

City Awards Bid For Sealcoating

At the April 13 City Council meeting, it was noted in a letter from Brandt Engineers of Amarillo that seal-coating bids were opened on March 10. The bid tabulation sheet shows a base bid of \$521,911.50 (lowest bid) from Lipham Asphalt of Hereford, which is for the cities of Hart, Bovina, Dimmitt, Friona and Muleshoe. (Bids were opened at Friona.)

Other companies bidding were G&G Operators and Ronald R. Wagner & Co.

Hart's portion of the bid is \$58,139; the engineering fee for Hart is \$6,395. The project will be done this summer.

In other business, the Council approved the proposed fiscal, effective May 1, 2015, through April 30, 2016. In the General Budget, total proposed income is \$202,600; total expenses are \$202,075. The Utility Budget has a proposed revenue figure of \$330,550 and expenditures of \$302,900.

The Council adopted the Atmos Energy Ordinance as approved in a negotiated resolution process between the West Texas Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp.

Initially, Atmos had asked for a \$5 million overall rate increase. This was negotiated down to \$4.3 million.

Under the settlement, the Steering Committee's attorney reports that the monthly customer charge will remain at \$15.50, and the consumption charge will increase from \$0.1016 to \$0.14241 per Ccf for a monthly bill impact for an average residential customer of \$2.02.

Marsela Marin, City Secretary, reported when reconciling the City's bank statements, she found a "fictitious" check in the amount of \$156.90 that had been written on the City's checking account with Centennial Bank. The check also had the Bank's router num-



Dimmitt FFA'er Nikki Odom, left, receives an outsized check representing a \$2500 Monsanto donation to the Dimmitt chapter, as directed by Lyndie and Jason Nelson, right.

Castro Farmer Directs Funds To Dimmitt FFA

America's Farmers Grow Communities donation supports local organization

DIMMIT, Tex. (March 30, 2015) – Dimmitt FFA has received a \$2,500 donation from Castro County farmer Lyndie Nelson and America's Farmers Grow Communities, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The donation will help the organization cover the costs of FFA dues for members, and the remaining balance will be directed towards the National Convention fees. The chapter currently has 52 members.

"We wanted to direct the donation to the FFA because both my boys are currently in junior FFA and my husband and I were both in FFA," said Nelson. "My oldest son is about to begin the FFA program in high school, but both of my boys have showed steers and pigs with the junior FFA." (Nelson, a Hart High School graduate, is the daughter of former Hart residents Ricky and Janet Mitchell.)

For five years, America's Farmers Grow Communities has collaborated with farmers to donate over \$16.5 million to over 7,300 community organizations across rural America. This year winning farmers will direct another \$3.3 million to nonprofits to help fight rural hunger, purchase life saving fire and EMS equipment, support ag youth leadership programs, buy much needed classroom resources, and so much more.

America's Farmers Grow Communities is part of the America's Farmers initiative. Since 2010, the America's Farmers campaign and programs have advocated on behalf of farmers and their efforts to meet society's needs through agriculture. Today, consumers are more interested than ever in agriculture and how food is grown. Consider joining the conversation and helping to raise awareness about agriculture. Learn more at FoodDialogues.com.

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ber. The check's signature is Donald Summers with M&S Printing of Plover, Wisconsin, dated 3-7-15. It was made to a Home Depot in Virginia. The Council decided to have Centennial Bank pursue the matter. The City has been reimbursed for the amount.

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New Cheerleaders Announced

Keila LaShomb, HHS cheerleader sponsor, announces the new varsity cheerleaders for the 2015-16 school year: Abigail Samaniego, Audrey Samaniego, Abigail Rosas, Kaitlyn Sweet, Candyce Neudorf and Michelle Salinas.

Straley Takes Job With Plainview ISD

Robin Straley, who has been the Director of Curriculum, Instruction & School Improvement at Hart ISD for three years, has taken a similar position with Plainview ISD. She will become the Director for Secondary Instructional Services.

Straley has a Bachelor's degree in Multidisciplinary Studies and a minor in Biology from Texas Tech University and a Master's degree in Educational Administration from Lubbock Christian University.

She is married to Todd Straley and is the granddaughter of Joanne Lacy of Hart. She lives in Hart with her family.

Hart Supt. Ken Rosser said Straley will be leaving the district in mid May, and he has begun advertising the vacancy.

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