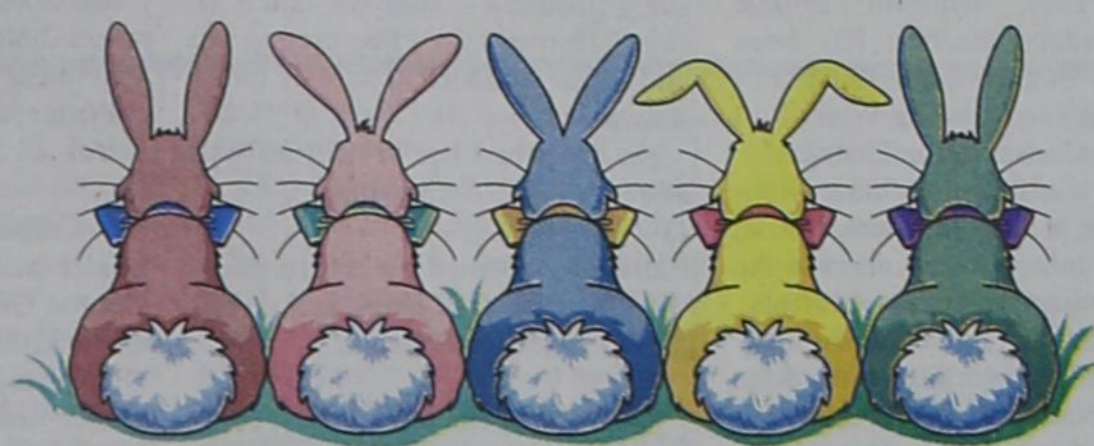


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BEST OF SHOW at the Ogallala Quilters Society Quilt Festival in Dimmitt last week was this pieced quilt/professional, done by Shari Schumacher of Amarillo (right). "Victory Over the Civil War" was made from period reproduction fabrics. Judging is

based on attention to detail, suitability of the quilting, and selection of fabrics, among other things. There were 168 entries for the Quilt Festival, according to Ogallala member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. See inside for details on the winners. Photo by Linda Maxwell

County hears tax abatement request

At their Monday meeting, the Castro County Commissioners heard a request from Harold and David Smith of Smith Potato Co. of Hart for the county to grant a tax abatement for the company.

Harold Smith told the commissioners that the company property is slated to be sold for back taxes and asked for whatever relief the county could grant.

He said the establishment was built without the tax abatements that are sometimes offered to businesses now, and the company has paid over \$400,000 in taxes through the years

to the school, county and hospital district. He also said that a reappraisal of the property was done in 1999 that helped cut the tax bill dramatically, but that the company still owes on it.

David Smith said the company has been making monthly payments on the amount owed, but a retroactive tax abatement would help out.

Commissioner Newlon Rowland said he did not know if such an action would be legal for the county to take.

County Judge Irene Miller said she would see no problem with the

commissioners looking into the legality of it.

In open forum, the commissioners consulted with County Attorney James Horton, who expressed doubt about the county's ability to grant a tax abatement for past years. However, he said he would look into the matter and report at the next meeting of the commissioners.

In other business, the commissioners voted three to one to approve the criteria proposed by Allison, Bass & Assoc., for the county's redistricting process. Voting in favor (Continued on Page 2)

Destructive winds, storms rip across Panhandle Friday

Outbuildings were damaged, power poles snapped, trees were uprooted and center pivot systems were demolished Friday as a fast-moving storm system raced across the Texas Panhandle.

The National Weather Service (NWS) issued a tornado warning for Castro County Friday afternoon, but most of the damage reported was caused by straight line winds which averaged 70 miles per hour (mph) and gusted to 100 mph. According to the NWS, storm spotters had confirmed a tornado on the ground east of Dimmitt headed northeast.

"I never did see it (tornado)," said Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald. "I did see some rotation in clouds east of Nazareth, but I never saw a funnel touch the ground."

Reports were circulating that a mobile home in eastern Castro

County had been destroyed during the storm, but that couldn't be confirmed by *The News* or county law enforcement officials.

The winds ripped the roof from a barn at the Cyril Brockman residence south of Nazareth, and the roof landed in the middle of FM 168.

Wind also destroyed a portion of a barn roof north of Nazareth on FM 168 near the county line.

Several large cedar trees were lost from the home of Trevor Peterson, who lives south of Nazareth and west of FM 168.

Deaf Smith Rural Electric Cooperative lost 26 power poles over its entire four-county service area.

"Mostly it was just straight line winds that blew the poles over," said Tommie Weemes, Deaf Smith REC manager, "Some of the winds were

clocked at 100 miles per hour in some places."

The high winds twisted center pivot systems across the county, destroying dozens, according to one local dealer.

An insurance agent in Dimmitt said the straight-line winds apparently picked up gravel and debris, shattering vehicle windows.

Small hail was reported by many county residents, but the majority of the damage resulted from wind.

Reyes found 'not guilty'

With Judge Ed Self presiding in 242nd District Court last Thursday in Dimmitt, a jury declared that Michael Reyes of Dimmitt was not guilty of the charge of sexual assault.

Reyes had been indicted in September on the charge in connection with an incident reported July 22.

The jury was empaneled on April 4 and after submission of evidence, returned the verdict last Thursday. Aaron Reed was jury foreman.

Six are indicted

Six indictments were handed down by the Castro County Grand Jury on Tuesday.

Stacy Ann Hill, 30, of Dimmitt, was indicted for forgery passing financial instrument.

Charges of burglary of a building were listed against Clayton Shea Peters, 21, and Adam Roy Deen, 19, both of Hereford.

Rafael Tarango, 50, of Amarillo, was indicted for theft by check.

Driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, were the charges against Adolph Rodriguez Balderaz, 31, and Jesus Jesse Coronado, 32, both of Hereford.

DISD temporarily suspends drug testing; makes settlement

The Dimmitt School Board voted 6-1 Monday night to temporarily suspend random drug testing of students in extracurricular activities.

The trustees acted on the recommendation of their attorney, Paul Lytle, and attorneys for the Texas Association of School Boards.

The recommendation was made in light of recent court decisions that have struck down similar policies in other school districts. The suspension of the policy is to be in effect until further clarifications and/or rulings are passed down by the courts.

Board member Paul Garcia voted against suspending the policy. Those in favor were Barbara Bain, Chevo Lumbra, John Nino, Greg Odom, David Schaeffer and Rick Wright.

Garcia said that when the policy was passed, the board knew that

court decisions might go against it, but it was passed anyway because of community support for the policy.

"We want local control in our schools. This is something we did for the community. We had support for it," Garcia said Wednesday. "There was a question of how legal it was. Our lawyers said it was legal and defensible. We knew there was a possibility of being sued on it."

"We are in a wait and see mode right now," said DISD Supt. Les Miller on Wednesday. "We will hold off for now until we get further rulings."

Board members also voted 6-1 to approve a settlement with a student and the student's family on a potential liability claim. DISD will pay \$2,000 for complete release of all claims against the district. The claim is in relation to the random drug

testing policy, according to Schaeffer, board president.

Miller said the student's name could not be released.

Garcia voted against the settlement. He said that the district has not lost a suit on the matter yet, so he saw no reason to settle.

In a previous motion, the board voted unanimously to approve breathalyzer testing of students who attend the Junior-Senior Prom. Stephanie Casas and Cliff Wright, student body president and vice-president respectively, made a request to the board in favor of the testing.

Cliff Wright said that students cannot claim infringement of their "constitutional rights" by the testing, because of prior problems with alco-

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Three Hart men perish in one-vehicle accident

The community of Hart is still mourning the loss of three of its young men—23-year-old Sergio Guerrero, 21-year-old Jose Reyna and 25-year-old Jesus Reyna—who died instantly on April 1 in a one-vehicle accident four miles south of Alvin.

The Reynas, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pablo Reyna of Hart, were passengers in a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by their cousin, Guerrero, who is the son of Gelacio and Hilaria Guerrero of Hart.

Family members said the trio had traveled to Houston on the evening of March 31 and were returning to Angleton when the accident occurred.

According to reports, the pickup was southbound on Texas 35 when Guerrero lost control and the pickup veered off the right side of the road at approximately 5 a.m.

Guerrero's attempts to correct the vehicle were hampered because of

wet grass and mud on the side of the road.

Dept. of Public Safety Trooper Adrian Garza, who investigated the accident, said the side of the pickup struck a large pine tree and immediately caught fire or exploded. All three men died at the scene.

The *Hart Beat* reported that two of the bodies were burned beyond recognition and the third suffered severe burns.

According to pathology reports, the three died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident, either from blunt trauma or a broken neck before their bodies burned.

Dental records and other personal effects found at the scene helped identify the three victims.

Funeral services for the three were held Sunday afternoon at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart.

News wins General Excellence award

The *Castro County News* won first in "General Excellence" for weekly newspapers in the Panhandle Press Association Better Newspapers Contest. Winners were announced at the PPA annual convention Friday and Saturday in Amarillo.

The *News* took other first place honors in front page layout, sports writing and feature photo.

Second place awards were garnered in spot news photo, feature writing and headline writing.

Advertising initiative and society/lifestyles brought third place honors.

The *News* also received an honorable mention in news writing.

The general excellence award is based on points awarded for placings in the various categories.

Publisher Don Nelson said, "The contest competition is very strong, and I am proud of our staff for winning this recognition."



A LOOK AT LINCOLN—Bill Perryman of San Antonio presented a "History in Person" program at Dimmitt Middle School April 4, giving a talk about Abraham Lincoln, his life and times. Perryman developed the material he uses in his presentations through his classroom teaching, although he now travels full-time. There are eight characters he portrays as he travels throughout most of the state. His presentation is an official program of the Texas Commission of the Arts. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	84	43	
Friday	80	55	
Saturday	76	39	.25
Sunday	72	38	
Monday	79	38	
Tuesday	78	42	
Wednesday	72	38	

April Moisture 0.25
2001 Moisture 6.08

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

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... will return next week

Lust named Conservation Teacher of Year

Kathy Lust, Dimmitt Middle School science teacher, has been named the Conservation Teacher of the Year by the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District.

She was honored at a dinner Monday evening at K-Bob's Steak House, along with four young winners in the district's poster and essay contests.

District Soil Conservationist Gary Hunter cited the work Lust has done with her eighth grade science students and other volunteers in creating the outdoor environmental classroom as a "nature's showplace" at the Middle School.

"She started with just a bare hill in

sorry ground . . . but she had a vision," Hunter said. "She used grants and class students to turn it into a showplace."

He described her project as "just unbelievable . . . amazing."

Hunter presented her with a decorative acrylic desk clock and an engraved silver paperweight.

In accepting the award, Lust commented that the outdoor environmental classroom "is not a project that we ever intend to finish. It's a work in progress, and we hope to involve more teachers and students."

She noted that the project encompasses 2,800 square feet and required 450 linear feet of retaining wall.

Poster contest winners honored were:

1. Cailee Gilbreath, Dimmitt third grader and daughter of Coby and Connie Gilbreath, first place ribbon and a \$100 savings bond.

2. Ricardo Barrios, Dimmitt third grader and son of Robert Barrios, second place ribbon and \$50 savings bond.

3. Anthony Hochstein, Nazareth third grader and son of Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Hochstein, third place ribbon and \$25 savings bond.

The essay contest winner was Sean Hunter, Dimmitt seventh grader and son of Gary and Mary Hunter. He received a ribbon and a \$100 savings bond.

The youngsters' awards were presented by District Chairman Bob Birkenfeld, who explained that the poster contest is for all first through fifth graders in the county, and the essay contest is for children in sixth grade and up.

More than 30 district members and guests attended the awards dinner.



'CONSERVATION TEACHER' WINNER KATHY LUST . . . With presenter Gary Hunter, district conservationist

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hol at the prom.

Casas said that drinking is such a problem with teens everywhere that the testing is needed and will act as a deterrent for students.

"We totally support the breathalyzer," she added.

In other business, the board accepted a bid from TASB for property

and casualty insurance coverage for the district, even though the premiums will go up 64% from last year.

Miller said that the increase is due to the district's claim history and no other companies made a bid on the property coverage. DISD Business Manager John Chase said that the bid received from another company for the casualty coverage was

higher than that for TASB.

The new premium for the district will be \$47,409, up from the \$28,888 that was paid last year.

Board members gave approval for paying the first year's membership in the Dimmitt Area Retired School Personnel Association for personnel who retire. Miller said only two to three retire in any one school year. The cost would be \$35 per employee. The association said it would be beneficial for the employees and would encourage them to stay active in their communities.

In other business, the board: —After an executive session, accepted the resignation of Jerry Mathis, high school ag teacher and FFA sponsor. Mathis is retiring effective the end of June.

—Renewed the district's contract with Interquest Detection Canines of West Texas to provide "drug dog" services for the school district at a cost of \$3,600 for 18 half-day visits throughout the school year.

—Accepted a \$2,000 donation from the Dimmitt Athletic Booster Club to apply toward the expense of the charter bus that was used to take the DHS basketball team to Austin.

—Adopted a blood-borne pathogens exposure control plan, as required by law.

—Set the May board meeting for May 10 at 7:15, to be preceded by a meeting at 7 p.m. to canvass the votes from the May 5 election.

—Heard a report from Linda Koch on the Richardson Elementary School Accelerated Reader Program.



A HAPPY FELLA—News Publisher Don Nelson (left) accepts congratulations from Panhandle Press Association President Doug McDonough of the Plainview Daily Herald Saturday after the News was named the Panhandle's best all-around weekly newspaper by judges of the PPA's Better Newspapers Contest. Nelson is holding the General Excellence Award plaque, which is based on total points accumulated in all contest categories. Winners were announced during the PPA's annual convention at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Early voting will start Wednesday

In the May 5 local elections, early voting will start Wednesday (April 18) and continue through May 1. Also, applications for early ballots by mail will continue to be accepted through April 27.

Elections have been canceled for the City of Hart, the Hart Independent School District Board of Trustees, the City of Nazareth, and the Nazareth Independent School District Board of Trustees.

Elections may be canceled if all candidates are unopposed and there are no referendum items on the ballot.

In the elections that are not being canceled, positions that need to be filled are listed below, along with candidates who have filed and early balloting sites.

Castro County Hospital District
Three positions must be filled on the board of trustees. Incumbents Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides have filed for re-election. Frank Mendoza and Layne Myatt also have filed as candidates.

Early ballots may be cast at the hospital business office.

Dimmitt
City: Mayor Wayne Collins is unopposed in his bid for re-election. Three at-large council positions must be filled. Incumbent Bobby Mur-

dock is seeking re-election. Other candidates are Diane Parker, Paul Wayland and Steve Buckley.

Early ballots may be cast at the City Hall business office.

DISD: In Place 4, incumbent Paul Garcia is being challenged by Johnny Gonzales.

Balloting has been canceled in Place 2, since incumbent Rick Wright was unopposed.

Early ballots will be available at the school administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

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were Bay Baldrige, Dan Schmucker and Rowland. Clyde Damron voted against.

Another matter discussed in open forum was the need for a job description for the courthouse janitor. The commissioners said they would discuss it again in open forum at their next meeting and then place it on the agenda for the following meeting.

Miller told the commissioners that she plans to encourage department heads and all county employees to bring any complaints or questions before the commissioners during the open forum sessions of their meetings.

Police Calls

A suspect tried to run over Rudy Ramirez, 27, of Dimmitt, with a pickup Monday afternoon in the 200 block of West Halsell. Police said a squabble with a family member resulted in the aggravated assault with a motor vehicle. Investigation is continuing.

A Dimmitt woman told deputies last Thursday that her husband started drinking, then backhanded her in the face, tore her clothes and threw her to the ground. After he forced her to get back in the vehicle they had been riding in, he continued to hit and slap her in the face. She said he also threatened to shoot her and her children if she reported him to authorities. The suspect was jailed Friday on charges of assault causing bodily injury/family member.

Deputies investigated an abandoned vehicle near Hill Land & Cattle Co. on April 2 and found that it was reported stolen from the Schwan's Sales parking lot in Plainview and belongs to Edward C. Pulliam. According to investigators, the vehicle had been in a ditch northeast of Hart for about a week. A wrecker came and hauled it back to Plainview. Investigation is continuing.

A pickup belonging to Leonardo Peralta of Dimmitt was burglarized April 4 around 10:55 p.m. Items taken included an amplifier, stereo CD player and radio, and a CD case that can hold 40 CDs. The items were valued at \$420. The vehicle had been parked at the Country Arms Apartments in Dimmitt.

Arrested on alcohol-related charges were a 73-year-old Plainview man for public intoxication on April 4; a Hereford man, 32, for DWI, third or more offense, on Sunday; a Muleshoe man, 32, also on Sunday for DWI, first offense; and a Nazareth man, 24, for DWI, first offense, early Monday.

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Saturday night for disorderly conduct. He refused to stop causing a disturbance/using profanity in the 700 block of West Stinson.

Some suspects were arrested Monday at 11:25 a.m. for fighting in the hallway at Dimmitt High School.

Jailed on warrants during the past week:

—April 4, a Dimmitt woman, 46, for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; and a Levelland woman, 30, for possession of marijuana, 2 ounces, and possession of an analogue substance over 4 grams and under 200 grams.

—Last Thursday, a Hereford man, 21, theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

—Friday, a 22-year-old Dimmitt man for consumption of an alcoholic beverage during prohibited hours; a Dimmitt woman, 24, for assault causes bodily injury/family member; and an Amarillo man, 34, for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

—Saturday, a 19-year-old Amarillo man for minor in possession of alcohol; and a Dimmitt woman, 19, for unsecured child.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt man, 21, for two warrants on charges of no driver's license and two warrants for failure to appear; and a 19-year-old Dimmitt man on one charge of each.

—Monday, a Tulia man, 23, on a motion to revoke on two charges of theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

Jail Count

There were 10 inmates in the county jail as of Tuesday morning, with three more on work release.

April 3 at 4:25 p.m. a 2001 GMC pickup driven by Clint David Kieschnick, 22, of Vernon, stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Front Street and West Jones, then proceeded into the intersection and struck a 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Audreya Brooke Eymbers, 17, of Dimmitt. Police said Eymbers had been making a left turn from West Jones onto Front Street. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light. Kieschnick was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Letter

Reader says he wouldn't waste money on book about McVeigh

Dear Editor:

I read your editorial the other day concerning the book written by the two reporters, who were just "doing their job" when reporting in book form about Timothy McVeigh.

I, like you, sympathize with the mother who lost her 6-year-old, and I, unlike you, agree with her feelings about the action taken by these so-called professionals.

A few years ago in Killeen, a menace to society went inside Luby's Cafeteria and started blasting away at decent individuals, wounding some and killing others.

Soon after that incident, the people of Killeen got together and decided that they would (as best that they could) not speak of the man who did this—not mention his name and not do anything that would in any way make him a martyr. Maybe in doing

this the public would soon forget this person.

To my knowledge, they had no books written solely about this man, his habits, his quirks, his thoughts. And guess what? Today, 99 out of 100 people cannot remember his name.

When arguing about whether to read the book or not, I'm reminded of what Will Rogers once said when asked to define pornography. He said, "I cannot define or describe it, but I know it when I see it."

I have not, nor will I waste the money to read this trash. I think you will agree with me if we are really concerned with reading a book about how to deal with life and all of its ups and downs, good times and bad, then the Bible might be the book we need to buy.

EARL BEHREND

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ACROSS

- how a cowboy addresses a lady
- TXism: "scared the daylight out of"
- TXism: "steals blind"
- great TX center fielder Speaker
- mo. of UT-OK game
- TX Bill Boyd was the "Cowboy"
- George W.'s brother
- good works
- TX Joplin's "I Got Dem" Kozmic Blues Again, Mama"
- TX actor Jack
- TX Ann presided over this in '92 (abbr.)
- TX Jimmy Dean's "John"
- longing for the past
- TXism: "that'll be nicely"
- TX rancher Chuck Norris was champ for 7 years
- TX Miller's "Dang Me" was Song of the ___ in '64
- abnormal growth
- this actor starred with TX Audie in "Arizona Raiders"
- Harriet Beecher
- TXism for "friend"
- TXism: "likely not" (probable)
- TXism: "just yonder"
- TXism: "get the ___" (hurry)
- runs lightly

DOWN

- seat of Cochran Co.
- film of 35-across: "___ Of One"
- TX Rip Torn played Nixon in TV film "Blind ___"
- "Don't ___ With Texas"
- Aggie coach ___ Slocum
- TXism: "got ___ big as Texas" (kind)
- "shop 'til you drop" location
- what Texans do best
- TV music show: Austin City ___
- TX singer Morris was in Broadway's "___ Miserables"
- TXism: "let bygones be bygones"
- accumulate
- TX def. back in pro football Hall of Fame
- large Italian city
- take home pay
- Boerne's Cibolo Wilderness Trail has 3 distinct ___ systems
- TX-based "Giant" actress (init.)
- TXism: "get shut of"
- TX auto racer from Wichita Falls
- one who provides a source of income
- Mav. Dirk Kowitzki & Spur Tim Duncan
- Gov. Ann named this Krueger to U.S. Senate (init.)
- TX Lovett tune: "Here ___ a doornail"
- rodeo cowboys use rosin to get a better one
- Lauren of western "The Shootist"
- TXism: "___ loop roper" (bad)
- TXism: "___ a doornail"
- ___ brook, TX
- Padre Island acquisition
- cadaver exam
- Bob Seger's "Night ___"
- TXism: "I'm at the ___ of my rope"
- Texan born in Aug.
- Sanger Bros. had 1st one in TX
- eleven Cowboys or five Spurs
- Neil to Houston: "That's one small step for ___"
- Del ___ College
- 56 bed sheets
- TX Spanish paper: ___ Deportivo

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

If you see a little Camaro with a car full of collies going up and down the street, it is probably June Norman and her four collies taking a ride or going for a grooming.

The dogs' names are Harley Davidson, Goldie, Blondie and Mollie. Their last trip was to Critter Camp in Amarillo for hair dos, manicures and pedicures.

Had they stayed for the night, the collies could have slept in brass beds, swam in the swimming pool and played in the private play area. And if the master requests, the Critter Camp staff will take your beloved pets to McDonalds for lunch.

There really is a place like this!

Polly Simpson recently attended the West Texas Past Judges and Commissioners lunch at the Holiday Inn in Odessa. She was the special guest of County Judge David Field and his wife at a banquet one night. Judge Field was being sworn in as the president of the WTPJC Association.

Polly sat with the Fields' daughters. She felt very special and enjoyed all of the hugs and reunions with former associates.

Tonya, one of Judge Fields' daughters, has special ties with Castro County. She is married to Reagan Frye, son of Kenneth and Linda Frye of the Frio Community.

Reagan lives in Midland and he is teaching biology and is the boys' basketball and football coach at Greenwood Junior High School. Tonya is working on a physician assistant degree through the Texas Tech Medical School on the Midland College campus.

Polly drove over to Plains from Odessa to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Lisa (Simpson) and Dale Switzer. Lisa is a Dimmitt High School graduate.

At Plains, Polly received a great welcome, and received and gave more of those "Polly hugs!"

The three basketball players that played in the all-star tournament in Amarillo this weekend were Daniel Proffitt on the West boys' team; and Tamara Robertson and Heather Black on the West girls' team. They represented Dimmitt very well with their good sportsmanship and playing ability.

Heather's dad, Glen Black, had the autographed program which entitled him to a chance to win a Chrysler PT Cruiser. All he had to do was make two out of three baskets from mid-court in three tries. Glen put forth a valiant effort, but couldn't win the car. I'm not sure that Chrysler will ever be given away!

Jim and Ina Cleavingers' son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Jimmy, Terrie Lynn and Ruth Anne Cleavinger of Baytown came to Dimmitt last Thursday for a short visit with the Cleavinger family.

She saw the quilt show Friday morning and then they went to Lubbock where Jimmy was inducted into the Academy of Mechanical Engineers at Texas Tech on Friday night.

Jim and Ina drove through the sandstorm to Lubbock to attend the banquet with them—and to hold the baby for a little longer.

The other five little Cleavingers stayed in Baytown with friends who have horses, goats and chickens.

Gayle Nelson enjoyed a good visit with her sister, Wanda Roberts, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Wanda and a friend, Lois De Camp, returned to Dimmitt for a few days of visiting relatives, seeing the beautiful quilts at the quilt show and visiting Wanda's favorite local beauty shop for a fresh hair-do.

Jack and Susie Bradford along with Jack's brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Paula (Birdwell) Bradford of Denton, have just returned from a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Europe after 17 years of planning.

Auxiliary plans 'Enlistment Tea'

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

The public is invited to attend the event.

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

The trip really began to fall in place when Bob presented Jack with airline tickets to Rome, Italy, for Jack's "big 0" birthday.

Some of you will remember that Bob and Jack, along with their parents, Mildred and James Bradford, brother Jim Bradford and sister Jean Whitehead hosted Claudio Bendazzi from Italy as a foreign exchange student during the 1966-67 school year.

Susie says the most special part of the whole trip was the reunion with Claudio, his wife, Cladia, and their 17-year-old son, Gabriel, at the airport in Rome.

Claudio had visited in Dimmitt with the Bradford family about five years ago. There was an instant bonding and renewed friendship among the family and Claudio as they met and were given the grand tour of his beautiful European country.

The Bendazzi family spoke English remarkably well and served as interpreters for the Bradfords, making communication a pleasure. This family had arranged for the lovely hotel where the three couples and Gabriel spent their time in Rome, and for the good Italian dinner that night.

Grief support group to meet

A bereavement support group will meet today (Thursday) at the Partial Hospitalization Building at 103 Front Street in Dimmitt (formerly Hardee Family Clinic).

Facilitator for the group is Roy Puente, a licensed social worker who is community relations coordinator for Welch Home Place. He will be assisted by Vicki Buckley, R.N., director of Hospice Care.

The group concentrates on helping the grieving to understand and deal with loss.

"Loss comes in many forms and can create difficulties for everyone," Puente said.

The meeting is open to any interested person. The atmosphere is casual and gatherings have been lasting an hour or less.

The second day of their trip was spent at the Vatican and St. Peter's Cathedral, the Trevi Fountain, and climbing the Spanish steps. These 320 steps are traditionally touted as the steps that Jesus climbed.

Many pilgrims go there for spiritual healing and uplifting. Susie says none of them were ever the same after that—the climb nearly got them, but the view of the city from the top was worth the climb.

Day three included a visit to the Colosseum and the new Dimus Aurea. This is Nero's palace and it has just been opened to the public. Susie reported that Nero was a very unpopular leader and as a result his dwellings had been covered with dirt and buildings. After much labor and

excavating it has become a great tourist attraction.

They visited Patheon (the church with a hole in the roof), but the highlight of the day was a wonderful meal at Piazza Navana. This is a huge plaza where the people gather to sit and visit, saunter up and down the streets, enjoy music and singing. The Italian houses are small and hot, and this beautiful plaza provides the social life in Rome for the common people.

A lot of teenagers meet their friends here and mingle among the flowers, food markets and little shops. There is a special friendly atmosphere—beauty and friendliness.

On Friday they saw many of Michelangelo's art, gold and marble statues. Gold was everywhere. One of their favorite eating places was a French restaurant run by nuns from some third world countries. A play with drama, ballet and music was included in the meal. The play was "L'Eau Vive" which translates to "Water of Life."

On Saturday it was a sad goodbye from the Bradfords to Claudio and his family as they boarded the train the spend a couple of days in Florence. They saw more of Michelangelo's art and lots of gold. Paula bought some earrings.

They hiked up Michelangelo Park Hill to see the city at sunset. Their hotel was near the Porte Vecchio, a famous bridge. Susie says they walked an average of 8 to 10 miles a day and Jack lost 13 pounds.

Monday they boarded the night train to Paris. Each couple had a tiny room—both down the hall, but after a good night's sleep they were in Paris.

They visited the Eiffel Tower, Arch Triumph and the Latin Quarters where Paris night life is located.

The next day they made their way to the Louvre, a huge museum where the staff was on strike. It hadn't been open for five days, but the manager came by and opened it for all of those standing in line, including the Bradfords. The admission that day was free!

Bob Bradford works for the RHR Corporation, which has offices in London, and Bob, one of Bob's associates, gave them a personal tour of London. The Bradfords felt right at home. They had dinner on Bedford Street (Jack and Susie live on Bedford Street in Dimmitt) and ate Lady Bradford bread pudding for dessert.

Another long walk took them to Covent Gardens, Piccadilly Circus and London Square where Audrey Hepburn sold flowers in a scene from the movie, "My Fair Lady."

Bob, the business associate, took them to a wine store that had a gold plaque on the building where the Republic of Texas had its London office before Texas became a state. The English diplomats worked in this building.

They saw Prince Charles' palace and Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben and the House of Parliament.

On Tuesday they boarded the plane for Dallas and enjoyed seeing the beautiful bluebonnets blooming along Texas Highway 287.

Jack and Susie's daughter, Laura, is stationed in Japan. Susie has spoken to her in Japan since she returned to Dimmitt. Susie told Laura, "read about this in the *Castro County News* in On the Go. I'll give a detailed report."

Head Start registration set today

Registration for the Head Start program in Dimmitt will be held today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Richardson Elementary School Library.

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

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

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

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

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People



Wendy Finke and Jimmy Ivey

Couple plan June wedding

Alan and Cindy Finke of Abilene, formerly of Dimmitt, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Wendy, to Jimmy Ivey, son of Paul and Katie Ivey of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to be married on June 2 at Live Oak Community Church in Lubbock, and will make their home in Lubbock after the wedding.

A 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School, the bride-elect is currently student teaching in family and consumer science at New Deal High School. She will graduate from Texas Tech University in May.

The prospective groom graduated from DHS in 1997 and attended South Plains College and Texas Tech. He is employed at Clear Channel Communications, Inc., mainly with KZII (Z 102).

Hospice Care plans candle-lighting ritual

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ACS Relay for Life seeks team members

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

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

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

Individuals wanting to participate may form a team of their own or ask to be placed on a team that is already formed. Businesses, families and organizations are all encouraged to form teams that will participate.

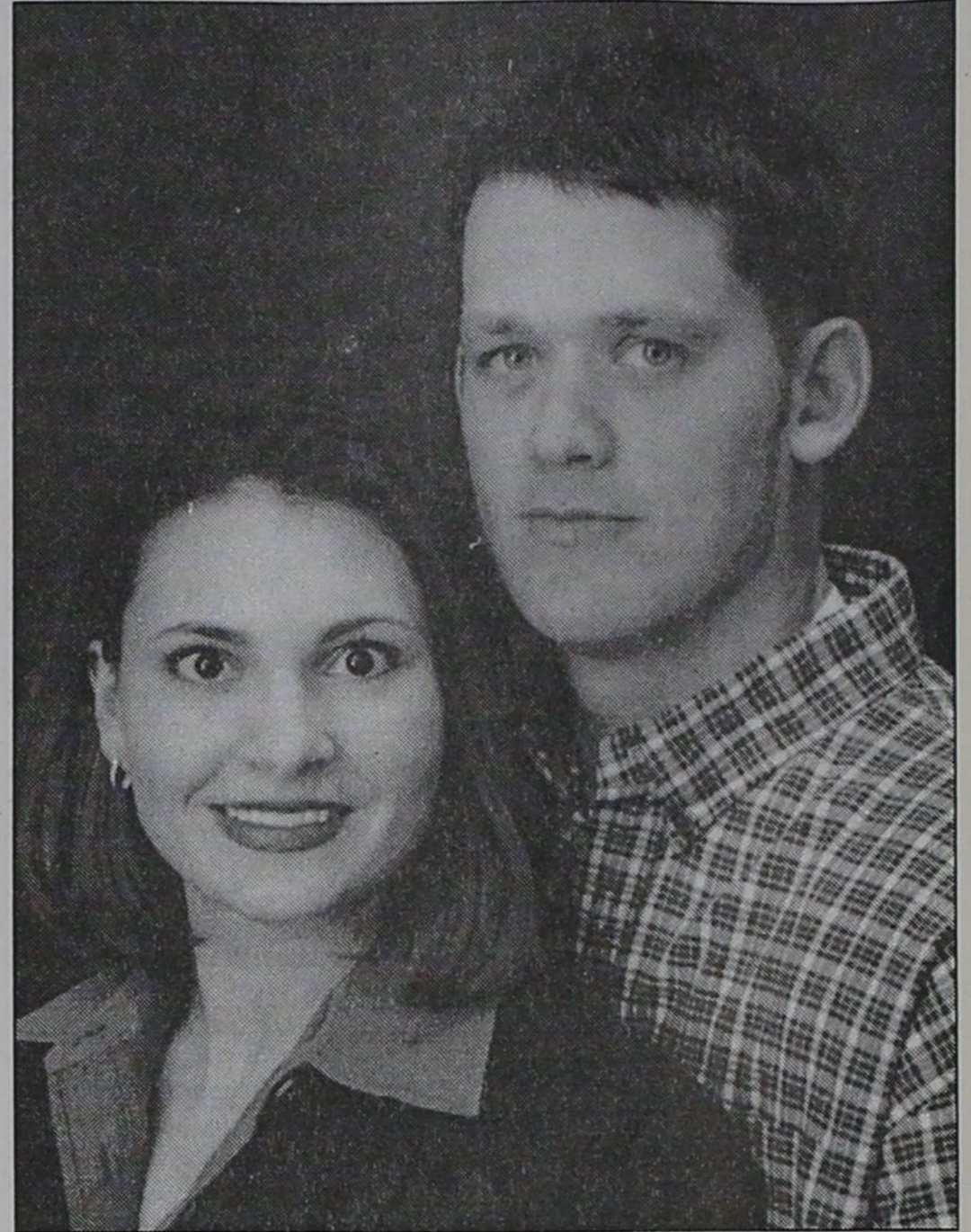
Also, cancer survivors are being urged to sign up now to participate in the Cancer Survivors' Lap of the Relay for Life, also known as "the winners' lap." Forms are available at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, 115 W. Bedford, or by calling Doris Flynt at 647-3473 or JayneVaughan at 647-5213. There is no charge to participate, and each survivor will receive a Relay for Life t-shirt.

The Survivors' Lap will begin at 6

p.m., to start off the relay portion of the event.

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

The luminaria kits will be available at selected businesses around town or at the Chamber office.



Christina LeAnn Bertolino and Michael James Schmucker

Schmucker, Bertolino to wed

Rodney and Peggy Collier of Canyon and Francis and Diana Bertolino III of Salisbury, Mass., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christina LeAnn Bertolino, to Michael James Schmucker, son of James and Bobbie Schmucker of Nazareth.

The couple plan to marry on July 21 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth.

The bride-to-be graduated from West Texas A&M University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in mass communications. She is currently the child abuse prevention coordinator at Buckner Children and Family Services in Amarillo. She is pursuing her master's degree in professional counseling at West Texas A&M University.

The prospective groom will graduate from West Texas A&M University in May with a degree in sports and exercise science. He is currently employed by Palo Duro Builders in Amarillo.

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Ogallala Quilters Society Quilt Festival results given

With 168 quilts entered in the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Society Quilt Festival in Dimmitt last weekend, Best of Show honors went to "Victory Over the Civil War" by Shari Schumacher of Amarillo. The quilt also was named first place winner in the pieced quilts/professional category.

The second place winner in the same category, "Braced Bees" by Jean Roberts of Midland, was honored with the Feature Teacher Award bestowed by Sharyn Craig of California, featured teacher for the festival.

"Times and Seasons," a two person quilt/applique entry belonging to Gerry Davis of Gruver, won the vote for Viewers' Choice. The number of persons visiting the festival was estimated between 700 and 1,000, according to Ogallala Society member Joyce Davis.

Winners are listed below by category.

Theme: 1. Yvonna Hays of Dimmitt, 2. Jean Dean of Midland, 3. Inez Carlton of Odessa.

Miniature Quilts: 1. Laura Hyatt of Cerrillos, N.M., 2. Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt, 3. Jean Roberts of Midland.

Challenge Quilts: 1. Yvonna Hays, 2.

Ann Powell of Canyon, 3. Ina Cleavinger.

Specialty Quilts: 1. Arlene Clark of Andrews, 2. Sue Haney of Lubbock, 3. Janice Joyner of Amarillo.

Applique Quilts/Amateur: 1. Sherry Johnson of Midland, 2. Carol Stahl of Amarillo, 3. Ethelyn Garnett of Lockney.

Applique/Professional: 1. Laura Hyatt, 2. Dorothy Perry of Lubbock, 3. Hazel Cozart of Midland.

Pieced Quilts/Amateur: 1. Arlene Clark, 2. Ann Ries of Amarillo, 3. Marilyn Clifford of Lubbock.

Pieced/Professional: 1. Shari Schumacher, 2. Jean Roberts, 3. Susie Edwards of Pampa.

Mixed Technique/Amateur: 1. Arlene

Clark, 2. Gilda Bryant of Amarillo, 3. Bobbie Foster of Lubbock.

Mixed Technique/Professional: 1. Ann Podany of Artesia, N.M., 2. Shari Schumacher, 3. Susie Edwards.

Two Person Quilts/Aplique: 1. Gerry Davis, 2. Doris Barnett of Friona, 3. Carol Ham of Claude.

Two Person Quilts/Pieced: 1. Loretta Hand of Friona, 2. Sandra Sims of Dumas, 3. Linda Fisher of Lubbock.

Group Quilts/Aplique: 1. Ann Powell, 2. Barbara Doyle of Canyon, 3. Teresa Heinze of Lubbock.

Group Quilts/Pieced: 1. Midland Quilters Guild, 2. Cindy Whitaker of Claude, 3. Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt.

Wall Quilts/Amateur: 1. Judy Kester of Lubbock, 2. Coby Lassiter of Hereford, 3. Susan Masters of Lubbock.

Wall Quilts/Professional: 1. Ann Podany, 2. Shari Schumacher, 3. Jean Dean.

Crib/Juvenile: 1. Jean Dean, 2. Trecia Spencer of Lubbock, 3. Ann Ries.

Wearable Art: 1. Nancy Richburg of Plainview, 2. Dorothy Burdick of Lubbock, 3. Ann Ries.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL
Richard Jr. and Sonia Garcia of Hart are the parents of a baby boy, Brennon Jace, who was born at 6:45 a.m. on March 27 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and was 20 inches long. He has a big brother, Aaron Anthony, who is 6. Paternal grandparents are Richard Garcia Sr. of Portales, N.M., and Agnes Garcia of Lubbock. Abuelo and Mary Lou Carrasco of Hart are the maternal grandparents. Great-grandparents are Jesus and Trinidad Carrasco, Elmira Garcia and Dominga Gonzales.

It's a girl for Maria L. and Antonio Rivera of Rt. 5, Hereford. Destiny Miranda was born March 30 at 2:36 p.m. weighing 8.3 pounds and measuring 22 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Modesto and Pabla Rivera of Mexico. Maternal grandparents are Maria L. and David Salinas of Friona. Great-grandmother is Marcela de la Salud Hernandez of Mexico.

It's a boy, Anthony Alexander Valle, for Misty Anes of Dimmitt and Alex Valle of Hereford. The baby was born March 30 at 5:47 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Older siblings are Tiffany Medrano, Jesse Medrano and Brittany Medrano. Paternal grandparent is Emilia Valle. Maternal grandparent is Rosa Linda Garcia of Dimmitt. Great-grandparent is Juan Ruiz.

OUT OF TOWN
It's a boy for Michael and Diedra Poore of Fresno, Calif. Their son was born at 5:22 p.m. on March 29 and has been named Joshua Staford Poore. He weighed 6 lbs., 4 ozs., and was 18-1/2 inches long at birth. He has two big brothers, 3-year-old Andrew and 1-1/2-year-old Zachary. Grandparents are Tom and Donna Staford of Las Vegas, Nev., and John and Rosemary Poore of Madera, Calif. Great-grandparents are Rex and Dorothy Sheffy of Dimmitt and Don and Florene Britt of Lubbock.

Gary and Sue Fields of Sudan are the parents of a baby girl, Aubrie Lyn Fields, who was born at 11:06 p.m. on March 16 at Lubbock Covenant Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 21-1/2 inches long. She has an older brother, Brady Jack, who is 3. Grandparents are Juanda Fields of Sudan and Bob and Jackie Crozier of Dimmitt.

Meet Renee Marie, occupational therapist

Whatever your age or situation, you have a job to do. And if you have trouble physically doing it, Renee Marie can help you.

Renee, a registered occupational therapist, has been with the Castro County Hospital District since last July.

She works mainly at the therapy department at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, but also sees patients in Plains Memorial Hospital, the Welch Home Place, and in facilities in Deaf Smith and Parmer Counties.

"The main types of cases we get concern the elderly—people who have had a hip replacement or other surgery, or a stroke," Renee said. "We do arthritis therapy also."

"But I see all ages—the gamut," she was quick to add. "That's what I love about my job. I see children; I see young adults; I see the middle-aged; I see the elderly."

"If you have a child up to age 4½, that child's job in life is to play—to build skills and develop coordination," she said. "If they are unable to do their tasks successfully, I work with them to build their skills."

"For school-age children, their occupation is to be students and to learn. If they can't do that because of a learning disability or a disease process, then I'll try to build their skills."

"If you're a young parent and have had back surgery and can't bend over and lift your child or hold him in two hands, and if you've got to



raise that child, what are you going to do? We work through these things together."

Renee's services are available to any local resident. (Occupational therapy requires a doctor's prescription.)

Renee grew up at Valley Forge, Pa., and attended Temple University, where she earned a BS degree in occupational therapy—a five-year program—in 1987.

She came to Texas in 1993 "to enter a self-employment venture with a friend, working on contract with nursing homes north of here," and has been in our area ever since.

Renee is single, and maintains a home in Canyon with her three pet dogs. When she isn't working, she enjoys cooking, baking, playing tennis and traveling.

April Is Occupational Therapy Month

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You are invited to a **Bridal Shower** honoring **Shawna Kenworthy** bride-elect of **Travis Schulte** Saturday, April 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the home of **Jan Baca** 613 West Bedford, Dimmitt

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MR. AND MRS. JASON GONZALES
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March wedding joins Gonzales and Marin

Christian Marin of Amarillo became the bride of Jeremiah Jason Gonzales, formerly of Dimmitt, on March 10 at the Fifth Season's Inn (West) in Amarillo.

The bride is the daughter of Leticia Aguirre of Amarillo and the granddaughter of Raul and Maria Aguirre of Amarillo.

Parents of the groom are Oswald and Saucera Ramirez of Amarillo. He is the grandson of Ysrael Salinas of Dimmitt, the late Rosa Salinas of Dimmitt, and Candido and Felecitas Ramirez of Clovis, N.M.

Maid of honor was Erma Guerrero of Amarillo, aunt of the bride. Best man was Ryan Reardon of Amarillo, the groom's best friend.

Serving as flower girls were Samantha Ramirez, sister of the groom; and Apollonia Aguirre, cousin of the bride.

Ring bearer was Julian Aguirre, brother of the bride.

Ushers were Adam Gonzales and

Samuel and Jaime Cavazos, all of Dimmitt, cousins of the groom.

A special attendant presiding over the registry book was Britney Gonzales, sister of the groom.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the Fifth Season's Inn (West) Atrium. A private family dance followed at the hotel.

Members of the house party were Sandra Ramirez, Britney Gonzales and Erma Guerrero of Amarillo, Stacey Salinas, Kaili Emerson and Kiera Emerson, all of Panhandle, and Elvia Garza of Dimmitt.

The couple are planning a honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico in late September, and the trip is a gift presented to them by their grandparents.

The couple have established their home in Amarillo where the bride is currently enrolled in Amarillo College. She is studying to be a paralegal secretary. The groom is also enrolled in Amarillo College, studying electronic engineering.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Jim, Bobbie and Jayme Schmucker went to Great Bend, Kan., over the weekend to watch Tiffany Schmucker play tennis. Her team from Seward Community College won the Jayhawk Tournament. Tiffany plays singles and doubles.

Palm Sunday Mass in Holy Family Church with Rev. Peter Otto officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman, was special, with the reading of our Lord's Passion. This reading is a great way to begin Holy Week services. Parishioners received blessed palms at the CCD building and walked in procession to the church for Mass.

About 40 senior citizens gathered at the center Sunday evening to enjoy fellowship and a great fried chicken meal. Father Peter Otto was our guest. Secretary Catherine Huseman gave a short report, and Norita Hoelting recognized the April birthdays—Jerome Brockman, Betty Wilhelm and Josie Sharp. For something different, everyone played a few games of bingo. The men ruled, as they won every game except one, but everyone had fun playing.

Family and friends gathered at the old Nazareth gym Sunday afternoon as senior Whitney Hoelting signed to play basketball for Seward Community College in Liberal, Kan. Those who witnessed the signing included Coach Lattel of Liberal, Coach Matt Garrett, Supt. Dean Johnson, Principal Deb Clinton and Whitney's parents, Jim and Sandee Hoelting. The Hoeltings then treated everyone to homemade ice cream and cake.

Carl and Mary Kleman spent last weekend with Esther Braddock and her family in McKinney. On Sunday they went with Allen and Amy Braddock and Esther to the Texas Motor Speedway for the NASCAR races. Carl was excited to see his favorite "88" UPS car with driver Dale Jarrett win the race. It was quite an experience, with 200,000 other

racing fans. They said they were glad to be home in quiet, little Nazareth!

Cecil and Norita Hoelting are home after a fun week of vacationing in Colorado. They visited Carol and Marvin Hoelting in Westminster, Colo., and Linda and John Smith in Aurora, Colo. They enjoyed two ball games—St. Louis vs. the Rockies and San Diego vs. the Rockies. Cecil said he had the thrill of seeing one of the best ball players to put on a uniform—"Stan the Man" Musial—who threw out the first pitch! The Hoeltings also enjoyed great seafood and gambling at Central City, Colo.

Kirsten and Harold Verkamp and family have spent a week in Nazareth visiting with family—Leslie Birkenfeld, Rose Birkenfeld, Robert and Mary Verkamp and Kirsten's sister, Bridget Birkenfeld, a student at WTAMU who was inducted into the Alpha Chi Society last Sunday.

They will return to Germany in a few days, where Kirsten is an R.N. in the Air Force. Harold is an elementary teacher at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. They have two sons, Daniel, 7, and Brandon, 4.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas recently held a joint District Meeting with District #2 and District #33 in Nazareth. District #2 includes Lubbock, Slaton and Lamesa with Teri Aguilar of Lamesa as District Deputy. District #33 includes Nazareth and two courts in Amarillo, with Angela Acker serving as District Deputy.

Duchess Collins of Sugarland, State Regent, was present. She gave a talk on the duties of the officers, changes in the by-laws, and the upcoming State Convention in El Paso and the National Convention in Houston next year.

Father Peter Otto, pastor of Holy Family Church, was our guest speaker. There were 31 Catholic Daughters in attendance. The meeting closed with a prayer, and the

song *I'm Glad that I'm a Catholic Daughter*.

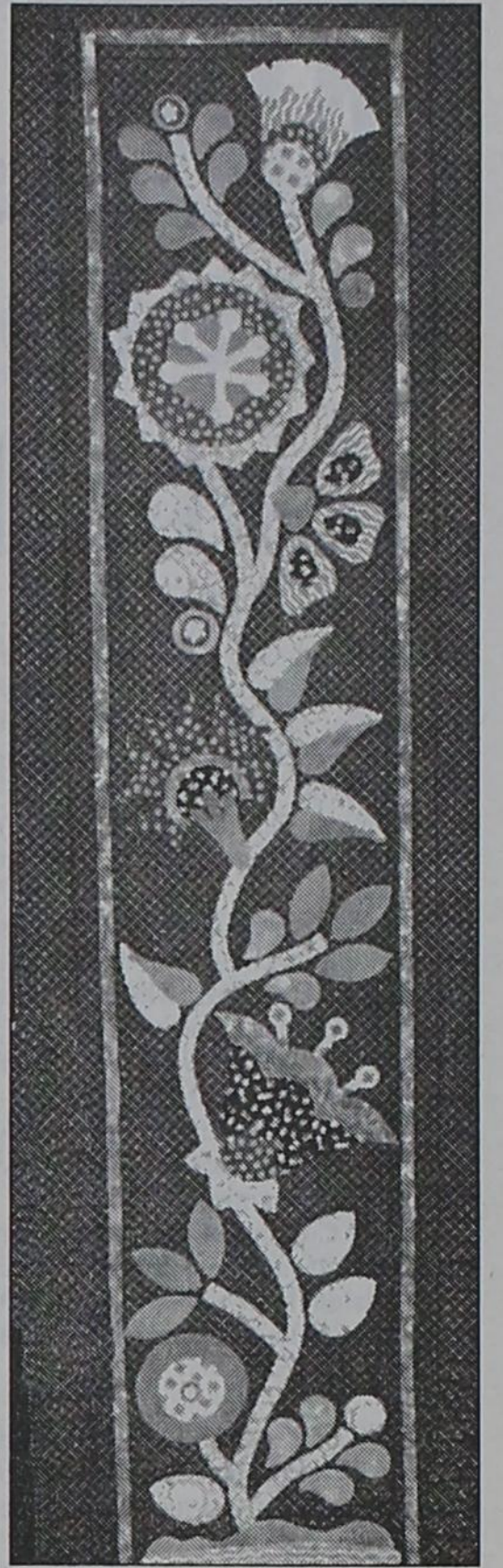
Brenda Conrad and Colette Hoelting spent last week here with their families. Colette was with Greg and Christina Hoelting and Brenda was with LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier. Brenda helped care for LeRoy as he recuperates from knee surgery.

Congratulations to Kent and Lora Hoelting of Amarillo on the birth of a girl, Haley Marie, March 23 at Northwest Texas Hospital. She has two siblings, Blake and Sarah. Grandparents are Susie Schulte of Austin and Clyde and Bea Hoelting of Amarillo. Great-grandparents are Brigetta Dobmeier and Joe and Amy Schmucker of Nazareth.

Shirley Skarke of Amarillo and Jerri Gerber of Umberger visited in Nazareth on Sunday with Leonard and Alvina Gerber, Mary Gerber and Dorothy McQuilliams.

J.C. and Jocelynn Pohlmeier, Sandee Hoelting and Andrea Rose attended the marriage of Michelle Harmon and Beau Hamlin Saturday evening at Paramount Terrace Christian Church in Amarillo. Michelle is the daughter of Alan and Cathi Pohlmeier of Amarillo.

Prayers are asked for Leonard Gerber, Anna Huseman Lee, Alice Palazzini, Lori Huseman, Ann Heck, Ray Schmucker, Brenda Crouse, Art Albracht, and Virgil Brockman, who is doing fine after undergoing a double lung transplant at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. Reports are that the doctors are amazed at his progress.



FIRST PLACE in the Challenge Quilt category at the Ogallala Quilters Society Quilt Festival held last week in Dimmitt was this narrow creation titled "Phenomenally 'Phunky' Pot of Posies," done by Yvonna Hays of Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Game night set Friday

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

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

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

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519.

Cleavinger is recognized by Texas Tech University

James G. Cleavinger of Baytown, son of Jim and Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt, has been inducted into the Texas Tech University Academy of Mechanical Engineers.

During the 1991-92 academic year, the Department of Mechanical Engineering organized the Texas Tech University Academy of Mechanical Engineers to honor alumni and friends who have earned distinction through professional, civic or humanitarian accomplishments. The Academy provides enrichment and support of mechanical engineering education through the involvement of experienced professionals in the educational process.

Cleavinger is one of five inductees during the 2001 year. He is a 1977 graduate of Dimmitt High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1981 with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering.

He began his career in engineering as a pilot plant engineer for J.M. Huber Corp., in the Carbon Black Division at Borger. In 1982 he was appointed to be the production engineer at Baytown. He became senior mechanical engineer for Equistar Chemical/Lyondell Petrochemical in Channelview in 1988. In 1991,

Cleavinger became senior operations engineer. He was the principle mechanical engineer in LaPorte.

Currently, Cleavinger works as the principle engineer for specialty engineering at Equistar Chemicals/Lyondell Petrochemical.

He has achieved numerous awards and recognition during his career. He was the recipient of the Lyondell Exceptional Contribution Award in 1996 as a result of his selfless service while serving as principle mechanical engineer in Channelview.

Cleavinger and his wife, Terri Lynn, have six children including David, Audrey, Rachel, Nathan, Victoria and Ruth Anne.

Band Boosters to meet Tuesday

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will meet Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall and all band members and their parents are encouraged to attend.

Final plans for the band banquet, set for April 21, will be discussed, along with final arrangements for the band trip, set for May 3-6.



CRAZY . . . CRAZY 'BOUT QUILTIN'—Bill Sava (left) and Trish Elliott, both of Dimmitt, sang a humorous rendition of the Patsy Cline hit for the crowd that attended the Ogallala Quilt Festival awards dinner last Thursday night at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria. Elliott also sang the original song *Crazy*, and she helped Sava sing another comic song about cowboys.

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- ★ Emergency Medical Services
- ★ Radiology
- ★ Respiratory Therapy
- ★ Laboratory
- ★ Physical and Occupational Therapy

Individuals receiving subsidized assistance will be required to work for Castro County Hospital District for a certain period of time.

Individuals interested in this program should call Trudy Jackson, Director of Nursing Services, or Linda Rasor, Chief Operating Officer, at

647-2191

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Fuston appointed state FSA director

As of Monday, veteran Farm Service agent Johnny Fuston is responsible for the agency he has served for the past three decades. Appointed by the US Sec. of Agriculture to the post of state executive director, Fuston will directly oversee policy decisions, Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs and agency management activity.

Fuston's previous assignments within the agency include district director in Hereford, where he was overseer for programs in Bailey, Briscoe, Castro, Swisher, Deaf Smith, Randall, and Parmer counties. He also had been county executive director in Deaf Smith, Bailey and Hartley counties.

Castro County Executive Director Trish Elliott said that she has worked with Fuston, both while he was CED for Deaf Smith and during his tenure as district director.

"I think he will do a good job and it will be very beneficial for us to have someone from this part of the country in the state executive post," Elliott said, "because he knows all about the type of farming that we do in the Panhandle. He will know the problems we face and he has first-hand knowledge of the way things work here."

"That will be an advantage for us,"

she added.

The appointment was announced April 4 by US Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and US Senator Phil Gramm.

"Johnny has dedicated his life to advancing agriculture in Texas, and I look forward to working with him to help make rural Texas not just a good place to live, but a good place to make a living," Gramm said. "His experience at the state, district and county level in diverse parts of our state will prove invaluable as we work to keep Texas agriculture the best in the country and the world."

Combest said, "Having known Johnny since our days showing cattle at stock shows in high school, I can personally attest he has deep roots in agriculture."

"As director of FSA in Texas, I am sure he will be an integral force in maintaining a sound agricultural community. Agriculture is the backbone of the 19th District, and our farmers and ranchers will be well-served under his management."

Fuston also has served as president of the board of trustees of the Hereford Independent School District, chairman of the agricultural committee of the Deaf Smith Chamber of Commerce, and director of the Deaf Smith United Way.

Based in College Station, the Texas Farm Service Agency has the mission of stabilizing farm income, assisting farmers and ranchers with land and resource conservation, and helping to mitigate the effects of natural disasters on Texas agriculture.

Texas has more farms, ranches and cattle than any other state in the nation. In fact, 80% of the land in the state is involved in agriculture production.

Sunflower production meeting set

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a sunflower production meeting in Plainview today (Thursday) from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Greg Cronholm, TAES-Integrated Pest Management (IPM) agent for Hale and Swisher counties will outline control strategies for sunflower moth and other insects.

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

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

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

For more information contact the Hale County Extension Office at (806) 291-5267 or the Swisher County Extension Office.



RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES were held Monday morning at J&J Car Care, Dimmitt's newest business located at 118 W. Bedford St. Owners of the business are James and Joan Norrell. On hand for the dedication were Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce

members (from left) Roger Malone, Cheryl Pybus and Gary Langford; Joan Norrell and James Norrell; and Chamber representatives Randy Smithson, Valeria Davis, Evelyn Noble, Bill Sava and James Baker. Photo by Anne Acker

Local vet urges producers to watch for signs of foot and mouth disease

The possibility of an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in US livestock has prompted concerns among producers and the general public recently.

Foot and mouth disease has been diagnosed in 22 nations in the past 12 months. Outbreaks have been confirmed on several continents including Asia, Europe, Africa and South America. Great Britain, Northern Ireland, France and Argentina have been the latest countries with outbreaks of the disease.

A foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in the US could potentially cost the livestock industry billions of dollars of losses in the first year alone.

The disease, which is highly contagious, affects cattle and swine. It also affects sheep, goats, deer and other cloven-hooved ruminants.

Clinical signs of the disease are vesicles (blisters) followed by erosions (ulcers) in the mouth and on the feet resulting in slobbering and lameness in the affected animal. Animals are reluctant to move, eat or drink, and rapidly lose body condition. Swine and cattle generally show signs of the disease within two to seven days of being exposed, while sheep and goats may take up to 14 days, and then may only show minimal clinical signs.

Many animals recover, but the disease leaves them debilitated, according to information from Dimmitt veterinarian W.J. Hill.

Because the disease spreads widely and rapidly, and because it has grave economic as well as physical consequences, foot and mouth disease is one of the animal diseases that livestock owners dread the most. The disease does not affect food safety or humans.

While it is not believed to directly affect humans, there was one recorded case in Britain in 1966. The effects of the disease for that person

were similar to flu with some blisters.

The disease has no implications for the human food chain; however, people can spread the virus to animals because it can remain in human nasal passages for as long as 28 hours.

The virus can be killed off by heat, low humidity or some disinfectants. It is only fatal in rare instances, but is more likely to kill very young animals.

There is no known cure for the disease, and it usually runs its course in two or three weeks with most animals recovering. Some do take up to six months to fully recover.

Prohibitions on the sales of animals and animal products from infected countries are immediate and very costly. The United States export market for animals and animal products is a multibillion dollar business and a single case of foot and mouth disease would impact every segment of the agriculture industry.

Even after a country is able to eradicate the disease, most other countries will not allow the importation of meat or meat products for a period of at least three months after the last case of the disease or three months after the last vaccinated animal was slaughtered.

Prevention is the most important approach producers can take to protect the national herd, according to Hill.

There are regulations in place to prevent animals and animal products from entering the US from infected countries.

In order to protect US livestock from the introduction of foot and mouth disease, the US Dept. of Agriculture implemented an interim rule on Feb. 21 prohibiting or restricting the importation into the US of live swine and ruminants and any fresh swine or ruminant meat (chilled or frozen) or products from Great Brit-

ain or Northern Ireland. Products dated after Jan. 14 are not permitted entry into the US.

People traveling in foreign countries must be aware of the risks and take extra efforts to follow proper procedures to ensure that they do not bring the foot and mouth disease on their clothing or in products which could carry the disease agent.

Next to prevention, early detection and reporting are critical. If you suspect a disease problem, report it immediately to Hill or to state or federal animal health officials.

Angus breeders are recognized

Worth Jones of Dimmitt and Weldon Jones of Hart have been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having registered Angus cows included in the American Angus Association's 2001 Pathfinder Report.

Weldon Jones has five head listed while Worth Jones has one cow included.

Only 1,950 of the more than 35,000 members of the American Angus Association are represented in this year's report, according to Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

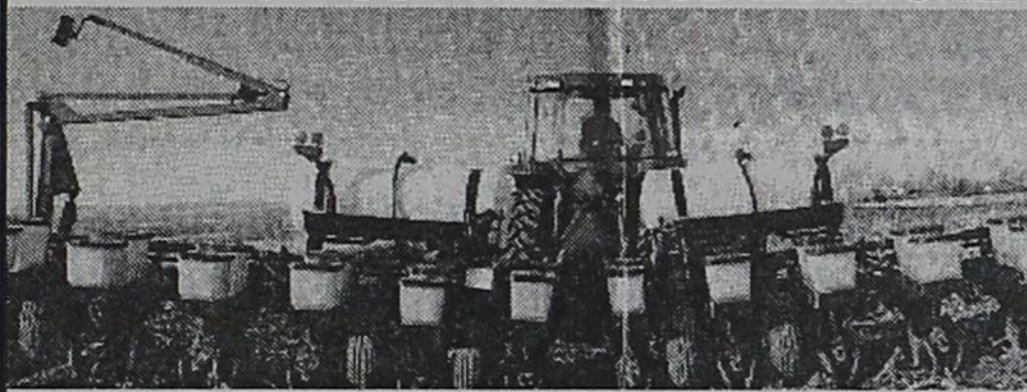
The Pathfinder Report identifies superior Angus cows based upon recorded performance traits that are economically important to efficient beef production. These traits include regular calving and heavy weaning weights. All registered Angus cows that meet the strict Pathfinder standards are listed, along with their owners, in the Pathfinder Report, which is published annually by the American Angus Association.

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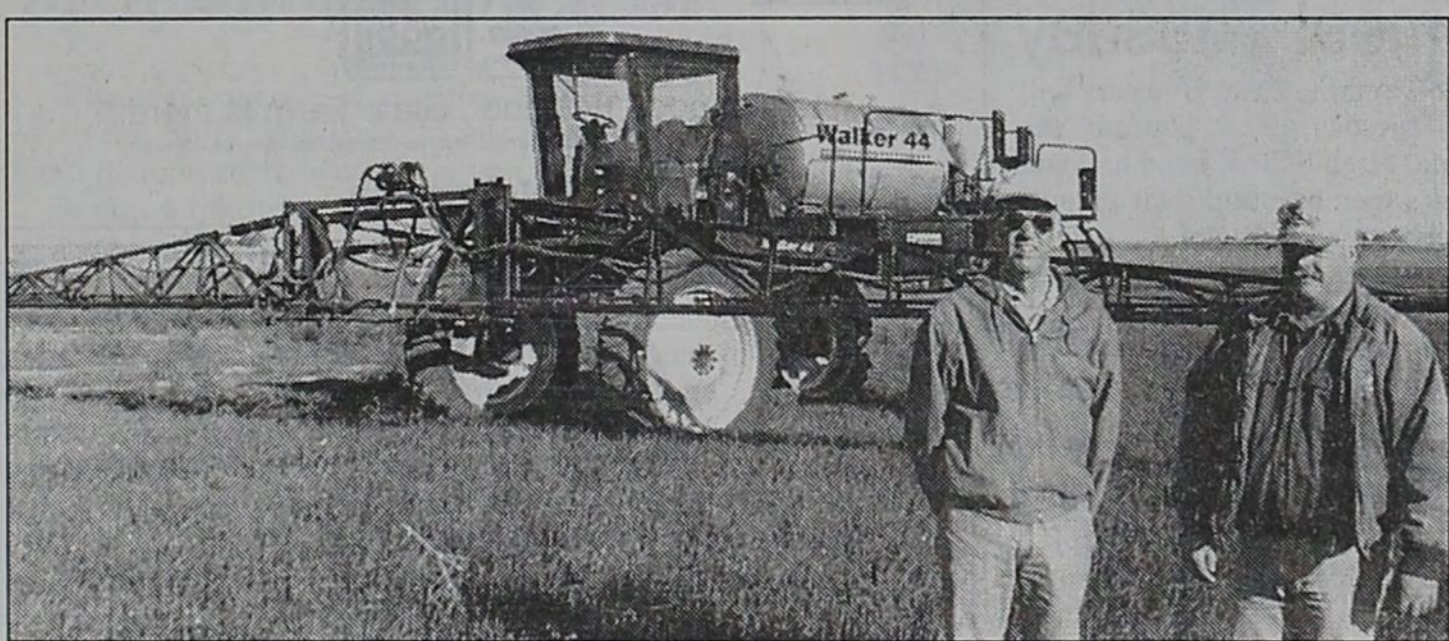
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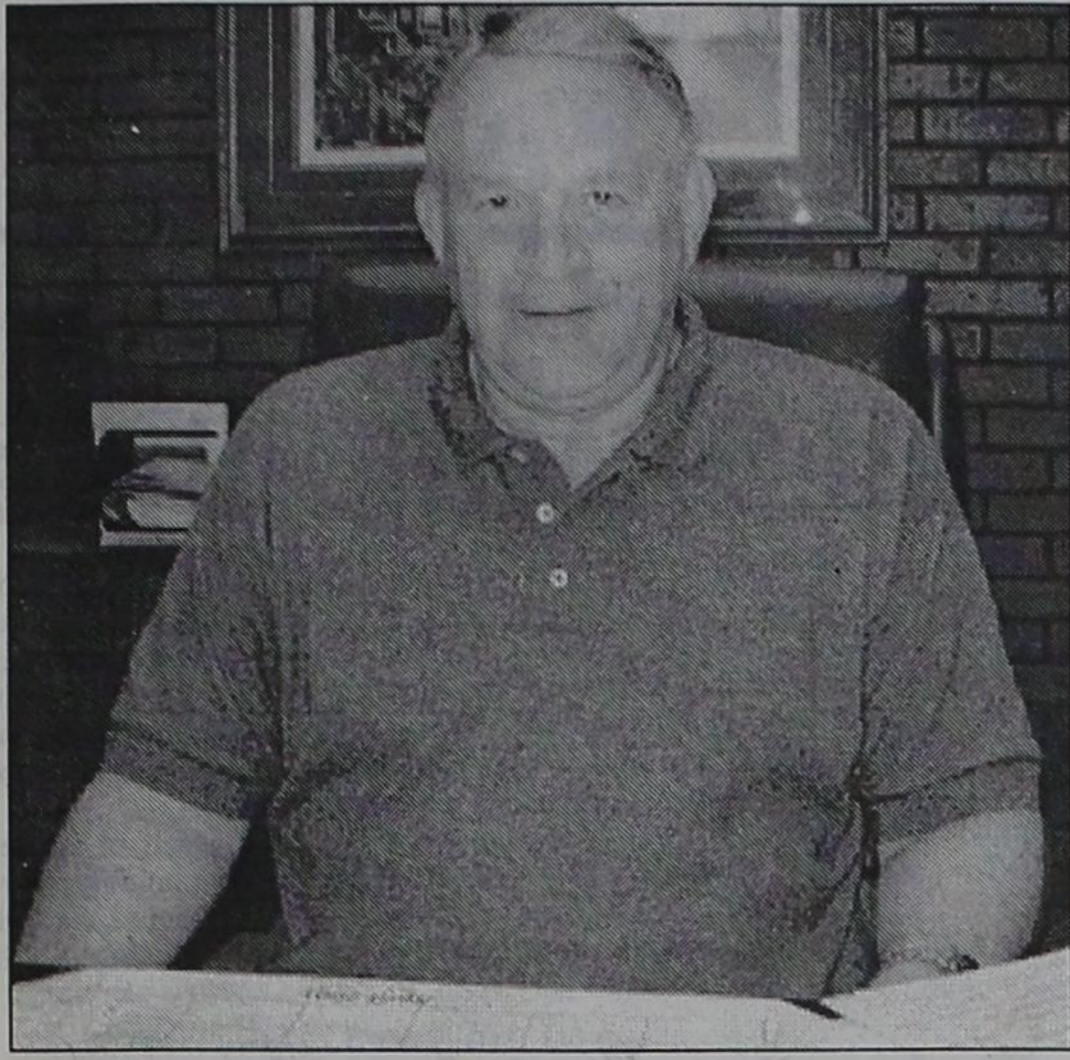
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Obituaries



Paul Mason

'13' lucky for new HTFCU manager

Thirteen is Paul Mason's lucky number.

"I was born on the 13th (of September)," he explained. "I've got 13 letters in my name, my last name starts with the 13th letter of the alphabet..."

So it suits him just fine that his welcoming reception as the new Dimmitt Branch manager of the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union will be on...

Friday the 13th. "It's also good Friday, you know," he commented.

The reception will be held throughout the Dimmitt Branch's business hours Friday—from 9 to 4.

Mason, a 25-year-resident of Hereford, is "coming back" to the credit union business. He also has a widely varied background that includes computer programming, military service, a stint with the National Aeronautics & Space Administration, and amassing 250 hours of college credits.

Mason grew up in Iowa, where he worked on a dairy farm during his boyhood. He earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Central University of Iowa, and when he turned 21, during the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the Air Force.

"I enlisted with the promise that I would be put in Special Services," he said. "But they put me in the Medics, where I ended up in a program called 'aviation physiology,' which was kind of a unique thing."

After completing his military service at Williams AFB, Ariz., he learned that NASA needed men with his specialty.

"There were only 500 aviation physiologists in all the branches of service," he explained.

While working in the Apollo program at NASA, he attended the University of Houston, studying finance. He left NASA in 1973 and went into the credit union business.

"I came to Hereford in 1976 as the manager of the Hereford Credit Union," he said. "I was there for three years. I left and became a computer programmer for the next 22 years."

He added, "I didn't have any plans to come back into the business at all. I had to think about it before I did."

But now he's glad he did. "I love Dimmitt," he said. "I grew up in Iowa in a town of about 2,300, so Dimmitt is still not small enough. I don't think there's much difference between Dimmitt and Hereford except size. The people are all good people, a lot alike."

His wife, Rene, is with the Hereford State Bank. They have five grown children, all of whom are professionals in fields that range from teaching and school administration to computer technology and AIDS research.

Mason plays golf, is "an avid fan of all sports," and has done a couple of stints as an interim sports writer for the *Hereford Brand* when needed.

Sergio Guerrero

Sergio Guerrero, 23, of Angleton, formerly of Hart, died April 1 in an automobile accident near Alvin.

A rosary service was conducted Saturday at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart with Father David Cruz of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olton officiating. Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Guerrero was born March 26, 1978, in Dimmitt.

Survivors include his parents, Gelacio and Hiarrria Guerrero of Hart; three brothers, Juan Guerrero, David Guerrero and Danny Guerrero, all of Hart; a sister, Veronica Guerrero of Hart; and his grandparents, Avelino Guerrero of Mexico and Sostenes and Guadalupe Vega of Mexico.

Toots Holbrooks

Golda Arlene "Toots" Holbrooks, 80, of Sunnyside, died Sunday in Marion, Ind.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Sunnyside Baptist Church with the Rev. David Fletcher of Jayton officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. Benny Wright, pastor of Sunnyside Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Holbrooks was born July 13, 1920, in Parker County to William and Ethel Moore Porter. She married Johnnie Christopher "Slick" Holbrooks on July 10, 1938. He died Feb. 9, 1988.

She has lived at the Bradner Village Community in Marion, Ind., since 1991, moving there from Sunnyside. She was a longtime member of the Sunnyside Baptist Church and the Order of the Easter Star of Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two grandchildren.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, Johnnie Wayne and Bobbie Jo Holbrooks of Spur; three daughters and sons-in-laws, Freda and Ronald Henderson of Calhan, Colo., Jeanette Walling of Brashear and Betty and Russ Ramey of Hartford City, Ind.; two brothers, D.L. Porter of West Covina, Calif., and C.W. Porter of Kennedale; 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Jesus Reyna

Funeral services for Jesus Reyna, 25, of Amarillo, formerly of Hart, were held Sunday afternoon at St. John's Catholic Church in Hart with Father David Cruz, pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olton, officiating. Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

A rosary was recited Saturday at St. John's Catholic Church.

Mr. Reyna died April 1 in an automobile accident near Alvin.

He was born Aug. 12, 1975, in Dimmitt. He worked as a mechanic at Roberts Truck Service.

Survivors include his parents, Pablo and Ignecia Reyna of Hart; a

brother, Ernesto Reyna of Amarillo; and two sisters, Alicia Erives of Amarillo and Brenda Hernandez of Angleton.

Jose Juan Reyna

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He was born Dec. 25, 1979, in Dimmitt. He was employed as a mechanic at Robert's Truck Service.

Survivors include his parents, Pablo and Ignecia Reyna of Hart; a brother, Ernesto Reyes of Amarillo; and two sisters, Alicia Erives of Amarillo and Brenda Hernandez of Angleton.

Francisco Rivera Sr.

Francisco M. Rivera Sr., 72, of Olton, father of a Hart man, died Sunday.

Rosary was recited Monday at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Olton.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at St. Peter's Catholic Church with the Rev. David Cruz officiating. Burial followed in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mr. Rivera was born March 17, 1929, in Maverick. He married Epifania Bosque on March 12, 1955, in Bronte.

He attended schools in the Pecos area. He worked there as a rancher before serving in the US Army during the Korean War. He later moved to Bronte where he worked as a carpenter. He moved to Olton in 1972 and worked as a janitor at Olton High School.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Joanie Mosqueda and Melissa Alvarez, both of Earth, and Norma Reese of Fieldton; seven sons, Frank Rivera of Pecos, Joe Rivera and Victor Rivera, both of Olton, Jimmy Rivera of Hart, Gregory Rivera of Delanson, N.Y., and Francisco Rivera Jr., and John Gabriel Rivera, both of Lubbock; five brothers, Manuel Rivera of Kermit, Gilbert Rivera of El Paso, David Rivera of Hobbs, N.M., Daniel Rivera of Houston and Tomas Rivera of Pecos; two sisters, Mary Reyes of Bronte and Alicia Torres of Hobbs; 22 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Warren Thomas

Services for Warren Grant Thomas, 71, of Lubbock, brother of Hazel Nelson of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning at Greenlawn Church of Christ with Dale Mannon officiating. Burial followed in Plainview Memorial Park under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Mr. Thomas died Monday.

He was born July 8, 1929, in Hale Center and moved to Lubbock in 1996. He married Marinell King on Feb. 6, 1950, in Hale Center. She died on July 2, 1977.

He was a graduate of Abernathy High School and was a member of Greenlawn Church of Christ. He was a farmer and rancher from the late 1940s until he retired in the early 1990s. He served on the board of directors for Hale Center Wheat Growers.

Survivors include four sons, Dan Thomas and Kevin Thomas, both of Lubbock, Dwight Thomas of Hale Center and Kelly Thomas of West Monroe, La.; a daughter, Carolyn Long of Hearne; a sister, Hazel Nelson of Dimmitt; a brother, Clifton Thomas of Kress; and 11 grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Children's Home of Lubbock, PO Box 2824, Lubbock 79408.

Julius Trauer

Funeral services for Julius "Ju Ju" Trauer, 94, of Plainview, were held Monday at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Tom Long officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mr. Trauer died Saturday in Tulia.

He was born Jan. 11, 1907, in Houston. He married Ena Robertson on Sept. 14, 1974, in Houston. He grew up in Houston and attended school there. He worked for Gulf Oil, Fancy Food, the Golden Seal Co., and Bellaire Hospital. He also owned and operated a root beer bottling company.

He and his wife moved to Hart in 1982. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Hart, the Masonic Lodge, Lions Club, Golden Group and Eastern Star.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, JoAnn Luco and Joy Bowden, both of Houston, O'Lysia Conaway of Prosper and Connie Sasser of Granbury; a son, Bob Bowden of Plainview; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Vista Care Hospice, 4418 Olton Road, Plainview 79072; or the First United Methodist Church of Hart.

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PRPC receives \$200,000 grant

The Panhandle Regional Planning Commission has been awarded a \$200,000 grant to develop a competitive regional fire/EMS grant process for Texas Panhandle Communities.

The grant was one of eight awarded by the Amarillo Area Foundation and the Don and Sybil Harrington Foundation, which approved \$922,600 in charitable grants for the benefit of citizens in the Texas Panhandle.

The board of directors of both foundations reviewed more than \$1.1 million in requests from 11 non-profit organizations before approving eight new charitable grants. These grants mark the first of three discretionary grant-making cycles

for the community foundation and its public supporting organization.

Recipients of grants from the Amarillo Area Foundation are the Caprock Partners Foundation, \$2,600; Hilltop Senior Citizens Association, \$5,000; Old Mobeetie Texas Association, \$17,000; The Salvation Army, Pampa Corps, \$24,000.

Harrington Foundation awards were presented to Carson County Square House Museum, \$24,000; Children's Learning Centers of Amarillo, \$500,000; High Plains Public Radio (Kanza Society, Inc.), \$150,000; and PRPC.

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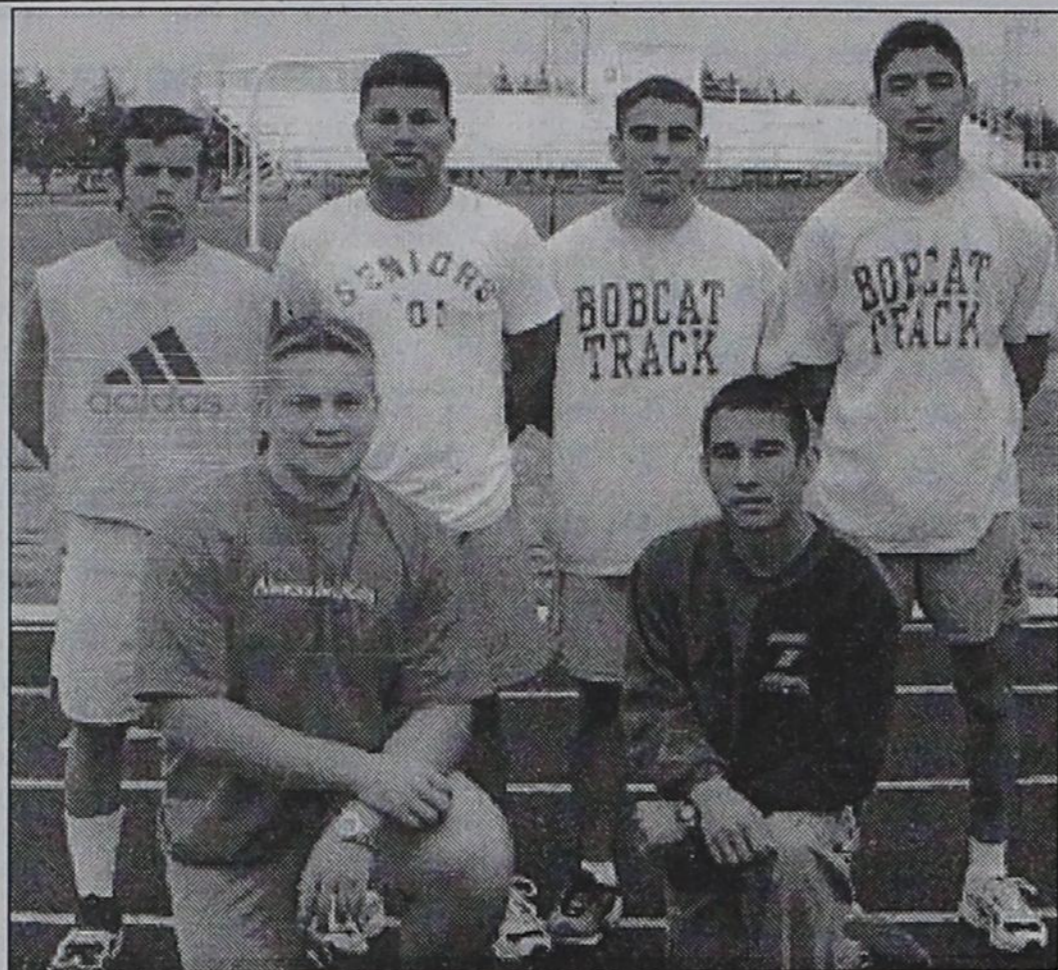
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Sports



DISTRICT TRACK—Members of the Dimmitt High School boys varsity track team who will compete in the district meet today (Thursday) in Dimmitt include (back, from left) Mitchell Gentry, Emanuel Jaramillo, Jaime Rios and Salvador Diaz; and (front, from left) Matthew Sanders and L.J. Soler. Photo by Linda Maxwell



READY FOR DISTRICT—Members of the Dimmitt High School girls varsity track team also will compete in the district meet. They include (back, from left) Morgan Hazel, Jessica Salinas, Crystal Nino and Sadra Daniels; and (front, from left) Alicia Heard, Lauren Waggoner and Ashley Irons. Not shown are Casandra Casas, Kelsey Welch, Sheena Ehly and Rachel Fabela. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Bobcats strand runners in 16-6 loss to Muleshoe

Dimmitt trailed Muleshoe 0-13 after three innings, but the Bobcats rallied to score six runs in the fourth. Those would be the only runs the Bobcats would score as Muleshoe retired five of the next six batters, then scored six runs in the bottom of the third for a 16-6 win.

Dimmitt dropped to 1-9-1, 0-6-1 while Muleshoe improved to 6-7-1, 4-2-1.

The Bobcats had the bases loaded in the second inning, but couldn't score a runner. Dimmitt would strand seven runners in the game.

The Bobcats picked up three hits, all in the fourth inning when they scored their six runs.

Muleshoe's Raymond Toscano got the victory while B.J. Hill suffered the loss for Dimmitt.

Hill was relieved in the second inning by Wesley Harkins, then Tanner Griffitt finished the game, taking over in the fourth.

Toscano and the Mules retired the first two Dimmitt hitters. Jonathan Stevens walked to give the Bobcats their first base runner. He was still on second when Toscano struck out Griffitt to end the inning.

Muleshoe scored four runs in the bottom of the first to take the early lead.

Tanner Self walked to lead off things in the second, then Daniel Proffitt reached on a fielder's choice. Two straight walks by Harkins and Thomas Brockman loaded the bases for Brent Josselet, but he couldn't deliver the RBI, striking out to end the inning.

Toscano retired the side in the third and headed to the top of the

fourth with an 11-2 lead.

Self grounded out to third to open play in the fourth, then Mule reliever Spradling lost control. He walked Hill, hit Proffitt with a pitch, walked Harkins and Brockman and hit Josselet with a pitch. He was quickly replaced, but the damage was done.

The new reliever, Landon Nichols, allowed back-to-back-to-back singles by Bobby Hill, Stevens and Griffitt, and that enabled the Bobcats to get

their six runs. Nichols finally got the second and third outs, striking out Self and B.J. Hill to end the inning. Nichols struck out Harkins, Thomas and Josselet, in order, in the top of the fifth and Muleshoe owned a 13-6 lead.

Muleshoe used a pair of singles and an error on Dimmitt to score three runs in the bottom of the fifth and that was enough for the run-rule win.

Bobcats allow four homers in 7-11 loss to Shallowater

Shallowater hitters went deep four times Saturday and that helped boost the Mustangs to an 11-7 win over Dimmitt.

Dimmitt held a 7-4 lead after four innings, but a big sixth inning gave the Mustangs the lead and they were able to hold on for the win.

Tanner Griffitt started on the mound for the Bobcats and he allowed one single and a homer in the first inning. That gave the Mustangs the early lead.

Griffitt suffered the loss Saturday while Shallowater's Garrett Nowlin got the victory.

Dimmitt scored its seven runs on nine hits, and had doubles from Wesley Harkins and Tanner Self. Shallowater managed 13 hits, including four home runs.

Shallowater controlled the scoreboard with a 3-0 lead after the first inning and didn't give up a run until

the Bobcats struck in the bottom of the third.

The Mustangs couldn't add to their three runs until the fourth inning, though. Griffitt struck out three hitters over the next two innings as Dimmitt's defense shut down Shallowater.

Thomas Brockman walked in the third and scored on a single by Bobby Hill.

The Mustangs responded in the fourth, using three straight singles to score one more run.

Dimmitt's big inning came in the bottom of the fourth and started off with a single by B.J. Hill, and that sparked the Bobcats to four straight hits.

Self followed Hill's single with a double, then Daniel Proffitt singled and Harkins picked up a double.

Those four runners would score, along with Brent Josselet and Jonathan Stevens, before Shallowater could shut down the rally.

Stevens singled in one run and Bobby Hill knocked home two with another single to provide the scoring slaps.

Shallowater closed the gap in the fifth with a solo home run, then regained control with a big sixth inning performance highlighted by two more homers. That was enough for the victory.

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Porsch is 15th overall in district golf

Dimmitt's Jake Porsch fired a 277 over three rounds in the District 2-AAA golf meet and that was good enough for a 15th-place individual finish at the meet.

Porsch's score was 10 strokes off of the regional qualifiers pace.

As a team, the Bobcats finished eighth with a total score of 1,244 for the three-hole competition.

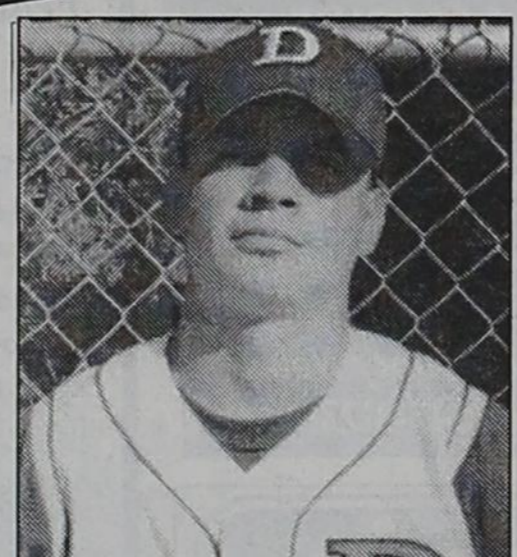
District champion was Lubbock Cooper, which scored 1,017 over three rounds. Littlefield was second with 1,082 strokes and Lubbock Roosevelt was third with 1,105. Rounding out the district contest were Muleshoe, fourth, 1,120; Lubbock Cooper B, fifth, 1,142; Shallowater B, sixth, 1,180; Lubbock Roosevelt B, seventh, 1,233; Dimmitt, eighth, 1,244; and Shallowater, ninth, 1,348.

Porsch was the top Dimmitt golfer in the meet, and his best round was the third, where he finished with an 87. In the first round he tallied 98 strokes. His second-round score was 92 for the 277 total.

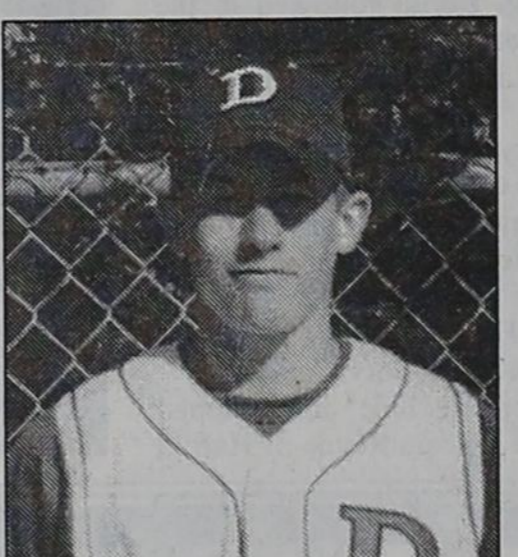
Tyler Myatt's three-round total of 299 was second-best among the Bobcats. His individual round scores were 102, 103 and 94.

Other Dimmitt golfers and their respective scores are Chris Lindsey, 112-104-100—318; Patrick Hunter, 116-113-107—336; and Colby Williams, 118-114-110—342.

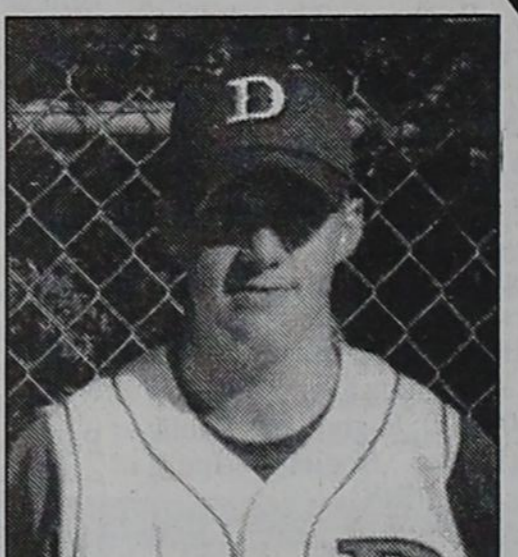
Also competing at district was Jared Griffith, who scored 113-115-108—336.



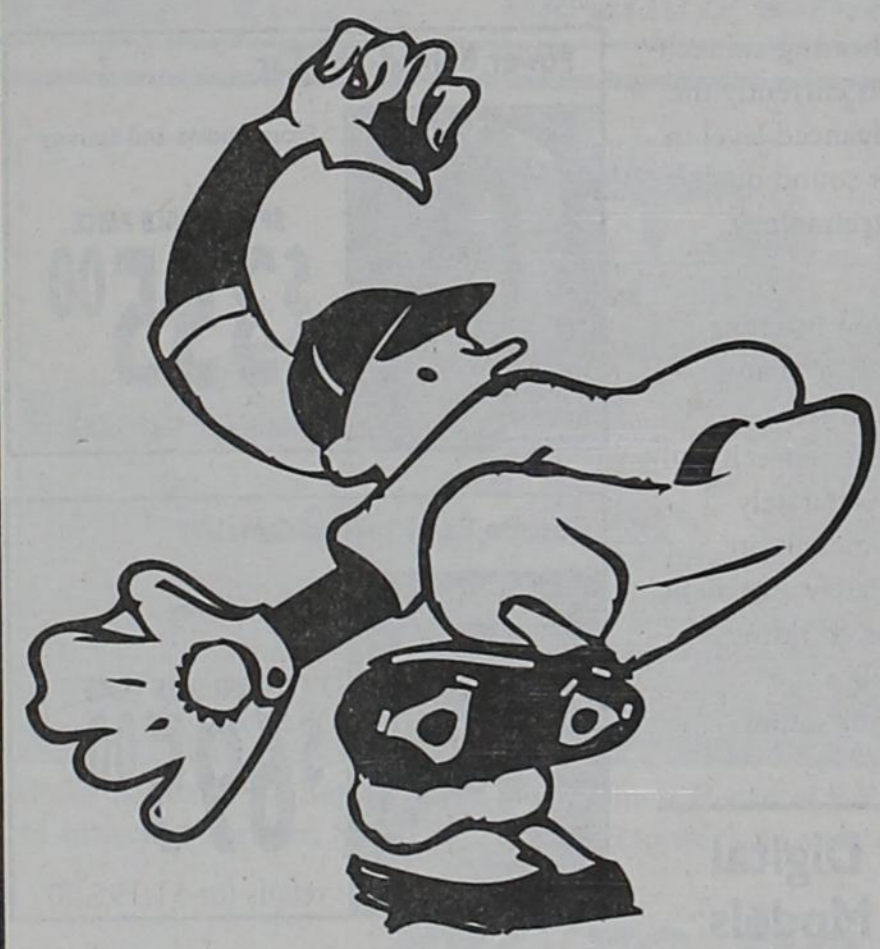
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6, Friona 9	7, *Shallowater 11	
3, *Shallowater 4	6, *Muleshoe 16	Season Record: 4-9
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Breast cancer screening set

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on May 3. Appointments are still available for the screening.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Birkenfeld hurls one-hitter in shutout win over Amherst

Amherst's Eric Williams, the second batter in the Bulldogs' lineup, singled off of Nazareth pitcher Blake Birkenfeld in his initial at-bat in the first inning.

That was all Birkenfeld would allow.

The junior pitcher struck out seven in five innings and gave up one hit as the Swifts run-ruled the Bulldogs Tuesday night, 10-0. Through the second and third innings, Birkenfeld struck out five straight hitters.

The win was Nazareth's sixth in six outings and was the Swifts' fifth district win. Birkenfeld improved his record to 3-0 and got his second shutout of the season.

Nazareth had six hits against Williams through four innings, but only held a 3-0 lead headed into the fifth.

Amherst pitchers walked six Swifts in the seventh inning, and three of those walks scored runners.

Nazareth's lone extra-base hit was a double by shortstop Eric Schilling in the fifth. He nailed a shot to center field and the Bulldog center fielder muffed the ball as he tried to field it,

allowing Schilling to advance to third. That hit drove in another Swift run.

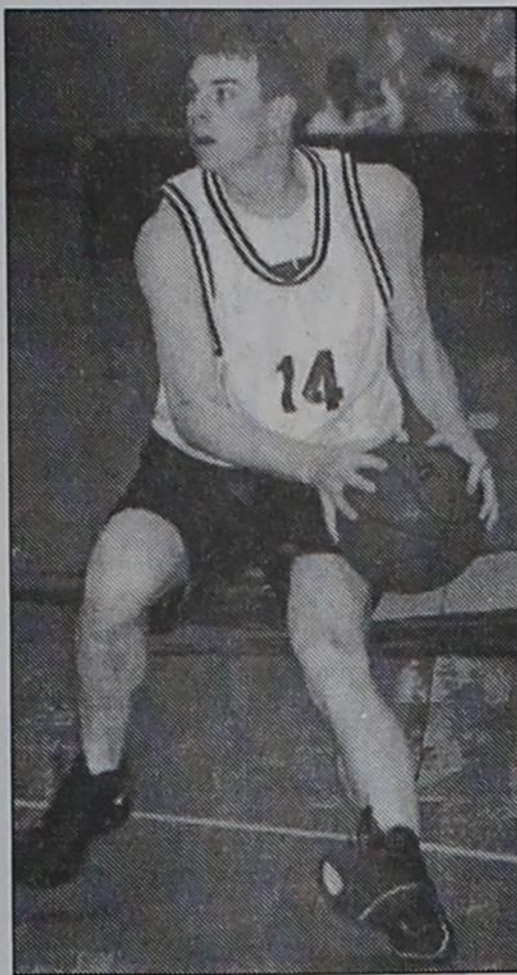
The Swifts couldn't come up with a hit in the first inning, but were able to scratch in the second.

Nazareth right fielder Aaron Kern led off in the second inning with a shot to left field that bounced out of the fielder's glove. Kern was on second before outfielders retrieved the ball. He stole second then scored on an error on Amherst's catcher.

Swift third baseman Adam Acker got Nazareth's first hit of the game on a single to center field, and he would score on a single by left fielder Brock Birkenfeld, giving Nazareth a 2-0 lead.

The Swifts scored one run in the fourth, using a pair of singles—one by Kern and another by Brock Birkenfeld.

Schilling's double and a single by Pohlmeier were the only hits Nazareth would get in the fifth, but the six walks enabled them to pad their lead for the win.



Daniel Proffitt



Heather Black



Tamara Robertson

Longhorn netters take 4-A team tennis championship

The Hart Longhorns captured the District 4-A team title last Wednesday at South Plains College in Levelland after winning the singles crown and finishing second and third in the doubles competition.

Jeff Bennett of Hart is the 4-A district singles champion while John Mark Bennett and Frankie Chaparro finished second in boys' doubles. Each will compete in the Region 1-A tournament along with Lady Horn netters Yadira Anzaldua and Crystal Diego, who finished second in girls' doubles.

Hart netters enjoyed a successful district tournament, with several players advancing past first-round action.

Enroute to the district championship, Jeff Bennett won three matches. After a first-round bye, he beat Steven Davis of Anton, 6-0, 6-0. His toughest match was in the semifinals, where he ousted D.J. Proven of Sudan, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2. In the title match, he beat Josh Garcia of Anton, 6-2, 6-2.

John Mark Bennett and Chaparro also had a first-round bye, then won two straight matches before falling in the championship. They were forced into a playback for second, but rebounded to win that match over teammates Jose Avila and Jacob Reyna of Hart to earn a trip to regional.

The duo's first victims were Joey Perez and Clendon Henderson of Meadow, but Bennett and Chaparro had to use three sets to eliminate the Broncos, 6-4, 1-6, 7-5. After that, the semifinal match was a breeze, with Hart's netters beating Gage Gregory and Taylor Nichols of Farwell, 6-2, 6-3. In the playback with Avila and Reyna, Bennett and Chaparro fought off their foes in the first set, 7-5, then coasted through the second, 6-0, to earn the regional berth.

Avila and Reyna beat Montana Murrel and Davin Buskey of Kress, 7-5, 7-5, in the first round, then eliminated Ellison and Mulloy of Whiteface, 6-2, 6-1, in the second round before losing to Martin and Messamore in the semifinals. To reach the playback match, Avila and Reyna beat Gregory and Nichols, 6-4, 6-3, for third-place honors.

Anzaldua and Diego knocked off Erma Williams and Raquel Cabello of Farwell, 6-1, 6-1, in the second round.

In the semifinal round, Anzaldua and Diego dropped the first set to Michelle Gutierrez and Julie Gorski of Anton, 3-6, but were able to bounce back to win the next two, 6-0 and 6-4, to advance to the championship match against Whitney Harris and Heather Chenault of Anton. The Anton pair claimed the district title with a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Anzaldua and Diego and both teams will represent the district at regional.

Alejandro Carrasco of Hart beat Zack Kidd of Meadow, 6-1, 6-1, in the first round before falling to Clay

Tiffin of Springlake-Earth, 2-6, 6-3, 5-7, in the second round.

Hart's Valerie Ellis and Fatima Rodriguez lost their first-round match to Jilanne Jourden and Jamey Jourden of Smyer, 2-6, 0-6.

Maegan Farris of Hart also fell in the first round, losing to Dana Parrish of Springlake-Earth, 0-6, 0-6.

Brenda Diego of Hart beat Anna Quesada of Farwell, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, to open the tournament, but she couldn't get past Kim Chaffin of Smyer in the second round, falling 2-6, 4-6.

Farwell trio wins Cornett scramble

Three men from Farwell entered a combined score of 119 to win the Championship Flight of the Don Cornett Three-Person Scramble, held this past weekend at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

The three top players are Jeff Fontinilla, John Leal and Dave Gutierrez.

In addition, Norman Hays of Dimmitt scored a hole in one on Hole #15 during the scramble, according to a spokesman for the club.

Hays used a #5 wood to make the 155-yard shot, which was witnessed by Melissa and Donny Carpenter, Jeff Pigg, Mark Brown and Terry Mixson, all of Dimmitt.

Rankings for the scramble are listed below:

Championship Flight

1. Jeff Fontinilla, John Leal and Dave Gutierrez, all of Farwell, with a score of 119.
2. Kevin Kech and Brian

Efnermore of Oklahoma City and Greg McMillan of San Antonio, 121.

3. Zack Vinson, Kyle Embry and Mike Norris, all of Lubbock, 122.

First Flight

1. Lanny, Shawn and Shane Savage, all of Plainview, 129.

2. (After losing a play-off for first) Mark Vega, Ramero Rodriguez and Coby James, all of Lubbock, 129.

3. (Tie) Donny and Melissa Carpenter and Norman Hays, all of Dimmitt, 132; and Terrell, Henry and Richardson (first names unknown), all of Tulia, 132.

Second Flight

1. Button and Harvey Bozeman and Jerry Cullifer, all of Tulia, 139.

2. (After losing play-off for first) Mark Brown, Jeff Pigg and Terry Mixson, all of Dimmitt, 139.

3. Dub George of Dimmitt, and Greg George and Toby Burleson, both of Lubbock, 141.

TBWEF names zone supervisors

Misty Davis of Dimmitt is one of several district supervisors named to the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone by the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation.

The district supervisors for the zone, which includes Castro County, are Brenda Clark of Friona, Lyn Vandiver of Muleshoe, David Jones of Littlefield and Springlake-Earth, and Davis.

District supervisors manage the daily activities of the district office and district personnel. These indi-

viduals work directly with producers, landowners, foundation personnel and the general public to ensure program activities are properly carried out in order to make eradication a success.

The Friona District will encompass about 148,000 acres of cotton, while the Muleshoe District will include about 185,000. The Dimmitt District will include about 117,000 acres of cotton and the Littlefield/Springlake District will encompass about 200,000 acres.

Area meet will feature several Hart athletes

Hart High School will be well-represented at the area track meet after several placed among the top four individuals at the District 4-A meet Friday at Springlake-Earth High School.

Hart's boys are the district team champions after amassing 133 points in the district meet. They edged Springlake-Earth, which finished second with 131 total points.

The Lady Horns finished fifth overall with 53 points. Sudan won the team title with 143 points, followed by Whiteface, Farwell and Springlake-Earth.

Hart boys captured the district championship in four events and had several others qualify for the next level of competition.

Dan Eric Castillo placed first in the shot put with a throw of 50 feet, two inches.

Roy Robledo won the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:06 and Isaias Garcia was first in the 3,200, posting the top time of 11:05.20.

Hart's sprint relay team including Salvador Velasquez, Josh Finch, Keith Finch and Jacob Reyna, was first with a posted time of 45.77.

Other area qualifiers include Josh Finch in the long jump, second, 20-6 1/2; Reyna, third in the long jump, 20-4; Robledo, second in the 800-meter run, 2:12.19; the mile relay team (Albert Velasquez, Salvador Velasquez, Keith Finch and Reyna), second, 3:44.53; Emmanuel Barron, fourth, 3,200-meter run, 11:18.25 and fourth, 800-meter run, 2:16.64; Keith Finch, fourth, 100-meter dash, 11.63; Joel DeLa Fuente, fourth, 300-meter hurdles, 43.97; Garcia, fourth, 1,600-meter run, 5:11.07; Leon Minjarez, fourth, discus, 131-0; and Albert Velasquez, fourth, triple jump, 39-6 1/2.

For the Lady Horns, Maegan Farris qualified with a third-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles, completing the race in 17.21.

The girls' sprint and 800 relay teams also qualified. In the 400 relay, the Hart girls including Brenda Diego, Farris, Crystal Diego and Sonya Garcia, were second with a time of 53.63. Hart finished third with a time of 1:56.78 in the 800 relay and team members included Brenda Diego, Geneva Finch, Crystal Diego and Garcia.

Garcia finished second in the 200, posting a time of 27.94.

Other area qualifiers include Brenda Diego, who was fourth in the 100 with a time of 13.81; and Ruby Rodriguez, who placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 28 feet, 10 inches.

DISTRICT 4-A MEET at Springlake-Earth

BOYS

1,600 Relay: 2. Hart (Albert Velasquez, Salvador Velasquez, Keith Finch and Jacob Reyna), 3:44.48.

Shot Put: 1. Dan Eric Castillo, Hart, 50-2.

Discus: 4. Leon Minjarez, Hart, 131-0.

Triple Jump: 4. Albert Velasquez, Hart, 39-6 1/2.

Long Jump: 2. Josh Finch, Hart, 20-6; 3. Jacob Reyna, Hart, 20-4.

3,200: 1. Isaias Garcia, Hart, 11:04.80; 4. Emmanuel Barron, Hart, 11:18.25.

400 Relay: 1. Hart (Salvador Velasquez, Josh Finch, Keith Finch and Jacob Reyna), 45.77.

800: 2. Roy Robledo, Hart, 2:12.16; 4. Barron, 2:16.64.

100: 4. Keith Finch, 11.63.

300 Hurdles: 4. Joel De La Fuente, Hart, 43.97.

1,600: 1. Robledo, 5:05.33; 4. Garcia, 5:11.07.

GIRLS

400 Relay: 2. Hart (Brenda Diego, Maegan Farris, Crystal Diego and Sonya Garcia), 53.93.

800 Relay: 3. Hart (Brenda Diego, Geneva Finch, Crystal Diego and Sonya Garcia), 1:56.78.

100: 4. Brenda Diego, 13.81.

100 Hurdles: 3. Farris, 17.21.

200: Sonya Garcia, 27.94.

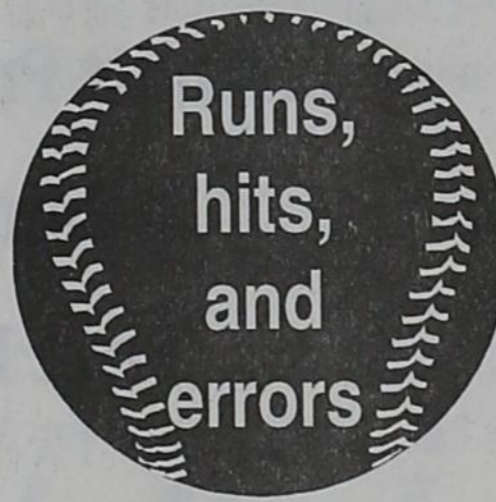
Shot Put: 4. Ruby Rodriguez, Hart, 28-10.

DHS all-stars play in tourney

Heather Black poured in 15 points while her Dimmitt teammate Tamara Robertson added 14 as the West All-Stars beat the North squad, 91-79, in a first-round game Friday night.

The two seniors were selected for the all-star squad and their team, the West, finished second among the four teams. The West knocked off the North on Friday, before losing to the East on Saturday, 79-76.

Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt played for the boys' West team, which won its semifinal game, 83-80. Proffitt had three points in that contest.



SATURDAY

Bobcats 7, Shallowater 11

Shallowater	300	115	1	-11	13	2
Dimmitt	001	600	0	-7	9	1

Nowlin, Kitchens (4), Bewley (6) and Bewley, Reeves (6) for Shallowater; Tanner Griffitt (4) and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. WP: Kitchens. LP: Griffitt. 2B: Wesley Harkins and Tanner Self for Dimmitt. HR: Bewley, Kitchens, Nieman and Jansen for Shallowater. Record: Dimmitt 1-8-1, 0-5-1; Shallowater 8-8, 5-1.

TUESDAY

Bobcats 6, Muleshoe 16

Dimmitt	000	60	-6	3	4
Muleshoe	427	03	-16	11	1

B.J. Hill, Wesley Harkins (2), Tanner Griffitt (4) and Tanner Self for Dimmitt; Toscano, Sprading (4), Nichols (4) and Kirby for Muleshoe. WP: Toscano. LP: Hill. 2B: Nunez, Cox and Nichols (2) for Muleshoe. 3B: Barrera for Muleshoe. Record: Dimmitt 1-9-1, 0-6-1; Muleshoe 6-7-1, 4-2-1.

Swifts 10, Amherst 0

Nazareth	020	017	-10	6	1
Amherst	000	000	-0	1	5

Blake Birkenfeld and Daryl Pohlmeier for Nazareth; Williams, Ferguson (5), Harman (5) and Mata for Amherst. WP: Birkenfeld (3-0). LP: Mata. 2B: Eric Schilling for Nazareth. Record: Nazareth 6-0, 5-0.

District 4-A golf

Rowland in medal race after first 18

Jordy Rowland of Hart is tied with Dusty Street of Kress for fourth-place individual honors in the District 4-A golf tournament after first-round action Monday.

Rowland fired an 81 over the first 18 holes and he helped boost his team to a fourth-place standing after the first round.

Hart's boys finished with 363 over the first 18, and Rowland was one of four Longhorns to break 100 over the links.

Other members of the Hart's first team are A.J. Carrasco, 86; Jeff Corbitt, 98; Roy Robledo 115; and Zach Farris, 98.

Hart also has a B team entered in the tournament, and they are cur-

rently 12th overall with a score of 424.

Members of the B team are Salvadore Velasquez, 114; Trevor Barnes, 138; Austin Dudley, 108; Logan McLain, 97; and Xavier Velasquez, 105.

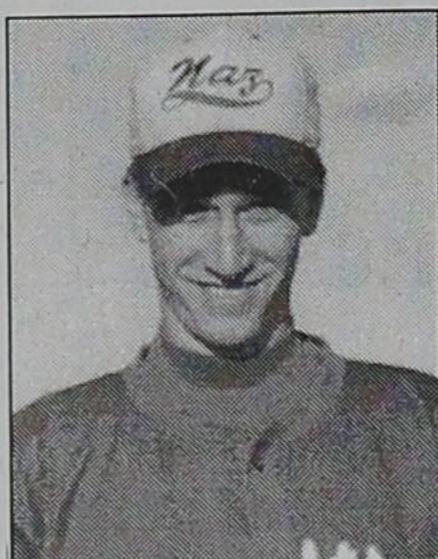
Also competing as a Hart single player was Corey Moore, who scored 100 over the first round.

Hart's girls are seventh overall with a 512 after first-round play, and team members and their respective scores are Lacie Curry, 134; Melanie Davis, 129; Kelli George, 126; Maegan Farris, 124; and Ashley Martinez, 133.

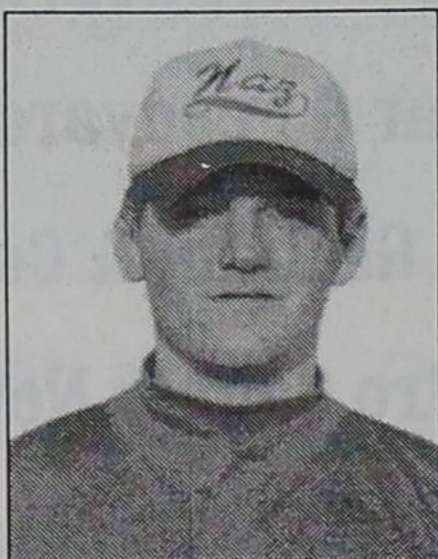
Competing as an individual is Whitney Mitchell, who finished with a 127.

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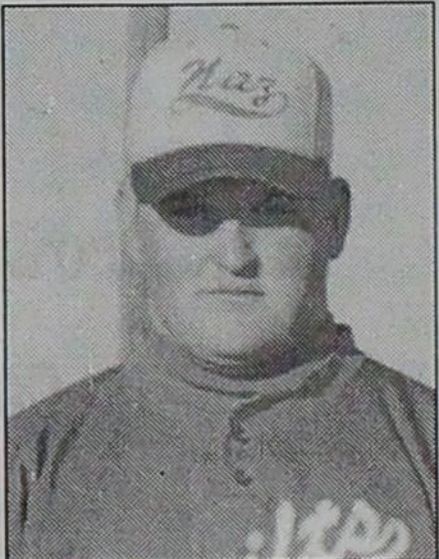
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How a T-Anchor cowboy educated himself up to become Judge Gough

one of Castro County's organizers and one of the first cowboy poets

As told by EDGAR DENNIS Cowboy Poet

In 1862, Lysius Gough (pronounced "Goff") was born in Lamar County, the son of Asher and Elizabeth, a Christian preacher and farmer. At the age of 8, L. Gough, as he called himself, watched herds of cattle being driven into forts and other markets and decided to become a cowboy and ride the open range. And that idea never ceased.

At the age of 14, he ran away from home to join a cattle outfit that was being put together and take a herd to the Texas Panhandle and establish the T-Anchor Ranch, with the headquarters on the creek just north of the town where Canyon now stands.

A log cabin that was set in a grove of trees by the creek, between where present Canyon and Buffalo Stadium now stands, was headquarters and is thought to be the first permanent residence in the Texas Panhandle.

That log cabin now stands on the grounds of WT and is part of the museum.

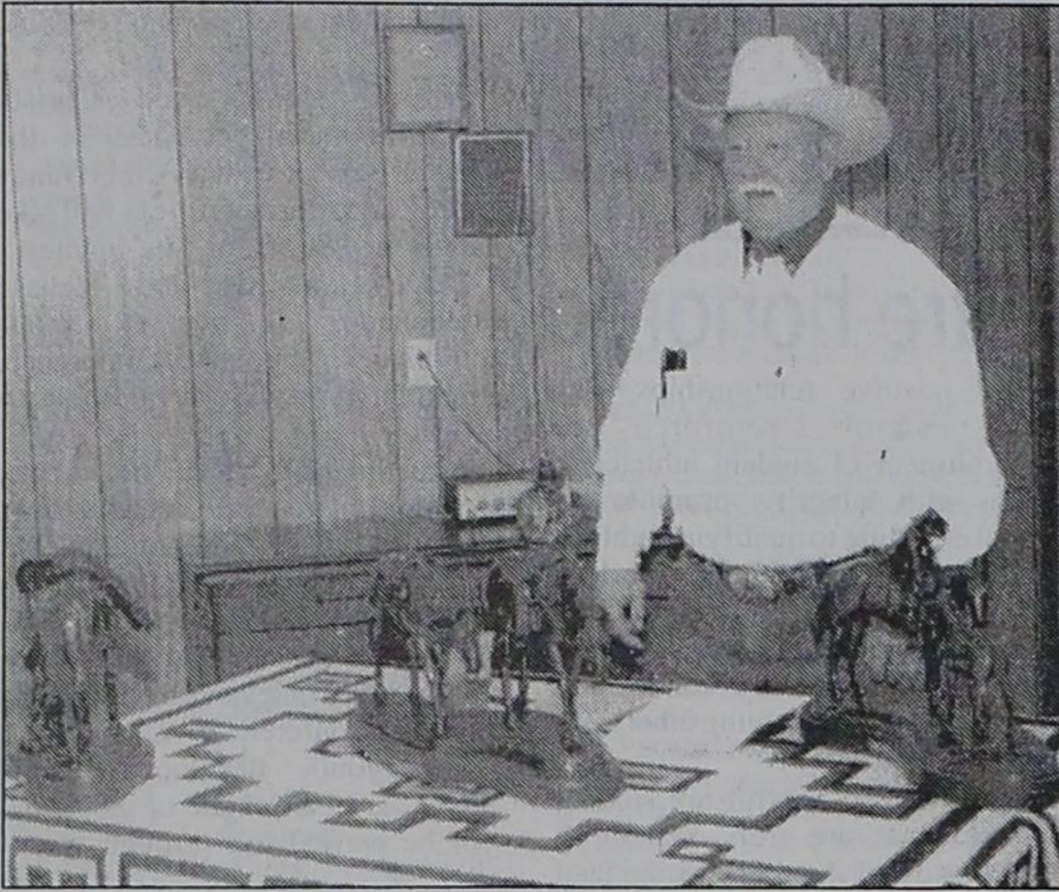
For many years the T-Anchor brand was displayed in white rock on the hill that is now part of Buffalo Stadium and now displays the WT brand.

L. Gough came to this area with a herd of cattle owned by Gunter, Munson and Gunter, who were original surveyors to the land title of thousands of square miles of West Texas. A great hotel in San Antonio, built on some of Gunter's property, still bears his name.

L. Gough soon had the nickname "Parson" because of his bringing up and his mannerism.

While working in this area for the T-Anchor Ranch, L. Gough began to compose and recite cowboy poetry around the camp for the entertainment of the other cowboys.

In 1882, the wagon boss said, "Parson, why don't you go home and go back to school and write down some of those poems? I want a copy



EDGAR DENNIS, well-known cowboy poet from Dimmitt, spins a verse for members of the Dimmitt Retired School Personnel during a meeting last week at the Senior Citizens Center. On the table in front of him are three bronze sculptures by a friend of his, Wes Smith of Nogal, N.M.

Photo by Don Nelson

of them, and it would be a great heritage for your children and grandchildren."

Thinking about this for some time, L. Gough returned to visit his family, and entered school in the fourth reader.

For a T-Anchor cowboy in his twenties, it was one of the hardest things he said he ever had to do was to enter the fourth grade with children 10 and 12 years of age and continue his schooling. Not his education, but schooling. He said he had more education out on the Texas Plains than he could ever have gotten in school.

Four years after returning to school, he graduated and became principal of the school and began to study the law. By this time he had put many of his rhymes in print.

In 1886, he had printed the first known book of cowboy poetry, titled *Western Travels and Other Rhymes*.

L. Gough was by then married,

and decided to return to the Panhandle to establish a ranch of his own, which he did, lying just south of the present city of Dimmitt.

He was very involved in the organization of Castro County and was elected the first judge in Castro County when the county was formed.

And from that time on, he was known as Judge Gough.

He also taught in the first public schools in Castro County.

In 1935, his original poem book was reprinted with a few additions and was titled *Spur Jingles and Saddle Songs*, the foreword being written by L.F. Sheffy, secretary of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society and head of the history department of West Texas State Teachers College, who is also uncle of our city manager, Don Sheffy, and brother-in-law of Myrtle Sheffy.

Judge Gough later sold out his holdings in Castro County and moved to Hereford.

Retired School Personnel have cowboy supper

Cowboy poet Edgar Dennis of Dimmitt presented a program of history and cowboy poetry at a meeting last week of the Dimmitt Retired School Personnel.

The meeting was held in the Senior Citizens Center and featured a dinner of cornbread and beans with a western flair. Thirty-four members and guests attended.

Tables were decorated with Texas silhouettes shaped of barbed wire and accented with bluebonnets and blue tableware. Members and guests wore western attire.

Hostesses were Charlene Howell, Billie Kirby, Mary Jo Brown and Lorann Hamilton.

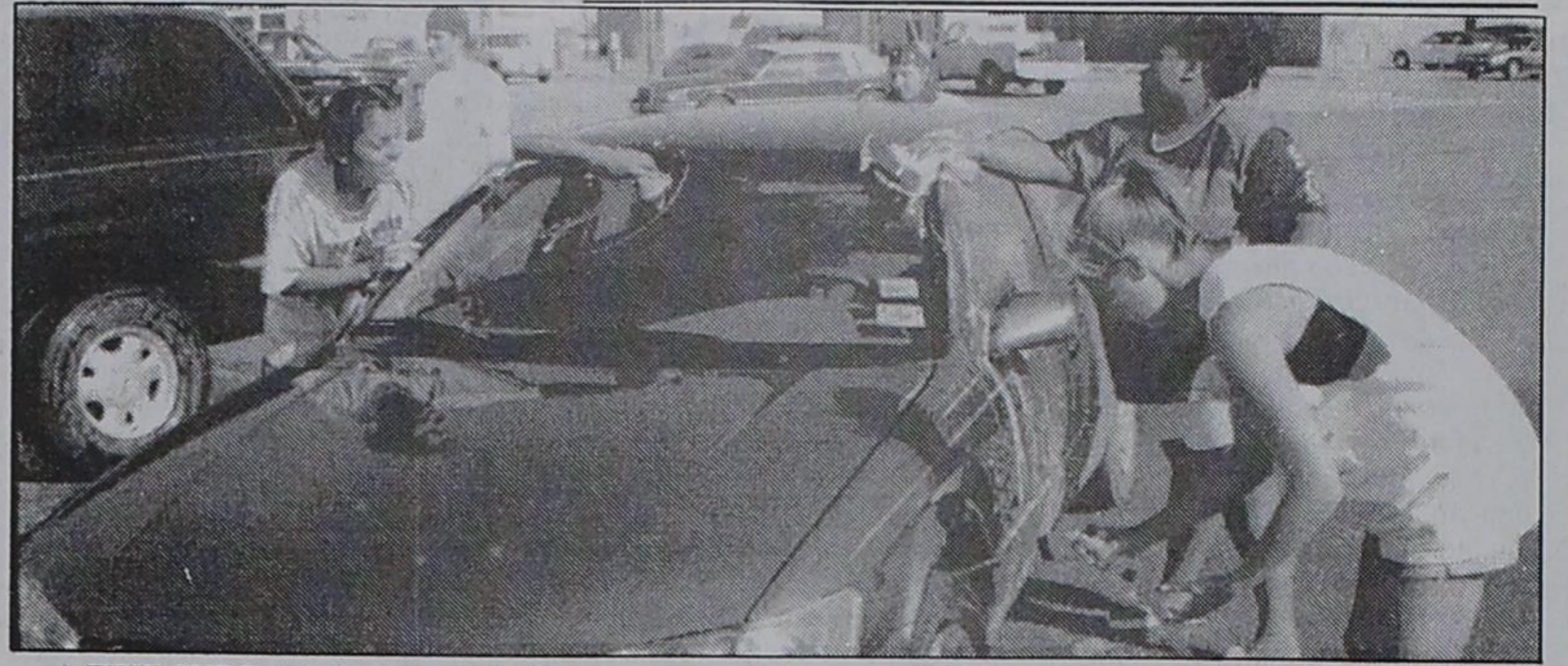
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A FEW SUDS, A LITTLE ELBOW GREASE AND A LITTLE WATER YIELD LOTS OF MONEY ... Dimmitt students wash cars to raise money for Brockman Medical Fund

Photo by Don Nelson

Car wash nets \$2,000 for Virgil Brockman family

Members of the Interact Club from Dimmitt High School washed vehicles Sunday afternoon and raised \$2,000 for the Virgil Brockman family.

Brockman recently underwent a double lung transplant and will be recuperating in a Dallas hospital for at least three months.

While Brockman's insurance will cover most of his medical bills, the family will still have many other expenses while he is recuperating.

The money raised through the benefit car wash will be used by the Brockman family to pay for lodging, travel and other expenses.

"The Interact Club would like to thank each and every person that trusted us to wash their vehicles and those who helped by giving us a donation for not washing their vehicles," said a club spokesperson.

The club was aided in its efforts by Mr. Hensley, Mrs. Wells and the Methodist Church, which offered its

parking lot for the project. Many of the students who helped with the project were not even members of the club, but volunteered to help with the fundraising project.

"Without everyone's help we wouldn't have been able to donate this amount of money," the spokesperson said. "The work was hard, but it was fun to work together to help a family that means so much to this community."

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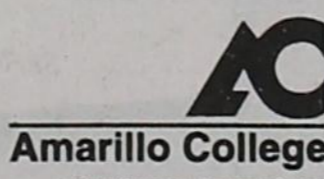
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'The American Tenor' will perform in Hereford

Rodrick Dixon, "The American Tenor," an accomplished and professional musical performing on the Dame Myra Hess Memorial Concert series, will be featured in an afternoon concert Sunday, April 22, in Hereford.

The show is slated to begin at 3 p.m. in the Hereford High School Auditorium and is part of the Hereford Community Concert series. Admission to the show is by membership in the Community Concert Association. Those who join the association for the upcoming season are invited to attend the April 22 concert free of charge.

Dixon also has performed with the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Grant Park Symphony Orchestra, the Portland Opera and many other well known

musical organizations. He has appeared on *The Tony Awards*, and on *Good Morning America*. He has appeared on Broadway in Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess*, Kern's *Showboat* and *Ragtime*.

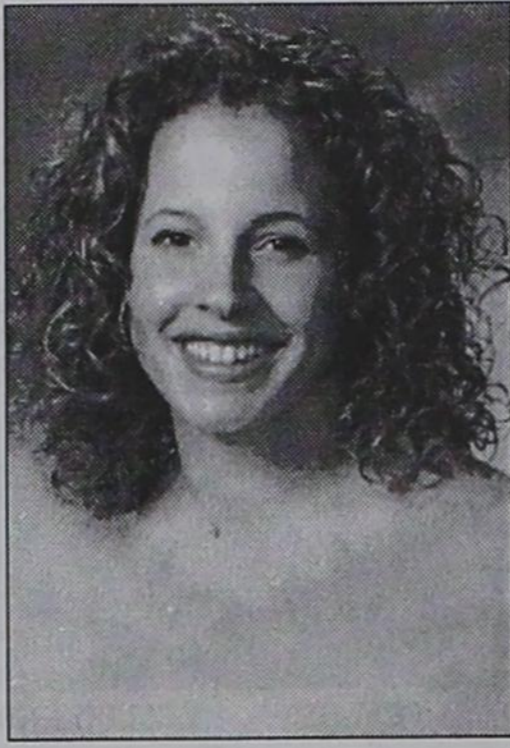
He has appeared on stage and in concert in a variety of dramatic roles that encompass the repertoire of opera, musical theater, operetta and contemporary works.

He has performed in several roles: both Ruiz in *Il Trovatore* and Rodriguez in *Don Quichotte* with the Lyric Opera of Chicago; Don Ottavio in Mozart's *Don Giovanni*; Gonzales in Ravel's *L'Heure Espagnole* with the Lyric Center; and Hoffman in Offenbach's *The Tales of Hoffman* with the Portland Opera.

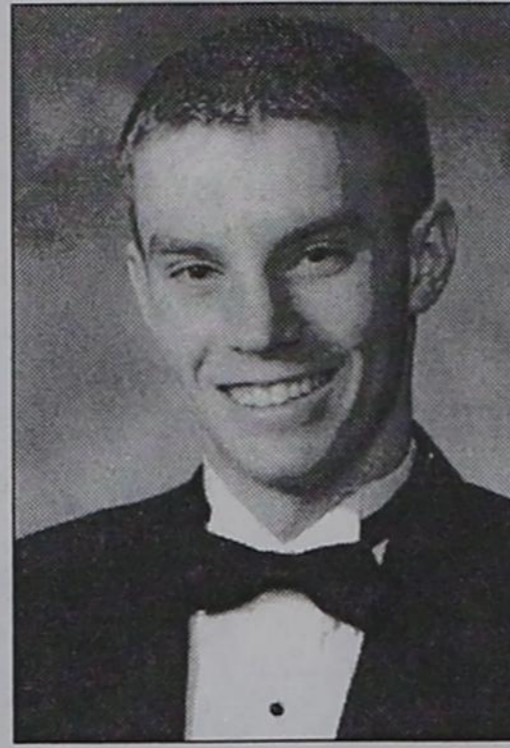
Two highlights of his career include creating the title roles in the world premieres of Bright Sheng's *Song of Magnus* as Majnun at the Civic Theater, and as the Prince in *Vanqui* with the Columbus Opera. He was also heard in the world premiere of William Bolcom's *McTeague*.

As a concert soloist, his engagements have included a gospel/jazz version of Handel's *messiah—Too Hot Too Handel* with the Denver Symphony and Concordia Orchestra at the Lincoln Center.

He was the 1991 winner of the Richard F. Gold Career Grant from the Shoshana Foundation and the Mary Dawson Art Guild "Tenor of the Year" award. He has won several other awards.



Lori Schulte



Daniel Proffitt

Schulte, Proffitt are honored

Dimmitt High School student athletes Lori Schulte and Daniel Proffitt have earned first-team honorable mention recognition as two of the top high school Christian student athletes in America.

More than 8,400 student athletes nationwide were nominated from 20,000 high schools and top honors were given in four categories: first- and second-team All-American and first- and second-team honorable mention.

Athletes were selected for their academic accomplishments, athletic achievements, and Christian character to represent some of the brightest and most accomplished high school student athletes in the nation.

The All-American program, now in its fifth year, was created to reward and encourage high school student athletes who are impacting their schools, communities and generation in a powerful way.

"We want to congratulate Schulte and Proffitt on being selected to represent Dimmitt High School as two of the finest Christian student athletes in America," said Kent Susud, Athletes of Good News Executive Director.

"The mission of the High School Christian Athlete All-American Program is simple, yet powerful. Our mission is to encourage and reward Christian student athletes for their athletic accomplishments, academic achievements and boldness to impact their generation through a life of Christian character," said Susud. "Our strategy, in part, is to de-

velop positive relationships with high schools, reinforce the commitment of student athletes to excel with integrity, promote national exposure to qualifying athletes and schools through college scholarships, seeking opportunities, award recognition and to challenge athletes and coaches to become greater leaders by serving others," he said.

"Schulte and Proffitt are student athletes that are truly making a difference and should be recognized not just because they make good grades or because they are star athletes, but for a greater reason: because they made a commitment to serve others and live a life of character and integrity based upon their personal relationship with Jesus Christ," Sulud said.

Student Council organizes blood drive for Tuesday

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

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

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

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

For more information, call Coffee Memorial Blood Center at 1-800-658-6178 or DHS at 647-3105.

Rainbows may be seen at night. Just as the sun shines through a sheet of falling rain to cause a rainbow, the moon can cause the same effect.

DHS students qualify for state STAR contest

Four Dimmitt High School students will compete in the state STAR (Students Taking Action for Recognition) competition April 19-21.

They are among several members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) chapter from DHS who will be attending the state conference in Houston.

Jessica Montes and Christy Moctezuma will compete in the Chapter Service contest while Nancy Quiroz and Maribel Garcia will take part in the "Skills for Life" contest.

Bianey Saucedo and Melissa Maldonado will assist in various activities at the state conference, attending as newly-elected Region 1 officers.

Assisting with the STAR events, serving as time keepers and door monitors, will be Dimmitt's Stephanie Casas, Rachel Fabela and Cristen Rodriguez.

The DHS chapter members will be among 3,500 delegates attending the three-day conference.

The youth developed theme "FCCLA: In a League of its Own," will be carried out through work-

shops and general sessions where members will discover ways to become actively involved in issues facing today's youth. Goal setting, decision making and career preparation will be discussed.

STAR events are competitive events in which members will compete during the state meetings. These events allow the members to showcase their life skills in different areas of competition.

Also, the new officer team for 2001-02 will be elected.

FCCLA is a dynamic youth organization that has the family at its central focus. Leadership skills gained from FCCLA can and will be beneficial for many years to come. All activities focus on family, career and community leadership. FCCLA members will utilize knowledge gained through leadership experiences to develop a solid foundation for the future.

'Fairness' is theme for Character Counts

Dimmitt High School has selected "Fairness" as the Character Counts pillar for April.

In their first-period classes this week, students are participating in and focusing on activities that will enhance fairness. Classes will then submit a summary of the activities that were implemented, and these will be published in "Cat Tracks" and *The Castro County News*.

The Character Counts program will wrap up soon as the DHS clubs and organizations participate in the annual hamburger benefit cookout.

During this project, students will learn the importance of being good citizens.

Proceeds from the hamburger cookout will benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation.

Scholarship applications accepted now

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

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

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

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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 12-20.

DIMMITT Breakfast to go
 THURSDAY: Super donuts, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Mini cake donuts, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, applesauce and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Apple cinnamon cereal bar, assorted fruit juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, fresh banana and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, fruit cocktail and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, watermelon, jalapeno peppers and milk.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, honeydew melon and milk.
 TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, apricot cobbler and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, gelatin, hot rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, mixed fruit, jalapeno peppers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or watermelon; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine

sandwich, beef and bean burrito with chili or beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potatoes or savory green beans; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy beef steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or apricot cobbler; garlic bread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, gelatin or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, barbecued rib patty or pork tamales; Chinese-style vegetables, lyonnaise carrots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, cantaloupe or mixed fruit; assorted muffins, cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken enchiladas, Chinese plate or fish nuggets; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins, applesauce and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
 THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or sloppy Joe on a bun; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, potato puffs, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, burrito or chicken sandwich with chips; rolls, green beans, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, sloppy Joe on a bun or pizza; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, potato puffs, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with chili, hamburger and potato chips or corn dog; sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, banana pudding and milk.

NAZARETH Breakfast
 THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: No school.
 WEDNESDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch
 THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: No school.
 WEDNESDAY: * Chicken fried steak and roll or pizza; tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit cocktail, cobbler and milk or juice.
 THURSDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, broccoli and cauliflower salad, rice, orange, strawberry shortcake and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or chef's salad, tossed salad, corn, peaches, Jell-O and milk or juice.

Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.



REGIONAL QUALIFIERS—These Nazareth High School students will be competing in the Region 1-A literary meet after placing at their recent district contest. They include (back row, from left) Daryl Pohlmeier, Ky Wilcox, Eric Schilling and Jase Merritt; (center row, from left) Trinity Robb, Matt McLain, Nichole Huseman and Brock Birkenfeld; and (front row, from left) Blake Birkenfeld, Mandy Hoelting, Marsha Black, Lindsie Gerber and Stephanie Thiel.

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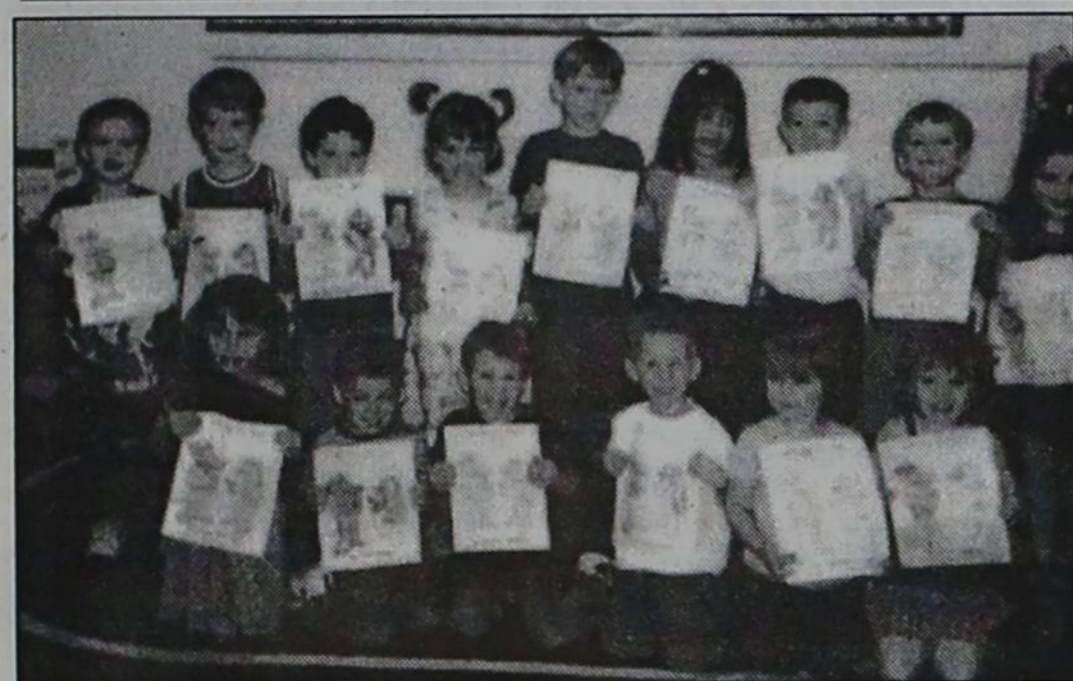


MARK BIRKENFELD, a senior at Nazareth High School, will compete in several events at the upcoming Region 1-A literary meet in Levelland.

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IN SUPPORT OF PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE, the students at Pybus Christian School in Dimmitt participated in a coloring project recently. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and one of the activities planned by local Child Protective Services representatives was this coloring contest. During the month, CPS volunteers will be promoting child abuse prevention through a publicity campaign.

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CASA speaks up for children year-round

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, the one period of time dedicated to the many children who live with abuse and neglect. It is also a time to remind ourselves that there may be something we can do to alleviate their suffering, according to a spokesperson for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Lubbock.

CASA is an organization of caring adult volunteers who speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes and are in foster care. The volunteers serve, at no cost to taxpayers, as an additional safety net to ensure a child does not get lost in the overburdened court and social service system, and does not return to an unsafe home.

It doesn't take a special background or knowledge to be a CASA/GAL volunteer. They are everyday people from a variety of

backgrounds, who share the desire to care for some of the most vulnerable children in our community. Each advocate is thoroughly trained so they can work effectively and with confidence.

Last year in Texas, 2,119 volunteers helped 9,521 abused and neglected children in areas served by CASA programs. There also were 18 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Castro County who did not have a CASA volunteer. Now CASA volunteers will be able to help these children, too.

New CASA Volunteer training will begin in Plainview on April 23.

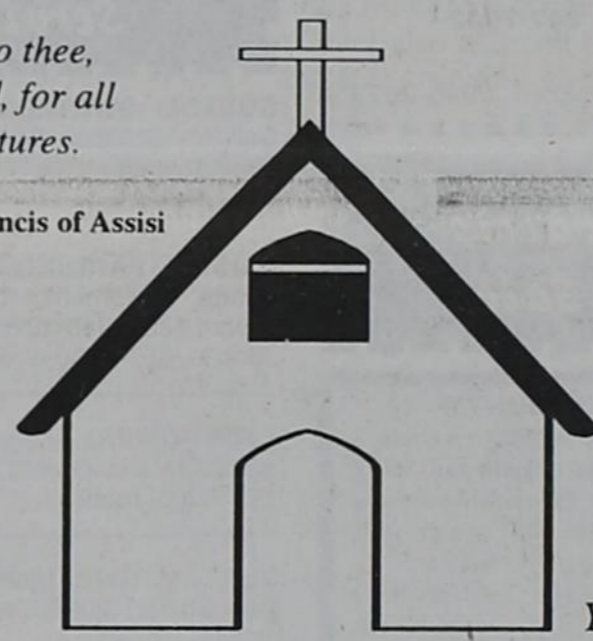
"Make April the month you decide to step forward and become a powerful voice in a child's life," said a CASA spokesperson. If you are interested in receiving more information about the CASA program, please contact CASA at (806) 763-2272.

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22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594. 22-1-4tc

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE STUDENT LOANS

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The President with the most children was Tyler, who had 15.

If a soup is too salty, add a few slices of raw potato and boil a few minutes. Repeat the procedure if necessary.

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



TexSCAN Week of April 8, 2001

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

Our grateful thanks to all—the outpouring of love during our difficult time is overwhelming. This community is wonderful to live in. The flowers, cards, contributions, phone calls, food, visits and prayers have been simply awesome. Please forgive us if we have forgotten anyone. Your kindness will not be forgotten. May God bless you all.

THE FAMILY OF N.C. WHITE
BETH WHITE
JIM & CHARLENE
DAVID & VALERIE
MATT & JEANA
DARRELL & JUDY WALKER
CASEY & ERICA
AARON & LORI
APRIL, DAVID & JANICE WHITE
CURTIS & SALENA
TIM & SHELLY CRABTREE
CHARLIE & DRAKE
24-2-1tp

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

To the Registered voters of Dimmitt, Texas:
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, for voting in a REGULAR election to ELECT A MAYOR AND THREE (3) COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE.

Location of Polling Place: Dimmitt City Hall, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 18, 2001, and ending on Tuesday, May 1, 2001.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to Betty McClure/Myrna Langford, Early Voting Clerk, at PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 27, 2001.

Issued this the 26th day of March, 2001.
DOLORES BALDRIDGE
25-2-1tc

25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of CASTRO County in the following cases on the 2nd day of April, 2001, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 10 a.m. on the first day of May, 2001, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Court-house of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in Castro County, to-wit:

Cause No. 98-11-B-7369, CASTRO COUNTY VS. MENDOZA, FRANK DIAZ.
All of Lot Number Six (6), Block Sixty-one (61), Original Town of Dimmitt, an addition in the City of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 98-12-B-7379, CASTRO COUNTY VS. STOVALL, LOMA W. ESTATE, AND FRANCES CARLENE PETREE.

Lot Number One (1), Block Number One Hundred-Sixty-Seven (167) of the original town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Levied on the 3rd day of April, 2001, as the property of said Defendants to satisfy the judgments rendered in the above styled and numbered causes, plus all taxes, penalties, interest and attorney fees accrued to the date of sale and all costs recoverable by law in favor of CASTRO COUNTY, DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY EDUCATION DISTRICT FOR DIMMITT ISD AND CITY OF DIMMITT.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS 3rd day of April, 2001.

CD FITZGEARLD,
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas

By JERRY W JANSJA, Deputy
25-2-3tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The following person has registered with the Castro County Sheriff's Department as a convicted Sex Offender:

Name: Johnny Lopez Jr., 30-year-old male.

Address: 108 NE 7th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas 79027.

Risk Level: 2.

Convicted of indecency with a child, sexual contact with a 10-year-old female and 9-year-old female.

A photograph of the above named person is accessible at no cost from the following Internet Address: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>.

La gifuente persona se a registrado con el Departamento del Sheriff del Condado de Castro, y fue convicto de una Ofensa Sexual.

Nobre: Johnny Lopez Jr., un hombre de 30 años de edad.

Direccion: 108 NE 7th, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, 79027.

Risk Level: 2.

Declarado indecency with a child, sexual contact with a 10-year-old female and a 9-year-old female.

Una fotografia de la persona nombrada esta accesible por ningun costo de la direccion del Internet: <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us>.

25-2-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners' Court is now accepting bids to select a Depository Bank for the funds of Castro County. Specifications are available in the County Judge's office. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge's office by 1 p.m. on April 20, 2001. Bids will be opened on Monday, April 23, 2001, at 10 a.m.

Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER
CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE
25-52-3tc

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION

To the Registered Voters of Dimmitt ISD, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling place listed below will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on May 5, 2001, for voting in a General Election to elect a Trustee for Place 4.

Location of Polling Place: Dimmitt ISD Administration Building, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas.

25-2-1tc

If you want to know what a man is really like, take notice how he acts when he loses money.

A man cannot know everything but everyone has to have something he knows thoroughly.

Publishing a volume of verse is like dropping a rose petal down the Grand Canyon and waiting for the echo.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailer's Off-Premise Permit. Said business to be operated by Jose Esteban Montemayor. Business will operate as CERRALVO-58 and will be located at 206 West Hwy 86, Nazareth, Castro County, Texas, 79063.

25-2-2tp

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly opened and read.

Construction/Maintenance Contract
District: Lubbock.

Contract 6070-79-001 for UPGRADE SIGN MOUNT ASSEMBLIES in CASTRO County will be opened on May 2, 2001, at 9 a.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$103,015.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit pre-qualification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 3287.

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Drive.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540.

District Office

Lubbock District
District Engineer
135 Slaton
Lubbock, Texas 79404
Phone: 806-745-4411.

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin.

25-2-2tc

AVISO DE ELECCION CITY
A los votantes registrados del Dimmitt, Texas:

Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abiran desde las 7 a.m. hasta las 7 p.m. el 5 de may de 2001 para votar en la Eleccion para mayor and three (3) councilmembers at large.

Direccion(es) de las casillas electorales: Dimmitt City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas.

La votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en City Hall, 200 East Jones, Dimmitt, Texas, entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Wednesday, 8 de abril de 2001 y terminando el Tuesday, 1 de may de 2001.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a: Betty McClure/Myrna Langford, Early Voting Clerks, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 27 de abril de 2001.

Emitada este dia 26 de march de 2001.
DOLORES BALDRIDGE
25-2-1tc

Nazareth qualifies several athletes for area track meet

Five Swifts, five Swiftettes and the Nazareth girls' mile relay team earned spots in the Class A area track meet after placing among the top four finishers in their respective events at the District 3-A meet Saturday at Randall High School.

Those athletes will be competing in the area meet today (Thursday) at Randall High School.

The Swifts scored 76 team points, with Kade Wilcox and Trinity Robb leading the effort. Wilcox finished with three gold medals while Robb claimed two. Other Swifts qualifying for area are Justin Kleman, Aaron Kern and Luke Price.

The Swiftettes' top finishers were Wendy Black, Marsha Black and Stephanie Thiel, who each qualified for area in more than one event. The Nazareth girls finished third overall with 96 points.

Thiel won the 400- and 800-meter runs. Marsha Black won the triple jump and was fourth in the long jump to qualify for area. Wendy Black captured the gold medal in the 300 hurdles, was second in the 100 hurdles and finished fourth in the triple jump. Also qualifying for area are Danette Ramaekers, Kim Brockman and the Swiftettes' mile relay team.

Wilcox jumped 20 feet, six inches to claim the top prize in the long jump while Kleman finished fourth with a jump of 18 feet, 11 inches.

In the triple jump, Kleman earned a second area berth with a fourth-place jump of 37 feet, eight inches.

Robb won the 800-meter run, posting the top time of 2:18.21. He also won the mile with ease, breaking the tape in 5:00.73.

Wilcox won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.21 and captured the gold in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.22.

Kern qualified for area with a third-place finish in the 100, and he was clocked at 11.50.

Price finished third in the hurdles with a time of 18.44.

Thiel won the 400-meter dash in 70.60 and Brockman finished third in the event with a time of 72.81.

Thiel also claimed top honors in the 800, running the distance in 2:42.78.

DISTRICT 3-A MEET
at Randall High School

BOYS

Team Totals: 1. Silverton 107, 2. Happy 104, 3. Nazareth 76, 4. Channing 68, 5. Amherst 66, 6. Lazbuddie 55.

Long Jump: 1. Kade Wilcox, Nazareth, 20-6; 4. Justin Kleman, Nazareth, 18-11.
Triple Jump: 4. Kleman, 37-8.
800: 1. Trinity Robb, Nazareth, 2:18.21.
110 Hurdles: 3. Luke Price, Nazareth, 18.44.

100: 1. Wilcox, 11.22; 3. Aaron Kern, Nazareth, 11.50.
200: 1. Wilcox, 23.21.
1,600: 1. Robb, 5:00.73.

GIRLS

Team Totals: 1. Silverton 149, 2. Happy 131, 3. Nazareth 96, 4. Valley 83, 5. Lazbuddie 51, 6. Amherst 32.

Long Jump: 4. Marsha Black, Nazareth, 15-5.
Triple Jump: 1. Marsha Black, 34-2; 4. Wendy Black, Nazareth, 33-6.
3,200: 2. Danette Ramaekers, Nazareth, 14:12.23.

800: 1. Stephanie Thiel, Nazareth, 2:42.78.
100 Hurdles: 2. Wendy Black, 17.13.
400: 1. Thiel, 70.60; 3. Kim Brockman, Nazareth, 72.81.

300 Hurdles: 1. Wendy Black, 53.89.
1,600 Relay: 1. Nazareth, 4:22.63.

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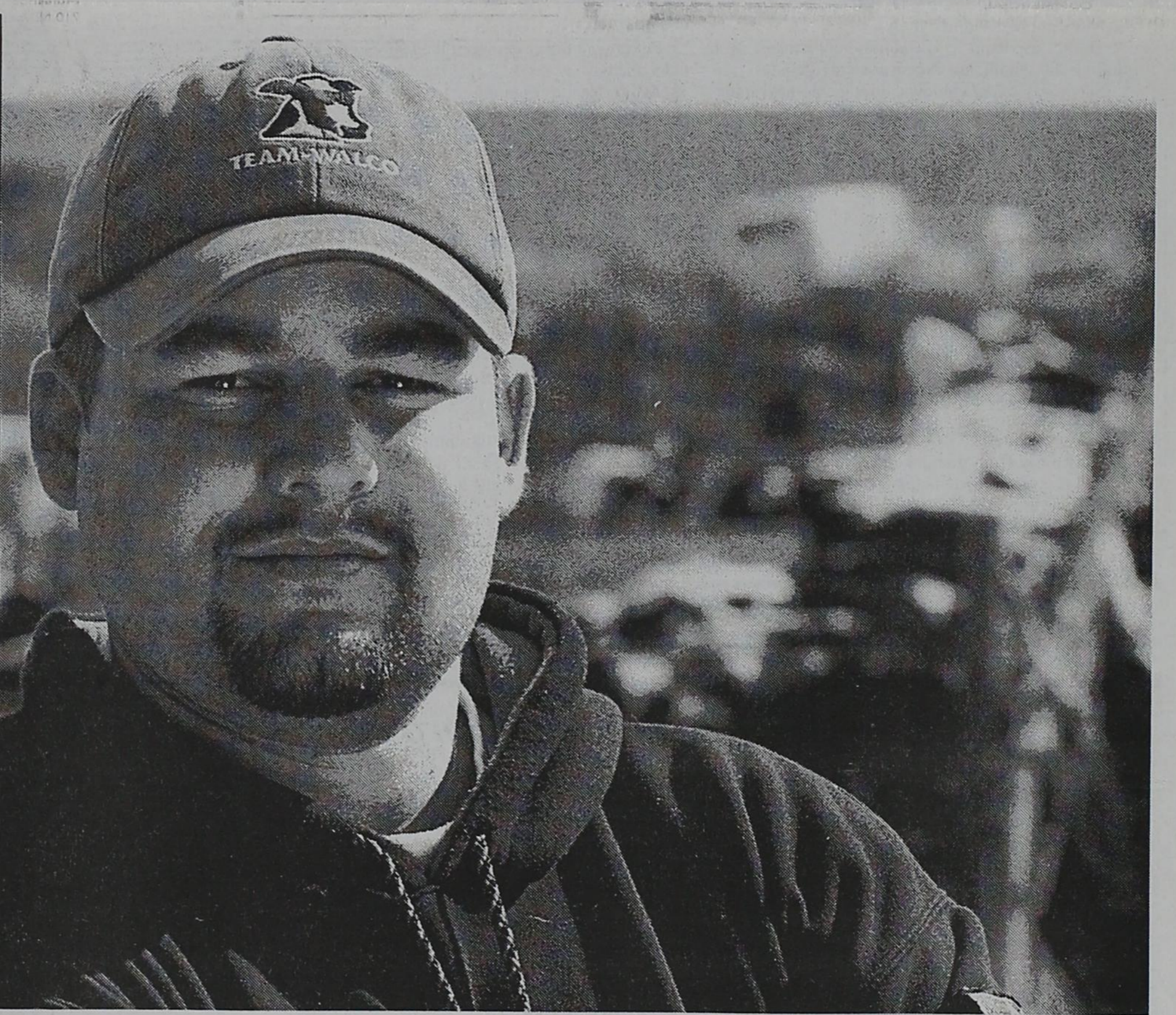
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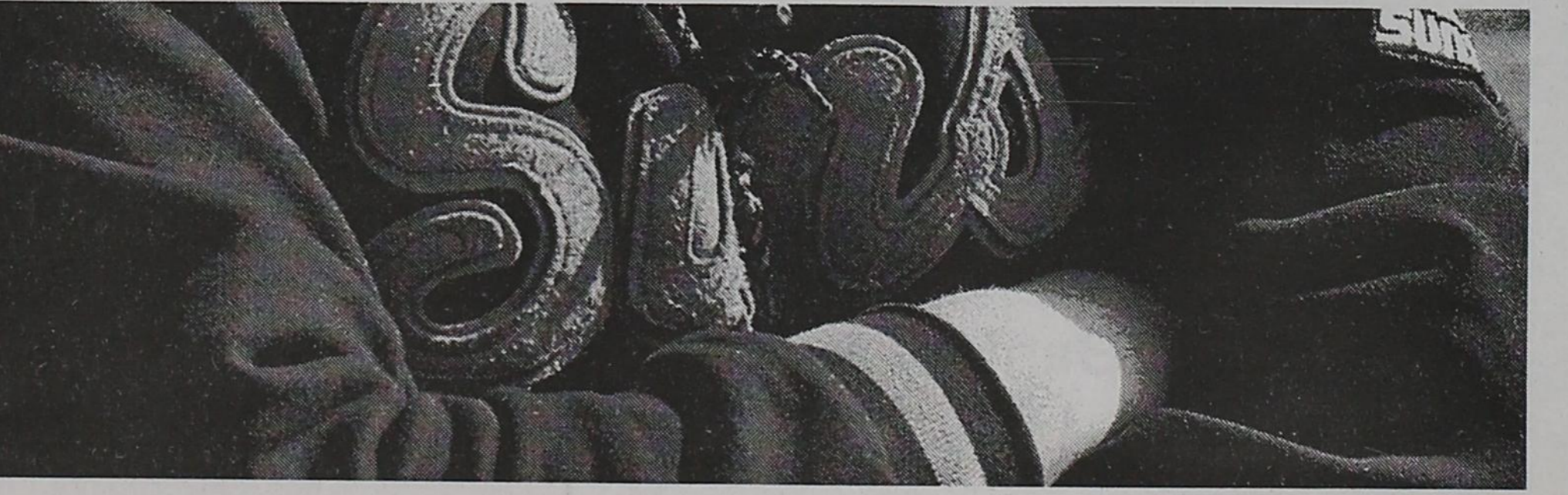


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Know what to do in case of a tornado or lightning storm!

Tornado Safety Rules

Decide in advance on a primary and secondary shelter. A storm cellar is best; there is no universal protection against tornadoes except underground facilities. There are no public tornado shelters in Castro County, however, the courthouse basement is made available during threatening weather. If you can't get to your primary shelter in time, then go to your secondary shelter.

In cities and towns, a tornado alert is signaled by a long, sustained blast of a siren. Safety officials will try to sound the alert in time for you to reach shelter.

IN HOMES: Go to the storm cellar or basement and get under something sturdy.

If an underground shelter is not available, go to an interior, well-braced room that does not have windows. Closets, bathrooms and hallways are usually best.

Wrap yourself with blankets, pillows or a mattress for protection against flying glass and debris.

IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS AND MULTI-STORY OFFICE BUILDINGS:

Seek shelter in the basement or on the lowest floor, in an interior room—the smaller the better. Stay away from windows.

IN MOBILE HOMES:

Abandon the mobile home and go to the nearest shelter or permanent building. If there is no nearby shelter, lie flat in a ditch and cover your head.

IN SCHOOLS:

If school building is of strongly reinforced construction stay inside, away from windows. Remain near an inside wall on the lower floors when possible. **AVOID GYMNASIUMS AND AUDITORIUMS**—they usually have poorly supported roofs!

IN FACTORIES AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS:

On receiving a tornado warning, a lookout should be posted to keep safety officials advised of the tornado's approach. Advance preparation should be made for moving workers to sections of the plant offering the greatest protection and least hazard.

IN VEHICLES:

Get out of the vehicle and go to the nearest shelter area.

Lie flat in a ditch or low place if shelter is unavailable.

Do not attempt to outrun the tornado.

IN OPEN COUNTRY:

Lie flat in the lowest area possible—such as a ditch or ravine—and cover your head.

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES:

Keep calm. It will not help to get excited. People have been killed by running out into streets and by turning back into the path of a tornado.

Remember, even though a warning has been issued, the chances of a tornado striking your particular home or location are still slight. A tornado's path is relatively narrow, and sturdy structures are seldom totally demolished. But give yourself every advantage you can.

Stay tuned to your radio or TV station for latest tornado advisory information. If you have a scanner radio, keep it with you. Do not call the Weather Service, except to report a tornado, because your individual request may tie up phone lines and are urgently needed to relay advisories to radio and TV stations in the critical area.

ON THE GOLF COURSE:

Put down clubs, remove spiked shoes and head for a shelter.

Avoid open areas and trees.
Move away from golf carts.

NEAR WATER:

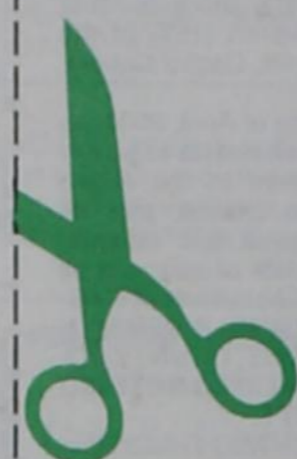
If swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a shelter.

Boaters should head for shore immediately.
Fishermen should put down rods and move away from the water.

IN ANY LOCATION:

Regardless of your location, a tingling sensation on your skin or hair standing on end may indicate that lightning is about to strike. Drop to your knees immediately but do not lie flat on the ground.

A person struck by lightning may sometimes be revived with prompt first aid treatment. Administer CPR on victims until qualified medical help arrives.



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Long steady blast
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Lightning Storm Safety Rules

Move indoors immediately.

Do not use hand-held electrical appliances, including the telephone, except for emergencies.

Stay away from windows, doors, chimneys and other connections to the outside.

Do not bathe or take a shower until the storm passes.

Do not allow children to play outdoors during a thunderstorm.

IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS:

Stay away from isolated tall objects and structures, including trees.

Avoid open areas that will cause you to project above the surrounding land surface.

Do not stand near wire fences, clotheslines, pipes or other metal surfaces which could conduct the lightning current from a distance.

If you are in your car, stay there—it offers excellent protection.

Stay away from tractors and farm equipment.

In a forest or wooded area, get under a group of **SMALL** trees.

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