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Hart ISD Allows Vaccination Exemption Only By Written Note From Doctor

Retta Knox, R.N., supervisor of the school health clinic, in an email to *The Pulse* last week, reports that the student body is 100% vaccinated. She said that some students may be due booster shots toward the end of the school year, but that they are protected.

To be exempt, a student must present a written note from a doctor. Knox said it's very rare that a student is exempt, mainly occurring if a child is allergic to eggs, which are frequently used as a base for vaccines.

The school abides by the immunization requirements set up by the State Dept. of Health.

The state rules apply to studenys in K-12. Knox said that pre-school students are required to be current for their age, which is completed baby shots. Most boosters to complete a series are required at age four, she added.

The Pulse has not determined specifically whether staff is required to show proof of immunization. Knox said that staff requirements are in the school policy as adopted from the Texas Assoc. of School Boards. Most schools, according to national news, don't require their staffs to be vaccinated.



WIN BI-DISTRICT!



WIN BI-DISTRICT - The Hart Longhorns, pictured above in a game with Amherst, won bi-district on Tuesday night against Hartley, 45-33, at Amarillo's River Road High School gym. At presstime, *The Pulse* had not been notified as to who the Longhorns play for the area game.

Sign-up For Places On City Council, School Board Ballots Ends Today

Today (Feb. 27) is the last day for an eligible candidate to sign up for a place on the ballot for the May 9 election. March 9 is last day for write-in candidacy.

Seats up for the City Council are those now held by Mayor Stanley Dyer and

Aldermen Danny Rodriguez and Wamon Foster.

On the school board, the three-year term seats now held by Elodia Rodriguez and Raul Gonzales, and the two-year term held by Martha Gonzales, is up. Martha Gonzales' seat will be

considered a special election because she was appointed to fill the vacancy created when Mary Ann Rodriguez resigned.

Rodriguez and Martha Gonzales have filed for the ballot placement.

The school and the city will hold a joint election at City Hall. Early voting will take place from April 27 to May 5. Teresa Montemayor is the early voting clerk for these school and Marsela Marin for the City. If the City isn't required to hold an election, the school will be the place. Elections are cancelled if no more persons file than there are seats open for election.

Ladyhorns Third In District

Caitlyn Sweet, Ladyhorn post, puts up a bucket in a game with Amherst. The Ladyhorns finished the district season behind first-place Nazareth (defending state champions) and Springlake-Earth. The Ladyhorns met the Happy Cowgirls last week in Dimmitt and lost in the bi-district game, 75-63. The Ladyhorns last went to the playoffs in 2010. The coach then was Ruby Romero, and she returned this school year to again coach the Ladies.

AgriLife Extension To Present 'From the Hitch Pin To The Closing Wheels'

Planter pro to highlight March 11
Castro County program

DIMMITT – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the planter clinic "From the Hitch Pin to the Closing Wheels" from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on March 11 at the Castro County Expo, 405 S.E. 4th St. in Dimmitt.

"The planter clinic is a key component in educating farmers on how to get their crop off to a strong start and help them achieve higher yields," said Nancy Andersen, AgriLife Extension agent in Castro County.

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