as the 1999 Super Team Girls' Coach of the Year after he guided the Vega Lady Horns to the Class A State Championship.

Wilcox was named the Super Team Freshman of the Year for 1999 after he and the young Swifts advanced to the regional quarterfinals before falling to Irion County. Wilcox, who was a starter for the Swifts, led the team in scoring with an 18-point-per-game average this season. He was deadly from three-point range in many games for the Swifts, sinking a team-high seven treys in three different games this season. Wilcox also averaged four assists and three steals a game.

Robertson was named to the girls' second team on the Super Team. The 5-10 senior post was Dimmitt's top scoring producer, averaging 15 points per game, and she helped lead her team to the regional finals. In that title game, Robertson scored 18 points and had seven rebounds, but the Bobbies couldn't down Shallowater, who went on to claim the tickets to the Final Four in Austin.

Shultz, in his second season as Vega's head coach, finished with a 25-12 record and brought home the school's first girls' basketball state championship trophy. Shultz, a graduate of Dimmitt High School and a student of the late legendary Coach Kenneth Cleveland, said he "believes that nothing prepares a team for the playoffs like a strong non-district schedule." That proved true for Vega this year. After starting off the first half of the season with a losing record, falling to state-ranked bigger schools like Amarillo High, Palo Duro, Canyon and Lubbock Coronado, Vega was ready for play in the toughest Class A district in the state, then continued its winning ways all the way to Austin and into the state championship ring.

## Perryton hitters blaze in fourth to down Dimmitt, 17-7, in district

Perryton took advantage of a fourth-inning pitching change by the Dimmitt Bobcats and reeled off nine hits for eight runs to break open a tied game Saturday afternoon at Dumas.

The host Rangers scored eight runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth to down the Bobcats in five innings, 17-7, in a District 1-AAA opener.

Dimmitt held a 4-1 lead after one complete inning, but trailed 7-4 after the second. The Bobcats came back to tie the game at seven in the third before Perryton exploded in the fourth.

Dimmitt starter Luis Silva gave up nine hits in the first two innings, most of which came in the Rangers' six-run second inning show. He was relieved by Sammy Prieto in the fourth, but Ranger hitters continued to draw blood.

Dimmitt managed just nine hits off of Ranger pitchers Pinion, Williams and Merrell, but two of those hits by Robert Sepeda were out of the park—one in the first inning over the left field fence on a 1-1 pitch from Pinion. Sepeda's second homer of the game was in the third.

Perryton finished with 18 hits, including a home run by Cory Dear in the second and triples by Estrada and Stiles.

Prieto was charged with the loss while Merrell got the win for Perryton.

Bobby Hill picked up a single to start the game, then Prieto followed with a single of his own to give Dimmitt runners on first and second.

Hill scored on a sacrifice fly to deep center field, giving Dimmitt a 1-0 lead.

Dimmitt pounded Pinion for a pair of singles, one by Eric Gamez and the other by Derek Buckley, then Sepeda took Pinion over the fence for a three-RBI home run to put Dimmitt up 4-0.

Perryton shut down the Bobcats from there, then went to work on offense.

Silva struck out the Rangers' lead-off hitter, then the second batter flied out to right field before they started picking up hits.

A single by Merrell would turn into the Rangers' lone run in the first inning after his single was followed by similar shots from Dear and Stiles.

Dimmitt center fielder Buckley caught a fly ball by Pinion to hold Perryton to one in the inning.

Dimmitt's first three batters in the second inning all made contact, but two grounded out and another flied out and the Bobcats left the inning with a goose egg.

Perryton started its assault on Dimmitt pitching in the second inning, swinging for single after single and picking up a triple and home run along the way before the Bobcats could get enough outs to shut down the barrage.

Before it was over, Perryton had struck for six runs to take a 7-4 lead.

Dimmitt rallied in the top of the third with three runs to tie the game. It started with a single by Silva, who then stole second. Dimmitt kept things hot with singles by Gamez and Buckley, and the Bobcats got two of those three runners across home plate before suffering their first out of the inning when Buckley was caught stealing second.

Sepeda recorded his second home run of the game to tie the game before the rally was halted. Perryton retired Dimmitt's next two hitters to escape the inning.

Dimmitt held Perryton scoreless in the bottom of the third, then the Rangers returned the favor in the top of the fourth.

Perryton added eight runs to its total in the fourth to take a 15-7 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Merrell struck out three of Dimmitt's four batters to hold the Bobcats in check, then the Rangers picked up two runs in the bottom of the inning to end the game on the 10-run rule.

## Swifts rally with four-run sixth to take 5-2 decision over Amherst

A Matt Olvera double in the top of the sixth inning boosted the Nazareth Swifts to a 5-2 win over Amherst Monday night.

Trailing 2-1 after five innings, the Swifts got two runners on base because of walks, then Olvera doubled

to escalate the rally. Olvera would score to make it 4-2. Nazareth capped its scoring after Daryl Pohlmeier stole second, third and finally home.

Nazareth pitcher Bo Hunter got the win after striking out 12 Amherst batters. Nazareth improved to 2-2

with the win. The Swifts picked up just two hits in the game—Olvera's double and a single by Mitchell Brockman.

Amherst pitcher Gilmore retired the Swifts' first three batters to open the game.

Bulldog lead-off man Hood singled to start Amherst off in the bottom of the first and he was able to take advantage of a couple of Swift errors to move around the diamond.

After giving up the single, Nazareth allowed the Bulldogs' next three hitters to reach, two on walks. Hood scored to give Amherst a 1-0 lead, but Nazareth's defense picked up after that and stranded two Bulldogs on base as the inning ended.

Brockman gave the Swifts their first hit of the game to open the second inning, taking a 1-1 pitch to right field for a single. He stole second, then Mark Birkenfeld walked to give Nazareth two base runners with one out. Pohlmeier walked to load the bases, but Gilmore escaped the bases-loaded threat by striking out Nazareth's No. 8 and 9 hitters.

Hunter faced three hitters in the bottom of the second. After striking out the Bulldogs' first hitter, Hunter gave up a walk, but Nazareth would tag that runner out and would send the third man up back to the dugout.

The Swifts still couldn't get any offense going in the top of the third, stranding Hunter on second after he reached on an error then stole second base.

The Swifts held Amherst in check in the bottom of the third as Hunter struck out three out of five batters to keep it a one-run game.

Nazareth got on the board in the fourth inning. Olvera started off the inning by hitting one back at Gilmore, who threw him out at first. Birkenfeld walked, then stole second and later scored to tie the game at 1.

The Swifts gave up nothing in the bottom of the fourth. Gonzales grounded out to third to start the inning, then Hunter struck out Williams and caught an infield fly by the next hitter.

Gilmore struck out the first Swift hitter, then Blake Birkenfeld flied out and Gilmore struck out Aaron Kern to shut out Nazareth.

Amherst regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth, starting things off with a lead-off double to right field by Hood. He came in on a Swift error, but that's all the Bulldogs would get.

Nazareth recovered in the sixth inning, using a couple of walks by Hunter and Brockman to set things up, then Olvera connected for the double and Pohlmeier enjoyed base running success for the four-run rally.

The Swifts still had to shut Amherst down, though, and Hunter started off by striking out A. Miller. He gave up a walk to Gonzales, but came back to strike out Williams and Shelley for the win.

## 5K run, mile walk to benefit athletes

A five-kilometer run and one-mile walk and fun run will be held in Dimmitt April 10 and proceeds from the events will help send three local athletes to the North Carolina World Games this year.

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

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

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

There will be men's and women's division in each race. The mile walk and fun run will be split into five age categories: 20 and under, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50 and 51 and over.

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

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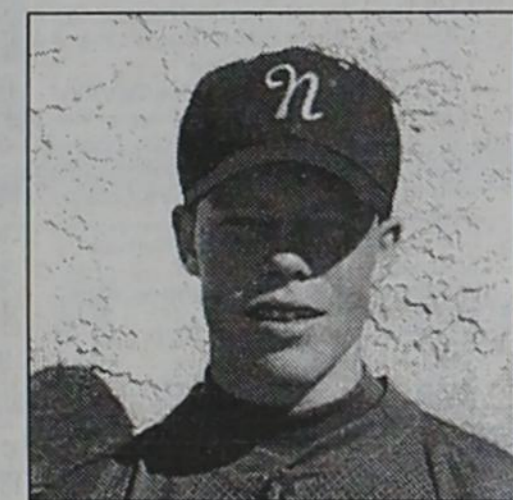
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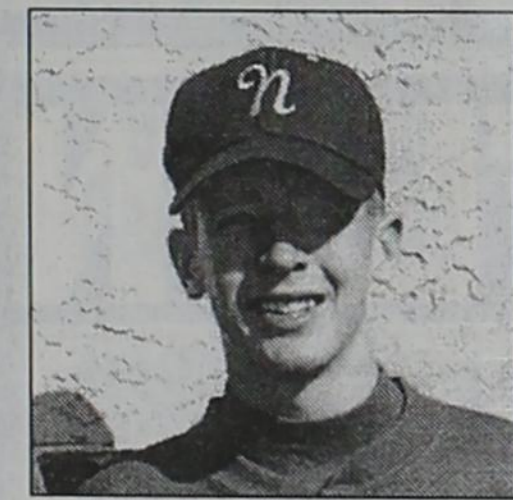
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# Schmucker twins, Aven win net titles in Longhorn meet

Nazareth netters swept the girls' doubles, claimed two of the top three spots in girls' singles and had a second-place finisher in boys' singles at the Longhorn Tennis Invitational last weekend.

Hart's Christopher George won the boys' singles tournament, beating Nazareth's Matthew Kern in a split-set marathon, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, for the tournament championship.

Nazareth twins Tiffany Schmucker and Jayme Schmucker won the girls' doubles title, beating teammates Cassie Birkenfeld and Sara Schulte in the finals. Nazareth also had the third-place doubles team with Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman. Fourth-place honors were claimed by Hart's Raquel Garcia and Veronica Gonzales.

Shawna Gerber of Nazareth finished second in girls' singles while Swiftettes Nichole Huseman and Tara Kleman finished third and fourth, respectively.

Hart's Timmy Barnes claimed the consolation championship, bouncing back after losing his first match to win two straight.

Amanda Ethridge and Vanessa Carrasco, both of Hart, advanced to the consolation title match, and will play for the honors at a later date.

The doubles teams of Brenda Diego and Lindsey Montemayor, and Cynthia Gonzales and Rosanna Waddell, all of Hart, advanced to the consolation finals and were slated to play each other at a later date.

George won three straight matches enroute to the championship in boys' singles. He knocked off Mullins of Plainview Christian Academy, 6-0, 6-2, in the opening round, then beat Jeff Bennett of Hart, 6-0, 6-1. His victory over Kern gave him first-place honors.

On his way to the championship match, Kern knocked off Jeremiah Velasquez of Hart, 6-3, 6-1; and John Emery of Hart, 6-3, 6-0.

Velasquez lost to Sigala-Solonzano of Plainview Christian Academy in his first match, 6-2, 6-2.

Barnes lost to Mullins in his first match, 6-1, 6-2; but came back to beat Ellison of Whiteface, 9-8, in a pro-set. He then knocked off Trevor Barnes of Hart, 8-4, to earn the consolation title.

Trevor Barnes won one match in the tournament, beating Emery, 8-6. He lost a split-set match to Sigala-Solonzano, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

Bennett lost to Ellison, 6-4, 6-4, before dropping his second match to George.

In girls' singles, Gerber had no problems in her first match, then beat Kleman, 6-3, 6-1, in the semifinals. She lost to Lindsey Brown of Whiteface, 6-3, 6-4, in the championship match.

Huseman beat Yadira Anzuldua of Hart, 6-0, 6-1; and Ethridge, 6-0, 6-0.

Hart's Sonia Gonzales lost two matches, one to Kopp of Plainview Christian Academy, 6-1, 6-0; and the other to Ethridge, 8-2.

After losing to Huseman, Ethridge beat Anzuldua, 8-6, and Gonzales, 8-2.

Kleman beat Carrasco, 6-3, 6-2; but Carrasco came back to down Rebecca Montemayor of Hart, 8-1. Montemayor had earlier lost to Hammit of Plainview Christian Academy, 7-6, 6-4.

The Schmucker twins blew past a team from Plainview Christian Academy in the first round (6-0, 6-0), then beat Hoelting and Brockman, 6-0, 6-1. They captured the championship with a 6-1, 6-4 decision over Birkenfeld and Schulte.

Birkenfeld and Schulte beat Hart's

Cynthia Gonzales and Rosanna Waddell, 6-1, 6-0; and Hart's Raquel Garcia and Veronica Gonzales, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 to advance to the finals.

Brockman and Hoelting posted a 6-1, 6-0 decision over Diego and Montemayor, then downed Garcia and Veronica Gonzales, 6-3, 6-1.

After losing to the Nazareth duo, Diego and Montemayor outlasted Hanby and Hinze of Plainview Christian Academy, 9-7.

Cynthia Gonzales and Waddell pulled out an 8-5 win over Hodges and Spain of Plainview Christian Academy. Garcia and Veronica Gonzales also beat Hodges and Spain, blanking the Plainview pair, 6-0, 6-0.

## Lubbock team wins Cabin Fever Tournney

Brad Holcomb and Cody King of Lubbock used a second-round score of 59 to come from behind and win the Championship Flight of the Cabin Fever Tournament this weekend at Country Club of Dimmitt.

Holcomb and King finished with 63 after the first round, but knocked four strokes off of that over the sec-

ond 18 to claim the tournament title with a two-round total of 122.

Finishing second in the Championship Flight were Damon Salibury and Roland Adams of Lubbock. They remained steady through the tournament, tallying scores of 62 and 61 for a total of 123.

Third-place honors went to Shane and Shawn Savage of Lubbock, who finished with 124 despite opening the tournament with a first-round score of 59.

Winners of the First Flight were Lanny and Beau Savage of Plainview while John David Hay of Tulia claimed top honors in the Second Flight.

## Dimmitt netters finish fifth in team tournament

Dimmitt accumulated 28 points to earn fifth-place team honors in the Caprock Tennis Tournament last weekend.

Dimmitt's top finishers in the meet were the Division 1 girls' doubles team of Kristen Doss and Monica Ortiz, who tied for second; and the Division 2 girls' doubles team of Lindsey Welch and Julie Merritt, who finished second.

Several Dimmitt netters finished fifth in the tournament, including Rachel Harman in Division 1 girls' singles; Raymond Powers in Division 1 boys' singles; Gabriel Garcia and Jason Riggs in Division 1 boys' doubles; Mark Casares in Division 2 boys' singles; and Dale West and Jeremy Bishop in Division 2 boys' doubles.

Finishing sixth in the tournament was Lori Schulte, who competed in Division 2 girls' singles.

"We are starting to play better and we are looking forward to district on April 14," said Dimmitt Coach Cory Lynch.

Borger captured top team honors in the tournament, tallying 59 points. Caprock was second with 52, El Paso Austin finished third with 51 and El Paso Burgess was fourth with 31.

### CAPROCK INVITATIONAL

**Girls' Singles**  
Rachel Harman of Dimmitt beat Noo Sadakhoun of Palo Duro, 6-1, 6-1; Harman lost to Elizabeth Carlie of Borger, 6-0, 6-0; Harman lost to Tiffany Hansby of El Paso Burgess, 6-3 4-6, 6-1; Harman beat Jennifer Laeger of El Paso Austin, 6-4, 6-0; Harman lost to Mandy Hermsillo of Caprock, 6-3, 6-2.

Lori Schulte of Dimmitt lost to Chastity Rodriguez of Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-2; Schulte lost to Haydee Lazano of EP Austin, 6-0, 6-1; Schulte beat Bethany Jordan of Borger, 6-0, 6-0; Schulte lost to Burgess, 6-0, 6-0; Schulte lost to Jackie Sorenson of Caprock, 6-2, 6-3.

**Girls' Doubles**  
Kristen Doss and Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt lost to Rodarte and Orozco of EP Burgess, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Doss and Ortiz lost to DeLaConception and DeLaConception of EP Austin, 6-1, 6-2; Doss and Ortiz beat Bennett and Massey of Caprock, 6-3, 6-4.

Lindsey Welch and Julie Merritt of Dimmitt beat Thanourth and Doungsena of Palo Duro, 6-4, 6-4; Welch and Merritt beat Watts and Commons of Borger, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4; Welch and Merritt lost to Lopez and Guzan of EP Austin 6-4, 6-3; Welch and Merritt beat Aleman and Allison of Caprock, 6-3, 6-4.

**Boys' Singles**  
Raymond Powers of Dimmitt lost to James Hyde of Caprock 6-0, 6-0; Powers lost to Jesus Munoz of EP Austin 6-3, 6-1; Powers lost to Nathan Milner of Borger 6-0, 6-0; Powers lost to Ernie Tarin of EP Burgess 6-2, 6-0.

Josh Flores of Dimmitt lost to Alex Lucero of Caprock 6-4, 6-0; Flores lost to Ashley Gelo of EP Austin 6-2, 6-2; Flores beat Meaungkhot of Palo Duro, 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.

**Boys' Doubles**  
Gabriel Garcia and Jeff Riggs of Dimmitt lost to Daniels and Burgess of Caprock 6-0, 6-2; Garcia and Riggs lost to Dill and Gray of Borger 6-0, 6-0; Garcia and Riggs lost to Munoz and Dominguez of EP Austin 6-3, 6-3; Garcia and Riggs lost to Slixvay and Kommavongsa of Palo Duro 6-3, 6-2.

Dale West and Jeremy Bishop of Dimmitt lost to Mendez and Nanu of Caprock 6-1, 6-2; West and Bishop lost to Alarado and Candia of EP Austin 6-2, 6-1; West and Bishop lost to Jensen and Hughes of Borger 6-2, 6-0; West and Bishop lost to Dang and Nguyen of Palo Duro 7-5, 6-4.

### CABIN FEVER TOURNAMENT at Country Club of Dimmitt

**Championship Flight:** 1. Brad Holcomb and Cody King of Lubbock, 63-59-122; 2. Damon Salibury and Roland Adams of Lubbock, 62-61-123; 3. Shane and Shawn Savage of Lubbock, 59-65-124.

**First Flight:** 1. Lanny and Beau Savage of Plainview, 71-62-133; 2. Mike Whitworth and Scott Marshall of Lubbock, 71-64-135; 3. Gerald Griego and John Leal of Clovis, N.M., 70-66-136.

**Second Flight:** 1. John David Hay of Tulia, 77-67-144; 2. Jeff Pigg and David Allison of Dimmitt, 74-71-145; 3. Lance Graham and Jayton Washington of Tulia, 76-71-147.

## DYF changes date for 2000 livestock show

The Dimmitt Young Farmers have decided to move the Castro County Junior Livestock Show from the second week in February to the last week in January beginning with the 2000 show.

The group also decided to add a beef heifer show to the 2000 show, but the heifers will not be eligible for the premium sale. Heifer exhibitors and their families will be in charge of raising money for the awards.

## Kids, Inc. Basketball Schedule

**Today (Thursday)**  
Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Lane Dirt vs. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt; 7 p.m. ALCO vs. Castro Co. Hospital District.

Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. First Bank Muleshoe vs. C&S Battery; 7 p.m. Smothermon Ditching vs. Dimmitt Printing.

**Monday**  
Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Roy's Plumbing vs. Bobcat Barber Shop; 6:30 p.m. ALCO vs. Cerestar; 7:30 p.m. Lane Dirt vs. Castro Co. Hospital District.

Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. Pancake House vs. Dimmitt Consumers; 6:30 p.m. Smothermon Ditching vs. Coleman Pharmacy; 7:30 p.m. First Bank Muleshoe vs. Dimmitt Printing.

**Tuesday**  
Minor Girls: 5:30 p.m. Red X vs. North Gin; 7 p.m. Wright & Sons vs. Benny's Auto.

Major Girls: 5:30 Goodpasture vs. Seale Florist; 7 p.m. Paxton Tire vs. Hereford FCU.

**Next Thursday**  
Minor Boys: 5:30 p.m. Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, & Myatt vs. Castro Co. Hospital District; 6:30 p.m. Roy's Plumbing vs. ALCO; 7:30 p.m. Lane Dirt Co. vs. Bobcat Barber Shop.

Major Boys: 5:30 p.m. C&S Battery vs. Dimmitt Printing; 6:30 p.m. Pancake House vs. Smothermon Ditching; 7:30 p.m. First Bank Muleshoe vs. Dimmitt Consumers.

**Batting! Bobcats!**

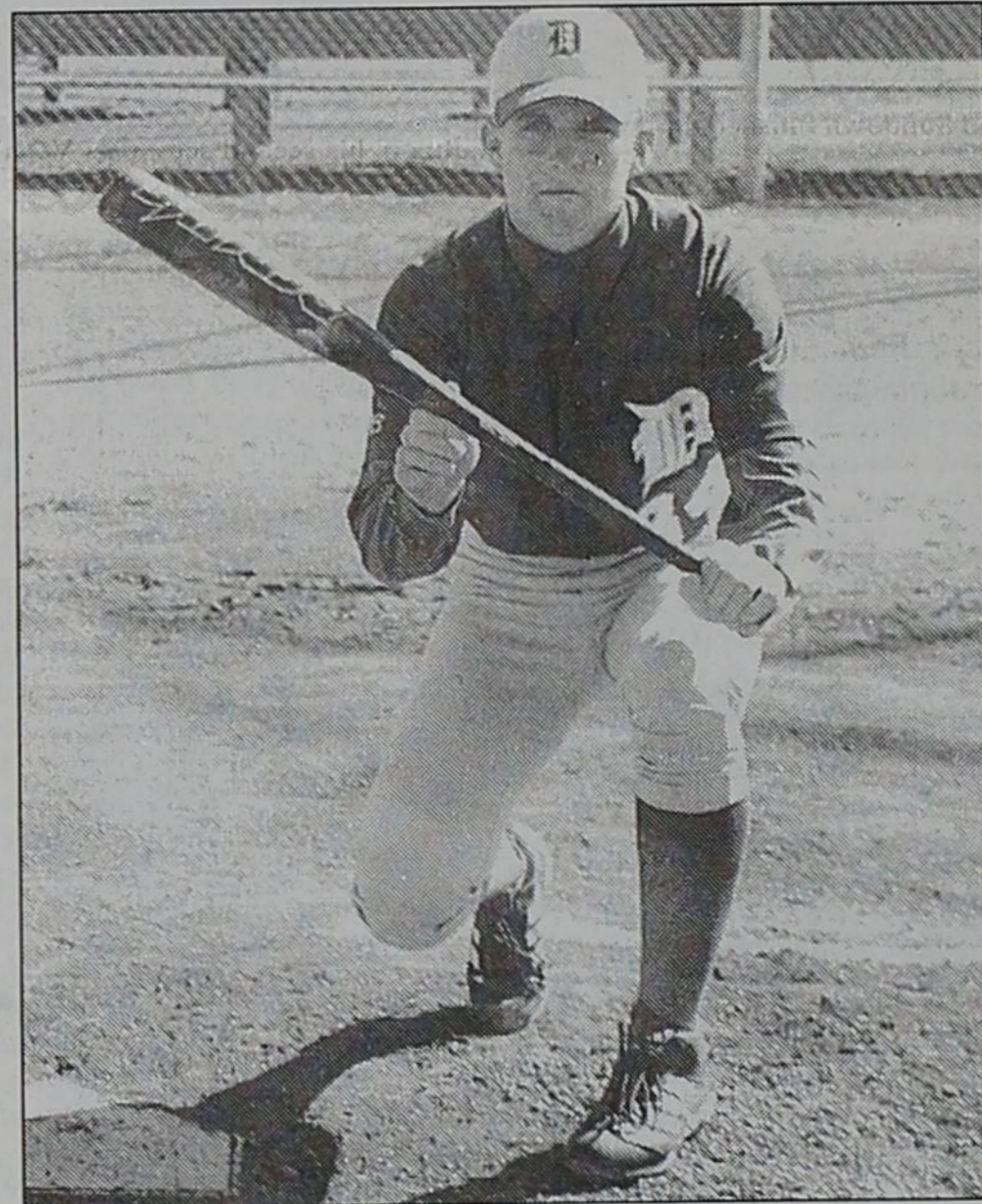
**Good Luck, Bobcats!**

FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. River Road, 1 p.m., Here

TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Fritch, 5 p.m., There



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## Lawn & Garden Pest Management

By JOHNNA L. PATTERSON  
County Integrated Pest Management Agent

This information was taken from "A Green Guide to Yard Care" by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission.

"Green Landscaping" practices including efficient watering, planting, soil building and reduction of rainfall runoff will significantly reduce pest problems. Despite our best efforts, unwanted pests can infest and damage your lawn and garden.

The steps outlined below provide a strategy to control pests with a minimum of harm to your health, your pocketbook and the environment.

### Identify the problem

Before you can consider how to control a pest, you must first identify it. Insect infestations and diseases are often not the primary problem, but rather a symptom of stress caused by poor growing conditions such as sterile or compacted soils, nutrient deficiencies, too much or too little moisture, or a poorly adapted plant for the climate or the particular landscape conditions.

Simply correcting the stressful condition may control the pest and prevent further infestations. Your county Extension office, local nurseries and gardening books can help you diagnose your landscape problems.

### Know a friend from a foe

Nature has a system of checks and balances that limits pest activity. Of the millions of kinds of insects in the world, less than 2% are harmful. Beneficial insects such as ground beetles, fireflies, green lacewings, praying mantids, spiders and wasps keep harmful insects from devouring your plants. They also pollinate your plants and decompose organic matter.

### Use appropriate controls

The correct pest control measure depends on the problem. Options include removal by hand, barriers, repellants, traps, biological controls and least-polluting chemical controls.

**Removal:** The only 100% effective, species-specific pesticide is removal by hand. Watch plants carefully for signs of damage. You can catch some invading pests before they do much harm. Don't run for a can of pesticide when you could pick off and mash a few harmful insects. A blast of water can strip aphids from your plants. Use pruning shears to remove tent caterpillars. Pruning and removing diseased leaves, branches or whole plants can stop the spread of diseases. Uproot weeds that have spreading roots and chop

the others with a hoe or pop them with a mechanical weed-puller.

**Barriers:** Barriers (lightweight pieces of fabric or plastic and netting), like a screen door, don't kill pests but keep them out.

**Repellants and Traps:** Repellants cause insects to turn away from plants, but traps work by attracting a target pest into a container from which it cannot escape. Some traps have a sticky surface with one or more attractants such as color, smell or shape to bring the target pests in and keep them there.

**Biological controls:** Using living organisms (for example, beneficial insects and animals, parasitic nematodes and microorganisms) to control pests is called biological control. It is the essence of a balanced ecosystem, whether in the forest or in the back yard. A good integrated pest management (IPM) plan takes the fullest advantage of the beneficial species that are naturally present.

The following table shows some of the biological control agents that occur naturally or can be bought. Their effectiveness depends on the time, location and manner in which they are released. Obtain detailed instructions before releasing these agents.

### Selected biological control agents and target pests

**Ladybird Beetles (Ladybugs):** Aphids, small worms and other soft-bodied insects and other insect eggs.

**Lacewings:** Aphids, scales, spider mites and other soft-bodied insects and eggs.

**Predatory Mites:** Spider mites and other pest mites.

**Trichogramma Wasps:** Moth and butterfly eggs.

**Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt):** Larvae of moths, butterflies, mosquitoes and other pests.

### Least-polluting chemical controls

All pesticides are toxic to some living organism and can often indirectly affect other living things.

♦ **Botanical pesticides** (see table below), almost all of which are insecticides, are derived directly from plants. Some are more toxic than others, and a few are even more toxic than some synthetics. However, many synthetic pesticides are persistent in the environment—that is, they take a long time to break down into harmless substances—but all botanicals break down rapidly, usually in a matter of hours or days.

♦ **Mineral pesticides:** Dormant and horticultural oils are low-toxicity mineral products used to suffocate

insects and their eggs on plants. Powdered diatomaceous earth is a highly abrasive material used to damage the skin and body joints of insects and to create slug barriers.

♦ **Synthetic pesticides** are chemical compounds invented in a laboratory. Some are more toxic than others, some are longer lasting than others and some release compounds that are more toxic than the original pesticides when they break down in the environment. Chemicals may harm beneficial insects more than unwanted pests. Organic gardening books identify beneficial insects and provide tips on how to avoid interfering with them.

### Selected botanical pesticides: Targets & toxicity

**Insecticidal Soaps:** Targets are soft-bodied insects, line aphids, scales and mites. Human toxicity is very low.

**Pyrethrum/Pyrethroids:** Targets are most insects. Human toxicity is moderate.

**Rotenone:** Targets are most insects. It works best against leaf-eating caterpillars and beetles. Human toxicity is low, but it is very toxic to fish.

**Ryania:** Targets are most insects and it is best used in hot weather. Human toxicity is low and it is moderately toxic to some animals.

**Sabadilla Dust:** Targets are most insects. It works for adult insects not controlled by other botanicals. Human toxicity is very low, but it is lethal to honey bees.

**Nicotine Sulfate:** Targets are most insects. It is extremely toxic to humans and should only be used as a last resort.

### Creating a haven for beneficial insects

Beneficial insects will come to the landscape if they are provided the following:

**Water:** This could be as small as a bowl or bird bath or as large as a pond, just as long as it is available and filled with fresh water all year. Be sure to keep the water fresh; stagnant water attracts mosquitoes and other insect pests.

**Shelter:** Every animal needs shelter to protect it from enemies and to raise its young. To build "houses" for beneficial insects, grow a variety of plants, including annual flowers, perennial flowers, bulbs, grasses, small shrubs, large shrubs and deciduous and evergreen trees. The beneficial insects will find their niches.

**Food:** Pollen and nectar sustain some insect predators when insects are not available to eat. Vertebrates such as birds and squirrels enjoy fruits, grain and seeds, especially during the winter. Once beneficial insects, birds and animals get to know a particular landscape as a place to find food all year, they will come back.

*Until the 1700s, ballerinas wore long, heavy skirts, tight corsets and heeled slippers—all of which limited their ability to jump and perform other energetic movements.*

*There are approximately 2.5 times as many cattle in Argentina as there are people.*

# Longhorns race to team title in their own track meet

The Hart Longhorns took home gold medals in the shot put, long jump, 3,200-meter run and 1,600-meter run and medaled in several other events enroute to the team championship at the Hart Longhorn Relays Friday and Saturday.

The host team accumulated 142 points to claim the team title while Kress finished second with 127 and Nazareth snagged the third berth with 97 points. Lockney finished fourth with 79, Sudan was fifth with 45, Happy was sixth with 36 and Vega finished seventh with 23.

In the girls' division, Muleshoe claimed top honors with 118 points while Lockney was second with 107. Springlake-Earth and Sudan tied for third-place honors with 58 points apiece. The Nazareth Swiftettes finished with 57 points for fifth place honors while Hale Center was sixth with 52 and Hart came in seventh with 49.

## Bobcats claim fifth-place honors in San Angelo

The Dimmitt Bobcats earned 36 points to claim fifth-place team honors in the big San Angelo Relays track meet over the weekend.

Dimmitt competed in Division III, which was for small schools.

Dimmitt's Justin Sutton was the top pole vaulter in the meet, clearing 14-6 in the event.

Daniel Flores was second in the 800-meter run, posting a time of 2:05.40.

Randy Porter finished third in the 400 in 51.94.

Dimmitt's 1,600-meter relay team completed the four quarters in 3:33.55 for third-place honors.

The team title went to Vernon with 112 points. Tulia finished second with 105, Abilene Wylie was third with 72 points and Gatesville finished fourth with 37. Other teams competing were Muleshoe, Perryton, San Angelo Central JV, Dalhart and Friona.



### DISTRICT 1-AAA PLAY Saturday at Dumas

Bobcats 7, Perryton 17			
Dimmitt	403	00	7 9 3
Perryton	160	82	17 18 2
Luis Silva, Sammy Prieto (4) and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt. Onion, Williams (2), Merrell (4) and Cresell of Perryton. WP: Merrell. LP: Prieto. 2B: Estrada of Perryton. 3B: Estrada and Stiles of Perryton. HR: Sepeda of Dimmitt in the first and third innings; Cory Dear of Perryton. District Record: Dimmitt 0-1.			

### FRIDAY

Swifts 6, Crosbyton 16			
Nazareth	200	112	6 6 3
Crosbyton	229	003	16 10 2
Matt Olvera, Stanton Wethington, Aaron Kern, Nick Bermea and Olvera. Ovalle and Lopez. WP: Ovalle. LP: Olvera. 2B: Blake Birkenfeld and Matt Olvera for Nazareth; Rogers for Crosbyton. HR: Martin for Crosbyton. Record: Nazareth 1-2.			

### MONDAY

Swifts 5, Amherst 2			
Nazareth	000	104	5 2 5
Amherst	100	010	2 3 4
Bo Hunter and Matt Olvera of Nazareth; Gilmore and D. Miller of Amherst. WP: Hunter. LP: Gilmore. 2B: Matt Olvera for Nazareth; Hood for Amherst. Record: Nazareth 2-2.			

### TUESDAY

Bobcats 15, Tulia 13			
Dimmitt	234	004	2 15 17 4
Tulia	510	061	0 13 9 2
Tanner Griffith, Luis Silva (4), Derek Buckley (6) and Bobby Hill for Dimmitt; Hacker, Burrow (6), Tucker (6) and Criswell of Tulia. WP: Silva. LP: Tucker. 2B: Cody Brockman and Wesley Wright of Dimmitt. 3B: Tucker of Tulia. HR: Hill and Wright of Dimmitt; Hacker of Tulia. District record: Dimmitt 1-1.			

Hart's Gerardo Dozal won the boys' shot put with a throw of 44-2 1/4 Friday afternoon while teammate Dan Eric Castillo came in just behind him with an effort of 43-4 3/4.

Bo Hunter of Nazareth took top honors in the discus, throwing the disc 142-9 1/2 feet. Dozal was second with a throw of 132-2.

Jared Aven of Hart medaled in the long jump and triple jump, winning the long jump with a leap of 19-4 and placing second in the triple jump after jumping 40-0 1/2.

Long-distance races were owned by county boys, too. Isaias Garcia of Hart won both the 3,200 and 1,600 races, posting times of 11:34.9 and 5:23.05, respectively. Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth was second in the 3,200 with a time of 11:57.84. Hart Marciel Mendoza was second in the mile in 5:26.02 while Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth came in third with a time of 5:27.26.

The Longhorns and Swifts came in second and third, respectively, in the 400 relay. Hart posted a time of 46.12 while the Swifts finished in 46.21.

Kade Wilcox of Nazareth topped the field in the 800-meter run with a winning effort of 2:11.41.

In the 110 hurdles, Stanton Wethington of Nazareth took the gold in 15.95 while Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez was second in 16.56. Wethington finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.79 while Velasquez was third in 42.80.

Aven placed third in the 100-meter dash (11.32) and Ky Wilcox of Nazareth was third in the 400 (53.89).

Nazareth's mile relay team placed second with a time of 3:46.20 while Hart was third in 3:46.69.

## FFA youths fare well in major shows

Several members of the Dimmitt FFA attended major stock shows this year and did well.

In the Fort Worth Stock Show, Mary Bradley placed 13<sup>th</sup> with a lightweight cross barrow, Dennis Underwood finished 14<sup>th</sup> with a heavyweight Duroc and Jeremy Simpson finished 16<sup>th</sup> with a mediumweight Yorkshire. Also showing livestock in Fort Worth was Taylor Matthews.

Simpson drove his heavyweight cross to a second-place finish in the El Paso Stock Show.

At San Antonio, Bradley finished third with a mediumweight cross barrow. Others showing animals were Lyndsey Heard, Taylor Matthews, Wesley Nutt, Whitney Nutt, Shae Odom, Bryce Parker, Simpson, Jonathan Stevens, Shantell Self, Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Underwood, Jinna Wright, Cliff Wright and Wesley Wright.

Dimmitt FFA members enjoyed success in the Houston Livestock Show, too.

In the Swine Division at Houston, Adam Wright placed second with a lightweight cross, which also earned sixth-place honors in the carcass contest. Matthew Wright finished third with a middle class Duroc, Simpson was fourth with a white chester, Bradley was 15<sup>th</sup> with her cross; Jake Porsch finished 16<sup>th</sup> with a Duroc and Tyler Cornett placed 18<sup>th</sup> with a Duroc.

Jinna Wright showed her finewool cross to a 10<sup>th</sup> place finish.

Taylor Matthews showed an eighth-place steer in the American breed and cross category.

Others participating with livestock projects in the Houston show were Tinke Casneuf, Michelle Davis, Ashley Davis, Shae Odom, Russell Rickert, Tanner Self, Shantell Self, Tucker Self, Cliff Wright, Kirsti Edwards, Underwood and Wesley Wright.

The Swiftettes and Lady Horns also claimed several medals in the weekend tournament.

Angelica Perez of Hart won the 100-meter hurdle race by posting a time of 16.29, and she finished third in the 300-meter race with a time of 51.2. Perales also placed in the high jump, earning a silver medal for her leap of 4-10.

Nazareth's Lindsey Gerber's time of 12:38.41 was fastest in the 3,200-meter race while teammate Danette Ramaekers came in second in 12:40.55. Ramaekers also finished second in the 1,600-meter run (5:35.01) and Gerber was third in the 800 (2:37.17).

The Swiftettes' mile relay team finished second in 4:33.32. Hart's 400-meter relay squad was second with a time of 52.89.

## Track Results

### HART LONGHORN RELAYS at Hart

#### Boys' Division

**Team totals:** 1. Hart 142, 2. Kress 127, 3. Nazareth 97, 4. Lockney 79, 5. Sudan 45, 6. Happy 36, 7. Vega 23.

**Shot put:** 1. Gerardo Dozal of Hart, 44-2 1/4, 2. Dan Eric Castillo of Hart, 43-4 3/4, 5. Bo Hunter of Nazareth.

**Discus:** 1. Bo Hunter of Nazareth, 152-9 1/2, 2. Gerardo Dozal of Hart, 132-2.

**Long jump:** 1. Jared Aven of Hart, 19-4.

**Triple jump:** 2. Jared Aven of Hart, 40-0 1/2.

**3,200-meter run:** 1. Isaias Garcia of Hart, 11:34.9; 3. Mark Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 11:57.84, 4. Trinity Robb of Nazareth, 12:38.41.

**400 relay:** 2. Hart, 46:12; 3. Nazareth, 46:21.

**800:** 1. Kade Wilcox of Nazareth, 2:11.41.

**110 hurdles:** 1. Stanton Wethington of Nazareth, 15.95; 2. Jeremiah Velasquez of Hart, 16.56.

**100:** 3. Jared Aven of Hart, 11.32.

**400:** 3. Ky Wilcox of Nazareth, 53.89.

**300 hurdles:** 2. Stanton Wethington of Nazareth, 42.79; 3. Jeremiah Velasquez of Hart, 42.80, 4. Matty McLain of Nazareth.

**1,600-meter run:** 1. Isaias Garcia of Hart, 5:23.05; 2. Marciel Mendoza of Hart, 5:26.02; 3. Blake Birkenfeld of Nazareth, 5:27.26, 5. Trinity Robb of Nazareth.

**1,600 relay:** 2. Nazareth, 3:46.20; 3. Hart, 3:46.69.

#### Girls' Division

**Team totals:** 1. Muleshoe 118, 2. Lockney 107, 3. (Tie) Springlake-Earth and Sudan 58, 5. Nazareth 57, 6. Hale Center 52, 7. Hart 49.

**High jump:** 2. Angelica Perales, Hart, 4-10.

**Triple jump:** 4. Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth.

**3,200:** 1. Lindsey Gerber of Nazareth, 12:38.41; 2. Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth, 12:40.55.

**200:** 6. Marsha Black.

**400:** 5. Mikki Huguley.

**400 relay:** 2. Hart, 52:89.

**800:** 3. Lindsey Gerber of Nazareth, 2:37.17.

**100 hurdles:** 1. Angelica Perales of Hart, 16.29.

**300 hurdles:** 3. Angelica Perales of Hart, 51.2, 4. Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth.

**1,600:** 2. Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth, 5:35.01.

**1,600 relay:** 2. Nazareth, 4:33.32.

### SAN ANGELO RELAYS

#### Boys' Division III

**Team Totals:** 1. Vernon 112, 2. Tulia 105, 3. Abilene Wylie 72, 4. Gatesville 37, 5. Dimmitt 36, 6. Muleshoe 27, 7. Perryton 23.5, 8. San Angelo Central JV 21.5, 9. Dalhart 16, 10. Friona 15.

**Pole vault:** 1. Justin Sutton of Dimmitt, 14-6.

**800:** 2. Daniel Flores of Dimmitt, 2:05.40.

**400:** 3. Randy Porter of Dimmitt, 51.94.

**1,600 relay:** 3. Dimmitt, 3:33.55.

## Cowboy Jubilee set for April 17

Cowboy music will fill the Lyceum Theater in Clovis, N.M., on April 17 when "Cowboy Jubilee 2" will be presented at 7 p.m.

The show is a follow-up to the successful "Cowboy Jubilee," a musical tribute to the Singing Cowboy held at the Lyceum Theater last November.

Sagebrush Sounds, a western band reminiscent of the Sons of the Pioneers, will also be performing. The show will open with a performance by Matt Skinner, a cowboy singer from Alpine.

Tickets for the show are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door.

Advance tickets can be purchased at the Lyceum Barber Shop or by calling toll-free, 1-877-522-6302.

*If you think changing clocks for daylight savings time is a nuisance, consider the shadow clock which told ancient Egyptians the number of hours before or after noon. That clock had to be turned around each day at noon.*

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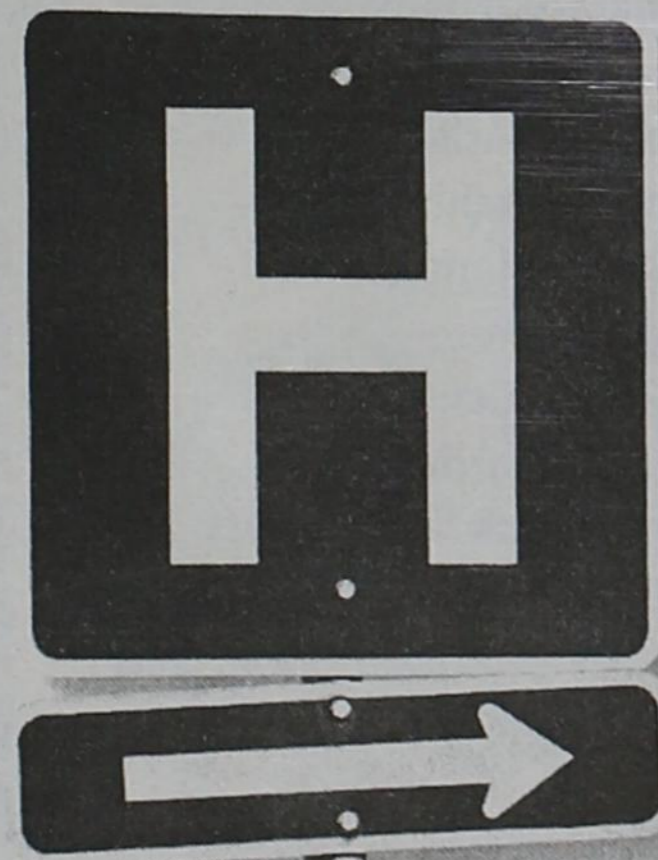
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# Obituaries

## J.S. Clark

Funeral services for J.S. "Jack" Clark, 81, of Lubbock, the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held Saturday afternoon in the Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona with Leon Talley, minister, officiating.

Burial followed in Friona under direction of Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mr. Clark died March 25 at Covenant Lakeside Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 1, 1918, in Gatesville. He married Charlie Kemp on Feb. 2, 1946, in Summerfield. She preceded him in death on Nov. 20, 1988. They moved to Friona in 1955. During World War II, he served in the US Marine Corps. He was a member of the American Legion. He retired from farming in 1983. Mr. Clark had worked for the Friona Independent School District for 11 years as a maintenance man. He was a member of Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona. He moved to Lubbock a year ago.

Survivors include a son, Jackie L. Clark of Lubbock; a daughter, Janice Connolly of Midland; a brother, Bob Clark of Friona; five sisters, Robbie Stephan of Hereford, Inez Lee of Dimmitt, Jessie Claunch of Fort Worth, Jean Baize of Friona, and Jewell Cheatham of Lincoln, Ark.; and four grandchildren.

## Augusta M. Farris

Services for Augusta M. Farris, 84, of Hart, were held Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Hart with the Rev. Allie Balko, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wickett, officiating. Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Farris died at 12 noon Saturday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

She was born Aug. 31, 1914, in Era. She married Loyd W. Farris on April 14, 1934, in Hobart, Okla. She attended Draughn's Business College. She moved to Hart in 1944 from Sentinel, Okla. She was a hairdresser. In 1998 she was named a Hart Days Pioneer of the Year. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hart and of the Good Neighbor Club. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Patsy Farris and Peggy Farris; two granddaughters, Tonya Cleaver and Kari Homfeld; and three brothers, L.D. Haire, Lowell Haire and Woodrow Daniel.

Survivors include her husband; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Carole Farris of Dalhart, Billy Joe and Connie Farris of Hart and Ricky and Suzanne Farris of Houston; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-

## Zepeda named student of week

Daniela Zepeda, daughter of Emma and Jose S. Zepeda of Dimmitt, has been named the student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Zepeda was born Nov. 26, 1988, in Hereford. Her favorite food is pizza and her favorite book is *Wayside School Gets a Little Stranger*. Her favorite animal is the kitten. She enjoyed playing basketball and wants to be better at playing baseball. She likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School.

When Zepeda grows up, she hopes to be a teacher. She admires her parents. She enjoys reading in her spare time.

grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kirk Farris, Tim Farris, Flynn Farris, Adrian Farris, Alston Farris, John Scott Farris, Brent Homfeld and Barry Homfeld. Honorary pallbearers were Stephanie Schilling, Camille Bezner and Darla Jirele.

The family suggests memorials be to the First Baptist Church Carpet Fund or Hart Cemetery.

## Juanita Ray

Funeral services for Juanita Ray, 81, of Amarillo, the sister of a Dimmitt woman, were held Friday morning in Schooler Funeral Home, Brentwood Chapel in Amarillo with Loran Harper of Comanche Church of Christ officiating.

Burial followed in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia.

Mrs. Ray died March 23.

She was born in Lazar and lived in Vigo Park from 1962 until 1974, when she moved to Amarillo. She was a bookkeeper working with income tax for many years and was a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church. She married John Arthur Ray in 1936. He preceded her in death in 1974. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Judith Anjella Mangum, in 1995, and by a son, Larry Lee Ray, in 1986.

She is survived by four sons, Roy H. Ray of Lockney, Don L. Ray and Jerry D. Ray, both of Amarillo, and Arthur Dell Ray of Plainview; two sisters, Margie Tolleson of Dimmitt and Helen Cokendolpher of Brownwood; a brother, Calvin M. Hyden of Sacramento, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

## Olson Damon

Funeral services for Olson Charles Damon, 80, of Amarillo, the father of a Dimmitt woman, will be held today (Thursday) at 11 a.m. at West Amarillo Church of Christ with Tony Dean, minister, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. in the Texline Cemetery under direction of Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton, N.M.

Mr. Damon died March 29 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 13, 1918, in Chinlee, Ariz. His family moved to Gallup, N.M., where he lived for many years before joining the US Army. During his four years in the military, he served during World War II and received four Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart with two Oak Clusters, the Good Conduct Medal, the Silver Star Medal, and the American Defense Service Medal. He had been a resident of Amarillo since 1938, and retired from the railroad after working as a conductor for 38 years. He married Roma Dale (Speck) and she preceded him in death in 1977. He married Bettie Jo (Crumpton) Decker on June 16, 1977, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on Dec. 27, 1997.

He is survived by three sons, Dale E. Decker of Edmond, Okla., Wayne Lee Decker of Ludlow, Wash., and John Damon; six daughters, Sharon Kay Kinser of Dimmitt, Bertie Damon, Helen Damon, Mary Dry and Sharon Meeks, all of California, and Kathy Love of Lubbock; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the West Amarillo Church of Christ Building Fund, 417 S. McMasters, Amarillo, or the Christian Relief Fund, Box 19670, Amarillo 79114-1670.

# Proposed drug policy draws questions

"I'm convinced that we have a drug and alcohol problem that exists in our community," Dimmitt High School coach and athletic coordinator Bruce Dollar told those present at a community meeting last Thursday night. "It didn't happen overnight, and it won't go away overnight."

Dollar told the crowd of about 200 that the Dimmitt Independent School District board of trustees will consider adoption of a drug and alcohol testing policy for students at their April 12 meeting.

If it is adopted, students in grades 7-12 who plan to participate in extracurricular activities that include competitions or contests or those who are elected to student office must sign a consent form for random drug testing.

"We need community support or this won't work," Dollar said. "Participation is a privilege, not a right. They have to earn the privilege to participate by signing the consent form."

When asked if the policy will only apply to students who are in extracurricular activities, Dollar said, "We legally cannot test the entire student body. Parents can volunteer their son or daughter to be tested, and they will be put in another pool (from which 10% will be tested at each random testing date)."

Other pools would include students in various athletic programs, those in other activities that include competitions, and those who are elected to student offices.

Dollar acknowledged that this could affect the participation level in extracurricular activities, because students who don't want to be tested will choose not to participate.

"That could happen, but it also gives students an incentive to not participate in that kind of behavior," Dollar said. He said of students who would drop out to avoid testing that "they need substance abuse counseling if it (drug or alcohol use) is that important to them."

"The most important part of the

whole program is the mandatory substance-abuse counseling for offenders at any level," Coach Bruce Dollar said. "It is not the suspension. Trying to change behavior is the whole point."

"The impact alcohol and drugs have on our kids is unbelievable. It changes their attitudes. Some are not involved in it, but want others to think they are, because it is 'cool'. We need to give them something to hang onto. They need to know we are there, supporting them. When you ask them why (they are involved in substance abuse), they say 'It's what everybody does'. It is almost required to be 'in the group'."

"This is an activity that is not done singly. It is a social problem, a social activity. They don't do it alone," Dollar said. "The biggest shame about it all is that they brag about it. They don't care who knows. I also blame parents who condone alcohol consumption at parties. We need to refocus into positive behavior."

Dollar said that problems stemming from alcohol/substance abuse include:

—A disrespect for authority. They have done adult things and they think no one can tell them what to do now.

—Failure to accept responsibility. They don't understand that they have to be accountable.

—Lack of self respect. They do this to get attention from their peers.

—Less likely to tell parents where they are or to depend on parents for advice.

—Less focused on attendance and making good grades.

—Teen pregnancy. In a local survey, it was reported that in 90% of all teen pregnancies one or both partners were under the influence at the time of conception.

—Lack of participation. Over 200 students at DHS are not in ANY activity whatsoever. One reason for that is that they are focused on negative behavior.

Dollar said part of the answer to

the problem includes positive intervention by parents, teachers and peers, and emphasizing prevention.

"The first person I went to see about this program was the Chief of Police," Dollar said. "He told me, 'If you do anything at all, have it start in junior high. That is where the experimentation starts. Stop it before it gets started.'"

A member of the audience asked, "Are you gonna have the guts to do it?"

"Yes, the board of trustees will back it," Dollar said. "It could be challenged in court, but our school board is willing to take that risk, they think it's that important. We hope to get the policy passed in April. Then we will have May to educate the students about what will happen in August."

All students will start with a clean slate in August. The only time everyone will be tested will be at the beginning of the program in August. After that, the only mass testing that will be done is for incoming seventh and ninth graders each year, who are

required to have physicals for athletics anyway.

Any who test positive at one of the random testing dates will then be tested again at each random testing date for a year.

"If the problem (of drug and alcohol use) increases, will the frequency of testing be increased?" an audience member asked.

"Yes, that is a possibility," Dollar said. "Also, testing may be increased at certain times of the year. It is up to the discretion of the superintendent. He is the only one who will know the testing dates."

In response to a question, Dollar said, "We're losing the battle. We feel we have to do something. We are failing our kids if we are not more concerned about their welfare than winning a game. What if we catch everybody? Then we just won't play."

Another public meeting to discuss the proposed policy will be held next Thursday at the DHS library at 7 p.m. A Spanish translator will be available, as well as babysitters.

# Quarterly sales, use tax shows decline in county

The third quarter report of sales and use tax for Castro County showed a 55.8% decline in gross sales for all industries and a 49.9% decline for the retail trade division, when comparing the third quarter of 1998 with the same period in 1997.

The county showed a decline in reporting outlets, as well. In the third quarter of 1998, there were 155 reporting outlets for all industries, with 82 of them designated in the retail trade division. However, in the third quarter of 1997, there were 165 outlets for all industries, with 93 in the retail trade.

All industries reported gross sales

of \$21,051,058 for the third quarter of 1998, down 55.8% from the \$47,644,384 reported in 1997. Use tax purchases totaled \$19,442, and the total amount subject to state sales and use tax for the third quarter of 1998 was \$5,008,955.

The retail trade division reported gross sales of \$9,718,157 for the third quarter of 1998, a 49.9% drop from the \$19,401,197 counted in the third quarter of 1997. Use tax purchases totaled \$8,199 and the total amount subject to state sales and use tax for the third quarter of 1998 was \$3,906,227.

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The Burch-Settoon Student Loan Fund Trust has loans available to graduates of any high school located in Hale, Floyd, Lamb, Castro, Swisher, or Briscoe counties of Texas, to be used for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university. Applications will be considered without regard to religious preference, race, creed or color. Loan applications may be requested by writing to or coming by the Trust Department of Norwest Bank of Plainview, 205 West Fifth Street, P.O. Box 7, Plainview, Texas 79073-0007. Deadline for accepting applications is June 1, 1999. 22-50-5tc

24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
There aren't enough words to express our appreciation to the staff at Canterbury Villa and Plains Memorial Hospital for the care given to Lavern during his sickness. Thank you for your prayers, cards, hugs, flowers, phone calls, food gifts, your presence at his services, and donations to charity and masses in memory of Lavern. We are blessed to have such caring friends.  
VERONICA "RONNIE" WILHELM HENRY WILHELM FAMILY CECIL WILHELM MARY JEAN & STEPHEN WILHELM FAMILY MARY BETH & GENE HASCHKE FAMILY DAVID & DOROTHY HUSEMAN FAMILY STACY & DAMIAN WILHELM FAMILY MICHAEL & THERESA MULLEN FAMILY 24-52-1tp

**CARD OF THANKS**  
I would like to thank everyone that offered his or her support and prayers during the loss of our beloved Kimberly. A special thanks for those who have given to the scholarship fund. Her memories and smile will live forever! Thanks again.  
JAN & JAROD NEWLAND 24-52-1tx

25—Legal Notices

**TEXAS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Supply and Install Gas Line  
Contract Number 059XXR1010  
Sealed proposals to supply and install a gas line for the Castro County Maintenance Section Office located at 1218 S. US 385, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation, located at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas.  
Proposals will be received until April 19, 1999, at 3 p.m., then publicly opened and read.  
Proposals, plans and specifications for this project will be furnished without charge to any contractor desiring to submit a bid. No pre-qualification is required. Contact Kenneth Wood at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas; telephone (806) 748-4423 for proposals or any questions.  
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**TEXAS DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS**  
Construct Foundations  
Contract Number 059XXR1009  
Sealed proposals to Construct Foundations for Asphalt Tanks for the Castro County Maintenance Section Office, located at 1218 S. US 385, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, will be received by the Texas Dept. of Transportation, located at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, Texas.  
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**Report child abuse. 1-800-252-5400**



**SPRING SHOWERS BRING APRIL TULIPS**  
... Tulips, daffodils and other flowers are springing up across area  
Photo by Carter Townsend

**More about Hospital may get scanner . . .**

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The board approved the idea and also asked Sloan to consider ways to give special recognition to the Hospital Auxiliary for its contributions and service through the years.  
In other action, the board:  
—Voted to continue using the First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, as the hospital district depository.  
—Voted to cancel this year's hospital board election and appoint the three who have filed, as state election law allows when there are no contested races. (Board members Jerry Annen, Henry Ramackers and Carolyn Sides all filed for re-election.)

**Lee Street sets sunrise service**

Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt will have sunrise services Easter Sunday at 7:30 a.m. in the lot next to the church building. The service will be followed by a breakfast at the church. The public is invited to attend.

**Report child abuse. 1-800-252-5400**

**Police Calls**

Jimmy Kern of Nazareth told deputies Saturday night that someone attempted to set fire to an unoccupied building 7 miles north of Nazareth and a half mile west on CR 608. Kern was able to put out the fire before any substantial damage occurred.

Dennis Harold Heiman of Nazareth reported a burglary of a building. He told deputies Saturday that someone broke into the 19th Hole in Nazareth and took \$1,800 in merchandise. Two doors were damaged, as well.

Terry Porter of Canyon told police that someone took a cellular phone without his consent, it was recovered at the scene at 419 N. Broadway in Dimmitt. The phone was valued at \$250.

Tom Patel, owner of the Colonial Inn Motel in Dimmitt, told police early Sunday that an unknown suspect forced open the door to one of the apartments at the Motel, causing \$20 in damage to the door frame.

Ray Aleman apprehended a shoplifter at ALCO Saturday afternoon in the theft of an air freshener, valued at \$2.99.

Last Thursday night, police stopped a suspect who had a traffic warrant out for his arrest.

Jailed on warrants or to serve time after court during the past week were:

—March 23, a Hart woman, 33, on a warrant for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

—March 24, a Dimmitt man, 23, on a warrant for motion to revoke on a warrant for assault/bodily injury; a man on a motion to revoke on a warrant for driving with license suspended; and a 41-year-old Hart woman serving after court on a charge of DWI, first offense.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 18, on charges of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 20, on a warrant for burglary of a building.

—Monday, a 48-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for DWI and driving with license suspended, on a motion to revoke; and a 23-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for theft by check.

Friday at 7:46 p.m. six people were injured in a crash on South Broadway in Dimmitt, just before the intersection with Jones Street. Police said Sara Jane Bradford, 15, of Dimmitt, was driving a 1992 GMC pickup north in the 100 block of South Broadway and attempted to turn left into the Gas Card station on the corner. The pickup pulled into the path of a 1997 Ford pickup driven by Jacob Medrano, 17, of Dimmitt, who was heading south on Broadway. Bradford had possible injuries, as did her passenger, Valerie Martinez, 14, of Dimmitt. Another of her passengers, Angelica

Rascon, 15, of Dimmitt, had an incapacitating injury. Medrano and his two passengers, Jeogiana Gonzales, 23, of Fay, N.C., and Michael Sepeda, 23, of Dimmitt, all had possible injuries. Damage to the GMC

was rated light to moderate, while the Ford had moderate to heavy damage. Bradford was given a ticket for driving without a license and failure to yield right of way turning left.

**Third graders earn awards**

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School were honored for having perfect attendance, improving their reading and penmanship, and for being good spellers and hard workers during the most recent nine-week grading period.

Students recognized include the following:

**STANTON'S ROOM**

**Perfect Attendance:** Armando Prieto, Selina Sanchez, Cynthia Gomez, Rubi Sanchez, Jose Cardona and Jesus Sanchez.

**Citizenship:** Joel Cardona and Gomez.

**Hardest Workers:** Joshua Correa and Jose Ortega.

**Honor Roll:** Antonio Molina, Ana Olmos and Gomez.

**LUNA'S ROOM**

**Perfect Attendance:** None.

**Top Spellers:** Erika Aguilar, Veronica Martinez, Gloria Ontiveros, Cynthia Prieto, Patricia Quintana, Jose Silva, Luis Vargas and Thalia Vazquez.

**Hard Workers:** Aguilar and Prieto.

**Reading Improvement:** Aguilar, Prieto, Silva and Vargas.

**Penmanship:** Aguilar, Ontiveros, Quintana, Prieto, Silva, Thalia Vazquez and Thania Vazquez.

**MERRITT'S ROOM**

**Honor Roll:** Erin Black, Molly Bradford, Michael Cline, Cameron Cluck, Naoli Corral, Aidede Covarrubia, David Gil, Luis Luna, Michael Rasor, Makenzie Sims and Gabriel Martinez.

**Perfect Attendance:** Black, Cluck, Corral, Gil, Marcus Herrera, Martinez and Rocky Navarro.

**Citizenship:** Bradford, Courtney Garza and Sims.

**Hard Workers:** Rasor, Cluck, Gil, Luna and Martinez.

**KOCK'S ROOM**

**Honor Roll:** Haylee Evans, Kaden Griffith, Nayeli Monsivais, Jesus Ortiz, Landon Porsch, Lana Reinart, Nick Ellis and Mackenzie Pigg.

**Citizenship:** Reinart.

**Hard Workers:** Monsivais, Griffith, Pigg and Reinart.

**Perfect Attendance:** Brittany Allen, Caleb Barrios, Nick Ellis, Brenda Fernandez, Griffith, Monsivais, Ortiz, Porsch, Reinart, Anna Reyes and Toby Ward.

**STEINLE'S ROOM**

**Honor Roll:** Kimberly Buffham, Tyler Cornett, Anthony Enriquez, Chauncey Gilbreath, Shaira Gonzales, Eric Odom, Ross Myatt, Chris Pompa, Kamryn Steffens and Houston Sutton.

**Perfect Attendance:** Eva Agüero, Ashley Cotter, Adam Dozal, Gilbreath, Gillian Gonzales, Robby Lopez, Chris Pompa, Steffens, Sutton and Dustin Thomas.

**Citizenship:** Patricia Barrera, Buffham, Cotter, Enriquez, Gonzales, Myatt, Pompa, Sutton and Thomas.

**Hard Workers:** Amanda Castaneda, Casey Enriquez, Jerry Martinez and Eric Mireles.

**AXTELL'S ROOM**

**Honor Roll:** Dennis Underwood, Kalan Steinle, Cassidy Watts, Vanessa Reyes, Andrew Lafuente, Valerie Villarreal and Laraine Agüero.

**Citizenship:** Cassidy Watts and Vanessa Reyes.

**Hard Workers:** Ashley Fleeks and Adriana Hernandez.

**Perfect Attendance:** Agüero, Matthew Almanza, Julian Chayez, Ashley Fleeks, Watts, Villarreal, Curtis Thomas, Sammy Sanchez, Lafuente, Jerri Orr, Daniela Neri and Reyes.

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# Easter Blessings to All

Now late on the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the grave. And behold, a severe earth quake had occurred, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled away the stone and sat upon it. And his appearance was like lightning, and his garment as white as snow; and the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men. And the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. "He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come see the place where He was lying ...

*Matthew 28:1-6*



*May the miracle of Easter sustain you throughout the year.*

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