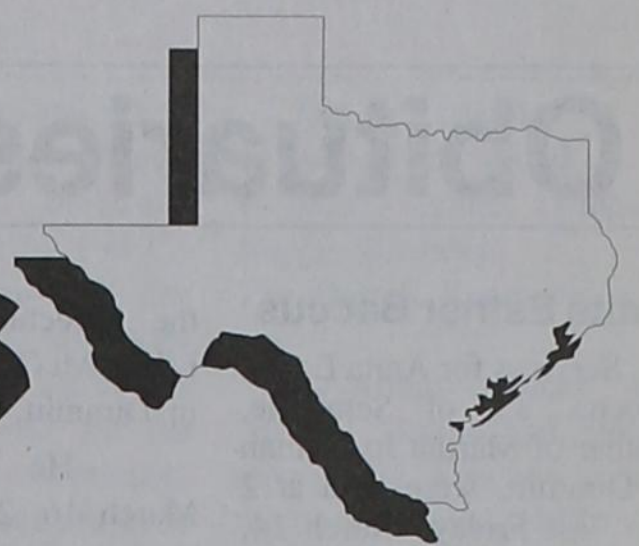


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Castro County Calendar

What, Where, When!

The Texas Plains Two-Cylinder Club will host its 11th annual antique tractor show on March 22-23 at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. Contact Paul at 806-744-4457.

Hart ISD is sponsoring a Perfect Attendance Month Feb. 24th through Apr. 17th. Winners will be awarded with prizes and pizza and movies.

IDH will hold immunization and follow up flu clinic Tuesday, March 25th. This will be at the Dimmitt Middle School nurses office.

The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a Breast Cancer Screening Clinic in Dimmitt on April 3, 2003. For information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

PTO is collecting box tops and labels. Boxtops and grocery tape receipts can be dropped at principals offices or call 647-2243.

Texas Parks and Wildlife will be having a Hunter Safety class March 28-29, 2003 at the VFW Hall in Tulia. Lunch will be provided. For reservations or for more information, contact Game Warden Audie Hamm at (806) 668-4437.

Parents place will present their first Fatherhood Conference on March 25, 2003 in Tulia at Tulia Christian Fellowship, located at the corner of 6th and Dallas. There is no cost for the conference. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.

The fabulous Baker Brothers will be performing at the Gem Theater in Turkey on Saturday, March 22. For more information call (806) 423-1273.

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will be hosting an all you can eat Fish Fry every Friday night. Serving time will be 5:30-8:00 p.m. The cost for the meal is \$6.00 per person.

★ To advertise in the Castro County News please call (806) 647-3123!



NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN—Mi Angel Boutique has opened on the east side of the square in Dimmitt. They held their ribbon cutting sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber last Friday. Pictured from left are Chris Bradford, Chamber director, Sharon Self, Chamber Executive Director, Linda Martinez, Teresa Ornelas, owner, Trini Castillo, Christopher Moctezuma (boy), Evelyn Noble, Genny Neely, Alexis Neely (girl), Patti Elder, Davey Ann Browder and Marcus Brockman, Chamber director.

Nazareth School Board meets

The Nazareth School Board held its Regular Board Meeting on March 12, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in the Board Room. The meeting started with a presentation from Grimes and Associates, of Lubbock, Texas. Marshall Harrison stated, "The board is interviewing for a Construction Management Firm, to oversee the possible repair and renovations to the school. The repairs and renovations are part of the bond election proposed for voting on May 3, 2003." Harrison also stated, "The board is set to interview two other construction management companies and will select one company, if the bond is approved by the voters." The principal's report then showed the school had gained two additional students, bringing the enrolment to 224 students. The report also reviewed the upcoming spring activities. The bulk of the superintendent's report revolved around school finance. According to Harrison, "I have presented a

two year financial plan to the board. We must have a sound financial plan, as we proceed into the next two years. Nazareth I.S.D. tax value has increased over \$2,000,000 in the last year, which lowers our state funding. To maintain a balanced budget we will be looking at all avenues of expenditures and we will also look at a possible increase in taxes. The key issue to remember is that to maintain financial security, the school must continue to add to their reserves and adopt a balanced budget each year."

The board then discussed whether to charge transfer students for the upcoming school year. Harrison stated, "This was a very short discussion, due to the fact is we were to charge tuition we could have loose state funding."

* The board unanimously approved the term life insurance through TASB Risk Management. This

policy provides \$20,000 term life for all full time employees at a cost of \$1.24 per month. Harrison stated, "This is a way for the board to provide some extra compensation to our extraordinary employees."

* The board unanimously approved a resolution in support of Region 16 Service Center.

The board unanimously approved a resolution to extend the District's Depository Contract with First United Bank, of Dimmitt until September, 2005.

The board unanimously approved new employment contract forms.

The board unanimously approved the superintendent's recommendation to extend an offer of employment on a one year term contract to the following persons: Sheryl Damron, Darlene Fetch, Stacy Gerber, Judith Hauf,

Utility rate increases dominate agenda

City council opposes Valor increase

The Dimmitt City Council met at the City Hall last Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

The council voted to oppose a Valor rate increase as are most of the cities served by Valor. According to Mayor Collins, Valor has fallen short on some provisions of an agreement signed on February 22, 2000. One of those provisions stipulated that an office was to be maintained in Dimmitt that would allow walk-in payments, etc. The council voted unanimously to oppose the increase.

The city also approved the annexation procedure for city owned property

recently purchased from the Texas Department of Transportation, west of town. There are 4.2 acres in the tract. This facility will house the city's utility department.

The pay was set for the election judge and the election clerks at \$7.00 per hour. VC Hopson will be the judge. Darla Fisher, Mary Lou Lumberra will hold the clerk's positions with another clerk to be named later.

Bids were opened relative to the sale of the La Mantia property (old vegetable shed north of town). The high bid was \$7,501 submitted by Heartland Livestock, Inc.

Two bids were also opened for the purchase of a police car. Jack Morris Ford of Plainview submitted a bid of \$22,450 and Whiteface Ford of Hereford submitted a bid of \$22,150. The lower of the two bids was accepted.

A settlement of \$11,500 was received for the police car that was recently wrecked.

Atmos Energy has announced a rate increase of \$6.82 per 1,000 cubic feet of gas. Classic Cable has also announced rate increases. While the basic service will remain at \$15.95, expanded service will increase from \$22.03 to \$24.00 per month. There will be a \$2.00 per month sur-charge for digital customers.

Castro County men and women in service of country

James Bradford	USAF
Brad Murdock	USAF
Eric Kinser	USNG
Gloria Gonzales	USMC
Scott Heck	USA
Jayson Heck	USMC
Jose Acevedo	USA
Dewayne Espinosa	USA
Daniel Medrano	USA
Miguel Medrano	USA
Bryan Sharp	USMC
Monica Broadstreet	USMC
Bryan Charanza	USA
James Flores, Jr.	USA
Shaun E Furr	USA
Jacci Furr	USA
Jeff Headrick	USN
Joe Collins	USMC
Saul Medrano	USA
Danny George	USA
James R Alexander	USAF

Do you know of someone with Castro County roots currently serving in our Armed Forces? If so, please provide their name and branch of service so that we may honor them.

DISD School Board meets

The Dimmitt ISD School Board met last Thursday at the administration building on Halsel St. First up on the agenda was Alan Steidle to recap the power-lifting program. Brett Ramsey coaches the team. The teams consists of boys and girls.

Steidle also reported on the boys basketball program. The 7th grade boys coached by coach Knippa, were 10-4 for the year and 8-2 in district, nailing down second place.

The 8th grade boys, coached by coach Hester made the finals of the Tulia tournament. "Both coaches did a fine job", said Steidle.

The 9th grade boys finished 10-10 after starting 3-8. Josh

Goen was their coach.

The junior varsity was 17-10 overall and 6-4 in district. They finished third place in the Meadow Varsity tournament.

Coach John Wootton was present to discuss the girl's basketball program. The 7th grade girls played hard and did a great job of learning the fundamentals. The 8th grade girls finished as regular season champs. The 9th grade girls had a great year under coach Gonzales.

The junior varsity went 18-8 overall and 9-1 as district co-champs.

The varsity went 23-9 for the year and 8-3 in district with two of those

losses coming to Muleshoe. According to Wootton, "It was a good year all the way around."

Doricell Davis was on hand to comment on the 2004-2009 Technology Plan. According to Davis, "I think we are very progressive in technology."

The following textbooks were approved for adoption: Social Studies, grades 1-12 Social Studies (Spanish) grades 1-6 Prekindergarten Economics with emphasis on free enterprise

Three pieces of equipment will be sold at the annual bus auction in Canyon on April 26.

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Weather

Readings taken every day at 7:00 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Station Service recording station for Dimmitt.

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Scripture for the week.....
"A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother".
Proverbs 10:1

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Obituaries

Anita Esther Baccus

Services for Anita Esther Baccus, 85, of Seminole, mother of Martha Jo Hyman of Dimmitt, were held at 2 p.m. last Friday, March 14, 2003 at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. William McReynolds officiating.

Burial was in the Gaines County Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home in Seminole.

Mrs. Baccus died Wednesday, March 12, 2003.

She was born Aug. 12, 1917, in Parker County. She married Roy Baccus on Nov. 6, 1937, in Granbury. She lived in Smyer before moving to Seminole in 1972. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and worked for several years in the F.J. Young Cafeteria.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rondall; and a sister, Velma Baccus.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Eugene of Levelland, Ricky of Seminole and Randall of Whiteface; a daughter, Martha Jo Hyman of Dimmitt; a brother, M.B. Smith Jr. of Granbury; a sister, Evelyn Owen of Sandston, Va.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church Memorial Fund.

the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

He died Sunday, March 16, 2003.

He was born Jan. 5, 1919. He married Norma Miller on April 9, 1941. He moved to Dimmitt in 1943 from Plainview. A veteran of the Army, he was a retired farmer and exterminator. He was a member of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Sharon Kay Sadler of Sunnyside and Nora Winsor of Fort Worth; a sister, Bertha Godfrey of Hart; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Robert Berry Duncan

DIMMITT — Services for Robert Berry Duncan, 74, of Dimmitt were at 10 a.m. Monday at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Chapel with the Rev. Dana Moore of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Amarillo officiating.

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

He died Tuesday, March 11, 2003, in Salem, Mass.

He was born Sept. 11, 1928, in Pampa. He managed Moss Lane Club in Amarillo and was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Tim of Beverly, Mass.; a daughter, Theresa Greco of Eugene, Ore.; a sister, Bernice Hill of Dimmitt; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Moss Lane Club, 3512 Moss Lane, Amarillo, TX 79109.



Laverta Fore

Laverta Fore, 78, of Amarillo died Friday, March 14, 2003.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, Bell Avenue Chapel, 5400 Bell St., with the Rev. Bill Fitzgerald, of San Jacinto United Methodist Church, and Mr. Van Earl Hughes, retired minister, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Fore was born April 13, 1924, at the farm home near Windom, Kan., to Albert and Viola Knackstedt. She graduated from Frankfort High School in Kansas in 1942.

She grew up in Marshal County, Kan., and came to Amarillo in 1950. She married Gordon G. Fore on Aug. 18, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. She worked for K Drugs and Bob Bacon Americana Crop and Hail Insurance Agency.

She moved to Dimmitt in 1967 and she and her husband owned and operated Gordons Liquor Store. She retired in 1984 and moved back to Amarillo in 1989. She was an accomplished oil painter and seamstress.

She was a very loving and giving mother and grandmother. She was a member of San Jacinto United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of Ladies VFW Auxiliary of Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, in 1985; a granddaughter, Courtney Kay Ingham, in 1985; two brothers-in-law; and a special friend, Dorothy Wilke Cook.

Survivors include a daughter, Janis K. Ingham of Amarillo; a son-in-law, R. J. Ingham of Amarillo; sisters, Bernadine Corbin of Hutchinson, Kan., and Joyce Lord of Blue Rapids, Kan.; a brother, Boyd Knackstedt and wife, June, of Russell, Kan.; a granddaughter, Stephanie A. Ingham of Amarillo; her babies, "Pepper," "Sandy" and "Belle"; and Sherry Hanson of Amarillo and Donna Vertreese of Red River, N.M.

The family suggests memorials be to San Jacinto United Methodist Church of Amarillo.

R.V. "Hooper" Ivy

Services for R.V. "Hopper" Ivy, 82, of Dimmitt were held at 2 p.m. last Thursday, March 13, 2003, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with Chuck Ball of Dimmitt and Jimmie Ivy of Dallas officiating.

Burial was in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe.

Mr. Ivy passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

He was born March 14, 1920, in Westminster. He married Dolores Self on Feb. 21, 1944, in Roswell, N.M. He was a member of Church of Christ in Dimmitt. In 1924 he moved to Lazbuddie from Westminster and later moved to Dimmitt. He was a meat cutter, farmer, rancher, cowboy, cattle inspector and a guard.

He served in the Army during World War II. He received two overseas services bars, American Theater Campaign, EAME Campaign Medal with two bronze stars, Good Conduct Medal, a Meritorious Unit Award, a Victory Ribbon and a service stripe.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Tony of Vinita, Okla.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-9990 or to a favorite charity.

Walter Leal

DIMMITT — Services for Walter Leal, 78, of Dimmitt were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Juan Carlos Brannagan, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt.

He died Saturday, March 15, 2003.

He was born Dec. 26, 1924, in La Paloma. He married Eloisa Rodriguez on Oct. 17, 1950, in Vance, Miss. He moved to Castro County in 1956 from Hale Center. A farm laborer, he was a Catholic and a member of Sacred Heart Men's Group.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Johnny of Dimmitt; five daughters, Gloria Garcia, Maria Navarro, Anna Valdez and Linda Lopez, all of Dimmitt, and Paula Garcia of Odessa; his mother, Fransisca Quintero of Santa Rosa; five sisters, Ida Campos of Combus, Mary Lou Gonzales of Harlingen and Elva Leal, Lee Martinez and Ninfa Rodriguez, all of Santa Rosa; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Martha I. Meza

Martha I. Meza, 29, of Tulia died Saturday, March 15, 2003 at Swisher Memorial Hospital.

Martha was born February 23, 1974 in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Survivors include her parents Rosa Sarmiento and Benito Meza of Tulia; two sisters, Rita Gonzales of Muleshoe, Alesha Aguirre of Mexico, uncles, aunts and cousins.

Samuel M. Burke

Samuel M. Burke, 74, of Muleshoe passed away Saturday, March 15, 2003.

Graveside services were held today at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2003

at Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt.

Mr. Burke was born August 10, 1928 in Carthage, Missouri. He married Corrine Wyr on June 5, 1966 in El Paso. She preceded him in death November 2, 2002.

Mr. Burke was self-employed in the construction business. After retirement, he helped train dogs for use in law enforcement. He also served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

Survivors include a daughter, Liz and Terry Scolley of Dover, Delaware; two brothers Chester Burke of Los Angeles, California and Arthur Burke of Jackson Hole, Wyoming; two sisters Ella Mae Christie of White Deer, Texas and Mona Lisa Martin of Wichita Falls, Texas; and a brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tom and Georgia Finley of Hallsville, Texas.

CC woman attends national convention

Genell Craig of Dimmitt recently attended the BeautiControl Leadership Conference 2003 in Dallas.

Attendees of the conference attended advanced product training, business building workshops and leadership development seminars.

BeautiControl is a subsidiary of Tupperware Corporation. BeautiControl is headquartered in the Metroplex.

Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet set

The Bovina Chamber of Commerce banquet will be Saturday, March 22 with a theme of Texas Our Texas. The man and woman of the year and the boy and girl of the year will be named and the Heritage Award will be presented.

Texas journalist and humorist Tumbleweed Smith will be the speaker.

Steaks, advertised as the best in the panhandle, will be served along with delicious peach cobbler. Tickets are just ten dollars.



Milburn "Tex" Conard

DIMMITT- Services for Milburn "Tex" Conard, 84, of Dimmitt were at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Abundant Life Church with Tom Mullins officiating and Charles Godfrey, Don Conard and Bonz Norman assisting. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under

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ACROSS

- UT coach Brown
- TXism: "at the drop of _"
- this Calhoun was in "Red Sundown" with TX Hyer
- TXism: "liquid" (perfume)
- TX Sly's "Everybody _ Star"
- Jeff Davis Co. seat
- TXism: "kicked over a hornet's" (trouble)
- TXism: "top rung on" (best)
- Gov. Culbertson (1894-98)
- TXism: "he has short _ and deep pockets"
- TX "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- City, TX
- UT has large collection of this poet
- "yes" so. of the border
- this Eliseo went on '83 rampage 'cross southeast TX
- song "Whatever _ Wants"
- Jones Co. seat
- Cowboys, in NFC
- dinner bread or classy car
- TX Kowalski directed this Robert Blake series
- dir. to Dallas from San Antonio
- _ and reel
- TXns born 'tween July 23 & Aug. 22

DOWN

- Falls Co. seat
- TXism: "like _ (hurry) afire"
- "El Senor" who led longest siege in TX prison history
- a natural radio station in Tye, TX
- Worth (abbr.)
- TXism: "busier _ -armed paper hanger"
- Mavericks & Spurs sport (abbr.)
- TX _ Morse sang "Cow-Cow Boogie"
- Brown and his Band of Renown
- "United" movie co. (abbr.)
- this Sarandon wants to avoid TX in "Thelma & Louise"
- TX Ranger Norris film: "An _ Eye"
- film segment
- cable TV net.
- Mrs. Hobby of Houston (init.)
- Aransas Pass festival: "Shrimpo _"
- TXism for "darn"
- Yale is TX George W.'s _ mater
- TX poet Miller
- TXism: " _ have to get better to die"
- George W. now calls this the NMD (Nat. Missile Def.)
- commissioner for Cowboys & Texans
- Spanish newspaper: " _ Texas"
- Emory is seat of this county
- TX Jim Reeves' " _ I Losing You?"
- famous TX case: _ v. Wade
- Gulf crustacean or an ol' grouch
- TXism: " _ beer and no foam"
- chicken fried steak
- cowboy exhibitions
- Mexican "two"
- UT grad Wallach
- TX George H.'s general: _ Schwarzkopf
- Ted Adams was Tom _ in "Rio Grande" film
- TXism: "dab _ on"
- "Alley Oop" TX creator _ Hamlin
- '93 TV special: "Willie _; Big Six-0"
- " _ at the moon"
- fish bait
- TXism: "crooked _ barrel of snakes"
- Odessa is seat of this county
- TXism: " _ talk" (gossip)

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Some time ago I read a newspaper article about the old saying, "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me!" The writer's theory was that words can hurt. I agree.

To the best of my ability I follow the tradition of "Myrtle's Chatter" and "On the Go" by reporting only happy times. I like to write about wonderful trips or vacations, Happy Birthdays, Merry Christmases, Happy New Year's, Good Easters and Fun Spring Breaks!

Some of the happy people I have seen recently are Joel Townsend D.H.S. graduate of College Station and his fiance Kim Spring D.H.S. now of Ft. Worth. They were making selections and plans for a summer wedding. Their mothers, Diane and Sue, were enjoying the shopping, seeing the pretty things and visiting with old friends. Also Joel's brother Jared and Ashley Davis of Lubbock are "tying the knot" this month.

The Townsend's tribe is increasing!

Chris and Joye Bradford mixed business and pleasure when they attended the boys state basketball tournament recently. They were delighted with the Nazareth Swifts win and then proceeded to enjoy time with their sons Tim and Shane Perkins. Tim is athletic director at Evant, Texas and Shane is head basketball coach at Brownwood, Texas.

On their way home they stopped off in Brownwood to visit their daughter Jennifer Perkins and their grandchildren Jace and Slade Perkins and Davalynn and Hadley Monroe.

After they returned home their son Mike Bradford and grandchildren, Tyler and Taelor from Alpine, Texas came for a spring break visit.

Doris Flynt has recently returned from Dallas where she helped to welcome a new grandson. He is Samuel Wheaton Lindsey son of Jeff and Susan Lindsey. He was born February 18, 2003 and weighed 6lbs and 10 oz. His father is a 1980 graduate of D.H.S. Just ask his grandmother-----he is a very special baby!

Don Graham has been in Turkey for several weeks as an agriculture consultant for AC D I VOCA a United States government program to help the people of that country produce more and better farm products. Some of his trips are strictly volunteer and he and other retired farm experts give their time. His wife Paula flew over and spent two weeks with him on an earlier trip. She was not impressed with that country and has opted not to return with him. She says that the Turkey news media has exaggerated the number of Turkey

people who are marching to protest" the war against Iraq according to Don. When there have been maybe a thousand protesters they reported tens of thousands. The group with Don counted 80 people in one march, but the media reported hundreds.

Mildred Bradford, Houston and Doris Lust have had their cousins Merle and Shilda Branson from Enderly, Canada as house guests recently.

For Mary Edna Hendrix's birthday Mearle Morgan, Wanda Murdock, Irene Carpenter and Bernice Hill drove to the assisted care home in Amarillo where she lives. They enjoyed having birthday cake and taking her out to a good Mexican food restaurant for dinner. She is doing nicely.

Recently Stacy McDaniel and Pattie George

moved to Houston and closer to little brother Coby McDaniel. The McDaniel brothers both work for S.M.C.- or better known as the "Christmas Tree" that they pump oil up to the top of the Gulf. Pattie works for the Holiday Inn as a receptionist. Stacy and Pattie bought their first home and are remodeling it. Stan and Rita McDaniel went down to Houston to visit their children and reported they ate a lot of fish! We sure miss all of them!

V.C. and I had a good time celebrating his 75th birthday last week. Several friends and many of our "off springs" came by to have cake, punch and wish him well. One card was especially heart warming. It was from the Hallmark Warm Wishes division and it says:

"Gat a friend
Heart of gold
Always kind
Never cold
Listens well
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Gat this friend
Makes me proud!
It was signed, Indeed!
Happy Birthday
The Darrell Kenmores

I would reword the "ditty", "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can literally kill me!" So if you have had a happy time or a happening event recently please call me at 647-4579. We would like to know about it!

The sweetest words in the world are written by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Just find a red letter edition of the Bible and thumb through the gospels. Read all of the kind and encouraging words of the Messiah.

My favorite is: Matthew 11:28 "Come unto me all you that are weary and oppressed" 29 "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest unto your souls" 30 "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." says the Lord.

Hispanic Voice with Mary Lou Lumbrera 647-4266

Today we add another name to the military list. Another product of Dimmitt ISD, James Flores Jr., 1990 graduate (we know him as Tonto) a Staff Sergeant at Fort Polk, La. called his parents to let them know he will be deployed, possibly in April or May. Tonto's parents are James Flores, Sr. and Lupe Nino Flores of Dimmitt. Tonto's wife's name is Debbie

Sherrett Flores. They have two daughters. Their names are Stephanie & Shayla. Tonto has been in the US Army 12 years now. I was told that Tonto got his name from his uncle David Nino, because the first time he laid eyes on him, David said "ayee tonto". Then it just kind of stuck. So according to my calculations if he's Tonto and he

has two daughters Stephanie and Shayla, would David call them "Tontitas"? Yes, he would.

Joe and Mary Ann Larra have a wonderful announcement! On March 10, they became grandparents! Their son Jacob and Teresa Larra had a son born at Northwest Texas Hospital. He weighed 5 lbs. 15 1/2 ounces and was 18 3/4" long. They named

him Kaleb John Larra. He came into this world at 6:15 a.m. Mary Ann says he's the most beautiful baby boy she has seen in the last fifteen years! Matthew is 15!

Well, I have an announcement too. Chevo and I became grandparents on the 12th of March. It's a girl and she weighed 5 lbs and 11 ounces. Her parents

are Mark and Monica Lumbrera. She was born in Galveston Texas, so guess where we went this weekend? I'm not sure yet what the name is going to be, but I will let you know next time.

I have to keep this voice short again, as we had to leave and I was afraid I wouldn't get back in time to do this. I would like to take the time to invite you to call me and let

me know if you would like for me to mention something about yourself, family, family gatherings, anything you would like us to print.

Bring a picture of that new baby to the Castro County News office and we will run it at no charge. Weddings, engagements and honors are also published at no charge.

Naz News with Virgie Gerber 945-2669

The Drama Club of NISD presented their UIL One-Act Play "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" Sunday afternoon. They will perform at the UIL Zone Competition in Plainview on Tuesday. A good crowd enjoyed the performance which was very well done. Mr. Crone is their very capable teacher. The scene was a Day Room of a Mental Hospital in the 1960's.

Many relatives and friends attended the wedding of Ky Kirby and Nichole Huseman, Saturday afternoon at Holy Family Church, with Msgr. Harold Waldo of Amarillo, officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman. Reception and dance followed at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Matt King and Debbie Schmucker exchanged wedding vows Saturday, March 8 in Hart, Texas. They were attended by their children, Malory and Chelsea King of Tennessee and Melanie and Tommy Russell of Nazareth. A reception was attended by family and friends including those from Dallas, McKinney, New Braunfels, San Antonio and La Grange. After the reception, Debbie and Matt's families enjoyed a dinner at the home of LaDawn and Doyle Schulte.

On Monday, March 10th, Maggie Ann Nelson, daughter of Brady and Ann Nelson, was baptized by Father John Hickey in Holy Family Catholic Church. Maggie's godpar-

ents are Rose and Jason Wilhelm. Many relatives attended the ceremony and later enjoyed a meal at the El Camino in Tulia.

On Saturday, March 15th, Maggie Ann Nelson was honored with a baby shower at the home of Beverly Hill in Nazareth. The hostesses were, Ethel Schmucker, Karen Gerber, Mary Olvera, Jeanie Birkenfeld, Sandee Hoelting, Imogene Drerup and Beverly Hill. Maggie received a high choir from the hostesses. Many relatives and out of town guests attended. A lovely shower enjoyed by many.

Shirley Leinen Pope of Tampa, Florida and her daughter Melanie Pope of Kellar visited with relatives Saturday afternoon, Vi and Virgil Pohlmeier in Tulia, Dorothy and LeRoy Pohlmeier, Donny and Pill Heiman and Virgie Gerber in Nazareth and with Terry and Belinda Hill of Dimmitt.

Nazareth School Debate Teams, Carson Gerber and Craig Birkenfeld and Andrew Brockman and Ross Birkenfeld did very well the first day of rounds in Austin at the Thompson Conference Center, but lost out on the second day of debate rounds. We are proud of you for being able to compete. Cindy Huseman is their coach.

Stations of the Cross will be recited every Friday evening during Lent after Mass in Holy Family Church. On Sunday at 5:30 p.m., the Stations will again be recited by our Parish youth.

Prayers are asked for Rosemary Wilhelm, Katy Ivey, Alice Palazzini, Joe Schmucker, Deacon Al Maurer, Evelyn Backus, Margaret Brockman, Ken-

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People

Byrnes to be wed in May 31st

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Byrnes announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Rala Dee Byrnes, to Jason William Underwood, son of Mr. and



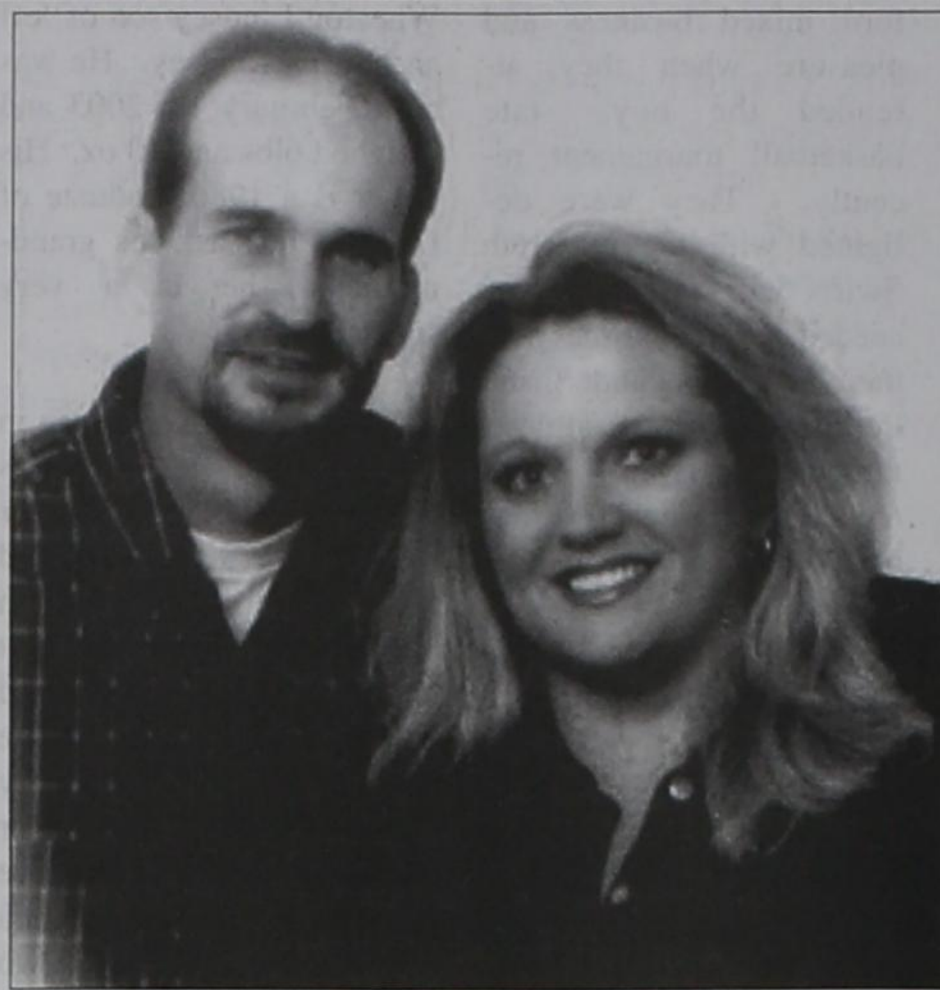
Rala Byrnes and Jason Underwood

Mrs. Dale Underwood of Denver City. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schaeffer of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob DuLaney of Lubbock and the late Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Byrnes of Clovis, New Mexico. Jason is the grandson of Mrs. Peggie Gates of Levelland and Mr. and Mrs. Connie Davis of Shallowater.

The bride to be is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and West Texas A & M University. She will earn her Masters degree in Education with a specialization in Instructional Technology in May from West Texas A & M University in Canyon. She is employed by Lubbock ISD as a teacher and technology specialist.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Denver City High School and Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He is employed by Plainview ISD as a teacher and coach.

The couple will be married May 31, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt. A reception will follow at the Hereford Country Club.



Michelle Winders and Blane Provence

and Pat Provence of Hereford, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Bud Street of Muleshoe and the late Lillian Street of Muleshoe and Dud and Evelyn Winders.

The bride to be is a graduate of the First Baptist High School in Lazbuddie and then attended Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. She is employed by American Home Patient in Hereford.

The prospective groom is a graduate of Hereford High School. He is employed at Texas Bearing Company in Hereford.

The couple will be united in marriage at the Trinity Fellowship Church in Hereford on Saturday, May 17th at 5:00 p.m.

Wedding vows set for May 17th

Mike and Roxanne Winders of Lazbuddie, Texas announce the approaching

marriage of their daughter, Michelle Winders, to Blane Provence, son of Tommy

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Ortiz honored

Monica Teresa Ortiz, daughter of San and Chole Ortiz of Dimmitt, has been accepted into the bilingual Masters in Fine Arts program at the University of Texas in El Paso.

She has been awarded a teaching assistantship and will be teaching and writing poetry as a part of UTEP's creative writing program in Fall 2003. She is a graduating English senior at University of Texas in Austin. She will graduate in May of 2003.

Ortiz is a 1999 graduate of Dimmitt High School.



Monica Ortiz

CCEE met

Castro County Education Extension met in the Senior Citizens building. In attendance was Patsy Entrekin, Sandra Bagwell, Pauline Hoyler, Claudine Langford, Mary Beth Berquist, Jackie Edwards and two visitors, Oma Dee Heard and Kristie Mitchell.

Roll call was answered with what we plan to enter in the fair. The thought for the day; habits are like a soft bed, easy to get into, hard to get out of. Hint: Potatoes cut and rubbed on your fingers will take food stains off your hands.

The District Two Education Extension meeting will be April 3rd in Hart, Texas. Castro County Club is one of the six counties hosting this meeting.

The community calendar was discussed and we will be working on these in April. Mary Beth Berquist gave a program on floral arrangements. Pauline Hoyler served a nice lunch.

Stahl honored

Sally Stahl has earned "Dean's List" recognition for excellent academic performance for the Fall 2002 semester at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

SWT students must complete 12 semester hours and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.5 to be recognized for the Dean's List.

Sally is the daughter of Richard and Sue Stahl.

Centennial Moment:

Dr. T.M. Belsher was probably the first doctor to settle in Dimmitt. He was the oldest son of one of the founders of Dimmitt, R.L. Belsher, a member of the Bedford Land and Town Co.



Don Howell, youth chairman of VFW Post 8056 presents \$100 savings bonds to (left to right) Lacey Acker, Kaytlin Huseman and Dustin Schulte of Nazareth. They were local winners in the Annual VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest.

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Bridal Selections:

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Ashlee Ward-Greg Daniel	April 5, 2003
Rala Byrnes-Jason Underwood	April 5, 2003
Tandra Brillhart-Jeremy Langford	April 5, 2003

Covenant Hospital Plainview proudly welcomes to Plainview **John H. Shary, III** M.D., F.A.C.S., Otolaryngologist (ENT) and his wife, Liz Shary, who is a Physicians Assistant.

Dr. Shary is a graduate of West Point and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He is Board Certified in Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Surgery. He completed a Fellowship in Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Beverly Hills, California and practiced nine years in Dallas, Texas. He accepts Medicare assignment and most insurance plans.

Currently, he has a special introductory program for facial wrinkling and sun-damaged skin that includes all products, office visits and consultations with six chemical peels for just \$500.

Dr. Shary will open his office on Monday, March 24, 2003. Call 806-291-9400 for an appointment.

Dr. Shary's office is located in Suite 105 of the John C. Anderson Professional Building, adjacent to Covenant Hospital Plainview, 2601 Dimmitt Road, Plainview, Texas.

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Church News

The Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ would like to invite you to a Gospel Meeting

It will be held with guest speaker Gerald Jackson April 6th through April 9th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

Family:
Gerald Jackson was born and raised in Lubbock, TX. He has been married to Marsha Rene' for 25 years. They have three children; Scott 19, Leslie 17 and Brian 12.

Military:
Gerald and Marsha are veterans of the United States Air Force. Both served proudly and were discharged honorably.

Education:
Gerald is a graduate of Sunset International Bible Institute and Lubbock Christian University. His graduate studies are in Education Psychology at Texas Tech.

Ministry:
He has 22 years of ministry experience. He has served as the Associate Minister at the Parkway Drive Church of Christ in Lubbock, evangelist for the West Adams Church of Christ in Los Angeles, CA. and the 20th and Birch Church of Christ in Lubbock. He served as counselor for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice while serving as counselor and minister for the Central Lubbock Church of Christ. Now he has returned to Parkway Drive Church of Christ as their evangelist. He has done extensive work in cross-cultural communication and counseling in the field of addiction with churches and government agencies.

JESUS HAS THE ANSWER

Sunday, April 6th- Jesus has the answer for all of my questions
Morning Class (The All-Sufficient Word) 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship- Jesus has the answer for the world's problems (The Cure for Social Ills) 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship- Jesus has the answer for my family (Patterns for Family Life) 6:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7th- Jesus has the answer for salvation (God's Plan to Save Humanity) 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8th- Jesus has the answer for a broken heart (Overcoming Emotional Pain) 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 9th- Jesus has the answer for fear (Conquering Fear in Our Lives) 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please call the Dimmitt, Texas Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ at 647-4435.

"Things to think about"

These days we are all constantly bombarded with negativity and ungodliness. If it's not through the television it's magazines or the Internet and other media related sources for negative news. Probably the majority of us watch the nightly news, but have you ever thought about how much negativity is being fed to your mind in a single thirty-minute telecast? Let's face it the news that's reported is negative. Bad news gets our attention therefore it will continue to be reported daily.

My question is how good is it for our mind to continue to feed on this constant negativity? Does it affect our thought process? I'm persuaded that continually feeding on bad news or improper news can breed depression, impure thoughts as well as bad behavior. Many of you remember the name Ted Bundy. You remember his name because he was notorious serial killer. It's been said that all of Ted Bundy's bad and unlawful behavior began with the viewing of pornography.

Some of you are wondering how Ted Bundy went from looking at por-

nography to killing people. I think it's safe to say that he continually fed his mind negative and ungodly junk that eventually led to negative and ungodly physical behavior. I realize that as parents we strive to protect our kids from feeding their impressionable minds on such negativity. I also realize that as adults we believe that we can view and hear anything and because we're adults be able to handle it. If this is so, which I don't believe it is, then why did Paul make it a point to mention the things we should think about? "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things." (Phil. 4:8)

Regardless how old one is he simply must not feed



Chuck Ball

his mind full of negativity and ungodliness but rather think about the things that are pure and the things that will breed a positive godly response.

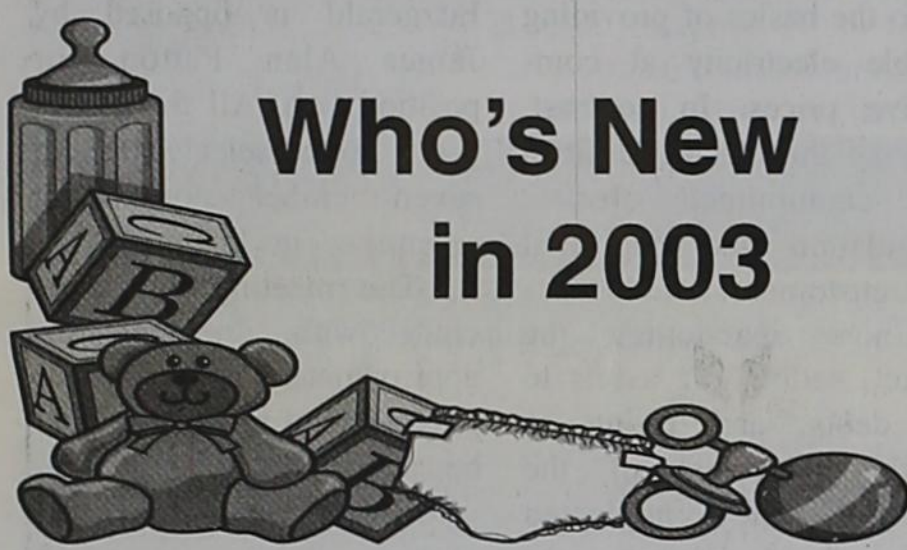
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Who's New in 2003

Braydon Kyle Stephens

It's a boy for David and Sue Stephens of Dimmitt. Braydon Kyle Stephens was born Tuesday, March 11, 2003 at 10:04 p.m. He weighed 5 lbs and 10 oz and was 19 inches long. He has three older siblings; Jake Wright-17, Shenea Wright-14 and Christy Stephens-seven. His proud new grandmother is Leelda Stephens of Dimmitt.

Thanks for reading the Castro County News

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE ESTATE OF LILY MAUZEE YOUTS, DECEASED, IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LILY MAUZEE YOUTS, Deceased, were issued on March 18, 2003, in Cause No. PR-2564, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to: PHYLLIS HOPE JACKSON and PATSY YOUTS SLIGH.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: PHYLLIS JACKSON
700 NW 7th Street
Dimmitt, TX 79027
Dated the 18th day of March, 2003.
PHYLLIS HOPE JACKSON
PATSY YOUTS SLIGH

Dimmitt ISD School Board...from page 1

They are a 1983 Chevrolet pickup, a 1988 Ford Ranger pickup and a GMC pickup bed. The board approved an extension of the current depository contract with First United Bank for an additional two years through August 31, 2005. Two Springlake-Earth students were approved for transfer into DISD. They are Tiny Juarez, 9th grade and Almata Juarez, 8th grade. Richardson Elementary principal, Clint Seward came before the board seeking approval for the use of \$28,000 of state grant monies to upgrade the Waterford Early Reading Program. According to Seward, "This is a phonics and computer based reading program. All the students use it." The board approved the action.

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Community Network wants your opinion

Can you operate a computer? Would you like to take a class to learn how? Are you interested in learning advanced computer operation, or learning about the newest technology? Are you willing to be a volunteer teacher and share your computer knowledge with others? If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, the new Dimmitt Community Network would like to hear from you. More than a hundred local residents already have said in a survey that they would like to take a class, and two-thirds of those surveyed so far want to learn how to operate a computer. Some of the classes being considered are E-Mail, Beginning Computers, Spreadsheets, Word Processors, Data Base, Internet Search, Spanish or English, Basic Academic Skills, General Educational Development (GED) Practice, Building a Web Site, Print Shop, Digital Photography, Intermediate Computer, Advanced Computer, Web Cam Use, How to Load Software, Printers, Fax Machine, How to "Burn" a CD, PC Trouble Shooting, and Power Point. Classes will be taught by local technology instructors and experienced volunteers, and will be offered free except for a nominal charge for paper and supplies, according to DCN Project Manager Darlene Collins. Community survey forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford St. The responses on these forms will help planners of the new network to fashion the first battery of courses to be offered to local residents. If you're willing to be a volunteer instructor or if you want more information about the network, call the Chamber of Commerce office at 647-2524.

Swisher Electric Cooperative 62nd Annual Membership meeting set

TULIA, TX - Swisher Electric Cooperative's 62nd Annual Membership Meeting is set for Thursday, March 27, 2003 at Ezra Jones School Cafeteria in Tulia. Registration for the meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. with a catered buffet supper for members and guests, followed by the business meeting commencing at 7:15 p.m. This year's meeting centers around the theme "A Cup of Gold." The theme conveys the message that in the light of what's occurred with deregulation in the electric industry in the past two years, the Cooperative is "a cup of gold" for its members. In the cooperative's annual report to members, board president Eddie Bryan and general manager Charles Castleberry point out that electric cooperatives got it right in their approach to electric deregulation by putting members first and sticking to the basics of providing reliable electricity at competitive prices. In contrast, many of the electric utilities who championed electric deregulation and neglected their customers are now abandoning the market, selling off assets to pay debts, and trying to rebuild the trust of the customers they neglected during their venture into electric deregulation. Two director positions will be voted on by the members. Incumbent director and board secretary-treasurer Gene Latham is opposed by Robert Gardner for position one and incumbent director Guinn Fitzgerald is opposed by James Alan Patton for position two. All the candidates were selected by a seven-member nominating committee in January. The meeting will conclude with drawings for approximately 40 door prizes plus a grand prize to be announced.

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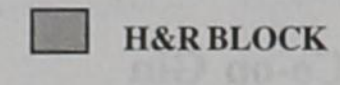
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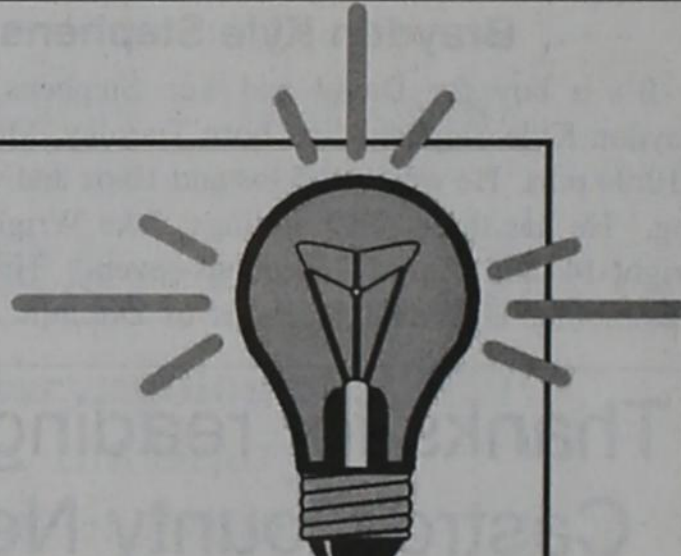
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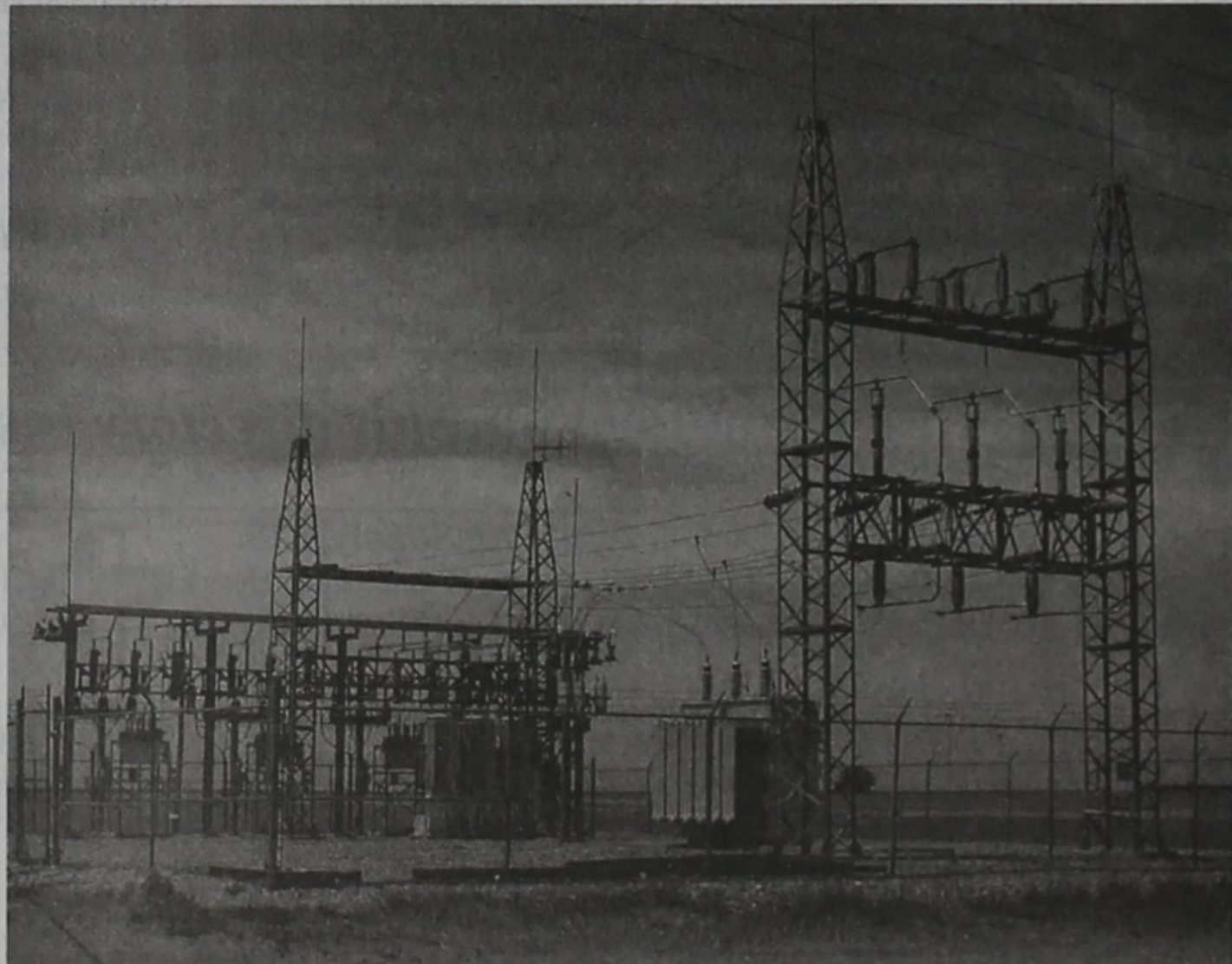


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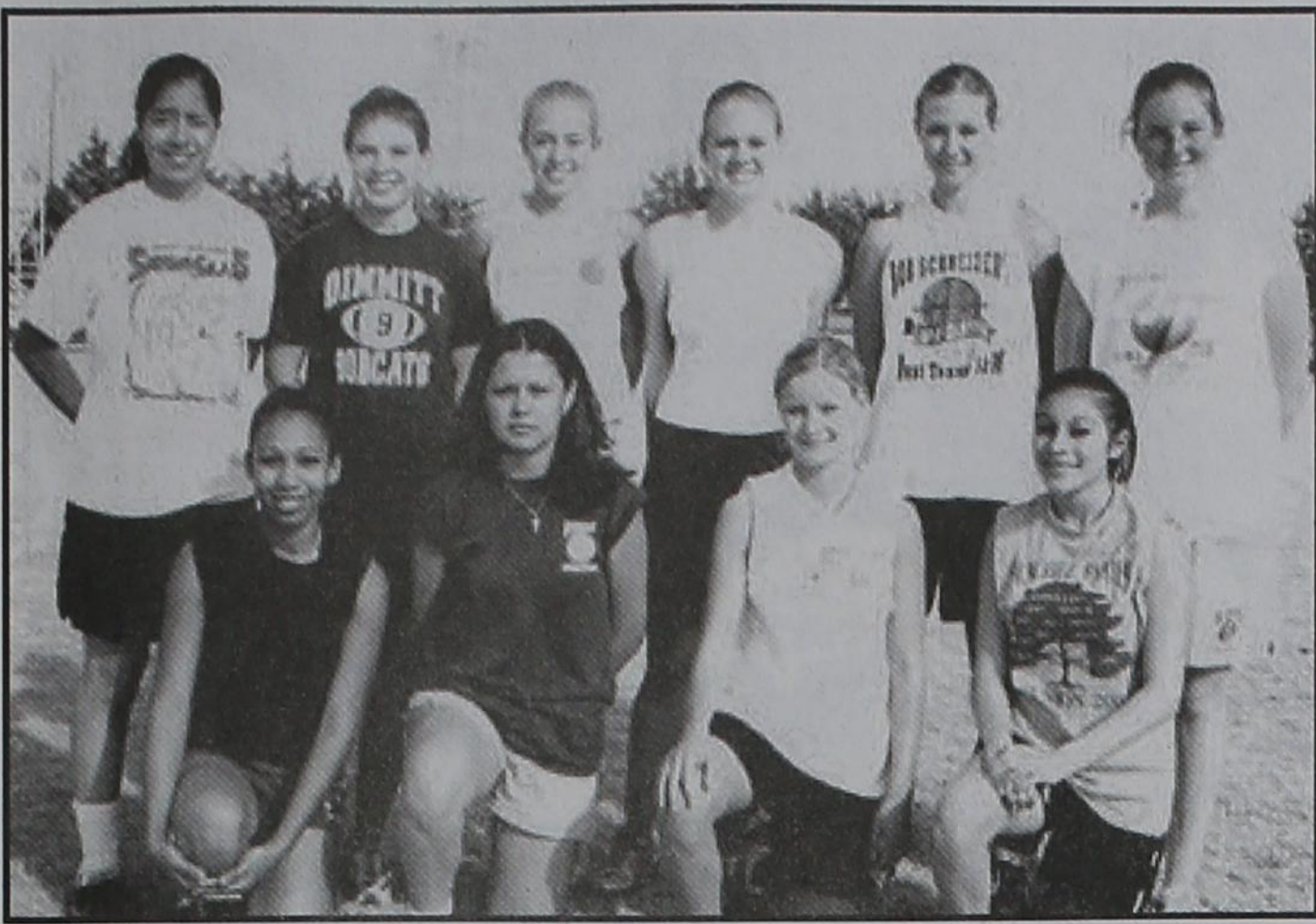
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Attendance gifts
Door prizes



**Registration: 6:30 p.m.
Buffet supper: 6:30 p.m.
Business Meeting: 7:15 p.m.**



THE 2003 DIMMITT BOBBIETRACK TEAM- pictured (back l to r) Priscilla Doñes, Kristin McClure, Jill Merritt, Lauren Waggoner, Ashley Irons and Jacqui Hinsley (front l to r) Raquel Davis, Teresa Sanchez, Brittany Williams and Vanessa Caballero.

Dimmitt Bobcat Golf

The Bobcat golf team Jake Porsch shot a 91, Casey Olton Tournament. James Lindsey shot an 82, Jake Lindsey was in a 134 and Ryan Hunter-141. Porsch-83, Casey Maurer-three way tie for third with 89 On March 12th, The 117, Ryan Hunter-120 and Ross Hunter-128.

Complete Baseball results in the next issue!

Identity theft...what to do!

Whether you discover unusual charges on your credit cards, start receiving bills for items you never bought, or notice accounts listed on your credit report that are not yours, identity theft is not easy to fix.

"Take immediate action," said Steve Rhode, president and co-founder of Myvesta, a nonprofit financial management organization.

According to Rhode the first thing you should do is

contact your local police department and report the crime. "Then it's time to get on the phone and notify your creditors of what happened. Call your creditors and ask to speak to their fraud department."

Rhode also recommends taking these additional steps after being a victim of identity theft: Obtain a consolidated copy of your credit report. A consolidated report contains information from all three

credit-reporting agencies - Experian, Trans Union and Equifax.

Contact the credit reporting agencies and have them place a fraud alert in your file.

Call your bank or credit union and have them cancel your account numbers, ATM and debit cards and PIN numbers, then get new ones.

Call your local utility companies to let them know that services may have been opened fraudulently in your name.

SPEAK OUT!, silent majority...

Putting up with the inane comments from the Hollywood left may seem overwhelming at times. After all, we are told by the likes of Martin Sheen, Janeane Garofalo, and Mike Farrell that Saddam Hussein is not a threat to us or his neighbors. We are told that inspections can work. From their gas-guzzling limos, we are told that this is a war for oil.

Now, Nashville has stepped in, through the mouth of Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks, to lend its "influence" to the "debate," and many Americans are left wondering, "What's next?"

Overwhelming? Yes. Hopeless? No. For the ultimate voice of influence in America is that of the American people. It's time for the silent majority to clear its throat and let its voice be heard.

The Hollywood elites have plenty of resources to throw around, but the voices of ordinary Americans contain the real power. Yes, leftist actors can get on the air and tell us that President Bush is moving unilaterally against Iraq, but the American majority can tell these actors that they are wrong. The American majority can hit these out-of-touch celebrities where they live -- in their pocketbooks. Boycotts and rallies work, and it's time for the American majority to get active and let the celebrities know that America is not on their side. The actions of the "silent majority" are slowly starting to show results, but more needs to be done. An ongoing petition of Americans voicing their displeasure with celebrity "pundits" has gathered close to 100,000 signatures.

Through the actions of concerned listeners, many radio stations have stopped playing music by the Dixie Chicks. People talk about boycotting French goods, and we definitely should. We should also be vocal about what we are doing. The media, Hollywood, and now Nashville need to learn that we're not going to take it any more. If there is a rally in your area, participate in it. If there is a petition or rally on the Internet, sign up for it. Americans should call radio stations and ask them to pull music of misinformed Bush-bashers. Americans should also boycott television shows and movies starring these actors who claim that Bush and the United States are a bigger threat to world peace than Saddam Hussein and Iraq.

The thoughts, ideas and sentiments of ordinary Americans often go unnoticed. Ordinary Americans go to work, pay their bills, and look out for the well-being of their families. Some are politically active, but most are not. Most do not consider activism as part of their daily routine. Activities such as rallies, petition drives, and boycotts do not usually occupy a place on their "to-do" lists. Yet these are different times, and with different times, come different measures.

It's not enough for ordinary Americans to simply go about their business and say "leave me alone." Those days appear to be over. In order to counter the money and fame that celebrities bring with them in their arsenal, American citizens must fight back through the sheer power of their will and their collective voice.

Together we can show the Hollywood elites that their views are not our views. Together, we can send a message to entertainment executives that we don't love their shows and love their

music so much that we will turn a blind eye to the behavior of their employees. There are times in American history when it becomes necessary for the "silent majority" to speak out. Now is one of those times.

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Swift High School and Junior High track results

Thursday, March 13th
8th grade results-
 -2400 m Run-sixth place-Matt Birkenfeld-10:34.53
 -400 m Relay-second place-50.08-Chase Black, Dustin Schulte, Eric Book and Tucker Waggoner
 -110 m Hurdles-fifth place-Berry Clinton-21.0
 -100 m Dash-third place-Tucker Waggoner-12.34
 sixth place-Chase Black-12.98
 -800 m Relay-fourth place-1:56.74-Brady Schulte, Jacob Braddock, Troy Ramaekers and Matt Birkenfeld
 -300 m Hurdles-sixth place-Dustin Schulte-52.66
 -200 m Dash-second place-Eric Book-25.4
 -1600 m Relay-fifth place-4:35.51-Dustin Schulte, Chase Black, Eric Book and Tucker Waggoner
 -Long Jump-third place-Eric Book-17'0"
 -Shot Put-sixth place-Jacob

Braddock-32'5"
 Other eighth graders competing for the Swifts were Chris Acker, Brandon Wilhelm and Kean Lilley.
Seventh Grade Results
 400 m Relay-fourth place-55.95-Ryan Mixson, Chris Gregory, Taylor Schulte and Josh Braddock
 -100 m Dash-first place-Josh Braddock-13.16
 sixth place-Ryan Mixson
 -800 m Relay-fourth place-2:02.37-Ryan Mixson, Chris Gregory, Taylor Schulte and Josh Braddock
 -1600 m Relay-sixth place-Taylor Schulte-6:56.02
 -Long Jump-third place-Chris Gregory-14'1"
 sixth place-Josh Braddock-14'0"
 -Shot Put-third place-Ryan Mixson-29'6¾"
 Also competing for the 7th grade Swifts was Kyle Hoelting.
 This was the first meet of the year for the Jr. High boys

and they will be competing at the Sudan Relays this Friday, March 21st.
Boys High School Results
Hallmark Relays in Lockney
 Saturday, March 15, 2003
 100 m Dash-fifth place-Stuart Sheffy-12.05
 800 m Run-third place-Trey Robb-2:06.65
 1600 m Run-second place-Trey Robb-4:57.25
 Also competing for the Swifts was Skyler Birkenfeld in the 100 and 200 m Dashes.

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THE 2003 NAZARETH SWIFTETTE TRACK TEAM pictured (back l to r) Jamie Black, Kelcee Kleman, Tanya Herring, Kimberly Brockman, Rebecca Olvera, (front l to r) Kendra Huseman, J'Lae Merritt, Kembra Albracht and China Foster.

Nazareth tennis results from Plainview tournament

The Plainview Tennis Tournament was held March 14th and 15th with great results for Nazareth.

Erica Gerber won first place in the girls singles. She overpowered Boys Ranch 8-1, Anton 8-2, Sudan 8-0, Fort Elliot 6-1 and 6-0 to be placed in the finals with Floydada which she won with a 7-6, (7-2) and a 6-4.

Monty Hoelting reached semifinals in boys singles after defeating Canadian 8-1, Hart 8-2, Sudan 8-3 and finally losing to Dalhart with scores of 6-3, 6-4 and 4-6.

Andrew Brockman took a swing at the boys singles ending up with a two win, two lost situation. He beat Dimmitt 8-5 and Shallowater 8-2, but being left behind to Dalhart 8-2 and Hart 8-3.

Clifford Gerber also played in the boys singles, beating Dalhart 9-7 but losing to Lefors 8-4.

Jenna Acker and Jamie Birkenfeld reached quarterfinals in the girls

doubles. They defeated Boys Ranch 8-0 and Slaton 8-1, but lost to Canadian 8-4.

Jake Hoelting and Charlie Rundell reached the quarter finals in boys doubles defeating Anton 8-3 and San Jacinto 8-4, but lost to Sudan

8-4.

Jenna Braddock reached quarter finals in girls singles beating Slaton 8-6 and Canadian 8-0. She was defeated by Sudan costing her place in the finals with a score of 8-4.

Lockney track results

Lockney Track meet results are in for the Nazareth junior high girls.

The following are the placings for the eighth grade Nazareth girls.

The 1600 Relay won fourth with a record time of 5:19:02. Team members included Heidi Ramaekers, Macee Schulte, Candace Birkenfeld and CJ Gregory.

The 800 m Relay placed fifth overall with a record time of 2:19:02. Team members include CJ Gregory, Brittany Nelson, Jennifer Acker and Candace Birkenfeld.

Participating in long jump was CJ Gregory. Shot put thrower Lacey Acker threw a 25' placing sixth and Brittany Nelson also participated in this event. Lacey Acker also participated in discus throwing 62'10.

Following are the placings of the seventh grade Nazareth girls.

Placing fifth in 400 m Relay were Darcy Schulte, Tessie Huseman, Valeria Rodriguez and Samantha Hudson.

The 800 m Relay team placed fifth with a time of 2:23.75. Team members included Darcy Schulte, Tessie

Huseman, Samantha Hudson and Brittany Birkenfeld.

In the 300 m Hurdles Kelcy Albracht placed first with a time of 1:02.86.

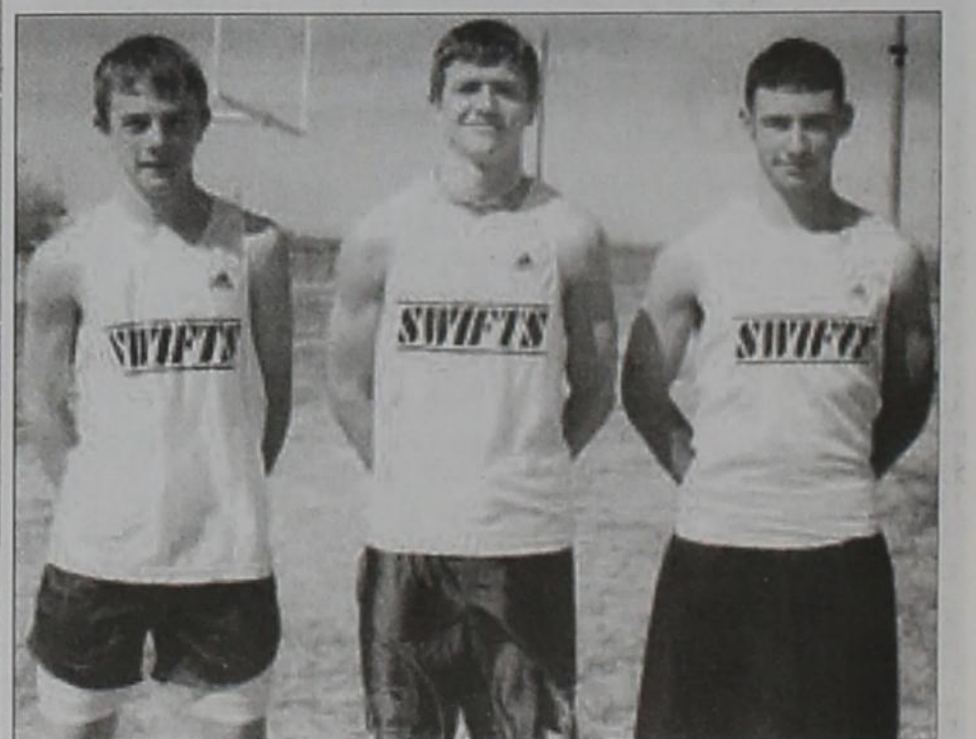
The 1600 m Relay team placed fifth with an overall time of 5:25.50. Team members included Valeria Rodriguez, Brittany Birkenfeld, Allyson Hochstein and Kelcy Albracht.

Allyson Hochstein placed sixth in long jump with 10'9½. Also participating were Kelcy Albracht and Valeria Rodriguez.

Shot put participants Brittany Birkenfeld placed second, Allyson Hochstein placed fifth and Brandi Kern placed 14th.

Discus participants were Tessie Huseman, Brittany Birkenfeld and Brandi Kern.

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SWIFTS BOYS TRACK- (l to r) Skyler Birkenfeld, Trey Robb and Stuart Sheffy. Not pictured are Cole McClurg and Craig Birkenfeld.

General election called for May 3

The City of Dimmitt has called a general election for May 3, 2003. Positions that will be up for re-election are:

- Mayor
- Councilman at large (three seats)
- District 3 unexpired term

Wayne Collins, the current mayor has filed for the seat

again. All three incumbents for the at-large council seats have also filed for re-election. Bill Potts has filed for the unexpired seat of Charles Richard in District 3.

The last day to file for office was March 19 at 5:00 p.m.

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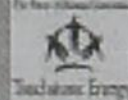
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Dimmitt becomes high-tech community

If you live in or near Dimmitt, then you will soon have a public computer available to you—for free.

If you don't know how to use a computer, then someone will teach you—for free.

If you know the basics of using a computer, then you can learn advanced computer operations—for free.

If you'd like to learn a specific skill or program on a computer, such as quilting or genealogy or digital photography, then a class will probably be available to you—for free.

If you'd like to learn to use the Internet to communicate with your friends and relatives via "e-mail," or shop for a car, or set up a business conference, or learn about the fishing at Possum Kingdom, you'll be able to do so at any of 12 computer sites around town—for free.

You'll even be able to take your laptop to the Gazebo and get online, either via phone modem or a nifty wireless access service.

These new benefits of living in Dimmitt are coming available soon through the new Dimmitt Community Network, which will offer free public use of 33 computers (plus the necessary printers, scanners and fax machines) at a dozen different sites around town.

The ambitious project is financed by a \$250,000 grant from the Texas Infrastructure Fund, plus \$25,000 in city matching funds and in-kind contributions.

The Texas Infrastructure Fund (TIF) is made up of money collected through a mandated surcharge that's on everyone's monthly telephone bill.

Darlene Collins, who supervises the Alternative School and writes the Dimmitt ISD's grant applications, landed the "TIF Grant" for the community and is the project's manager.

All of the computer sites will be available for individual use, and several will double as classrooms when needed. "Computer rooms" have been built in at the Dimmitt City Hall council

chambers (with eight computers), the Senior Citizens Center (six computers) and the Teen Center at 105 SE Second St. (four computers). Also, the network will utilize the computer labs at all three of the public schools.

Individual computers for public use will be located at the Dimmitt School Administration Building boardroom, 608 W. Halsell St.; the Castro County Museum, 404 W. Halsell St.; Azteca Housing Complex office, 910 E. Jones St.; Chamber of Commerce, 115 W. Bedford St.; Rhoads Memorial Library, Southwest Second & Bedford; and Panhandle Community Services office, 108 SW Second St.

Collins works with a steering committee of local civic leaders, public servants, teachers and individuals who are "savvy" in computer technology. Local contractors are being used for as much of the construction work as possible, she said.

The entire network will be "on line" constantly

via wireless Internet access, which is being installed by WT Services, Inc., Collins said. All the computers in the network are Texas-made Dell models.

An "open house" to show the system to the public will be announced soon, and Collins said she hopes computer classes can begin about May 1.

Everyone signing up to use the network for any purpose will have a personal password or security-ID number that will guard his or her files or Internet address from being accessed or used by anyone else. Also, the system will deny access to pornographic sites, and parents will have approval of what types of network services their children may access, Collins said.

If you're interested in utilizing the new Dimmitt Community Network or taking a course, you may pick up the proper sign-up forms after April 15 at Rhoads Memorial Library.

Collins and her fellow planners—all of whom are volunteers—are enthusiastic about Dimmitt achieving this new "high tech" level community-wide.

"This network can have a tremendous impact on the quality of life in our community," Collins said. "It will put us in touch with the whole world. Our business and professional people will be able to teleconference with it; our students will have more research capabilities; and we'll all be able to communicate with each other and with people everywhere. The benefits we may get from it are just limitless."

What's the law....

Q. I want to be cremated after I die. I also would like my ashes destroyed. I am concerned that my family will not follow my wishes. What can I do to ensure that my remains are disposed of the way I want?

A. Texas law permits a person to direct, in writing, how his or her remains should be disposed of following death. You may do this in your will or in a separate document. You also have the right to designate an agent to carry out your wishes. This is the best way to ensure that your remains are handled in the manner that you desire.

If you do not leave directions for the disposition of your remains, the law determines who makes the decision.

Refunds this year are quite a bit less-

Now that the rush has slowed, I would like to explain a problem that several clients have experienced this tax season. Refunds are less this year. Some were quite a bit less. The reason for this is that the government is trying to put more money into the economy through the year by requiring less withholding from paychecks. This means that from January through July 2002, a single person or a married person having the income taxes withheld as a single person were having 10% to 12% withheld. From July to December withholding decreased to 6% or 8%. This may not sound like much but it really makes a big

difference at the end of the year when taxes are filed.

For part time workers the percentage decreased to 1% or 3% less withholding. If you are in the 10% tax bracket, your refund was approximately 100 to 600 dollars less. For those taxpayers in the 15% to 27% bracket, you either broke even or had to pay taxes. Several taxpayers had help with the education, child tax credit and savers credit this year making the refund about the same as last year.

To check your withholding, to make sure you are having enough withheld, take the amount withheld and divide it by your gross wages. If this percentage is less than 10%, you may want

to fill out a new W-4 for your employer to withhold a larger amount. If you are looking for a large refund, we recommend that a married individual check the box on the W-4 to withhold as "married but withhold as single" and claim zero dependents. If you mark the box for one dependent, the chart is set up to withhold for three exemptions. If you are married and check the "married" with no exemptions, the withholding is actually deducted for two exemptions. For single taxpayers, you may want to withhold an extra \$10 a week.

To be sure you do not have to pay taxes next year, check the withholding on your paycheck. As the laws change, we will try to let you know as soon as possible. If you have any questions or need help with any tax issues, please feel free to stop by H&R Block of Dimmitt and we will be glad to assist you.

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County student honored

CANYON, Texas—Rachel Wall of Hart, a hard-working student at West Texas A&M University have been nominated for Student Employee of the Year, and the winner will be announced April 11 on campus at the culmination of National Student Employment Week.

WTAMU's Student Employee of the Year will move on to regional and, possibly, national Student of the Year competition. Nominees will be considered according to the following criteria: reliability, quality of work, initiative and professionalism.

"Another thing we look at is the uniqueness of their contributions to the departments they work in," Elise Copeland, campus coordinator of Student Employment Services, said. "They also have to be employed at the same department for at least three months full time or six months part time."

Each WTAMU nominee will receive a certificate of appreciation for their hard work along with a Student Employee of the Year nominee pin. The winner will receive two plaques—one to take home and one to hang in his or her office—and a \$50 gift certificate from the University Bookstore.

All the nominees will be recognized and the winning student will be announced at a reception at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 11 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Quiet Lounge. WTAMU President Russell Long will make the presentation.

Wall, a senior criminal justice major studies in the Pickens College of Business

MADD- "Victims Rights: Fulfill the Promise"

The Panhandle Victim Assistance Coalition announces a candle lighting event to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week 2003.

This event takes place Sunday, April 6, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Potter County Courts Building between 5th and 6th on Fillmore street in the Central Jury Room on the first floor.

This year marks the 23rd year to celebrate Crime Victim's Rights Week in the United States. These events have included candle lighting ceremonies, awards ceremonies, tree plantings, balloon releases, ribbon campaigns, art exhibits and walkathons.

Police Calls

03/11-03/16

3/11- 500 block W Belsher street suspect(s) cut tire to vehicle.
3/11- 1100 block W Estes street unknown suspect(s) removed items without owners consent.
3/12-100 block NW 9th street unknown person took bicycle without owner's permission.
3/12- 1500 block Western Circle Drive call was reported for disorderly conduct.
3/13- 400 block NW 7th street suspects took bicycle without owner's consent.
3/14- 1000 block W Dulin street suspect entered residence without owner's permission.
3/15- 1200 block Western Circle Drive unknown person(s) slashed vehicle tires.
3/15- 600 block NW 5th street suspect assaulted the victim.
3/15- 300 block NW 5th street unknown suspect(s) took bicycle without permission.
3/15- 300 block N Broadway street suspect had warrant for his arrest from this county. Suspect was arrested and booked into jail.
3/16- 1200 block Western Circle Drive unknown person(s) cut tires on vehicle.

Sheriff's Log

3/15- Dimmitt 21 year old male was picked up on no drivers license third or more offense with motion to revoke for failure to appear.
3/17- Dimmitt 33 year old male was picked up on criminal mischief and simple assault.

64th District Court

State of Texas versus Lonnie Joe Ramirez

Judgement revoking community supervision and was sentenced to Institutional Division with Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Date of judgement was March 13, 2003 with Judge Rob Kinkaid presiding and state's attorney James Horton prosecuting. Defense attorney Gregg Hukill was present.

Date of his offense was March 20, 1999 and date of conviction was June 11, 1999. Ramirez violated the terms of his original sentence. He will now serve two years in Texas Department of Criminal Justice minus time served.

Jill Schulte honored

CANYON, Texas—Jill Schulte, of Nazareth, is the recipient of a Shawn David Schaeffer scholarship. Since its inception in 1992, the President's Honor Scholarship Program has helped attract some of the area's best students to West Texas A&M University. On Saturday, March 29, the individuals and corporations responsible for establishing the endowed scholarships upon which the program relies will be honored at the President's Honor Scholarship Dinner.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus.

Each President's Honor Scholarship endowment is a \$40,000 contribution given by an individual or group. The donation may be a one-time gift, or payments may be made over a maximum of five years. Gifts are permanent endowments that are never spent; only the income is used to make scholarship awards.

Four new President's Honor Scholarships have been launched during the past year: the James B. and Mogie R. McCray Scholarship; the S.L. Mildred Garrison Scholarship; the Bill Piehl Scholarship; and the Bank of America Scholarship.

To receive President's Honor Scholarships, students must rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, score at least a 25 on the ACT or a 1,200 on the SAT and have proven themselves as community leaders. To maintain eligibility, students must keep a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher and carry at least a 15-hour class load each semester.

Contributors of President's Honor Scholarships for the 2002-2003 school year and the recipients of each are:

Schulte is a senior marketing major from Nazareth.

Texas Golden Spread HS All-Star Games set

The 33rd annual Texas Golden Spread High School All-Star Games will be held on the campus of West Texas A & M at the Event Center in Canyon, Texas on April 3-5.

Teams divided into North, South, East and West squads will be coached by volunteers. Players will be represented from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle, Bailey, Lamb, Hale, Floyd, Motley and Cottle Counties, and the Counties of Eastern New Mexico bordering Texas.

Games will be scheduled at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 3rd, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on the 4th and at 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on April 5th.

There will also be a three-point shooting competition. Any Senior girl or boy, regardless of whether they are selected for the All-Star Games, is eligible for this competition. Please submit entries to Brent Sherrod, P.O. Box 19395 Amarillo, TX 79109, or phone (806) 352-7348.

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What's the law?

Q. Three months ago a couple came to the door representing Enterprise Claim Services. They said they represented a siding claim office where they take a sample of your siding to see if it is defective and eligible for compensation. Today, I got a phone call telling me my property qualifies, and that I will be receiving a check for \$2800. They said they will deliver the check and their cut as agent would be the 30% we agreed to. They want to deliver the check to me, and

want me to write them a check for their commission, which could be about \$800. I have a problem giving them a check, while the one they give me clears. Do you have any suggestions? What if I post date my check?

A. I have not heard of this company, but this sounds like a scam to me. I would not give anyone money under these circumstances. Before even thinking about it, I would check out the company and contact agencies such as the Attorney General's Office

and the Better Business Bureau to see if they are legitimate.

Your suggestion of a post dated check may work, but only if you post date it a few weeks in advance and take extra steps to notify your bank. Simply giving a post dated check does not protect you. It may be cashed at any time. If you want to make sure it is not paid early, you must notify your bank in advance that you have written it.

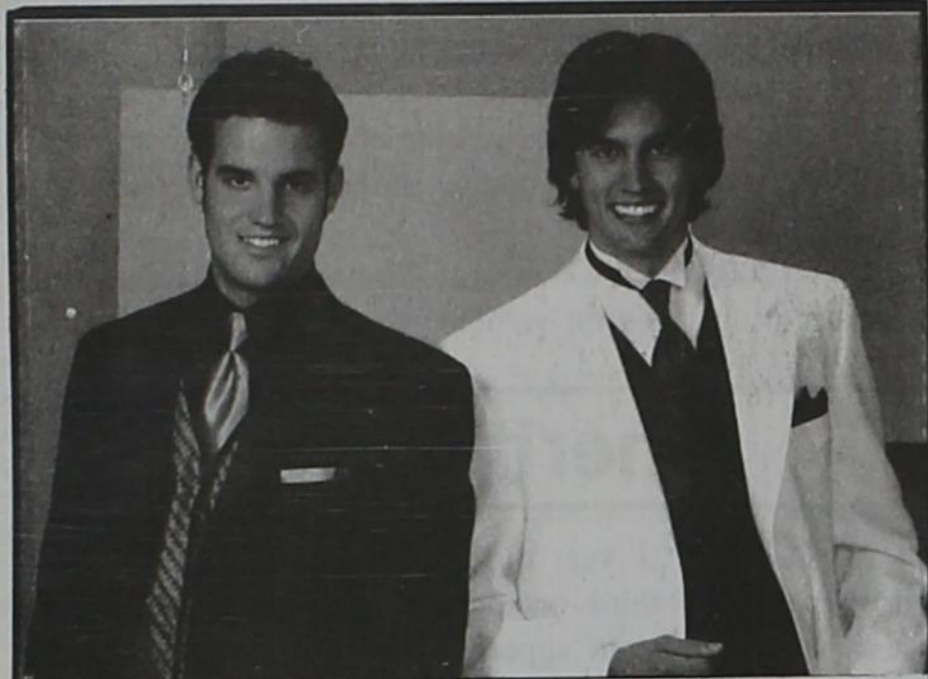
Finally, one way to protect yourself is to use a credit card. Most legitimate businesses accept credit cards and in the event it is a fraud, you may dispute the payment with the credit card company and withhold payment

Q. The other day, a friend came to see me at work. After he left, my employer asked how I knew him. I said he was an old friend. The next day I was fired. My employer told me he had "problems" in the past with my friend, and did not want me working in the store. Is this legal?

A. As far as the law is concerned, your employer doesn't even need a reason to fire you. Unless you have an employment contract for a set period of time, Texas law treats you as an employee at will. This means you may be fired, or quit, at any time, for any or no reason.

Q. I am being threatened with a lawsuit by a credit card company. If they sue and win, do they have the right to take the money in my IRA?

A. No. Under Texas law an IRA, including a ROTH IRA, is "exempt." This means that even if you are sued and a judgment is entered against you, your creditors may not take the funds in your account. To find out your rights if you are sued, look at "I can't pay my bills" on my web site listed below.



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