

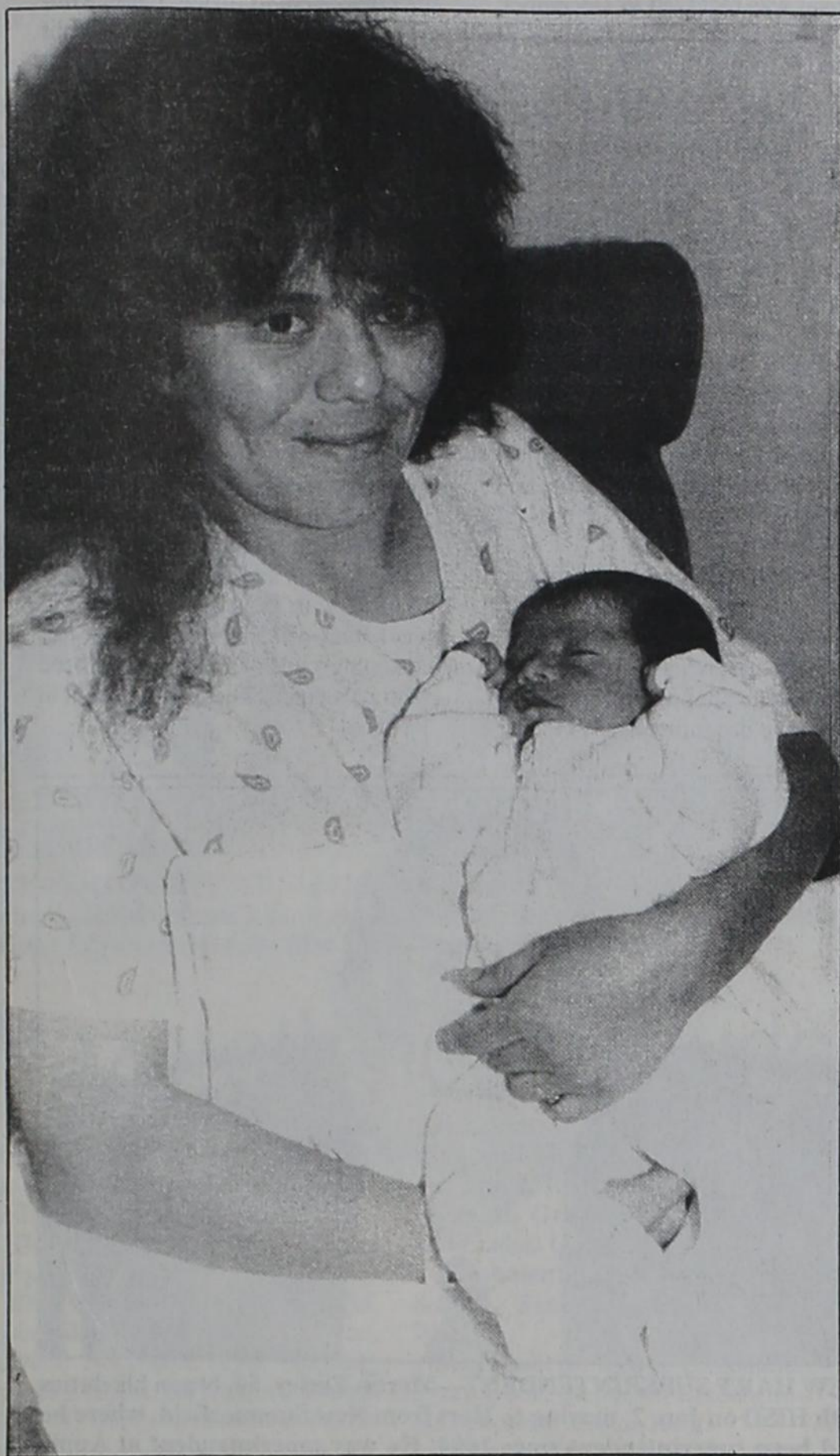
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1997 NEW YEAR'S BABY at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt is Edgar Sanchez, newborn son of Mercedes Sanchez of Dimmitt. Edgar was born Jan. 6 at 1:25 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 14 ounces and measuring 19-1/2 inches long. Older siblings in the family include Selena, 6, Ruby, 5, and Alonzo, 2. Grandmothers are Rita Garcia and Maria Elena Rodriguez, both of Mexico. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton yields outstanding

Cotton farmers and gins in Castro County had a lot to celebrate as 1997 rolled in.

Most county gins wrapped up the 1996 season before the new year, and all were finished processing cotton by Friday. Overall, 1996 proved to be one of the most successful cotton years in recent memory.

Seven county gins turned out a whopping total of 79,513 bales this year.

Most farmers enjoyed an average of 2 to 2-1/2 bale yields per acre with some reporting impressive three-bale successes.

"This was the biggest year we've had as far as we know," said Randy Small at Castro Co-Op Gin. "We didn't have any hail to speak of, we had good summer heat and the price held steady. Overall it was just a good cotton year."

Small said most farmers yielded around two bales per acre, with some getting three. Castro Co-Op finished ginning the evening of Dec. 23, he said.

Small said toward the end, some of the grades were lower, but overall the mike and strength were good.

Monty Phillips at Hart Producers Co-Op Gin said his facility turned out 23,852 bales this season, well above its record of 15,800.

"This was surprising to me," Phillips said. "It was quite a bit more than we've ever done. I was expecting a good year, somewhere around 18,000 bales. But the 23,852 was really a surprise. I think the yields surprised a lot of people."

The two-bale average held for Hart, too, with several reporting averages of three.

North Gin was the last gin to complete its ginning, finishing up Friday.

Manager Jim Bradford said the yields and grades were excellent.

"The weather stayed nice and harvest was quick," Bradford said. "The price is just marginal, but the good yields have helped make up for that."

"The crop got off to a good start. It came up early and took off. The temperatures stayed warm early and

we had heat units build up. Then we had timely rains throughout the growing season," Bradford said.

That all contributed toward the success of this year's crop.

The southwestern corner of the county enjoyed a really good cotton year, too. Dodd Gin completed its ginning the first week of December and manager Virgil Morton said turnout was "a little better than average."

"We had a good crop in this neck of the woods," Morton said. "We were a little down on our acres, but the yields were terrific. We'll take another year just like this one."

Morton said the average yield was two bales per acre and 80% of the cotton stripped was "premium quality."

In the Sunnyside area, cotton farmers averaged at least two bales per acre, and some fields yielded more than that, according to information from Sunnyside Gin.

"The grades were fanatic to start with," said a spokesperson for Sunnyside Gin. "But they dropped

off as we got deeper into harvest. The yields were great."

Jemmia Walker at Bruegel Bros. Gin termed this year's harvest "very good."

"We were hoping to hit over 4,000 bales this year, but we didn't quite get there," Walker said. "We finished with 3,958. Everybody says it's been a really good year."

She said the grades have been good and yields have been between 2 to 2-1/2 bales per acre.

She urges everybody to "buy cotton," because since the first of the year the price has dropped.

Final County Bale Count:
79,513

D.C. court awards fees

Castro County Attorney Jerry Matthews will attempt to reach a settlement with attorney Judith Sanders-Castro, who contends that the county must pay attorney fees incurred by her client, plaintiff Joe Crespin, during the redistricting process in the early 1990s.

Sanders-Castro served as attorney for Crespin, an intervenor in the redistricting discrimination lawsuit filed in 1991.

During a special meeting Monday, commissioners met in executive session to discuss the case, then voted to send Matthews to San Antonio to meet with Sanders-Castro.

Sanders-Castro is asking for \$300,000 to satisfy Crespin's attorney's fees, according to Matthews.

"I believe we have a good chance of settling this for less than the \$300,000," Matthews said.

The district court decision was appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, and the case was argued on Sept. 25, 1996. A decision was handed down on Dec. 6, 1996.

The three-judge panel hearing the case, including Chief Judge Edwards, Circuit Judge Wald and Senior Circuit Judge Buckley, granted Crespin's request and reversed the judgement of the district court.

According to the panel, Crespin's claim that he is entitled to attorney's fees "meets the injury-in-fact stan-

dard," which is one of the requisites that must be satisfied in order to raise an appeal for recovering attorney's fees.

The judges ruled that "Crespin's injury was caused by the refusal of Castro County and the District Court to entertain his request to file a motion for fees. And the injury he suffered obviously will be redressed by favorable action of this court, mandating that he be allowed to pursue a request for fees..."

The panel remanded the case to the district court.

"It simply would be unfair to allow the delay in the district court's response to defeat his request," according to the opinion issued by the panel. "Crespin believed that he was required to request permission to file for attorney's fees. . . . He did not file a request within 14 days of June 29, 1994, because he was awaiting permission from the district court."

"The district court did not answer his (Crespin) request to reopen the case until after 14 days from June 29, 1994."

Castro County's enterprise zone gains state approval

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins told the city council Monday night that the Texas Dept. of Commerce has approved the proposed enterprise zone for Castro County, effective Dec. 19.

The proposal only lacked the signatures of County Judge Irene Miller and Collins, who have since signed it and returned a copy to the

Commerce Dept. City Attorney Jack Edwards told the council that the County Commissioners have indicated that they would prefer that the city handle the administration of the zone this time.

Collins said "a lot of leg work was done on the proposal at the last minute" in order to get it approved in time for applicants to qualify for enterprise zone benefits for 1996. He said Westway, North Gin, Gomax Foods and Cerestar USA Dimmitt, Inc., all had expansion projects that would qualify.

Collins said the applications will be submitted at the next meeting of the city council. He added that a tax abatement policy will be adopted at that time, as well.

The proposed policy states that a business may be allowed tax abatements ranging from 25% for five years, all the way up to 100% for 10 years if the business makes a capital expansion ranging in value from \$25,000 up to \$50 million, or creates from 2 to over 500 new jobs.

It was mentioned that each taxing entity in the county now can decide whether or not to participate in any abatement offers for expanding or new businesses. In the past, only the city, county and schools participated, but now the hospital and water districts also can participate, or decline, as their boards may decide.

In his manager's report, City Manager Don Sheffy told the council the city had some unexpected expenses this month. He said the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission has required that a portion of the landfill report be filled out by the city's engineers, and also an aerial map of the landfill must be submitted. Sheffy said it will cost \$2,000 for the aerial map, and the city's engineering consultants will charge for their engineers to fill out the last two pages of the report.

In other business, the council voted to accept the audit report as presented by Henry Ramaekers and Tami Griffitt of Brown, Graham & Co. Ramaekers said the audit showed that the city's books are in good shape, "as always," and in complete compliance with accepted bookkeeping practices and state and federal regulations.

Sanders-Castro and Crespin had attempted to get compensation from the county earlier, filing a "motion to reopen" the case solely for the purpose of seeking attorney's fees on June 28, 1994. The district court denied Crespin's motion, mainly because the court found that any application for fees should have been filed within 14 days of an April 13, 1994, order.

Oil well being drilled in county

Work on a possible oil well has been underway for about two months in Castro County near Hart on land being farmed by Deryl and Duane Clevenger.

Owner of the land is Dr. Ron Wideman of Dallas. Bay Rock Operating Co. of San Antonio is the company doing the drilling, according to Gary Olson, P.E., the consulting engineer on the project.

"We're still looking for positive results," Olson said. "The results so far have not been real encouraging. We're learning a lot about what's here and trying to learn from there."

Olson said the drilling reached a depth of 3,800 feet and will go no deeper.

"We're in the completion stage now," he said.

The site is two miles south of Hart on FM 194.

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By Don Nelson

I stand corrected.

Two weeks ago I complained that *Time* magazine had not included Olympic champion sprinter Michael Johnson on its list of 1996 "sports phenoms."

Sports scribe John Brooks (he of the encyclopedic memory) reminded me that Johnson wasn't eligible for the list because he wasn't a "phenom."

The word "phenom," John says, was coined long ago by one of the old-time New York sportswriters—perhaps Damon Runyan—to denote a flashy newcomer, an athlete who attains stardom as a rookie.

Michael Johnson is no rookie, of course. He's been a world-class sprinter for quite a few years.

(Incidentally, how could *Sports Illustrated* magazine pick 21-year-old golf phenom Tiger Woods, a first-year pro, as its "Sportsman of the Year"? It seems to me that Michael Johnson, the US women's Olympic gymnastics team and perhaps several other Olympic champions should have been ahead of Woods on the list. I'll bet *Sports Illustrated* draws a lot of flak over its choice.)

Also, it isn't Montana's license plates that have the bronc rider on them. It's Wyoming's. Montana's plates bear the state outline, but no bronc rider.

Robert Duke called my attention to that flub in a recent column. He was stationed at an Army post in Wyoming once. He said that even

Westex Federal Land Bank merges and changes name

Westex Federal Land Bank Association of Dimmitt has merged with other Federal Land Bank Associations across a 40-county territory to establish First Texas Federal Land Bank Association, with corporate headquarters in Lubbock.

John E. Morris, formerly chief executive officer of Westex, will serve as CEO of the association. Randy C. Breiting, former CEO of the Federal Land Bank Association of Dalhart, will serve as executive vice president.

Ed Crawford will continue to serve customers in Castro, Deaf Smith, Parmer and Swisher counties as president of the Hereford, Dimmitt and Tulia credit offices. In this capacity he will be responsible for all loan and loan servicing functions in those counties.

First Texas is the result of a merger between the Westex FLBA

and the Federal Land Bank associations of Childress, Dalhart, Lamesa, Levelland, Littlefield, Lubbock, Muleshoe and Spur. The association will continue to make and service long-term real estate credit through local, full-service credit offices in those locations, as well as in Crosbyton.

The corporate headquarters will be at 1117 65th Drive in Lubbock, and the Lubbock credit office is now at 2708 82nd Street.

Borrower service and local credit decisions will remain the responsibility of the same people the customers have been dealing with in the past, according to Keith Vandivere of Brownfield, who served as chairman of the steering committee which guided the merger process.

"We are fortunate to have an experienced credit staff who have performed admirably in the past, and are

well aware of what it takes to be successful in the agricultural lending industry," Vandivere said. "We would not be utilizing our resources properly if we tried to restrict this experience and knowledge. By centralizing the administrative burdens, they will have more time to work more closely with our customers, develop more business, and function in an expedient and timely manner for the benefit of those who need long-term credit."

"It has been our driving force to make sure that local borrowers get the same quality service they had before the merger," Breiting said. He said the association will "operate around a philosophy of centralizing administrative burdens in one location while decentralizing credit functions to the local credit offices who deal daily with our customers."

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	74	41	
Friday	74	39	
Saturday			
Sunday	58	27	
Monday	37	22	.07
Tuesday	27	20	.09
Wednesday	26	20	.05

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



COWBOYS' WAKE — When the 10 o'clock "kaffee klatch" met at The Pancake House Monday morning, owner Bea Acker (right) had their table ready with a Dallas Cowboys tombstone, helmet and crying towels. From left are Henry Ramaekers, John Lantz and Mickey Bishop. Other

members of the group decided to pull the same kind of disappearing act as the defending world champion Cowboys did when they lost to the Carolina Panthers in the National Football Conference semifinals Sunday.

Photo by Don Nelson

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Obituaries

Everett Bailey

Services for Everett E. Bailey, 87, of Plainview, former Dimmitt resident, will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in Lemons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Rev. Larry Veazey, pastor of Glad Tidings Assembly of God officiating, assisted by Rev. Ted Samples of Grace Fellowship of Lubbock. Burial will follow in Parklawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Bailey died Tuesday in Heritage Home of Plainview.

He was born April 14, 1909, in Leonard. He married Alma Johnson on June 22, 1935, in Leonard. He moved to Dimmitt in 1949, where he farmed. In 1959 he moved to Plainview where he worked for the city sanitation department until his retirement in 1973. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife; six daughters, Glenda Faye Higgs and Pat Wheeler, both of Plainview; Nelda Jean Cathey of Quitaque, Marleta Mayfield of Lubbock, Diane Laurent of Bovina and Debra Young of Edmonson; two sons, Gary Don Bailey and Ronnie Mack Bailey, both of Lubbock; a sister, Ola B. Johnson of Plainview; 16 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Jose Barron Jr.

Jose Barron Jr., 74, of Dimmitt, died at 2:33 p.m. on Jan. 1 in Lubbock.

A vigil service was held Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Funeral mass was read Saturday at Immaculate Conception Church with Deacons John Nino and Joe Ortega officiating. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mr. Barron was born April 13, 1922, in Beeville. He moved to Dimmitt in 1953 from Raymondville. He married Nadine Salinas in Raymondville. He was a Catholic and a farm laborer.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Sam of Dimmitt; a sister, Helen of Elsa; a brother, Pablo of Oregon; and four grandchildren.

Edwin Byrnes

Memorial services for Edwin Maurice Byrnes, 67, of Austin, a former Dimmitt resident, were held Dec. 28 in First Unitarian Universalist Church of Austin. Arrangements were by Austin-Peel and Son Funeral Home Inc. of Austin.

Mr. Byrnes died Dec. 11. He was born in Tulia and was baptized in First Presbyterian Church of Tulia. He later became an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo. Mr. Byrnes had been a member of the Masonic Lodge of Amarillo. He was vice president and branch manager of the Wolfen Village branch of First Federal Savings and Loan. He also was the owner of several other businesses in Amarillo and Austin. At one time, he had resided in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by his parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Byrnes of Dimmitt.

Survivors include a daughter, Janet Lorena Byrnes of Austin; a son, David Edwin Byrnes of Austin; and a sister, Allorah Jo Byrnes of Denver.

Gladys Mobley

Services for Gladys "Granny" Mobley, 93, of Hereford, were held Saturday in the Frio Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Perkins, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in West Park Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mrs. Mobley died last Thursday, Jan. 2, in Westgate Nursing Home in Hereford.

She was born Feb. 13, 1903, in Comanche. She moved to Hereford in 1976. She was a member of the Hereford Senior Citizens and a charter member of Frio Baptist Church. She was a homemaker.

Her husband, H.M. Mobley, died in 1940. She also was preceded in death by a son, Austin, and a daughter, Nell Miller.

Survivors include two daughters, Marguerite Cole of Hereford and Dorothy Reno of Midland; two sons, Raymond Mobley and Don Mobley, both of Farmington, N.M.; a sister, Opal Bentley of Monahans; a brother, J.W. of Odessa; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to Frio Baptist Church or Westgate Nursing Home.

Nellie M. Felder

Services for Nellie M. Felder, 90, longtime Hart resident, were held Monday in the Hart Church of Christ with Roy Shave, minister of the Church of Christ in Fort Cobb, Okla., and Aaron Lee, minister of the Hart Church of Christ, officiating. Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Felder died at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday at Hart after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 30, 1906, in Elijah, Ga. She lived in Lockney before moving to Hart in 1947. She married William Felder on July 24, 1929, in Hollis, Okla.

She operated a laundry in Hart from 1949 to 1988. She was a past Hart Citizen of the Year, earning the honor in 1993. She was a member of the Hart Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by three sons, Jerry Felder in 1988 and Jay Felder and Ray Felder, both in 1932.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Dub Felder of Sunray; two daughters, Wanda Murdock of Dimmitt and Barbara Godfrey of Plainview; two brothers, Clay Anderson of Plainview and Milton Anderson of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Mozelle Durham of Aztec, N.M., and Ellen Anderson and Elsie Peckham, both of Canyon; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to the Hart Cemetery Association, PO Box 174, Hart 79043.



Melba Sevier Pugh

Memorial services for Melba (Rusty) Sevier Pugh of Torrance, Calif., were held Saturday at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Torrance.

She died Dec. 24 at her home. Mrs. Pugh grew up near the Jumbo community in Castro County and attended school in Dimmitt, graduating in 1950. She moved to Amarillo where she lived and worked for several years before moving to California.

In the summer of 1994 within a short period of time, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie Pugh; her father, Carl Sevier; her stepmother, Myrtle Sevier; and an aunt.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheryl Drohan of Hong Kong, China; two sons, Rick Gross of Mira Loma, Calif.; Mike Gross of Fremont, Calif.; her mother, Frankie Hunter of Amarillo; a brother, R.L. "Butch" Hunter of Amarillo; and four grandchildren.

Helen Turner

Funeral services for Helen Cole Turner, 59, of Amarillo, the sister of Ralph Cole of Hart, were held Saturday afternoon in N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors Pioneer Chapel with David Brown, pastor of Victory Church, officiating. Burial was in Llano Cemetery.

Mrs. Turner died Dec. 31. She was born in Amarillo and had been a life-long resident of Amarillo. She was manager of Fulton's Burger before going to work at IBP Inc. She worked at IBP for many years, retiring in 1988. She was a member of Victory Church.

Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by an infant son in 1962.

Survivors include a daughter, Debbie Rando of Amarillo; three sons, Darrell Turner of Arlington, and Bobby Turner and Tony Turner, both of Amarillo; a brother, Ralph Cole of Hart; a sister, Betty Halmark of Brighton, Tenn.; her mother, Peggy Guinn of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association.

Rebecca Vargas

Rebecca Vargas, 68, of Dimmitt, died at 1:46 a.m. Saturday at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Monday afternoon in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home in Dimmitt with Rev. Emilio Perez, pastor of Association of Christian Churches in Plainview, officiating.

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

Mrs. Vargas was born Feb. 5, 1928, in San Antonio. She moved to Dimmitt in 1967 after living in Hereford. She married Juan Vargas on Aug. 28, 1948, in New Braunfels. He died in 1984.

She was a Pentecostal and a homemaker.

Survivors include three sons, Juan Vargas Jr. of New Braunfels and Ascencion Vargas and Abel Vargas, both of Dimmitt; four daughters, Gloria Benavides of New Braunfels, Gloria Gonzales of Dimmitt, and Juanita Gonzales and Cruz Gonzales, both of Rome, Ga.; five brothers, Francisco Aviles, Elias Aviles, Roger Aviles, Sylvester Aviles and Alfonso Aviles, all of Uvalde; two sisters, Consuelo Aviles of San Antonio and Elvira Benavides of Minnesota; 30 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Mario Moreno, Robert Gil, Ascencion Vargas Jr., Richard Trejo, Abel Vargas Jr., and Andreas Gonzales, Jr.

William A. Warren

William A. "Bill" Warren, 80, of Woodward, Okla., brother of the late Joe Warren of Nazareth, died Sunday in the Vici Nursing Center.

A vigil service was held Tuesday at St. Peter Catholic Church. Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday morning at St. Peter Catholic Church with Rev. Ed Menasco officiating. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery under the direction of the Zwanziger/Stecker Funeral Home of Woodward.

Mr. Warren was born Jan. 15, 1916, at Waterflow, N.M., the son of Thomas E. and Mary Loretta Warren. He attended school at Waterflow.

He married Agnes M. Schmucker on Jan. 26, 1944, in Hereford. He along with his brothers, had a car dealership for several years in Hereford.

In 1953 he moved to Woodward. He and his wife opened Modern Appliance in 1970 and operated it until 1980 when they sold it to their daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Tom Hunter. He retired from the business in 1983. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and five brothers, including Joe Warren.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Dennis Warren of Houston and Don Warren of Austin; two daughters, Ginger Lewis of Midland and Mary of Woodward; a brother, John Warren of San Antonio; two sisters, Sister Ancilla Marie Warren of Maple Mount, Ken., and Sister Mary Edger Warren of Calvert City, Ken.; and seven grandchildren.

Hart boys lose by one to Lockney

The Hart Longhorns trailed Lockney early but never gave up, and almost managed to pull out the district victory Tuesday night.

But in the end it was Lockney that prevailed, winning 76-75 in a nail-biter.

The loss moved the Longhorns to 5-14 on the season and 0-1 in district play. Lockney improved to 7-7, 1-0. Lockney took control early in the first quarter and held a 21-14 lead at the end of the stanza.

Hart started making up the lost ground in the second quarter, outscoring Lockney 24-20, and trailed by just three, 41-38, during intermission. Sparked by their second-quarter success, Hart came out ready for action in the third quarter, and although the Longhorns were able to outscore the visiting Lockney boys, they still trailed by a point, 58-57.

Both teams managed 18 points in the final quarter and Hart had to settle for the heartbreaking loss.

Lockney couldn't stop Hart's Dusty Ortiz Tuesday. The big post man exploded for 29 points to lead the Swifts. Moses Reyna chipped in 25 for the Horns.

More about Westex merges . . .

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The 18-member steering committee will become the permanent board upon completion of the merger. In addition to being chairman of the steering committee, Vandivere had been chairman of the Board of Directors of the Levelland FLBA. Other officers of the steering committee include Roy Carlson of Hereford, who was vice chairman, and also served as chairman of Westex FLBA; and Ronnie Brorman of Dalhart, who served as secretary, and was board chairman of the Dalhart FLBA. Other steering committee members are Donald Hancock of Brownfield, Charles Wales of Dimmitt, Jim Wieck of Hartley, Donald Clark of Paducah, Benson Long of Wellington, Don Peterson of Ackerly, Gene Perry of Big Spring, J.R. Banks of Springlake, Tommy Kirk of Bula, Ute Becton of Idalou, David Franklin of O'Donnell, Jimmie Pitcock of Muleshoe, Donald Christian of Farwell, Arville Lee Campbell of Ralls and Coy Morris of Afton.

First Texas will be governed by a 19-member board of directors, 18 of whom are stockholders of the association who will be elected by the member/borrowers of the system. As required by regulation, the 19th member will be an outside director who will be elected by the 18 stockholder-elected directors.

With a loan volume approaching \$325 million on approximately 5,000 loans, First Texas FLBA will be the largest Farm Credit System Association in the Tenth Farm Credit District, which includes long-term portfolios in the states of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, and short and intermediate-term lending in the states of Texas, New Mexico and a portion of northern Louisiana.

First Texas FLBA will serve agriculture across much of the Texas Panhandle, most of the South Plains and a significant portion of West Texas. The territory will stretch generally from the Dallam and Sherman County lines of the northern Panhandle to Crane and Upton counties of West Texas along the south, and after skipping some of the central Panhandle, will reach an eastern boundary on a line from Wheeler County, along the Oklahoma border, to Stonewall County in the rolling plains.

"In all respects, this was clearly a merger of equals, produced from a position of unparalleled financial strength, in order to better serve the current member/borrowers, as well as meet the credit demands of future members of our system," Morris said. "That such an organization of this magnitude could be put together is a tremendous compliment to the

boards and management of the former associations, as well as the stockholders of each institution." Stockholders of each of the associations overwhelmingly approved the merger in votes held in early November, and final regulatory approval was received in December.

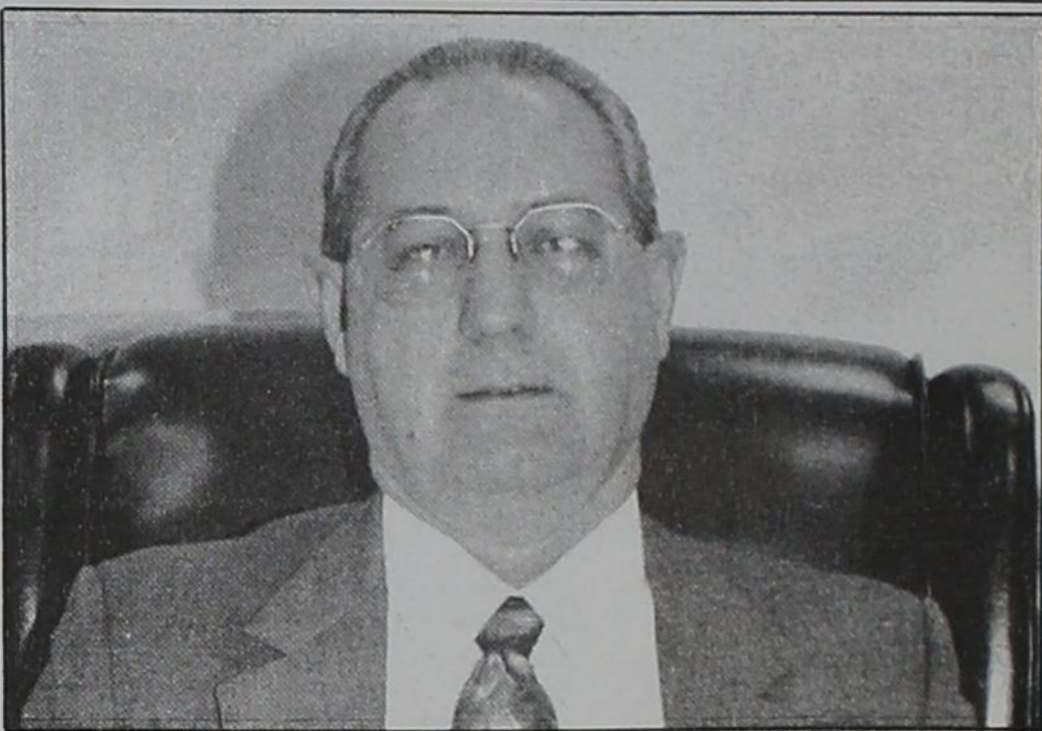
Based upon documentation provided to the Farm Credit Administration, the regulatory arm of the Farm Credit System, First Texas will have total capital of approximately \$50 million, project gross income in the range of \$7 to \$9 million annually and a capital adequacy ratio in excess of 27% of permanent capital to risk adjusted assets.

"The real difference in our structure and a commercial bank structure is that our customers are our stockholders, so what is best for a stockholder also will be in the best interest of our customers. First Texas remains dedicated to that concept," Vandivere said.

An executive committee made up of presidents and executive operating officers of each credit office and the senior management of the association has been put into place. The executive committee will consist of

Morris and Breitling, as well as Talmadge Porter, president of the Childress credit office and acting president of the Spur and Crosbyton credit offices; Mark McKay, senior vice president of the Dalhart credit office; Dave Peterson, president of the Lamesa credit office; Chris Roberts, president of the Levelland credit office; Bill Wischkaemper, president of the Littlefield credit office; Clinton D. Robinson, president of the Lubbock credit office; William C. Liles, president of the Muleshoe credit office; and Crawford, president of the Dimmitt, Hereford and Tulia credit offices.

"Clearly, we are dedicated to providing the finest service possible to our members from day one," Morris said. "However, we recognize that there will be some bumps along the way, and we won't function as smoothly in the first month as we will in the 12th month. But with the emphasis on competitively priced loan products and borrower service, coupled with the experience of our local loan officers, we believe our customers will find an enhanced source of credit working for them at all times."



NEW HART SUPERINTENDENT—Martin Earley, 54, began his duties with HISD on Jan. 2, moving to Hart from New Summerfield, where he had been superintendent since 1994. He was superintendent at Apple Springs three years prior to that. He holds a doctorate degree from Texas A&M University. His wife, Terry, is serving as elementary principal at Leveretts Chapel School near Kilgore. Photo by Neoma Williams

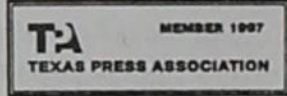
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- TXism: "hard as dodging _____ at a wedding"
- Lake _____ Pines
- Mr. Houston
- TX Mandrell sang "If Loving You _____"
- TXism: "happy as a pig in _____"
- TXism: "could sell sheep _____ cattlemans" (persuasive)
- legendary Nolan threw 7 _____ hitters
- Oatmeal Festival features the _____-Thon race
- TXism: "tastes like week _____ dishwasher"
- TX's "great" buffalo hunter: Joe S. _____
- TXism: "that's a horse of a _____ color"
- Antonio Lopez _____ Santa Anna
- TXism: "busy _____ tender on pay day"
- Dallas Stars action: _____ shot
- Dallas Stars objectives
- TXism: "it'll _____ the wash" (relax)
- 43 name of TX co. before Exxon

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- _____ of return
- Valley fruit
- Mavs GM Sonju (init.)
- fast car of the 60s
- describing rattlesnakes
- TX Charley Pride's "She's Just An _____ Turned Memory"
- summer drinks
- pa's mate
- TX joined this in the Civil War (abbr.)
- in panhandle: _____ Farley Boy's Ranch
- La Lomita Chapel was built by _____ Fathers in 1849
- this Whelan starred in film "San Antone"
- TXism: "up _____ snuff"
- TXism: "salt some away"
- bathub drain blemish
- TXism: "mighty fine"
- football injury: _____ back
- Orbison's early rock n' roll band: "_____ Kings"
- Austin university (abbr.)
- 56 in Liberty Co. on 770
- crumbled into TX chili
- TXism: "packed like sardines in _____"
- TX males
- boot size
- TXism: "_____ write home about"
- _____ couch, TX
- _____ Edwards Univ.
- Abilene TV station
- Astro scores
- 53 in TX, it's beer
- TXism: "in the _____ luxury" (rich)
- only TX monument to the Union: "The _____ der Union"

 Success is getting what you want; happiness is wanting what you get.
 —Charles F. Kettering

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Rosetta Bellinghausen spent Christmas in Dallas with her son and family: David and Melody Bellinghausen and children, Jordan, Canaan and Shiloh; Dr. and Mrs. Seth Murphey of Levelland, and Mark and Maria Murphey of Houston.

The highlight of the Christmas celebration was their attending *The Messiah* with the Dallas Symphony and the Dallas Chamber Orchestra at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church. The performance was three hours long. There were 72 in the choir and 28 in the orchestra. David

Davidson was the conductor, with soloists Martha Witmore, soprano, Rebecca Campbell, alto, Roger Bryant, tenor, and Robert Adams, bass and baritone. Jerry Stephens was the accompanist.

Edith Graef and Cleo Forson were hostesses for the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. They served roast, potatoes, carrots and black-eyed peas for lunch. Virginia Crider won high score and Alma Kenmore won second. Others playing were Retta Cluck, Susie Reeves, Neva Hickey, Loranel Hamilton, Ina Rae Cates,

Dugan Butler, Bernice Hill and Opha Burks.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Charles Hastings and his mother, Ruby Hastings, of Lubbock, and Irma Pantoja and boys, Aaron and Adrian, of Plainview, who came with Teresa Saucedo and boys, Sergio and Alonso.

Tex and Norma Conard celebrated New Year's at Lake Hubbard at Breckenridge with their family: Sharon and Larry Sadler and children, Carrie of Lubbock; Stacy Norman of Muleshoe and boys, Jeremy and Joshua; Laura Sadler of Sunny-

side and children, Matthew and Kristen; Chad and Juanelle Winsor and children, Kasey of Fort Worth and son Cory who is a student at Hardin-Simmons University. They enjoyed visiting from Dec. 29 until Jan. 1. They played parlor games and celebrated birthdays for Tex and Juanelle with a birthday cake. The weather was very nice while they were there.

Bennie Hill and his two grandchildren, Kayla and Eric Shortridge were visiting Ben and Bernice Hill during the Christmas holidays.

Louise Mears spent Christmas in Amarillo with her daughter, Charlotte and Zay Gilbreath. All the kids were home and all the grandchildren. There were 16 all together and there was much visiting and eating.

Gail Nelson told me they had a wonderful Christmas with the little ones; in fact there were eight under the age of 5. After all, children make Christmas special!

Visiting in the home of Roger and Geneva Malone during the holidays were their children and friends: Dusty and Trudy Dobbs of Atlanta, Ga., and son, Austin; Cindy and D. Jay Lewis of Snyder, Okla., and daughters, Brittany and Bethany; Debbie and Stacy Conner of Muleshoe and children, Charissa, Timothy and Caleb; Denise and Johnny Merritt and their children, Annie and John David of Amarillo; Nathan Malone of Guymon, Okla.;

Tammy Ostanek of Boston, Mass.; Greg Malone of Dimmitt; Gladys Fambro of Tulia; and Dorothy Arnate and Ed and Betty Freeman of Dimmitt.

Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards celebrated an early Christmas on Dec. 15. All their family met in Amarillo at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tunnells.

Bill and Winona Bunch drove to Lovington, N.M., and prepared lunch for her sister and husband. Winona's sister had hip surgery recently and is recovering. They drove on to Hobbs, N.M., and visited with Winona's brother and sister-in-law and then back home.

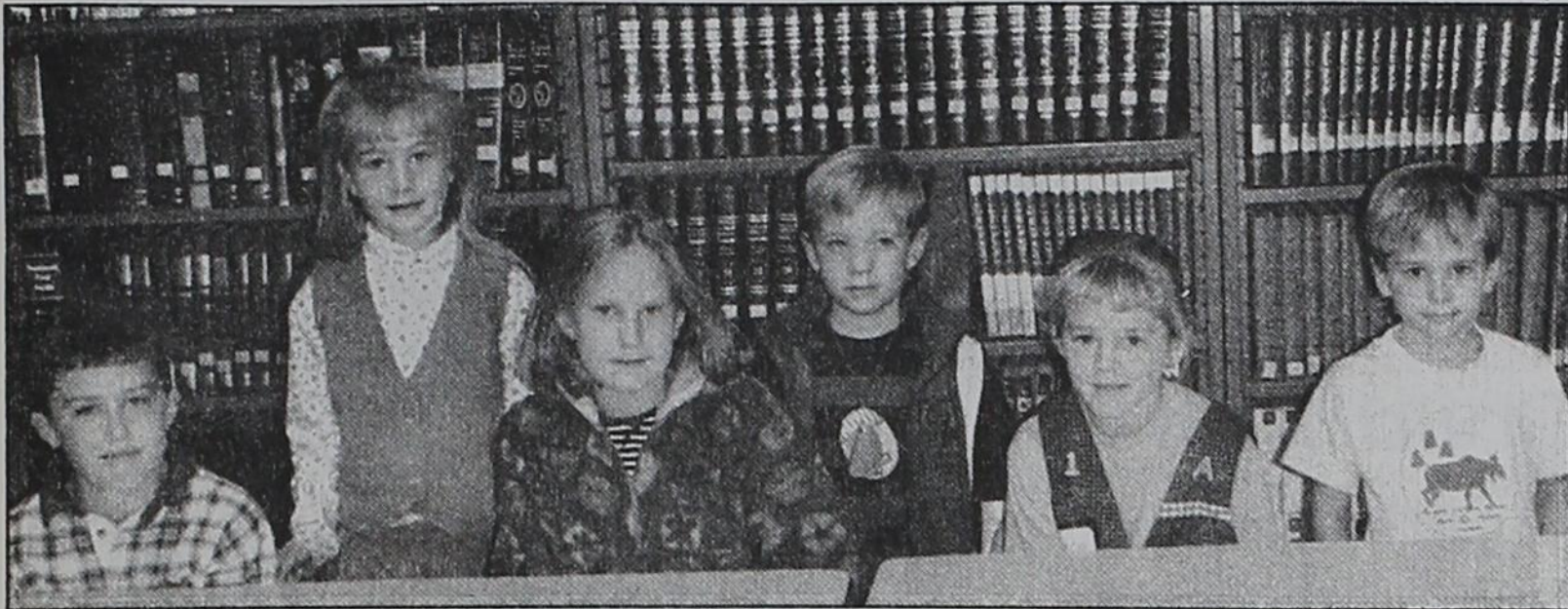
Elois McMasters entertained all her kids for Christmas Eve night except Donna and Danny. They were in Montana visiting their son and

family, Brian and Sandy Cade and children. On Christmas Day they ate and watched ball games. Elois reported it was quiet that day, but was noisy and exciting on Christmas Eve when all the grandkids were there!

Our sympathy to the Wilcox and Kirby families in the death of Aaron Wilcox and the Felder and Murdock families in the death of Mrs. Felder.

Dr. Gary Manning will be the interim pastor at First Baptist Church until a pastor can be selected. On Sunday he spoke on "We Have Not Passed This Way Before." Leslie Davis brought the special music in his wonderful voice.

Ina Cleavinger, president of the Dimmitt Book Club, reported there will not be a meeting in January, but Carole Dyer will be responsible for the review on Feb. 12.



CITIZENS OF THE SIX WEEKS at Nazareth High School include (from left) Ross Birkenfeld, kindergarten; Kendra Huseman, third grade; and Brandon Wilhelm, second grade; Allyson Hochstein, first grade; Sarah Ellison, fifth grade; Kyle Birkenfeld, kindergarten; Kendra Huseman, third grade; and Brandon Wilhelm, second grade. Photo by Brenda Schulte

Nazareth honor students named

The Nazareth Independent School District has named its honor students for the third six weeks grading period.

Those making straight As during the period include:

First Grade: Brittany Birkenfeld, Joshua Braddock, Brittany Hampton, Allyson Hochstein, Kyle Hoelting, Brandi Kern, Karis Kleman, Margie Neudorf, Darcy Schulte and Taylor Schulte.

Second Grade: Chris Acker, Jennifer Acker, Candace Birkenfeld, Matt Birkenfeld, Chandra Jordan, Holly Kleman, Corey Makeever, Heidi Ramaekers, Val Rich, Brady Schulte and Dustin Schulte.

Third Grade: Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman, J'Lae Merritt, Charlie Rundell and Kasey Wood.

Fourth Grade: Jenna Acker, Jamie Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Jordan Hampton and Garrett Kleman.

Fifth Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring and Brett Hoelting.

Sixth Grade: Adam Acker, Karen Birkenfeld, Carson Gerber and Kristi

Ramaekers.

Seventh Grade: Blake Birkenfeld and Trinity Robb.

Eighth Grade: Mark Birkenfeld and Lindsie Gerber.

Freshmen: Mindi Ethridge, Jill Schulte, Sara Schulte and Karen Wilhelm.

Sophomores: Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern.

Juniors: Sara Birkenfeld, Billy Don Cannon, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

Seniors: Margie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry, Nick Gerber and Jill Ramaekers.

Students making the B honor roll for achieving a mixture of As and Bs on reports this grading period include:

First Grade: Bryan George, Tessie Huseman and Valeria Rodriguez.

Second Grade: Lacey Acker, Chase Black, Eric Book, Stefani Diamond, Amanda George, Bradley Gerber, Kaytlin Huseman, Keean Lilley, Brandi Olvera, Carmelinda Ortiz, Troy Ramaekers, Macee

Schulte and Brandon Wilhelm.

Third Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Dusty Braddock, Clifford Gerber, Nathan Huseman, Kris Ross and Marqui Saenz.

Fourth Grade: Jeremy Acker, Monica Hernandez, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte, Tyson Schulte, Jason Wilhelm and Shay Wilhelm.

Fifth Grade: Andrew Brockman, Sarah Ellison, Kyle Ray, Trey Robb and Lindsey Wood.

Sixth Grade: Craig Birkenfeld, Wendy Black, Tyler Ehly, Shane Kleman, Teri Ramaekers, Kalissia Robertson, Eric Schilling, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte and Shelby Wilhelm.

Seventh Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Jase Merritt, Daryl Pohlmeier and Ky Wilcox.

Eighth Grade: Jaci Birkenfeld, Lindsey Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Jason Huseman, Nichole Huseman, Matty McLain, Bryce Pohlmeier and Adam Schulte.

Freshmen: Cassie Birkenfeld, Melanie Book, Andrea Braddock, Meredith Braddock, Bridget Hochstein, Bo Hunter, Dawn Ramaekers and David Verkamp.

Sophomores: Mandy Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Jessica McGilvray, Tiffany Schmucker and Ann Wilhelm.

Juniors: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, K'Lynn Gerber, Barry Hoelting, Lynsey Hoelting, Joy Long, Kourtney Robertson and Tanya Wethington.

Seniors: Misti Ball, Justin Bingham, Bryan Braddock, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Mindy Hoelting, Nathan Hoelting, Malcom Jones, B.J. Kern, Tracy Maurer, Sarah Olvera and Coby Schacher.

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Rice	\$1.37/cwt.

People



Michael V. Waggle and Sandra B. Sandoval

February vows planned

Emigdio and Maria Sandoval of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sandra B. Sandoval, to Michael V. Waggle, son of Harlen and Emily Waggle of Weirton, W.V. The wedding has been planned for Feb. 12 in Austin and the couple will take a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, over Valentine's Day weekend. The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1994 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is a first lieutenant in the United States Air Force, serving as a squadron section commander at Randolph Air Force Base. The prospective groom graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1992 and from St. Mary's University in 1996 with a master of arts degree in mental health and substance abuse counseling. Capt. Waggle is currently an Air Force liaison with Raytheon E-Systems, a defense contracting organization.

A boy becomes an adult about three years before his parents think he is, and about two years after he thinks he is.

A mother's love endures through all, in good repute, in bad repute...a mother still loves on.

—Washington Irving

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Light snow began falling Sunday afternoon with little wind. Monday morning the ground was covered with about two inches of snow. The wind had gotten up by 8 a.m. and drifting began as another light snow began to fall.

Onesimo Reyes and his family returned home Monday after spending the Christmas and New Year holidays in Old Mexico with relatives.

Emma Jean King attended the funeral services for Gladys (Granny) Mobley of Hereford Saturday in the Frio Baptist Church with Deanne Clark and Dorothy Hopson.

On Dec. 30, Emma Jean King and Deanne Clark attended the funeral services for Charlie Daniel in Tulia. She was the sister of Patsy Frank of Hart.

James and Patricia Powell of Canadian came to the home of Ezell and Verba Sadler Saturday night for a delayed New Year supper. Their girls, Cheryl Logan of Alice and Tresa Sirman of Amarillo also were there. Cheryl and her boys, Brett and Bryant, and Tresa and her children, Ken, Amber and Stephaney, came on Wednesday. Norman Logan was there with his family Christmas Eve night, but didn't get to come back for Saturday night. On Thursday afternoon Brett fell off a storage tank and broke his right arm. They took him first to Dimmitt then on to Amarillo for treatment. All went home Sunday afternoon when it began to snow.

Hershell and Retha Wilson and Retha's mother, Mrs. Epperson, spent part of the Christmas season in Burnet with Retha's sister, Wanda and James Collins. They spent two nights with them.

Renee Wilson celebrated her birthday Saturday with her family. Flossie Jones brought a full meal and a birthday cake. Samantha was home from A&M for the holidays and the birthday dinner. Hershell and Retha Wilson stopped by for a while to wish Renee a happy birthday and to visit with Samantha.

Debbie Freeman is in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. Hershell and Retha visited with her Friday. She was hoping to be dismissed Sunday. They also attended the Springlake game at Abernathy to see their granddaughter play. Her team lost by three points.

Rosie and Lendsey Loudder spent the day Sunday in Amarillo with her mother. When it started to snow, she decided to spend the night and waited for the roads to clear before trying to get home. They and Lyle spent the day Dec. 26 with her mother and family for Christmas.

Kelly and Dara Green and family spent Christmas day in Earth with Kelly's parents, Bobby D. and Linda Green.

Brandi Green is playing basketball this year on the Springlake-Earth seventh grade girls' team.

Childbirth classes to begin soon

Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt will be offering a series of classes on childbirth preparation, starting in late January or early February.

The classes will meet once a week for six weeks and each class will be approximately two hours long.

Those wishing to register for the classes or wanting more information may call 647-2191.

Those who plan to deliver at PMH will not be charged for the classes, and those who wish to attend the classes, but intend to deliver their babies in another facility, will be charged \$20.

Substitute teacher in-service planned

In-service training for substitute teachers wanting to work in the Dimmitt schools will be held Friday at 9 a.m.

The training is for those who have not attended an in-service this school year. It will be held at the administration building at 608 W. Halsell.



Lesly Kim Bosch and Jon Mac Annen

Bosch and Annen to wed

Hans Bosch of St. Augustine, Fla., and Mrs. Allan Frisch of Los Angeles, Calif., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lesly Kim, to Jon Mac Annen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Annen of Dimmitt.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows in March at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Amarillo.

The bride-elect is a graduate of St. Bernard's High School in Los Angeles, Calif. She holds a bachelor of animal science degree from California State Polytechnic University Pomona and a master of agriculture degree with an emphasis in public relations from Texas Tech University. She is public relations director for Frank Phillips College in Borger.

Annen graduated from Nazareth High School and he received a bachelor of science degree in agronomy from Texas Tech University. He is employed as a private crop consultant.

Card finishes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit D. Jeremy G. Card has completed US Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

He is a 1996 graduate of Hart. During the eight-week program, Card completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis also is placed on physical fitness.

Card and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values—honor, courage and commitment—and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Card joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

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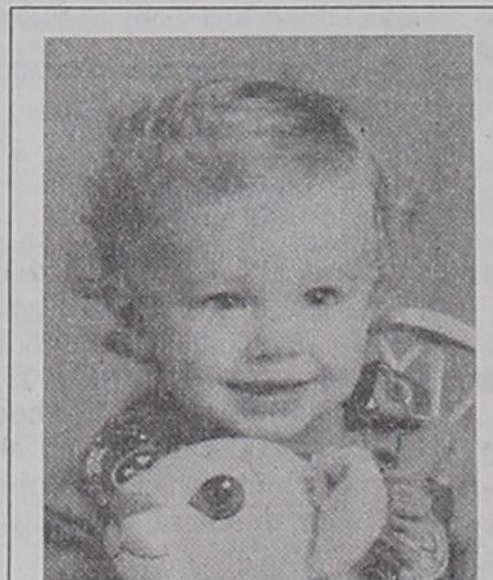
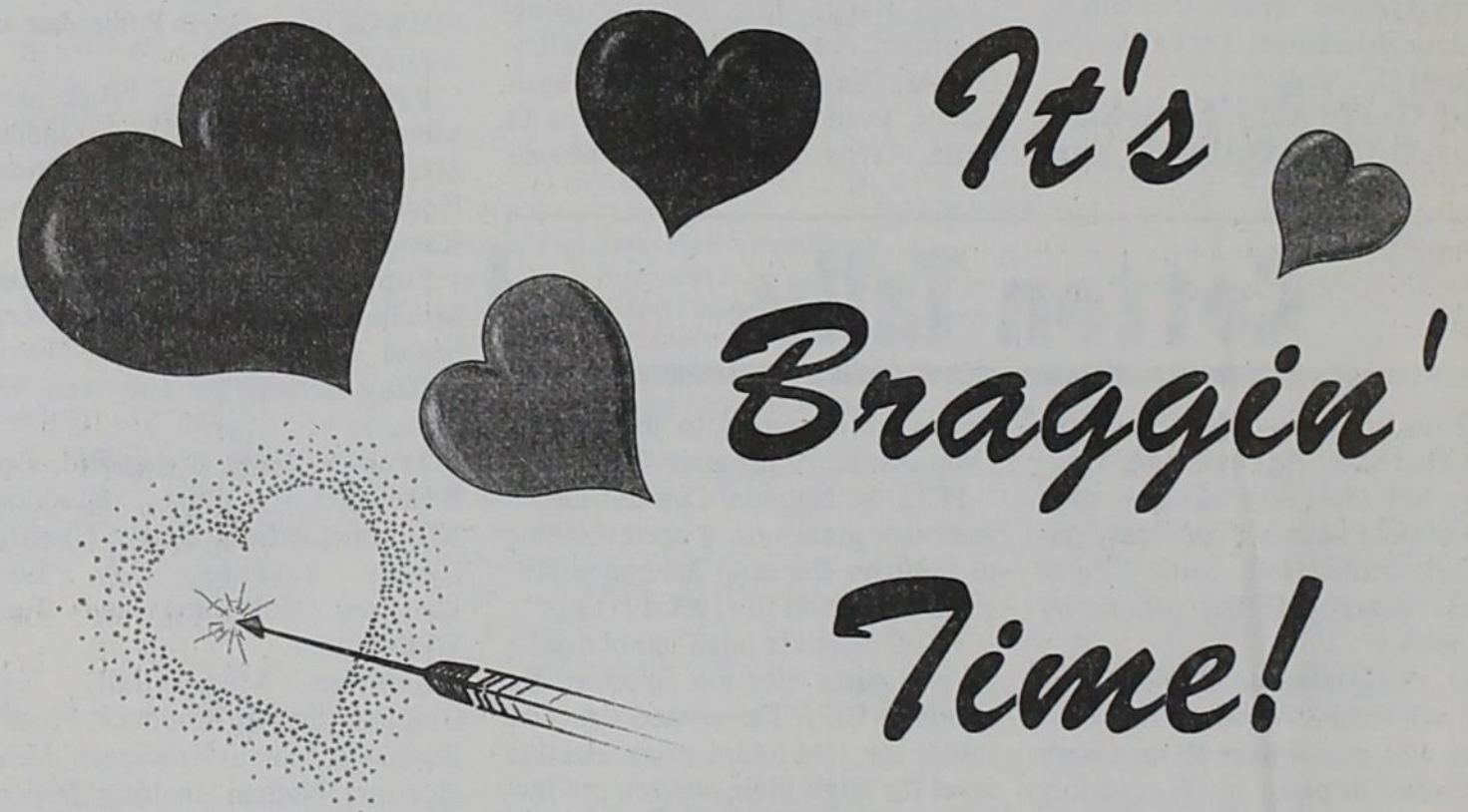
Members of our Hospice interdisciplinary team are Connie Nutt, executive director; Dr. Matthew Houseal, medical director; Shelly Rice, R.N. coordinator; Trudy Jackson, R.N.; Jim Harwick, pastoral coordinator; and Bill Fernihough, social worker. This team puts together a plan of care designed specifically for the individual patient's needs.

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FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE Meta Stork family gathered recently. Mrs. Stork, 99, is seated on the left. At her right is her daughter, Virgie Gerber. Those standing include (from left) Mrs. Stork's great-granddaughter, Traci Scholl, holding her daughter, Virginia "Anni" Scholl; and Mrs. Stork's granddaughter, Beverly Hill. Gerber is the second of Mrs. Stork's 10 children. Hill is fourth of 47 grandchildren, Scholl is fifth of 94 great-grandchildren and Anni is 12th of Mrs. Stork's 13 great-grandchildren. *Courtesy Photo*

Country showcase to feature music, comedy

Saturday will be the monthly performance of the Carlile Country Showcase at the Carlile Theatre in Dimmitt, beginning at 7:30 p.m., with admission set at \$2 per person.

The show will offer a mix of comedy, country, and gospel music. Also, door prizes will be given away.

Scheduled to perform are The Musical Waters, a husband and wife team of Shallowater; Stephanie Silhan, a young singer/songwriter and guitarist of Morton; and The Garretts, of Anton, a family band which includes 8-year-old Dustin, famed for his exceptional yodeling ability.

Another performer new to the monthly show is comedian Jimmy Barnes of Lubbock, who has over 30 years of experience doing celebrity impersonations and comedy "suitable for all family members," according to Carlile owner Susan Sandvik.

Also, back "by popular demand," according to Sandvik, will be Cecil White, singer and guitarist of Plainview; Susan Coleman of Dimmitt, singer; and Mixed Faith, a gospel quartet made up of Dimmitt residents.

Shot clinic is set today

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

The vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw, whooping cough, 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 charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

"Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this showcase performance," Sandvik said. Call 647-2091 for more information.

Financial aid workshop set

Parents, seniors and others interested in learning more about financial aid for college are invited to attend a workshop Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School library.

DHS Counselor Sue Summers will present information for those planning to apply for aid to attend technical schools or colleges. She said two guest speakers also are scheduled to appear.

Wedding shower honors couple

Ryan and Melissa Smith were honored with a wedding shower Saturday in the home of Cindy Adams.

Special guests included the bride's parents, Marilyn and Lanny Webb of Plainview, the groom's mother, Kathy Lust of Dimmitt, and Erlene Barhour of Tula and Doris Lust of Dimmitt, both grandmothers of the groom.

Other out-of-town guests included Jimmie Estes of Silvertown, aunt of the groom; Sheri Smith of Bryan, sister-in-law of the groom; and Tiffany Smith of Lubbock, sister of the groom.

The serving table was covered with a white lace tablecloth and complemented with a centerpiece of crystal ice sticks and crystal candlesticks. Brass and crystal appointments completed the table decor.

Tiffany Smith served miniature muffins, fruit, coffee, spiced tea and orange juice to guests.

The hostesses presented the couple with various gifts of their choice.

Early voting to end Tuesday

Early voting will end Tuesday in the special election set for Jan. 18 to fill the unexpired at-large position on the Dimmitt City Council.

Candidates are Lyman Schroeder and Rosa Jimenez.

Vacated by council member Johnny Ethridge, who moved away, the position has a five-month term remaining before it expires.

Early voting is at the City Hall from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Computer class to start Monday

Classes will start Monday for the computer concepts class, CIS 3023, being offered in Dimmitt by Amarillo College.

Registration will be held the first class night, beginning at 6 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School computer lab. Cost of the class is \$89.50 for adults and \$15 for high school students. Books and lab manuals for the course also will be available for purchase at a cost of \$47.50 for the book and \$38.50 for the manual.

Those taking the course will earn three hours of college credit. Course subjects will include general application, theory and programming.

Meeting times will be Monday and Wednesday nights from 6 to 8:30 p.m., continuing through May.

"Registration for the class will be on a first come, first served basis, despite whether people have called in or not, and seating will be limited," said Shelly Nutt at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, who has worked with AC in setting up the class.



MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN SPREAD Aggie Moms Club pack "survival boxes" which were sent to local students attending Texas A&M University during the week of semester exams in December. Members pictured include (from left) Beverly Davis, Evelyn Lyles, Carla Scott, Diane Townsend and Shirley Wilson. The group also met Monday at K-Bob's

in Hereford to finalize plans for the Aggie Moms Federation Meeting which will be held Jan. 25. Other Aggie Moms helping with the survival boxes were Virginia Artho, Suanne Bagley, Jolene Gleghorn, Terri Johnson, Christine Marnell, Rita McDaniel, Susie Merrick, Jan Metcalf, Ann Reiter, Jody Skiles and Susan Sublett. *Courtesy Photo*

Foundation offering awards to Texas schools

The Today Foundation is seeking applicants for its Innovative Public School Award in recognition of "grass roots efforts" to solve problems at the local level.

The certificate and cash award of \$1,000 will be presented to the most innovative public school programs, campuses or districts in Texas. The Today Foundation has contacted all public school superintendents, asking them to provide information on the success stories within their district.

Last year's winners include schools in Lazbuddie, Austin, Pearsall, New Braunfels and Waco. Schools that would like to apply for the award may request an application by calling (972) 298-1811.

Applications will be judged by a group of business and education professionals, including officers or advisory board members of the Today Foundation. Applications must be postmarked by Feb. 7.

There are few specific guidelines for those applying for the Innovative Public School Award. The Today Foundation is simply interested in learning how individuals or organizations in the community have solved problems in their own schools.

The solutions could relate directly to student achievement or other educational issues such as budgets, facilities, transportation or school discipline.

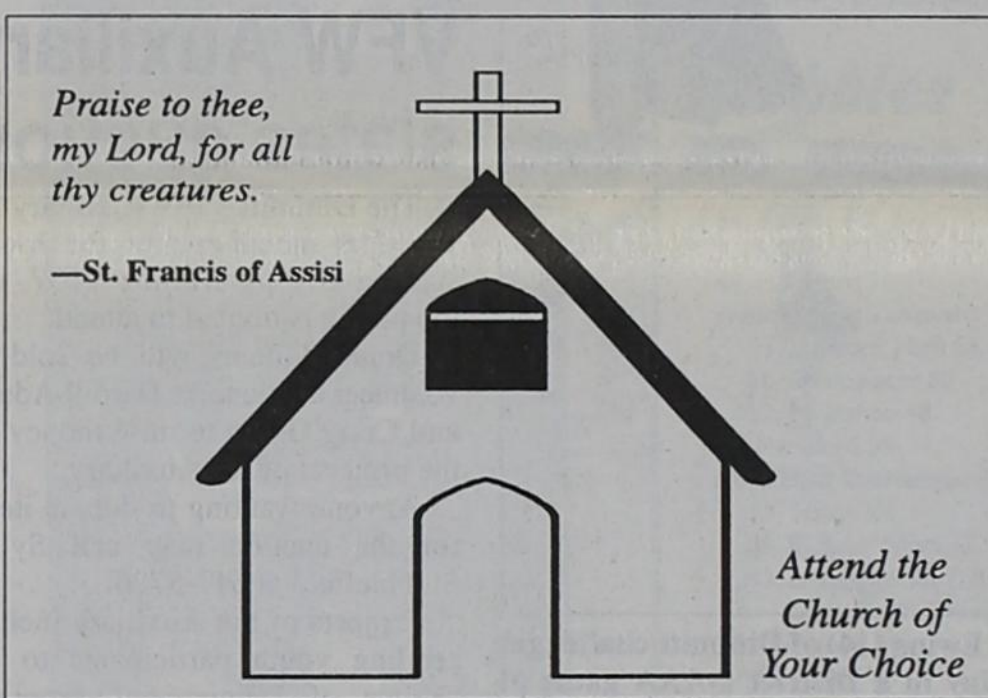
The foundation is interested in how parents, teachers and principals adapted their campus to the particular needs of their students, how finances were stretched, or how "problem students" achieved academic excellence. Triumphs in vocational as well as traditional education are of interest.

Last year the Today Foundation presented five schools with the award.

The Today Foundation is a 13-year-old non-profit organization with interests in criminal justice, education and tax policy. Programs of the Today Foundation include the Children's Education Fund and Associated Texans Against Crime.

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Sports



Impaired Bobcats post big victory over Dalhart, 63-40

A partially crippled Dimmitt boys' team didn't act handicapped last Friday as the Bobcats rolled to an easy 63-40 win over Dalhart in District 1-AAA action at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The Bobcats played without starting post Charley Sanders, who suffered a partially separated shoulder at the Caprock ABC Tournament in Lubbock on Dec. 27. Brandon Smith did not play during the first quarter and played off-and-on the rest of the game, but tied for team-high scoring honors with 12 points.

Also scoring 12 points, including eight during a first quarter blitz, was Albert Ewing. Ewing started in Sanders' stead and led the Bobcats in rebounding, too.

A couple Bobcats had a touch of the flu bug that's making the rounds, but you couldn't have noticed anything was wrong in the first quarter as Dimmitt rolled to a big early lead.

There was also a touch of revenge on the minds of the Bobcats as they renewed conference play. The Golden Wolves upset the Bobcats in the bi-district game last year. Dimmitt held Dalhart's heartbreaker from last year, Josh Reynolds, to just nine points in this first contest.

Dimmitt never trailed after the Wolves tied the score at two early in the contest. Dimmitt went on to outscore Dalhart 21-4 the last seven minutes of the period. Ewing didn't have a monster dunk like he did at Lubbock Cooper on New Year's

Eve, but he looked like a whirling dervish on the floor as he spun away from defenders with quick moves and skied for easy-looking buckets.

Ewing hit three-straight buckets as Dimmitt built its lead to 13-4 with 2:40 to play in the first period. Cameron Lust pushed Dimmitt's lead to double digits at 15-4 with 2:10 to play in the quarter. Brad Beck scored the last bucket of an unanswered 13-point run, pushing the Bobcats lead to 17-4 with 1:45 to play.

After Dalhart finally found the mark again, Derek Buckley nailed a trey with 40 seconds left in the quarter, and Kalem Thomas hit his last artillery shot of the period with two seconds left to give the Bobcats their 17-point cushion after eight minutes.

The Bobcat defense played just as large a role as the offense in the early run. Dalhart had 11 turnovers in the game, but six of the them were in the first quarter against the quick Bobcat zone defense and press.

Dimmitt played it close to the vest the next two periods, outscoring the Golden Wolves 12-11 in the second period to take a 35-17 lead at halftime. Dimmitt outscored Dalhart 13-11 in the third period to claim a 48-28 lead after 24 minutes.

In the fourth, the Bobcats had just four baskets, but padded its lead with a good night at the free throw line. Dimmitt made 10 of 12 free tosses on the night, including six of seven in the last eight minutes to post the 23-point win.

Besides Smith and Ewing, Kalem Thomas had 10 points as every Bobcat scored. Dalhart had no one in double figures, with Reynolds and Trevor Scott leading with nine points each.

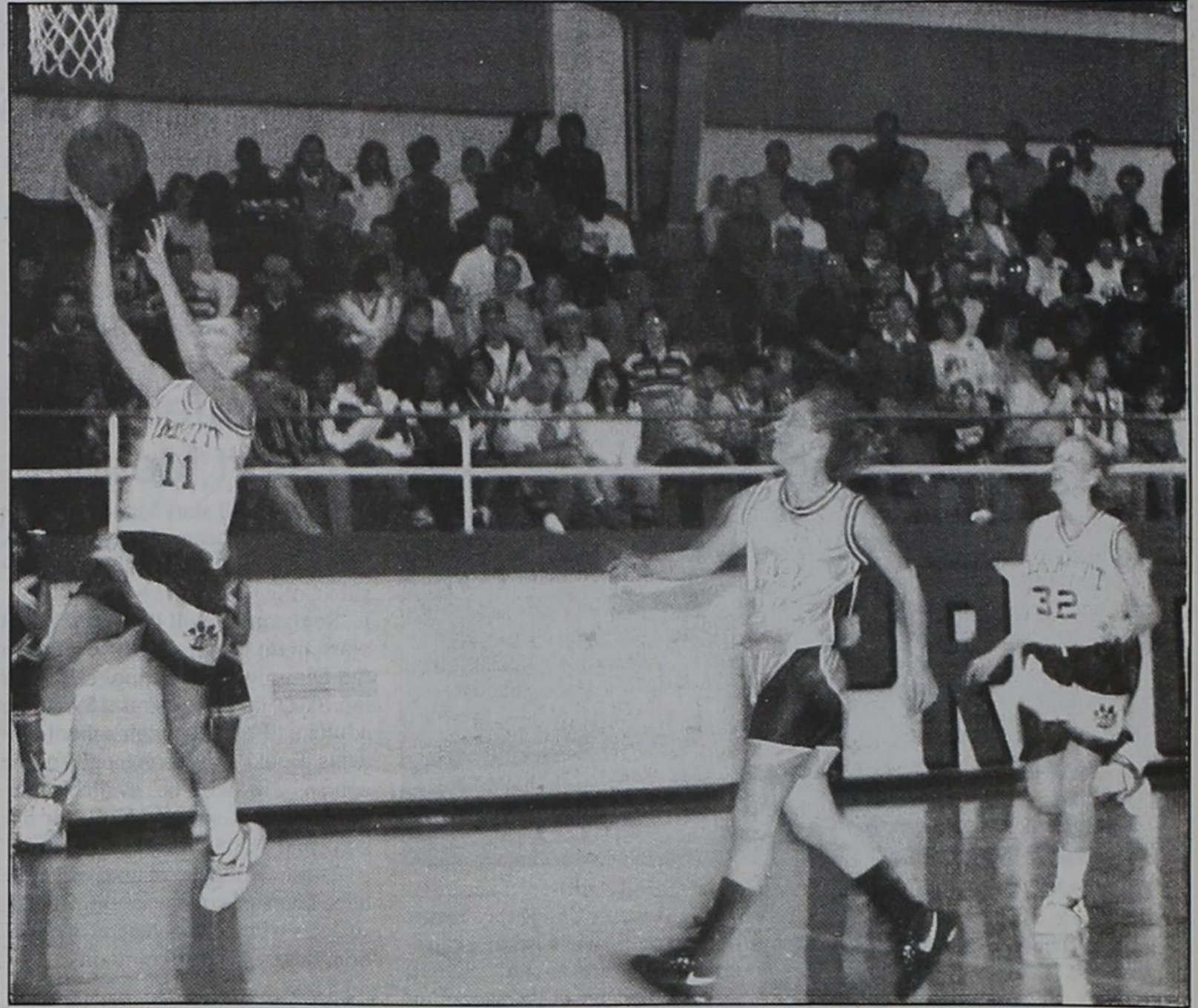
VFW Auxiliary slates auction

The Dimmitt VFW Auxiliary has slated its annual auction for Friday, starting at 7 p.m. at the VFW, and the public is invited to attend.

Donated items will be sold by volunteer auctioneers Darrell Adams and Craig Odom to raise money for the projects of the Auxiliary.

Anyone wanting to donate items for the auction may call Sylvia Stubblefield at 647-5786.

Projects of the Auxiliary include sending youth participants to the "Voice of Democracy" program, conducting youth activities, safety programs and donating to cancer research programs.



JACY BUCKLEY (11) scores on a fast-break layup for the Dimmitt Bobbies Friday night, helping boost her team to a District 1-AAA victory. The Bobbies

beat Dalhart, 74-50, to improve to 3-1 in district, currently second place. Also pictured is Dimmitt's Heidi Weaver (32). Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobbies protect second place standing by beating Dalhart Friday

Dimmitt's girls strengthened their hold on second place in District 1-AAA, finding the .500 mark again for the season with a 74-50 victory over Dalhart last Friday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The Lady Wolves found the inside game could be hazardous to their health. Amber Matthews blocked five shots in the period, then scored six points on the offensive end. Her put-back with a second left in the quarter gave Dimmitt a 22-14 lead after one quarter.

Jacy Buckley, who had 15 points on the night, hit four buckets in the first eight minutes. Carrie Bradley, who led all scorers with 20 points, had two baskets and a pair of free

throws in the initial period, and Shawna Kenworthy had the other Bobbie bucket in the first period.

Dimmitt got its first double-digit lead of the night when Heather Wise scored with 6:15 to play in the first half, putting Dimmitt up 24-14. The Bobbies went on an 8-0 run with treys by Kenworthy and Bradley pushing Dimmitt on top 30-14 with 4:50 to go in the half. Dalhart got back within 10 by the end of the half with three baskets and four free throws to make it 36-26 at halftime.

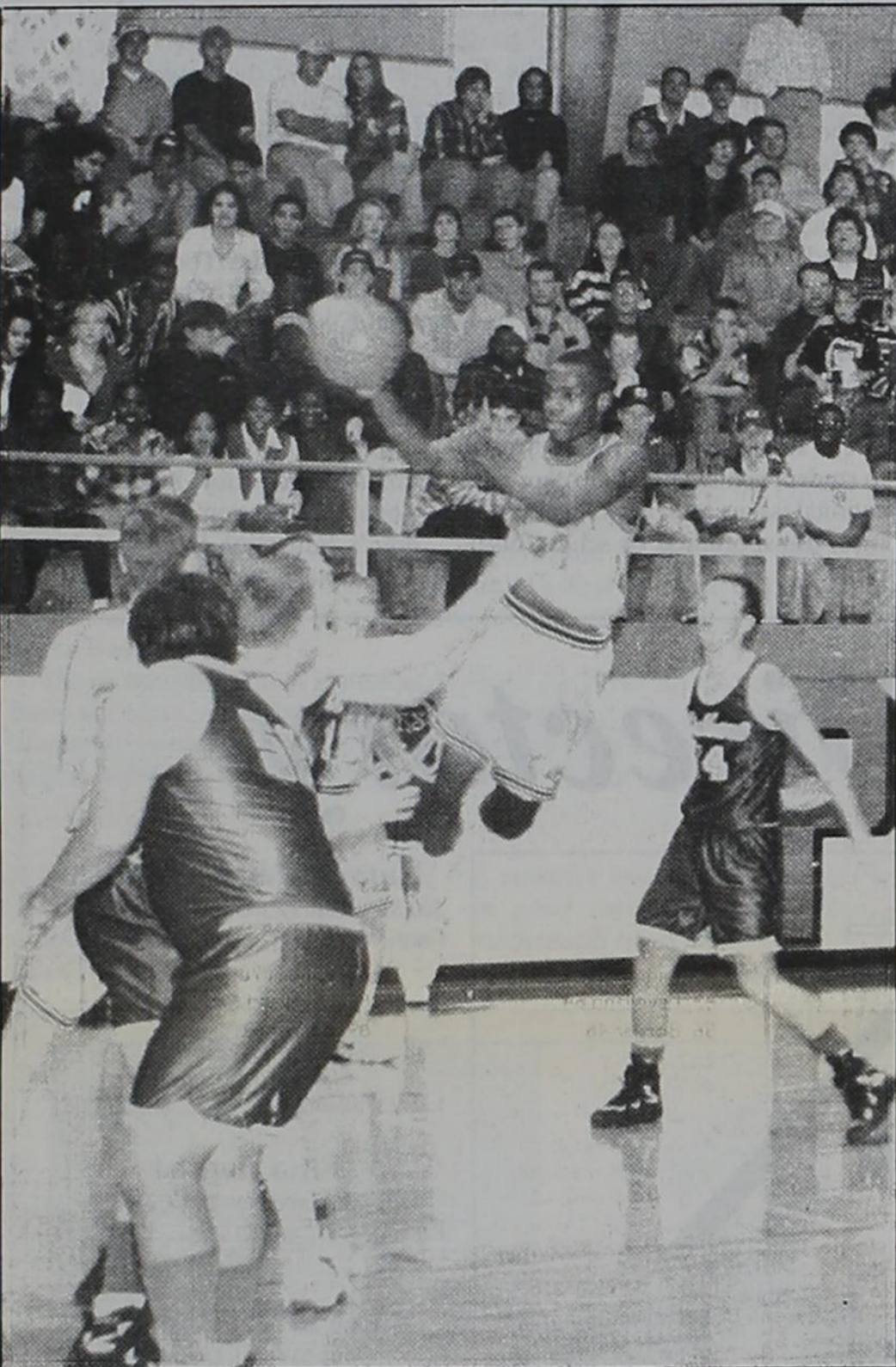
The second half became the Heidi Weaver show. Weaver, scoreless in the first half, took advantage of a Dalhart defense that worked to control her teammates with eight points

in the third period and seven more in the fourth quarter. The junior post had five points in the opening minute of the second half to push Dimmitt's lead to 41-26, then hit a three-point play with 3:25 left to make it 48-33.

Bradley and Buckley then picked up the scoring load, combining for eight points in the last 2:10 to push Dimmitt to a 56-38 lead after three quarters.

In the fourth, Weaver had another six-point run early in the quarter, boosting Dimmitt to a 62-40 lead with 6:50 to play. Dimmitt traded baskets with the Lady Wolves for a while, then went on a late run for the final 24-point margin.

Dimmitt had just eight turnovers in the game and had 30 rebounds.



ALBERT ON THE ATTACK—Albert Ewing (14) of Dimmitt challenges the heart of the Dalhart defense Friday in a District 1-AAA game at Dimmitt. The Bobcats jumped out to an early lead, then coasted to a big 63-40 win. Ewing and teammate Brandon Smith each finished with 12.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Tobin Bossett joins US Army

Tobin Bossett, son of B.C. Bossett of Dimmitt, has joined the US Army under the Delayed Entry program at the US Army Recruiting Station in Amarillo.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$30,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career specialty.

Bossett, a graduate of Dimmitt High School, reported to Fort Knox in Radcliff, Ken., for basic military training last Thursday, Jan. 2.

Showmanship clinic planned

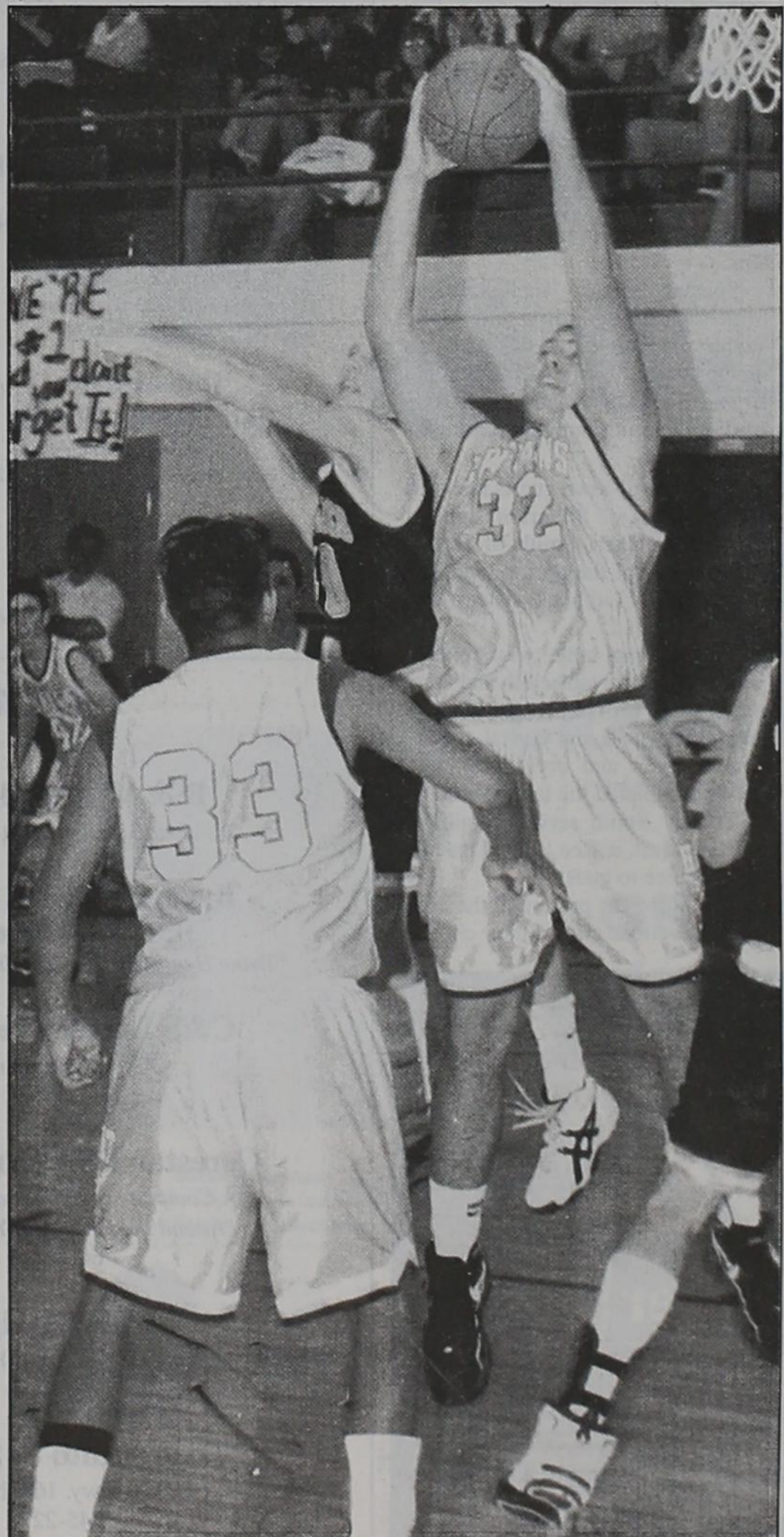
A lamb showmanship clinic will be held Saturday, Jan. 18, at 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Building for county youngsters interested in showing sheep as a livestock project.

The program will include information on the importance of exercise and working on showmanship skills.

4-H scholarship applications due

4-H'ers interested in applying for scholarships must submit applications by March 3.

The 4-H Foundation scholarship applications must be turned into the Extension office by March 3, according to Marilyn Neal, county Extension agent. Forms are available at the Extension office.



HART'S DUSTY ORTIZ (32) battles inside for a rebound Friday night in a non-conference game between the Buffaloes and Longhorns in Hart. Hart, which had lost to Petersburg earlier in the season, found itself behind again in the second half Friday. Hart managed to cut down a big Petersburg lead in the second half, but couldn't make up enough lost ground, losing a close one, 53-49. Ortiz finished with 15 to lead Hart.

Photo by David Knox

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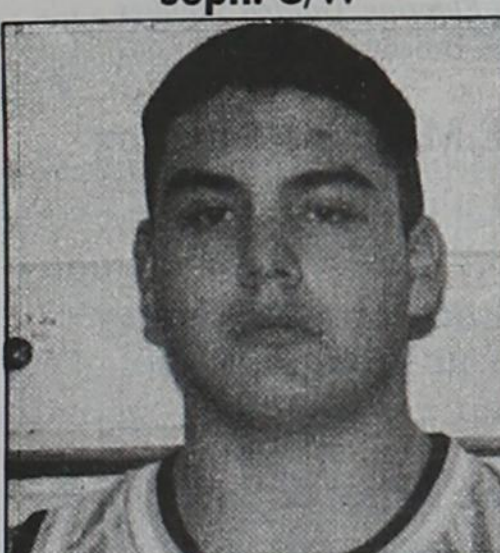
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Classifieds gets results

Bradley explodes for 31 as Bobbies best Muleshoe

If Muleshoe coach Jim Gruhlkey has nightmares, they likely include Carrie Bradley scoring point after point after point against his team.

After all, Bradley has lit up the Lady Mules for 30-plus points three times in her career, and had another big night Tuesday in a 63-51 Dimmitt win at Muleshoe.

Bradley had 31 this time around, leaving Gruhlkey shaking his head and no doubt ready to send a card for her graduation later this year.

Dimmitt jumped to a 13-5 advantage with 3:33 left in the first quarter, but Muleshoe scored seven straight points to make it a one-point affair late in the period. Right at the buzzer, Bradley unleashed a three-pointer to give Dimmitt a 16-12 after eight minutes.

In the second period, Bradley had seven more points, including another three-point bomb. Amber Matthews also had 12 points in the first half as Dimmitt retired at the break with a 31-23 lead.

Muleshoe fought back within one point in the third quarter before Bradley hit her third-three pointer with 4:50 to play in the third, making it 35-31. Muleshoe answered with a two, but Shawna Kenworthy responded with a basket with 3:02 left in the third to make it 37-33.

Dimmitt extended its lead to 42-35 on a three-point play by Bradley with 1:07 left, and Dimmitt clung to a 42-36 lead after three periods.

Matthews didn't have a basket in the second half, but she blocked four shots in the last 16 minutes to stave off any thoughts of a Muleshoe comeback. In fact, Dimmitt had just six baskets in the second half, but made 14 free throws in the last two periods to pave the way to the win. Eleven of the free throws came in the fourth quarter.

Jacy Buckley was also in double figures for the Dimmitt girls with 11 points. Buckley made five of six free throws in the fourth period.

Hart girls use big second half to claim Lockney win

A couple of defensive adjustments at halftime enabled the Hart Lady Horns to overcome a halftime deficit and beat Lockney, 48-44, in a District 3-AA game at Hart.

Hart held a slim 10-9 edge after the first quarter, but Lockney exploded with 18 second-quarter points to take a 27-22 lead at halftime. Hart came back in the second half, outscoring the visiting Lady Horns 26-17 for the win.

Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox said the difference in the first and second quarters was Lockney shooting.

"We didn't really play bad in the second, Lockney just hit some shots that they had been missing in the first quarter. They were definitely able to get the momentum on their side by halftime."

Lockney, which beat the Lady Horns earlier this year, was rattled in the second half by adjustments Hart made on defense, though.

Wilcox switched from a full-court

press to a half-court press, then dropped back into a zone defense in the third quarter.

"They had problems handling our zone defense and that allowed us to get back in the game," she said.

Hart virtually shut down Lockney's offense for part of the third quarter, allowing just eight points in the stanza. Meanwhile, the Hart girls were chipping away at the Lockney lead and by the end of the quarter had cut the advantage to a point, 35-34.

Hart went on to outscore Lockney 14-9 over the final eight minutes for the big district win.

Ysa Rodriguez, who was Hart's leading scorer with 20 points, was hot in the second half, too. Wilcox said she was the catalyst in Hart's second-half comeback.

"Ysa hit some key shots at some key times," Wilcox said.

Tylene Garcia was Hart's second-leading scorer with 13.

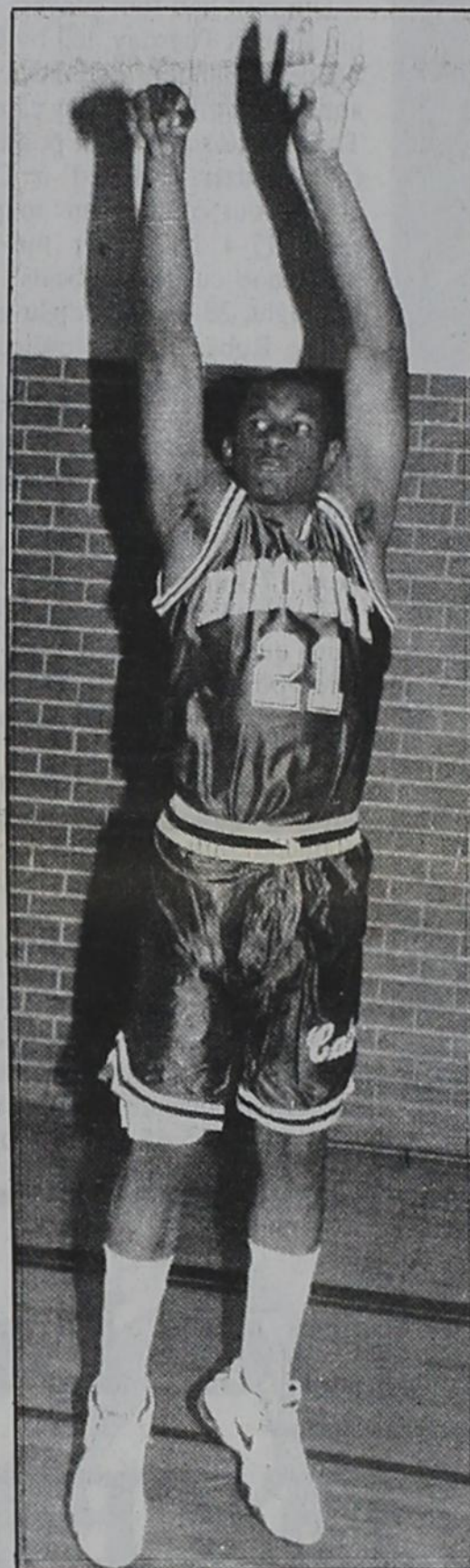


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 Jan. 24—*River Road, There
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 Feb. 4—*Friona, Here
 Feb. 7—*Dalhart, There
 Feb. 11—*Tulia (Boys), There
 Feb. 14—*Perryton (Boys), There

Bobbies

41, Randall 50
 43, Levelland 64
 56, Borger 46
 71, Lockney 34
 45, Hereford 50

Frenship Tournament

53, Lubbock High 56
 56, Shallowater 60
 52, Muleshoe 48
 41, Hereford 59

Levelland Tournament

19, Slaton 29
 89, El Paso Ysleta 47
 42, Levelland "Red" 33

Consolation Champs

77, *Perryton 65
 58, *Tulia 48
 54, *River Road 70

Caprock Tournament

52, Panhandle 32
 55, Claude 58
 60, Caprock 53
 50, Friona 46
 52, Shallowater 57

51, Cooper 58
 74, Dalhart 50
 63, Muleshoe 51

District Record: 4-1
 Season Record: 12-11

Bobcats

85, Randall 78
 84, Levelland 62
 69, Borger 62
 64, Palo Duro 76
 57, Abernathy 54
 67, Hereford 57

Plainview Tournament

73, Lubbock Estacado 65
 69, Sweetwater 62
 66, Plainview 60

Champions

63, Caprock 61

Seminole Tournament

66, Denver City 59
 64, Clint 61
 45, Andrews 47
 50, Seminole 57

Second Place

75, *River Road 53

Caprock Tournament

43, Slaton 38
 70, Panhandle 47
 58, Seminole 60
 49, Canyon 58
 77, Cooper 49
 63, Dalhart 40
 77, Muleshoe 58

District Record: 3-0
 Season Record: 17-5

Scoreboard

FRIDAY
 Swiftettes 58, Panhandle 40
 Nazareth 17 12 16 13—58
 Panhandle 12 12 6 10—40
 Scoring: NAZ— Misti Ball 20, Amy Pohlmeier 15.

Swifts 63, Panhandle 56
 Nazareth 10 14 20 19—63
 Panhandle 15 9 9 23—56
 Scoring: NAZ—Nathan Hoelting 26, Bryan Braddock 13.

Bobcats 63, Dalhart 40
 Dimmitt 22 13 13 15—63
 Dalhart 6 11 11 12—40
 Scoring: DIMMITT— Albert Ewing and Brandon Smith 12.

Bobbies 74, Dalhart 50
 Dimmitt 22 14 20 18—74
 Dalhart 14 12 12 12—50
 Scoring: DIMMITT— Carrie Bradley 20, Heidi Weaver and Jacy Buckley 15.

Lady Horns 55, Petersburg 35
 Hart 14 10 11 20—55
 Petersburg 4 17 6 8—35
 Scoring: HART— Ysa Rodriguez 13, Charbra Lee 11.

Longhorns 49, Petersburg 53
 Hart 11 7 13 18—49
 Petersburg 12 18 10 13—53
 Scoring: HART— Dusty Ortiz 15, Matt Huerta 13.

JV Bobbies 55, Dalhart 46
 JV Bobcats 70, Dalhart 64
 JV Longhorns 42, Petersburg 55
 JV Lady Horns 18, Petersburg 38

JV Swiftettes 48, Panhandle 38
 JV Swifts 40, Panhandle 46

TUESDAY
 Longhorns 75, Lockney 76
 Hart 14 24 19 18—75
 Lockney 21 20 17 18—76
 Scoring: HART— Dusty Ortiz 29, Moses Reyna 25.

Lady Horns 48, Lockney 44
 Hart 10 12 12 14—48
 Lockney 9 18 8 9—44
 Scoring: HART— Ysa Rodriguez 20, Tylene Garcia 13.

Bobcats 77, Muleshoe 58
 Dimmitt 20 19 14 24—77
 Muleshoe 12 22 12 12—58
 Scoring: DIMMITT— Charley Sanders.

Bobbies 63, Muleshoe 51
 Dimmitt 16 15 11 21—63
 Muleshoe 12 11 13 15—51
 Scoring: DIMMITT— Carrie Bradley 31, Jacy Buckley 11.

Swiftettes 25, Happy 33
 Nazareth 4 5 9 7—25
 Happy 6 4 12 11—33
 Scoring: NAZ— K'Lynn Gerber 10, Jill Ramaekers 9.

Swifts 89, Happy 56
 Nazareth 25 20 21 23—89
 Happy 10 17 18 11—56
 Scoring: NAZ— Bryan Braddock and Nathan Hoelting 27.

JV Longhorns 48, Lockney 40
 JV Lady Horns 34, Lockney 37

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Cowgirls edge Swiftettes, 33-25

Leah Lair poured in 16 of her team's 33 points to lead the Happy Cowgirls over the Nazareth Swiftettes Tuesday night, 33-25, in the first District 3-A game for both teams.

While the Swiftettes struggled with a lackluster offensive performance the entire game, Lair was hot, scoring six of her 16 during a one-minute span in the third to give Happy a lead the Swiftettes couldn't overcome in the second half.

Nazareth dropped to 13-8 overall and 0-1 in district play while the Cowgirls improved to 18-5, 1-0.

Both teams played a smothering in-your-face defense the whole game.

Happy had built a 5-4 lead with two minutes left, then Lair made it 6-4 to end the first quarter when she hit one of two free throws with 1:17 left.

Happy's defense shut out the Swiftettes for almost eight minutes in the first half. But the Swiftettes didn't allow the Cowgirls' much on offense, either. After Lair's first-quarter free throws, Happy scored just four more points over the next

seven minutes.

Jaime Vick connected with 5:17 left in the half after a Nazareth turnover.

The teams traded turnovers and missed shots for the next two minutes before Lair broke the dry spell, scoring on an offensive rebound with 3:11 left to put the Cowgirls up by six, 10-4.

After a Swiftette time out, K'Lynn Gerber buried a three-pointer to pull the Swiftettes within a trey, 10-7 at the 2:33 mark, ending the long drought.

Misti Ball hit a turn-around jumper with six seconds left to cut Happy's lead to a point, 10-9, at the break.

Happy opened the second-half scoring with a quick bucket by Karen Moudy, but Gerber answered that shot with one of her own on a feed from Cassie Birkenfeld a minute later to keep the Swiftettes within a point.

Then Lair went to work.

She scored at the 6:17 mark, then with 5:45 left in the third and sank her third straight field goal after

nabbing an offensive carom with 5:17 left to put the Cowgirls up 18-11. Seven seconds after Lair's run, teammate Jaci Cumby stole a Swiftette inbounds pass and scored to give the Cowgirls their biggest lead of the game, 20-11.

Jill Ramaekers kept Nazareth alive in the third quarter, coming out with back-to-back baseline jumpers of her own over less than a minute to chop the deficit to five, 20-15.

After a Moudy basket with 1:02 left to make it 22-15, Ramaekers picked up a trey to make it four points at the end of the third, 22-18.

Moudy gave the Cowgirls a six-point lead early in the fourth, but Ball answered her shot with another turnaround jumper.

A three-pointer by Evan Lair with 4:14 left gave Happy a seven-point lead.

After Ramaekers picked up another basket with 3:45 left, Leah Lair got hot again.

She scored to make it 29-22, then recorded a steal.

A basket by Gerber cut it to five, but Lair quickly put Happy back on top by seven with another shot at the 2:06 mark.

Nazareth managed just one point the last two minutes of the game while Happy got a basket from Vick for the final 33-25 margin.

The Swiftettes were led by Gerber's 10 points while Ramaekers added nine.

Early lead helps Cats bury Muleshoe, 77-58

Dimmitt's boys rolled to a huge early lead, held on for dear life during a mid-game rally and ended up pulling away to a 77-58 win Tuesday at Muleshoe.

The win boosted the Bobcats to 3-0 going into Friday's Parents Night contest against Sanford-Fritch at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The Dimmitt boys are now 17-5 for the season.

Dimmitt had four players in double figures Tuesday, led by Charley Sanders. Sanders had been out of action since Dec. 7, but came back Tuesday to score eight points in the first quarter. He led a Dimmitt charge out of the gate to post an early 17-4 lead over the Mules. Muleshoe cut the Bobcats' lead to just eight, 20-12, after eight minutes.

The Bobcats never trailed in the game after Kalem Thomas made a basket and free throw with 6:52 left in the first quarter to put Dimmitt on top 3-2. Muleshoe, however, came back from the 17-4 deficit to outscore the Bobcats 42-29 over the next 17 minutes of play to tie the score at 46 with 2:15 to play in the third quarter on the second-straight three-pointer by Cyrus Norman.

It was almost like Muhammad Ali's rope-a-dope tactic against George Foreman. The Bobcats let the Mules pummel them for awhile, then bounced back to land the big knockout blow. Dimmitt outscored Muleshoe 29-13 over the last 10 minutes of play to secure the 19-point win.

Dimmitt took a 39-34 lead to the locker room at halftime, then saw Muleshoe outscore the Bobcats 12-7 over the first 5:45 of the second half.

Dimmitt scored the last seven points of the period, though, and claimed a 53-46 lead after 24 minutes.

Dimmitt had allowed Muleshoe 17 free throws in the first half, and the Mules made 13 of those shots. In the second half, however, the Bobcats kept their fouls to a minimum and Muleshoe made just one of four attempts in the last two quarters. After the Mules tied the score at 46, Cameron Lust broke the tie and put the Bobcats in the lead for good with a clutch 12-foot jumper with 1:55 to play in the third. That started the 7-0 Dimmitt run to close out the quarter.

Lust, though hampered by foul trouble through much of the contest, also had four clean blocked shots.

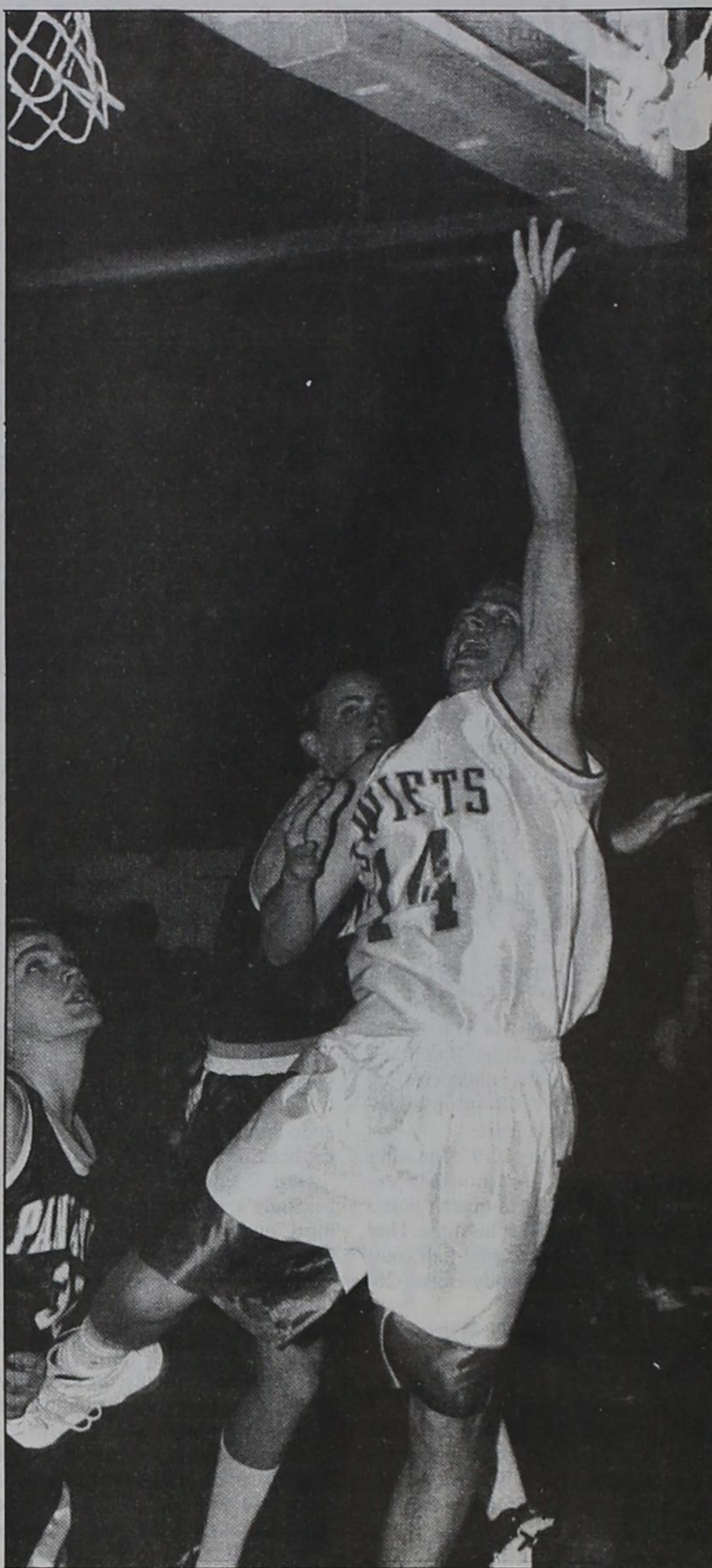
Meanwhile, the Bobcats were also controlling the boards for much of the game. Dimmitt outrebounded Muleshoe 23-16 for the game as both teams shot the ball fairly well.

Led by Sanders, Dimmitt had four players in double figures, including Brandon Smith, Lust and Albert Ewing. Muleshoe had fairly balanced scoring, but the Bobcats allowed no one more than nine points for the Mules.

Braddock, Hoelting spark Swifts

Naz dominates Happy, 89-56

The Nazareth Swifts took their first step toward another district championship Tuesday night when they lassoed the Happy Cowboys, 89-56, in Happy.



NAZARETH'S BRYAN BRADDOCK (14) drives in for an easy shot against Panhandle Friday night in Nazareth. Braddock and the Swifts had their hands full with the Panthers, but managed to hold on for a 63-56 victory. Braddock finished with 13 points. Photo by Dwayne Acker



CAN'T STOP THIS—Misti Ball (30) of Nazareth takes a pass from a teammate, turns around and scores two of her game-high 20 points against Panhandle Friday night in Nazareth. The Swiftettes topped the Lady Panthers, 58-40. Photo by Anne Acker

The Cowboy defense couldn't corral Nazareth's talented tandem of Bryan Braddock and Nathan Hoelting. The pair scored almost as many points as Happy's entire team, finishing with 27 apiece in the game.

Braddock scored 23 of his 27 in the first half, thanks to five three-pointers. He hit his first three shots of the game before missing, scoring the game's first seven points. Then Hoelting added a basket to put the Swifts up 9-0 before Happy scored with 4:58 left.

Another Hoelting basket was sandwiched between a pair of treys by Braddock to put the Swifts up 18-4 with three minutes left in the first.

Over the final three minutes, Nazareth got field goals from Hoelting and Billy Don Cannon, and free throws by Cannon and Marcus Brockman for a 25-10 lead.

Happy opened the second quarter with a three-pointer, and got hot from the field while Nazareth got sloppy.

The Swifts turned the ball over four times in the first three minutes of the second quarter and only managed two points on a shot by

Braddock.

But Hoelting nailed a three-pointer with 4:57 left to get the Swifts back on track with a 30-17 lead. After that Nazareth used a pair of threes by Braddock and a pair of jumpers by Hoelting and another by Jerad Birkenfeld to take a 40-23 lead with 2:23 left.

Barry Hoelting and Braddock each got a steal and turned the Happy miscues into coast-to-coast layups to give the Swifts a 20-point lead. Happy scored at the buzzer to make it 45-27 at intermission.

Nazareth continued to control the tempo of the game, despite being outscored by Happy early in the second half. But once the Swifts started looking inside for Nathan Hoelting, it was all over.

Hoelting had seven points in the third and eight in the fourth to lead the Swifts in the second half. By the end of the third Nazareth had regained control to outscore the Cowboys 21-18 for a 66-45 lead.

They coasted through the final eight minutes for the 89-56 win.

Nazareth improved to 17-1, 1-0; while Happy fell to 3-15, 0-1.

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Retail sales increased

Retail sales were up by 2.2% in Castro County during the second quarter of 1996 while gross sales for all industries during that period rose 5.8%.

While the number of retail reporting outlets dropped from 101 in the second quarter of 1995 to 93 in the second quarter in 1996, gross sales rose from \$12,934,757 to \$13,215,880.

Use tax purchases amounted to \$545,893 while the amount subject to the state sales and use tax was \$4,006,568.

Gross sales among all industries in Castro County during the second quarter 1996 totaled \$23,622,006, up 5.8% from the 1995 total of \$22,320,879. Use tax purchases were \$572,662 while \$4,851,991 was subject to the state sales and use tax. The number of reporting outlets dropped from 165 to 151.

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Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

To Keep Customers, Give Them Time

"I need one more hour every day," a friend of mine recently lamented. "Maybe then I could get caught up and stay that way."

I suspect if you polled most working Americans today you would find them in agreement. We are all busy and could use more time to accomplish all the tasks on our schedule.

Working Americans have one more thing in common: They are customers. If you operate a retail or service business today, you can ensure greater customer loyalty by giving your customers the gift of time. Even if you are in the manufacturing business, you can build in time savings and watch your sales grow.

No matter what your work is, your customers are most likely very willing to give you money if you can save them time. Let me give you some good examples.

Time-Saving Tips

I do business with a local bank and from time to time I borrow a little money. The last time I needed a loan I simply called my loan officer, explained my needs and she processed the papers. After work I dropped by the bank, reviewed and signed the papers in less than 10 minutes. There were two key time savers here: I didn't have to take off from work—convenient hours—and I didn't have to wait for the paperwork.

An appliance dealer friend of mine in Oklahoma saw an opportunity to grow his business by scheduling deliveries for the convenience of the buyer. Instead of delivering on "Tuesday," they schedule deliveries "on the hour." Customers no longer have to take a whole day off from work. Usually they can adjust their work schedule to be home an extra hour with no loss of time or convenience. This simple time saver has been a great source of repeat business and terrific referrals as well.

A paint store owner might suggest time saving items such as trim guards, corner rollers, masking paper and power painters. You can increase your average sale, boost overall revenues and satisfy customers more effectively if you stay focused on the time-saving element.

A Missouri-based rental store owner focuses on two aspects of time saving. He has computerized all rental forms so no regular customer has to wait more than a few seconds for the paperwork. In addition, all employees are drilled on how to demonstrate equipment for do-it-yourselfers so the renter knows how to operate it safely, and how to do the job right the first time. Once again, this works beautifully for repeat business and referrals.

Eliminate Time Wasters

To begin the process of giving your customers the valuable commodity of time, take a good look at your business. First, determine when and where customers are having to wait. Is it at the checkout counter, waiting for your staff to fill their orders, or waiting for qualified assistance in making a purchase decision?

Once you see where your bottlenecks are, focus your efforts on finding solutions. You may need additional check-outs, more peak-time personnel or automated systems. Frequently, you can solve time problems easily with minimal expense.

Some businesses offer diversions for customers who must wait. Several family restaurants offer free coloring books and colors to keep youngsters entertained while waiting for meals. A shoe store might provide a foot massage machine to relax customers while store clerks are pulling shoes. A women's clothing store could offer a "Husbands Only" rest area complete with sports programming on a color TV.

The best possible strategy is to eliminate time hassles. If you can't, make the waiting as pleasant as possible.

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.

Non-point source meeting set for Jan. 16 in Lubbock

The South Plains Agricultural Nonpoint Source Conference is set for next Thursday (Jan. 16) in Lubbock, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the KoKo Palace, 5101 Avenue Q.

Those registering now must pay the late fee of \$25, which does not guarantee lunch. Registration forms may be obtained by calling Charley Rodgers, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board Regional Manager, at 806-839-1030, or Beade Northcut at 817-773-2250.

"The conference will offer factual and current information on water quality issues that are important to agricultural operators today," said Northcut, an engineer for TSSWCB. "It also will offer continuing education units (CEUs) for individuals wishing to renew their private pesticide applicator's license through the Texas Dept. of Agriculture."

The agenda for the conference will cover issues such as nonpoint source water pollution and the need for certified water quality management plans, as specified by the state legislature.

Commissioner John Baker of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission will serve as the keynote speaker at the conference; and Mark Smith, special assistant to the Speaker of the House for natural resources and agriculture, will speak on state-wide agricultural water quality issues.

The conference is being sponsored by the TSSWCB, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Texas Tech University, Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, TDA, Lubbock County Extension Service,

Lubbock County Soil and Water Conservation District, High Plains Underground Water District #1, Plains Cotton Grower, West Texas Ag Chemical Institute, US EPA Section 319 (h) Program, and the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

Depletion information available from High Plains Water District

As income tax time nears, landowners who irrigate may take advantage of a tax deduction allowed by the Internal Revenue Service for the cost of water depleted from the Ogallala Aquifer.

Landowners who wish to claim a cost-in-water income tax depletion allowance for 1996 may now request data to support their claims from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, which has been supplying the information for more than 30 years.

Any landowner who purchased,

inherited or otherwise attained interest in land in the district's service area after 1948 and whose groundwater is depleted in the business of irrigation farming is eligible to take the tax deduction.

The deduction is based on the landowner's cost in water resources at the time of acquisition. Basically, the water value is the difference in the sales price between irrigated land and dryland in any given year. Cost guidelines are updated each year by the Water District based on actual real estate appraisals of recorded

land sales.

Also, the quantity of groundwater in storage beneath the tract of land at the time of acquisition and a documented yearly decline in feet are required by the IRS to claim the deduction.

"By the end of January, Water District personnel will complete the processing of about 6,500 parcel claims for local landowners to use to support their claims for a cost-in-water income tax deduction on their 1996 federal income tax returns. About 5,200 of these have a decline, and the landowner owning the parcel will have a claim this year for water depletion," said A.Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager.

It has been estimated that \$3 to \$5 million in taxes is saved each year by irrigating landowners in the district's service area as a result of this program.

Wyatt anticipates that 90% or more of these parcels will be requested before the 1996 income tax filing deadline.

Interested landowners or their

accountants may obtain the necessary data to claim the tax deduction by contacting Rose Risinger, Water Depletion Coordinator, at the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181.

Requests for new claims should include the following information: name of the landowner, address, social security or federal identification number, a complete legal description of the land involved, and the original date of the land acquisition. Those who have previously made claims need only submit the assigned permanent reorder number.

The Water District charges a \$50 fee for the basic information to establish a claim (saturated thickness and annual decline data for up to three years and cost-in-water sales data for year of purchase). Each year following the initial claim, the Water District charges a \$10 fee for data if a decline occurs. If no decline occurs, no fee is charged.

Water district staff taking measurements

Technical division staff members are making annual depth-to-water measurements to determine the effect of 1996 pumpage on ground water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the 15-county High Plains Underground Water Conservation District's service area.

Measurements are taken from a network of more than 1,100 privately-owned wells. These observation wells are spaced throughout the district at a density of about one well per nine square miles.

The depth-to-water measurements are made in January and February to allow water levels in these wells to stabilize from pumpage of the previous irrigation season.

Technical division personnel make

these measurements by lowering a steel tape with a few feet coated with carpenter's chalk into the well to a pre-determined depth. The chalk turns a darker shade of blue when it comes into contact with water, giving a means of determining the distance from land surface to the static water level when the tape is removed from the well.

After the depth-to-water measurement is made, a vinyl sticker with the observation well number, the depth-to-water measurement and the date the measurement was made is affixed to the well site.

The High Plains Water District measures the same observation wells each year and the current depth-to-water measurement is compared with measurements made in previous years to determine average annual changes in the water levels of the Ogallala Aquifer within the Water District service area.

The data is also used to construct maps showing the water level changes and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer.

Maps showing the location and well number of observation wells in each county or a portion of a county served by the district are published each year in *The Cross Section*, usually in April.

Tables listing observation wells in each county within the district and the depth-to-water levels at one year, five-year and 10-year intervals also are published.

Oneth retires from USDA

Harry W. (Wes) Oneth retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Temple effective Friday.

Oneth, who has been state conservationist for NRCS in Texas since 1987 graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1962 with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education. In 1976 he received a master's degree in public administration from Syracuse University.

He began his career as a student trainee in Stillwater, Okla., and has held the following positions: soil conservationist and district conservationist in Oklahoma; area conservationist in Indiana; state resource conservationist in Oklahoma; area conservationist in Indiana; state resource conservationist in New York; assistant state conservationist in South Dakota; deputy state conservationist and state conservationist in Ohio; and state conservationist in Texas.



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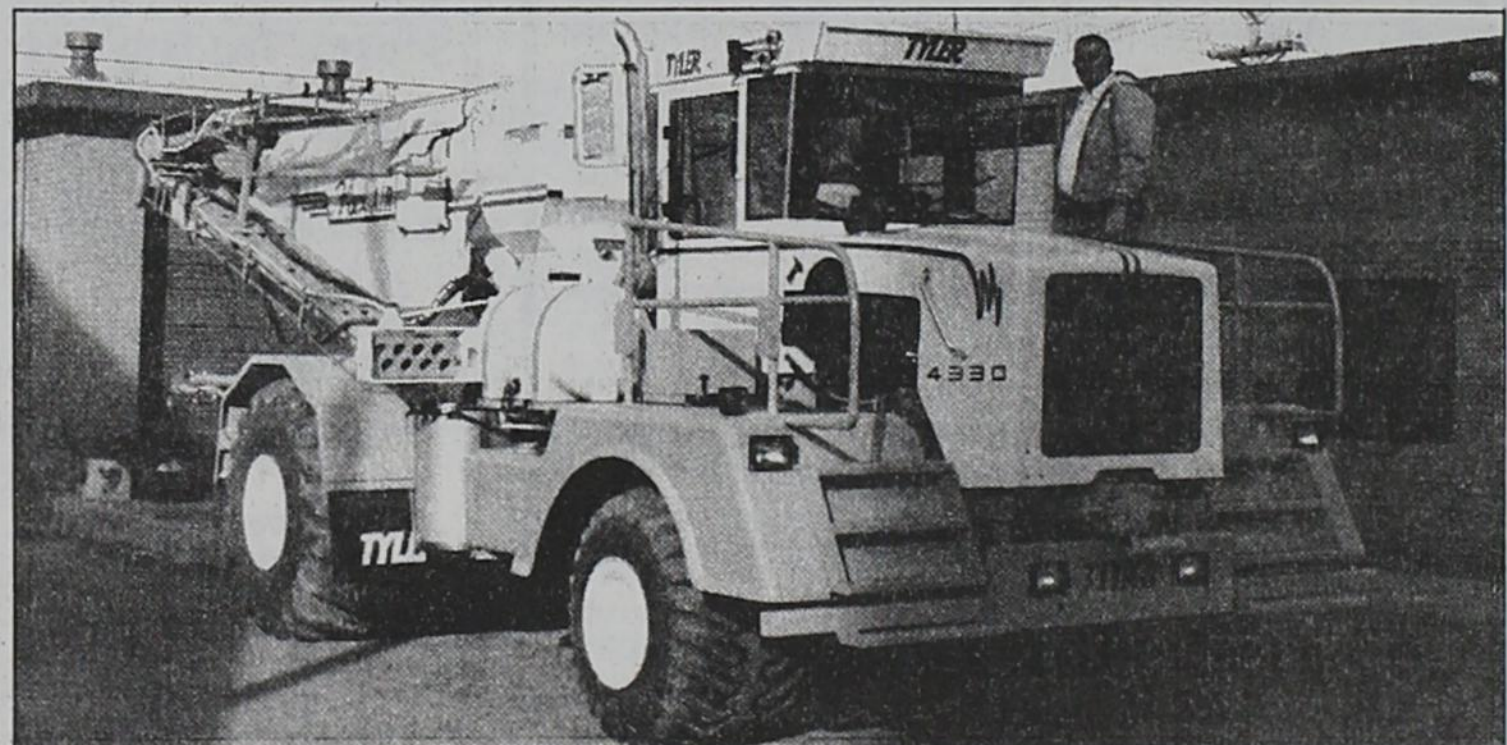
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Matt is 31, and married. He and his wife, Dana, have three children—Holly, 9,

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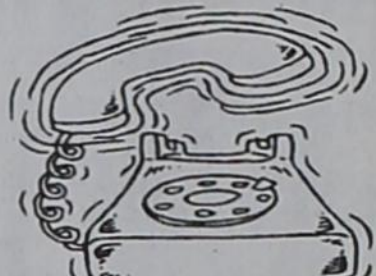
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CONCEALED HANDGUN COURSE, Jan. 11. For details contact Toby Turpen, 806-364-6362. 22-40-11c

23—Lost & Found

LOST TWO STEERS. Green ear tag in left ear. Flying Lazy H brand on left hip. Call Robert Hawkins at 938-2206. 23-36-51c

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

The family of J.S. Scarborough would like to thank everyone for the lovely flowers, cards, prayers, donations and food during the time of loss of our husband and father.

NAOMI SCARBOROUGH DONALD & GINGER SCARBOROUGH ANN & BILL HO-GLAND & FAMILY CAROLYN & DAVID McDONALD & FAMILY 24-40-11c

CARD OF THANKS

Sometimes we may feel that no one cares or notices our pain, but the wonderful people of this community have shown that is not true. The loving response of caring and concern that has been shown to us in the loss of our sister has truly been a comfort. Thank you again to all who have sent cards, flowers, food, and prayers, and who have said a caring word. We appreciate you all. God bless you. LEROY & LINDA MAXWELL & FAMILY 24-40-11x

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to express our deep gratitude for your concern and support during the loss of David. The cards, phone calls, visits, food, prayers, and words of sincere sympathy have surrounded us with loving care. We feel truly blessed by God's gift of friendship. Each kind deed has helped us through this difficult time. It has brought a deep comfort to know that others sincerely care and share our grief. May God bless each of you. Dent & Bessie Bradley Gene & Shari Bradley & Family Ray & Allan Bradley & Family Joe & Kay Magee & Family 24-40-11p

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Jose M. Aleman, Sr. wishes to express our deep gratitude for all the prayers, flowers, food and concern shown to us during the time of our loss.

Our heartfelt appreciation is given to our neighbors, friends and relatives, and to the hospital and medical staff of Plains Memorial Hospital. Thanks also to the Dimmitt Police Department for their care and assistance.

We are grateful to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for the use of the church for the funeral services. Also, a special thanks to the ladies of the church for the wonderful meal provided to the family and relatives.

Thanks so much and the Lord's blessing always.

ANITA ALEMAN FRANK, JOE JR., ARMANDO ALEMAN ESTELLA GALINDO, LUPINA FRY, MANDY ALEMAN & ALL OF OUR ENTIRE FAMILY 24-40-11p

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for all your support of the Salvation Army, local chapter. We really appreciate your support and response.

JERRY ALEXANDER, Field Representative POLLY SIMPSON & KRYSAL CLEARMAN, Local Representatives 24-40-11p

25—Legal Notices

cially used on 70 acres of agricultural land located onsite. Waste will be beneficially used by a contract hauler on agricultural land located off-site. No discharge of pollutants into waters of the State is authorized.

The cattle feedlot is on the east side of U.S. Highway 385, approximately 14 miles south of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The facilities are located in the drainage area of the White River Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.

The Executive Director of the TNRC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice. To request a hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) the name of the applicant and the permit number; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing;" (4) a brief description of how you would be adversely affected by the granting of the application in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to civil trials in state district court.

Requests for hearing on this application must be submitted in writing during the 30-day notice period to the Chief Clerk's Office, MC 105, TNRC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. Written public comments may also be submitted to the Chief Clerk's Office during the notice period. For information concerning technical aspects of the permit, contact Catherine Nash, MC 158, the same address. For information concerning hearing procedures or citizen participation, contact Blas Coy, Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. Individuals members of the public who wish to inquire about the information contained in this notice, or to inquire about other agency permit applications or permitting processes, should call the TNRC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040.

Issued this 27th day of December, 1996.

MAMIE M. BLACK, Acting Chief Clerk Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission 25-40-11c

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Basketball fans had a choice after Christmas to either go to Clarendon or Slaton. The Nazareth Swifts played in the Salt Fork Classic at Clarendon College and won third place. Also playing were Amarillo River Road, Friona, Wichita Falls, Sanford, Fritch, Quanah, Dumas and Clarendon.

The Nazareth Swiftettes played in the West Texas Girls Tournament in Slaton and won consolation. Teams playing were Dumas, Slaton, River Road, Abilene Cooper, Levelland, Pampa, Childress, Slaton and Abilene Wylie.

The Heimans's Christmas was celebrated this year in Lubbock, hosted by Phil and Iona Taylor. Present were JoAnne Bowen of Plainview; Fritz and Julene Gerber, Denny and Dolores Heiman, Rusty and Lydia Schacher and family, Rodney and Mona Schulte and family, all of Nazareth; Jon and Lori Wych and family of Amarillo; the Taylors's two daughters, Stacy and family of Wall and Dawn and family of Rosco.

The Heiman children's mother, Isabell (Easy) Schulte is a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt and she doesn't go out anymore. She is 87 years old and is still in pretty good health. The family all visit her quite often throughout the year.

Fritz and Julene Gerber celebrated their children's birthdays and her retirement from Terra International with a night out in Amarillo. It was Lydia's 40th birthday on Dec. 27 and Chris's 30th on Dec. 24. All family members were present including Stanley and Cindy Gerber and family of Dumas, Lydia and Rusty Schacher and family of Nazareth, Colleen and Neal Wilhelm and family of Wichita Falls, Lori and Jon Wych and family of Amarillo and Chris and Kelly and Ryan Gerber of Kearney, Neb.

Lucille Drerup hosted Christmas dinner for her family on Sunday. Attending were Grace DeCardenas of Dallas, Jim and Evelyn Ball of Plainview, John and Carol Gary of Lubbock, Dan and Ethel Schmucker and Joe and Imogene Drerup, all of Nazareth, and a good number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Frances Gerber of Umbarger spent Monday in Nazareth with Gerber relatives, Leonard and Alvina Gerber, Mary and Dorothy, and Virgie Gerber. She also enjoyed going to Dimmitt to visit with Meta Stork, her aunt, who is in extended care at Plains Memorial Hospital.

All 24 members of the Francis and Betty Wilhelm family were home for the Christmas holidays, including Doug Wilhelm and family of Littleton, Colo.; Kevin Wilhelm of Dripping Springs; Barbara Reed and family of Houston; Gordon Wilhelm and family of Bryan; Michelle Schmucker and family of Wichita Falls; Kim Huseman and family of Amarillo; Becky Hooper and family of Wichita Falls; Rocky Wilhelm and family of Nazareth; Neal Wilhelm and family of Wichita Falls; Gaylene Wilhelm of Wichita Falls; Hugh Wilhelm of Nazareth; Eric Wilhelm and family of Amarillo; and Craig Wilhelm of Corsicana.

Funeral mass was celebrated Tuesday in Blessed Sacrament Catholic in Amarillo for Francis J. Woelfle, former Nazareth resident. He had lived in Amarillo for 48 years and was retired from the Amarillo ISD.

Rodney and Jennifer Heiman and their two girls, Mellisa and Mellany of Red Bluff, Calif., joined the Dennis Heiman family for Christmas this year. They enjoyed a week of visiting with family and friends.

Prayers are asked for Florence Schacher, a resident of Running Water Draw Care Center in Olton.

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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 Jan. 9-17.

DIMMITT
Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Beef enchiladas, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.
FRIDAY: Fishburger, onion rings, fruited gelatin and milk.
MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, applesauce, assorted muffins and milk.
TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, fresh watermelon, savory green beans and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad with dressing and milk.
THURSDAY: Beef stew, honeydew melon, crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, cornbread and milk.

Grades 2-12 Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of shepherd's pie, chicken tomato bake or beef enchiladas; southern collard greens, scalloped tomatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, macaroni salad or pears; cornbread, hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, fishburger or fajitas with sauted onions; candied sweet potatoes, onion rings or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or carrot-raisin salad; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of ground beef and macaroni, bean chaluapas or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, applesauce or pineapple sunset salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Spanish rice, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos with picante, cheese pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; watermelon, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or watermelon; garlic bread, white rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, poor boy steak or green enchilada casserole; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, potato salad or coleslaw; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, white rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART
Elementary School
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, cornbread, salad, coleslaw, fresh fruit, fruit cocktail and milk.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: *Baked chicken or hamburger and French fries, salad, rice, oranges, pears and milk.
FRIDAY: *Sandwiches with roll or pizza, salad, beans, oranges, fruit and milk.
MONDAY: *Chili dogs or baked potatoes, salad, broccoli, peaches, fruit salad and milk.
TUESDAY: *Hamburger and French fries or sandwiches, lettuce, beans, pears, dessert and milk.
WEDNESDAY: *Chaluapas or pizza, lettuce, corn, pineapple, cobbler and milk.
THURSDAY: *Barbecue on a bun or hamburger and fries, lettuce, green beans, applesauce, peaches and milk.
FRIDAY: *Soft tacos or corn dogs, lettuce, carrots, Jell-O, fruit cocktail and milk.

(*Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students while secondary students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

25—Legal Notices

STATEMENT OF NONDISCRIMINATION

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT AMENDMENT

SUNNYSIDE FEEDYARD, L.C., HCR 1, Box 90, Dimmitt, Texas 79027 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (Commission) for an amendment to Permit No. 01387 to alter the location of a previously authorized expansion. The permit authorizes the disposal of wastes and wastewater from a cattle feedlot. The cattle feedlot contains a maximum of 20,000 head. The waste control facilities include two retention control structures. Wastewater will be benefi-

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CHARBRA LEE of Hart (40) finds a hole in Petersburg's defense, penetrates, shoots and scores Friday night. The Lady Horns hosted Petersburg in their final warm-up game before district play, winning the game, 55-35. Lee finished with 11 points for the Hart girls. Headed in to try for the rebound should Lee miss is Hart's Tylene Garcia (44).
Photo by David Knox

More about

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his Army unit's patches had the bronc buster on them.

While I'm standing corrected . . . In my recent column about Chuck Braafladt and his trusted pointer, Rosebud, I misspelled Rosebud's Hungarian breed name. It's VIZSLA, not Vischla.

Either way, it's pronounced VESH-la.

Joe Carver called it to my attention. I checked with Chuck—or chucked with Check, or whatever—and he agreed with Joe.

Joe, who hangs out at the hospital pharmacy, claims to have been personally acquainted with the first Vizsla pointer in this part of the world.

Joe was living (and presumably working) in Plainview in the mid-1950s when a Hungarian refugee couple moved there from Canada. They told Joe about the sterling qualities of the Vizsla breed.

Joe thought that acquiring a Vizsla might make him even more efficient as a bird-hunter than he already was.

Joe and his Hungarian friend bought a Vizsla female from a breeder in Canada. Her name was Noodnik, but they called her Noodles.

"At that time Vizslas were listed in the American Field Dog Registry, but none were listed with the AKC," Joe said.

(The AKC is the American Kennel Club, the official US social registry of dogdom.)

Noodles was a great hunting dog, but Joe and his friend realized there's more to a dog's life than pointing a nose at birds. They suspected that Noodles had a woman's needs. They set about looking for a Vizsla mate for her.

Thus Joe came to import Moses from Austria. Bingo! Just as planned, Moses and Noodles begat a batch of little red puppies.

"After I moved over here in '63, Noodles and Moses both turned up missing," Joe said. "I advertised for them, and this guy from Hart called and said he had them.

"When I got there, it turned out that he had had a bunch of chickens that he didn't have anymore. I had to pay for the chickens to get the dogs back."

Joe found himself up to his teardrop neck in actual work as he started his pharmacy here, stayed on call, etc. He didn't have time to work with the dogs anymore, so he gave both of them away.

Before moving here, Joe sold one of Noodles' and Moses' pups to Ernest Sammann, who was then farming in the Providence community in Hale County. In 1966, Ernest and Marie and their family moved to Castro County, too, as the foremost Vizsla owners seemed to be doing about that time.

The Sammanns' first Vizsla was Maggie. They later bought a male and female in Lubbock and bred Vizslas for several years, "but not for long because they have 12 pups at a time," Marie said. "It doesn't take long to have all you need!"

While Ernest was getting Corn Saver, Inc., started here, he drove in from Olton one day and told Marie to watch out for the pup.

"What pup?" she asked.

"The one under my pickup seat,"

he said. Then he told her he had traded a Corn Saver attachment for a Vizsla pup.

"He hadn't, really — he just wanted to get me riled," Marie said.

"That pup from Olton was the best, smartest one we ever had," she said. "We would dress him up in a coat, tie and hat, and he'd sit there and ham it up as big as you please. They're good hunters, but they're also great family dogs. They're very loving. They're really devoted to you."

The Sammanns' son Charles took his Vizsla female, Fannie, with him to Canyon when he moved his Backyard Enterprises there.

"Fannie wasn't born on our farm, but Charles would bring her with him when he'd come over," Marie said. "Well, someone stole Fannie.

She was gone for five weeks, and Charles didn't expect to ever see her again. Then she showed up at our farm. She was dirty and skinny, but she found her way to our place. It was a very emotional thing—it was just like getting one of the family back."

Well, Chuck Braafladt bought his very first Vizsla pointer, Turbo, from Charles Sammann while Charles still lived here. So Chuck's first Vizsla may have been kin to Joe, or something like that.

Rosebud is Chuck's third Vizsla, and she's distantly related to his second Vizsla, Battle. But Chuck doesn't think she's kin to Joe, or anything like that.

I hope I got all of this straight. One of my goals in life is to be at least as truthful as most bird-dog men.

Police Calls

Dimmitt police jailed six people early on New Year's Day.

At 1 a.m., a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on charges of criminal trespass. At 1:18, a Dimmitt man, 33, was jailed for disorderly conduct. Criminal trespass charges were listed against a 17-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed at 2:17 a.m. Three people were jailed on charges of public intoxication—two Dimmitt men, both age 22, one at 2:46 a.m. and the other at 3:30; and a 41-year-old Dimmitt man at 3:43 a.m.

A 36-year-old Hart man was jailed twice in the past week—the night of Dec. 31 for public intoxication and on Sunday night for burglary of a building.

A 21-year-old Dimmitt woman was arrested Jan. 1 by Hart Chief of Police Wayne Johnson on a warrant charging her with burglary of a habitation, and she was jailed at 3:30 a.m. Escape charges also were listed against her.

Friday night a 41-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on a warrant for assault with bodily injury. A little later in the evening, another man was jailed for assault and resisting arrest.

Saturday, two Dimmitt people were jailed on warrants—a 20-year-old man was wanted on charges in Deaf Smith County, and a 21-year-old woman was wanted on charges from Hale County and Potter County.

Two Dimmitt people were booked into the jail Sunday evening—a 22-year-old woman on a warrant charging her with assault/bodily injury, and a 19-year-old man charged with criminal trespass.

Monday evening a Dimmitt man, 24, was picked up on a Randall County warrant for theft by check; and a Littlefield man, 34, was jailed on outstanding DPS warrants out of Parmer and Deaf Smith counties.

A clerk at the Town & Country Store in Dimmitt told police early on New Year's Day that someone had taken a "suitcase" of beer out of the

store without paying for it. The beer, valued at \$14.99, was recovered.

Pete Sifuentez of Dimmitt told police Saturday that someone cut the tires on two vehicles at his residence in the 800 block of Southwest Fourth Street. All four tires were slashed on both vehicles—a 1981 Ford LTD, and a 1977 Chevy Impala. Also, the dashboard of one of the vehicles was vandalized.

Dept. of Public Safety Troopers

reported an accident Tuesday on FM 194 north of Hart. Richard Wauer, 48, of Vega was driving in the construction zone and reportedly lost control of his 1985 Dodge pickup due to the icy road conditions. The vehicle rolled onto its side, sustaining light damage. Wauer was not injured and no citations were issued.

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SPEAKER

January 1997

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Thanks to your support, I am returning to Austin to represent the interests of our area at the Texas Capitol. Your faith and confidence in my service means a great deal to me.

We are preparing for the next session of the Texas Legislature and will begin with the swearing-in ceremonies at high noon on January 14th. The swearing-in ceremony will be followed by the Speaker's election. All of these proceedings are open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative and as Speaker of the House. This is a responsibility I take very seriously and look forward to continuing.

On a personal level, Nelda and I are grateful to all of our friends who worked so hard to ensure that I would continue to represent this area in the Texas Legislature. We cannot express how thankful our family is not only for your hard work, but also for your continued support and friendship.

I will continue to represent our rural values in a way that will make you proud to have me as your State Representative and the Speaker of the House. I look forward to working with you to continue moving forward Texas forward.

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