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By Don Nelson

When they met each other last month in Central Africa, they realized that they had attended college just 80 miles apart in Texas.

He's a young Hutu tribesman from Rwanda. He graduated from nursing school in San Antonio.

She's an American. She graduated from UT-Austin before attending seminary at SMU. She lives in Atlanta.

He lives in a tent with his wife and daughter, in a refugee camp in Zaire. He probably will never see his homeland again.

He's the only medical care-giver for the 5,000 people in Camp Ponzi, near Bukavu.

His parents are living out their lives in another refugee camp.

Her parents are safe and sound here in America — watching the tube, griping about property taxes and taking an awful lot of freedoms and comforts for granted.

She's my daughter, Connie.

She was in Central Africa to study conditions in the refugee camps for the United Methodist General Board of World Ministries — the organization that trains and oversees Methodist missionaries.

The world's Methodists have spent \$2.5 million for African refugee relief, and need to raise \$5 million more. It's her job to communicate the need.

Of all the camps and refugees that Connie visited, it was this encounter with the young Hutu nurse that hit closest to home and made the refugee crisis a personal thing for her.

"It was almost like coming face-to-face with a classmate, someone who had shared my own experience in my home state," she said.

"He knew that his parents were safe in Goma, at another camp, but the rest of his immediate family were still in Rwanda, and he didn't know whether they were still alive or not."

He fled Rwanda because of a genocide campaign being carried out against the Hutus by the rival Tutsis.

(That's right: genocide — the attempt to wipe out an entire race or ethnic group of people. As in Nazi-occupied Europe, the Soviet Union, Cambodia and Bosnia. Millions of Rwandan Hutus reportedly have been massacred in less than two years.)

His plight personifies the desperate situation of more than a million refugees from Rwanda—and now from Burundi as well—who are living in Zaire.

Zaire doesn't want them. Its own people can barely scratch out a living, much less accommodate two other countries' refugees. The prevailing attitude is to use the Zairean army to force the refugees back to their homelands.

The United Nations has helped set up repatriation centers, and three weeks ago former President Jimmy Carter met with leaders of

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Strike-out specialist

Dimmitt pitcher Jason Nino shows off the game ball from Dimmitt's 14-0 victory over Friona last Thursday afternoon. The ball has special meaning to Nino—it was used as he pitched his first no-hitter and the first in the history of the DHS baseball program. Nino struck out seven and walked two batters in five innings Friday. Nino presented the game ball to his father, Richard, saying "He's taught me how to do all I've done."

Photo by John Brooks

Nino hurls no-hitter

Lots of parents have many of their kids' things bronzed.

Baby shoes are very popular. So are spoons. There are many other mementoes, each worthy of a proud place in a parent's memory.

Richard Nino will have a special bronzed project, a dream shared by practically all American fathers (if only for a fleeting few moments).

It's a game ball thrown by his youngest son, Jason, last Thursday in Dimmitt High School's first no-hitter in the modern baseball era.

Funny thing was, Richard Nino wasn't at the game. He goes to as many as possible, but he stayed behind and worked during the

midday game Thursday. His wife, Sylvia, went and watched. By the time the end of the 14-0 shellacking was nigh, Jason's mom was holding her breath with every pitch.

There were no question marks about the no-hitter, which went only five innings against arch-rival Friona in the Floydada Tournament. There were just two walks issued by Nino, including the game's first batter. There were also two errors by the Bobcat defense, but none were close to being clean hits.

As the Bobcats kept piling up the hits against the Chieftains, they knew that a quick win could have been at

PMH plans to send four to Health Find

Four people will be sent to the April 26-27 Health Find in Austin to represent the Castro County Hospital District.

The hospital board of trustees approved the trip at their meeting last Thursday night. Board members suggested that chairman of the board Bill Clark should attend. Also in the

group representing the county will be Dr. Leon Joplin and the Plains Memorial Hospital administrator, if one has been selected by then; otherwise, interim administrator Gordon Russell said he would go.

Clark suggested that Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shelly Nutt would be a good member of the group, since she is knowledgeable about the community. Russell said it would also be good that she could present "the woman's point of view" on the community, and answer questions that prospective doctors' wives might ask.

The hospital district will pay the expenses for the team of four to go to the Health Find. Clark said the district has "decided to continue to stay in the marketplace on that."

In other business, the board viewed the PMH statistical report and financial report, and a summary report from the PMH Home Health Agency.

Russell said the statistical report

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Hospital hoping to 'induce labor'

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt wants to induce more maternity patients to deliver their babies here instead of going out of town.

PMH Director of Nursing Linda Rasor, R.N., said she thinks it would help if the hospital would waive the insurance deductible on childbirth costs, making it more attractive to cost-conscious consumers. She voiced that opinion to hospital board members at their meeting last Thursday night.

Also, Rasor presented a plan for converting the four present post-partum rooms into three LDRP rooms. That's a Labor, Delivery, Recovery, and Post-partum room all rolled into one. The special rooms would eliminate the need for moving patients in the middle of the childbirth process.

Rasor told the board that all of the physicians are in favor of having the rooms, including Dr. B.D. Murphy, "the most conservative and cost-conscious one of all."

The proposal Rasor presented showed a very rough estimate for equipment and construction, and an additional \$104,000 for heating and air conditioning that would meet state standards. She said any remodeling brings the state standards into play.

Rasor said the air system would have to include a filtration system and a circulation system that would make a total of 15 air exchanges per hour and give up to 90% filtration.

Rasor proposed that the district could pay for the changes to the air system this year and the remodeling and construction the following fiscal year.

Board members asked her to investigate whether it would be any cheaper to start from scratch and build a total three-room unit and attach it to the present structure.

Board President Bill Clark asked Rasor to prepare the proposal for the long-range planning committee and the budget committee.

Instead of the mother being moved to different rooms, services and medical staff are brought to her, which saves space, time and maintenance, Rasor explained to the board. She said LDRPs are the acceptable standard of health care in most hos-

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Pray for rain!

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

Run-off election set Tuesday

Early voting ends Friday in the run-off elections for both the Democrat and Republican parties. The run-offs will be held Tuesday.

Early voting may be done at the Castro County Clerk's office for both parties. A voter's registration card must be presented. Voters may only vote in the run-off of the party in which they voted during the primary. If they did not vote in the primary, then they may vote in either of the run-off elections.

Democrat candidates facing a run-off are:

For **US Senate**—John Bryant and Victor M. Morales.

For **Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2**—Charles Holcomb and Gary Taylor.

Republican candidates in the run-off are all vying for the positions of Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals.

For **Place 1**—Sue Holland and James (Daniel) Boone.

For **Place 2**—Pat Barber and Paul Womack.

For **Place 3**—Tom Price and Cheryl A. Johnson.

Balloting in the Republican run-off election Tuesday will be held at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Four voting precincts are being consolidated for balloting in the Democrat run-off Tuesday, with the polls open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Voting sites will be:

Voting Precincts **101** and **105** at the Hart Golden Group Building.

Voting Precinct **201** at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Voting Precinct **206** at Flag Fertilizer.

Voting Precincts **301** and **307** at the Dimmitt First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Voting Precinct **401** at the Castro County Courthouse.

Voting Precinct **408** at the Nazareth Community Center.

Commissioners discuss funding for new drug dog

Castro County Commissioners are in a quandary over whether or not to fund expenses for the sheriff's department's new drug dog, a three-year-old female black Labrador named Allie.

Although commissioners agree that the idea of having a drug dog here is a good one, the costs have them proceeding with caution.

"Why do we need a dog when you can use someone else's for free?"

That's the question Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales posed to County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld Tuesday in a called meeting of commissioners' court.

Fitzgearld told Gonzales it takes a minimum of 45 minutes for a dog and trainer from Hereford to arrive here. He said if he has to contact Amarillo, he has to allow two hours for the team to arrive.

"You can check out a lot of vehicles in two hours," Fitzgearld said.

But commissioners questioned whether the county would be able to afford the cost of keeping the dog and paying handler Victor Burrows.

Fitzgearld obtained the dog for \$700, and the dog was paid for with money donated to the sheriff's department for the project.

Fitzgearld compiled an estimate of costs for the first year the dog would be used here. A grand total for the first year was estimated at \$15,308, and approximately \$11,335 of that would be for the current budget year, which ends Sept. 30. But included in that total is more than \$5,000 for

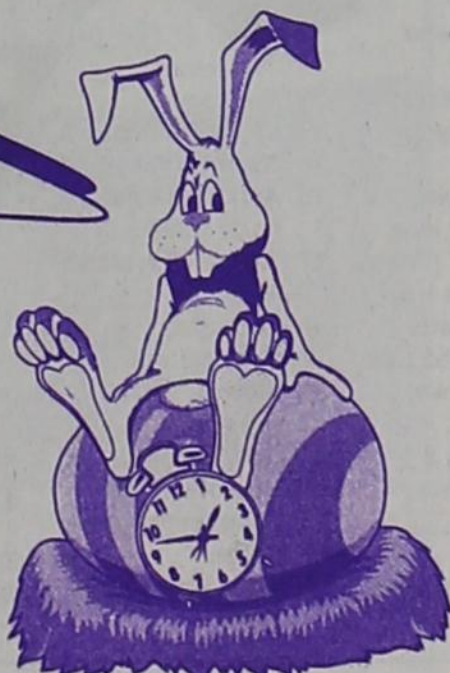
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VICTOR BURROWS of Dimmitt introduces Allie, a three-year-old female black Labrador, to county commissioners Tuesday afternoon. Allie is the Castro County Sheriff's Dept.'s new drug dog and Burrows will be her handler. Burrows and Allie will have to undergo comprehensive training before they are ready to sniff out illegal narcotics in Castro County.

Photo by Anne Acker

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour Sunday morning



More about 1:1

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Rwanda, Burundi and other Central African nations to try to negotiate a peaceful solution to the tensions in Burundi and voluntary repatriation of the Rwandan refugees.

But evidently, neither the Hutus nor the Tutsis want anything to do with repatriation.

"It's clear to me that we cannot go back," the Hutu nurse told Connie. "We'll be killed if we go back. If they force repatriation, we'll be killed here. I'd rather face death here, because I'm not going back."

Working out of Nairobi, Kenya, Connie and her team visited three refugee camps in Zaire — at Bukavu, Goma and Uvira—where the Methodists have a presence.

"When we flew into Bukavu, that was probably the most difficult experience of the trip," she said. "As far as the eye could see, the landscape was dotted with white tents. From the airport, we drove into town through miles and miles of makeshift communities that the Rwandans had established.

"They're not compounds, but the UN was able to establish parameters early on, so that people from the same villages are grouped in specific locations.

"In these villages there are grocery stores and little hotels, and there's a bar about every half mile. Everything is tents, wooden lean-tos or corrugated sheet-metal huts.

"The contrast between the beauty of the country and the depth of the poverty in the camps was just very difficult to reconcile, especially in Bukavu, which is situated around Lake Kivu, one of the great lakes of Africa. Zaire used to be a Belgian colony, and Bukavu was their resort city.

"It reminded me of the Swiss countryside — lush green hills surrounding a beautiful blue lake. On the one hand, there are huge estates that were built by wealthy Belgians. On the other hand are people living in thousands of corrugated tin houses."

It's happening all over Africa. Refugees from Mozambique are fleeing into Zimbabwe; refugees from Liberia are fleeing to Sierra Leone; Ugandans are seeking refuge throughout Central Africa.

The conflicts aren't religious, they're tribal, Connie said, and they date back centuries. But whereas the tribes once fought over territory in a sustaining land, they now kill for survival in a depleted countryside.

"It's a challenge to understand the historical realities that led to this crisis, and the role that the colonial governments played in the dynamics of it," Connie said.

"By the time these countries gained their independence, the colonial governments had ripped them off on just about everything—their minerals, natural resources, boundaries, etc. — and this left many countries in financial ruin. So they're all struggling to determine their own futures.

"The situation with the refugees is just so overwhelming," she said. "When crises occur in Europe or Asia, we're usually quick to respond. The media immediately report about it. And yet in Africa, it's almost as though the continent were invisible at worst, and ignored at best, by the West.

"It's easy to think of the refugees as people completely different from those of us in the West, with the stereotypical image of people who live in primitive conditions anyway. And yet these people are more

like us than we realize. They are doctors, teachers, business people — all being forced to live in dehumanizing conditions."

A lot of people rail against the United Nations, but according to Connie, it's the UN, with its political know-how and international support, that is carving a semblance of order out of the chaos on the African continent.

"The NGOs (non-governmental organizations) have helped give life, however meager. There are NGOs from all over the world that are helping. There's one group of Japanese doctors; a group out of England called the OXFAM (Oxford Famine Relief); the International Red Cross and Red Crescent; and other smaller agencies, including our Methodist General Board. A lot of churches work through the Church World Service.

"But without the UN, the situation would be hopeless."

Even so, the refugees are only existing. "The UN provides one serving per day of powdered milk for all of the children, and families are given food rations," she said. "But because there are no sources of income, the food rations are often used as barter for other things.

"You could tell the difference between the refugees and the Zairians—the refugees were a little thinner, and more wan—but on the whole, the refugees that I saw are getting basic sustenance."

"It's just so overwhelming," she said. "You see the big picture and you think, 'What can I possibly do?' But if you work with a group of people here and a group there, you realize that that's the only way you can make a difference.

"I saw several signs of hope, of triumph of the human spirit — refugees refusing to quit living, and instead continuing on with day-to-day life.

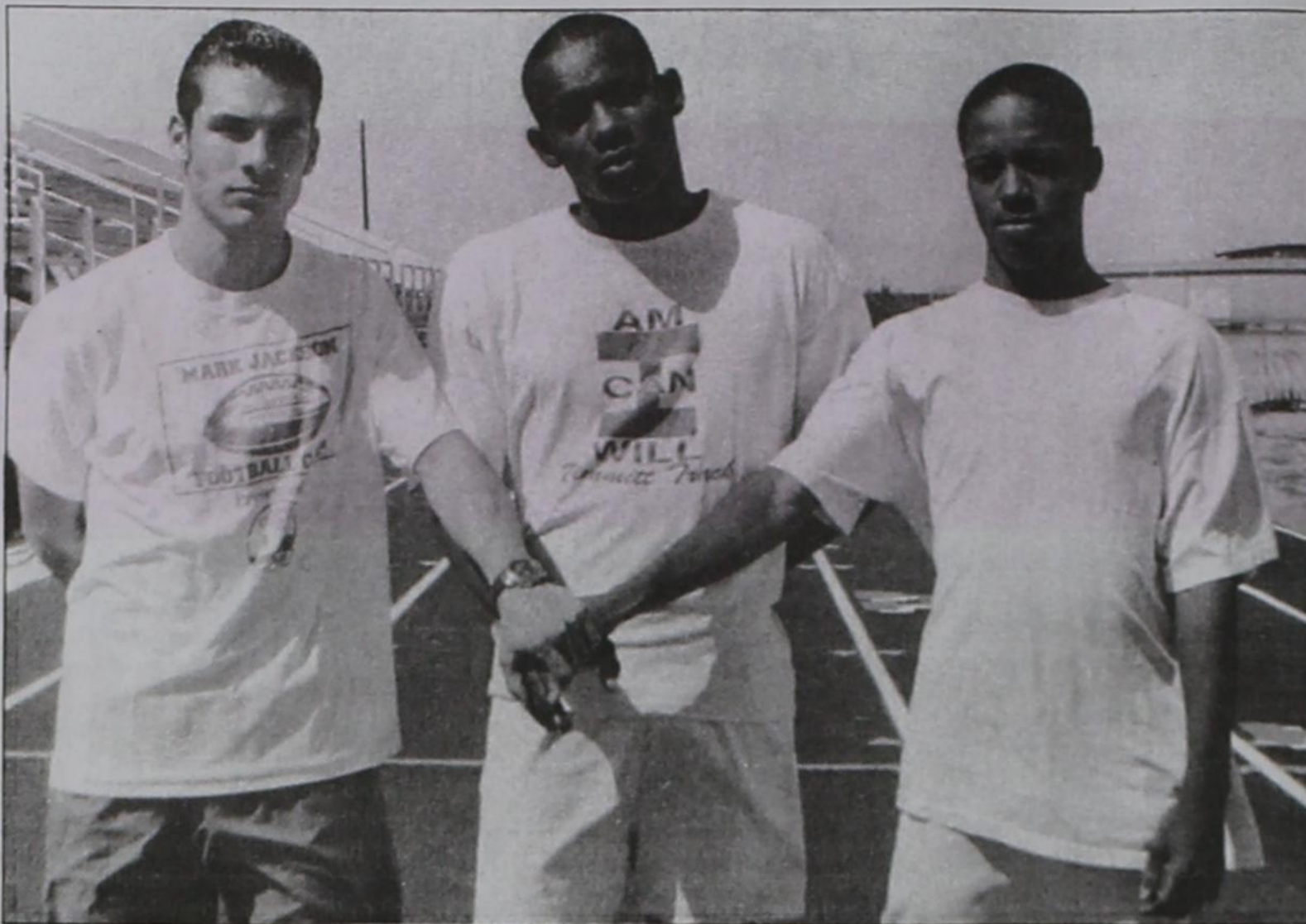
"A young man from Burundi, a teacher, singlehandedly set up a school for refugee children behind a new Methodist church. He gets help from several other refugee teachers, and from teams of our volunteers.

"We've set up polyclinics which provide medical care to both refugees and Zairians. The mortality rate has leveled off. A cholera epidemic has been contained. Women are able to have healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries. . . .

"The church's presence through its work and volunteers provides a strong message to these people that they are not alone, that there are people throughout the world who care about their situation, who are working for change."

In a way, Connie is a partner with the young Tutu nurse. Her work is helping put medicine in his hands, which he uses to save lives and give hope.

But what different paths their lives have taken since their student days in Texas, en route to that encounter in a refugee camp in Africa.



READY FOR THE RELAYS—Dimmitt runners (from left) Joey Flores, Albert Ewing and D.J. Fleeks are among the top competitors who will be running in the Bobcat relays this weekend. The three are on the mile relay and Flores is a strong contender in the 800. The Bobcat Relays will be held Saturday at Bobcat Stadium and 25 teams are entered in three divisions. Photo by Anne Acker

More about Inducing labor . . .

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pitals today.

A cover letter for the proposal stated that health care consumers are becoming increasingly more involved and aware of health care facilities and standards of care. These consumers are shopping for the most supportive and attractive setting, treating childbirth as a natural, family-centered event, not a medical procedure.

Rasor proposed having only one LDRP fully equipped. The other two rooms would have equipment moved in during the labor and delivery process, which would greatly reduce cost, but still provide enough rooms when more than one obstetrical patient is in labor. Also, one of the rooms could be maintained for patients requiring Caesarean section deliveries.

Rasor said she hoped the project would increase the number of obstetrical patients, therefore increasing revenue for the hospital district.

"It would help make us a little more competitive in the OB market-

care, and our outcomes are very good," Rasor told the board. "There is very little difference in outcomes for rural hospitals and big city hospitals."

Advantages of single-room maternity care include less time required for doctors to make rounds, more cost-effective care, reduced risk of injury/infection for the patient by avoiding multiple transfers, increased efficiency, and fewer opportunities for communication breakdown.

Rasor said the availability of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Michelle Bailey also would enhance the use of LDRPs.

According to Rasor, there are approximately 125 to 135 births to families in the county each year. She said that, until last year, 75 to 90 of those yearly births were at Plains Memorial Hospital. Last year, there were only 57. She said 61% of those births were paid for by Medicaid, 19% by commercial insurance companies, and 14% by self-pay patients.

"Our hospital offers excellent

form was changed to reflect statistics broken down by physician and also to show monthly totals, as well as year-to-date totals.

More about Health find . . .

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Statistics for the month of February showed 1,158 clinic visits, with 368 to Dr. Joplin, 235 to Dr. Jobey Claborn, 232 to Dr. Patel, and 158 to Sherry Whiteaker, P.A.

Hospital admissions included 36 referred from Dr. Joplin, 12 from Dr. Murphy, nine from Dr. Patel, eight from Dr. Claborn, and 7 from Dr. Hardee.

Of those total 72 admissions, 30 were Medicaid patients, 26 were Medicare and 16 were other.

There were 151 emergency room visits, and 10 day surgery patients.

Year-to-date statistics (beginning Nov. 1, 1995) included 238 hospital admissions, with 93 on Medicaid, 82 on Medicare and 62 others. Dr. Joplin referred 105 of those, with 52 from Dr. Hardee, 30 from Dr. Patel, 28 from Dr. Murphy, 23 from Dr. Claborn.

Year-to-date clinic visits totaled 4,376, with 1,378 seeing Dr. Joplin, 992 seeing Whiteaker, 950 visiting Dr. Claborn, 891 going to Dr. Patel, and 165 seeing Dr. Murphy.

The Home Health Agency reported 380 skilled nurse visits for February, with 314 home health aide visits and 23 physical therapy visits. Total patient census was reported at 68.

Year-to-date totals included 298 in the patient census, with 6,513 skilled nurse visits, 4,950 home health aide visits and 391 physical therapy visits.

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hand. Then it dawned on a few that Friona had gone hitless on the day. It also dawned on some of the players that it is the height of baseball bad luck to talk about a no-no.

"We waited until Jason went to bat in the fourth inning and we told everyone not to say anything to him about a no-hitter, not to talk about it, just don't say anything," said senior first baseman Luis Nino, Jason's cousin.

Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster didn't want to jinx his junior pitcher, but . . .

"I wanted to make sure everyone knew what we were looking at there in the fifth inning," Feaster said. "So I called time out and went out to the mound. All the kids were looking at me and I started to say something, but one of them said, 'Coach, we know, don't say anything.'"

"So I didn't say anything except to get the last out and go home. That's exactly what we did."

Feaster treated the event much like a new father would treat a newborn. He told everybody, anybody who would listen, about the no-hitter. "Hey, that was an accomplishment," Feaster said. "I've had teams in the playoffs, been around some good pitchers, some great pitchers," Feaster said. "But I have never been personally involved in a no-hitter."

For his part, Jason Nino said the day was no different from any other start in his three years in high school, or any time in the Dimmitt Kids Inc. program in years past.

"I've never been close to anything like this," he said. "I really didn't think anything about it until Coach Feaster said something to me after

the fourth inning. He came up to me and said we just needed to get the last three outs.

"There was nothing different about the day, nothing different that I did. I know it was a great experience, though. I have never felt anything like that. That was the greatest I have ever felt. That was every pitcher's dream, to pitch a no-hitter or a perfect game."

Jason Nino said there was never any doubt about giving the ball to his father.

"He's taught me how to do all I've done," Jason said. "He deserved getting the ball. When we got home and told him about it, he gave me a great big hug."

More about Drug dog . . .

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initial training.

Food was estimated at \$960 per year and vet care was estimated at \$376.90. Fitzgearld estimated initial training and travel expenses for Allie and Burrows at \$5,330, but reminded commissioners that those expenses would only be incurred to get the program up and running. After that, continuing education for the pair would run about \$1,590 per year. Equipment expenses were listed at \$150, and a bond would be another \$100. He also included \$3,000 for vehicle expense and gas and oil. A first-year salary for Burrows, who will only be paid when he is called out or attending school, was estimated at \$6,800.

"The dog will need regular vet care," Fitzgearld said. "She cannot wear a flea and tick collar because of the scent collars give off, so every two or three months she will need to be dipped."

Allie's shots also will have to be kept up-to-date.

County Judge Irene Miller questioned whether the county could afford the initial costs, including training and salary.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said she thought there would be money available for Burrows salary and she thought about \$1,000 would be available for training. Gas and oil expenses could come out of the sheriff's department budget.

"What we'd have left to come up with would be about \$5,000," Smithson said.

Fitzgearld said so far he has received \$2,300 in private donations which would be used to help defray expenses, and he hopes more money will become available.

Donations are being accepted to help with expenses for getting the program going, and accounts have been established at the First United Bank and First Bank—Dimmitt Branch. Anyone wishing to donate to the "K-9 Fund" may do so at either bank.

Allie arrived at her new home with handler Victor Burrows last Wednesday.

She quickly captured the hearts of Burrows and his family and has basically become a member of his family.

Burrows introduced her to commissioners Tuesday afternoon and joined Fitzgearld in presenting benefits of having a drug dog here.

"It leaves you with an added benefit in investigations," Burrows said. "You cannot check a vehicle without probable cause, but the area around a vehicle stopped on a road is public property and you can walk the dog around the vehicle. Then if he alerts around the vehicle, that gives an officer probable cause to search that vehicle."

Fitzgearld told commissioners that the dog would be available to all areas of law enforcement in the county—sheriff's department, Dept. of Public Safety and police departments in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth. He added that he hopes the schools will be able to utilize the dog, also.

"I look at this as a service we will provide to the people of Castro County," Fitzgearld said. "We know there are drugs coming through here. The latest intelligence report we have says drugs are being trafficked up



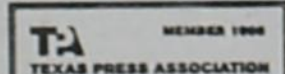
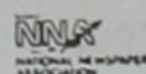
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18 this Indian chief adopted TX Houston
21 TX Orbison's "___ Pretty Woman"
22 Houston's last wife Margaret, et al.
23 this Ryan starred with TX Quaid in "D.O.A."
24 county in the cajun neighboring state
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34 TX pitching legend (init.)
35 has more oil than TX: Saudi ___
36 back of the neck
37 TXism: "run that by ___ more time" (repeat)
39 how Texans like steak (2 wds.)
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53 Texas-___ weekend
54 anyone can play in these TX golf tournaments
55 actor who starred with TX JoBeth in "Teachers" ('84)
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60 TX Debbie Reynolds' "Say ___ For Me" ('59)
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1 UT's Benton who directed film "Kramer vs. Kramer"
2 she runs away to get "hitched"
3 TXism: "steppin' like a ___ boy in a cactus patch" (lively)
4 payment for a "tax wrangler" (2 wds.)
9 TX Strait's "You Look ___ Good in Love"
10 Irish gals
11 to Texans, it's a pasture (2 wds.)
12 TXism: "that ___ won't float"
13 well known features of Dolly & Abraham
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15 Ann Richards' party (abbr.)
17 TXism: "his blood is colder ___" (ruthless)
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20 TXism: "we're seein' eye to eye"
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25 type of welder
26 Friday night cheer
27 TXism: "___ off more than I could chew"
28 Texans fought on this island in WW II
29 Rockets Olajuwon
31 TXism: "it's Katy ___ the door"
32 "news wrangler"
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38 "use it ___ it"
40 stat. of 58-across
41 Jim ___ Creek
42 TX Red Adair ___ nitro over burning oil wells
48 "wrack and ___"
50 "The Eyes of Texas are ___ You"
51 TX Strait's "Marina ___ Rey"
56 TXism: "a horse of a different ___"
57 this Kevin starred with TX Spacek in "Violets Are Blue"

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Benny and Amelia Barrera visited relatives during Spring break. They went to Rio Grande City, La Casita, Mission and Edinburg, where they visited family and friends. They went across the border a couple of times to eat and shop at Reynosa. The weather was perfect.

E.M. Jones was given a birthday celebration at the Far East Restaurant in Plainview on March 24. Sixteen kinfolk enjoyed the meal and fellowship. E.M. thinks he had enough birthday cake for a while. Relatives were there from Cotton Center, Lubbock, Canyon, Azle and Dimmitt.

The American Cancer Society, Castro County Unit, met for a luncheon and meeting on March 27 at K-Bob's. The welcome was given by Chairman Gunstream, and Krystal Clearman read the minutes. Phillip York gave the treasurer's report, and Mildred Bradford gave the CORE Committee report. Gunstream gave the Income Development and Unit activities report, and Kathy Psutka gave a staff report.

Grocer's Day will be April 20, and the door-to-door drive will be held May 3-10. The next unit meeting will be May 29. The group plans

to have a booth for Harvest Days in Dimmitt, and for Hart Days.

David Bellinghausen flew in from Ovilla last weekend and spent a few days with his mother, Rosetta.

The District 2 TAFCE meeting was held in Brownfield March 26, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and donuts were served.

They had the presentation of the American and Texas flags and they gave the history of the flag. The walls were decorated with colorful kites (red, orange, yellow, green and indigo) since the motto was "Fly with FCE." The centerpiece on each round table was a flower pot filled with fresh moss and a gold windmill in the center. Colorful paper spaghetti strings surrounded the flower pot.

State Rep. Gary Walker spoke on property rights. A lunch of chicken, green beans, baked potatoes, tossed salad, hot rolls, and apple cobbler was served. After lunch, Gail Moorhead, director of physical therapy at Brownfield Regional Medical Center, conducted an exercise program.

The National Institute on Aging says, "Don't Take It Easy—Exer-

cise!" It can help heart disease, osteoporosis, obesity, mental health and many other conditions, including arthritis and poor posture.

Members attending from Dimmitt were Edith Graef, Oneida Hutto, Betty Freeman, Mary Edna Hendrix, and Marilyn Neal, extension agent. On the way home, the group stopped in Littlefield at The Apple Tree, an antique and gift shop that is owned by Edith Graef's niece, Carolyn and James Jackson.

Out of town visitors at the museum last week included my cousin, Mary Parks of Lubbock and Anton. Her husband, Dr. Bruce Parks, is the pastor at Anton Methodist Church, and at one time he was the District Superintendent in Plainview for all the Methodist churches in this area. Bruce gave Mary some money before she left home to take me out to eat, so we went to "The Place," and enjoyed the meal, as well as visiting with Doris and Houston Lust, who were there eating lunch. When Bruce was pastor in Tulia, they lived across the street from Mrs. Finck, Doris's mother.

After lunch, Mary and I went to the museum and she enjoyed touring

the museum. At 2 p.m., we went to Richardson Elementary School to visit with Pam Norman, a mutual friend of ours. Pam is a kindergarten teacher, and we enjoyed visiting with her. I was amazed at all the art work on the walls and other things in the room!

Ysleta Ball gave the devotional at Canterbury Villa on Thursday morning and her topic was "This Place Occupied"—by Jesus—no place for the devil. Bill Newland sang *Worthy is the Lamb*, and Renise Blair sang *Messiah's Lament*. Irene Carpenter and Mauzee Youts joined in the singing. Anybody who is free on Thursday morning at 10 should go out for a good time of singing and a good devotional!

Loranell Hamilton was hostess for the Thursday Bridge club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. Alma Kenmore won high score, and Dugan Butler won second. Others playing were Bill Thornton, Edith Graef, Susie Reeves, Ina Rae Cates, Johnnie Vannoy, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Cleo Forson, Emily Clingsmith, Helen Braafladt, Virginia Crider, Neva Hickey and Elizabeth Huckabay.

Sunday evening was an exciting time at First Baptist Church. During the service, the trio of Wayne Proffitt, Debra Ball and Tami Griffitt

sang, Bill Newland sang a solo, and Bill and Paul Kenley sang a duet.

After the worship service, a farewell reception was held for Bill Newland, who will be leaving Dimmitt to accept a similar position with the Callen Baptist Church in Corpus Christi. Shirley Newland will stay in Dimmitt until the end of school, and then she will move to Corpus Christi.

A red bean and cornbread supper and cookies were served to the Newlands and many friends including Johnny Robertson, the Methodist pastor, and Ed and Betty Freeman, the retired Presbyterian pastor. Don Graham presented Bill with a glamorous pair of sunglasses, Roger Malone gave him a fun swim suit, and Debra Ball presented him with a clock music box from the choir. Wayne Proffitt and Tami Griffitt sang several selections.

The Dimmitt Methodists enjoyed their Easter Cantata, "Praise to the Lamb," Sunday and then followed the worship service with a stew lunch and workday. A general repair and upgrading and cleaning and painting of various parts of the church took place. The activity was attended by 55.

Lori and Joey Smith are visiting her parents, George and Carolyn Sides, for an Easter holiday. Jimmie George is in Methodist

Hospital recuperating from pneumonia.

The Methodist Men's Quartet were to provide the special music for the Methodist Revival at Earth on Wednesday night. Ed Robb, Methodist evangelist, was the speaker.

The Methodist fifth and sixth grade youngsters held a lock-in Friday night. No sleeping time was recorded.

Moss Howell was 92 years old March 25. Helping him celebrate the weekend was Herb and Monte Howell of Bovina; his son, Matlock, Sheryl and Kyliia Howell of Tulia; Jack and Charlene of Dimmitt; Matt, Mary and Sean of Lubbock; Jimmie and Sue Howell of Dimmitt; Kennen, Kelly and Katrina of Dimmitt; Kim and Dustin Burnam of Amarillo; Rhonda, Kent and Keith Mansker of Lubbock; Lelton and Danette of Lubbock; Susie Bonds of Americus, Kan.; Melvin and Gayle Stovall, and Starla, Kennen and Luke Mackey, all of Fritch; Karen Alrich Bedford, Marvin and Linda Smith of Weatherford; John and Colleen and Melanie Howell of Texline; Chris Smith of Canyon; and Carrie and Brian Howell of Stillwater, Okla.

Two granddaughters, Kim and Katrina, celebrated their birthdays with him—Kim the day after and Katrina the same day!

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A celebration of reconciliation was well attended at Holy Family Church on Monday evening with Msgr. Orville Blum of Hereford, Father John Salazar of Tulia, Father Ed Sweeney of Bovina and Father Neal Dee, participating in a very meaningful service.

Congratulations to Gregg and Cynthia Gerber of Hart on the birth of a daughter, Mackenzie Marie, on March 20 at St. Mary of the Plains Hospital in Lubbock.

Grandparents are Marsha George of Hart, Jack and Bonnie George of Hart and Vincent and Toby Gerber of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Harley and Wilda Redin of Plainview and Mary Gerber of Nazareth.

Joe and Virginia Gerber of Austin spent most of last week in Amarillo visiting Joe's mother, Bernice; his sisters and other relatives. They spent one day in Nazareth visiting relatives including Mary Gerber, Leonard and Alvina Gerber, Virgie Gerber and Frances Gerber in Umbarger.

Congratulations to Jason and Nikki Wethington on the birth of a son, Braden Jay, on March 20 at

Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. He has a big sister, Briann.

Grandparents are Melvin and Joy Wethington and Kenny and Cince Schulte, all of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Dean and Geraldine Nolen of Tulia, and Martha Schulte and Sylvia Hoelting, both of Nazareth.

A group of 85 people from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas toured the "Insta Pro" cotton oil mill north of Nazareth.

Lavern Kleman of Des Moines, Iowa, formerly of Nazareth, came with the group. At noon the American Legion Auxiliary catered a meal for the group.

The 18th district convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary was held recently in Nazareth.

It was well represented by 15 American Legion Posts and Units from across the Panhandle. The meetings were conducted by District Commander Joe Mingus of Higgins and District President Nina Swink of Shamrock. The banquet was catered by Chubby Buns.

N. Dean Johnson, superintendent of the Nazareth schools, was the guest speaker. He gave a very interesting talk that everyone enjoyed.

The Nazareth School Ensemble, directed by Roger Myers, did a great job, featuring solos by Angela Fortenberry and Nick Gerber.

Mary Lynn Olvera and her group of children sang. It was very enjoyable.

On Sunday the new District Commander, Tony Giego of Amarillo, and District President Betty McKone of Tulia, were elected.

The convention closed with a meal prepared by members of the Auxiliary.

Prayers are asked for Helen Backus, Rose Hindman, Vincent Guggemos and Leonard Schulte.

OM teams preparing for state

Two Dimmitt High School Odyssey of the Mind teams will advance to the state OM contest in Plano April 12-13 after winning first at the Regional OM contest in Amarillo in March.

Placing first in their division of the "Crunch" or structure competition was the DHS team of Tim Proffitt, Michael Keith, Jason Hargrove, Jason Hall, Jeremy Matthews, Jeremy Hall and Joel Townsend. Coaches are Pat Keith and Wayne Proffitt.

The Dimmitt High School "Great Impressions" team also won a first in their division. Team members are Emily Robertson, Lindsey Welch, Kristin Doss, Taryn Hays, Jessica Flores, Julie Merritt and Christie Bryan. They are coached by Reta Welch.

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ALL STAR CAST HONORS went to Dimmitt High School's Josh Roberts (right) at the District One-Act Play Contest held Friday. Here, he enacts a scene with Valerie Gonzales as Lady Fumble in the play "A Canterbury Tale from the Wife of Bath." Jeff Riggs (not shown) was listed on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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Everett Johnson Hurst and Regina Robin Gabel

Gabel and Hurst to wed

Kent Gabel and Mary Gabel, both of Canyon, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Regina Robin Gabel, to Everett Johnson Hurst, son of George R. and Laverne Blasingame of Brenham and Charles Hurst of Little Rock, Ark.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Doris Gabel of Dimmitt, Bill and Katy Graham of McLean, formerly of Dimmitt, and the late George Gabel. The couple plans to exchange wedding vows May 25 at Ceta Canyon Retreat.

Miss Gabel holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education from West Texas State University. She completed her master's degree in communication sciences and disorders in 1995 at Texas Women's University in Denton. She is a speech therapist for River Road School District and Home Health. She is a member of the Paramount Terrace Christian Church Choir.

The prospective groom holds a bachelor of business administration degree in finance from Texas A&M University in College Station. He graduated from South Texas College of Law in Houston in 1992 and he currently practices law in Amarillo.

Calvert named to ACU board

Former Dimmitt resident Mike Calvert has been named to the board of directors of Abilene Christian University.

He is the son of Carlos and Annie Calvert of Dimmitt.

Calvert and his wife, Nancy, a 1972 graduate of ACU, have four children who have attended or who are currently attending ACU. They are Jeff Calvert, Holly Calvert, Wade Calvert and David Billingsley.

In 25 years Calvert has been able to work his way up the ladder of success in the car dealership business. He started working for a Houston dealership in 1971. He acquired higher managing positions through-

out the years and by 1981 he became owner and president of Mike Calvert Toyota in Houston, which is a \$3 million facility. In 1992 he was the recipient of the ACU Distinguished Alumni Citation.

He has served as member and treasurer of the Christian Child Help Foundation for 16 years and is president of the Houston Toyota Dealers Advertising Association. He serves as a deacon at First Colony Church of Christ in Sugar Land. In previous years Calvert worked as president of the Houston Automobile Dealers Association and was registered as a CPA in 1970. He received his accounting degree from ACU in 1967.



She's from Childress— she teaches school.
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Third graders honored

Third graders who made the honor roll and those singled out by teachers for being hard workers and good citizens were honored during award ceremonies at the end of the second nine-week grading period.

Those honored were:
AXTELL'S ROOM

Hardest Workers: Christina Ramos, Matthew Ruiz, Rosina Ornales, Marisol Fuentes and Chris Perez.

Honor Roll: Raynee Bradley, Holly Gilliam, Kristin McClure and Megan Lemons.

Best Citizens: Gilliam, Fuentes and McClure.

BAIN'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Ryan Miller and Elias Zepeda.

Hardest Workers: Zepeda and Felisha Starling.

Best Citizens: Miller and Starling.

GLIDEWELL'S ROOM

Hardest Workers: Estela Garcia and Rosa Marrufo.

Best Citizens: Raul Melendez, Garcia, Marrufo and Callen Mixson.

Honor Roll: Corrie Kate Black, Chuck Cruz, Mixson, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Kelly Reyes and Charley Saenz.

KOCH'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Ignacio Sifuentez, Matthew Larra, Jeremy Norman, Stuart Sheffy and Yvonne Sifuentez.

Best Citizens: Ignacio Sifuentez.

Hardest Workers: Susana Ornales and Steven Caballero.

MERRITT'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Liliana Aguilar, Shelley Paxton, Nyssa Martinez and Adam Zambrano.

Best Citizens: Paxton and Lesley Hinojosa.

Hardest Workers: Aguilar, Paxton and Martinez.

STANTON'S & SEPEDA'S ROOM

Honor Roll: Jorge Alvarado, Yvet Beanes and Alejandra Velasquez.

Best Citizens: Alvarado, Rosalinda Jaramillo and Yadira Villalba.

Hardest Workers: Teresa Quesada and Andy Sias.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

James Norrell has been with his parents much of the week. His mother is undergoing tests and a lung biopsy. She was admitted to the hospital on Wednesday and will undergo chemotherapy treatments since her heart condition prevents surgery to cure the problem. The cancer is small and intact.

Joan went with James over the weekend and they checked on her mother, also.

Shorty Lilley is still in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock and isn't doing very well. The last part of the week Johnnie B. Lilley was sitting in the big chair in her room visiting with her when he began to have stomach pains and got sick. He was admitted to the hospital for tests.

Larry and Sharon Sadler were in Amarillo last Thursday to be with the family of a friend, Travis Cowell, who was undergoing heart surgery.

Teeny Bowden underwent tests at Plains Memorial Hospital this week to determine if she has a colon problem.

Rev. Benny and Joyce Wright visited Sunday afternoon with her father, who is a dialysis patient at a Care Center in Lubbock. They also went to Lubbock Methodist Hospital to visit with Shorty and Johnnie B. Lilley.

We had a letter this week from Sis and Si McCloy, who said they plan to come to the church's anniversary celebration, but may be prevented from doing so.

Their daughter, Chery, came down with myasthenia gravis about four years ago and she isn't doing well. A doctor in Denver tried to build up her leg strength last August, but the procedure wasn't very successful. It did, however, help her eye problem. The doctor decided to remove her thymus gland.

The McCloy's went to stay with the children while their other daughter, Tina, stayed in Denver with Chery and Mike. Sis and Si stayed with the children in Montana for three weeks.

Dorothy Gilbreath and Lillian Carson attended a supper in the home of Lawrence and Marguerite McLain Friday night. Jerry and Pat White, who live around Granbury,

were guests of the McLains and several of their friends were invited to supper.

Rev. Benny Wright had to work Saturday morning so Joyce went to Plainview with him and finished cleaning the house in which they had been living.

There was a trace of moisture Friday night with the sand storm. After things died down I couldn't see out of the west picture window Saturday morning. I still can't.

Ezell and Verba Sadler spent the week and weekend at Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge.

Judy and Tracy Damron went to Daingerfield over spring break and visited with Judy's father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. B.A. Woodall.

Sharon Sadler and Norma Conard were in Pampa Friday and Saturday attending a ladies' prayer retreat at Grace Baptist Church, where Norma's nephew is pastor.

Chamber to sell new shade trees

The Chamber of Commerce hopes to make Dimmitt a little greener this spring by offering for sale at least five varieties of shade trees.

The Chamber is sponsoring the tree sale as part of its Clean Up, Fix Up, Pride Up (CUFUPU) promotion in April.

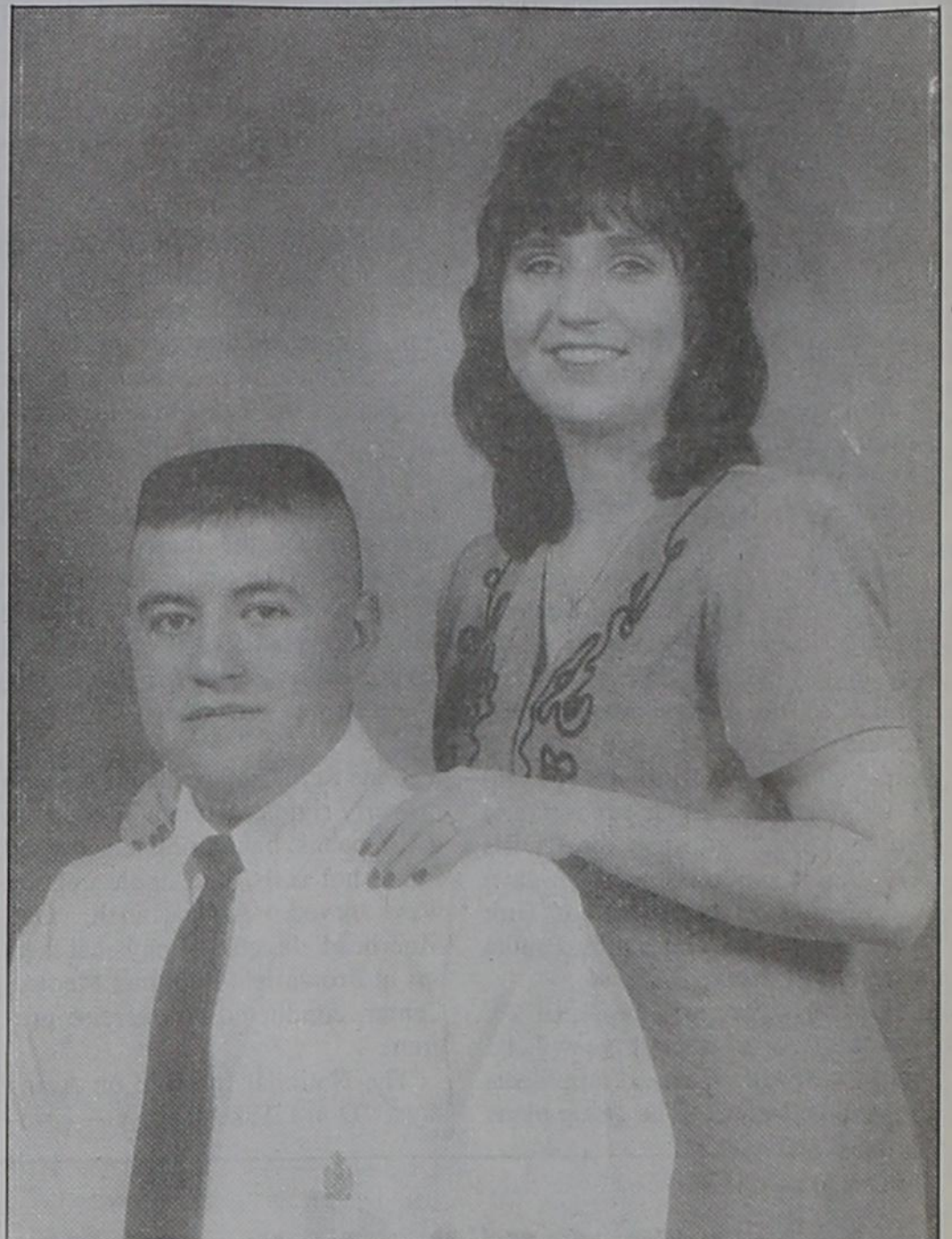
Among the varieties which will be available are locust, red oak, crab apple, cedar elm and Arizona ash.

Each five-gallon tree will be sold for \$20 and proceeds from the sale will be used by the Chamber to purchase more trees for the courthouse and the new park. 20 trees will be donated back to the community. Only 80 trees will be sold.

The trees are being purchased through an area nursery and carry no guarantee.

If you would like to purchase more than five trees, please call the Chamber at 647-2524.

A man may be so much of everything that he is nothing of anything.
—Samuel Johnson



Ray R. Lopez and Laura M. Hester

May vows planned

Laura M. Hester and Ray R. Lopez will exchange wedding vows May 11 at Coulter Road Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rebecca Rawlins of Savannah, Ga., and the late Herman Rawlins. She graduated from Tompkins High School in 1988. She studied phlebotomy at Savannah Vo-Tech and she currently is employed at Medical Arts Laboratory in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is the son of George L. and Ramona Lopez of Dimmitt. He is a 1989 graduate of Dimmitt High School and he served four years in the US Army. He will attend West Texas A&M University this fall and plans to study criminal justice. He is currently working for Affiliated Foods, Inc.

After the wedding, the couple plans to live in Amarillo.

Demos select state delegates

Five delegates and four alternates were selected Saturday by Castro County Democrats at their County Convention. They will represent the county at the State Democrat Convention set for June 8-9.

Fifteen party members approved Don Newman, Don Kimbrell, Carolyn Kimbrell, Lois Wales and Greg Odom as delegates; and Colleen Newman, Oscar Wylie, Max Newman and Pat Bagley as alternates.

Resolutions approved by those attending the county convention included an addendum composed of policies already endorsed by the 21st Century Democrats.

Additional resolutions stated a concern "about the lack of real economic security, educational opportunity and personal safety for our citizenry," and focused on these critical issues:

—Economic growth, job training and higher take-home pay for working people.

—An opportunity for all our young people to receive a quality education.

—Incentives for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

—Bold initiatives that will better ensure the personal safety, health and security of our citizens.

—A marketing program with fair loan rates without subsidies.

Lone Star Ballet to feature Dallas dance troupe

The Lone Star Ballet will feature "Texas Spirit" on April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium as the final selection of the Lone Star Ballet's 1995-96 season of dance. They will share the stage with the Dallas Black Dance Theatre.

Tickets are now on sale at the Lone Star Ballet office at 1000 Polk Street or call 806-372-2463. Prices are \$20, \$15 and \$10.

The Dallas Black Dance Theatre is one of only four American dance companies selected to perform at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

As part of the program planned for "Texas Spirit," the Dallas Black Dance Theatre will perform the world premieres of "Walls" and the number "... And Now Marvin"; along with "Some Moan For Love" and "A Rag, A Bone, and A Hank of Hair."

The LSB will premiere in Amarillo their "Southwestern Dances," and Amarillo audiences will get to see the new, magnificent Canyon backdrop, according to Neil Hess, artistic director.

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Wise to present Book Club review

Shirley Wise will present a review of the book *The Moral Compass* by William J. Bennett at the Wednesday meeting of the Dimmitt Book Club at Rhoads Memorial Library at 4 p.m.

The public is invited to hear the review. A business meeting of the club and refreshments also will be included in the meeting.

Called a new source of practical wisdom and spiritual reinforcement, *The Moral Compass* is filled with stories, poems and essays that illuminate traits we should all possess, such as compassion, courage, self-discipline, truth and ingenuity. The collection both instructs and entertains.



Mary Bartlett to address Flame Fellowship

Mary Bartlett of Hereford, director of Flame Fellowship in Hereford and Dimmitt, will be the featured speaker at the Dimmitt group's meeting Friday at 7 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Bartlett is married to Doug Bartlett, owner and president of Diamond Valley Enterprises. She is the mother of one son, James Douglas. The family belongs to the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bartlett has taught a weekly Bible study and an adult Sunday School class at the Methodist Church. She has spoken to women's groups, Bible study classes and prayer groups in the area.

Breast screening set today

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening today (Thursday) at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

Cost of the screening is \$70. Financial aid is available for breast screening and mammograms to individuals who qualify. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-359-4673.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician. The program is certified by FDA, American College of Radiology and the State Health Departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Perez graduates from Amarillo Police Academy

Carlos G. Perez, formerly of the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., graduated from the Amarillo Police Academy Friday in a special ceremony at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Perez is now working for the Amarillo Police Dept. He was vice president of his graduating class, which included 15 other students. He was a student in the school from Oct. 19 through March 29.

The awards ceremony included an invocation and luncheon before introducing the academy recruits and presenting them with certificates and badges.



'WHAT IS THE QUESTION?' everyone shouts at the Queen in "A Canterbury Tale from the Wife of Bath," Dimmitt High School's entry in the District One-Act Play Competition, which was held Friday. Cast members include (from left) Priscilla Tavarez as Lady Bumble, Valerie Gonzales as Lady Fumble, Priscilla Washington as Lady Stumble, Rachel Goldsmith as the Queen (and also as the Wife of Bath), Josh Roberts as Sir Gallant Dilemma, Jeff Riggs as Jack of All Trades, and Joe Larra as a guard. Others not shown are Melissa Ivey as Princess Oscarina, Joey Martinez as a guard, Tracy Grand as the Wizard, Tyson Adams as Lord Bumble and Sarah Goldsmith as the Crone. The play did not place in the contest, but Roberts was named to the All-Star Cast and Riggs was on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Others not shown are Melissa Ivey as Princess Oscarina, Joey Martinez as a guard, Tracy Grand as the Wizard, Tyson Adams as Lord Bumble and Sarah Goldsmith as the Crone. The play did not place in the contest, but Roberts was named to the All-Star Cast and Riggs was on the Honorable Mention All-Star Cast. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Aggie Muster planned

Former students of Texas A&M University will gather in Tulia on April 21 for the annual Texas Aggie Muster.

Activities include time for fellowship, a catered dinner and the Muster ceremony, which will begin at 7 p.m. at the Swisher County Memorial Building in Tulia, according to Swisher County A&M Club Muster Chair John W. Vaughn.

The Muster is open to all former A&M students and their families, parents of students and friends of Texas A&M.

The Muster tradition is more than 100 years old. More than 400 events will be held around the world this year.

During wars, Aggies mustered in foxholes, on the battlefield, aboard ships, in airplanes and in medical hospitals. In World War II a muster was held on Corregidor Island shortly before the Japanese captured it in 1942.

Every Muster ceremony is the same, Vaughn said. Texas Aggies pay their respects to all those who are absent because of death since the last Muster. When the names of the honored dead are called from the "Muster Roll," a friend of the deceased answers, "Here."

About 200,000 women a year are trying to adopt children.



Plains Memorial
It's a girl for Chonito and Alma Arce of Dimmitt. Their daughter was born at 2:49 a.m. on March 26 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt and she has been named Alma Guadalupe Arce. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 7 ozs., and was 21 inches long. Paternal grandparents are the late Emilio and Guadalupe Arce. Maternal grandparents are Everardo and Maria Magdalena Salas of Chicago, Ill. Great-grandmother is Carmen Dominguez.

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SPS schedules cooking school

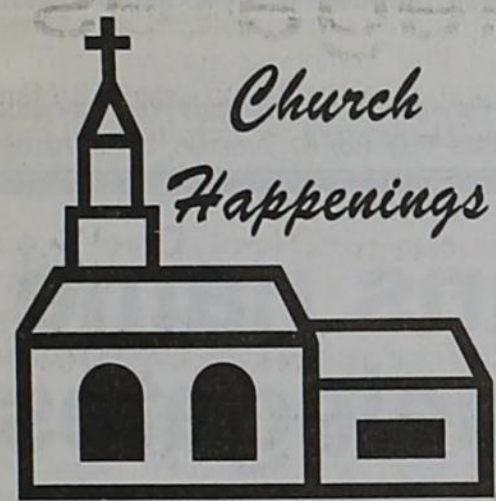
Southwestern Public Service Co. will sponsor a spring cooking school on Tuesday, April 23, at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

The school, dubbed "Affairs to Remember," will focus on an assortment of entertaining ideas and recipes. Kay Davis will create several tasty dishes and will offer many ideas for spring meals.

The class will serve as a project activity for the 4-H Foods and Nutrition project.

The class will begin at 6 p.m. at the library. Those planning to attend are asked to call the Extension office for reservations.

Church Directory



Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

The Easter morning service will be at 9.

Paul Craig, having completed the Lenten communicant's class and having been examined by the Session, will be received into the church at this service.

Andy and Janelle Blair of Tulia have been alternating Sundays at Dimmitt since last August and will continue to do so.

The regular service is at 11 a.m. with the Sunday Church School at 10 a.m.

DMS Student Senate sponsoring charity fundraiser

The Dimmitt Middle School Student Senate will sell "hat stickers" to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and those purchasing a sticker will be allowed to wear their cap or hat to school today (Thursday).

The stickers will be \$1 each and proceeds will benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. To purchase a sticker, contact any Student Senate member.

Cystic fibrosis is the number one genetic killer of children and young adults in the United States today. In 1989 scientists funded by the Foundation discovered the gene which causes cystic fibrosis. In 1990 researchers corrected defective cystic fibrosis cells in laboratory dishes and that was the first step toward using gene therapy as a treatment for the disease.

Easter egg hunt planned

Children up to the age of 10 will converge on City Park at Dimmitt Saturday afternoon for an Easter egg hunt.

The event is being sponsored by LULAC and it will begin at 2 p.m.

Three prize eggs will be hidden and youngsters lucky enough to find one of the three will receive a filled Easter basket.

There is no charge for the event and it is open to all children up to age 10.

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Wales solicits testimony

'Concentration' in beef industry is concern

By LINDA MAXWELL
To many, "Concentration" is a board game. But for cattle producers across the nation it is a deadly serious "game" that can affect profits and the ability of small producers to stay viable in today's agricultural markets, according to Lois Wales of Dimmitt.

Wales is a member of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration. She explained that "concentration" is when only a few companies control more than 40% of an industry market. The livestock industry is the main area being looked at by the committee, although other areas also are included.

"In the beef packing industry, four packers are doing over 80% of the business," Wales said. "They can virtually control the market."
Wales said she thinks the cattle packers are aiming for total vertical integration similar to what exists in the poultry industry, with the same owner from "seed to shelf."
"That isn't good for anybody," Wales said. "It puts power in the hands of a few, with no competition. The packer or contractor has all the power and the grower has none. It takes away all the initiative."
The Advisory Committee held a public hearing March 25 in St. Louis, Mo., and another committee meeting is planned April 29-30 to

finalize recommendations to be sent to US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. He will forward the report to Congress by June 7.
Wales said additional written testimony for consideration by the committee can be sent to her at Rt. 4 Box 109, Dimmitt, 79027, or FAX 806-647-2935. Her phone number is 806-647-5643.
The deadline for submitting testimony to Wales is April 26. Prepared statements should include 21 copies—one for each committee member.
A contingent of 31 farmers and business people from South Dakota made an 18-hour bus trip to testify during the three-hour public hearing held in Missouri.

Wales said no one testified on behalf of Texas cattle producers.
"Ours are all feeder cattle," Wales said of the Texas Panhandle, "and the feeder industry is afraid of packer retaliation."
"I don't see them as really fearful," committee member Ed Laur, vice-president for Attebury Grain Inc. of Amarillo, said of cattle feeders in Texas. "But I think they are concerned, and rightly so. When there are fewer (packers) to trade and deal with, there are potential abuses, and you have to watch it closer. USDA has an ongoing staff that investigates such things, but with budget cutbacks there are not as many available to monitor potential abuses."
Wales said a committee proposal for another public hearing was defeated by one vote. She said three committee members who are also members of the National Cattlemen's Association voted against an additional hearing.
Laur said part of the reason a second public hearing was voted down may have been scheduling problems and the June 7 deadline.
A news release about the South Dakota people who testified at the March 25 hearing said their testimony revealed the role of packer concentration in price declines for beef cattle.
Committee chairman Dan Padberg said, "When you see the processors and retailers making record profits while the cow-calf producers and feeders are going broke,

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR
Keeping Your Promises



It is a simple principle. It isn't rocket science, cutting edge technology or even new. The principle is: Keep your promises, keep your customers.
Keeping your promises—that is, doing exactly as you say you're going to do—is good business practice and sound political advice as well. Perhaps some of our political leaders' actions are rubbing off on our business community. There does appear to be a credibility gap between what some of our leaders say while running for election and what they do afterwards.

Out in my area of West Texas we are fortunate enough to have two men of integrity serving us in Congress. Larry Combest and Mac Thornberry are keeping their promises as they serve our interests well. They are proof that in politics, honesty is still the best policy and promise keeping is important.
Why some businesses don't see the obvious benefits of keeping their promises is beyond me. Unlike voters, customers don't have to wait until the next election to vote. They can vote to put you out of business tomorrow simply by taking their business elsewhere today. In business if you don't keep your promises you lose your customers.

Unkept Promises

During a recent business trip to Las Vegas I called ahead to confirm my hotel reservations. I was arriving late and I wanted to verify that I had a place to sleep. "Yes sir, we have you all set in a non-smoking room for the nights of the 21st and 22nd," was the promise.
When I arrived at nearly midnight on the 21st I was greeted with this news: "I'm sorry Mr. Taylor, we're out of non-smoking rooms tonight. In fact, I don't even have any rooms with a bed. All I've got left is a room with a pull-out sleeper sofa."
"But I called two days ago and guaranteed the room with my credit card," I complained.
"I'm sorry, sir, this is all I have. Do you want it or not?" It was a we're-not-going-to-keep-our-promise reply. I took the room, but made a mental note to cross the Stardust off my preferred places to stay in Vegas.
Earlier in the week it was the rental car company that didn't keep its promise. When I called they promised to pick me up "immediately." Two hours and two calls later I finally got a car. Take Enterprise in Dallas off the list of promise keepers.
Every day we encounter unkept promises. "I'll call you right back," "You'll get my check today," and "I'll get right on it," are all famous last words.

Three Main Causes

I believe there are three main reasons businesses don't keep their promises. First, some don't care if they keep their word. Truth, integrity and doing exactly as you promised doesn't seem to matter to some folks. These businesses deserve the negative consequences they will receive as a result.
The second major cause is that we really aren't thinking about what we're saying when we make a promise. When someone says, "I'll call you right back," they don't stop to think that the other party may stay off the phone anticipating a quick call back. It is wise to think before you speak. If what you're about to say isn't what you mean, change what you say.
The third probable cause is that most businesses don't realize how very important this principle is. Competition is getting tougher and customers expect more. Promise keeping is a good way to hold market share.
Finally, remember that promises you make to yourself are as important as promises you make to others. Keeping all promises is a good step toward growth and prosperity.

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



LOIS WALES of Dimmitt visits with US Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, who appointed her recently to the USDA Advisory Committee on Agricultural Concentration. Courtesy photo

She was appointed to the committee by Glickman on recommendations from the National Farmers Union and the American and Texas Corn Growers' Associations.
Other committee members include eight involved in cattle, hog, sheep, and poultry production from eight states; seven representing agribusiness, rail, retail and rural farm interests from six states; three state representatives; and two economists.

Telephone co-op to issue patronage dividend checks

Members of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative who received telephone service in 1973 will receive their share of patronage capital credit checks totaling \$155,800 this spring.
The \$155,800 represents 100% of the capital credits allocated by the telephone cooperative for 1973.
Patronage capital credit checks return West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative's profits to its member customers. The checks which will be mailed to members this spring represent the customers' allocations of revenues, less expenses, that were achieved by the cooperative in 1973.
The amount of capital credits issued to each customer is based on the telephone service purchased by that member. Included in this purchase service are equipment, access lines and long-distance calls.
Patronage capital credits are tabulated among members of record on a proportionate basis with all other members of West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative during the same period.

NGSP names new officers

Bill Kubecka of Palacios was installed as the new president of the National Grain Sorghum Producers during the group's business meeting last month in San Antonio.
Kubecka will replace outgoing president, Gary Bright of Melrose, N.M., who will serve as immediate past president.
Other new officers for 1996-97 are Leo Bindel of Sabetha, Kan., vice president of legislation and service; Jack Cobb of Plains, vice president for foreign market development; Bernie Hynes of Holstein, Neb., vice president for domestic market development; Ken Rose of Keyes, Okla., vice president for research and education; and Kenny Tevis of Hugessville, Mo., secretary-treasurer.

Travel agents complete cruise counselor program

Joe and Vickie Wright, owners of Southwest Passage Travel in Plainview, each recently completed the requirements for Cruise Line International Association's Cruise Counselor Certification Program. Both are now recognized by the cruise industry as accredited cruise counselors.
In achieving cruise counselor certification, the Wrights have made a significant effort to learn all aspects of the cruise vacation experience through extensive classroom training and personal product involvement.
Southwest Passage Travel is one of more than 22,000 travel agencies across North America affiliated with Cruise Lines International.
Since opening for business in April 1992, Southwest Passage has increased cruise sales (doubling in the last year), and cruises now account for more than 20% of all sales at the agency.
The Wrights are both natives of Dimmitt.

Republicans name five state delegates

Castro County Republicans selected five delegates and five alternates to attend the State Republican Party Convention set for June 20-23 in San Antonio.
The selection was made at the Republican County Convention held Saturday in Dimmitt, with 37 party members in attendance.
Those named as delegates are Deanne Clark, Helene McFarland, Dr. Bill Murphy, Johnny Hill, and Dorothy Hopson. Alternates are Bill Clark, Emma Jean King, David Horn, Debbie Horn and Cathy Hill.
Doug Taylor was elected vice chairman of the Castro County Republican Party and Patsy Franks was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.
Resolutions passed by the county delegates included a reaffirmation of the 1994 State Republican Platform with some substitutions, extensions and additions. Other resolutions dealt with the issues of Pro Life, a balanced federal budget, English as the official language, HIV testing before obtaining a marriage license, ballot fraud in balloting by mail and

ballot box registration, Congressional pay raise reform, and property and groundwater rights. There were also other traditional resolutions preserving the right bear arms, and proposing the abolishment of tax funding of the National Endowment of the Arts and of PBS.

An honorary resolution was passed recognizing the early volunteers and leaders of the local Republican Party, who "worked under hardship and sacrifice to build Texas into a two-party state, with a Republican Primary in every county, a majority state-wide Republican Primary vote, a Republican Governor, two Republican Senators, a Republican Ag Commissioner, Railroad Commissioner, a majority on the State Board of Education, and Supreme Court, as well as a majority of Republicans in the US House and Senate."

Dimmitt C of C congratulates City of Olton

Deanne Clark and Margaret Parsons of Dimmitt hand-carried a congratulatory letter from the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce to the City of Olton in recognition of that city's recent designation as an Official Main Street City.
The presentation was made at a ceremony last Thursday, which also was attended by Laura Bush, wife of Texas Gov. George Bush. She was the main speaker at the event.
Other dignitaries represented the Texas Historical Commission, which sponsors the Main Street project; Texas Main Street staff, and county and city officials.
An elementary school choir sang *Texas, Our Texas*, and a walking tour was made around the square, followed by a reception at The Wild Plum.
Others from Dimmitt who attended were Emma Jean King and Frances Duke.

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Cotton Talks

Passage of the Federal Agricultural Improvement Act (FAIR) of 1996 by the House and Senate signals the beginning of the second phase of the effort to get producers the information they will need to make 1996 planting decisions.

The first phase, getting the new farm bill written and passed, was completed on March 28. Once signed by the President, the second phase can begin.

It is expected that writing the regulations for the new legislation will take US Dept. of Agriculture staffers two to three weeks. So far there is no word on when the sign-up period for the new program will begin.

Preliminary information about FAIR indicates cotton producers will have a program that contains a great

deal of flexibility and retains important provisions that made the cotton titles of the 1985 and 1990 farm bills so successful. Primarily this means provisions authorizing a marketing loan for cotton.

Producers participating in FAIR will sign seven-year contracts. Program participants will receive a set, but declining payment each year.

Contract acreage will be made up of one or more program crop acreage bases, established according to rules in effect for 1995. Payments will be made on 85% of the contract acreage.

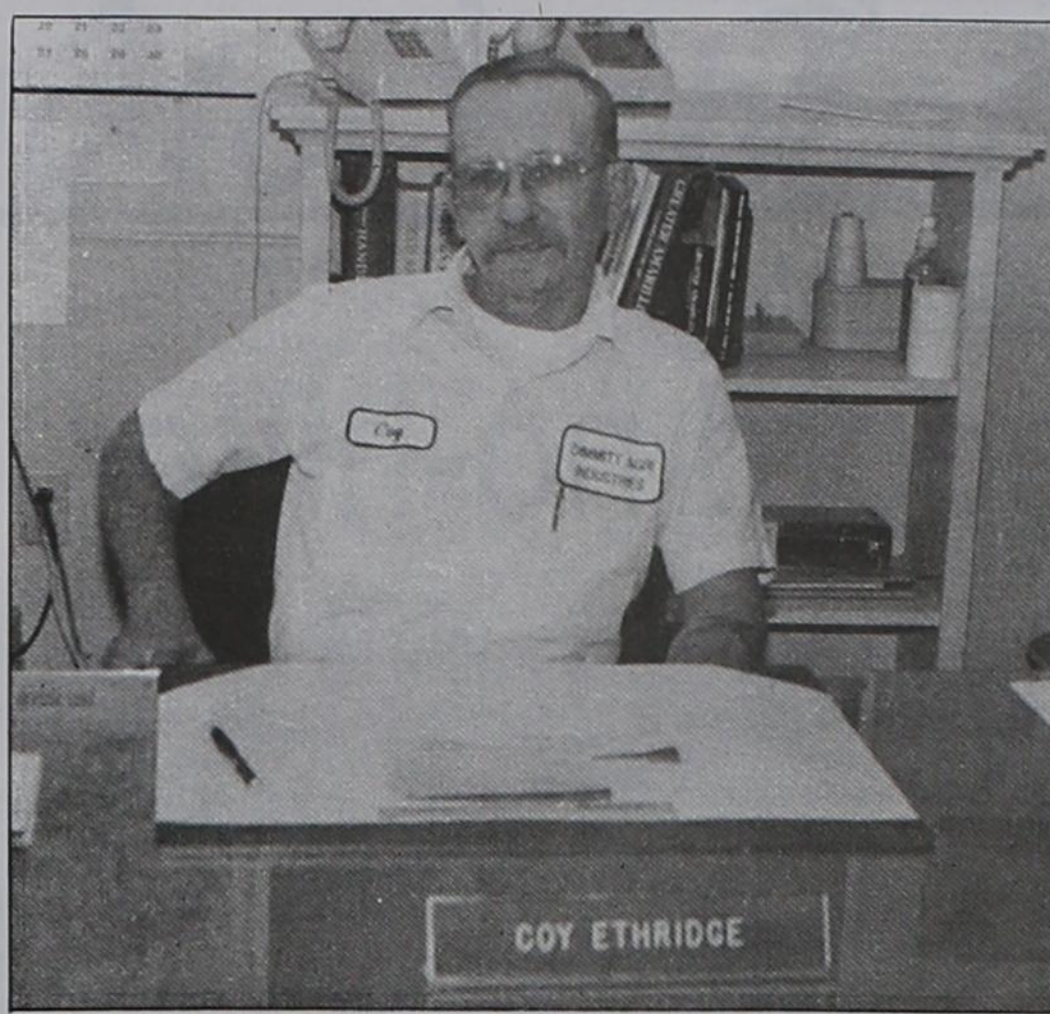
Contract commodities include wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats, upland cotton and rice. All crop acreage bases on a farm at the end of 1995 will be eligible, as will base acreage associated with a Conservation Reserve Program contract which

will expire during the next seven years.

Payment rates will be calculated based on the adjusted Congressional Budget Office estimates of deficiency payments for the years 1996 to 2002, divided by the number of eligible quantities of contract commodities.

Information received Friday indicates the repayment procedure for 1995 advance payments, approximately 1.85¢, will be applied to the 1997 payment rate instead of the 1996 rate. Producers should be aware that the estimated payment rates are still subject to revision until the repayment procedure is finalized and sign-up is completed.

Additional details on other program provisions and how the 1995 advance deficiency payment will be repaid will be announced later.



NEW DIMMITT AGRI INDUSTRIES FARM STORE MANAGER ... Coy Ethridge began new duties recently.

Ethridge is new manager

Coy Ethridge is the new manager for the Dimmitt Agri-Industries Farm Store at 600 East Bedford.

Ethridge took over the position recently after former manager Rocky Wilhelm left for another position.

A native of Dimmitt, Ethridge and his family now live in Hart, and he has been employed with DAI for 11 years. He was the Farm Store clerk before his promotion.

His parents moved away from Dimmitt, then moved back to Castro County in 1965, settling in Hart. He is a graduate of Hart High School, and his wife, Vickie, also was raised in Hart. She works part time in the Hart Post Office. They have three children, Jason, 22, Jaimie, 20, and Jada, 18.

Ethridge said he is a Baptist. One of his favorite leisure activities is working in his yard.

His work philosophy is that he tries to always be "courteous and professional."

He said DAI is a good company and strives to always serve the customer.

"We're all tied to agriculture and we want to help support and serve our customers," Ethridge said.

He said his favorite part of his job is the people.

"The people in this county are good people. After dealing with them for 11 years, you get to know people, and I like it here," Ethridge said.

Sales tax rebates are issued

A huge jump in sales tax rebates issued to Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth in March brought the yearly total close to normal, but the three cities still lag behind in total rebates issued for the year.

Nazareth's rebate jumped 133.46% from the March 1995 rebate. This year's March check was for \$1,225.04, while last year's rebate totaled \$524.73. For the year, the City of Nazareth has received a total of \$2,650.20 in sales tax rebates, 10.46% lower than the 1995 total of \$2,960.12.

Dimmitt's check jumped 28.81%, from \$18,010.11 in 1995 to \$23,199.57. That lowers Dimmitt's annual rebate deficit to a -1.35%. Yearly totals for Dimmitt are \$74,804.47 through the first three months of 1995 and \$73,787.21 through March 1996.

Hart also had a big jump in its March 1996 rebate compared with March 1995. This year's check for \$1,580.13 was 21.29% higher than the 1995 stipend of \$1,302.73. Year-to-date, Hart has earned \$3,577.89, which is 15.46% lower than the 1995 total of \$4,232.60.

The March rebates include local sales taxes collected in January which were reported by businesses filing monthly returns in February.

AN APPROPRIATE way to memorialize a loved one is with a memorial gift to the Perpetual Care Fund for Castro Memorial Gardens. Checks may be made out and mailed to the Dimmitt Cemetery Association, PO Box 452, Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Federal Agricultural Improvement Act of 1996

Estimated Payment Rates by Commodity

Crop	Unit	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Corn	\$/Bushel	.27	.52	.41	.39	.36	.29	.28
Grain Sorghum	\$/Bushel	.34	.53	.46	.44	.40	.32	.31
Barley	\$/Bushel	.46	.28	.29	.28	.25	.20	.19
Oats	\$/Bushel	.05	.04	.04	.04	.03	.03	.03
Wheat	\$/Bushel	.92	.64	.68	.65	.59	.47	.46
Rice	\$/Hundredweight	2.75	2.71	2.91	2.81	2.58	2.09	2.03
Upland Cotton	Cents/Pound	7.53*	9.34*	8.06	7.74	7.09	5.71	5.50

*Payment rates for 1996 and 1997 will depend on the procedure instituted for repayment of 1995 advance deficiency payments.

Source: National Cotton Council of America

Severe weather preparedness is focus of seminar in Dimmitt

As severe weather season approaches, people begin to worry about what they will do if a tornado or other strong, severe storm is approaching their area.

Last year Dimmitt and Castro County held their breath as tornadoes ripped through the vicinity, damaging several homes and businesses. Luckily no one was injured.

This year the National Weather Service has joined with the Castro County Emergency Management Service and will present a severe weather safety seminar in Dimmitt.

The day-long workshop will be held Saturday, April 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

Topics which will be covered during the seminar include the tornadoes which struck Dimmitt and Friona last year, including footage from each; severe thunderstorm spotter training; and severe weather preparedness. Information will be offered on the National Weather Service and its Doppler Radar and on "West Texas tornado climatology." Those present will have a chance to meet West Texas television meteorologists from Amarillo and Lubbock.

Admission to the seminar is free and open to the public.

"We feel this will be an excellent opportunity to both inform and educate the citizens of West Texas about the one major natural disaster that we confront every spring on the High Plains—severe thunderstorms and tornadoes," said Jody James, meteorological forecaster. "We decided to hold this workshop in Dimmitt this year for a couple of reasons. First, in terms of warning responsibility, Castro County was transferred last fall to the Lubbock office. Second,

with the tornadoes last spring in Friona and Dimmitt, we figured we could attract a large number of people."

The seminar will open with registration from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the DHS auditorium. James, Andy Anderson and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins will offer a welcome at 9:30 a.m. James will give an overview of the National Weather Service office in Lubbock at 9:40 a.m.

Larry Vannozi of the National Weather Service in Lubbock will

Drip irrigation meet is Tuesday

Area producers will have an opportunity to discuss and share ideas about drip irrigation use in cotton production at a special seminar in Plainview on Tuesday.

A drip irrigation conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Ollie Liner Center in Plainview. The seminar is being sponsored by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association.

Morning technical sessions will provide information about various types of drip tape, installation, necessary filtration systems, crop water requirements, and implementing fertigation or chemigation with drip irrigation.

Financing of a drip irrigation system will be addressed during the noon lunch. The afternoon sessions will cover pre-irrigation with drip tape and irrigation scheduling.

Early registration for the conference, including cost of the meal, will be \$10 through Friday. Registration will be \$15 at the door.

present a program on severe weather operations from 9:55 to 10:10 a.m. Next up will be Doug Crowley of the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Justin Weaver will present the program on West Texas tornado climatology from 10:20 to 10:55 a.m.

A video will be shown at 10:55, followed by an explanation of what Doppler Radar is and how it works by John Lipe.

After a lunch break, a group of meteorologists from Amarillo and Lubbock television stations will take part in a panel discussion from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Tim Tinsley will present a program on the June 2, 1995, Dimmitt and Friona tornadoes from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

Pat Vesper will address how to prepare for severe weather from 2 to 2:30 p.m.

After another video break, Vannozi will offer basic and intermediate spotter training.

The program will conclude around 4:30 p.m. with closing remarks.

Clean-up day planned at 4-H Livestock Center

Castro County 4-H'ers have scheduled a clean-up day at the 4-H Livestock Center on April 13 at 9 a.m. and all 4-H'ers who used the center during the past year are expected to help.

A member of the 4-H Center board will inspect each pen to make sure each has been thoroughly cleaned, and deposits will not be returned if pens aren't cleaned.

Local Angus breeder earns recognition

Worth Jones of Dimmitt has been recognized nationally by the American Angus Association for having three registered Angus cows included in the American Angus Association's 1996 Pathfinder Report.

Only 1,647 of the more than 29,000 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, reports John Crouch, director of performance programs. 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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Sports



In Floydada Tournament

Cats record no-hitter, score runner-up trophy

Dimmitt rolled into the championship game of a tournament for the first time in the baseball program's existence, but Lubbock Cooper outlasted the Bobcats 9-8 Saturday to take the crown in the Floydada Tournament.

Dimmitt got to the championship game with a 14-0 no-hit win over Friona (see story, Page 1) and a 17-15 win Friday over the Lubbock High JV.

In its first-ever championship game, Dimmitt rallied from a 3-0 deficit to tie the game at three against Lubbock Cooper. The Pirates came back to reclaim the lead at 8-3, but Dimmitt rallied to tie the score again at 8.

Cooper then strung together a wild pitch, passed ball, single and infield out to score the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

"We had no pressure and had nothing to lose going into the finals," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "We played so much better against them this time than the last time we played them. I'm proud of the way we came back and fought with 'em today."

The last time the teams met, Cooper took a 13-2 win at George Howell Park in a game that lasted just 65 minutes and five innings. Saturday's game went two outs deep into the seventh and took well over two hours.

Dimmitt got runners on in each of the first two innings against Cooper but couldn't score. After Cooper scored three in the bottom of the second, Dimmitt came back to tie the



HOME-RUN KING—Dimmitt's Richard Carpio (center) is mobbed by teammates after he parked a two-run shot in the top of the first inning Friday against Lubbock High JV for a 4-0 Dimmitt lead. The homer was Carpio's second in two days at the

Floydada Tournament. His first came in Dimmitt's 14-0 shutout of Friona Friday. Dimmitt handled Lubbock High JV 17-15 to advance into the tournament championship Saturday, but had to settle for second place, losing the title game, 8-9, to Lubbock Cooper.

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score.

Jason Nino singled and Ramiro Gauna was hit by a pitch to start the inning for the Bobcats. Dwayne Espinoza forced Gauna at second on a fielder's choice, sending Nino to third. Espinoza stole second, then scored along with Nino on a sharp

single by Luis Nino to make it 3-2. After Zeke Nino also reached, Richard Carpio hit a bouncer to third. Cooper's third baseman tried for a force out of Luis Nino at third by threw the ball away, sending Nino home with the tying run. Cooper then scored five runs, four

unearned, in the bottom of the inning off Dimmitt starter Zack Matthews to give the Pirates an 8-3 lead.

In the top of the fourth, Dimmitt came back again to tie the score. Nino was hit by a pitch and Gauna reached on an error. Espinoza again reached on a fielder's choice, scoring Jason Nino, and Matthews was hit by a pitch.

Luis Nino then knocked a single to center, scoring Gauna and Espinoza to make it 8-6.

Zeke Nino then hit a fielder's choice, but Luis Nino was called safe at third, getting under the tag. Matthews scored on the play, making it 8-7. Luis Nino then scored on a wild pitch to tie the score at 8-8.

Feaster then called on senior pitcher Dan Matthews to finish out the game. Zack Matthews had pitched the last three innings of Friday's win over Lubbock, and Feaster didn't want to overextend the sophomore.

"We intended to let him throw 50 pitches, but we let him get through the third and he threw 55," Feaster said.

Dan Matthews threw just 27 pitches over the last four innings, but got tagged with the loss.

"That's how baseball luck runs sometimes," Feaster said. "Dan did a great job for us, and our defense was great, too."

The senior hurler kept his defense in the game. Five of Cooper's outs in the late going were deep flies, but were handled flawlessly by outfielders Jason Wooten, Gauna and Espinoza.

Bobcat batters were kept off-balance the last four innings by a Cooper reliever who relied on off-speed stuff.

"We just couldn't time the curve," Feaster said. "But we battled, and that was important."

The only drama in Thursday's game came in the fifth inning, when it was up to Jason Nino and the Bobcats to preserve the no-hitter over the Chieftains.

The rest of the drama was erased very early when the Bobcats sent 12 batters to the plate in the first inning to rack up an 8-0 lead.

The first eight men all reached,

with Friona not recording an out until a fly ball double play that ended up scoring the inning's seventh run.

Zack Matthews had two doubles in the frame, and Carpio added his own two-bagger. Luis Nino and Zeke Nino had singles while Wooten started his three-for-three day with a triple, scoring Carpio and Manuel Velasquez.

In the second Dimmitt added three more runs on a solo homer by Carpio, singles by Wooten and Jason Nino and a two-RBI hit by Sergio Pedroza. Pedroza was nailed at third for the last out of the inning.

In the third, Dimmitt led off the inning with a single by Espinoza, followed by a home run by Zack Matthews.

In the fourth, Wooten doubled and Jason Nino was hit by a pitch. Wooten came home with the last run of the day on a single by Zack Matthews.

Meanwhile, Jason Nino had a masterpiece on the mound. He walked Friona's first batter of the game, Shane Blackburn, on a 3-2 pitch, then retired the next three straight. In the second, another man walked, but again the rest of the Chieftains went down in order.

In the third, the first Friona batter reached on an error, but he was the last Chieftain baserunner of the game as the next nine straight were set down.

The game was called after Friona batted in the top of the fifth on the 10-run rule.

Friday, Dimmitt jumped out to an 11-3 lead over the Lubbock JV, which came into the game with a 7-1 record and a pitcher off the Westerners' varsity.

Dimmitt jumped to a 2-0 lead early Friday on runs by Espinoza and Zack Matthews. With Luis Nino on, Carpio hit his second home run in as many days to give Dimmitt a 4-0 lead.

LHS came back with three runs in the bottom of the first, and would have scored more except for a hustling play by Carpio, tagging a runner coming from third for the last out of the first.

In the third, Wooten walked, then scored from first on a two-out double to center by Jason Nino for a 5-3 lead. Gauna walked, then Nino was driven in on a double by Espinoza.

Gauna and Espinoza scored on a Texas Leaguer to right center by Zack Matthews, who promptly stole second. Luis Nino then singled to right, scoring Matthews to up Dimmitt's lead to 9-3.

Zeke Nino then tripled to center, scoring Richard Martinez (courtesy runner for Luis Nino. Carpio then singled to score Zeke Nino, making the score 11-3.

Lubbock went down quickly in the bottom of the third, but then chased starting pitcher Luis Nino from the hill in the bottom of the fourth. By the time reliever Zack Matthews got the third out, Lubbock had scored nine runs in the frame to take a 12-11 lead.

In the top of the fifth, Dimmitt came back to tie the score. Luis Nino hit a one-out single, then scored on a double to deep center by Zeke Nino for a 12-all tie.

Matthews struck out the side in the bottom of the frame, including two on called third strikes.

In the top of the sixth, Velasquez singled but was forced at second on a fielder's choice grounder by Wooten. Jason Nino then tripled to left, scoring Wooten to give Dimmitt the lead for good, 13-12.

Gauna and Espinoza then nailed RBI doubles to increase Dimmitt's advantage to 15-12, and Zack Matthews reached on an error on the LHS shortstop.

Matthews and Zeke Nino scored on an overthrow of third by the Westerners' catcher, giving Dimmitt a 17-12 lead.

LHS got just one hit in the bottom of the frame, but took advantage of three Bobcat errors to close the gap to two runs. The game was then called on account of the 2 1/2 hour time limit in the tourney.

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AND HE'S SAFE!—Zack Matthews crosses home plate to score on a wild pitch by Lubbock High JV in the first inning of Friday's championship semifinal in the Floydada Tournament. Dimmitt went on to win the game, 17-15, but lost the championship to Lubbock Cooper Saturday.

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25-team field lined up for Bobcat Relays

Isela Minjarez of Hart will go after her own record in the two-mile at the Bobcat Relays Saturday in Dimmitt. The 13th annual track meet will feature 25 teams in three divisions Saturday at Bobcat Stadium.

Minjarez won the girls' two-mile event in 1995 with a time of 12:13.18 and she is one of the favorites to repeat as champion in the event this year.

The girls' division (Division III) features the host Bobbies along with Hart, Nazareth, Amherst, Boys Ranch, Floydada, Friona, Lockney and Tulia.

In Division I boys, the hometown Bobcats will battle Hart, Boys Ranch, Floydada, Friona, Lockney and Tulia. The Division II boys' meet will feature the JV Bobcats,

Nazareth, JV Longhorns, Amherst, Boys Ranch JV, Floydada JV, Friona JV, Lockney JV, Hart JV and Tulia JV.

The meet opens Saturday morning at 8:30 with the 3,200-meter runs in each division. Running preliminaries will begin in the morning with the finals slated to begin at 3 p.m. Presentation of trophies will begin with 15 minutes after completion of the final event.

Minjarez isn't the only county track star who could bring home the gold Saturday.

The Bobcats have high medal hopes for several individuals including half-milers Joey Flores and D.J. Fleeks, two-mile runner Jerome Larra and the mile relay team which

features Fleeks, Flores, Albert Ewing and Larra.

Swift long-distance specialist Casey Hoelting is favored to medal in both the mile and two-mile events in Division II after capturing several golds already this year.

In the girls' division, Hart should be strong overall, with Minjarez and Lisa Rincon in the two-mile, the Ladyhorns' 400, 800 and mile relays, Tylene Garcia in the 200 and Ysa Rodriguez in the 100. Charbra Lee also could be a threat in several events like the 100 hurdles, long jump and triple jump.

Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth will head up a talented list of quarter-milers in the girls' division and Misti Ball will be strong in the 800. The Swiftettes' mile relay, which is the Class A defending state champ, also should be tough.

Here's a complete schedule for Saturday's meet:

FIELD EVENTS

9 a.m.: Division I shot put and long jump; Division II pole vault, discus and long jump; and Division III long jump and high jump.

10:30 a.m.: Division I pole vault and triple jump; Division II shot put and high jump; and Division III triple jump and discus.

Meeting set for Bobcat Relay workers

Individuals who will be working at the Bobcat Relays Saturday must attend a meeting tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria.

The annual track meet will begin Saturday morning and will continue throughout the day.

12 noon: Division I discus and high jump; Division II triple jump; and Division III shot put.

RUNNING PRELIMS

9:15 a.m.: Division I, Division II and Division III 400-meter relay.

10 a.m.: Division III 100-meter low hurdles, Division I and II 110-meter high hurdles, all on the west side of the stadium; Division I and II and Division III 100-meter dash on the east side of the stadium.

11 a.m.: Division I, Division II and Division III 400-meter dash.

12 noon: Division III 300-meter low hurdles.

12:20 p.m.: Division I and Division II 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

1 p.m.: Division I, Division II and Division III 200-meter dash.

RUNNING FINALS

8:30 a.m.: 3,200 meter run, all divisions.

3 p.m.: 400-meter relay, all divisions

3:15 p.m.: 800-meter run, all divisions.

3:45 p.m.: Division III 100-meter low hurdles.

3:50 p.m.: Division I and Division II 110-meter high hurdles.

4 p.m.: 100-meter dash, all divisions.

4:15 p.m.: Division III 800-meter relay.

4:30 p.m.: 400-meter dash, all divisions.

4:45 p.m.: Division III 300-meter low hurdles.

4:50 p.m.: Division I and Division II 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

5 p.m.: 200-meter dash, all divisions.

5:15 p.m.: 1,600-meter run, all divisions.

6 p.m.: 1,600-meter relay, all divisions.

RECORDS

Here are the records in the Bobcat Relays (boys, then girls):

FIELD EVENTS

Shot Put: B. Welps, Hart, 54-5, 1992; M. Pesch, Bovina, 40-3/4, 1985.

Long Jump: M. Smith, Tulia, 22-3 1/2, 1991; K. Smith, Tulia, 17-1, 1991.

Pole Vault: C. Heller, Dimmitt, 15-7, 1991.

Discus: B. Hill, Lockney, 154-6, 1992; Jackson, Friona, 121-1, 1983.

Triple Jump: Smith, Tulia, 43-10, 1991; Henwood, Canyon, 36-1, 1995.

High Jump: Marshall, Tulia, 6-7, 1995; Griggs, Bovina, 5-6, 1991.

RUNNING EVENTS

3200: Murphy, Canyon, 9:55.69, 1995; Y. Minjarez, Hart, 12:13.18, 1995.

400 Meter Relay: Tulia, 42.88, 1992; Tulia, 50.00, 1991.

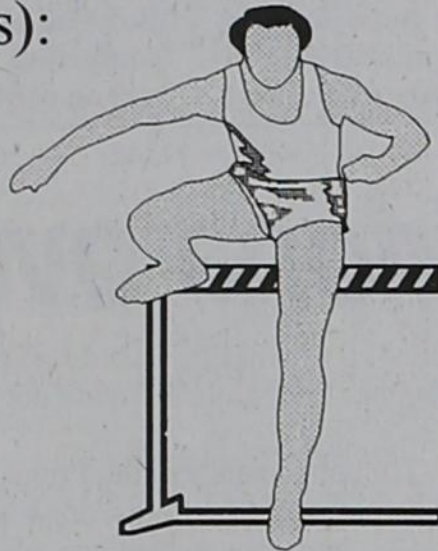
800 Meters: Reyes, Tulia, 1:59.39, 1991; Osborn, Friona, 2:27.95, 1985.

100 Meter Low Hurdles: M. Pesch, Bovina, 15.33, 1985.

110 Meter High Hurdles: Crosby, Tulia, 14.28, 1993.

100 Meters: Sanders, Tulia, 10.70, 1993; Weaver, Sudan, 11.95, 1991.

800 Meter Relay: Tulia, 1:46.55, 1991.



400 Meters: Ethridge, Dimmitt, 49.12, 1991; Thomas, Dimmitt, 59.14, 1991.

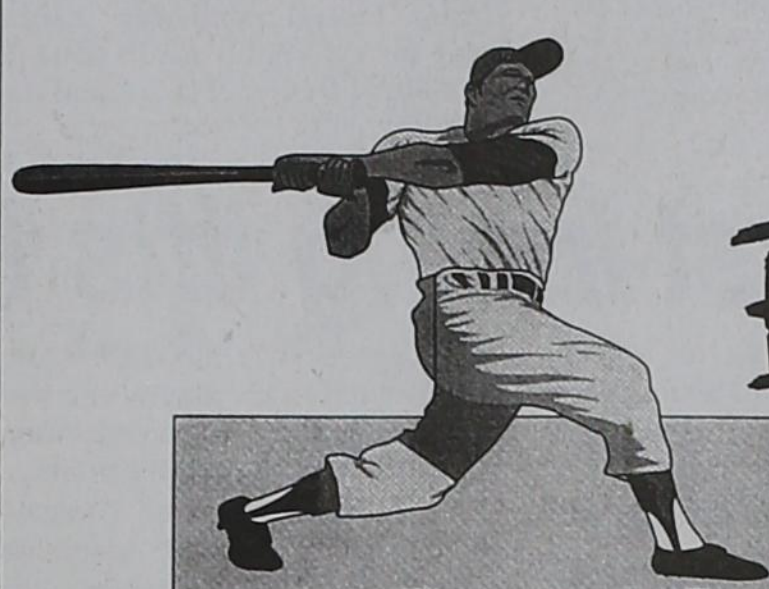
300 Meter Low Hurdles: Younger, Floydada, 47.36, 1991.

300 Meter Intermediate Hurdles: Rodriguez, Hart, 40.02, 1986.

200 Meters: Martinez, Littlefield, 21.94, 1995; Smith, Tulia, 25.9, 1992.

1600 Meters: Fritze, Springlake-Earth, 4:40.52, 1992; K. Carter, Canyon, 5:30.26, 1993.

1600 Meter Relay: Tulia, 3:23.34, 1991; Dimmitt, 4:08.10, 1991.



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Super Team heralds three county seniors

The top 10 boys and girls basketball players from the Texas Panhandle were recognized Sunday by the *Amarillo Globe News*, and three of those honorees are from Castro County.

The Super Team Girls Player of the Year for 1996 is Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker, a 5-9 senior forward who led the Swiftettes to the school's 13th state championship this season. The repeat Player of the Year winner was again honored as a first-team Super Team selection.

The boys' honor team features Nazareth senior Gaylon Schilling on

the first team and Dimmitt's Justin Newman on the second team.

Schmucker, who signed early with Texas Tech University, was described by the *Globe News* as "one of the top players in the state." She is a four-time Super Team honoree, having earned Freshman of the Year and Sophomore of the Year honors before garnering the Player of the Year laurel the past two seasons.

She averaged 22 points, eight rebounds, six assists and three steals per game for the Swiftettes. She is a multi-time all-district, all-region and all-state honoree, and was unanimous MVP of the state tournament and is TABC's Player of the Year. She also was All-South Plains Player of the Year this season.

Newman, a 6-1 senior, played inside and outside for the Bobcats this season. He averaged 19.1 points and 7.9 rebounds while shooting 55% from the field and 71% from the charity stripe. The all-district, all-region and all-South Plains honoree was Dimmitt's leading scorer.

Schilling was instrumental in leading Nazareth to its second state tournament appearance in three years. He averaged 13.3 points and 6.5 boards each game and was a first-team all-district and all-region honoree and was voted second-team all-state. The 6-2 senior post also was capable of playing outside and hitting the three-pointer.

Former Nazareth Coach Joe Lombard, who guided the Canyon Lady Eagles to the Class AAAA state championship in an undefeated season this year, was named the Super Team Coach of the Year and his daughter, Lindy, a 5-9 wing, was named the Sophomore of the Year and was listed on the second team.

All-star teams to feature county players

The West and South All-Stars in the Golden Spread All-Star Tournament this weekend will have a lot of Castro County talent on the rosters.

The West boys' team will feature Dimmitt post Justin Newman, Nazareth post Gaylon Schilling and Nazareth guard Robby Schmucker.

Featured on the West girls' squad will be Dimmitt's Amy Ethridge and Nazareth's Carie Wethington.

Hart's J.R. Lee will be featured on the South boys' squad while Hart girls Tiffany Bradford and Gayla Reyna will play for the South girls.

The 26th annual all-star games will be held at the Cal Farley Coliseum in Amarillo on Friday and Saturday.

Teams from the North, South, East and West will be coached by volunteers. Players on the teams will be from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle in addition to Bailey, Lamb, Floyd, Motley and Cottle counties on the South Plains; and the counties of Eastern New Mexico which border Texas.

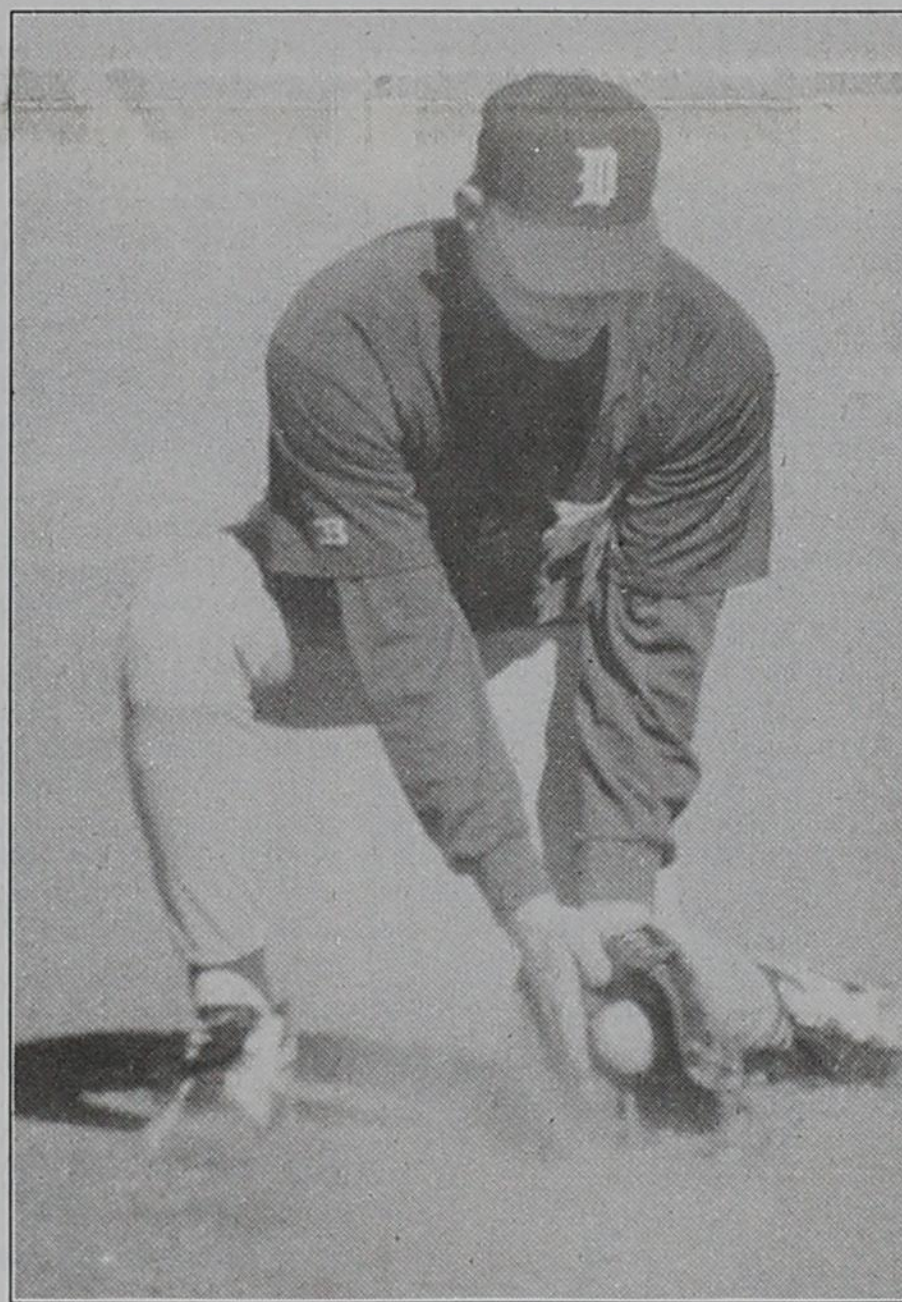
Games will be scheduled at 1, 3, 6 and 8 p.m. both days.

Three-point shooting and slam dunk contests will be held in conjunction with the tournament and these competitions are open to any senior girl or boy, regardless of whether they are selected for the all-star games. Those who wish to enter should contact Brent Sherrrod, P.O. Box 19395, Amarillo 79109; or call him at (806) 352-7348.

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County netters nab seven of eight titles in team meet

The Dimmitt tennis team captured four first and four second places enroute to the team championship at the Plainview Team Tournament Friday and Saturday while Nazareth and Dimmitt finished second and third.

Capturing first places for the Dimmitt netters were Amber Langford in No. 1 Girls' Singles, Wesley Mays in No. 1 Boys' Singles, Brad Beck and Jimmy Bryan in No. 1 Boys' Doubles; and Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood in No. 2 Boys' Doubles.

Nazareth captured the gold in two events while Hart had one first-place finisher.

For the Swiftettes, Amy Pohlmeier and K'Lynn Gerber were first in No. 2 Girls' Doubles while Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte were winners in No. 1 Girls' Doubles.

Hart's Raynea Garcia won the No. 2 Boys' Singles competition.

Finishing second were Dimmitt's Monica Ortiz in No. 2 Girls' Singles; Kami Hand and Kristin Doss in No. 1 Girls' Doubles; Carrie Bradley and Kara Josselet in No. 2 Girls' Doubles; Marcus Brockman in Boys' Singles; and Joel Townsend in No. 2 Boys' Singles.

Here's how singles players and doubles teams from the three county schools matched up with competitors Saturday:

NO. 1 GIRLS' SINGLES
First Round: Amber Langford of Dimmitt beat Raquel Garcia of Hart, 6-1, 6-2; Tanya Wethington of Nazareth beat Monica Vera of Plainview JV, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Championship Semifinals: Langford beat Wethington, 6-1, 6-2.

Consolation Semifinals: Garcia beat Vera, 7-5, 7-6.

Championship: Langford beat Jennifer Cade of Dumas, 6-7, 7-6, 6-1.

Consolation: Garcia beat Nanna Banda of Spade, 6-3, 6-0.

NO. 2 GIRLS' SINGLES
First Round: Mindy Hoelting of Nazareth and Valerie Key of Hart drew byes; Monica Ortiz of Dimmitt beat Emily Graves of Plainview JV, 6-0, 6-1.

Championship Semifinals: Hoelting lost to Shannon Gammage of Plainview,

4-6, 4-6; Ortiz beat Key, 6-0, 6-1.
Third Place: Hoelting beat Key, 6-2, 6-1.

NO. 1 GIRLS' DOUBLES
First Round: Carie Wethington and Robin Schulte of Nazareth beat Sellers and Webb of Brownfield; Kami Hand and Kristin Doss of Dimmitt beat Seay and Doty of Spade, 6-0, 6-0; Veronica Gonzales and Jennifer Martinez of Hart lost to Neff and Williams of Plainview.

Championship Semifinals: Schulte and Wethington beat Pendergrass and Lechner; Hand and Doss beat Neff and Williams of Plainview, 7-6 (7-2), 6-0.

Consolation Semifinals: Gonzales and Martinez beat Seay and Doty, 6-4, 6-4.

Championship: Schulte and Wethington beat Hand and Doss, 6-2, 6-1.

Consolation: Gonzales and Martinez beat Sellers and Webb, 6-0, 6-3.

NO. 2 GIRLS' DOUBLES
First Round: K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier of Nazareth beat Willis and Tijerina of Brownfield, 6-1, 6-1; Cassie Neinst and Alica Velasquez of Hart lost to Vering and Beggs of Plainview, 6-3, 6-4; Carrie Bradley and Kara Josselet beat Montgomery and Waitman of Spade, 6-3, 6-1.

Championship Semifinals: Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Adams and Garcia of Plainview JV, 6-0, 6-2; Bradley and Josselet beat Vering and Beggs, 6-4, 6-3.

Consolation Semifinals: Neinst and Velasquez lost to Montgomery and Waitman, 3-6, 7-6, 4-6.

Championship: Gerber and Pohlmeier beat Bradley and Josselet, 6-2, 6-3.

NO. 1 BOYS' SINGLES
First Round: Wesley Mays of Dimmitt beat Aaron Lyles of Plainview JV, 7-5, 6-1; Jared Aven of Hart beat Kenny Trotter of Spade, 6-0, 6-1; Marcus Brockman of Nazareth drew a bye.

Championship Semifinals: Mays beat Aven, 6-2, 7-5; Brockman beat Fred Mew of Plainview.

Championship: Mays beat Brockman, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Third Place: Aven beat Mew, 7-6, 6-3.

NO. 2 BOYS' SINGLES
First Round: Kit Schulte of Nazareth lost to T.J. Rothwell of Plainview, 6-4, 4-6, 6-7; Raynea Garcia of Hart beat Ted Walters of Spade, 7-5, 6-1; Joel Townsend of Dimmitt beat Mitchell Brockman of Nazareth, 7-5, 6-1.

Championship Semifinals: Garcia beat Rothwell, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6; Townsend beat Kyle Finley of Plainview JV.

Consolation Semifinals: Brockman drew a bye; Schulte beat Walters.

Championship: Garcia beat Townsend, 6-3, 6-1.

Consolation: Brockman beat Schulte, 7-6, 6-2.

NO. 1 BOYS' DOUBLES
First Round: Lupe De La Fuente and Brandon Irons of Hart drew a bye; Billy Don Cannon and Barry Hoelting of Nazareth beat Trotter and Jackson of Spade, 6-0, 6-2; Brad Beck and Jimmy Bryan of Dimmitt drew a bye.

Championship Semifinals: Irons and De La Fuente lost to Nettles and Cheatham of Brownfield, 1-6, 3-6; Beck and Bryan beat Cannon and Hoelting, 6-1, 6-3.

Championship: Beck and Bryan beat Nettles and Cheatham, 6-2, 6-0.

Third Place: Cannon and Hoelting beat Irons and De La Fuente, 6-1, 6-3.

NO. 2 BOYS' DOUBLES
First Round: Brent Portwood and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt beat Shane Ethridge and Stacey Schulte of Nazareth, 6-3, 6-3; Matt Huerta and Osbaldo Carrasco of Hart drew a bye.

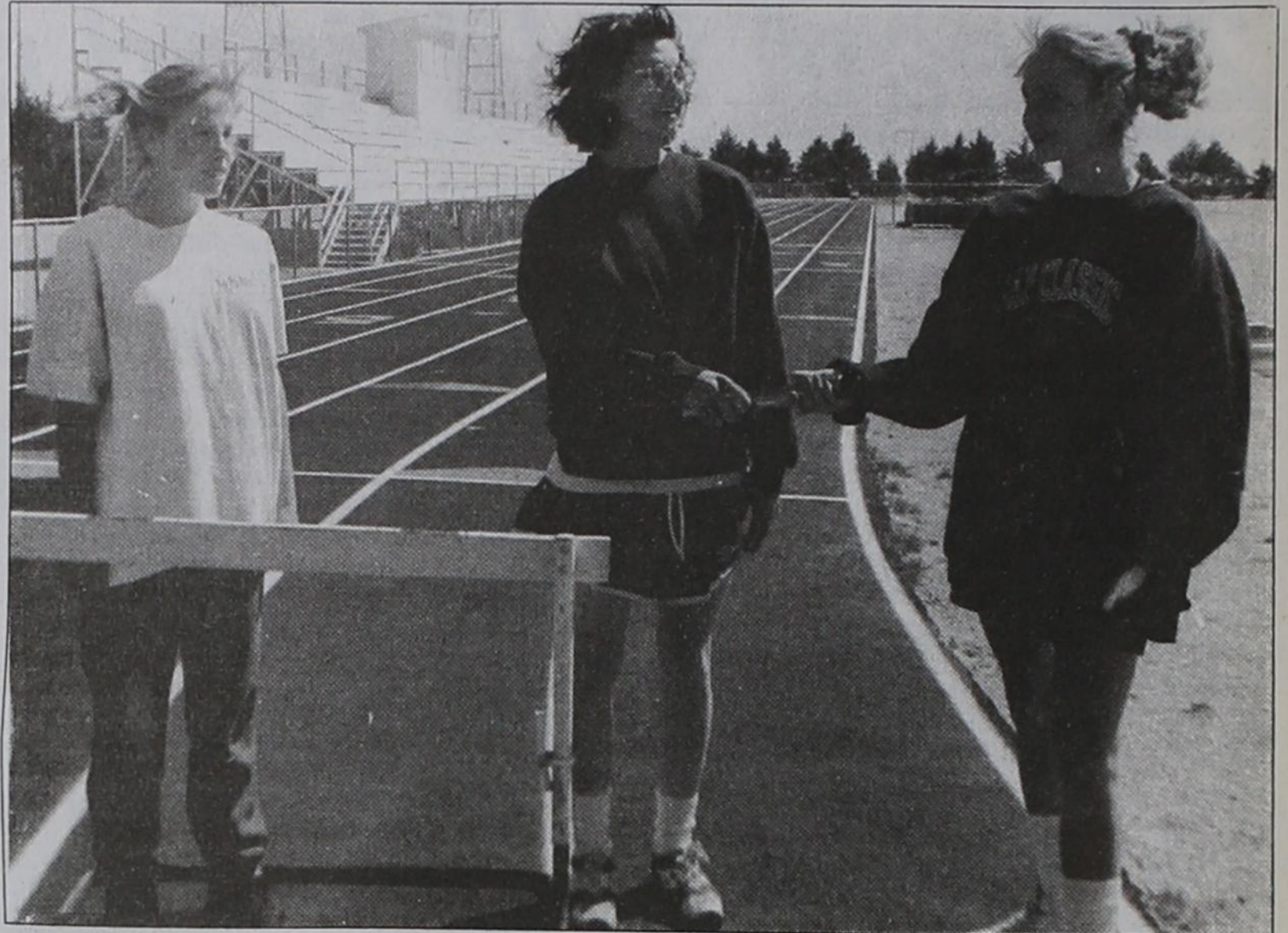
Championship Semifinals: Portwood and Portwood beat Huerta and Carrasco, 6-3, 6-0.

Consolation Semifinals: Ethridge and Schulte drew a bye.

Championship: Portwood and Portwood beat Flippin and Bohnstangel of Plainview, 6-0, 6-2.

Third Place: Huerta and Carrasco beat Seaton and Hordy of Brownfield, 7-5, 6-4.

Consolation: Ethridge and Schulte beat Garcia and Trotter of Spade, 7-6, 6-1.



DIMMITT SENIORS (from left) Jennifer Vick, Jessica Vasquez and Amy Ethridge hope to take home the gold Saturday in their final appearance in the Bobcat Relays. The annual day-long track meet will be held at Bobcat Stadium Saturday and the Bobbies are one of nine girls' teams which will be competing. The Swiftettes and Ladyhorns also will be strong contenders in the meet. Photo by Anne Acker

Big first inning lifts Friona over Bobcats

Friona struck for six runs in the first inning, then rallied again late in the game to take a 15-8 win over Dimmitt in the District 2-3A baseball opener Tuesday at George Howell Park.

Dimmitt rallied from the early deficit to grab an 8-7 lead in the sixth, but two base running errors were terribly costly for the Bobcats (9-9, 0-1).

The loss was unexpected, with senior starter Dan Matthews on the

mound against the Chieftains. It also came five days after the Bobcats had no-hit Friona, 14-0, behind Jason Nino.

Friona wasn't frustrated Tuesday. The Chieftains chased Matthews early after he faced nine batters in the first inning. Sophomore pitcher Zac Matthews came on and worked into the seventh before he was relieved by

Nino. By then, Friona had racked up another lead which it would not give up.

Dimmitt actually outthit Friona, 14-11, but the Chieftains drew eight walks and took advantage of four Dimmitt errors. Dimmitt also stranded eight runners.

The Tribe combined a hit batsman, two walks, a single, a triple and a home run off Dan Matthews in the first for a 6-0 lead before Zac Matthews came on to get the last out.

Dimmitt came back for four runs in the bottom of the inning. Dwayne Espinosa led off the barrage with a homer. Zac Matthews and Luis Nino reached, and one out later scored on Richard Carpio's third homer in four games.

DHS tallied a single run by Ramiro Gauna in the second, then took the lead in the fifth on runs by Luis Nino and Carpio. They scored on a double to dead center by Jason Nino, but he was forced at third on a fielder's choice by Gauna to end the inning with Dimmitt on top, 7-6.

Zac Matthews began to tire in the sixth, and Friona struck for three runs in the frame to claim the lead for good, 10-7. In the seventh, Friona had two singles, a walk and two home runs to go up 15-7.

Jason Wooten led off the seventh with a home run, but Jason Nino was erased on a double play bouncer by Sergio Pedroza to end the game.

Dimmitt will try to rally with an outing at 4 p.m. Friday at Littlefield.

Insect stings can be deadly

A simple bee or wasp sting can cause serious medical complications for adults and children, and everyone should be aware of possible problems associated with stings.

Most people usually exhibit only a painful red or swollen area after they had been stung, but a small percentage of people can show moderate to extremely severe or life threatening allergic reactions. These people should seek medical attention soon after being stung.

Anaphylactic shock is defined as the most severe type of allergic reaction in which a person develops shock when he or she encounters a venomous substance to which they are allergic. This is a true life threatening emergency, according to Greta Schuster, County Extension Agent-Pest Management.

"The more allergic you are, the faster the onset," Schuster said.

Signs and symptoms can include itching or burning skin, especially around the face or chest; difficulty breathing and swelling of the face, ankles or wrists; dizziness; feelings of restlessness and anxiety; nausea, abdominal pain or diarrhea; headache and vomiting; rapid and very weak pulse; and loss of consciousness.

Hart golfers finish third in District 3-AA

Hart golfers came within 10 strokes of a regional berth this week, but had to settle for third in District 3-AA play.

The Longhorns finished with a two-round total of 731, just 10 behind New Deal, which had 721. District champion is Morton, which finished with an impressive 652.

Jared Aven led the way for the Longhorns, firing a tough 79 in the first round, and that placed him among the top four individuals. But Aven's second round game slipped to 97 and he finished with a two-round total of 176 to lead Hart. John Welps was the Longhorns' next best team member with 89 in the first round and 96 in the second for 185. Other team members and their scores are Jeremy Card, 99-87-186; Raynea Garcia, 99-85-184; and Justin Hawkins, 120-109-229.

Individual Longhorns competing in the district meet were T.R. George, 109-102-211; Mark Mitchell, 108-110-218; and Dustin Dyer, 97-109-206.

Track results

SUDAN INVITATIONAL

Boys
Team Totals: 1. Shallowater 116; 2. Farwell 98; 3. Sudan 81; 4. Nazareth 50; 5. Melrose, N.M., 33; 6. Muleshoe JV 30; 7. Smyer 29; 8. Bovina and Amherst 20; 10. Anton 19; 11. Trinity Christian 12; 12. Lazbuddie 11; 13. Whiteface 8; 14. Shallowater JV 4.

Triple Jump: 1. Jayson Bumam, Nazareth, 41-10 1/4.

3,200: 1. Casey Hoelting, Nazareth, 10:44.41.

110 Hurdles: 1. Bumam, 16.81.

1,600: 1. Hoelting, 5:03.74.

Girls
Team Totals: 1. Whiteface 99; 2. Friona 87; 3. Muleshoe 81; 4. Shallowater 73; 5. (tie) Smyer and Sudan 50; 7. Nazareth 47; 8. Trinity Christian 24; 9. Anton 23; 10. Amherst 18; 11. Farwell 17; 12. Lazbuddie 14; 13. Bovina 4.

400: 1. Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth 64.71.

1,600: 3. Sara Birkenfeld, Nazareth,

6:39.46.
1,600 Relay: 1. Nazareth, 4:33.50.
3,200: 2. Misti Ball, Nazareth, 13:41.71.

AMARILLO RELAYS

Boys
Team Totals: 1. Boys Ranch 121; 2. Clarendon 105; 3. Sanford-Fritch 93; 4. Panhandle 85; 5. River Road 67; 6. Hart 60; 7. Memphis 14.

3,200: 6. Eric Montemayor, Hart, 11:44.61.

400 Relay: 5. Hart, 48.01.

110 Hurdles: 3. J.R. Lee, Hart, 15.47.

1,600: 5. Montemayor, 5:20.22.

Shot: 2. Dusty Ortiz, Hart, 45-9 1/2; 4. Mondo Minjarez, Hart, 44; 6. Juan Romero, Hart, 42-6 1/4.

Discus: 2. Minjarez, 147-10.

Long Jump: 2. Lee, 20-6.

Triple Jump: 6. Jeremy Card, Hart, 37-8.

Vault: 5. T.R. George, Hart, 9-6.

ROUGHNECK RELAYS

at Sundown High School

Girls
Team Totals: 1. Big Spring 203; 2. Frenship 72; 3. Falls 55; 4. Sundown 50 1/2; 5. New Deal 44; 6. Tulla 35; 7. Snyder 31-1/2; 8. Littlefield 30; 9. Lorenzo 20; 10. Abernathy 14; 11. Tahoka 12; 12. Slaton 9; 13. Lubbock Christian 7; 14. Dimmitt 6.

3,200: 3. Torres, Dimmitt, 13:49.67.

HALLMARK INVITATIONAL

at Lockney High School

Team Totals: 1. Hart 181; 2. Lockney 143; 3. Springlake-Earth 67; 4. Hale Center 61; 5. Floydada 37; 6. Kress 28; 7. Crosbyton 21; 8. Happy 14; 9. Olton 12.

3,200: 1. Lisa Rincon, Hart, 13:59.60; 2. Isela Minjarez, Hart, 14:06.14; 5. Teresa Menchaca, Hart, 15:56.35.

400 Relay: 1. Hart (Tiffany Bradford, Charbra Lee, Tylene Garcia and Ysa Rodriguez), 54.59.

800: 2. Sandra Reyna, Hart, 2:53.2; 5. Wyndi Law, Hart, 3:05.28.

100 Hurdles: 1. Charbra Lee, Hart, 16.96; 4. Veronica Gonzales, Hart, 18.70.

300 Hurdles: 6. Denise Morales, Hart, 59.77.

100: 1. Ysa Rodriguez, Hart, 12.87.

400: 2. Valerie Key, Hart, 68.2; 6. Reyna, 63.8.

800 Relay: 1. Hart (Rodriguez, Lee, Bradford and Garcia), 1:58.32.

200: 1. Garcia, 27.50.

1,600: 1. Minjarez, 6:25.9; 5. Teresa Menchaca, 7:03.6.

1,600 Relay: 3. Hart (Reyna, Key, Rincon and Minjarez), 4:42.54.

High Jump: 2. Garcia 4-8.

Shot: 2. Nikki Lee, Hart, 30-3; 5. Monica Rodriguez, Hart, 27-0.

Long Jump: 4. Ysa Rodriguez, 15-1/2; 5. Charbra Lee, 14-9 1/2.

Triple Jump: 2. Charbra Lee, 32-8; 6. Bradford, 31-0.

Discus: 3. Adellita Dozal, 84-7; 5. Monica Rodriguez, 77-0; 6. Nikki Lee, 75-0.

SAN ANGELO RELAYS

Team Totals: 1. Cuero 88; 2. Tulla 79; 3. Coleman 54; 4. Dimmitt 51; 7. Floydada 24; 11. Muleshoe 15; 13. Friona 13; 16. Dalhart 11.

3,200: 2. Jerome Larra, Dimmitt, 10:22.17.

800: 1. Joey Flores, Dimmitt, 2:01.44; 2. D.J. Fleeks, Dimmitt, 2:02.05.

1,600 Relay: 2. Dimmitt 3:29.32.

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Obituaries

Michael Bailey

Funeral services for Michael Joe "Beetle" Bailey, 47, of Bridgeport, and formerly of Dimmitt, were held March 21 at Pleasant View Baptist Church in Decatur with Rev. Gary Dimmitt officiating.

Burial was at Thomas Cemetery in Wise County.

Mr. Bailey died March 18 in Bridgeport after an illness.

Born Oct. 1, 1948 in Plainview, Mr. Bailey resided in Dimmitt for a while, graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1967. He married Pamela Jane Buchanan on Jan. 6, 1968, in Dimmitt. He was a US Army veteran and a truck driver. He was a Baptist and lived in Bridgeport for 21 years.

He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kristen Bailey.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Kurt of Bridgeport; two daughters, Misty Elizabeth Cantu of Plainview and Tammy Michelle Smith of Denver, Colo.; his mother, Wynona Faye Battle Bailey of Plainview; his father and step-mother, Hubert Lee and Beulah Branscum of Chico; two brothers, Richard Branscum of Bridgeport and Kelly Branscum of Decatur; two sisters, Sharon Walker and Vicki Brewer, both of Bridgeport; and two grandchildren.

Everett Miller

Everett Wilson Miller, 84, of Amarillo, the father of a Dimmitt man, died March 26.

Graveside services were held last Thursday afternoon in Amarillo's Llano Cemetery with Rev. Dale Travis of Family Life Fellowship officiating. Arrangements were by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Miller was born in Bedford, Iowa, and had lived in Amarillo

most of his life. He was an automobile mechanic and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Billie; a son, Jimmie Miller of Dimmitt; three step-sons, Frank Wilson of Amarillo, James Dowlan of Dallas and Bob Dowlan of Lubbock; two sisters, Thelma Daniels of Hereford and Opel Martin of Benbrook; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, 79101.

Martin Moore

Martin Audrey Moore, 64, of Littlefield, father of Brian Moore of Dimmitt, died Saturday at Bethania Hospital in Wichita Falls.

Graveside services were held Tuesday in Littlefield Memorial Park with Rev. Clarence Tedder, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mr. Moore was born Feb. 4, 1932, in Whitharral. He was a veteran of the US Navy and Army and served during the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Bethel Baptist Church. He was a retired insurance salesman and stock broker.

He was preceded in death by a son, Boyd, on July 15, 1995.

Survivors include a daughter, Cynthia Hodges of Bandera; a son, Brian Moore of Dimmitt; his mother, Ruby Moore of Nocona; a brother, Raymond of Stephenville; and six grandchildren.

Joe McReynolds

Funeral services for Joe Dickey McReynolds, 69, of Amarillo, the father of a Hart man, were held

Monday morning at Amarillo's Paramount Terrace Christian Church with Roy Wheeler, minister, officiating.

Mr. McReynolds died Friday.

He was born in Wichita Falls, and moved to Amarillo in 1928. He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He graduated from Art Center School in Los Angeles and from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Mr. McReynolds was a commercial artist and taught art. He was a member of Paramount Terrace Christian Church. He moved to Fort Smith, Ark., in 1970.

Survivors include two daughters, Debbie McReynolds and Kathy Craighead, both of Odessa; two sons, Eddie of Sonora and Donnie of Hart; his mother, Rubye Beck of Amarillo; a sister, Mary O'Brien of Amarillo; a brother, Bob of Amarillo; and six grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

Ida White

Funeral services for Dimmitt native Ida Billie White, 85, of Plainview and formerly of Lubbock, will be held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Broadway Church of Christ Chapel in Lubbock with Floyd Stumbo, former superintendent of The Children's Home of Lubbock, and Joe Burks of Lubbock officiating.

Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park in Lubbock by Wood-Dunning Funeral Home.

Mrs. White died Tuesday.

She was born in Dimmitt and graduated from West Texas State College. She married Cecil Edward Buck in 1936 in Canyon. He died in 1966. She married John B. White in 1976. He died in 1992. She taught

school at Tulia and moved to Lubbock in 1945. She was a member of Broadway Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Virgil Allan Buck of Eclectic, Ala., and Cecil Douglas Buck of Albuquerque, N.M.; a daughter, Eva Green of Plainview; a twin sister, Ina Jacque Bishop of Marcellus, N.Y.; eight grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

The family suggests memorials to The Children's Home of Lubbock or the Hospice of the Plains.

Adan Zamora

Funeral services for Adan "Jesse" Zamora, 58, of Earth, the brother of a Dimmitt woman, were held April 1 in St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church of Earth with Rev. Joseph Augustine officiating.

Burial was in Earth Memorial Cemetery by Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Zamora died Friday.

He was born in Runge and had been a resident of Earth for 46 years. He married Genoveva Padilla in 1963 at Muleshoe. He was a farmer and a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Patrick of Amarillo and Delbert of Dallas; two daughters, Melinda Reyes of Amarillo and Belinda Samaniego of Earth; two foster daughters, Lynn and Lori; two brothers, Raul of Olton and Erasmo of Springlake; four sister, Manuela Ruiz of Dimmitt, Ortencia Ochoa and Genoveva Garza, both of Olton, and Maria Garza of Springlake; and 10 grandchildren.

Together We Can



I CAN!—Child Protective Services Board Member Vivian Finch (right) and Cheryl Smith, Hart school counselor, present a skit to Hart Elementary School Monday and the program was designed to show the value of positive peer encouragement. The skit encouraged all students to concentrate on their abilities, not on any shortcomings they may have. The program was held as part of CPS's month-long campaign to make the public aware of child abuse. *Photo by Neoma Williams*

City council approves name for T-ball field

The T-Ball baseball field in Dimmitt will be officially named "Beverly Durham Memorial Field" as approved by the Dimmitt City council Monday night.

Gary Webb, a spokesman for Dimmitt Kids Inc., said that five of the seven Kids Inc. board members he had spoken with preferred that designation, rather than just "Durham Memorial Field"; however, he said they would go along with the council's wishes.

Council member Carole Dyer said she felt the council should "regard the feelings of those closest to it," and accept their preferred designation. The other council members agreed.

Webb said a plaque will be placed on the backstop designating the name of the field.

In other business, the council voted to appoint Gene Penney and Gloria Garcia to the Board of Adjustment, after both had informed council members of their willingness to serve.

Also, a resolution was approved stating that the city will participate in the Panhandle Information Network Interlocal Agreement to "provide enhanced services for education, video conferencing, information and data access and transferral for its employees and the citizens residing in its service area," by interconnecting with other governmental entities in the Panhandle of Texas and elsewhere.

Mayor Wayne Collins said there will eventually be some cost to the project, but not at this time. He told the council that the project hopes to form a permanent governing board by June 1.

Assistant City Manager Don Sheffy told the council that the city is getting a refund of \$2,844 on its insurance due to the safety performance record of its employees.

The council members agreed to participate in the "Pray for Rain" gathering at the Gazebo Wednesday at noon.

Police Calls

Paralyn Moore reported to police March 26 that someone took two boys' bikes, valued at \$100 each, and a girl's bike, valued at \$125, and a Honda three-wheeler, valued at \$500, from a storage building in the 300 block of Southwest Fourth Street. She also said a folding table at the location was vandalized. Investigation is continuing.

Johnny Vick told police Sunday that someone took his pickup without his consent, along with a jacket, spare tire, some rope and a trailer jack. All of the items and the pickup were recovered. Investigation is continuing.

Last Thursday, a cellular phone, a knife, binoculars, and a flashlight were taken from a pickup belonging to Rodney Miller around 7 p.m. while the vehicle was parked on Northwest 12th. All of the items taken were recovered except for the knife, which was valued at \$30.

James Dale Fisher told police a test phone, some knives and some

flashlights were taken from his car on Northwest 12th Sunday morning. All of the items were recovered.

A Dimmitt man, 21, was jailed early Sunday on charges of assault with bodily injury/family violence.

A woman told police a man had assaulted her in the 400 block of Northeast Eighth around 5:40 a.m. Sunday. The man remained in jail as of Tuesday afternoon.

A 19-year-old Hart man was jailed March 26 on charges of assault and resisting arrest. He remained in jail as of Tuesday.

Charges of DWI, second offense, and unlawful carrying of a weapon were listed against a Plainview man, 30, after he was stopped Sunday afternoon by a Dept. Of Public Safety trooper.

Three Dimmitt men, all age 17, were jailed on three warrants each, charging them with criminal mischief. Two of them remained jailed as of Tuesday afternoon, but one was released on bond.

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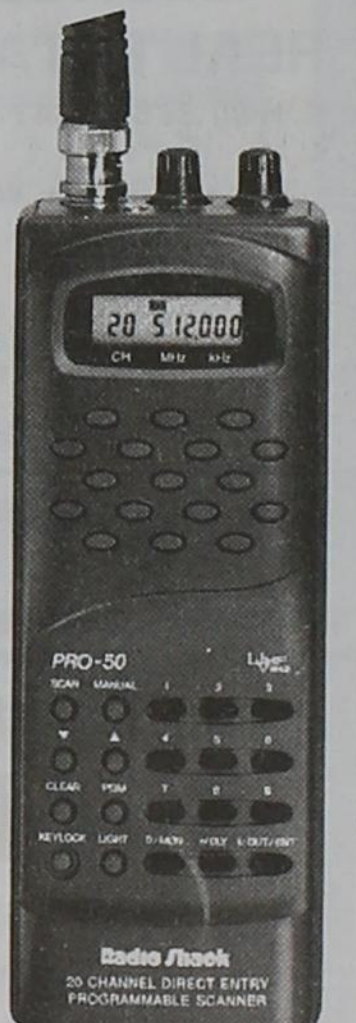
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25 - Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. 2214

THE ESTATE OF
MARTHA F. DOWTY, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARTHA F. DOWTY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary to the estate of MARTHA F. DOWTY, were issued on the 26th day of February, 1996, in Cause No. 2214, in the proceedings of the estate of MARTHA F. DOWTY, Deceased, pending in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, to JIM F. DOWTY and DELLE DOWTY MOORE as Co-Independent Executors, 309 NW 2nd Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All persons having claims against said estate, which is administered in the County Court of Castro County, Texas, are required to send the same to us, at the above address within the time and within the manner prescribed by law.

JIM F. DOWTY
DELLE DOWTY MOORE
Co-Independent Executors
of the Estate of
MARTHA F. DOWTY, Deceased
25-52-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR 2217

THE ESTATE OF
LESLIE LYLE GORDIN, DECEASED
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LESLIE LYLE GORDIN, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of LESLIE LYLE GORDIN, Deceased, were issued to the party named below on the 1st day of April, 1996, in the proceedings indicated below, which proceedings are still pending, and that she now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same to the Independent Executrix of the estate, given before said estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, addressed as follows: JO NITA GORDIN, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Leslie Lyle Gordin, HCR 1, Box 9, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-52-1tc

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What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of April 4-12.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Choices of *oven-fried chicken, beef and noodle casserole or salad plate; *French fries, refried beans or haystack finger salad; *tossed salad with dressing, broccoli and cauliflower salad or fruited gelatin; *white bread, saltine crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or watermelon; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: No school.

TUESDAY: Choices of *hot dog on a bun with cheese, Chili Fritos with picante sauce or chicken a la king; *potato salad, seasoned black-eyed peas or mixed vegetables; *coleslaw, tossed salad with dressing or fruit fantasy; hot cheese rolls, cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or grapes; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *meat loaf with creole sauce, roast turkey or chicken fried steak with cream gravy; *mashed potatoes, candied sweet potatoes or peas and carrots; *cucumber and tomato salad, tossed salad with dressing or pasta salad; *cornmeal yeast rolls, hot wheat rolls or white bread; apple, orange or watermelon; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *fajitas with sauted onions, taco salad or beef taco; *Arroz Mexicano, Fideo Mexicano or refried beans; *tossed salad with dressing, *haystack finger salad or fruited gelatin; *flour tortillas, hot wheat rolls or cornmeal yeast rolls; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *fish nuggets, sausage and pepperoni pizza or fajitas with sauted

onions; green beans, *baked potatoes or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *haystack finger salad or cantaloupe; *cornbread, hot wheat rolls or saltine crackers; apple, orange or grapes; and *milk, punch or tea.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART

THURSDAY: Burritos (elementary) or corn dogs, pickles, peaches, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

MONDAY: Corn dogs (elementary) or burritos, baked potatoes, peaches, cookies and milk.

TUESDAY: Stromboli (elementary) or pizza, salad, chips, banana pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken fajitas (elementary) or beef fajitas, salad, refried beans, Jell-O with fruit and milk.

THURSDAY: Cheeseburger (elementary) or ham and cheese sandwich, sliced tomato, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Charsteak, baked potatoes, salad, sliced bread, brownie and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: No school!

FRIDAY: No school!

MONDAY: No school!

TUESDAY: No school!

WEDNESDAY: Ham, fried okra, black-eyed peas, cornbread, fruit cocktail and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos, corn, rolls, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, hot rolls, green beans, peaches and milk.

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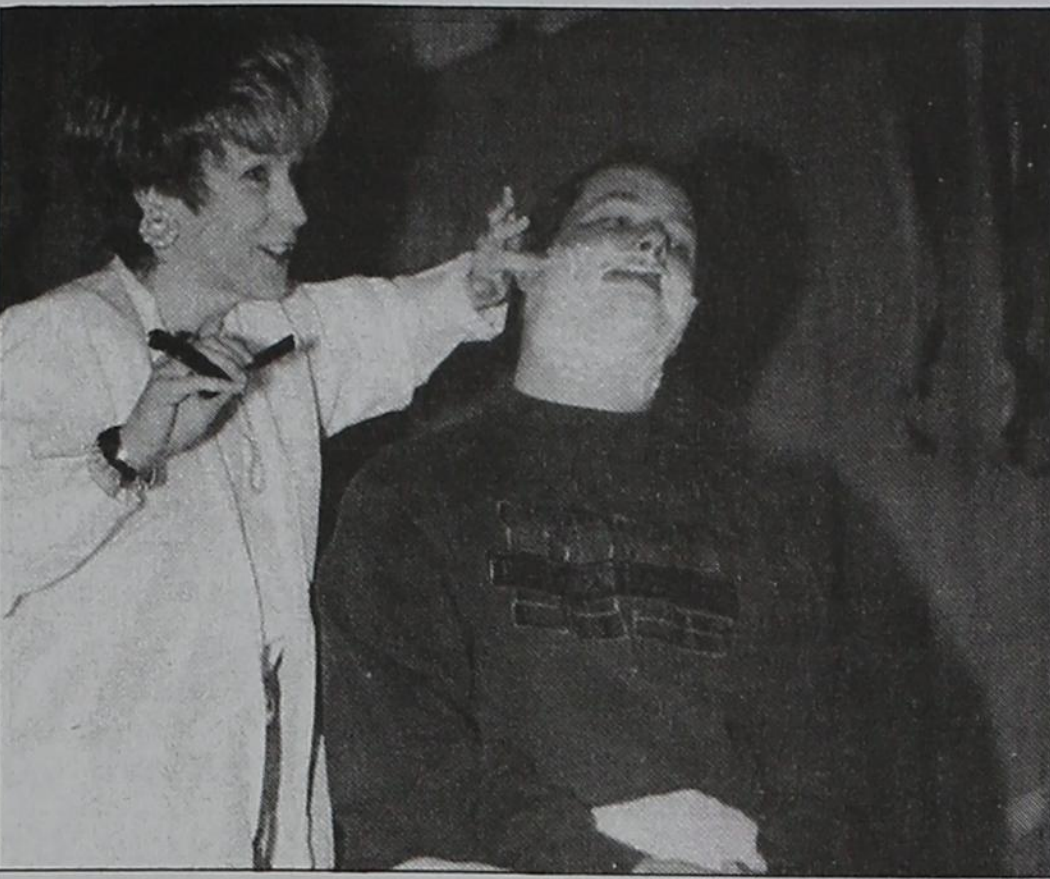
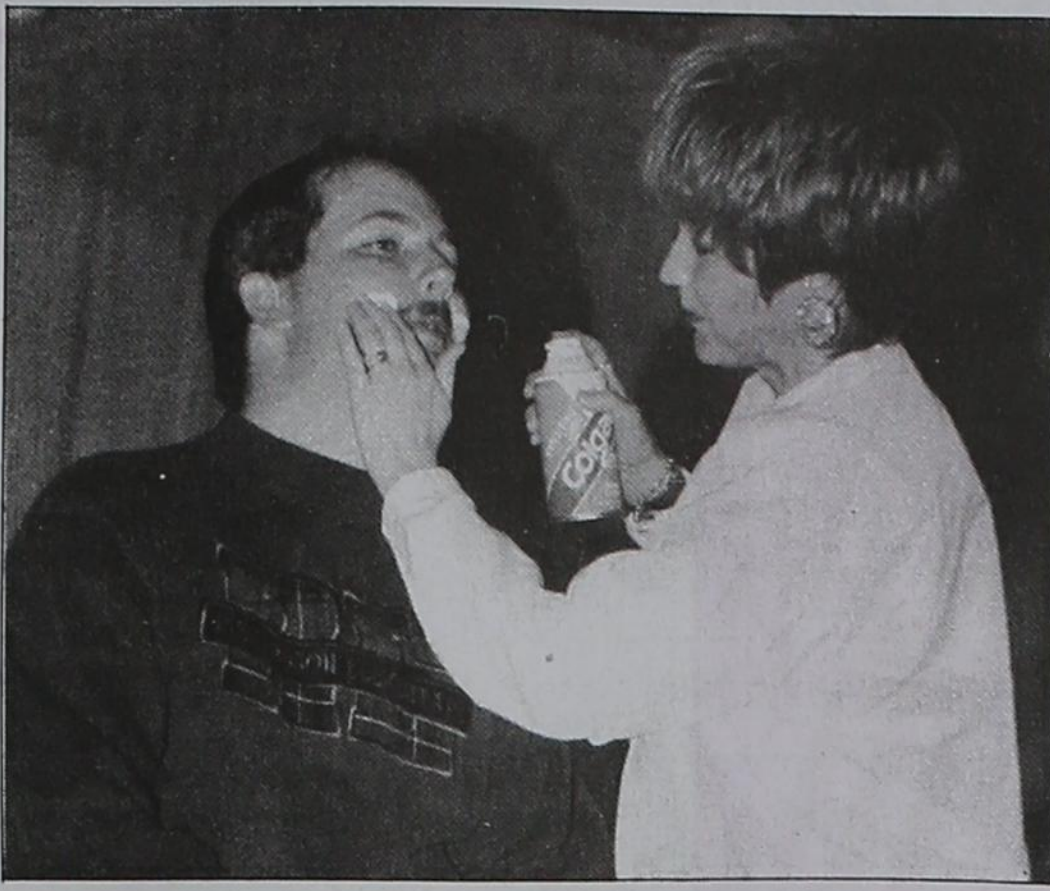
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Shot clinic is set today

An immunization clinic offering vaccines giving protection against several childhood diseases will be held at Dimmitt Middle School today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 to 4 p.m.

Immunizations offered will protect against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB.

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.



FIRST THE LATHER, THEN THE SHAVE—Susan Sanders of Dimmitt applies shaving cream on Richardson Elementary School Principal Doug Setliff (left photo), then gets ready to shave off the principal's mustache Monday morning during a special assembly at the school. At the beginning of the school year Setliff challenged students to read 21,000 Accelerated Reader books by May 1. If students achieved that goal, Setliff agreed to shave off his mustache. Students not only met the challenge, they did it a month early. The clean-shaven Setliff congratulated students on their achievements. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Final fish fry is Friday

Friday is your last chance to catch the fish fry prepared by the FAITH Group of Dimmitt's Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. They will be serving Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the ICC Community Hall.

Cost of the all-you-can-eat meal with all the fixings is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under.

The project's purpose is to raise funds for the FAITH group's "Random Acts of Kindness" program.

Jeremy Langford is inducted into Alpha Chi

Jeremy Langford, son of Gary and Linda Langford of Dimmitt, has been inducted into Alpha Chi, a national honor society at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Langford is a junior accounting major. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1993 and is vice president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity at SFA. He is a member of Beta Alpha Psi, an accounting honor society; and Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honor society.

Crow wins fourth at Friona golf meet

Dimmitt High School golfers compiled an eighth-place team finish at the Friona Invitational golf meet and Travis Crow placed just one stroke out of a medal, coming in fourth out of 61 entrants.

Crow had "by far one of his better rounds this year," according to golf coach Alan Steinle. He said Crow led the Dimmitt delegation with a score of 75, one stroke beyond third place medalist Kyle Smart of Morton. First place medalist was Chris Kelley of Olton with a 69, and Ronnie Lamar of Morton had the second-place score of 71.

Dimmitt team players and their scores were Crow, 75; Andy Hill, 93; Cory Hopson, 101; Will Sanders, 101; and Brandon Allison, 114.

A singles entrant from Dimmitt was Kevin Baldrige with a score of 105.

Team standings in the tournament were: 1. Morton, 314; 2. Muleshoe, 321; 3. Farwell, 322; 4. Friona A, 330; 5. Floydada, 348; 6. Littlefield, 365; 7. Dalhart, 369; 8. Dimmitt, 370; 9. Tulia B, 382; 10. Hereford 9th, 388; 11. Friona B, 409.



Runs hits & errors

FLOYD COUNTY TOURNAMENT
First round last Thursday
Bobcats 14, Friona 0

Dimmitt	8	3	2	1	x	—	14	14	1
BR	0	0	0	0	—	0	0	3	

WP—Jason Nino, Dimmitt. LP—C. Cooper, Friona. 2B—Zack Matthews, Jason Wooten and Sergio Pedroza, all of Dimmitt. HR—Zack Matthews and Richard Carpio, both of Dimmitt.
(Game halted in fifth due to 10-run rule.)

Championship Semifinals
FRIDAY
Bobcats 17, Lubbock High JV 15

Dimmitt	4	0	7	0	1	5	—	17	15	9
Lubbock	3	0	3	6	0	3	—	15	10	6

WP—Zack Matthews of Dimmitt. LP—Todd of Lubbock. 2B—Dwayne Espinoza (2), Manuel Velasquez and Jason Nino, all of Dimmitt; J. Medrano, Enabit, both of Lubbock High. 3B—Zeke Nino of Dimmitt. HR—Richard Carpio of Dimmitt.

Championship
SATURDAY
Bobcats 8, Lubbock Cooper 9

Dimmitt	0	0	3	5	0	0	0	—	8	2	4
Cooper	0	3	5	0	0	0	1	—	9	4	6

WP—Smith of Cooper. LP—Dan Matthews of Dimmitt. HR—J. Gonzalez of Cooper.

Dimmitt High School lists honor roll students

Honor roll students were listed for the third nine-week grading period at Dimmitt High School recently, and also the Top Ten were recognized.

Those honored included:

Seniors Top Ten
Joel Townsend, Samuel Everett, Justin Damron, Coby Summers, Joe Larra and Jeremy Hall (tie), Melissa Maxwell and Amber Langford (tie), Amy Fuller, Carlos Garcia, Jennifer Vick and Chad Ellis (tie), and Chad Rogers.

All A
Jessica Casas, Gracie Corrales, Toby Crow, Justin Damron, Chad Ellis, Amy Ethridge, Samuel Everett, Amy Fuller, Carlos Garcia, Cory Lust, Julia McDonald, Drew Musick, Justin Newman, Frank Perez, Chad Rogers, Kendra Scroggins, Coby Summers, Joel Townsend, and Jennifer Vick.

A-B
Tyson Adams, Polly Bolton, Jimmy Bryan, Greg Fuller, Ramiro Gauna, Rachel Goldsmith, Jeremy Hall, Amber Langford, Melissa Maxwell, Claudia Medrano, Dagon Newton, Juanita Ornelas, Chris Perez, Bobby Rodriguez, Alicia Sanchez, Omar Sanchez, Will Sanders, Ramona Saucedo, Tucker Schumacher, Steve Steffey, and Jason Wooten.

Juniors Top Ten
Joshua Roberts, Colby McDaniel, Andrew Teaschner, Alka Patel, Crystal Stevens, Cameron Lust, Tawnee Matthews, Zakary Felts, Conrado Saucedo and Shaun Furr and Brad Beck (tie), and Jerry

Rivera.
All A
Zakary Felts, Cameron Lust, Tawnee Matthews, Colby McDaniel, Jerry Rivera, Joshua Roberts, Crystal Stevens, Andrew Teaschner, and Kalem Thomas.

A-B
Heriberto Arriaga, Brad Beck, Amado Caldera, Robert Cozbey, Luis Delgado, Aaron Ewing, Shaun Furr, Maria Garcia, Lindsey Garza, Tony Gonzales, Tracy Grand, Jerome Larra, Mechelle Leinen, Jose Martinez, Daniel Maxwell, Miguel Medrano, Eliza Melendez, Cassie Owen, Alka Patel, Alex Perez, Brent Portwood, Maria Rios, Oscar Rueda, Fermin Sanchez, Conrado Saucedo, Brandon Smith, Sabrina Stubbs, Oscar Vasquez, Tara Vasquez, and Yesenia Zamora.

Sophomores Top Ten
Elizabeth Velo, Jill Davis and Michael Bell (tie), Jared Townsend, Jeffery Riggs, Amy Matthews and Ysela Gonzales (tie), Charley Sanders, Laura Torres, Tracy Damron and Travis Crow (tie), Amber Matthews, Heidi Weaver and Zack Matthews (tie), and Jacy Buckley.

All A
Michael Bell, Juary Cavazos, Travis Crow, Jill Davis, Amy Garcia, Ysela Gonzales, Amber Matthews, Amy Matthews, Jeremy Matthews, Jeffery Riggs, Charley Sanders, Stuart Sutton, Laura Torres, Jared Townsend, Elizabeth Velo, and Heidi Weaver.

A-B
Mekesha Atchley, Jacy Buckley, Carlos Caldera, Jose Chavez, Tracy

Damron, Jami Fewell, Miguel Garcia, Maria Gonzales, Jason Hargrove, Jayson Heck, Andy Hill, Michael Keith, Marlene Martinez, Zack Matthews, David Medrano, Hank Morgan, Sabrina Olvera, Sergio Pedroza, Timothy Proffitt, Daniel Tena, Erlinda Trigo, and Angelica Vidal.

Freshmen Top Ten
Wesley Wright, Lindsey Welch, Christina Fierro and Kristin Doss (tie), Rusty Wooten, Taryn Hays and Adam Gonzalez (tie), Rusty McDaniel, Elizabeth Vidal and Emily Robertson (tie), Stacey Villanueva, Ashley Davis, and Monica Ortiz.

All A
Derek Buckley, Ashley Davis, Kristin Doss, Christina Fierro, Valerie Gonzales, Adam Gonzalez, Taryn Hays, Shawna Kenworthy, Rusty McDaniel, Monica Ortiz, Antonio Ramos, Emily Robertson, Robert Sepeda, Tiffany Stevens, Felix Talamantes, Miranda Turner, Elizabeth Vidal, Stacey Villanueva, Lindsey Welch, Rusty Wooten, and Wesley Wright.

A-B
Brandon Allison, Cody Brockman, Kassandra De la Cruz, Jessica Flores, Joshua Flores, Derik Harkins, Beau Hill, Stephanie Hinojosa, Gary Jouett, Jacob Larra, Abel Lopez, Lezly Martin, Belinda Martinez, Melissa Martinez, Cassie McLean, Teresita Nanez, Russell Rickert, Daphanie Rivera, Allison Roberson, Fabian Salinas, Jeannette Sanchez, Maria Saucedo, Ebony Swain, Jerry Thomas, Kurt Webb, and Dale West.

Storm sirens to wail at noon each Friday

If you hear an up-and-down wailing from storm sirens Friday, don't panic. The Castro County Emergency Management Service is probably just testing its warning signals.

Testing of storm sirens for the City of Dimmitt will begin at 12 noon Friday and will continue each Friday at noon during the severe storms season.

There are two distinct types of siren sounds used for storm information on the Dimmitt siren system. These signals will be tested consecutively during the Friday testing time.

The first type of signal that will be heard is termed the alert signal and is compiled by a wailing sound of eight cycles of the siren in a "rise-stay-fall" type siren sound. In actual usage this signal would alert citizens to the fact that weather conditions are deteriorating and that damaging weather conditions are a possibility. Upon hearing this signal, citizens should not necessarily change their routine or take cover, but should simply be aware of weather conditions as they exist.

The second signal that will be heard during testing is a long, continuous, unwavering three-minute signal and is referred to as a warning signal. In actual use, this signal would indicate that threatening weather conditions have been sighted, and citizens are warned to take immediate action to protect themselves from very possible threatening weather.

Testing will not occur on those Fridays when weather conditions are such that testing could be misunderstood as an actual warning or alert.

Second graders honored

Second graders at Richardson Elementary School were recognized for top achievements and improvement during the third nine-week grading period.

THAMES' ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Kathy Amador, Casey Caballero, Joshua Green, Gerald Thomas and Juan Almanza.

Top Spellers: Amador, Vanessa Caballero, Jason Corlis, Green, Sean Hunter and Casey Maurer.

Penmanship: Dora Aguirre, Amador, Vanessa Caballero, Corlis, Jeremy Gamez, Green, Hunter, Sarah Lopez, Maurer, Julian Ortiz and Bridgett Velasquez.

Hardest Workers: Casey Caballero, Green and Lopez.

EVAN'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Cindy Alvarado, Rebecca Bryan, Gregory Calderon, Jennifer Fuentes, Daniel Jackson, Diego Salinas, Desiree Sanchez, Victoria Tarango, Christopher Velasquez, Brittany Williams and Shenea Wright.

Top Spellers: Bryan, Jackson and Williams.

Penmanship: Bryan, Jessica Ortega, Jonathan Flores, Pedro Velez, Jackson and Yvette Ellis.

Hardest Workers: Jackson, Ellis, Heidee Villalba and Williams.

LUNA'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Fernando Agüero, Luis Dominguez, Juan Medrano, Maria Quintana, Giovanni Rodriguez, Ruben Rodriguez, Kelly Ruiz and Adrian Trevino.

Top Spellers: Agüero, Janette Galvan, Elizabeth Marrufo, Medrano, Samantha Neri, Sergio Ontiveros, Quintana, Alma Reyes, Giovanni Rodriguez, Ruiz, Teresa Sanchez, Ana Sias, Alejandra Silva, Trevino and Louis Gonzales.

Penmanship: Lupe Castaneda, Lorena Mendoza, Quintana,

Ontiveros, Giovanni Rodriguez, Ruben Rodriguez, Sanchez and Silva.

Hardest Workers: Quintana, Ruiz and Neri.

BROWN'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Garrett Behrends, Sergio Cuevas, Danny De Leon, Bryan Hall, Gabriel Mireles, Jacob Ruiz, Ivy Sanchez and Zihon Smothermon.

Top Spellers: Behrends, Cuevas, Ross Hunter, Mireles and Kimberly Saenz.

Penmanship: Stephanie Enriquez and Sanchez.

Hardest Workers: Enriquez and Smothermon.

MYATT'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Mark Melendez, Natasha Rodriguez, Tucker Self and Ester Velasquez.

Top Spellers: Haley Heard, Clarissa Herrera, Ashlee Nino, Shauna Nutt, Laura Rasor, Rodriguez, Kendra Smith, Bianca Torres, Jordan Bell, Fabian Diaz, Ryan Hunter, Elias Porras and Self.

Penmanship: Nino, Bobby Prieto, Melendez, Hunter, Rasor, Velasquez and Herrera.

Hardest Workers: Hunter, Jennifer Montes, Rasor, Frank De La Paz and Heard.

COLLINS' ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Aaron Herrera, Nicholas Ortiz, Ashley Sears, Bo Sifuentez, Hayli Wise and Shelly York.

Top Spellers: Vincent Casas, Ebeling, Fisher, Herrera, Cesar Mejia, Ortiz, Sabrena Patlan, J.J. Pena and Wise.

Penmanship: Herrera, Fisher, Patlan, Pena, Monica Dozal, Ebeling, Casas, Emilio Mendoza, Jose Limas, Sifuentez, York, Kendra Puente, Sears, Ortiz and Wise.

Hardest Workers: Ebeling, Wise and York.

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Mark 16:1-6

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