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County youths to exhibit 302 animals Friday

Boys and girls are busy clipping, trimming and putting the finishing touches on their steers, hogs and sheep this week in preparation for the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show, which will be held Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

This year's show will feature 197 pigs (up from 182 in 1996), 10 steers (down from 21) and 95 lambs (down from 127).

The annual show will be conducted by the Dimmitt Young Farmers and president of the group this year is Kennen Howell. Greg Odom serves as general superintendent for this year's show and he will be assisted by Chaun Gunstream.

The show will begin Friday at 8 a.m. with the lamb show. Steers will be exhibited at 11 a.m., followed by barrows at 1 p.m.

Judges for this year's show will be Larry Grey, steers; Dale Schattner, barrows; and Scott Doss, lambs. Grey is ag-teacher at Springlake-Earth and Schattner is ag teacher at New Home.

Pammy Millican, former Castro County Extension Agent, will judge showmanship.

The annual premium sale will begin Saturday at 1 p.m., and the Young

Farmers are encouraging everyone to "come out and support all the kids."

The Young Farmers will auction off 125 barrows, 125 lambs and 40 steers, or 75% of the total number of animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number.

Auctioneers Jack Howell, Johnny Davis, Greg Odom, Leslie Davis and Kenneth Gregg will sell the grand champion steer, barrow and lamb, followed by the reserve champions. The breed champions will be auctioned off next, followed by reserve breeds. Then auctioneers will sell one-third of the lambs, one-third of the barrows and one-third of the steers, repeating that process until all eligible animals are sold.

The Young Farmers also are selling chances on a new stock trailer, to be awarded at the sale on Saturday. Tickets are \$100 each and 110 tickets will be sold.

"Tickets are going fast," according to Gunstream, so anyone interested in purchasing one should contact a member of the Young Farmers as soon as possible.

Other prizes that will be awarded to lucky ticket holders during the show

and sale are \$100 worth of fuel from Dimmitt Consumers, \$100 worth of groceries from Dimmitt Thriftway, \$100 beef certificate from Dimmitt Feedyard, \$100 worth of merchandise from each of the following: W-B Equipment, Flagg Fertilizer Co., Westway Trading, Texas Equipment, Riverside Terra, IGA Foodliner and Lextron Animal Health Products; and a \$100 beef certificate from Rafter 3 Feedyard.

After the animals were weighed and classified on Wednesday, Nazareth held its club show.

Hart will hold its club show today (Thursday) at the Expo.

The steer show will be first on the agenda, and is slated to start around 6 p.m. The lamb show will follow, then the pigs will be paraded before the judge, Jake Coleman of Memphis, a retired ag teacher.

According to Jim Tucker, Hart youngsters will exhibit six lambs and approximately 55 barrows in the club show.

A showmanship drive will follow the stock show and Coleman will serve as judge.

Seven indicted

The Feb. 3 session of the 64th District Court Grand Jury handed down indictments against seven people.

Two Dimmitt men, Andres Gonzales Sr., 47, and Andres Gonzales Jr., 17, both of 404 N.W. Eighth, were indicted separately on charges of indecency with a child in connection with a Nov. 13 incident. The indictment states that they touched the genitals of a female child younger than 17. Bail was set at \$15,000 for both men.

Marlene Nino Martinez of Dimmitt was indicted for injury to a child and bail was set at \$10,000. The charge stated that she caused bodily injury to a child younger than 15 by spanking him with a paddle, which caused bruising to the child.

Edward Dwayne Coleman, 21, of 605 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, was indicted for burglary of a building. The charge stated that he entered a building on Jan. 26 without the consent of the owner, Lucia Martinez Fuentes, with the intent to commit theft. Bail was set at \$5,000.

Teresa Green Hill, 40, address unknown, was charged with forgery by passing and bail was set at \$2,500. The charge stated that on Nov. 13, she passed a \$54 check to Elmer's Liquor Store.

Manual Cordova, 56, of Olton, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bail was set at \$2,500. The charge stated that Cordova had written six bad checks from Nov. 7, 1996 through Oct. 23, 1997, in amounts ranging from \$20 to \$500.

Mandy Oltivero, 22, of 803 W. Bedford, Dimmitt, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bail was set at \$2,500. The charge stated that on Nov. 25 she appropriated merchandise with the intent to deprive its owner, Zander Hendrix, of the merchandise.



A BLOW-OUT on a right front tire caused this 1981 GMC fertilizer truck to go into a broadside skid as it was heading east on State Highway 86 about a mile west of Nazareth Monday afternoon. The driver, Greg Skinner, 27, of Tulia, was reported to have non-incapacitating injuries. He was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Tulia by private vehicle. As the truck skidded off the roadway, it gouged the pavement (lower left), and

then turned a half turn, landing on its top in the north bar ditch, spilling its load of fertilizer pellets. The truck had heavy damage. No citation was issued. Skinner had been wearing a lap belt, but no shoulder restraint. Nazareth Volunteer Firemen are sweeping the roadway, so that traffic may resume.

Photo by Don Nelson

Commissioners okay pay raise for county judge

Castro County Commissioners approved a salary increase for County Judge Irene Miller, with the increase in funds to come from a state program.

Commissioners had discussed the proposed \$5,000 raise for Miller at their Jan. 26 meeting, and voted to approve the hike during a called meeting Monday.

The state salary supplement for county judges was authorized by Senate Bill 310, passed by the 75th Legislature. It allows payment of an additional \$5,000 a year for two years to qualified county judges who apply for the funds and whose duties include at least 40% judicial functions.

Commissioners also approved a budget amendment to reflect the increase.

Miller will receive a lump sum in the amount of \$5,000, and she in turn will reimburse the county \$700 for additional retirement benefits and payroll taxes that the county would incur from the increase.

Local filing starts Monday

Monday is the first day that candidates may file for a position on the various city, school and hospital governing boards, subject to the May 2 elections.

Candidates may apply for places on ballots through March 18. April 1 is the last day unregistered voters may register to vote in the May 2 election. Early voting will be held April 13-28.

On the Dimmitt City Council, terms are expiring for Roy Garza, District 1; Gloria Hernandez, District 2; Charles Richard, District 3; and Roger Malone, District 4.

For the Dimmitt school board, terms are expiring for Earl Behrends in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4.

For the Hart Board of Aldermen, terms are expiring for L.C. McLain; Stanley Dyer, who is filling the unexpired term of Vicky Ethridge, who resigned; and Richard Entrekim, who is filling the unexpired term of Todd Pebsworth, who resigned.

For the Hart school board, terms are expiring for Mark Bennett, current board president, and Sandy Farris, current board secretary.

On the Nazareth City Commission, the term of Virgil Huseman is expiring. Also, Mayor Ralph Brockman's term is expiring.

Nazareth school board members whose terms are ending are J.C. Pohlmeier, Kent Birkenfeld, and Keith Hoelting.

On the Castro County Hospital District board, terms are expiring for Bill Clark and Teresa Lindsey.

Dimmitt vs. Tulia

First 950 come, first 950 seated

Here we go again, trying to fit a menagerie into a matchbox.

A sellout is guaranteed when two of the state's premier teams do battle Tuesday night in Dimmitt's 800-seat

Kenneth Cleveland Gym.

The undefeated Tulia Hornets, the state's top-ranked Class AAA team, already have the district title pretty well wrapped up. But Dimmitt's Bob-

cats, the No. 4-ranked team in the state, are nursing two district losses, and a win Tuesday night might be crucial to their playoff hopes.

Fans wanting to see the games—the junior varsity boys at 6 and the varsity boys at 7:30—had better arrive early, since seating will be limited.

The doors will open at 4:30 p.m., and only 800 will be admitted into the gym.

Another 150 will be admitted to overflow seating in the Dimmitt Middle School Band Hall, where the game will be shown live on closed-circuit television.

Seating will be on a first-come,

first-served basis, according to Supt. Les Miller, and the capacity limits will have to be strictly observed, he said.

Those admitted should plan on going straight in and sitting down because there will be no reserved seats, Miller said. No tickets will be issued; instead, those admitted will have their hands stamped.

Miller said that concessions will be available for fans in the band hall as well as those in the gym.

Miller said that the crew that provides the closed-circuit, giant-screen telecast in the band hall will be the same group that provided the service at the Dimmitt-Tulia games at Tulia.

Sheriff's department to purchase two cars

The Castro County Sheriff's Dept. will purchase two new 1998 Ford Crown Victoria cars and will save more than \$6,200 over amounts budgeted for the purchase.

County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld said he was able to purchase the two vehicles by "piggybacking" on a fleet bid for Hale County from Southwest Ford in Weatherford, and that saved the county money.

The two vehicles will cost the county \$35,750.60 and the light bars and switch boxes will be another \$1,029.90. That total was \$6,219.50 less than the \$43,000 budgeted by the county for the vehicles.

Commissioners approved the purchase Monday during their regular meeting.

Fitzgearld said the sheriff's department traded in a 1992 Ford Crown Victoria and a 1993 Ford Crown Victoria, both with high mileage. He added that the 1992 had some peeling paint. The dealer allowed the county a total of \$2,650 for the two vehicles.

Cindy Pottorff, librarian at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt, asked

commissioners for permission to purchase a new memorial plaque, books, videos and an activity center for the library from memorial funds.

Pottorff said the library has received \$1,100 in donations to its memorial fund since November. She added that when donors make a contribution to the fund, their name is engraved on a memorial plaque that hangs in the library. However, the current plaque is full, and Pottorff asked that she be allowed to purchase a new one for \$165, using part of the memorial fund.

She also has several books and videos she plans on purchasing and said she would like a "play cube" activity center for young children.

The approximate cost for all the items would be \$1,065, Pottorff said. Commissioners approved her requests.

The county also renewed its contract with Randy Griffith, emergency management coordinator for Castro County.

Griffith earns a salary of \$333 per month for his services.

He informed commissioners Monday that he is currently working on updating the emergency management plan for the county.

In other action, commissioners agreed to purchase numbers to be placed above office doors in the courthouse; approved a contract with Texson Management Corp., which operates a juvenile boot camp at Sweetwater; and agreed to have the courthouse elevator inspected every year.

Early voting starts Feb. 23

Early voting will start Feb. 23 in the March 10 Primary election for the Democrat and Republican parties.

Voters may present their voter's certificate at the county clerk's office in order to vote early. Early voting will continue through March 6.

Any voters who signed a candidate petition for a Republican candidate may not vote in the Democratic Primary. Also, voters who signed a candidate petition for a Democratic candidate may not vote in the Republican Primary.

Voters must either vote in the same primary as the candidate they supported by petition or abstain from voting until the November General Election, according to County Republican Chairman Deanne Clark.

Voters who did not sign candidate petitions may vote in whichever primary they choose.



Grandparents' Favorite Valentines

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Moisture!

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| Friday | 31 | 29 | .02 |
| Saturday | 41 | 29 | |
| Sunday | 57 | 26 | |
| Monday | 62 | 25 | |
| Tuesday | 60 | 30 | |
| Wednesday | 54 | 25 | |
| February Moisture | | | .11 |
| 1998 Moisture | | | .12 |

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

PCS honors two locals

Panhandle Community Services recently recognized two local citizens.

Wayne Collins of Dimmitt was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service as the president of the PCS Board. He is being succeeded by Ed Mills of Armstrong County. Named as vice president was Clarence Ellerd of Swisher County, and continuing as secretary-treasurer is Donnie Ellerd of Oldham County.

Collins was commended for his leadership and dedication, a PCS spokesperson said.

Also, Stella Devers of the Dimmitt office was among those PCS employees recognized for 10 years of service.

Screening set Feb. 19

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Feb. 19 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halseil in Dimmitt.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

Each participant at the screening will receive a breast exam and one-on-one instruction in breast self-examination by a registered nurse specially trained in breast cancer detection. They also will receive a mammogram by a mammography technician.

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

DSEC announces scholarship program

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative recently announced a new \$10,000 scholarship program.

Five \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded in May to eligible applicants from the immediate families of active members and active employees of DSEC.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, counselors, etc. selection will be based on these primary criteria: grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include: written essay, SAT/ACT scores, and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham counties, or the DSEC office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 13. Awards will be announced within 60 days of that date.

Pain may be eliminated for millions

(SPECIAL)--A drug that is exciting researchers in the treatment of pain has been formulated into a new product known as "Arthur Itis," and is being called a "Medical Miracle" by some, in the treatment of debilitating conditions such as arthritis, bursitis, rheumatism, painful muscle aches, joint aches, simple backache, bruises, and more. Although the mechanism of action is unclear, experiments indicate that Arthur Itis, relieves pain by first selectively attracting, and then destroying the messenger chemical which carries pain sensations to the brain, thus eliminating pain in the affected area. Arthur Itis, is available immediately without a prescription in an odorless, greaseless, non-staining cream or new roll-on lotion form. Arthur Itis, is guaranteed to work or your money back.

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Pampa will host ARTRAIN

The Pampa Fine Arts Association will host the ARTRAIN Feb. 17-24, and the public is invited to view the exhibit on Feb. 21-22 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., free of charge.

The exhibit, set up at the Attebury Grain Elevator on US Hwy. 60, also will be open for tours by school groups that have already been

booked for Feb. 19-20, and 23-24.

The five-car train, using historic railcars, holds the works of contemporary American artists commissioned by the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., to celebrate something.

A "thank-you" reception is slated for Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium in Pampa.

NISD earns \$500 award from TSSAS

Nazareth Independent School District has received a monetary award for \$500 as part of the Texas Successful Schools Awards System (TSSAS).

Nazareth school is among 2,300 cash-winning schools statewide receiving awards for exemplary or recognized performance and the 368 acceptable schools receiving awards based on their comparable improvement group.

Cash awards ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 per school were given depending on the number of students enrolled at the school. A total of \$2.5 million is being awarded to schools this year under TSSAS.

Data from the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) was used to determine campus eligibility for awards. The AEIS is commonly known as the state's report card. One indicator of the AEIS is the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test, which measures performance in reading, writing and mathematics. This year's awards are based on the spring 1997 TAAS scores and the state's performance standards for dropout and attendance rates.

Schools in the exemplary category had at least 90% of all their students and each student population group pass each section of the TAAS. The dropout rate for exemplary schools during 1994-95 was 1% or less for

all students and each student group. In addition, their 1994-95 attendance rate was 94% or greater.

In the recognized category, schools had at least 75% of all students in each student group pass each section of the TAAS. Recognized campuses had a dropout rate of 3.5% or less for all students in each student group. Their attendance rate was at least 94%.

Additionally, for each TAAS subject area below 80% passing (all students and each student group) in the recognized school, actual change of scores between 1997 and 1996 TAAS met or exceeded the change needed to reach 90% passing within five years.

The final TSSAS award was given to campuses with acceptable ratings that ranked in the top 25% of their comparable improvement group in TAAS reading and math. The comparable improvement categories are based on several factors including the percentage of students identified as African American, Hispanic, White, Economically Disadvantaged, Limited English Proficient and Mobile.

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Sue and John Merritt

Merritts to celebrate golden anniversary

John and Sue Merritt will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in their home in Dimmitt Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

The reception is being hosted by the couple's children, Lint Merritt of Dimmitt, Suzanne Lunt of Sunray, Amy Parsons of Lubbock and Johnny Merritt of Amarillo. The couple also has 10 grandchildren.

John and Sue Merritt were both born and raised in Dimmitt. They married on Feb. 8, 1948, at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

He spent four years with the Army Air Corps, serving most of the time in the South Pacific.

She is a graduate of West Texas State University.

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Food vendors sought during quilters' festival

Wedding shower honors Cowen

Silvia Cowen, bride of Russell Cowen, was honored with a wedding shower Saturday morning at the home of Mary Jo Brown.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Brown, the honoree and the groom's mother, Alice Cowen.

The serving table was covered with a green table runner. The centerpiece was a silk topiary urn with birds and bird's nest and two terra cotta doves. A brass coffee and tea set completed the appointments.

Refreshments included a cream cheese pound cake, cherry and apricot topping, spinach and Swiss cheese quiche, fruit punch and coffee.

The hostesses presented the honoree with a vacuum cleaner.

Sausage dinner set at St. Ann's Church in Canyon

St. Ann's Catholic Church in Canyon will hold its seventh annual Czech dinner on Sunday, March 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parish family center.

The menu will include sausage, kraut, creamed parsley potatoes, green beans, dessert and trimmings.

Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Children under five will be served free. Carry-outs will be available.

A crafts show, kid's games, country store and drawings will be held.

Music from the 30s, 40s and 50s will be provided by Dr. Dudley Moore Jr.

Organizations, groups or individuals interested in sponsoring a food booth at the Ogallala Quilters' Festival, slated to be held in Dimmitt April 3 and 4, should contact organizers of the event as soon as possible.

Those who wish to have a booth should contact Bill Sava at the Chamber of Commerce, 647-2524; or members of the Ogallala Quilters including Joyce Davis at 647-5362 or Doris Lust at 647-5637 for forms and more information.

Essay contest is underway

Catholic Family Services is sponsoring an essay contest celebrating African Americans and their accomplishments, and all Castro County students in junior and senior high school are eligible to enter.

Entries must be legibly printed or double-spaced typed, and must include a cover sheet with the student's name, address, phone, number, name of school and grade. All pages must be stapled together. Essays will not be returned.

Suggested topics include comparing the changes since 1950 to 1990 in areas of school, military, family, community and workforce; contributing forces and individuals who caused the changes; and major inventions by African Americans and the impact they made on life in the United States.

Plaques will be awarded for first, second and third places.

Entries must be turned into the school counselor's or be mailed to Catholic Family Services, 108 Southwest Second Street, Dimmitt 79027, on or before Feb. 25.

Gosh — it has been 20 years!

Yes, 20 years ago we had just purchased Carver Pharmacy and were trying to get acquainted with everyone here.

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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 Feb. 12-20.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Chicken taco with hot sauce, refried beans, Arroz Mexicano, honeydew melon and milk.
 TUESDAY: Honey-lemon chicken, potatoes au gratin, orange wedges and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers with gravy, French fries, cucumber and tomato salad and milk.
 THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, Mexipinto beans, cantaloupe and milk.
 FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruit fantasy and milk.

FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket, sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, picante sauce, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or ham sandwich, potato chips, sliced pickles, gelatin dessert, peaches, carrot sticks and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie sandwich; corn, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: No school.
 MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket, sliced pickles, broccoli and cheese, peaches, salad, ice cream, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of tuna salad, grilled cheese sandwich or ham sandwich; fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, potato chips, salad, carrot sticks, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti with meat sauce; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hoagie sandwich, potato chips, salad, pears, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joes or corn dog, salad, okra, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * No school.
 MONDAY: * Burritos or baked potatoes, salad, rice, peaches, rice krispie and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or corn dog, salad, corn, pineapple, applesauce and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, lettuce, peas, apricots and milk or juice.

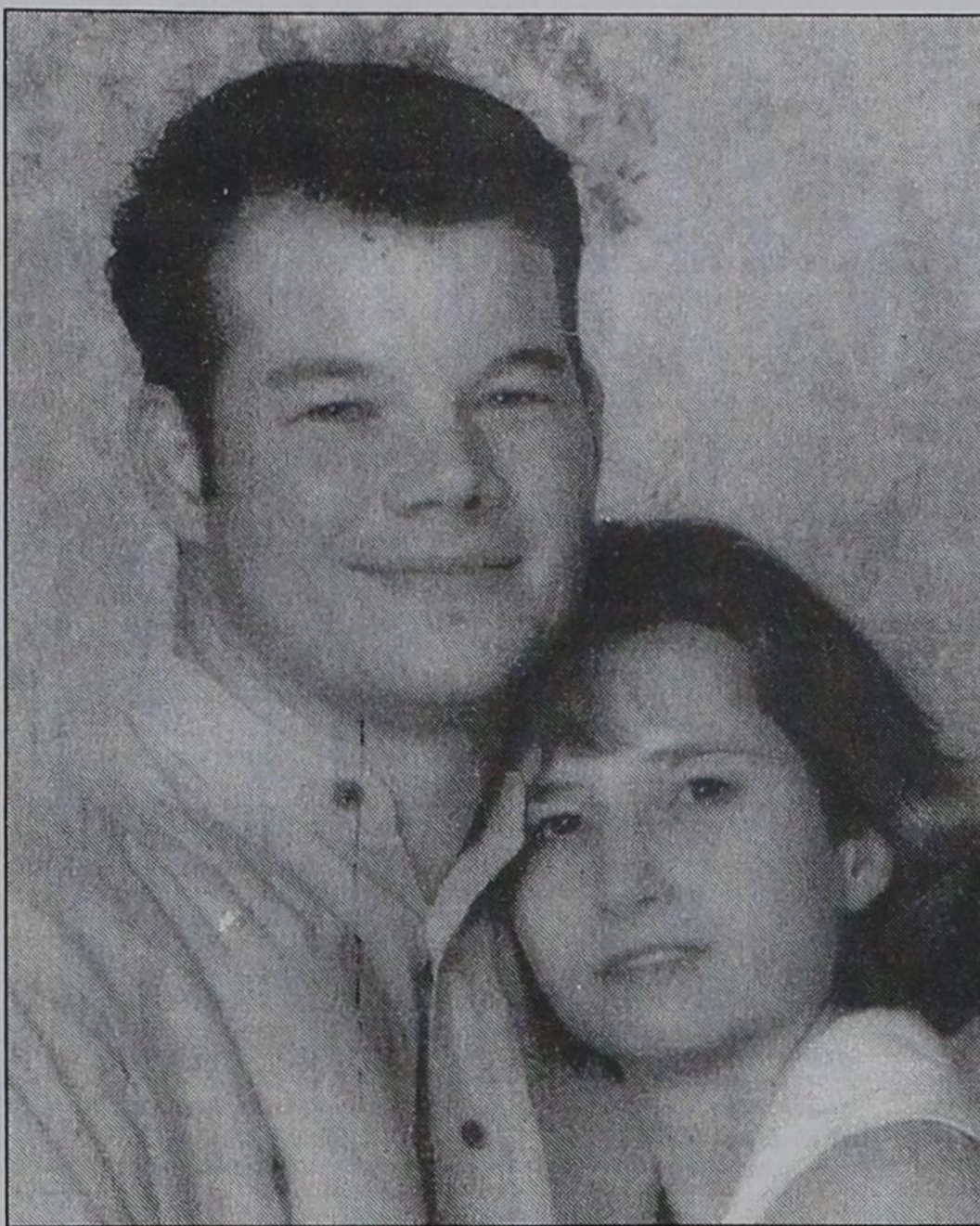
THURSDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, salad, pinto beans, fruit salad, pears and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Tacos or pizza, lettuce, green beans, peaches, brownies and milk or juice.

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

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Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.



Addison Michael Foskey and Sheila Jane Dunn

Foskey and Dunn to wed

Sheila Jane Dunn and Addison Michael Foskey plan to exchange wedding vows at 2 p.m. on May 30 at St. Elizabeth's University Parish in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Steve Dunn of Kermit and Pam McClendon of Levelland. She is a 1993 graduate of Morton High School and is attending Wayland Baptist University.

The prospective groom is the son of Mayor Mike Foskey of Olton and Maureen Foskey of Dimmitt. He graduated from Olton High School in 1996 and is currently attending Texas Tech University.

Together We Can

School trustee workshop set

Area school board candidates and interested citizens will have an opportunity to learn more about the challenges and rewards of trustee service at a school board candidate workshop Feb. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Region 16 Education Service Center at 1601 S. Cleveland in Amarillo.

The workshop will provide school board candidates and other interested citizens with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants also will view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to all school board candidates, interested community members, and current school board members. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6161.

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Robinson is honored at 1998 ag conference

Panhandle district director Bob Robinson was recognized recently by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the national honorary Extension fraternity, Epsilon Sigma Phi, in separate ceremonies during the 1998 Agriculture Program Conference at Texas A&M University at College Station.

The Extension Service honored Robinson with its Superior Service Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the agency to faculty and staff. Recipients of the honor included 15 individuals and four teams.

Robinson was cited for visionary administration and practical empowerment of faculty, volunteers and clientele to maximize resources and expand educational programs for the benefit of Texans.

Epsilon Sigma Phi also chose to honor him with its state commendation for visionary leadership. The award is presented to its professionals whose significant accomplishments have resulted in leading the organization forward in new directions.

Before taking the same position in Amarillo, Robinson served 12 years as director of the South Plains district headquartered at Lubbock. From 1995, as the district agriculture program leader, his supervisory charge included more than 60 professionals in 41 counties for both districts before his transfer here was completed.

In addition, he coordinated the work of more than 18 subject matter specialists, effectively integrating

this top level expertise into single and multi-county and multi-district educational programming to better serve citizen needs in both regions.

Robinson's most recent accomplishments involve AgriPartners and AGCARES, programs which directly benefit agricultural producers. He helped organize the consortium of supporting groups to form the Agricultural Complex for Advanced Research and Extension Systems (AGCARES) and establish the 160-acre demonstration farm at Lamesa. It is the only full-scale research and educational demonstration farm in the nation.

Both commendation reflect Robinson's commitment to developing and empowering volunteer leaders to expand and enlarge Extension's education and training program outreach.

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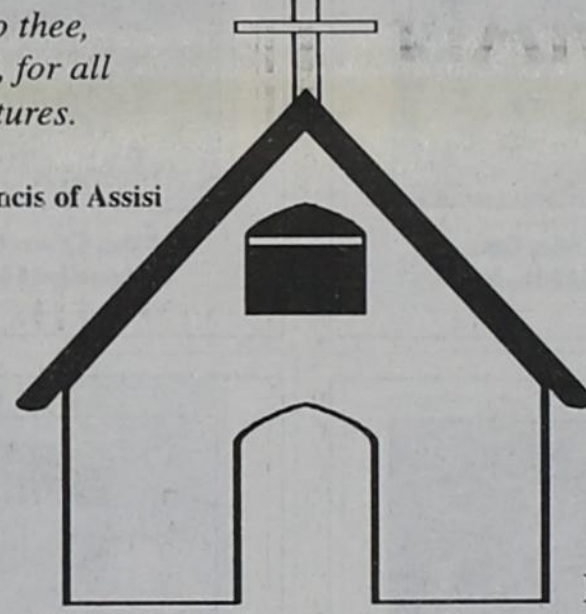
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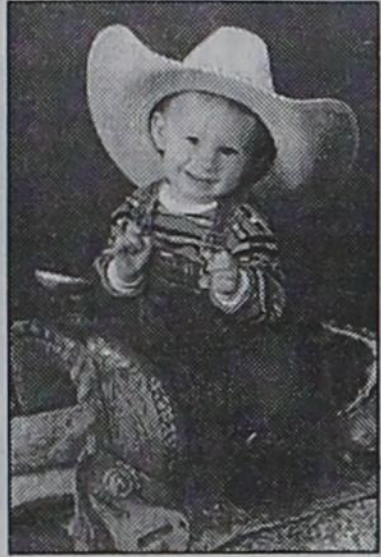
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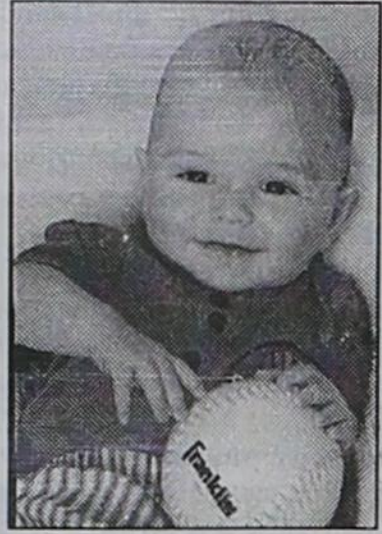
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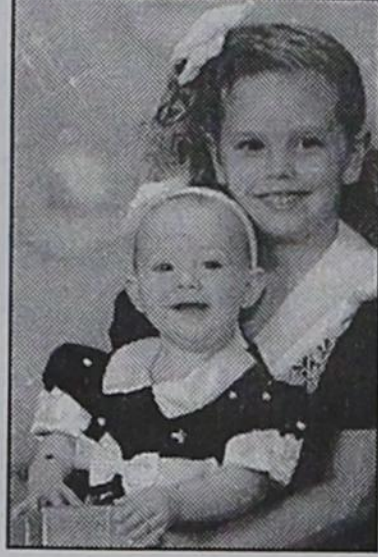
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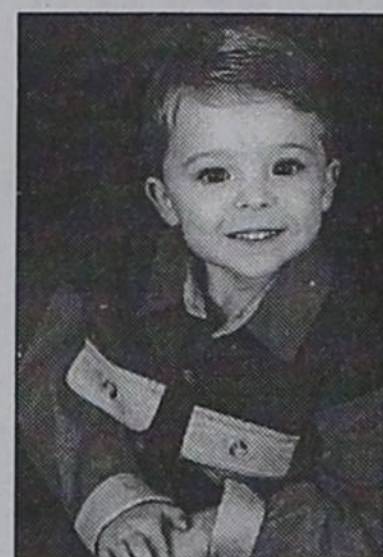
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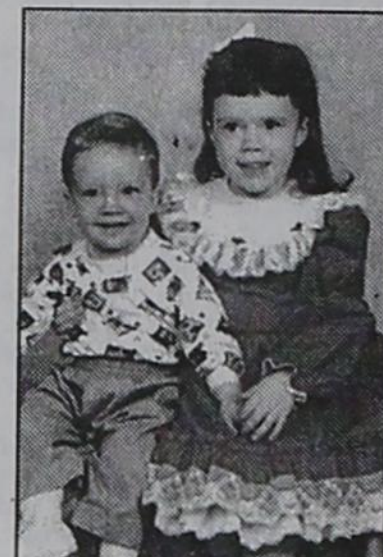
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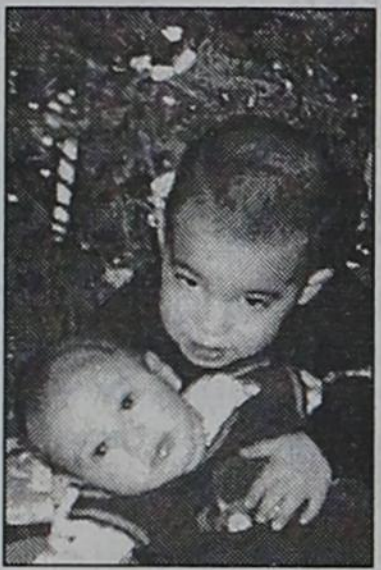
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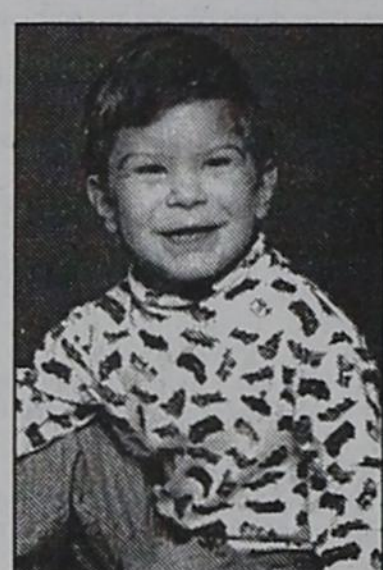
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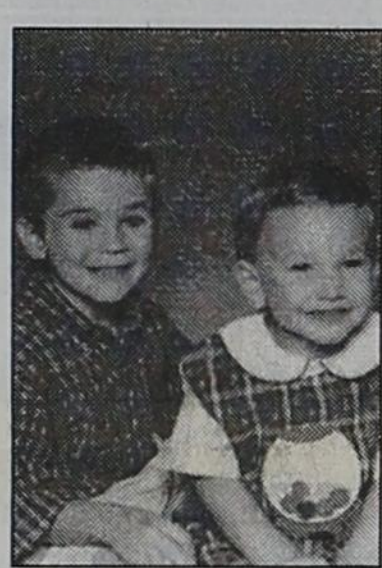
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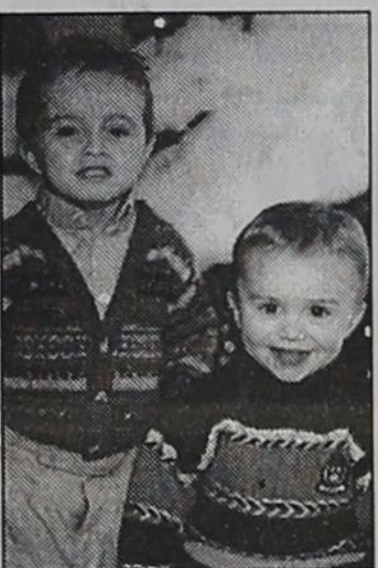
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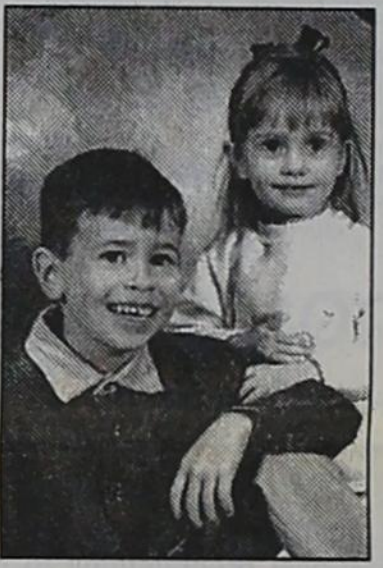
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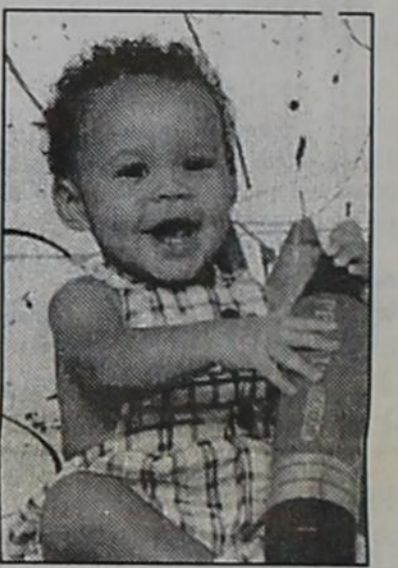
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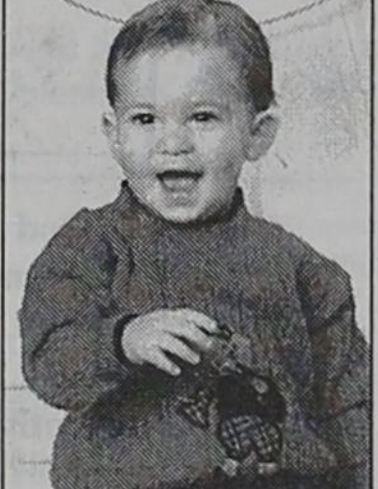
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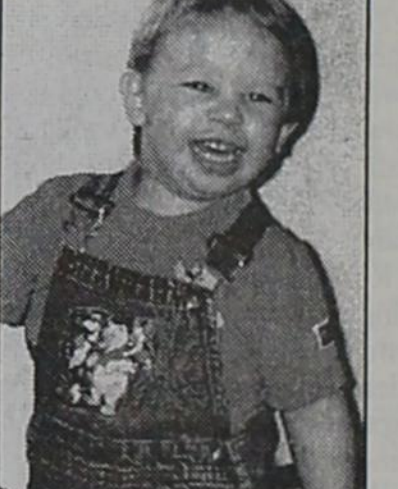
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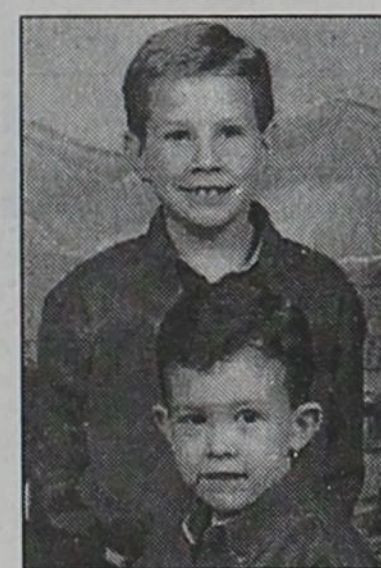
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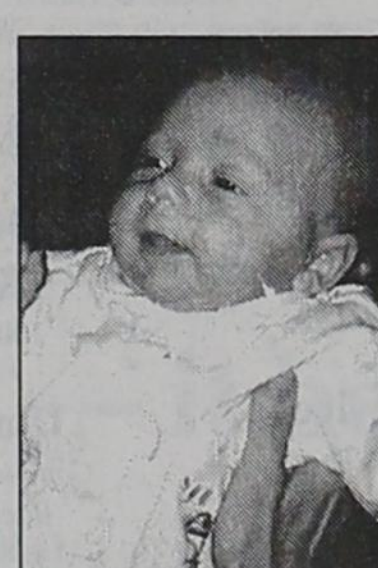
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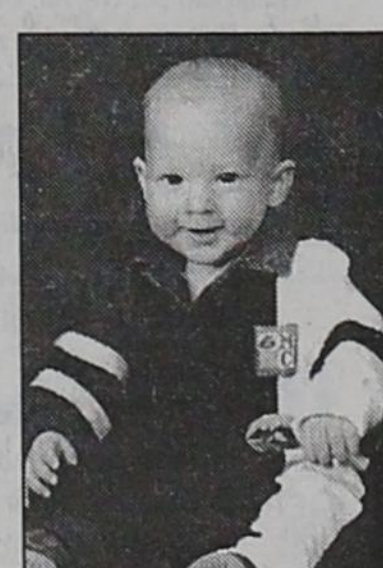
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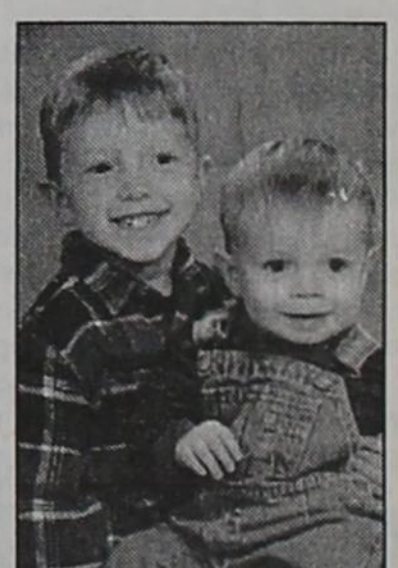
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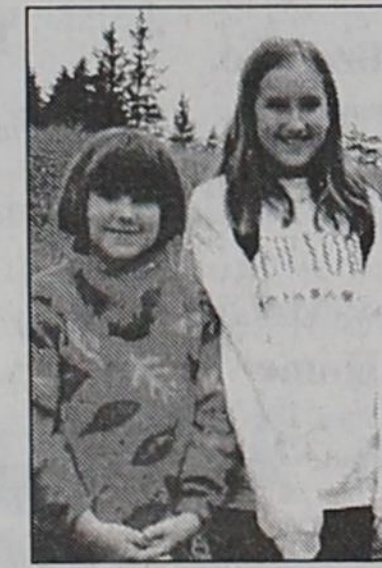
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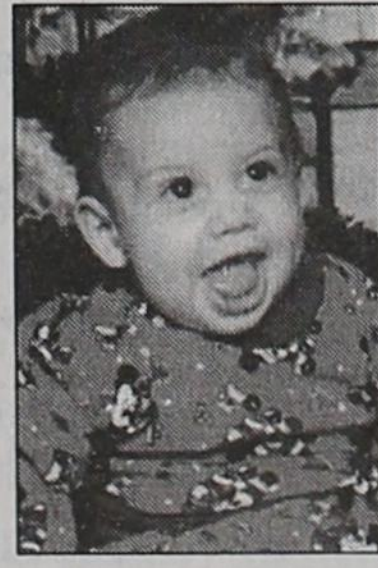
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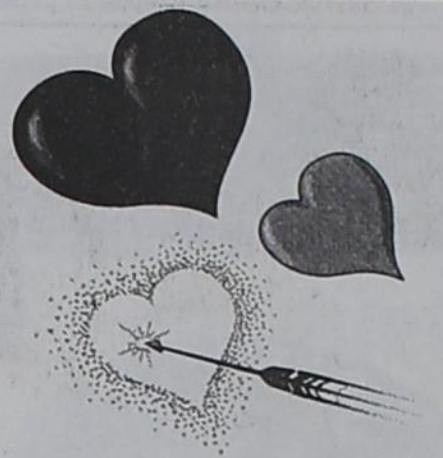


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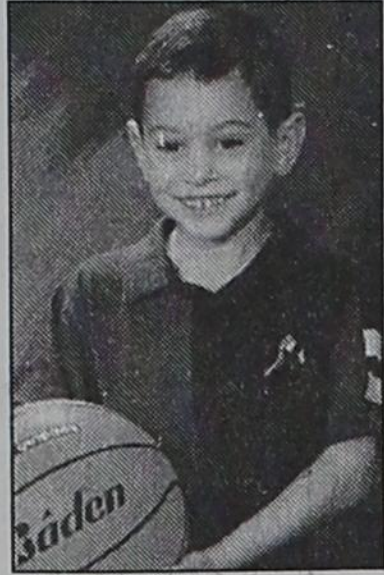


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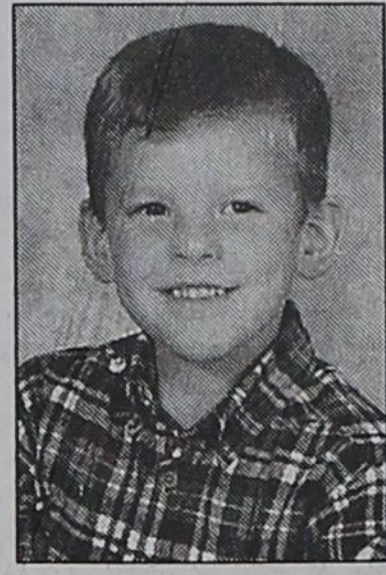
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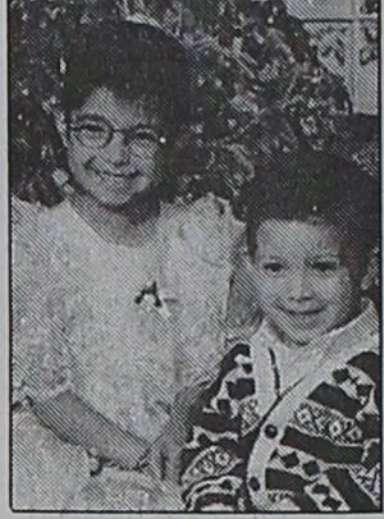
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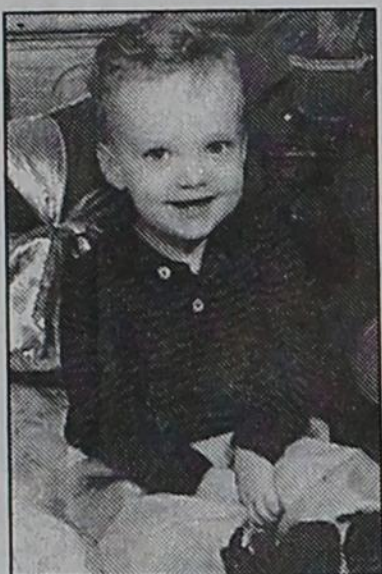
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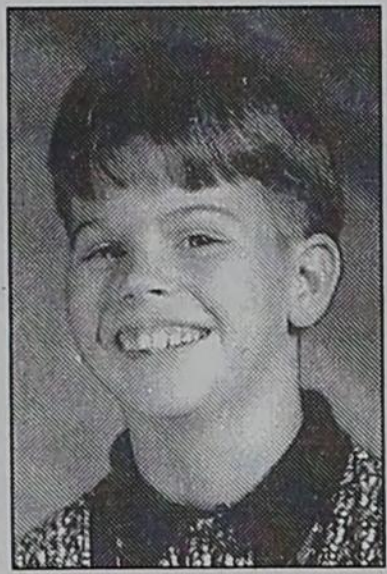
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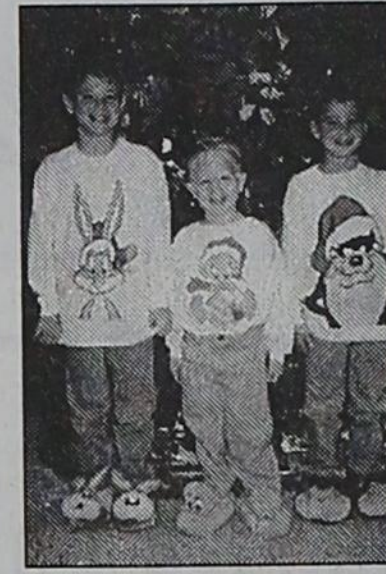
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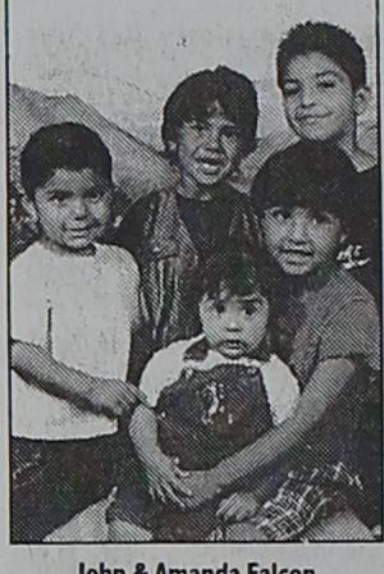
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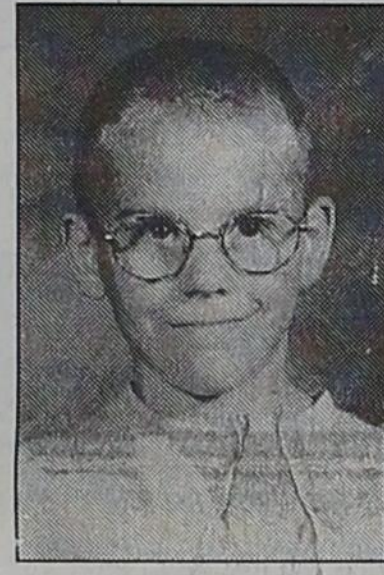
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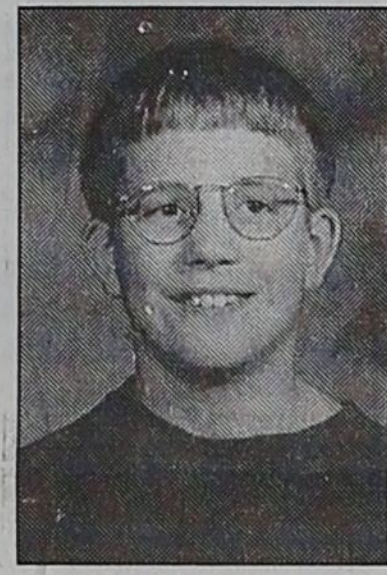
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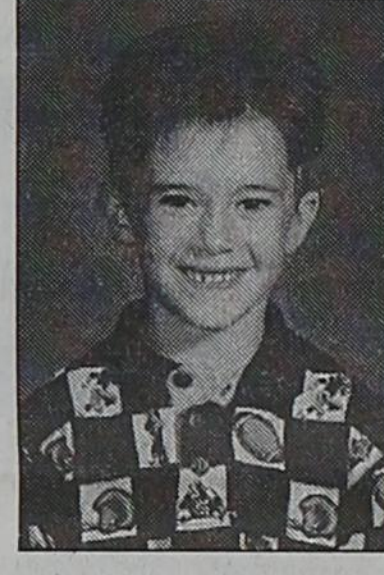
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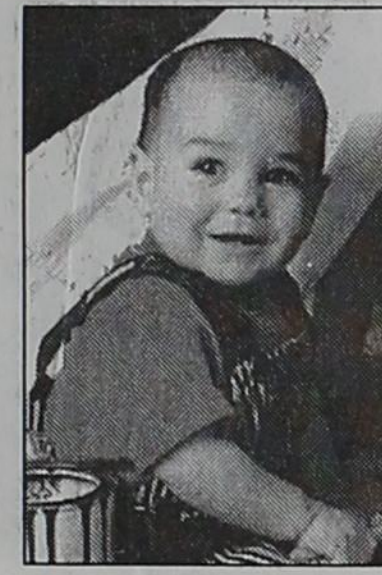
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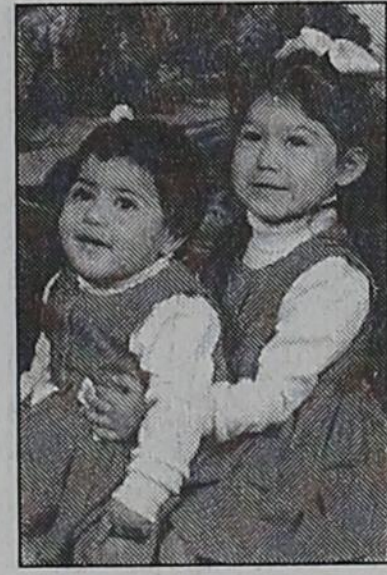
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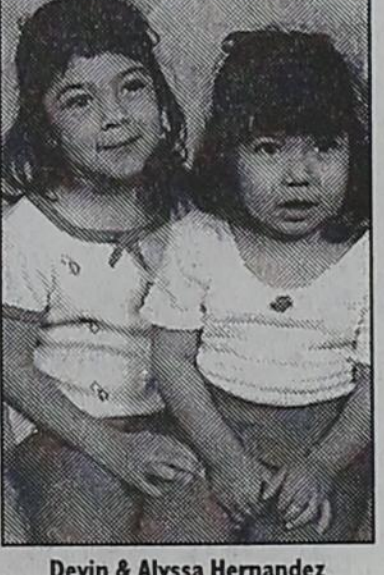
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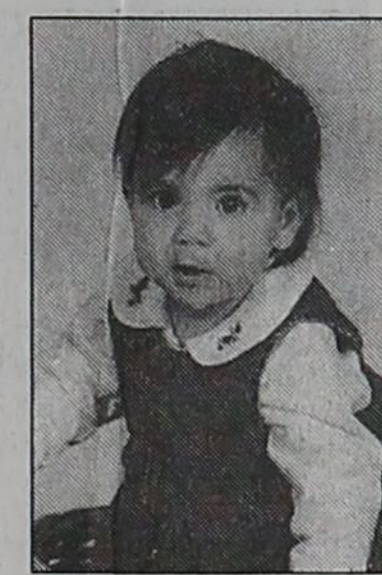
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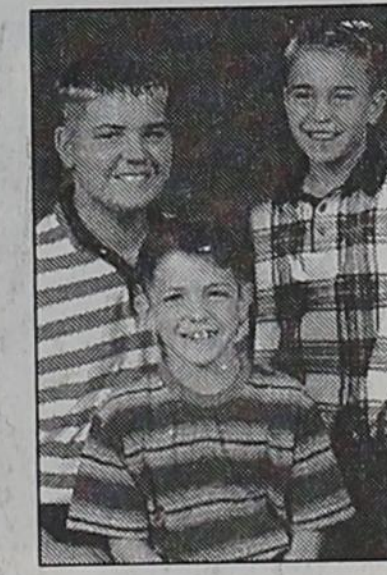
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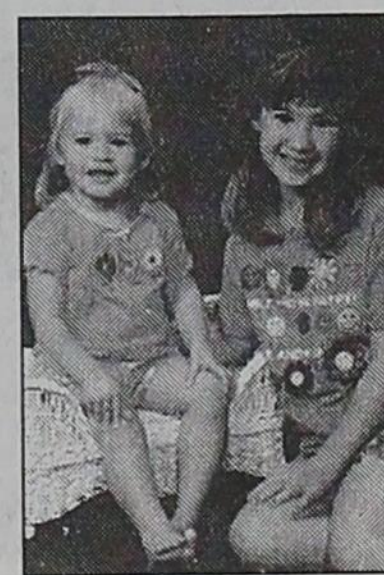
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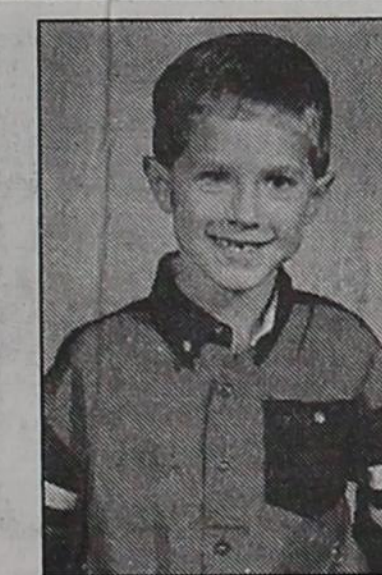
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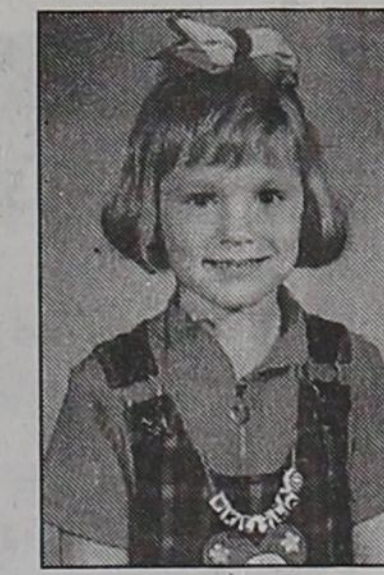
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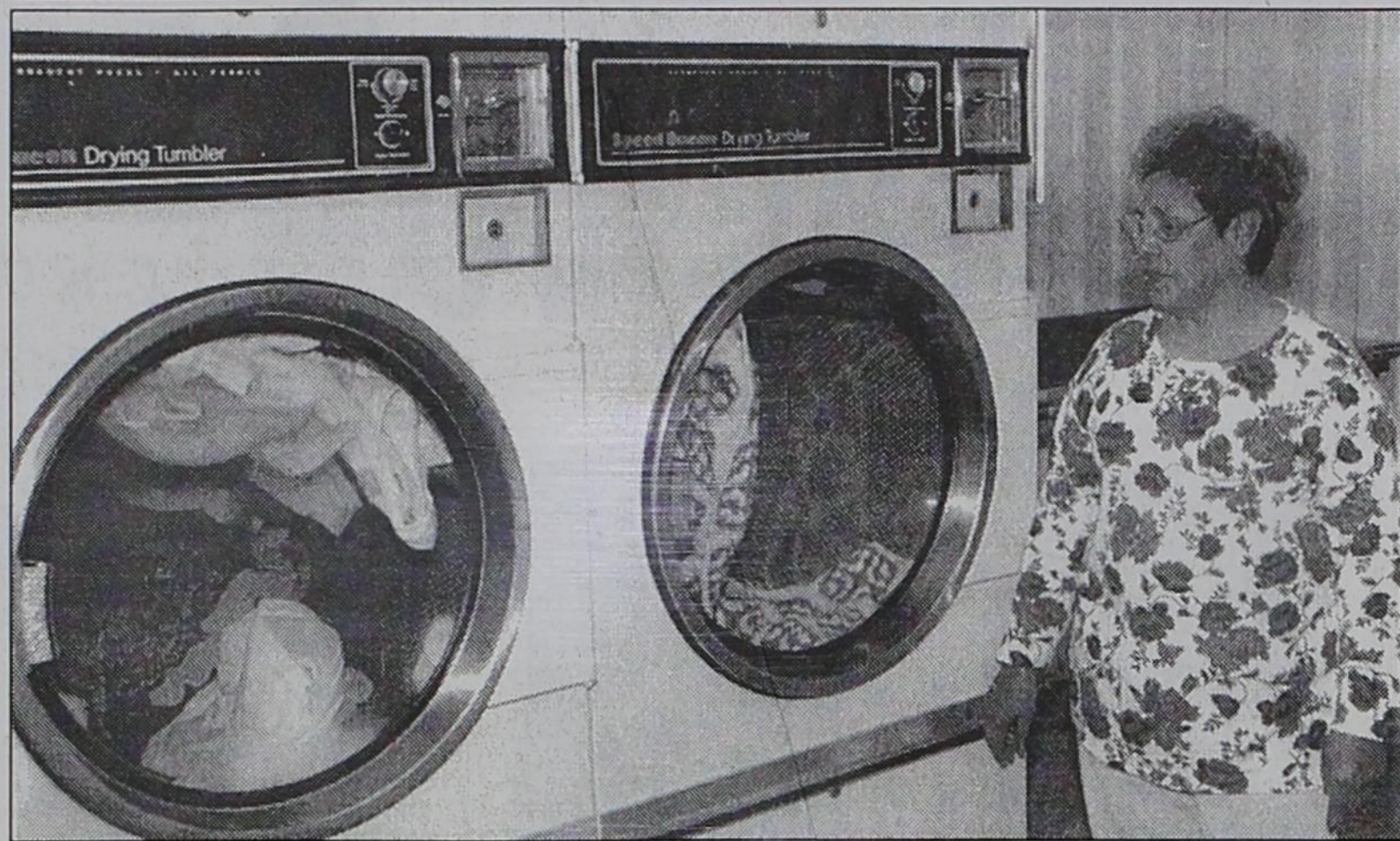
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NEW LAUNDRY OPENS—Lupe Rodriguez of Dimmitt checks the progress of her laundry in two of the large dryers at the new Dimmitt Laundry at North Broadway and Locust. The all-new automatic laundry features eight 35-lb. dryers such as these, plus 20

standard washing machines and two heavy-duty machines. The city has been without a public laundry since the closing of Edwards Laundry last year. The new laundry is owned by Donnie McDaniel and Avery Thrasher.

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Schuster to lead WISE workshop

Dr. Greta Schuster, Extension entomologist for Castro and Lamb counties, will lead a workshop on plant pathology at the 11th annual Women In Science Endeavors (WISE) Conference set for March 7 at Bonham Middle School in Amarillo.

The conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. WISE was developed to provide positive role models and a stimulating experience for young women who have shown an interest in pursuing a scientific career.

Young women in grades 6, 7, and 8 are nominated by their principals to attend the event free of charge. Participants come from the Texas Panhandle, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico.

Four workshop periods are slated and participants may choose from six different speakers. Each workshop also includes a hands-on experience. Parents are invited to attend sessions on college entrance requirements, financial aid, and gender equity.

Other workshop leaders are Dr. Loralu Raburn, neurologist; Bonnie Dugie, teacher/pharmacy student; Karen Tomlinson, school administrator/marine biologist; Christine Lopez, meteorologist/geologist; and Robin Crain, electrical engineer.

WISE is being coordinated by the Don Harrington Discovery Center in cooperation with Amarillo College, the Amarillo Independent School District, Region 16 Education Service Center, and the American Association of University Women. The program is provided free of charge, due to support from Phillips Petroleum, Harrington Regional Medical Center, Mason & Hanger and Battelle.

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| Carson | 33,398 | 22,269 | 40,281 | \$34.80 |
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| Dallam | 11,587 | 1,988 | 103,488 | \$32.95 |
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| Gray | 20,308 | 13,744 | 30,025 | \$33.17 |
| Hale | 65,222 | 60,627 | 101,091 | \$37.80 |
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| Hockley | 30,977 | 28,060 | 104,720 | \$37.77 |
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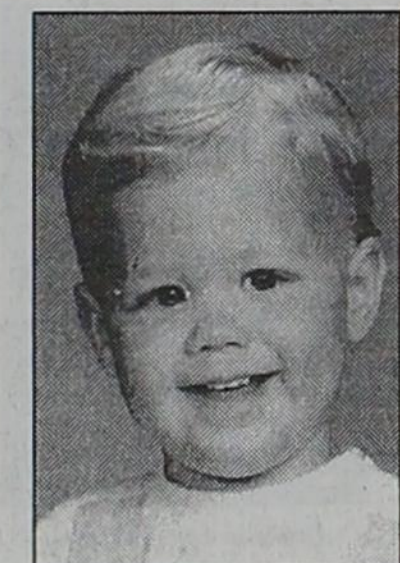
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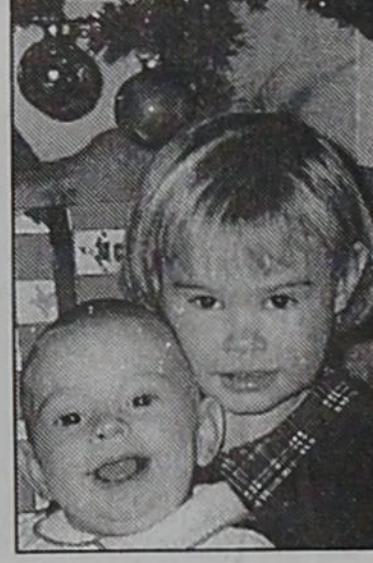
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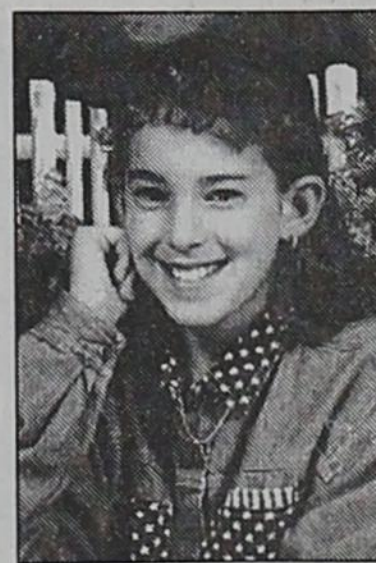
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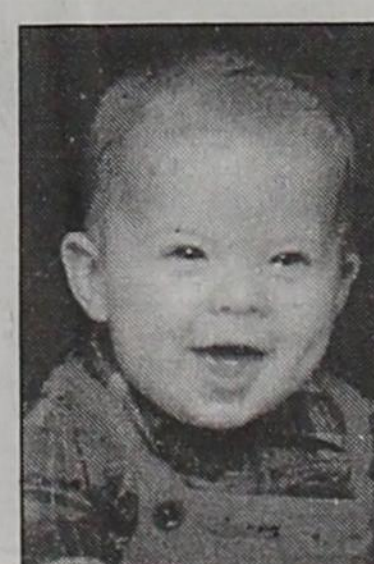
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FOOD BANK GIFT—In commemoration of "Check-out Day," the 40th day of the year when most Americans will have earned enough to pay for their food for the year, the Castro County Farm Bureau donated 100 lbs. of ground beef Friday to the local Food Pantry. Making the presentation, from left, are Farm Bureau Secretary-Treasurer Greg Sides, Vice-

President Lonnie Robb and President Chris Cogburn. Accepting are Stella Devers, Panhandle Community Services coordinator, and Food Pantry Manager Jerry Pena (right), with Thriftway Market Manager Randy Scroggins, who processed and packaged the donated beef. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Food Check-out Day is observed Monday

Food in America is affordable. In fact, between Jan. 1 and Feb. 9, the average American will have earned enough income to pay for his or her family's entire 1998 food supply, according to the Castro County Farm Bureau.

As a result, the Castro County Farm Bureau celebrated Monday as Farm Bureau's second annual "Food Check-out Day." Last year the observance fell on Feb. 10.

According to the latest statistics compiled by the US Dept. of Agriculture's economic research service, American families and individuals spend, on average, 10.9% of their disposable personal income (that portion of income available for spending or saving) to pay for their annual food supply. Most Americans earn the year's food money in just 40 days.

"The early occurrence of this date is noteworthy," said Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau. "It speaks well of our nation's increasing standard of living, which would certainly be reduced without the affordable, domestic food supply produced by America's farmers and ranchers."

To mark the occasion, the Castro County Farm Bureau is donating 100 one-pound packages of ground beef to the Castro County Food Bank. On hand to present the ground beef at a ceremony observing the special day was Chris Cogburn, county president; Lonnie Robb, vice president; and Gregg Sides, secretary-treasurer. Accepting the donation was Stella Devers of the Panhandle Community Action office, which administers the food bank.

"This is our Castro County food bank and is not funded in any way by any state agency," Devers emphasized. "Therefore, we are able to help the truly needy. Our aim is to assist the elderly with their food in order for them to keep more of their income for other needs such as their medicines. We have 62 elderly on our rolls, and this will last about a month."

"I want to thank the Castro County Farm Bureau for their help and concern and urge more organizations to help in any way that they can."

"If we, the people of Dimmitt and Castro County, do not support this food bank, it will fail; and I know our people will not let this happen. Thank you once again," Devers said.

In comparison with Food check-out Day, Tax Freedom Day (the day the average American had earned enough money to pay federal, state and local taxes) was May 9 last year, according to The Tax Foundation.

"I find it amazing that people can pay for their yearly food supply three months earlier than it would take them to satisfy their tax burden," Cogburn said. "Rather than being an economic burden, food remains quite a bargain for shoppers. That's the way it should be."

Cogburn said he hopes Americans will come to understand that affordable food is "a product of our successful food production and distribution system."

"This day should hold meaning for most Americans," he said. "As food producers, we are concerned that some Americans cannot afford to buy the food they need, but we are proud of the part Texas farmers play in making our food supply more

affordable for all."

In 1970, Food check-out Day would have been 11 days later—Feb. 20.

Food is more affordable today due to a widening gap between growth in incomes and the amount of money

spent for food, according to the USDA.

"Food Check-out Day tracks the amount of income needed by Americans to purchase food on an annual basis," Cogburn said.

RWSWCD now taking windbreak tree orders

Seedlings to create windbreaks, produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock, are now available for order through the Running Water Draw Soil and Water Conservation District.

Stock is limited and landowners are encouraged to order trees as soon as possible, according to an official of the Texas Forest Service.

Farmstead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from a homestead or ranch headquarters, block the hot, dry summer winds depending on the region.

"As a result, windbreaks increase a residence's heating and cooling efficiency," said Robert Fewin,

Texas Forest Service forester in Lubbock. "Multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic."

To ensure maximum performance, Fewin recommends a four-row farmstead windbreak: an outside shrub row, providing low density protection; two interior evergreen rows, supplying year-round security; and an inside tall deciduous row, extending the zone protection.

To create a farmstead windbreak this spring, order windbreak seedlings through the RWSWCD; or for more information, contact the Texas Forest Service at 806-746-5801.

Construction of \$145 million gas-fueled power plant at Denver City set for March

Construction of a major new electric power generating plant near Denver City is expected to begin mid-March, according to Golden Spread Electric Cooperative and two business partners.

The plant, to be called Mustang Station, will be fueled by natural gas and will eventually generate 488 megawatts of power. The plant is expected to begin service in late spring, 1999.

Mustang Station was developed by Denver City Energy Associates, a partnership of LS Power, LLC, of New Jersey, and of Amarillo-based Quixx Corporation, an affiliate of Southwestern Public Service Co. Both Quixx and SPS are New Century Energy companies.

When Mustang Station is complete, Golden Spread will purchase a 50% interest in the plant. Quixx and LS Power will own 25% each.

The primary customers for Mustang Station will be the 100,000 retail member/consumers served by 11 Golden Spread member cooperatives in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains and Oklahoma Panhandle.

"We are pleased to join LS Power and Golden Spread in a project that will provide a highly reliable and cost-effective source of electric power to Golden Spread and its members," said Louis Ridings, president of Quixx.

"This generating station will offer superior value to Golden Spread and its members," said Clarence Heller, executive vice president of LS Power.

"Golden Spread has spent several years seeking the most competitively-priced future electric supplies available for our 11 cooperatives," said Robert W. Bryant, president of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative. "Mustang Station will provide that competitively-priced power, to the benefit of our cooperatives' members/customers throughout the region."

The three partners also announced that Gilbert Industrial Corp., a subsidiary of Gilbert Southern Corp., of Omaha, Neb., will be the engineer/procure/construct contractor for

Mustang.

The plant will be brought on-line in two phases. The first phase, which will produce some 285 megawatts, is expected to be in service beginning in late spring, 1999. The second phase will begin production in winter, 2000.

Employment at the Denver City site during construction will peak at about 250 people. Approximately 21 people will be required to operate Mustang Station on a day-to-day basis.

The natural gas-fueled plant will use two combustion turbines, manufactured by General Electric Corp., that later will be complemented by production from a single stem turbine, manufactured by ABB.

Electricity provided by Mustang will be moved to Golden Spread's member cooperatives on Southwestern Public Service Co.'s high-voltage transmission system, Bryant said. Today, SPS provides more than 95% of Golden Spread's power requirements, and Golden Spread will continue to purchase a large block of power from SPS, he added.

Golden Spread's member systems are Bailey County Electric Cooperative of Muleshoe, Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative of Hereford, Greenbelt Electric Cooperative of Wellington, Lamb County Electric Cooperative of Littlefield, Lighthouse Electric Cooperative of Floydada, Midwest Electric Cooperative of Roby, North Plains Electric Cooperative of Peryton, Rita Blanca Electric Cooperative of Dalhart, South Plains Electric Cooperative of Lubbock, Swisher County Electric Cooperative

of Tulia and Tri-County Electric Cooperative of Hooker, Okla.

Quixx Corporation, like its affiliate Southwestern Public Service Co., is a New Century Energy company based in Amarillo. Quixx's focus is on the non-utility power generation market, including investment and operation opportunities in cogeneration facilities, independent power projects and other non-utility operations. Quixx's expanding portfolio includes energy projects in New Jersey, Kentucky, Jamaica and Culberson and Hutchinson counties in Texas.

LS Power is an independent power producer that develops, finances, owns and manages non-utility power projects. LS Power and its affiliates have developed major natural gas-fueled power generation projects in New York, Minnesota and Wisconsin, and has announced development of a 750-MW project in Mississippi.

Farm Bureau seminar reset

The estate planning seminar that had been set for Monday by the Castro County Farm Bureau has had to be rescheduled.

The estate planner had a family emergency.

The seminar will be rescheduled for the first week of March, and notification will be given when the exact date and time is set.

"We apologize for any inconvenience," said a spokesperson of the local Farm Bureau office.

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Sports



Chieftains stun Bobcats, 64-54, Tuesday

By DON NELSON

For Friona's Chieftains, it was a cause for shouting, merriment and dancing in the streets—the first basketball victory over Dimmitt's Bobcats in 23 years, and an exciting ending to a 40-year district rivalry.

But for the Bobcats, Tuesday night's 64-54 loss at Friona was a terrible, season-threatening setback. It left them with a 9-2 district mark,

compared with Tulia's 11-0 and Friona's 8-3.

The loss virtually guaranteed unbeaten Tulia the outright championship of District 1-AAA and left the Bobcats fighting to earn the district's second playoff berth.

"We've got to win the rest of our games (against Dalhart, Tulia and Perryton) to win a playoff spot outright," DHS Assistant Coach Gus

Ortiz explained. "If Friona wins the rest of their games (against Perryton, Muleshoe and Dalhart) and we lose one more, we would have to have a playoff for the No. 2 spot.

"There are still some things that can happen," he added. "Muleshoe can help us if they beat Friona next week."

Friona Coach Kevin Cooper still hasn't come down since Tuesday night. In seven years as the Chieftains' head coach, this was his first career victory over Dimmitt.

"It feels great," Coach Cooper said. "Anytime you can beat somebody who has beaten you that many times, it's gotta feel great."

It was Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle's first loss to Friona, but that wasn't his main worry after Tuesday night's game.

"It's difficult to lose to them, but the most important thing is the implications for this year's team," Steinle said. "The loss hurts, but I'm thinking mainly about what we need to do to get into the playoffs.

"We still control our own fate if we take care of business," he said. "We just can't afford any more slip-ups. We've got to get ready for Friday, and next Tuesday, and right on through."

Clarification

In the story last week about the UIL realignments for 1998-2000, Dimmitt was said to be in the same alignment as the present District 1-AAA for spring sports such as baseball, tennis and track, and for academics.

However, the information on the spring alignments, which currently appears on the UIL's Internet web site, is for the 1997-98 school year.

UIL has not yet announced new alignments for 1998-2000 baseball, spring meets or cross country meets, for any classification. So, Hart's and Nazareth's district assignments have not been released, either.

The News regrets any inconvenience.

Nathan King with 19 points and Aaron King with 17 led the Chieftains to Friona's first victory over Dimmitt since 1975.

Playing before a capacity crowd in the FHS gym, the Chieftains served notice early, moving out to an 8-0 lead on a pair of treys by Nathan King and a driving layup by Aaron King.

Casey Smith put Dimmitt on the board with a steal and layup, but Friona answered with a three-point play and a free throw to make it 12-2 midway in the first.

The Chieftains still held that 10-point advantage at the end of the first quarter (18-8). Nathan King, with two treys and a put-back, matched the Bobcats' team output in first-quarter points.

The Bobcats were able to cut Friona's lead to five in the second (33-28), and finally took the lead for the first time, 44-41, on a three-pointer by Daniel Flores with 55 seconds remaining in the third.

Smith and Aaron King traded two more three-pointers in the final 24 seconds as the Bobcats held their lead, 47-44, going into the fourth.

Dimmitt post Charley Sanders and Friona's Quint Ellis both picked up their fourth fouls during the furious inside play in the third period.

With their big men in foul trouble, both teams opened the fourth with more deliberate play, and the Bobcats stretched their lead to five, 51-46.

But then Nathan King popped another trey, and that launched a 9-0 Chieftain run that erased the deficit and gave Friona the lead for good, 55-51, with 2:43 remaining.

Meanwhile, Dimmitt post Jerry Thomas and wingman Casey Smith got in foul trouble, too, and Friona's Ellis fouled out.

After the Bobcats put the Chieftains in the 1-1 bonus with 2:08 left, Coach Steinle had to play a careful substitution game, pulling his players who were in foul trouble long enough for others to go in and foul to put Friona at the line.

Nothing worked, though, as the Chieftains hit 9 of 11 free throws in the stretch to complete a 20-7 fourth quarter.

The last time Friona's boys defeated Dimmitt was in 1975.

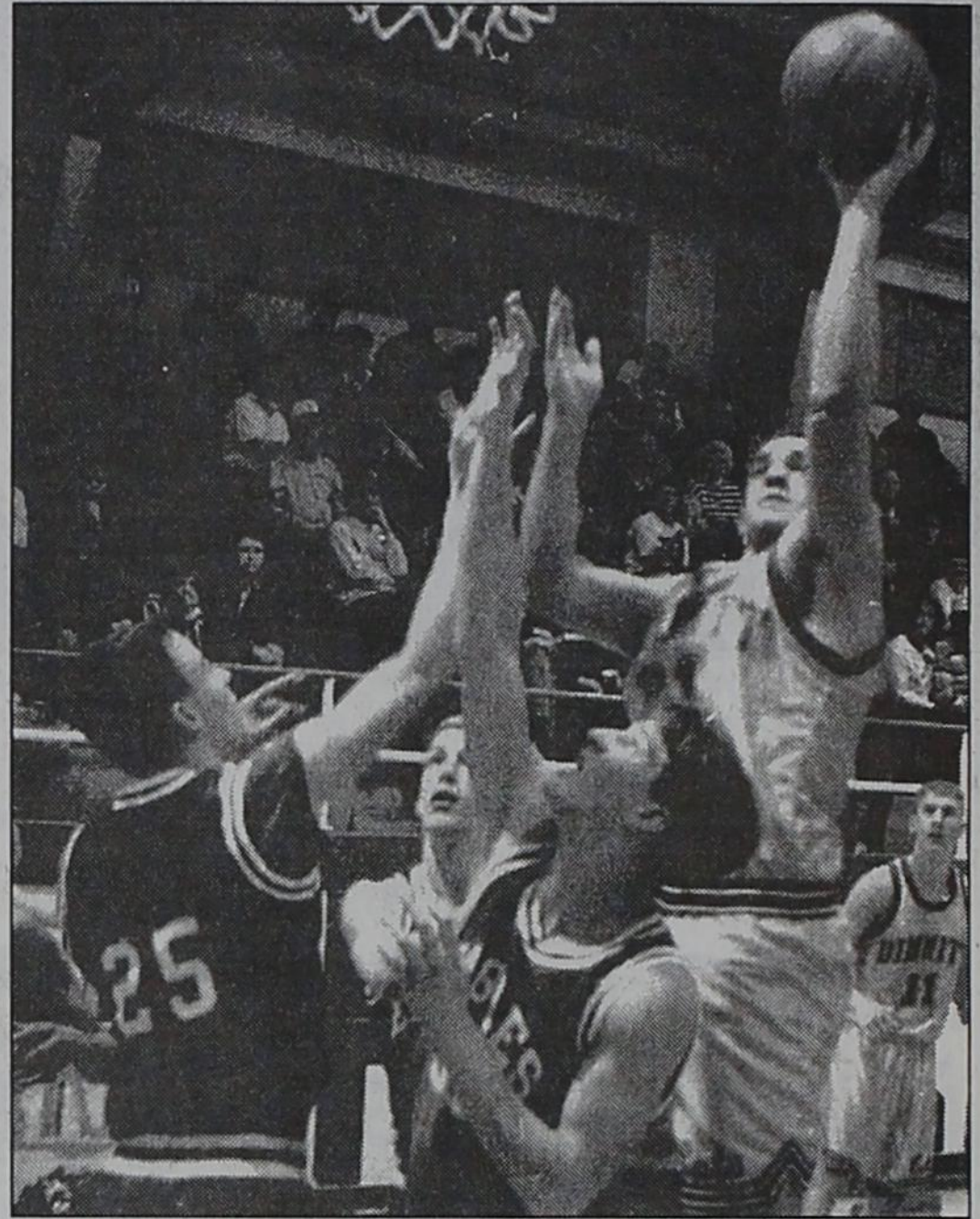
After losing to Dimmitt by 53-50 at Dimmitt, the Chieftains—who were the defending regional champions—topped the Bobcats at Friona, 57-55, to set up a playoff for the championship of what was then District 3-AA.

That playoff game—the "St. Valentine's Day Showdown" at the Texan Dome at Levelland—went into three overtimes before Dimmitt finally won, 72-67.

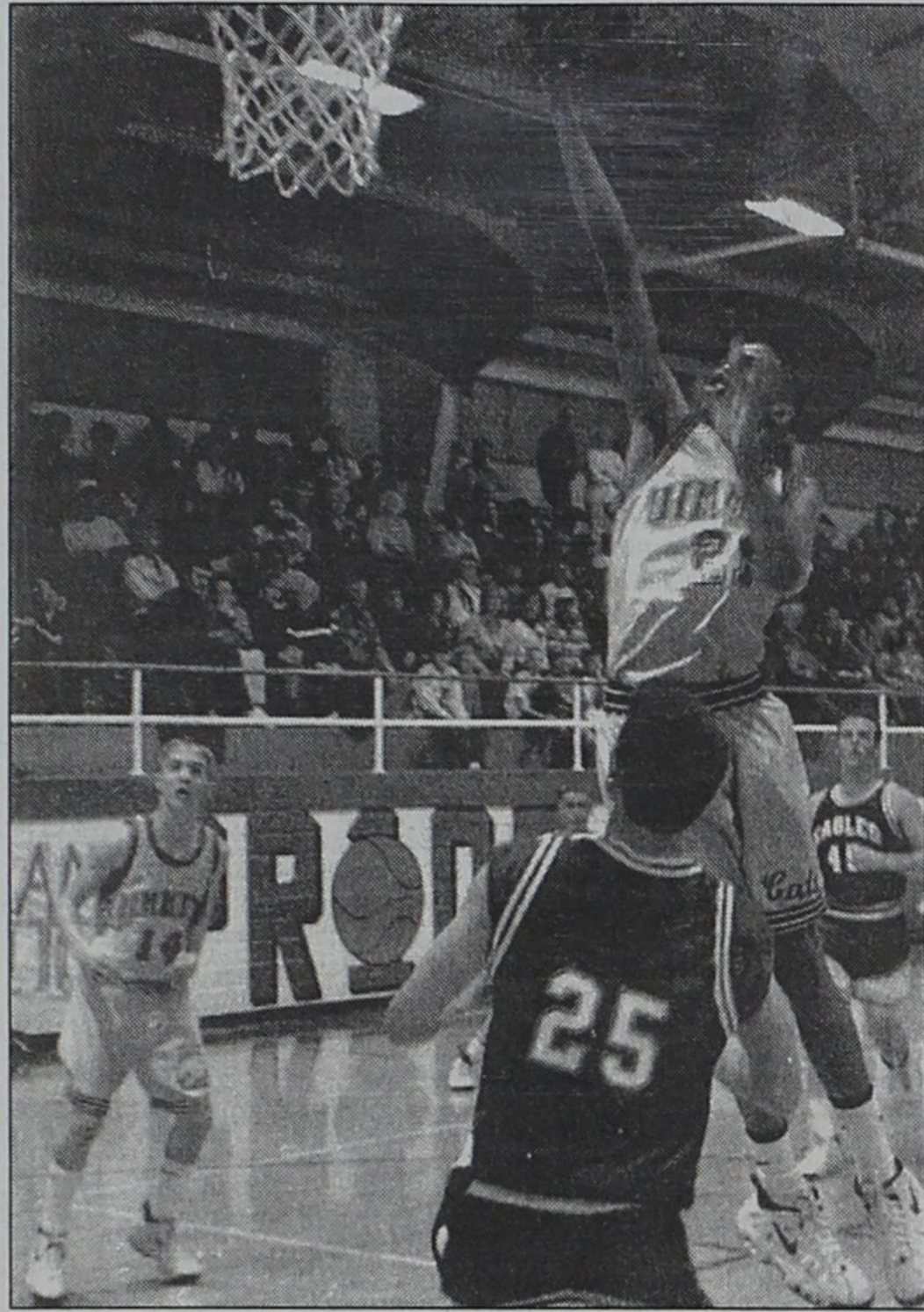
The Bobcats went on to win the state championship that year.

Since that second game in 1975, the Bobcats had won 46 straight over the Chieftains.

Because of the new UIL district alignments, Dimmitt and Friona will not be in the same district next year, for the first time since 1957.



CHARLEY SANDERS sinks a left-handed turnaround jumper to give the Bobcats a 10-2 lead in the first quarter of their district game against the Sanford-Fritch Eagles here Friday night. In right background is Dimmitt's Stuart Sutton. Casey Smith led the way with 22 points and nine other Bobcats scored from 2 to 14 points as Dimmitt posted an impressive 88-40 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend



DIRKSTON SHERMAN scores a fast-break layup to give the Bobcats a 30-11 lead over the Sanford-Fritch Eagles in the second quarter here Friday night. Following Sherman's shot is teammate Wesley Wright (14). The Bobcats won the game handily, 88-40. Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobbies cinch playoff berth

After falling behind in the third quarter and regaining the lead in the fourth, the Bobbies had to overcome a free-throw drought in the stretch to take a hard-fought 50-44 victory over the Friona Squaws Tuesday night at Friona.

The victory clinched a playoff berth for the Bobbies, who are now tied with Perryton at 11-2 for the District 1-AAA lead with one game to play. All other teams in the district have at least five losses.

The Lady Rangers will play Friona Friday night and the Bobbies will meet Dalhart in the final regular-season games.

If the Bobbies and Lady Rangers are still tied for first place after Friday night, Dimmitt Coach Jan Newland will want a playoff.

"If we finish in a tie, we're going to play Monday night, I hope," Newland said. "I want to play it off—I don't want a coin flip."

Tuesday night's game was played before a capacity crowd in Friona High School's gym.

The Bobbies had to come from behind to earn a 15-9 lead in the first quarter.

Then Dimmitt stretched its lead to as many as 10 during the second be-

fore Crystal Dow went on the war-path with seven straight points to bring the Squaws within three.

After the halftime break, the Squaws opened the third with a lead-grabbing eight-point run by Amanda Pope and Whitney Ellis, interrupted only by a Shawna Kenworthy layup at the 6:45 mark.

By the time the third quarter ended, the Squaws had outscored the Bobbies 17-6 and owned a 38-30 lead.

But when the fourth quarter opened, the Bobbies got down to business. Carol Summers sank one of two free throws, Kenworthy popped a trey from the corner and Heidi Weaver sank a 16-footer and a putback to tie it at 38-38 with 4:55 remaining.

Then Summers scored on a baseline give-and-go layup and Kenworthy sank a layup after a steal and feed to give Dimmitt a 42-38 lead before Friona finally got its first fourth-quarter basket—a 15-footer by Amanda Pope to make it a two-point game.

Amber Matthews scored underneath at the 3:28 mark, and at 2:08 Kenworthy nailed another trey to give the Bobbies a 47-40 pad.

Many of the Bobbies' points during the run came off of Friona turnovers forced by Dimmitt's defense—a full-court trapping press and 3-2 zone.

After Kenworthy's trey, the Bobbies went into their delay offense and forced Friona to foul. But the play almost backfired as the Bobbies missed five straight free throws, including the front end of three 1-and-1's.

Meanwhile, Amanda Pope and Sandra Gonzales scored baskets to cut Dimmitt's lead to 47-44 before Kenworthy sank three of four free throws in the final half-minute to ice the win.

Kenworthy finished with 18 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter, and Amber Matthews—who was double- and triple-teamed all night—scored 14.

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We're pleased to introduce Angela Ingram, who is starting our new occupational therapy service at Plains Memorial Hospital.

Angela, 23, is a recent graduate of the Texas Tech School of Allied Health in Amarillo. Prior to that, she attended East Texas State University in Commerce on a volleyball scholarship.

"That's how I got into occupational therapy," she explains. "I tore my ACL (anterior cruciate ligament) in my knee while playing volleyball, and had to go through rehabilitation. That's when I thought, 'I would like to do this.' It seemed very natural to me when I got into it."

Because of that volleyball injury and later injuries from a skiing accident (knee and broken arm), "I know just what my patients are going through," Angela says.

Angela shares the Physical Therapy Department's facilities in the southeast wing of the hospital. To receive her services, you must be referred by a doctor.

What's the difference between physical therapy and occupational therapy? "Occupational therapy focuses more on the functional outcome of activities," Angela says. "Basically, we use a holistic approach—working for the wellness of the whole person. We get a lot of psychological background, and work at getting people into the type of exercises that will help them the most in getting back into their daily routines and activities."

"A lot of the therapy is in teaching exercises," she adds. "Also, we utilize equipment, aids and ergonomics where the need is indicated."

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AND AWAY WE GO!—After grabbing a rebound, Dimmitt's Carol Summers heads outside to get the fast break going in the second quarter of the Bobbies' game against Sanford-Fritch here Friday night. Other Bobbies in photo are Jacy Buckley (11), Heather Wise (33) and Kimberly Newland (44). Pursuing Summers is Sanford-Fritch's Lindsey Dudley (11). The Bobbies won the 1-AAA game, 60-30. Photo by Carter Townsend


Good Luck,
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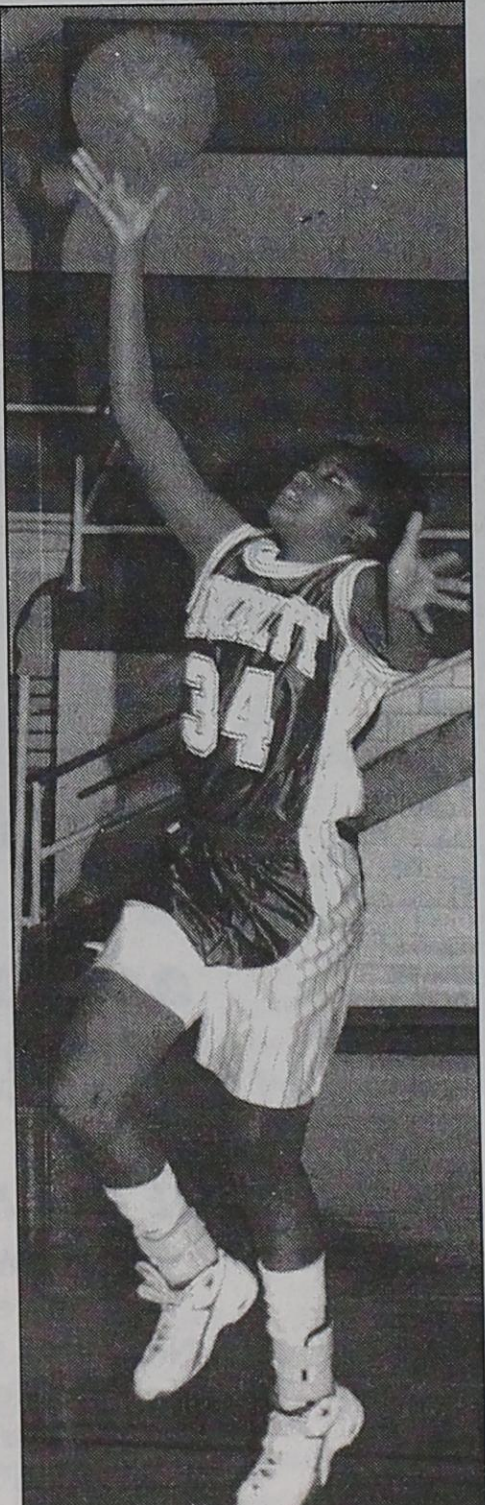
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- District Record: 10-2

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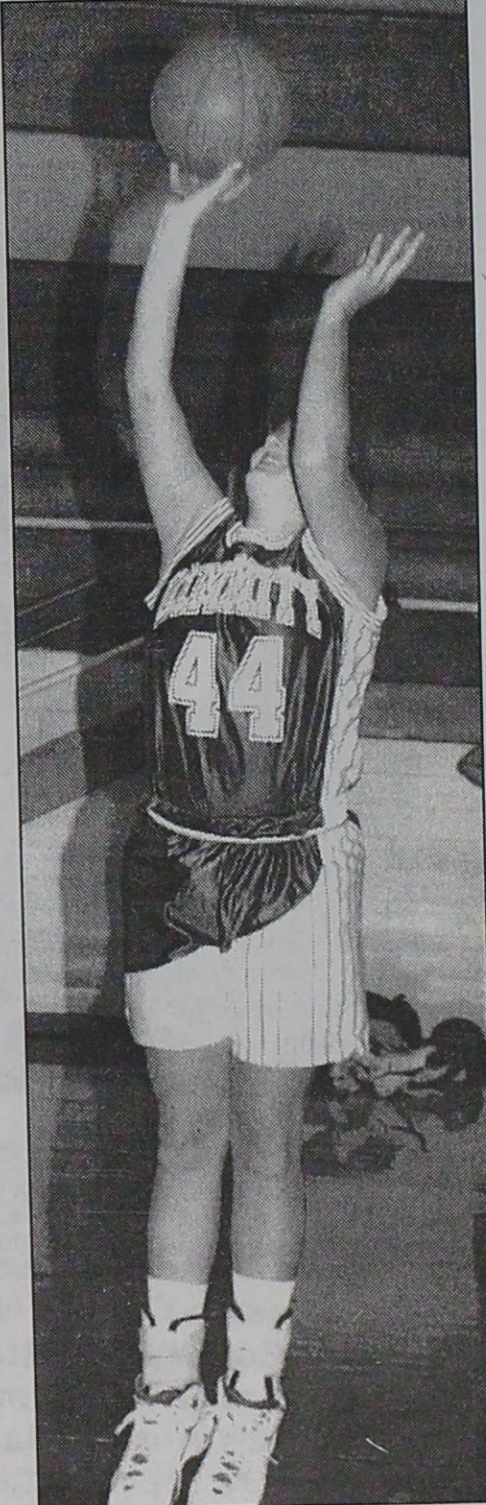
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Loss forces Naz boys into playoff

The Nazareth Swifts will have to beat Happy one more time to earn a spot in the playoffs.

Nazareth was tied with Lazbuddie for first going into Tuesday night's regular season finale, but they couldn't clinch the district title with a win, losing to the much-taller Lazbuddie Longhorns, 45-40.

Then, in another District 3-A game with playoff implications, Happy downed Farwell by three to force a tie with Nazareth for second place.

The Cowboys and Swifts will have to meet in a playoff to decide the second seed from District 3-A. Lazbuddie captured the district championship with the win.

The Swifts' playoff with Happy hadn't been scheduled as of press

time Wednesday, but Coach Mike Scarbrough said it would probably be played in Tulia.

Nazareth struggled from the field throughout the game Tuesday, hitting just 15-of-58 attempts.

And the Swifts had trouble with fouls, and lost two starters to five fouls in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter.

Nevertheless, the Swifts kept the game close the whole way, even though Lazbuddie managed to build up double-digit leads in the second half.

Darren Huckert led the Swifts with nine points before he fouled out with just over five minutes left in the game, and three other Swifts added

seven apiece, including Kit Schulte, Shane Ethridge and Billy Don Cannon.

Lazbuddie's top scorer was big man inside, 6-7, 275-lb. Jason Thomas who dominated the boards and paint, and poured in 16 points.

Nazareth managed just eight points in the first quarter on a pair of free throws by Schulte, a jumper by Cameron McLain and a pair of baskets by Stanton Wethington, but Lazbuddie was able to pick up 11.

The Longhorns took a 15-8 lead early in the second quarter, but Nazareth cut that margin to a point midway through the quarter when Ethridge sank a three and Huckert

added a shot.

Lazbuddie owned the rest of the quarter, outscoring Nazareth 10-2 over the next 4:52 to take a 26-17 lead at halftime.

Lazbuddie took its biggest lead of the game early in the third, 28-17, but Nazareth battled back.

After scoring the initial bucket of the second half, Lazbuddie wouldn't score again until Thomas turned an offensive board into a basket with 3:43 left.

During the Longhorn drought, Nazareth got a pair of offensive put-backs from Huckert and a shot from Jerad Birkenfeld to cut the lead to 28-25.

But Thomas finally got on track, picking up a pair of offensive boards and buckets himself to make it an eight-point game.

A three by Cannon pulled the Swifts within four, but Lazbuddie would add four more before the quarter ended to take a 36-28 lead.

After Cannon's three with 2:45 left in the third, the Swifts went cold.

They missed their next 14 shots from the field and didn't score again until the 5:20 mark of the fourth quarter when Huckert hit one of two free throws. During that span, Lazbuddie was able to rebuild its 11-point lead.

Schulte hit a three with 2:22 left, sparking an 11-5 Swift run, but it wasn't enough to overtake the Longhorns.

Swiftettes struggle to silence Lazbuddie

After stumbling and stuttering through the first half Tuesday, the Nazareth Swiftettes turned their game around in the second half and came from behind to beat Lazbuddie, 56-39, to close out the District 3-A campaign with an unblemished record.

The Swiftettes shooting was horrible in the first quarter, and Lazbuddie was on fire.

The Lady Horns were up 14-6 after the first quarter thanks to dismal 3-of-12 shooting by the Swiftettes.

Nazareth took the early 2-0 lead on a fast-break layup by Cassie Birkenfeld, but things went downhill from there. Birkenfeld picked up three quick fouls in the first three minutes of the game and had to go to the bench.

Nazareth shooters couldn't find their mark in the first quarter.

K'Lynn Gerber picked up one shot with 3:36 left, then sister Shawna added an offensive put-back with 2:55 left, but that was all the Swiftettes would see in the quarter.

K'Lynn Gerber and Jayme Schmucker each scored early in the second, but their shots were sandwiched between Lazbuddie buckets. A three by Shawna Gerber with 5:29 left made it a five-point game, then K'Lynn Gerber added a hoop and Tanya Wethington got a steal and layup to pull Nazareth within one, 18-17, before Lazbuddie scored on a pair of free throws.

The Lady Horns were able to rebuild their lead to five before Nazareth cut it to three at halftime, 26-23.

The game was a complete turnaround in the second half.

Birkenfeld scored the first points of the second half, starting the comeback.

Wethington tied it at 26 with a free throw, the K'Lynn Gerber gave Nazareth its first lead since it was 2-0. Nazareth used a pair of free throws by Shawna Gerber and a three by Tiffany Schmucker to take a 33-28 lead with 3:16 left in the quarter.

Lazbuddie stayed in the game in the third, and trailed by just three, 35-32, at the end of the quarter.

The Lady Horns even pulled within point, 35-34, early in the

fourth, but then Nazareth went on an 11-0 run, sparked by an Amy Pohlmeier three. Then Pohlmeier hit K'Lynn Gerber with a perfect pass underneath and that resulted in two. K'Lynn Gerber added a free throw, then Birkenfeld scored and K'Lynn Gerber picked up another free throw to make it 46-34.

Nazareth coasted from there.

Lazbuddie finally broke the ice with a pair of free throws and even cut the lead to 10 with 3:23 left, but Nazareth outscored the Lady Horns 8-1 the rest of the way for the win.

K'Lynn Gerber led Nazareth with 19 points while Birkenfeld added eight and Shawna Gerber finished with seven.

Volunteer training is scheduled

The Hereford Women's & Children's Crisis Center will start a volunteer training Tuesday, with sessions continuing on Tuesday and Thursday nights for five weeks.

Those interested in the training course need to meet Tuesday at the XIT Communications Building at 809 S. 25 Mile Avenue in Hereford. Sessions will last from 6:30 to 9:30 each evening.

Session leaders will discuss such areas as domestic violence, sexual assault, listening skills, the role of law enforcement, child abuse, legal choices, suicide, and community resources.

For more information, call 806-363-6727 or come by 235 E. Third, Rm. 301 in Hereford.

Together We Can



DETERMINATION—Kit Schulte (20) of Nazareth drives baseline and attacks the Lazbuddie defense Tuesday night in Nazareth in a game to decide the District 3-A champion. Swift shooters struggled Tuesday and Lazbuddie was able to come away with a 45-40 win and the district championship. The loss forces the Swifts into a tie with Happy for second and the two teams will meet in a playoff to decide who will advance to the playoffs. Schulte had seven points in the game. *Photo by Dwayne Acker*

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CASSIE BIRKENFELD (10) goes after a rebound Tuesday in a District 3-A game with Lazbuddie at Nazareth. Birkenfeld and the Swiftettes had problems early in the game, and trailed Lazbuddie at the break, but Nazareth rebounded in the second half to claim the win and finish district with a perfect 8-0 mark. *Photo by Dwayne Acker*

Lady Horns race by Bovina, 84-72

The Hart Lady Horns put on an offensive spectacular for fans Friday night, destroying Bovina, 84-72, and drawing one step closer to the playoffs.

Hart got double-figure scoring from three girls Friday, paced by Veronica Gonzales, who tossed in 18 points. Ysa Rodriguez cashed in 15 and Geneva Finch added 12 to spark the Lady Horns to their seventh district win in eight outings. Overall, the Lady Horns improved to 19-9 with the victory.

The win allowed the Lady Horns to keep pace with Lockney at the top of the District 3-AA heap. Both sported 7-1 records after Friday's games.

Hart had trouble stopping the Bovina duo of Cantu and Quintana Friday, allowing the two 25 and 21 points, respectively. But offensive cold spells by the Lady Mustangs and consistency by the Lady Horns was the difference in the game.

Hart poured in 22 points in each of the first two quarters to take a 22-15 lead after the first quarter and 44-38 advantage at halftime.

The Lady Horns kept up the pace in the second half, too, adding 40 points to their total, tallying 20 in each stanza. Bovina struggled in the third, managing just 11 points, and

that allowed Hart to build a 64-49 lead. The Lady Mustangs were able to outscore Hart over the final eight minutes, but couldn't overcome the deficit.

In the boys' game, Hart's offense fell off in the second half and that allowed Bovina to break open a close game for a 66-40 win.

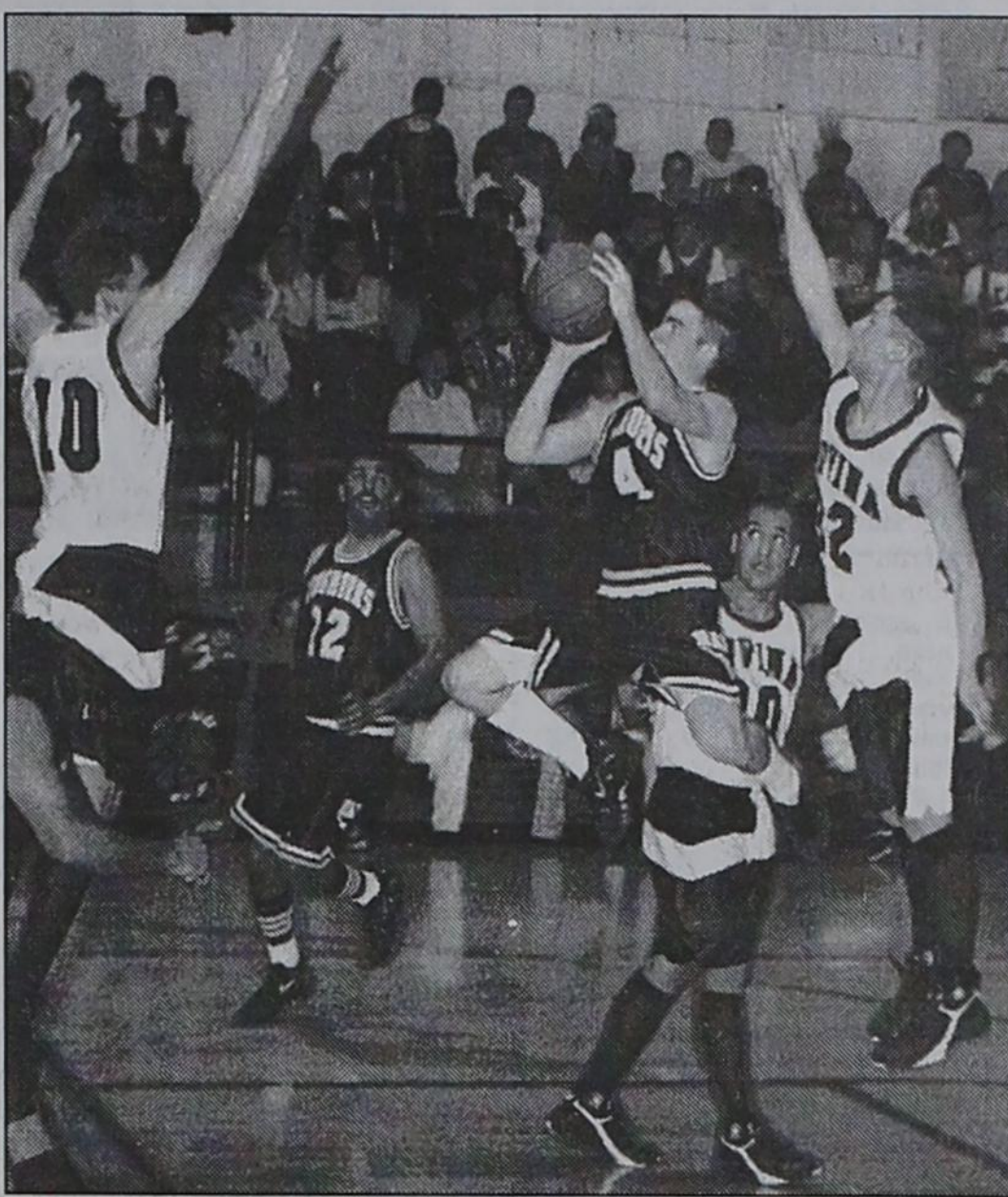
After pouring in 23 points in the first half, Hart struggled over the second 16 minutes and only added 17 to its total.

Meanwhile, the Mustangs had no problems, and turned a 37-23 halftime lead into the win.

Moses Reyna and Lupe DeLaFuente finished with nine points apiece to lead the Longhorns while Bovina's Adan Perez exploded with 30 points and Luke Steelman added 16.

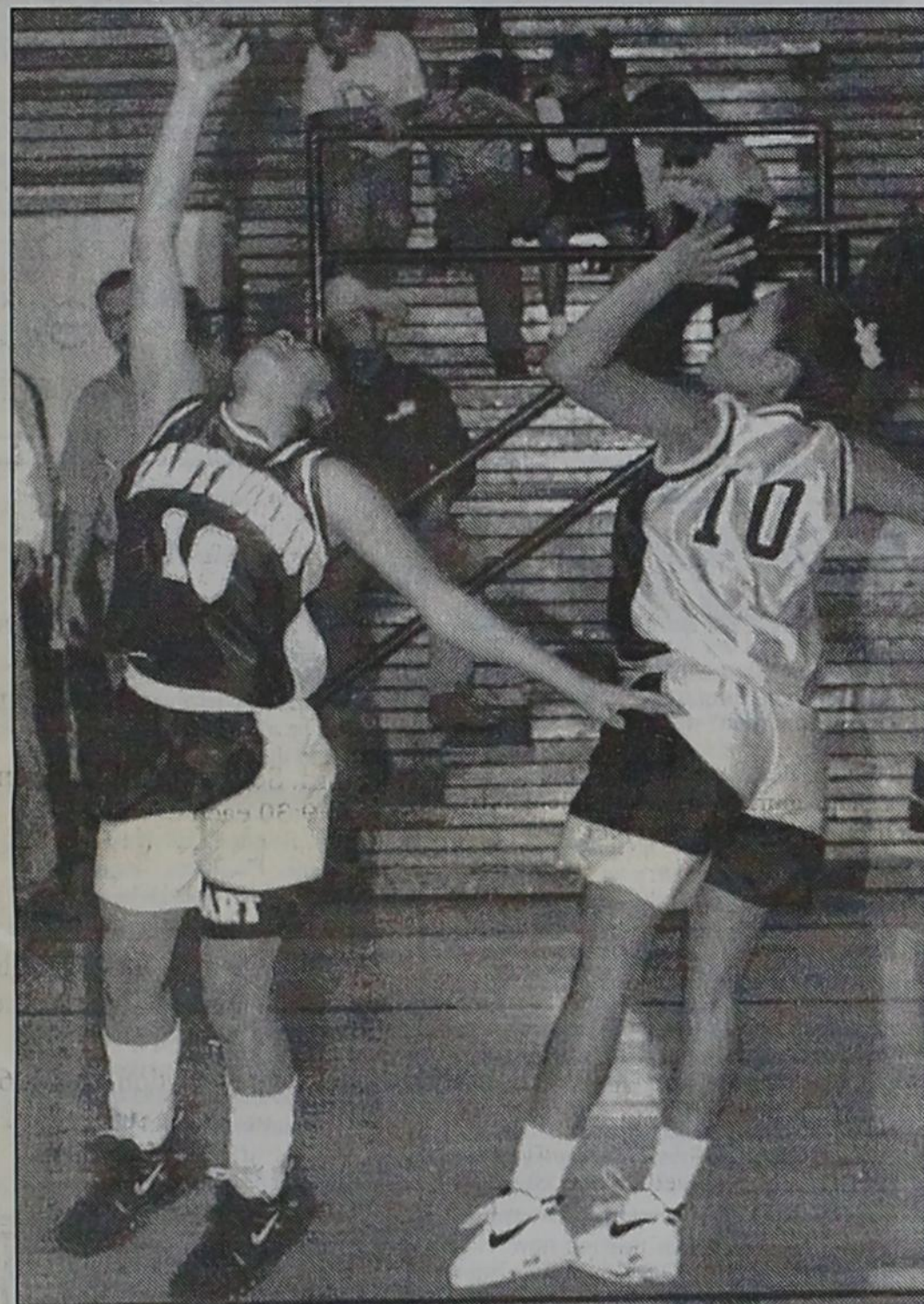
Bovina jumped out to an 18-13 lead in the first quarter, then outscored Hart 19-10 in the second to take the 14-point lead at the break. The Mustangs increased their lead by nine in the third, topping the Longhorns 18-9 in the stanza, then wrapped up the win in the fourth.

Hart dropped to 2-6 in District 3-AA and 9-17 overall while Bovina improved to 5-3, 17-6.



OFF THE DRIBBLE—Hart's Jared Aven penetrates and shoots off the dribble, getting the ball over a reaching Bovina defender Friday in a District 3-AA game at Bovina. Bovina won the district matchup, 66-40.

Photo by David Knox



VERONICA GONZALES (10) of Hart drives inside and adds a layup to her point total Friday in a District 3-AA game at Bovina. Gonzales and the Lady Horns bounced the Lady Mustangs, 84-72. Gonzales led Hart with 18 points.

Photo by David Knox

Hoop Roundup

FRIDAY
Longhorns 40, Bovina 66
 Hart 13 10 9 8—40
 Bovina 18 19 18 11—66
 SCORING: HART—Moses Reyna and Lupe DeLaFuente 9; BOVINA—Perez 30, Steelman 16.

Lady Horns 84, Bovina 72
 Hart 22 22 20 20—84
 Bovina 15 23 11 23—72
 SCORING: HART—Veronica Gonzales 18, Ysa Rodriguez 15, Geneva Finch 12; BOVINA—Cantu 25, Quintana 21.

Bobbles 60, Sanford-Fritch 30
 Dimmitt 16 15 9 20—60
 Sanford-Fritch 6 6 5 13—30
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 18; SF—Martin 9.

Bobcats 88, Sanford-Fritch 40
 Dimmitt 26 26 11 25—88
 Sanford-Fritch 9 8 9 14—40
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Casey Smith 22, Derek Buckley 14, Daniel Flores 11, Jerry Thomas 10; SF—Silvey and Price 8.

JV Bobcats 51, Sanford-Fritch 67
JV Longhorns 40, Bovina 43
JV Lady Horns 39, Bovina 44

TUESDAY
Bobcats 54, Friona 64
 Dimmitt 8 20 19 7—54
 Friona 18 15 11 20—64
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Casey Smith 19, Jerry Thomas 14; FRIONA—N. King 19.

Bobbles 50, Friona 44
 Dimmitt 15 9 6 20—50
 Friona 9 8 7 6—44
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Shawna Kenworthy 18, Amber Matthews 14; FRIONA—Amanda Pope 12, Sandra Gonzales 10.

Lady Horns 51, Highland Park 36
 Hart 16 9 13 13—51
 Highland Park 11 9 7 9—36
 SCORING: HART—Ysa Rodriguez 15, Charbra Lee 11; HP—N. Coleman 12.

Longhorns 85, Highland Park 92 (OT)
 Hart 15 13 17 28 12—85
 Highland Park 13 14 20 26 19—92
 SCORING: HART—Lupe DeLaFuente 25, Michael Pantoja 17, Jared Aven 15, Moses Reyna 14, Jeremiah Velasquez 11; HP—Evans 27, Patterson 19, Rodgers 14, Travis 10.

Swiftettes 56, Lazbuddie 39
 Nazareth 6 17 12 21—56
 Lazbuddie 14 12 6 7—39
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 19; LAZ—Brown 14.

Swifts 40, Lazbuddie 45
 Nazareth 8 9 11 12—40
 Lazbuddie 11 15 10 9—45
 SCORING: NAZ—Darren Huckert 9, Kit Schulte, Shane Ethridge and Billy Don Cannon 7; LAZ—Thomas 16, Foster 9.

JV Swifts 33, Lazbuddie 39
JV Longhorns 47, Highland Park 54
JV Swiftettes 51, Lazbuddie 15
JV Lady Horns 29, Highland Park 40
JV Bobbles 34, Friona 36
JV Bobcats 60, Friona 34

Classifieds get results!

Lady Horns must beat Hale Center Friday to take 3-AA title outright

The Hart Lady Horns can claim the district championship Friday with a win over Hale Center, but a loss would still leave the Lady Horns in first place—tied with Hale Center and Lockney, if Lockney wins its game Friday.

"We just need to take care of our business and make things easy on ourselves," said Hart Coach Rachelle Wilcox. "If we win Friday, we're district champs. If we lose, it'll probably be a three-way tie for first, then we'll flip a coin."

If the coin flip happens, Wilcox said the odd man will get a bye while the other two teams play. The winner

of that game will play the team that drew the bye to decide the No. 1 and No. 2 seeds for the playoffs.

Hart has already posted one win over Hale Center, 52-37, at Hart.

This time the Lady Horns will face the Owlettes on their home turf and that makes things a little rougher.

"We didn't have any problems with them at Hart, but we have to go to Hale Center now and that makes things tough. We're giving up 12 points when we walk in the door. Hale Center is bigger than we are and their inside game is great. They're post players are good."

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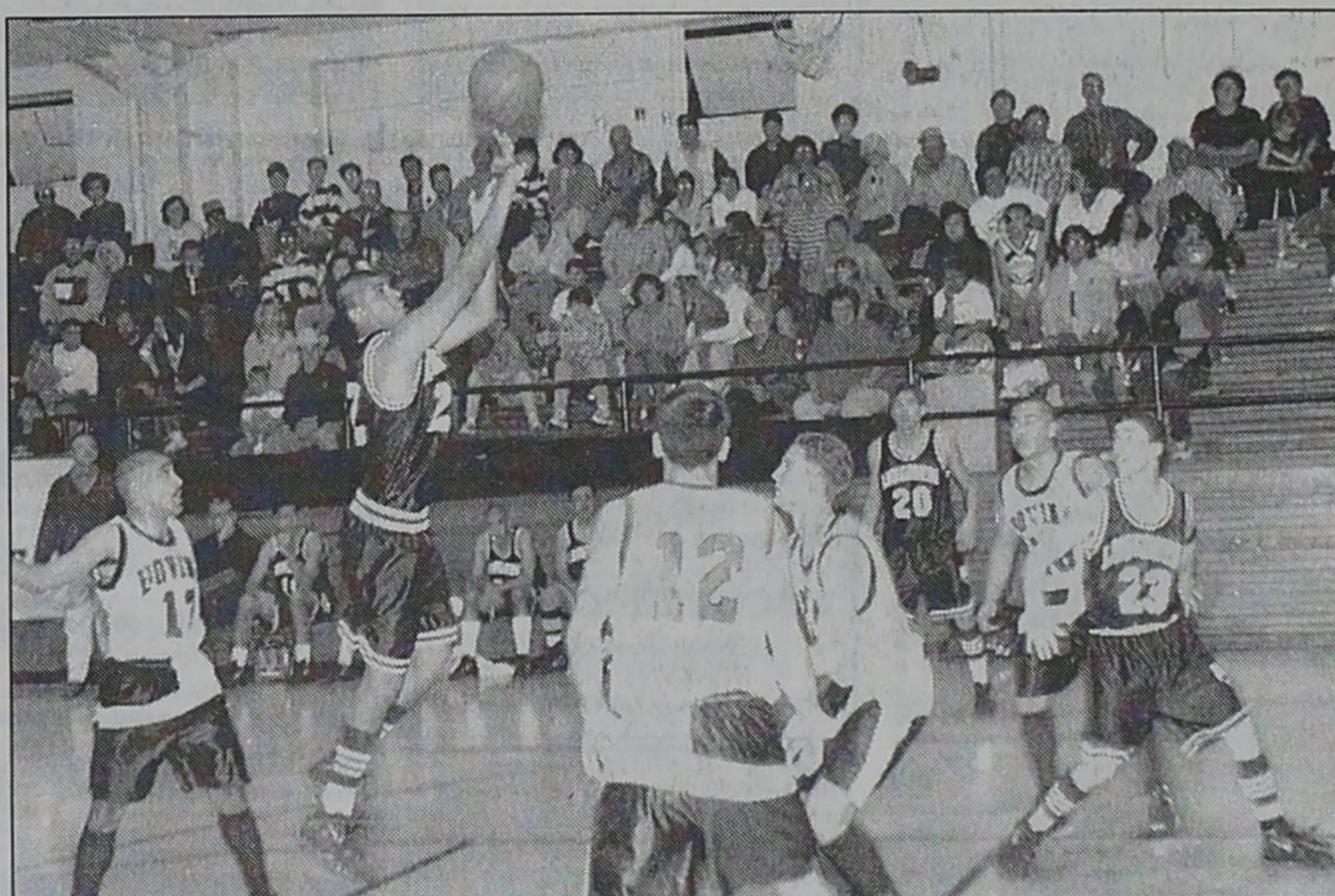
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The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.

Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.

If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.

For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.

The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) presentó una solicitud ante la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (PUC) para cobrar 26 centavos más al mes por línea para recuperar los costos por el servicio de Llamadas Locales Ampliadas (ELC) a ciertos clientes en Texas.

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Si la PUC autoriza el cargo mensual estatal de 26 centavos al mes por línea éste comenzará a partir de los ciclos de facturación de abril 1998, con el acuerdo de reembolsar todo o parte del cargo si la PUC no lo autoriza.

Para preguntas relacionadas con este cargo, por favor llame a la Oficina Local de Southwestern Bell listada en su directorio telefónico.

La PUC asignó el número de registro de 18513 a este procedimiento. El plazo de intervención sobre este asunto terminará el 31 de marzo de 1998. Las personas que deseen intervenir o hacer comentarios sobre este procedimiento deberán notificar a la PUC antes del 31 de marzo de 1998. Todas las solicitudes de intervención deberán enviarse por correo a Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Para mayor información sobre la intervención, por favor comuníquese con la PUC al 1-888-782-8477 o al 512-936-7120.



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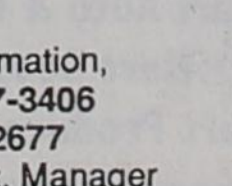
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18—Services

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Job Announcement
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Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 10 primary.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
For County/District Clerk:
 Joyce Thomas (I)

For County Treasurer:
 Janice Shelton (I)

For Justice of the Peace:
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 Leon B. Sandoval, Jr.
 Avery Thrasher
 Tana Young

For Precinct 4 Commissioner:
 Richard Hunter

For County Judge:
 Norman Hays
 Irene Miller (I)

For 64th District Judge:
 Jack Miller (I)

For 242nd District Judge:
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REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

For 64th District Court Judge:
 Rob Kinkaid

For 242nd District Court Judge:
 Edward L. Self

For Precinct 2 Commissioner:
 Clyde Harold Damron

For Precinct 4 Commissioner:
 Dan Schmucker (I)

For County Judge:
 Wayne Collins

For County Treasurer:
 Carolyn Watts

Political advertisement paid by candidates.

All clouds are white. Some look grey because they are very thick and little sunlight can pass through them.

Day in and day out, our FFA and 4-H youngsters have been working hard, feeding and grooming and working with their show animals, getting ready for the Junior Livestock Show & Sale. And now the time has come for them to bring their cattle, sheep and pigs in and

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
 Thank you for each and every expression of concern, care and love during the illness and death of our loved one, Frances Goodwin. As her family, we were the recipients of a church, community and health care professionals who sacrificially gave of themselves. Your spirit of compassion and love is a real blessing to us. Thank you again.

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CARD OF THANKS

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray—if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend can say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.

THE FAMILY OF RUBY SIMS
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 CATHY GARNER
 LISA KIERNAN
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 24-45-1tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
TEXAS CORN PRODUCERS BOARD
VOTING REGION ONE

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) will conduct elections in four of its eight voting regions for the purpose of electing five new TCPB board members whose current members' seats have expired. There are a total of fifteen TCPB voting board members. These elections, to be conducted in 149 Texas counties, are being held pursuant to the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, Texas Agriculture Code, Title 3, Chapter 41, Subchapter A, Section 41.032. Voting Region One consists of the counties of Castro and Lamb, and there are Two Seats open for election of TCPB board members in Voting Region One.

In 1990, Texas Corn Producers voted to expand the research and promotion program for corn, funded by a uniform corn checkoff, to every county in the State of Texas. This election is the biennial election required by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

A person is eligible to vote in the board election if he or she is, or for at least one production period during the three years preceding the date of the board election has been, a producer of or caused to be produced, corn for commercial purposes. This includes owners of farms and their tenants or sharecroppers, if the person would be required to pay the assessment. For a producer to vote in this voting region and for this TCPB seat, such producer must reside within the counties stated above. Only voters residing within the above counties may vote for candidates representing this voting region.

Any eligible voter-producer as defined above may place his or her name in nomination to serve as a director on the TCPB. Nomination applications must be submitted to the TCPB signed by the applicant and ten other eligible voters. Nomination forms will be available in all 149 counties where elections are to be held this year, including the specific counties within this voting region, as listed above.

Nomination forms can also be obtained by writing the TCPB, 218 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. Please state your county of residence if you request nomination forms in writing from the TCPB office. All nominations must be filed with the TCPB not later than 30 days before the date set for the elections, and the date for the deadline for receipt of valid nomination forms by TCPB is therefore a postmark date of March 20, 1998. Nomination forms will be available after Feb. 18, 1998.

The election in each of the four voting regions where elections are called for will be held by mail ballot. Ballots containing the nominations of all persons who have validly filed petitions under Section 41.025 of the above stated code will be available after April 1, 1998, at grain elevators or other points of check-off collection in each of the appropriate voting regions, at county agent offices in each of the 149 counties where elections are to occur, or by writing the TCPB at the address stated above. For a ballot to be counted, such ballot must be postmarked no later than May 1, 1998. There are four voting regions conducting elections in 1998. A voter must reside within a county contained within the voting region that the voter is casting his or her vote, and a voter must meet the definition set forth above as to a qualified

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voter. Voters may also vote for board members by "writing in" the name of any eligible persons.

Pursuant to Section 41.023 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law, this notice for a TCPB election within this voting region is being published in all appropriate newspapers within the voting region, such notice being published at least once a week for three consecutive weeks beginning at least 60 days before the date of the election.

The Texas Corn Producers Board is certified under Section 41.011 and Section 41.012 of the Texas Commodity Referendum Law to conduct this election, and has obtained all approvals and determinations required by law from the Commissioner of Agriculture, Texas Dept. of Agriculture. 25-44-3tc

STATEMENT OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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The person responsible for coordinating this organization's non-discrimination compliance efforts is Jimmy Bell, Assistant Manager. Any individual or specific class of individuals, who feels that this organization has subjected them to discrimination may obtain further information about the statutes and regulations listed above from and/or file a written complaint with this organization; or the Secretary, US Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., 20250; or the Administrator, Rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250. Complaints must be filed within 180 days after the alleged discrimination. Confidentiality will be maintained to the extent possible. 25-45-1tc

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Dimmitt Ready Mix

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District will accept proposals to purchase one (1) gasoline-powered school bus. The proposals shall be in the Dimmitt School District's business office at 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, no later than 3 p.m. on Feb. 24, 1998. Proposal envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner, "School Bus Proposal."

Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Johnny W. Hill, business manager, at the School Administration Office.

Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities. 25-45-2tc

Who's new?

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Devon Bryce Martinez was born Jan. 30 at 6:07 a.m., weighing 8 pounds and 11 ounces and measuring 20 1/2 inches long. He is the son of Richard Martinez and Myra Peña of Dimmitt. Grandparents are Richard and Bonnie Martinez and Jerry and Sandra Peña, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Mattie Peralta and Santos Martinez Sr., both of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Alfredo Barrera of Hereford, and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Peña Sr. of Nazareth.

OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a girl for Beth and Michael Embry of McKinney. Their daughter, Claire Elizabeth, was born Jan. 27 and she weighed in at 8 lbs., 6 ozs. She was 20-1/2 inches long. She has a big sister, Callie. Grandparents are James and Ruby Embry of Idalou and Martie Benton of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Lena Benton of Lubbock and B.C. Embry of Idalou.

Jeremy and Jacalyn McCormick of Amarillo are the parents of a baby girl, Meagan Bailey, who was born Feb. 1 at 6:21 p.m. at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 5 lbs., 3 ozs., and was 17 inches long. She has a big brother, Daniel, who is 2. Grandparents are Jack and Carolyn Thompson of Dimmitt and Phil and Duellen McCormick of Hockley. Great-grandparents are Bertha Thompson of Dimmitt, Bryce McCormick of Mathis and B.D. and Ellen Moody of Corpus Christi.

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Obituaries

Tommy Campbell

Funeral services for Tommy Campbell, 49, of Hereford, an employee of Cerestar USA, Dimmitt, were held Friday morning at Parkside Chapel in Hereford.

Burial was in Hereford's West Park Cemetery under direction of Parkside Chapel.

Mr. Campbell died at his home in Hereford on Feb. 1.

He was born March 9, 1948, in Amherst. He was a shift supervisor at Cerestar for over 27 years. He was a member of Central Church of Christ in Hereford, and was a member of the national Rifle Association. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

He is survived by his mother, Elvie Campbell of Hereford; three brothers, Roger Campbell of Amarillo, Jerry Campbell of Hereford, and Richard Campbell of Mississippi; three sisters, Lynda Hill of Hereford, Glenda Tarno of Gun Barrel, and Alice Fornash of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

Dessie Coody

Funeral services for Dessie Juanita Coody, 74, of Beeville, the mother of a Hart woman, were held Monday afternoon in Galloway & Sons Chapel of Beeville with Rev. John Sisk officiating.

Burial was in Glenwood Cemetery of Beeville.

Mrs. Coody died Feb. 6.

She was born July 17, 1923, in Sasakaw, Okla. She married Howard K. Coody on Sept. 6, 1939, in Maysville, Okla. He died June 18, 1997. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Pettus and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Lockhart. She was a homemaker.

She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynda Gay Coody, and a son, Johnny Howard Coody.

She is survived by three daughters, Lillie Fern Gilland of Beeville, Donna Kay McIntosh of Dumas, and Mary Lynn Garrity of Hart; three sons, Dwain Kendrick Coody of Hereford, Earl Ray Coody of Beeville, and Charles Eugene Coody of Victoria; 18 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Althea Lee Hastings

Funeral services for Althea Lee Hastings, 88, of Brownwood, a former Hart teacher, were held Monday afternoon in Lemons Funeral Home Chapel in Plainview, with Rev. Max Browning of Plainview's First United Methodist Church officiating.

Burial was in Parkview Cemetery in Plainview.

Mrs. Hastings died Feb. 6.

She was born Nov. 26, 1909, in Blue Ridge. She married Merlin M. Hastings in 1935 in Abilene. He died in 1993. She was a school teacher for more than 25 years in Kress and Hart. She had previously lived in Plainview.

Ruey McKinney

Funeral services for Ruey McKinney, 82, of Canyon, the sister of a Dimmitt man, were held Monday afternoon at University Church of Christ in Canyon, with David Lough, minister, and Bob Loe, elder, officiating.

Burial was in Dreamland Ceme-

tery of Canyon under direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McKinney died Feb. 6 in Canyon.

She was born Nov. 4, 1915, at Vinson, Okla., to James Omah Vaughan and Essie Darrow Vaughan. She graduated from Vinson High School in 1933, then attended Draughans Business School in Abilene. She married Glenn McKinney in 1947 at Hollis, Okla. They resided in Oklahoma for several years, then moved to a farm in Castro County near Dimmitt, living there for 23 years. They retired and moved to Canyon in 1978. While living in Hollis, Mrs. McKinney worked at AAA program, Hollis Dept. Store, Taylor's Dept. Store, and First State Bank of Hollis. She obeyed the gospel in 1929 at the age of 14 and had remained a faithful Christian throughout her life. She was a member of University Church of Christ in Canyon.

She is survived by her husband; a sister, Joye Breedlove of Littlefield; and two brothers, Loyd Vaughan of Dimmitt and LaVerne Vaughan of Earth.

The family suggests memorials to High Plains Childrens Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo 79114; or to a favorite charity.

Ruby M. Sims

Funeral services for Ruby M. Sims, 92, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Hart with Rev. Kelly Inman, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Tulia under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sims died Feb. 5 after a lengthy illness.

She was born April 11, 1905, in Pontotoc, Okla. She married Charlie N. Sims on Dec. 1, 1923, in McLean. He preceded her in death on May 30, 1964. She had lived in Tulia from 1928 until 1967, when she moved to Dimmitt. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Tulia, and was a seamstress, gardener and a homemaker.

She also was preceded in death by two sons, Kenneth W. Sims and Walter N. Sims.

She is survived by a daughter, Shirley Nelson of Hart; a son, Charlie E. Sims of Ruidoso, N.M.; a half-brother, Adrian Broughton of Ardmore, Okla.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Vic Nelson, Brady Nelson, Brian Nelson, Clyde Sims, Don Johnston, and Billy Sims.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Hazel Taylor

Services for Hazel Estelle Lippard Taylor, 79, former Dimmitt resident, died Monday in Austin.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Littlefield with Rev. Ted Wilson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Amherst, officiating. Burial will follow in Littlefield Memorial Park.

Mrs. Taylor was born in Pearsell and she married Earl Taylor in 1936 at Clovis, N.M. They farmed and ranched in Causey, N.M., before moving to Dimmitt in 1955. They moved to Spearman in 1968, then to

Littlefield in 1980 and to Austin in 1988.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and Oak Hill United Methodist Church in Austin.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1992.

Survivors include a daughter, Earlyne Gee of Austin; three brothers, John Lippard of Knox City, Calvin Lippard of Iowa Park and Sam Lippard of Delta, Colo.; two grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society.

Police Calls

A 25-year-old woman is listed as a suspect in an incident of indecency with a child. Monday afternoon, police received a report from a 35-year-old Dimmitt woman. She told police the suspect had participated in sexual intercourse with a 15-year-old male juvenile, who had run away from home and had been staying with the suspect. Investigation is continuing.

Diana Ledesma Castillo of Dimmitt told police Monday morning that someone had broken into Maria's Restaurant. Taken in the burglary were a time clock, valued at \$800; a cheese shredder, valued at \$1,800; and a boom box, valued at \$100. Also taken was a cash box, which had contained about \$70 in coins.

An Earth man, 26, told police Saturday night that some suspects had assaulted him at his girlfriend's residence on Northwest Fifth in Dimmitt.

Misty Correa, 24, of Dimmitt, told police Saturday night that a suspect had kicked the storm door at her home on Northwest Fifth and broke the bottom glass window of the door. The damage was estimated at \$100.

A 34-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Feb. 4 on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

Early last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 37, was jailed for Class A assault/family violence.

A Dimmitt woman, 42, was jailed at 12:28 a.m. Sunday for DWI, first offense. At 1:26 a.m., a 43-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed on the same charge in a separate incident.

DWI, second offense, was the charge listed against a Dimmitt man, 27, who was jailed early Monday.

At 3:05 p.m. Monday, two Dimmitt men were jailed on charges of public intoxication.

A Dimmitt man, 24, was jailed Feb. 3 on a warrant for driving with license suspended.

Violation of probation stemming from charges of theft of services and aggravated theft resulted in the jailing of a 29-year-old Dimmitt man the afternoon of Feb. 3.

Also on Feb. 3, a Hereford man, 20, was jailed on two Dept. of Public Safety warrants.

A Plainview man, 26, was jailed last Thursday night on a warrant charging him with theft by check over \$500 and under \$1,500.

Violation of probation stemming from theft by check charges were listed on two warrants, one from Deaf Smith County and one from

DISD extends contracts for administrative staff

Following an executive session Monday night, the Dimmitt school board voted to extend the contracts of administrative personnel through the year 2000, and increase their salaries by 3%.

The vote to extend the contracts was unanimous. The vote on the salary increase was 5 to 1, with board member Earl Behrends voting against. Those in favor were Debbie Annen, Steve Buckley, Paul Garcia, Chevo Lumbra, and John Nino. Avery Thrasher was absent.

The personnel affected included Johnny Hill, DISD business man-

ager; Doricell Davis, curriculum director; Kay Gfeller, special education director; R.L. Stockstill, Dimmitt High School principal; Lyman Schroeder, assistant high school principal; George Rator, Dimmitt Middle School principal; Clint Seward, assistant middle school principal; and Doug Setliff, Richardson Elementary School principal.

The board also voted to accept the resignation of David Browder, industrial arts teacher at DMS. He is leaving to accept a position as rodeo coach and recruiter for Mesa Technical College at Tucumcari, N.M.

In other business, the board voted to support Junior Class Sponsor R.L. Duke in his efforts to enforce participation among members of the class in fund raising and/or dues payment. In a letter to the board, Duke said that some members of the class have not paid dues or participated in fund raising projects. He asked for board support in excluding from the prom those who do not meet the requirements by March 2.

Duke said the class members had voted to levy dues on themselves to avoid having so many selling projects, but some have failed to pay the dues or to help with the few fundraising projects that have been set.

In other business, the board voted to advertise for bids for the purchase of a new 71-passenger bus. The recommended handling the bids locally,

rather than going through a state agency. He said the bids received last year were competitive and a faster delivery date was obtained that way.

Hill told the board that the transportation department also is looking for a bus body to replace the one that runs the "town route." He said the 78-passenger bus currently in use is in poor shape, body wise, but has an adequate motor.

The board voted to extend a request for a waiver from the Texas Education Agency regarding a third grade class that has more than the mandated 22 students. Miller said the district must prepare a plan for dealing with the problem next year, in order to apply for the waiver.

Board members voted to call an election for May 2 to fill the expiring terms of Place 2 (Earl Behrends) and Place 4 (Paul Garcia).

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1 TX Bush's START 2
5 TXism: "___ was a dog he wouldn't wag his own tail" (lazy)
6 TXism: "take the ___" (sober up)
7 TX Kristofferson
8 border patrol agency
9 TXism: "he'd be late ___ own funeral"
14 east of Waco in McLennan Co.
18 Dallas Stars is a ___

DOWN

1 TX Bob Willis work before singing (2 wds.)
2 TXism: "could sell ___ to the devil" (persuasive)
3 ACU affiliation: Church of ___
4 ball holders for TX Trevino and Kite
9 TXism: "___ the mark (conform)
10 TXism: "___ horse town" (small town)
11 TXism: "___ my boots retreaded" (got half soles)
12 TXism: "___ be a monkey's uncle!"
13 TX Gary Morris hit: "The Love ___ Found in Me"

49 King Ranch mgr. Kleberg
50 "Buenas ___" (morning)
51 witch's transport
52 president who won TX in '72 (init.)
53 Sue Ellen on "Dallas"
55 TXism: "he couldn't drive a nail into a ___" (incompetent)
56 TX Bush & Perot are south ___
57 soap once used in TX
58 Santa ___ Wildlife Refuge

14 Waco's is seat of Lennan County
15 TXism: "restless as ___ in church"
16 causes to remember
17 keyboard punchers
19 TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
20 town name Quannah means "sweet ___"
24 TX Mandrell's "If Loving You ___ Wrong..."
25 ex-Cowboys asst. coach Norv (init.)
26 state employment agency (abbr.)

27 to burst forth
28 TXism: "spit and baling wire it"
29 TX Martin film: "Dead Men Don't Wear ___"
31 in Hunt Co. on 69
34 get possession

35 TX school rule: "No ___"
36 Fossil Rim Wildlife has bred black rhinos
37 Littlefield gas co.
40 TXism: "put up ___ shut up"
44 SW of San Antonio on I-35: Von ___ lubricates
46 this Temple-born Rip starred in "Blind Ambition"
54 this Henry was '91 Astros relief pitcher

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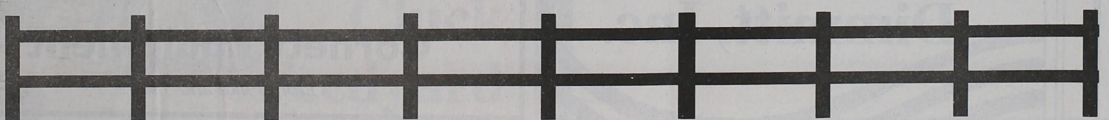
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Doing things right—it's more than ethical

By **DANNY NUSSER**
Gray County Extension Agent
 Ethics has become a catchy word recently because of the attention a few bad examples have received for their actions with livestock projects and the whole program in general.

You and I realize that the vast majority of our 4-H'ers and parents play by the rules. Unfortunately, the few bad apples get all of the attention and the real successes go unnoticed.

In the eyes of others we are responsible for all of our members' actions and this means we must take steps to limit the amount of negative things that happen.

We can make a difference, and I'll share my ideas on how you can make a difference with your 4-H'ers.

You have to start with what I think are the basics of ethics—the rules.

If there is a rule that states, "Animals must be on feed by Dec. 1," there is no doubt about when your animal must be on feed. It's a rule and it must be followed. I'm not saying it's your responsibility to enforce the rules, because it isn't.

What we can do is make sure 4-H parents and the students know what

the rules are and the ramifications of what will happen if the rules are broken. Frankly, as agents and leaders, we all can make sure this gets done.

Ethics is difficult to make sense of unless its cut and dry or written down and understood. What someone might think is unethical the next person might not because of different beliefs and values. We cannot judge people by what they believe and therefore we cannot make a determination about what is ethical or not if it is not written down and understood ahead of time.

If you do anything in the area of ethics, teach your 4-H'ers and their parents the rules and make sure they understand that when they get caught, they will disgrace themselves, their families, their community and the 4-H program.

Another area where we can make a difference is by promoting the positive. We have 4-H'ers in each county who are huge successes. People need to hear about them and that they are doing it right. Let's throw out our chests and brag on our kids. Let people know the good you

are doing to keep kids headed in the right direction and that our goals and objectives are to build quality citizens of the future.

We need to let people know that there are a large number of good kids showing pigs and maybe the few that insist on doing the bad will get less attention.

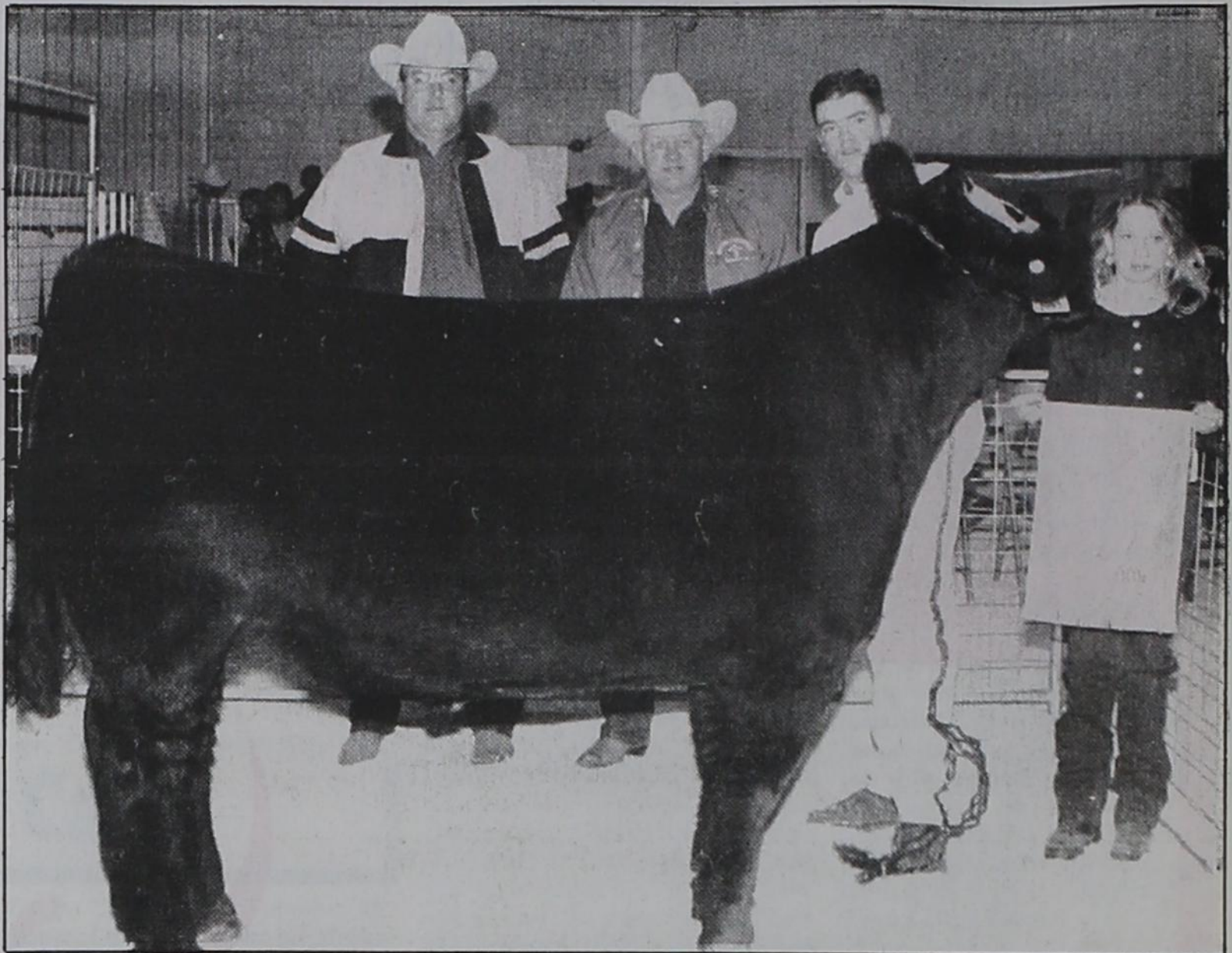
One of the last and certainly one of the most important things we can have an effect on is leading by example. As was mentioned earlier, you are looked to as the expert which means you are mentor, role model and Mr. 4-H, all wrapped in one.

Naturally, kids want to be like you and they will emulate what you show them. What you do is what your 4-H'ers will do. Those of us with young kids get reminded of this every so often.

The best way I've heard it put is this, "Remember, little eyes are watching your every move, anxiously awaiting the opportunity to do the same."

Make sure that you give them an example that you will be proud of when you see them repeat it.

We can make a difference in this issue and the way many people perceive this project. It's more than some else's problem, it's become a problem for us all.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER from the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 1,235-pound mediumweight cross exhibited by Jay McCormick, formerly of Dimmitt (third from left). The animal earned a bid of \$3 per pound from Rafter 3 Feedyard, represented by Andy Rogers and Gene Bradley. Also shown is Mary Bradley (right).
 Photo by Anne Acker

McCormick sweeps 1997 county junior stock show

Jay McCormick capped off a successful high school career exhibiting livestock by granding the Castro County Junior Livestock Show in 1997.

McCormick not only exhibited one grand in the annual show, but took home top honors in each division.

He started off by driving his 143-pound heavyweight medium wool to the breed championship, then claimed grand honors.

His 1,235-pound mediumweight Cross steer was selected as grand champion about an hour later. Later that day he claimed his third grand champion banner when the judge tagged his 260-pound heavyweight cross hog as best among the field.

Members of the Dimmitt Young Farmers, who operate the show each year, say McCormick's triple crown achievement was probably the first in county history.

In the premium sale, the youngster earned a total of \$7,605 for his three

grands. The lamb earned a bid of \$10 per pound from the Dimmitt Buyers Club. Rafter 3 Feedyard provided a \$3 per pound bid for the grand champion steer and a group of individuals purchased the grand barrow for \$10 a pound.

The reserve grand lamb was shown by Travis Crow of Dimmitt, and his 126-pound light heavyweight medium wool earned a bid of \$7 per pound from three local cooperatives including Dimmitt Agri Industries, Dimmitt Consumers and Castro Co-op Gin. McCormick added \$200 to the price of the reserve lamb.

Beau Hill earned reserve grand honors in the steer show with a 1,385-pound heavyweight cross. North Gin provided Hill with a bid of \$2 per pound.

The reserve grand barrow, a 245-pound heavyweight spot, was exhibited by Jeremy Simpson of Dimmitt. He earned a bid of \$8.50 per pound from Hart Producers Co-

op Gin, Vic Nelson Seed, Jay and Cassa McCormick, Leslie Davis, Gene Bradley, Andy Rogers, W.J. Hill and Donny Nelson.

In the showmanship competition, winners were Trinity Robb in the junior lamb division, McCormick in the senior lamb division, Keli Schulte in the junior barrow division, Wesley Mays in the senior barrow division, Reece Hales, junior steer division and Justin Sutton, senior steer division.

The premium sale last year raised \$190,980.37 after all qualifying animals were sold, and that total includes \$26,538.82 in donations to scholarship funds, the Dimmitt Young Farmers and the Castro County 4-H Project Center.

'Horse Bowl' practice will start here soon

Do you like to play games? If you do, then the 4-H Horse Bowl is for you.

Horse Bowl practice will begin soon in Dimmitt. It is similar to playing Family Feud, only questions will pertain to horses and horse anatomy, health, reproduction, nutrition, tack and equipment.

Participants must be between 9 and 18 years of age. You do not have to own a horse to be member of a Horse Bowl team.

Those interested should contact Janet McDaniel at 647-3764 or the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

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FARM LIFE

is the best way of life in the world, and the best way to live it to its fullest is through participation in farm youth organizations.

We're proud of our Castro County youth and of their accomplishments. The annual Junior Livestock Show is one of many areas in which the youth of our county excel.

It takes commitment and dedication to excel in anything. It takes a committed teacher, a dedicated student, a supportive family, a worthwhile project or goal. And it takes a lot of hard work.

We want you young livestock raisers to know that we appreciate the work and long hours you've put in, preparing for the show. You could be spending your time in a lot of other, less productive, ways. We're glad you chose this wholesome, worthwhile route. Whether you win or not, we're proud to be part of a community that supports its youth the way ours does. Our Junior Livestock Show and sale represent a big undertaking—and it's done almost entirely by volunteers, who have the common commitment of helping our kids.

Ours is a great county. And we're proud to be a part of it.

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When Pigs Can Fly ...

When our 4-H and FFA youngsters raise project animals, they learn a lot about commitment, showmanship, time management and cost accounting.

We hope they also learn that anything is possible.

Good luck to all our kids. We hope you place, make the sale and get a great bid!

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GRAND CHAMPION BARROW from the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was shown by Jay McCormick (front row, right). The 260-pound heavyweight cross earned a bid of \$10 per pound

from (back row, from left) Leslie Davis, Donny Nelson, Gene Bradley, W.J. Hill, Andy Rogers, Vic Nelson and James Simpson. Holding the banner is Mary Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker

Buyers' clubs seeking donations for stock show

The Castro County Junior Livestock Show is just around the corner, and that means representatives from buyers' clubs in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth will be asking for donations.

The buyers' clubs help guarantee that a youngster from their community gets a premium bid for his or her animal when it makes the sale.

But these clubs operate on donations from the public, and one of the reasons the local sale is always successful is because individuals and businesses give generously to the clubs.

Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Buyers' Clubs provide many of the premium bids in the sale. Sometimes one of the buyers' clubs purchases a grand or reserve champion. Often during the auction, a club will make the initial bid on the animal, especially if the auctioneers seem to have a hard time finding that first bidder.

But the buyers clubs can't fund without money and the money the clubs bid with comes from donations.

Donating to a buyers' club is ideal for a person who wants to participate, but who doesn't want to buy an animal. Contributions to buyers' clubs may be made before, during or after the show. Each club has its own table set up at the Expo Building during the show and sale.

If you want to donate to one of the clubs but haven't been contacted, you can either stop by the club's table at the Expo or contact one of the following individuals:

Dimmitt Buyers' Club: Becky Stovall, Chaun Gunstream at First Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt

Branch, or Greg Odom. Donations also may be mailed to the Dimmitt Buyers' Club, PO Box 944, Dimmitt 79027.

Hart Buyers' Club: Rhonda Aven at Hale County State Bank in Hart, Brad Barnes, B.J. Jones, Sandy

Farris or Laura Hart at Cargill. **Nazareth Buyers' Club:** Dwayne Acker at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt, Dale Brockman, Walt Pohlmeier, Virgil Huseman, Dennis Kern, Jerry Kern, Jimmy Kern and Jerry Lange.

Exhibitors work toward placing animals in premium stock sale

The goal of any youth exhibiting an animal in the junior livestock competition is to earn a premium bid for that animal in the sale ring after the show.

Animals that place within established limits qualify for the premium sale and each exhibitor is guaranteed a good price above market value for the animal.

Last year, buyers shelled out \$190,980.37 for lambs, steers and barrows making the premium sale at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Included in that total was \$26,538.82 in donations to scholarship funds, the Dimmitt Young Farmers and the Castro County 4-H Project Center.

The 4-H Project Center received \$4,400 in donations while \$2,200 was donated to the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund. Other donations were to the Lorelea Acker Scholarship Fund in memory of Dennis Huseman, who was a longtime supporter of the county stock show.

The auction was a success in part to health floor prices set at the beginning of the sale.

Dan Cure of Olton bought the floor on lambs for 99¢ a pound. The steer floor went to Kirk Farris of Hart, who offered \$65.25 per hundredweight. Randy Hathorne took the floor on barrows with a bid of \$52 per hundred.

Stock show supporters in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth form buyers' clubs each year and those volunteers go to local businesses and solicit donations. From the money collected, the buyers' clubs are able to purchase lambs owned by youngsters in their community.

Many businesses and individuals chip in and purchase animals at the sale, too. That's what makes this sale one of the best in the state.

Here's how the premium sale works.

Commercial bidders set the floor prices, which are usually based on the day's market price.

If a youngster makes the sale with his animal, he will be going to a premium bid above floor prices. These premiums help pay expenses of raising show animals, including feed, medicines and other supplies. If a youngster's animal doesn't seem to be drawing a top bid, the buyers' clubs step in and try to insure that each youngster gets a good price and can make enough to pay expenses and make a little profit.

The buyers' clubs rely on donations and the more money they receive, the more they can bid on youngsters' animals. Members of each buyers' club will be collecting donations this week and they will have tables set up in the Expo Building on Saturday.

Premium bids can run all the way up and down the scale; however, the auctioneers and buyers' clubs try to set minimum standards to insure that every youngster gets a decent floor price for his animal.

If the floor price on lambs is 70¢ a pound, the auctioneer may call for an opening bid of \$2 a pound. If you want to buy a particular animal that weighs 100 pounds and you want to bid \$4 for it, get a friend or a buyers' club bidder to help you bid it up to that price. If you win the bid at \$4, then you pay the difference between the floor price and your bid. The floor price on the 100-pound lamb would be \$70, so your total cost would be \$330. The youngster would receive the full \$400.


The Dimmitt Young Farmers operate the county's auction sale on a guaranteed premium basis, which means that a youngster who is planning to show his animal at another show, like the Houston Livestock Show, will receive the money bid on his animal here whether or not he makes the sale at the other show.

If a youngster is going to place his animal in the sale but only wants it to be sold as a "take-home" (if he or she wishes to keep it or show it in another show), it must be listed on the sale sheet prior to the sale.

When things get going, if you want to bid on an animal, raise your hand so the auctioneer or spotter can see you. From then on they'll keep their eyes on you and you can bid with a nod of your head.

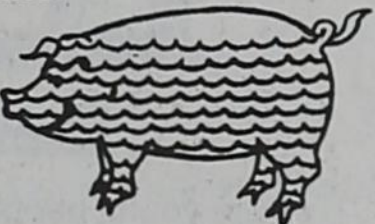
The Young Farmers provide floor-level chairs in front of the sale ring for bidders. If you plan on bidding on one or more of the animals, it's best to move into the buyers' area to do your bidding. That makes it quicker and easier for the auctioneers and spotters, and helps make the sale go faster.

The Young Farmers spent numerous hours working on the show, starting with drawing up show rules, organizing entries and readying the show barns and show ring for the annual event. They direct the show on Friday, then run the sale on Saturday. After the sale, they tally totals, then issue checks.



Water

Water is considered a nutrient because it is essential for life. A 50-pound pig will drink about one gallon of water per day. A 150-pound pig will drink about two gallons of water per day. Therefore, clean water should be available in adequate amounts at all times.



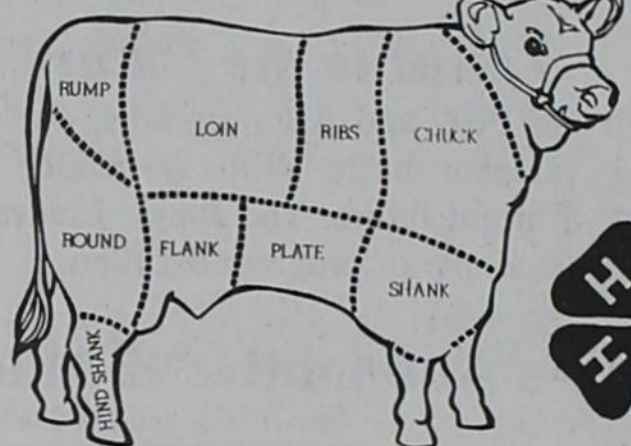


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If tetanus has been a problem in your area in the past, it is recommended that you vaccinate for prevention. This can be done while vaccinating for enterotoxemia using one of the vaccines which is available that has the overeating and tetanus vaccines combined in their formulation.

Any way you cut it ...

... The Castro County Junior Livestock Show is a "prime" event. We salute the Dimmitt Young Farmers, our FFA advisors and members, our county Extension agents, 4-H leaders and members, auctioneers, buyers, parents and volunteers for building it into such a great show.

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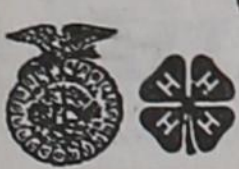
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In our book, you're all winners!

Castro County youth have record of excelling in the raising of livestock, and we are sure that your skill in that endeavor will again be proven this year as you exhibit your club animals in your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

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44th Annual Junior Livestock Show & Sale

Friday and Saturday

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Here are the junior livestock show rules

Here are the rules for the 1998 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, scheduled through Saturday, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

OFFICIALS

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| Young Farmers President | Kenner Howell |
| General Superintendent | Greg Odom |
| Assistant Superintendent | Chaun Gunstream |
| Vice President | Greg Odom |
| Secretary | Marty Gerber |
| Treasurer | Chaun Gunstream |
| Steer Division Superintendent | Tod Bradley |
| Assistant Steer Superintendent | Justin Nelson, Rodney Hunter, Robert Boozer, Rick Bagwell, Jerry Vera, Greg Odom, Roy Schilling |
| Lamb Division Superintendent | Tim Wales |
| Assistant Lamb Superintendent | Lonnie Robb, Coby Gilbreath, Mat Bradley, Lance Loudder, Kurt Wales, Chaun Gunstream |
| Swine Division Superintendent | Todd Hatla |
| Assistant Swine Superintendent | Kent Kirby, John Link, Mike Odom, Andy Williams, Jason Nelson, Tim Farris, Curt Summers, Danny Underwood |
| Auctioneers | Leslie Davis, Johnny Davis, Greg Odom, Jack Howell and Kenneth Greenwood |
| Building Superintendent | Danny Underwood |
| Assistant Building Superintendent | Kurt Wales |
| Clerks | Dimmitt Young Farmers |
| Public Relations Liaison | Marty Gerber |
| Floor Buyers Committee | Dimmitt Young Farmers |

Judges:

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| Steers | Larry Grey |
| Barrows | Dale Schartner |
| Lambs | Scott Doss |
| Showmanship | Pammy Millican |

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

- All entries must be sent to the Young Farmers, Vo. Ag. Dept. Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive, by 5 p.m. on Jan. 27, 1998. Any incomplete, unsigned or late entry will be fined \$25.
- Entry fee—to be used for bedding, show expenses, etc.: \$15.
- All livestock must be in place by noon, Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998. Weighing will begin at 4:30 p.m. All entries must be ready for weighing at 4:30 p.m.

- All animals must be weighed at the time of entry by the official weighers. Only one weigh back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limits set. This weigh back must be within one hour of the first weighing or at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- All animals must receive state validation from the County Agent or Ag Teacher.
- Each exhibitor will not be allowed to enter or show more than two steers, two barrows and two lambs. An exhibitor will be allowed to sell no more than three animals and only two animals in any division. If an individual shows more than three animals, he must notify the Superintendent immediately after judging as to which three animals he will place in the sale.
- The number of animals that will be sold through the auction will be as follows: 125 barrows, 125 lambs, 40 steers, or 75% of the total animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number.
- The percent of the animals to be sold will be figured on each class. If an animal eligible to sell is pulled, the next animal in line from that class will sell. This will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- Animals that make the show but do not make the sale will be sold with the floor animals, unless the exhibitor pulls the animals by one hour after showing.
- All livestock will be sifted by weight. Sifted animals will be the responsibility of the owner and must be removed from the barns by 10 p.m. on Wednesday.
- Two showmanship trophies will be awarded for Steer, Swine and Sheep. The senior showmanship will be for exhibitors aged 14 and older, and the junior showmanship will be for exhibitors aged 13 and younger. The animals must have been owned, fitted and groomed by the exhibitor for the exhibitor to be eligible for a showmanship trophy.
- No steer will be allowed in the show that has not been owned as of Sept. 1. Barrows and lambs must have been owned as of Dec. 1.
- Only active 4-H and FFA members are eligible to show. All livestock entered in the show must have been fed under the supervision of the Castro County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher of Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth High Schools and must be so certified by one of the above on the entry card.
- To be eligible to show, all 4-H club members must be enrolled in a Castro County 4-H club under the supervision of the Castro County Agent. All FFA members must be enrolled in a Castro County school. All exhibitors must reside in Castro County, be at least nine (9) years of age or in the third grade, and be enrolled in a public or private Elementary or Secondary school located within Castro County. Any exceptions must be approved by Dimmitt Young Farmers.
- All animals must be reasonably dry and clean before weighing. Any animal not so, may be declared ineligible to show by the committee in charge of the division.
- Animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the truck. Any animal left in the barn after trucks are loaded are the responsibility of the seller.
- The Dimmitt Young Farmers shall reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or animal for any reason that is deemed necessary. Also, the Young Farmers will not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property arising from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.
- Exhibitors and show officials will be the only persons allowed in the show ring.
- Any animal sold on floor must have been entered in the show.
- Any exhibitor found violating the rules may be subject to a fine up to \$200 and suspension from the County show for a period of one (1) year. The person signing the entry card may also be fined up to \$200. Entry cards will not be accepted from the offending organization until the fine is paid.
- All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the livestock show management immediately after occasion for such protest. The protest committee will consist of the Young Farmer officers and the various Division Superintendents. All committee decisions are final. The Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale and the Dimmitt Young Farmers are indemnified from any and all liability for all legal and other proceedings which may ensue from the committee's decision.
- No animal may leave the stock show premises from the time of weigh-in until after the show without the approval of the Superintendent. All take home animals must be checked out of the barns by noon on Saturday.
- Each club will be responsible for cleaning their pen. If pens are not cleaned a fine of \$200 will be levied. Check will be held until fine is paid. All pens must be cleaned by 6 p.m. Sunday.
- No change in the pattern of highlighting of any animal by painting or dyeing in all three barns will be allowed (water only).
- No adults in show ring during show or classification.
- Exhibitors ineligible to participate at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show due to the NO PASS AND NO PLAY rule cannot have another or others exhibit the animal or animals in question.

II. CLASSIFICATION

Lambs will be weighed and classified at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the show ring. Steers will be weighed upon arrival at the show and classed by weight. Steer classes will be determined by the Superintendent. Hogs will be classified by owner. Any animal not classified at the proper time must wait until last to be classified.

Judging Schedule

- Lambs: 8 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13
- Steers: 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 13
- Barrows: 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 13

III. STEER DEPARTMENT

- Only steers are eligible to show.
- All calves in the show must weigh at least 900 pounds; however, 1,350 pounds is the top pay weight.

3. Awards:

- Placings—Ribbons
- Grand Champion—Banner
- Reserve Grand Champion—Banner

- If there is not enough of any one class to be placed in a separate class, they will be classed with another class.

IV. LAMB DEPARTMENT

- Both wethers and ewe lambs are eligible to show.
- There will be a possibility of four breeds only. Definitions of breeds are as follows:
 - Fine Wool—This class shall include only purebred grade Rambouillet or Delaine or a cross between these two breeds.
 - Fine Wool Cross—This class will include lambs sired by Suffolk, Hampshire, Corriedale, or Columbia rams and out of fine wool ewes. Lambs that carry more than 50% medium wool breeding will go into the medium wool class. The decision will be left to classifiers.
 - Medium Wool class—This class shall include only purebred or grade Hampshire, Suffolk, Corriedale, and Columbia or other medium wool cross.
 - Southdowns—This class is only for purebred Southdowns or lambs that exhibit predominant Southdown characteristics.
- Weight classes:
 - Breed of lambs will be divided into light-medium-heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class, otherwise a light and heavy class. The minimum weight will be 80 pounds. There will not be a top weight, but the maximum pay weight will be 130 pounds.
- Lambs will be classified in show ring according to breed before weigh-in. A classifying judge will assist the Superintendent in placing the animals in the proper class. Classifier's decision will be final. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the Superintendent will break the breed into four classes: Light, Medium, Medium Heavy and Heavy.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Lambs wool should be uniform length no more than 1/4 inch in length. Top knots are permitted.
- Where four animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavy weights will be grouped into a single breed class.
- Awards:
 - Placings—Ribbons
 - Grand champion—Banner
 - Reserve grand champion—Banner

V. SWINE DEPARTMENT

- Only barrows are eligible to show.
- Barrows weighing less than 200 pounds or more than 260 pounds will be sifted from the show. A weigh back may be done on any barrow at the discretion of the Dimmitt Young Farmers. A 10 pound variance up or down will be allowed from write-in weight. Any barrow not meeting the weight will be disqualified.
- No feeding in aisles. All feed will be dumped outside, on south side of barn.
- There will be eight breeds of barrows as follows:
 - Berkshires
 - Chester Whites
 - Durocs
 - Hampshires
 - Spots
 - Poland Chinas
 - Yorkshires
 - Crosses and other breeds
- Weight Classes:
 - Breeds of barrows will be divided into light-medium-heavy classes if there are as many as 30 animals in a breed class, otherwise a light and heavy class. If there are more than 50 in one breed, the Superintendent will break the breed into four classes: Light, Medium, Medium Heavy and Heavy.
- At judges discretion, any obvious violation of classification will result in disqualification of animal in question.
- First and second place barrows from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Where five animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavy weights will be grouped into a single breed class.
- Barrows will be sold at weigh-in weights.

VI. SALE

1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998

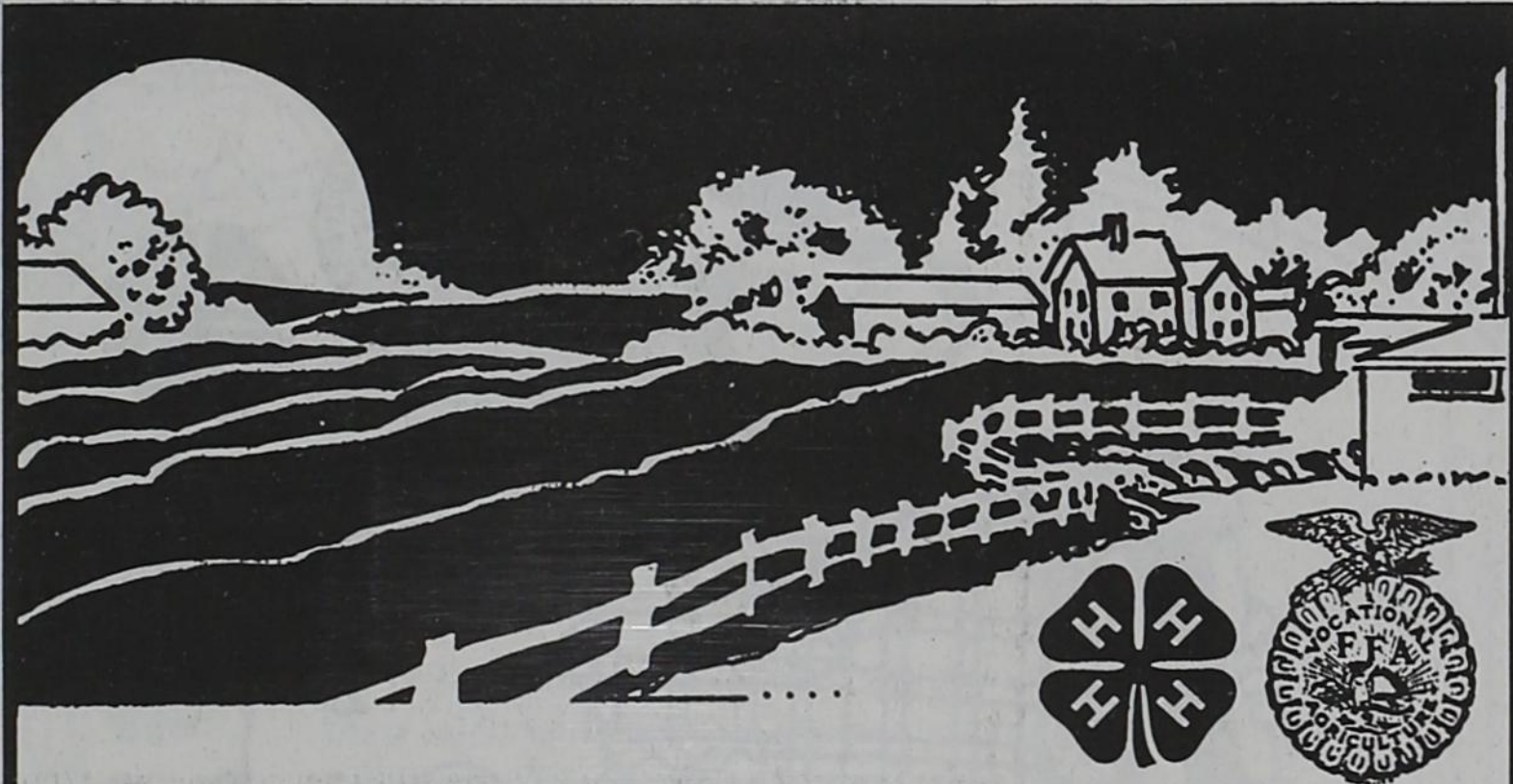
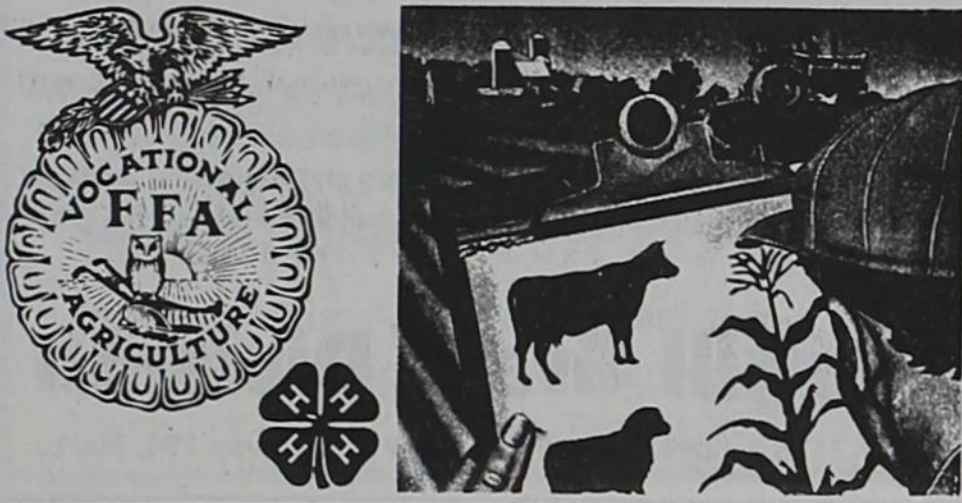
- Exhibitors selling livestock must have their animals ready to be brought into the auction ring when their number is called.
- Sale order:
 - Grand Champion Steer, Barrow, Lamb
 - Reserve Champion Steer, Barrow, Lamb
 - All breed champions
 - All reserve breed champions
 - 1/3 Lambs
 - 1/3 Barrows
 - 1/3 Steers
- All animals that are to be sold as take homes must be listed on the sale sheet prior to the sale.



Tuned to the Future

Through the FFA and 4H programs, our youth are learning valuable basic skills on which they can build for a bright future. The Junior Livestock Show is a prime example of program excellence.

Jerry's Automotive & Machine



The Tradition Continues

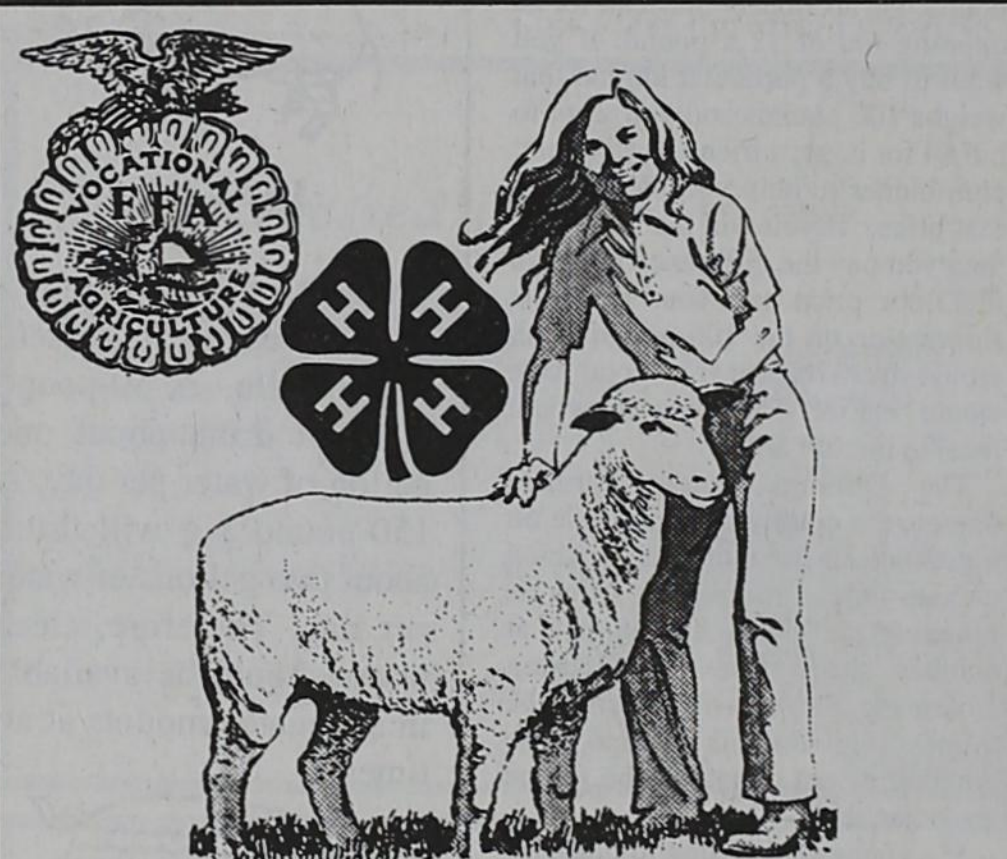
It was 44 years ago that the first Castro County Junior Livestock Show was held.

Today, many of those who exhibited their project animals in that first show are helping to make this year's the best ever ... and are helping their own children get ready for it.

It's a good tradition, and it adds a lot to the quality of life in our area, and to the character of our next generation.

We salute all the youngsters, their parents, the adult supervisors, teachers and volunteer workers who make the Castro County Junior Livestock Show one of the best anywhere!

Bar G Feedyard



Best Wishes

to the young people who will be exhibiting animals this weekend in the Junior Livestock Show!

C&S Battery, Inc.

Castro County youth are #1!

Best wishes for another successful Junior Livestock Show!

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Join us at the Junior Livestock Show & Sale

Friday and Saturday

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Animals selected should yield quality cuts of meat

By REBEL L. ROYALL and BENNY JOEL MARTINEZ
Castro County Extension Agents

In theory, in all market species you are trying to pick the animal that most closely fits the consumer's preference in terms of meat cuts.

A stock show judge is trying to find the animal that will hang the best carcass and produce the best quality cuts of meat. There are a lot of things that play into judging a live animal, but these carcass aspects should be the driving force behind any judge's decision.

There are several other aspects of judging live animals that do not involve the customer's table. These things tend to involve the commercial industries needs. These include structural correctness, balance, general appearance, etc.

With this background, we will now go into each species and describe a few things a stock show judge is

probably looking for when he or she is judging market animals. One thing to remember is that every judge is different, and each one may place his emphasis differently for each trait.

Market swine

When selection market swine for a show, you should look for muscle and leanness, structural correctness and balance.

A market swine judge is probably looking for several different traits during a swine show. He or she will definitely be looking for muscle shape and definition. The places we look for this will be down the top (through the loin region) and in the center and lower portion of the hams. Another good place to look for muscling in a pig is in the forearm region.

Leanness is another carcass trait that is very important in judging market swine. With today's health conscious consumer, leanness of

meat has become increasingly important in market animals. Places in which judges determine the leanness or fatness of a hog include the jowl, the ham-loin junction, the twist, the flank, over the loin edge, in the shoulder pocket, and in the lower 1/3 of the pig's body.

Next, a judge will be looking for a pig that is structurally correct. The animal must be able to walk correctly without a flaw. A judge will look at each pig to make sure his legs are straight (without being too straight) and plant squarely on the ground.

The animal must be very free in its movement. The pig needs to have a heavy muscled and will forfeit a little structural correctness and balance to get that extremely muscled carcass animal.

Market steers

When selecting market cattle for show, one should look for muscle and finish, structural correctness, balance and eye appeal.

Market cattle are probably the most prestigious species in the show circuit. They are also probably the most watched judging event. Cattle, however, are also judged by a few traits, just like sheep and swine.

In a market steer class, a judge is trying to determine which animal will produce the best carcass for the consumer. He or she is looking for indications in muscling. In cattle, those places include the top (loin area), in the round (top, middle and bottom), in the stifle area and in the forearm.

In terms of leanness, cattle are a little different. Some fat is preferred in the beef consumers are ordering. Cattle that are too lean will not place well in a stock show. However, cattle that are too fat will not place well either.

A market steer must be fat enough to be in the choice quality grade to place high at a major livestock show. He must be full in his flank, and have fat deposited smoothly and evenly from his first to his 13th rib. He also must be reasonably full in his brisket. A steer that is too fat will take on a square appearance and will probably not show as much muscle expression.

Cattle also must be structurally correct. They must be square on all four corners and be correct in their leg structure. The shoulder should set

in so that the front leg is correct and not too straight. The steer should be able to travel well in the show ring.

Balance and eye appeal are probably more important in cattle than anywhere else. A well-balanced, eye-appealing steer will be level topped and ramped. He will be long-necked and very smooth in his shoulders.

In shows where we still have hair, the animal should have a well-groomed coat that is pleasing to the eye. Frame length and size is also very important in steers.

Market lambs

When selecting market lambs for show, one should look for muscle, balance, structural correctness and trimness.

In a market lamb class, a judge is looking for an attractive lamb that will offer a quality carcass for the consumer.

Muscle is very important when selecting market lambs. After all, this is the main reason why we raise market lambs.

Shape down the top is a good indicator of muscle as well as having an adequate leg.

A good show lamb should be at least 60% hindsaddle (from the last rib back to the dock) since this is the area of the highest-priced cuts in a market lamb.

Balance and structural correctness is also very important. A good show lamb will be very stylish and fairly high tail set with adequate levelness and squareness in that rump region. The pig should also be level in his loin and behind his shoulder blades.

A judge also will be looking for a very well-balanced, eye-appealing pig. The pig should be long-fronted. This is read by analyzing the pig's length from the base of the neck to the top of the nose.

The length from the base of the neck to the ear is most important in this trait. Length of total body and frame size also play into this aspect.

People are always talking about judges who use "pretty pigs." We would describe those pigs as ones who may not have a tremendous amount of muscle, etc., but combine several good traits, and are very balanced and eye appealing. Other judges prefer pigs that are extremely

attractive. A lamb should also be clean fronted with a tubular body shape. The feet and legs should also set straight and square and the lamb should be able to travel without fault.

The third element is finish. This refers to the amount of fat that a lamb has. Ideally, we want a market lamb to be lean, however, we want it to have enough finish to be desirable for market. Usually about .12 to .20 of an inch of fat is appropriate. One of the best areas in which to look for

finish is over the ribs or over the edge of the loin.

Other market animals

There are several other market animals shown in today's rings. In terms of what judges look for, traits will be similar to the above species. Trends tend to be similar in each barn from time to time. Basically, we are looking for the best market animal that will cut the best carcass in all species.



THE AARON WILCOX MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND benefited from the sale of this lamb at the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The animal belonged to the late Aaron Wilcox, who had been killed in an automobile accident earlier in the school year. His cousin, Ky Kirby, led the lamb to reserve breed champion honors. At the sale, Flagg Fertilizer bought the lamb for \$8 per pound then donated it back to be resold. Wilcox's family also donated money raised from the sale of this lamb and another lamb to the scholarship fund. Photo by Anne Acker

As the bright members of today's FFA and 4-H Clubs prepare for their careers in agri-business, the citizens of this community are assured of continued advancement for tomorrow! We salute you all and wish you the best as you begin your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

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Whatever their shape or color, you won't find better ones anywhere!

Good luck to our 4-H and FFA youngsters in the show and sale!

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OUR FFA & 4-H MEMBERS & LEADERS

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Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday!

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Good Luck 4-H and FFA Members at the **Junior Livestock show** Friday and Saturday

Everyone of you deserve an award!

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4-H Concession Stand Menu

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| Breakfast Burritos | 1.50 |
| (Served until 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday) | |
| Barbecue Plate (beef, beans, slaw and onions) | 5.00 |
| Combination Plate (beef & sausage, beans, slaw, onions) | 5.50 |
| Frito Pie | 1.25 |
| With Cheese | 1.50 |
| Bowl of Chili | 1.50 |
| With Cheese | 1.75 |
| Sausage Sandwich | 2.00 |
| Nachos | 1.25 |
| With Chili | 1.75 |
| Tater Tots | 1.00 |
| Piece of Pie | 1.25 |
| Cookies | .25 |
| Cinnamon Rolls | .75 |
| Donuts | .50 |
| Pickles | .50 |
| Cold Drinks | .50 |
| Hot Drinks | .25 |
| Ice | .10 |
| Candy Bars | .50 |
| Suckers | 2/25 |

Concession stand work schedule set

The work schedule has been set for the 4-H Concession Stand at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

Chairperson for the concession stand is Mary Alice Lane, aided by the officers of the Parent/Leaders Association.

On Wednesday, the Nazareth 4-H members were slated to work during the Nazareth Stock Show.

Today (Thursday) from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Consumer Decision Making 4-H Club is listed. Hart Parent/Leaders will work during the Hart Stock Show, starting at 5 p.m.

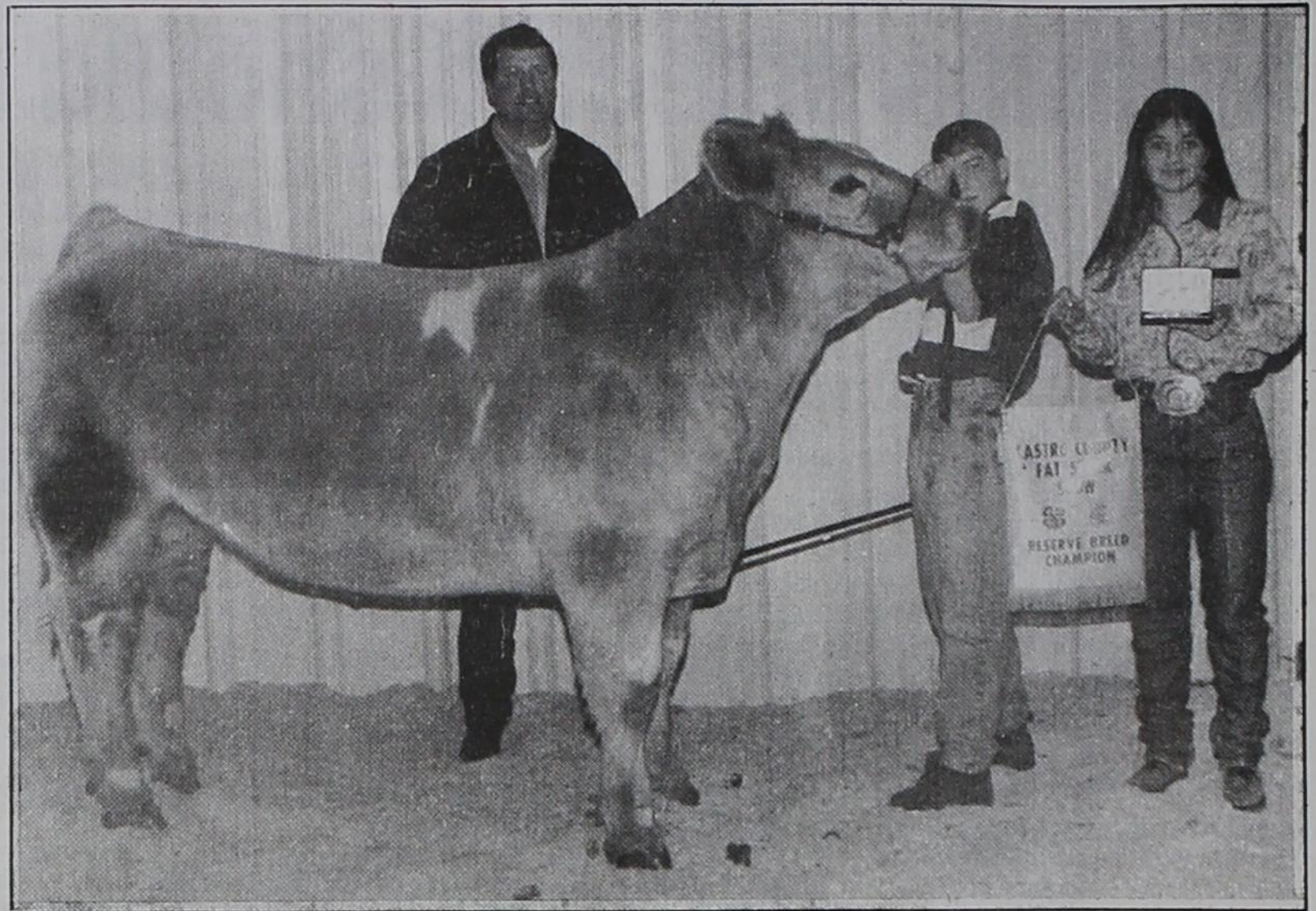
Friday, the Flagg 4-H will work from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.; the County 4-H Council, with Rusty McDaniel, chairperson, will work from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H will work from 1 to 8 p.m.

Saturday, the Hart 4-H will work from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and the Nazareth 4-H will work from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All workers must be 4-H members or leaders. Workers need to sign in when they begin their shift. A minimum of five to seven adults and eight youth are required per shift.

Junior I 4-H'ers are assigned to clean tables and front areas. Junior II's may pour drinks, wait on windows, and wash dishes. Senior 4-H'ers may collect money and help prepare food. Adult sponsors will prepare food and keep aware of food shortages.

Youth allowed in the kitchen must be at least third grade to comply with health and safety standards.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER, shown by Beau Hill at the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show, was this 1,385-pound heavyweight Cross. It was led through the sale ring by Beau's brother, B.J. Hill.

The animal garnered a bid of \$2 per pound from North Gin of Dimmitt, represented by Jim Bradford (left). Holding the banner is Sage Annen.

Photo by Anne Acker

93 county youths to exhibit market animals in Houston Livestock Show

Castro County youngsters will exhibit 85 market barrows, six market steers and 15 market lambs in the Houston Livestock Show, Feb. 20 through March 8 in the Astrodome.

Among the exhibitors will be 22 4-H'ers and 71 FFA members from Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth.

These FFA and 4-H exhibitors showcase their animal projects during the second week of livestock competition. The first week of competition features the open show when professional ranchers and breeders from throughout the country exhibiting their breeding stock.

Entries in both the open and junior shows combine with horse show entries to make the Houston Livestock Show the world's largest.

The four market animal categories, steers, lambs, barrows and poultry, represent animals raised by the ex-

hibitors as food sources. Top animals in each of these categories are eligible for their individual market auctions. Last year, junior market auction sales totaled \$4,636,124.

Those showing market barrows in the show will be:

NAZARETH FFA: Leon Birkenfeld, Jayson Burnam, Clifford Gerber, Clay Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Jessica Kern, Elizabeth Olvera, Rebecca Olvera, Wade Price, Dawn Ramaekers, Dustin Ramaekers, Kit Schulte, Ross Schulte and Stacey Schulte.

HART FFA: Jared Aven, Timmy Barnes, Trent Barnes, Trevor Barnes, Jeff Bennett, John Bennett, Dustin Dyer, Meagan Farris, Zach Farris, Zane Farris, T.R. George, Christopher George, Justin Hawkins, Zach Jones, Blake Jones, Lindsay Martinez, Whitney Mitchell, Brittany Nel-

son, Jordy Rowland, Tiffany Sanders, D'Neise Smith and Zachary Smith.

DIMMITT FFA: Mary Bradley, Jacy Buckley, Travis Crow, Kristi Edwards, Ysela Gonzales, Jared Griffith, Tanner Griffith, Lyndsey

Heard, Haley Heard, Andy Hill, James Jackson, Ky Kirby, Matthew Kropp, Heather Jeter, Van Jeter, James Lindsey, Amber Matthews, Taylor Matthews, Jana Nelson, Shae Odom, Jake Porsch, Shantell Self, Tanner Self, Tucker Self, Jeremy Simpson, Casey Tubbe, Jinna Wright, Cliff Wright and Wesley Wright.

CASTRO COUNTY 4-H: Mandy Birkenfeld, Raynee Bradley, Aaron Kern, Matthew Kern, Susan Kern, Garrett Klemm, Corey Lane, Holly Lane, Meggie Lemons, Charley Nutt, Keli Schulte, Jill Schulte, Adam Schulte, Macee Schulte, Brady Schulte, Brandy Smith, Adam Wright and Matthew Wright.

Those exhibiting market lambs will be:

CASTRO COUNTY 4-H: Raynee Bradley, Cody Brockman, Tanner Griffith, Meggie Lemons, Charley Nutt, Bryce Pohlmeier and Kaci Beth Schulte.

DIMMITT FFA: Travis Crow, Ky Kirby, Shae Odom, Stuart Sutton, Cliff Wright and Jinna Wright.

HART FFA: Aaron Hart and Adrienne Hart.

Youngsters who will show a steer in Houston will be:

NAZARETH FFA: Shawn Nelson.

DIMMITT FFA: Amber Matthews, Taylor Matthews and Justin Sutton.

CASTRO COUNTY 4-H: Meggie Lemons.

Ticket prices for the 1998 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo are \$10 and include admission to the horse show (excluding National Cutting Horse Association events), livestock show, carnival, all commercial and educational exhibits, special attractions and the rodeo.

Tickets are available at the Astrodome Box Office and at all Ticketmaster outlets, including Foley's, Blockbuster Music, Fiesta, and Randalls Food Markets.



Our future is well in hand, thanks to the dedication and commitment to agriculture that encompasses the work and ideals of today's FFA and 4-H Clubs. We're proud to congratulate these organizations for the progress and promise that they offer to us all. Show your support by attending the Annual Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday!

George's Service Station

Let's all support our 4-H & FFA youngsters in the 44th Annual Junior Livestock Show and make this year's show and sale another Record Breaker!



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Minerals are necessary for hog's chemical reactions

Minerals are necessary for many of a pig's body's chemical reactions.

Unlike carbohydrates and proteins, which are needed in large quantities, minerals are needed only in small amounts, but they are just as important for growth and reproduction.

Mineral requirements for hogs still are being studied, but at present it is believed that hogs require at least 14 different ones—calcium, phosphorus, sodium, chlorine, iodine, iron, copper, potassium, manganese, sulfur, cobalt, zinc and selenium.



The combined efforts of Castro County 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters have brought many honors to Castro County.

We congratulate you on the event of your Junior Livestock Show this Friday and Saturday!

DIMMITT CONSUMERS



Nobody dresses 'em up or shows 'em off better than our kids do!

Congratulations, 4-H and FFA members on work well done. We wish you well with your show animals—and on all your future projects!

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You'll have a snorting time at the **Junior Livestock Show & Sale**

Easter Grain, Inc.

Royall offers tips on raising show pigs from start to finish

By **REBEL L. ROYALL**
Castro County Extension Agent
 Here are some tips for raising show pigs from start to finish.

After you purchase a show pig and get it to its pen, it is a good idea to give it a shot of a general antibiotic. This will help relieve sickness from stress and hauling.

You should start the pig on a medicated pre-starter swine feed that includes 20% or greater protein content. You should feed this ration to every pig on your place until each has received two full bags. It just helps strengthen the hogs out and gets them off to a good start.

Approximately one to two weeks after purchase the pig should be castrated. This is a serious operation and should be treated as such. Pigs can and have died from castration. Be as sterile as possible and do the operation quickly. You should also treat the pig with four cc's of penicillin and two cc's of dexamethasone.

Then you should vaccinate the animal for Micro plasma Pneumonia-Respire or Respifen and for several other swine diseases including PPO-PluraGuard 4, Wean Vac 3, etc.

Several different companies make these vaccines and all have different names. There is one out now that contains both the respiratory vaccine and the others.

After you have fed two bags of pre-starter, you should change to a grower ration feed. I prefer an 18% to 20% medicated grower.

This ration should be fed solely until the pigs go on the truck at the show. There is hardly ever a reason to drop below 17% protein in a show-pig ration; however, each pig is different and this may be a possibility.

You should also feed minerals and/or additives such as blood plasma, fish meal, Winner's Edge, Show Bloom, Millennium, eggs, etc. All have beneficial qualities and each one has a different purpose.

I am most familiar with Winner's Edge, eggs, blood plasma and fish meal. Blood plasma and fish meal are used late in the feed period for leaping up pigs. Winner's Edge and other mineral additives should be used all year long. Eggs and similar products do the most good the last two months before the show. They help in keeping an animal together when holding.

My thoughts on minerals and additives is to use the ones you like, but to use them regularly to give a pig every chance to win.

It is very important that show swine have plenty of fresh, clean water. Like all animals, swine are dependent on water for proper body functions and growth. They need fresh water when it is below freezing and when it is 106 degrees.

Pigs should be housed in a shed, barn or house and you should be sure they have a warm, dry, draft-free place to sleep.

Pigs are subject to their environment. Given the opportunity, pigs will eat in one place, sleep in

another, drink in another, go to the bathroom in another and play elsewhere. Be sure and make your pens large enough so the animals can do this.

It is also a good idea to tarp pens or have a roof over the entire pen. This is especially beneficial for white pigs as it protects them from sunburn.

Swine need plenty of bedding material in their pens throughout the growing season.

This is especially important when it is cold, but bedding material (especially straw) provides other benefits. These include maintenance of a good hair and skin coat, removal of caked-on mud, etc., and also helps keep dust down in the shed and reduces respiratory problems.

Bed pens should be covered with at least eight inches of material and the bedding should be cleaned out and replaced when it is wet or dirty.

It is important that you spend time with your pigs. I suggest that you spend a minimum of 15 minutes per day feeding your pigs. They will tell you how they are if you give them time. Look for scours, coughs, heavy breathing or thumping, fever, laziness, lameness, etc.

I generally tell people to start exercising pigs when they weigh approximately 150 pounds, but the longer I'm in this business, the more I feel that it is important to start walking your pigs when they are young.

When they are older it helps them to stay lean and to increase stamina. But with the increased need for showmanship to place high in a show, I think you should start walking them early to do the above and to train them to cooperate in the ring.

I suggest walking them about 30 minutes a day until they are about 150 pounds, then gradually increase this to one hour.

A pig generally achieves a pound of gain for every three to four pounds of feed. Therefore, you can figure how much you need to feed per day by figuring how many days until the show and how many pounds that pig can afford to gain.

Things useful in holding pigs are steam-rolled oats (groats or meal), eggs, Ensure or similar product (no chocolate), dextrose solution and electrolytes.

When you are getting ready for the show you should concentrate on clipping. I prefer to use a plucking blade on the body and regular flat heads underneath. No. 1 and No. 0 guards are also okay.

I think that a pig should be washed and oiled several times before he actually shows, but there should be no oil used when he goes into the show ring.

You should watch classes show ahead of yours and determine how full or empty a judge wants pigs to be.

Here's a list of things you should take to a show:

1. Your pig.
2. Yourself.
3. Feed, additives, etc.
4. Feed pans.

5. Brushes.
6. Water hose.
7. Soap.
8. Show stick.
9. Towels.
10. Clippers, if the show allows them.
11. Mineral oil, if the show allows it.
12. Spray bottles.
13. Shavings or bedding material.
14. Nice clothes to show in.
15. Lawn chairs and a show box.
16. Snout rope.
17. Buckets (a one-pound coffee can and a five-gallon bucket will work).
18. Money to purchase food, etc.
19. Directions to the motel. You should also know the name and confirmation number for the reserved room.
20. Map.
21. Snacks and soft drinks.
22. Drinking water.

Good exhibitors must win their pig's confidence

A pig cannot be controlled through fear—you must win his confidence. Kind treatment during the hand-feeding period provides an excellent opportunity to gain his trust. Gently scratch or brush him at each feeding period, but do not make a pet of him. A "pet pig" is difficult to show.

Teach your pig to show well using a minimum of equipment. When you go in the show ring, you need only a short stick, leather quirt (12 to 14 inches long) or a small (1-inch x 3-inch) brush.

You use the stick, quirt or your open hand to convey your wishes to the pig. It will run at first. You will have a tendency to become irritated, but have patience and keep trying.

There are at least three signals that you need to teach your pig.

Tapping him firmly on the side means for him to move forward.

A gentle pressure with your stick, quirt or open hand on the right side of the head indicates a left turn.

The same slight pressure against the left cheek indicates a turn to the right.

Do not be disappointed if you are ignored at first. Results come with training.

Drive the pig often. A pig should be driven at least once a day the last 15 to 30 days of the feeding period.

Do your training just before feeding time. Turn the pigs out for exercise and return them to the pen at feeding time. Employ more of your training methods each day until you can control the pigs. Then start turning them out one at a time.

Let your parents serve as judges while you practice moving the animal around as you would in the show ring. Study each pig from many angles to see how he should be shown to make his most favorable appearance.

Usually, your pig looks best to a judge when he is 10 to 15 feet away, moving at a slow walk.



Animals need sun, exercise

Sunlight is necessary for all animals to biologically absorb the calcium in their feed and exercise is necessary to every animal, regardless of the time of year.

Under usual conditions, sun-cured hay or exposure to sunlight generally supplies sufficient Vitamin D for animals. A lack of Vitamin D in the absence of direct sunlight in your bird, for example, may result in the nutritional-deficiency disease termed rickets.

During the winter, if animals seek the warmth of their living quarters, they should be turned out for a period of the day or exercised by their owners.

Exercise tone sup flabby muscles, gets the blood circulating and energizes the animal.

It also helps keep them from putting on too much unnecessary and unhealthy weight.

Pregnant animals and those recovering from an illness should be kept healthy and free of digestive disorders.

Give all animals an opportunity to exercise daily, even if it means extra work for you.

Daily grooming of animals is also necessary

Clean animals are naturally more comfortable and less liable to spread infection or parasites to others around them.

Good grooming frees the coat and skin of dirt and dandruff. It stimulates blood circulation and cuts down the chance of serious skin diseases.

While grooming your animal, you will also have the chance to examine the skin for superficial (surface) cuts and bruises.

Daily grooming will enable you to keep a closer check on its health.



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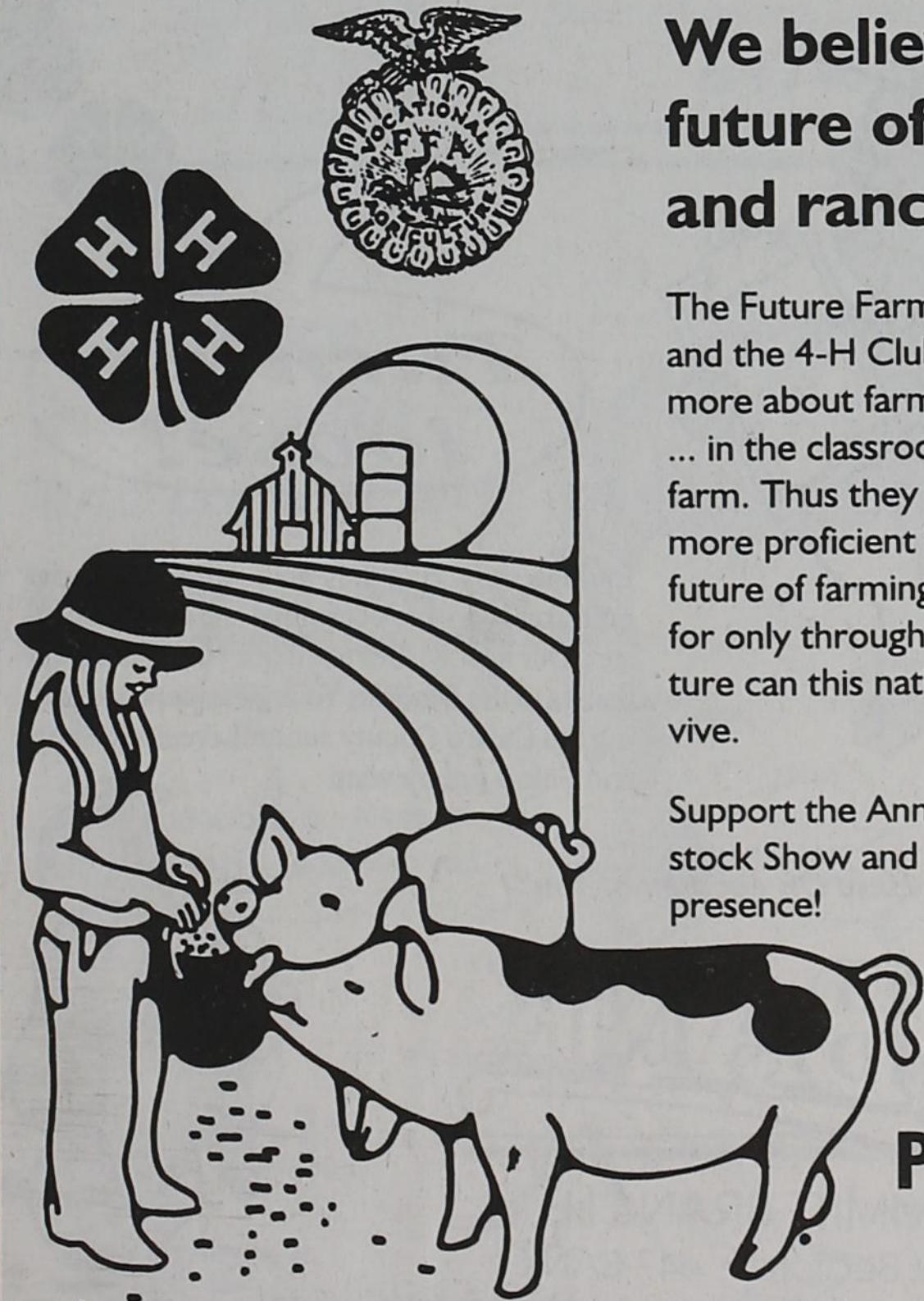
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Lamb feeding programs may vary

By DR. FRANK CRADDOCK and ROSS STULTZ
Extension Specialists

The feeding program for club lambs varies a great deal from county to county and from area to area across Texas.

Contrary to many beliefs, there are no magic feeds or rations which

make champions. It is the total feeding program which includes the feeding schedule, the exercise program and the careful observation of the lamb during their growing and finishing stages.

Lambs have different genetic potentials to grow and develop. A good feeding program is one which

studies the lambs and uses all of the available information to make judgements on when changes should be made.

The history of feeding lambs from similar genetic backgrounds and the careful observation of the lambs during the feeding period are both important in planning and developing a successful feeding schedule for a particular lamb.

There are five basic nutrients that are required by all livestock. They are water, protein, energy (carbohydrates and fats), minerals and vitamins.

Water

Water is one of the most critical nutrients in a feeding program as it regulates the amount of feed a lamb will consume. Clean, fresh water is necessary on a daily basis.

Water is an important component of the body as lean tissue consists of over 70% water and all body fluids depend on water from the system.

During most of the feeding period, water on a daily basis is quite important to provide the fluids necessary to keep the body functioning at a normal level. Reduced water intake can aid feeders at certain periods during the program to reduce feed intake and reduce the size of the rumen.

Protein

The primary constituent of the animal body is protein. Dietary protein serves to maintain or replace protein in body tissues, provides for carriers of other nutrients and is a major component of various products such as meat, milk and fiber.

Protein requirements for lambs vary according to their size, age and maturity. Young, fast-growing lambs need higher protein diets to allow them to grow and develop their muscle potential.

Rations which contain 16 to 18% protein are useful during many phases of the club lamb feeding program. It is also important to remember that only natural protein sources should be used for young growing lambs.

Lower protein diets can be utilized for lambs during the fattening stage. It is also good to utilize lower protein diets during the hotter summer months.

Some observations indicate that feeding high protein diets during the hot portion of the summer may tend to cause heat stress among lambs. Lambs which have reached maturity can be fattened on rations containing 11 to 12% protein.

Steers need to follow a daily routine

Calves are creatures of habit. You should develop a routine and follow it each day.

A daily routine makes chores much easier. For example, exercise your calf, set him up and make him stand properly, then brush him and feed him last.

Feed your calf twice a day and try to feed him at the same time each day. Clean the feed and water trough daily. Remember, your mother always washes the dishes from which you eat and drink.

Hair growth is stimulated by coolness, darkness and cleanliness. Wash calves often and keep the pen clean and dry.

Keeping the calf out of direct sunlight will enhance hair growth. In excessive heat, you may want to have a water mist fogger and some way to move the air.

You should also brush your calf regularly. Nothing stimulates hair growth like brushing. Brushing is the only way to get the thick undercoat which is desired.

Weigh your steer periodically so you will know how he is gaining. Decide at what weight class you will show your steer and shoot for that weight.

Old weights and class breakdowns from previous shows are very helpful in determining desired weights.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB from the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 143-pound heavyweight medium wool, shown by Jay McCormick. The lamb brought a bid of \$10 per pound from the Dimmitt Buyers Club, represented by (back row, from left) Philip York, Greg Odom, Becky Stovall, and Jackie Odom. Mary Bradley is pictured with the group.
Photo by Anne Acker

Zachary Smith to compete in Houston calf scramble

Zachary Smith, a 16-year-old Hart FFA member, will be competing in the 1998 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble on Feb. 28.

Smith, son of David and Patricia Smith, will be scrambling for one of 360 calves to be awarded at the 1998 show.

The picture is painted with 28 kids scattered around the 1.86-acre Astrodome arena in a determined quest to catch one of the 14 calves—each of which are equally determined not to be caught and haltered by a young 4-H or FFA scrambler. The result is a fun, entertaining, but somewhat chaotic 10 minutes before these calves have been properly haltered, then often tugged in, pulled in, pushed in or coaxed into the winners' square.

Although the calf scramble itself is

exciting and heartwarming, the serious side of the event begins once the show ends. Each of the students who catches a calf is awarded a \$1,000 certificate, donated by an individual or company, to purchase a registered beef or dairy heifer. In addition to the winners, two youngsters at each performance are presented "hard luck" certificates for their efforts in attempting to catch a calf.

The heifer then becomes the basis of a year-long project in which the scrambler must personally raise the animal, groom, fit, feed and care for it. The project is closely supervised by a county Extension agent or agricultural science teacher.

During the year, the scrambler must keep financial records and a detailed journal chronicling the animal's progress, and submit this to both the show and the donor. The following year, the scrambler returns to the Houston Livestock Show to participate in special show ring competition.

Since the calf scramble was added to the show's agenda in 1942, more than \$5 million has been awarded to scramble winners who have raised 14,236 animals.

The calf scramble program is just one of the show's educational opportunities for Texas young people. The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's commitments to Texas students for 1998 exceeds \$5 million. These take the form of scholarships, endowments, research grants and various other educational programs.

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Housing for show pigs can be varied

By JIM McMANIGAL

Facilities used in housing show pigs are as varied in size, design and cost as are the personalities of the people who feed the pigs.

Many different ideas and philosophies are being used very successfully.

Pigs require a dry, warm (or cool) house or bed, a large pen in which to run, a clean water supply to drink from and a clean, properly adjusted feeder from which to eat. These are basic characteristics that should be studied when planning facilities.

The area required in a house varies with the type of house used and in the size and number of pigs to be housed there. Pigs require enough room to lie down comfortably, but not so much that sanitation problems occur. Pigs will urinate in a house that is too large and drafty.

When checking pigs, look for wet bedding and if it is found use panels to force them into a smaller area. An 8x8 hut should accommodate two market weight pigs.

I'm not an engineer and don't understand the dynamics of air movement, so I let the pigs tell me if the house is "working." Pigs will spend a lot of time in the house if it

is comfortable. Some houses are so open that drafts and cold keep them away, but some houses are so air tight that the pigs stay away.

Watch your pigs!
As with the house, pens can vary greatly in size and shape. Pigs need enough room in the pen to run and "bark" when they are so inclined. But pens shouldn't be so large that they don't get used to being around people. I like pens that are six to eight feet wide and 30 to 45 feet long.

The soil under pens needs to be sloped enough to prevent standing water and the pen needs to be free from obstacles such as rocks, clods or trash.

Nearly any type of waterer can be used as long as an ample supply of clean water is available.

Many "reduced ice" waterer ideas help in cold water because frozen water is not inductive to maximum development. Waterers that reduce excess water causing "pudding" are

desired. This can be accomplished by using wood or concrete platforms that slope away from the pen.

Feeders need to be good enough to prevent wasted, excess feed from building up in the feeder trough. When you raise feeder flaps, there should only be fresh feed found toward the back of the trough. If it's not, adjust the slide.

Houses with dirt floors can work okay, but if they ever get wet, it's hard to dry them. Wood is my choice for flooring, but concrete can be an excellent job if its not too smooth. Remember, houses should be dry and comfortable.

The most popular pen arrangement that I've seen has the waterer on the end, away from the house, and the feeder placed next to the house. This forces pigs to walk from one end to the other to meet their daily nutrient cravings. This arrangement can be reversed if the water supply next to the house doesn't cause mud holes or standing water.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW of the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this heavyweight spot shown by Jeremy Simpson (kneeling). The 245-pound animal won a bid of \$8.50 per pound from a group of individuals. Buyers included

Gene Bradley, Jay McCormick, Donny Nelson, W.J. Hill, Andy Rogers, Rocky Wilhelm of Hart Producers Co-op Gin, Leslie Davis and Vic Nelson. Not pictured is Cassa McCormick, who was a member of the buyers group.

Photo by Anne Acker

County cattle raisers may qualify for LIP

The Castro County Farm Service Agency has been authorized to implement the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) to provide partial reimbursement to eligible producers for livestock losses that occurred last April as the result of a heavy, late-season snow storm.

* LIP is an emergency effort administered by FSA to help livestock producers who suffered losses from natural disasters that occurred between Oct. 1, 1996, and June 12, 1997.

Applications for LIP must be filed by Feb. 20 and all documentation must be provided by that date. Incomplete applications will not be approved, according to Trish Elliott, FSA County Executive Director.

Normal mortality rates have been established for each species of livestock and poultry. Losses in excess of the normal mortality rate will be covered under the LIP. LIP benefits will not be adjusted to account for insurance indemnities received from other sources.

Eligible producers are those that own a substantial benefit interest in the eligible livestock, have a financial risk, suffered a loss that is the direct result of the storm described, or are citizens of or legal resident aliens in the United States. If a producer suffers losses on multiple operations, they will be required to file a separate application for each operation.

Producers whose qualifying annual gross income is greater than \$2.5 million are not eligible for LIP benefits.

Livestock that died during the

show storm are covered by the LIP. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, horses used for human food or the production of food and buffalo or beefalo when maintained as a cattle herd.

Applications for LIP must be filed in the county FSA office where the cattle were located when the loss occurred. Regardless of whether or not a producer has farming interests in Castro County, they should file their LIP application here if they suffered losses in the county.

If a person suffered losses in

multiple counties, he or she would be required to file an application in each county where losses occurred, said Elliott.

All payments will be issued using direct deposit. A deposit slip or voided check from your bank is a good source of documentation to set up for direct deposit.

When filing an application, a producer will be required to provide proof of verifiable evidence of losses sustained as a direct result of the storm.

Internal parasites a problem for lambs

Internal parasites are a continuous problem in club lambs.

Newly received lambs should be immediately drenched for internal parasites, and a second drenching should follow about three weeks later.

There are not many drenches approved for internal parasites in sheep. Local veterinarians have the best information on what drench will be most effective in your area.

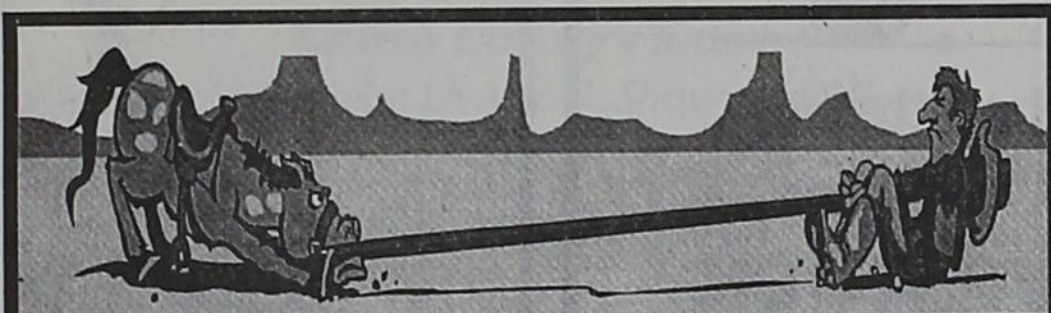
Internal parasites build up a resistance to a drench if it is used over a long period of time. Switching drenches may be effective in helping to eliminate internal parasite problems.

Some feeders drench their lambs on a monthly basis throughout the feeding program. Consult your veterinarian for the recommended practice in your area.

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Substitute exhibitor rules explained for other shows

All 4-H members who entered a livestock project at San Antonio or Houston need to let the Extension Office know if the entrant still plans to attend the shows, so that travel plans can be discussed.

All 4-H members who have a livestock project entered and are planning on sending their animals, but will not be able to attend the actual show must follow the rules for having a substitute exhibitor.

SAN ANTONIO

Entries in the junior show must be shown by their owner. Exhibitor substitutions may be allowed under the following conditions. In all cases, the department superintendent must approve the exhibitor substitution, and will do so only if all conditions are met.

Type A-Other School Activity or Failing a Class

This substitution request must be made in writing by the AST/CEA, parent or leader upon arrival at the show. This request must be made on the official S.A.L.E. Exhibitor Substitution form provided by the department superintendent. This request must be accompanied by a notarized statement, signed by a school administrator, on school letterhead, stating the specific reason a substitute is requested. The completed official S.A.L.E. Exhibitor Substitution Form and the notarized statement must be returned to the department superintendent prior to the start of the respective show.

Type B-Sickness

Read Type A and substitute physician's statement on his/her letterhead.

Type C-More than one entry in a class, or the exhibitor has entries in more than one department showing at the same time.

Read type A, notify departmental

superintendent as soon as problem arises or before the start of a respective show.

In any of the three situations listed above, or in the case of an emergency, the departmental superintendent may use his own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered, the substitute must be from the same school, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club as the original exhibitor with the following two exceptions:

1. The original exhibitor is the only exhibitor from that school, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club entered in that department.

2. All other members from that school, FFA Chapter or 4-H Club are exhibiting at the same time.

Soremouth affects lambs

Soremouth can be a nagging problem. This contagious disease causes the formation of scabs on the lips and around the mouth of the lambs.

This is a virus which can affect humans, so care should be exercised when working with lambs with soremouth.

Few medicines help in the treatment of soremouth. Iodine can be rubbed into lesions after the scabs are removed and this will help to dry up the area and reduce the infection.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station manufactures an excellent soremouth vaccine. This vaccine contains many strains of the organism and will help to prevent lambs from having soremouth. The vaccine is a live virus and is applied to a small scratched area in the fore or rear flank or in the ear.

In either case, any junior exhibitor (meeting all requirements of the junior livestock show exhibitor in the department entered) meeting the approval of the department superintendent may exhibit the animal.

HOUSTON

All junior steers, lambs and barrows must be exhibited and sold by the owner. A substitute exhibitor may be used under the following conditions:

A. When an exhibitor has more than one entry in the junior show and cannot be present to show their animal, or

B. When an exhibitor is failing a course(s) and will not be allowed to show. This must be accompanied by a statement signed by an authority from the school, such as the superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, etc., or

C. When an exhibitor is sick. This must be accompanied by a signed statement from a doctor, or

D. Approved school activities, TAAS test, etc.

When one of the above conditions exist, the department superintendent may use his own discretion as to whether a substitute showman will be allowed. If a positive decision is rendered by the department superintendent, the substitute showman must be from the same county as the original exhibitor. The substitute must also meet all requirements of a junior livestock show exhibitor. If only one exhibitor is present from a county, the department superintendent can approve a substitute from another county. An exhibitor may be used as a substitute only one time per department. The department superintendent may require documentation in any of the above conditions (A, B, C, or D) and may also require positive identification of the substitute.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB of the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 126-pound light heavyweight mediumwool shown by Travis Crow. The animal brought a bid of \$7 per pound for the animal from the three local coopera-

tives, represented by Jackie Clark of Dimmitt Agri Industries, Danny Rice of Dimmitt Consumers, and Randy Small of Castro Co-op gin. Also pictured is Jay McCormick (back row, third from left), who added \$200 to Crow's earnings on the lamb.

Photo by Anne Acker



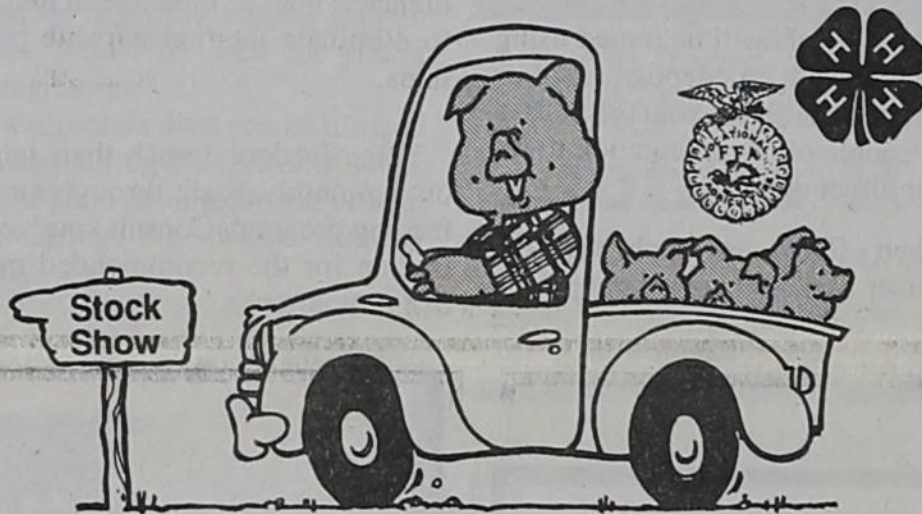
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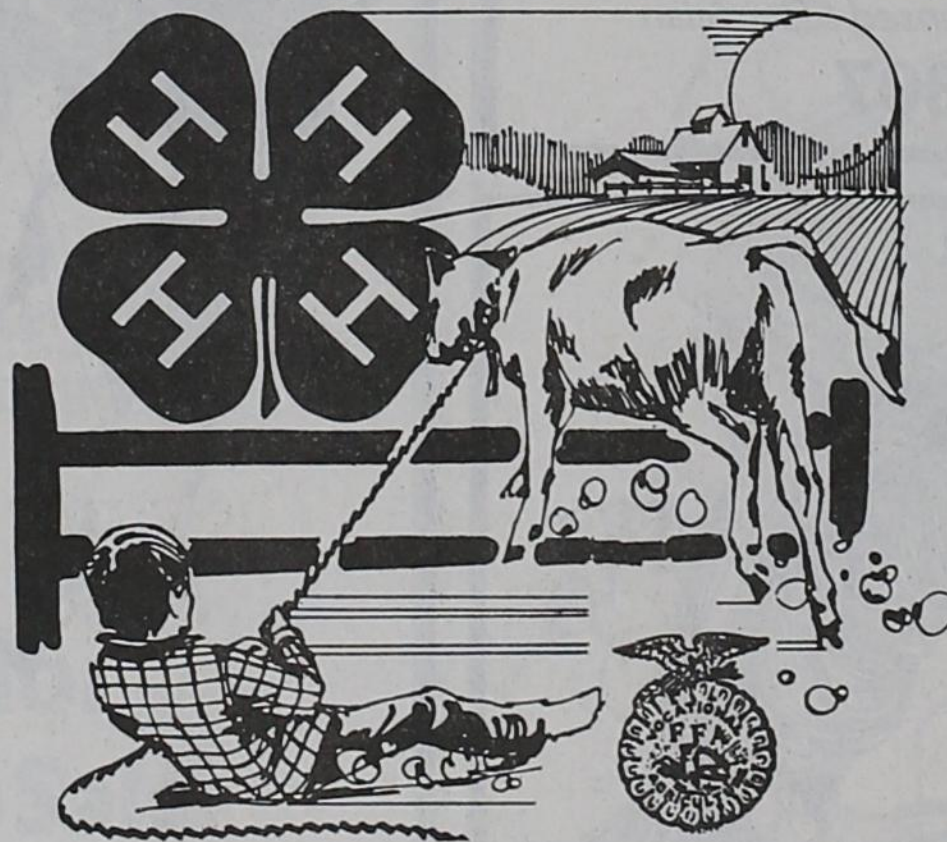
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Lamb selection is most important decision made by young feeders

By DR. FRANK CRADDOCK and ROSS STULTZ
Extension Specialists

The selection of a lamb for a project is one of the most important decisions made by a feeder. The type of lamb you select at the beginning of the project will have a major influence on the results at the end of the project.

You should remember that a winning lamb is a combination of good selection, good nutritional management, a good exercise program and outstanding showmanship.

People differ in their ability to select prospective animals. Some have a natural eye for selecting young animals while others may never develop this ability.

When selecting young animals, one must be conscious of wool length and fat thickness. Always select club lambs after they have been shorn if you have a choice.

Also, young lambs that are bloomy and fat always look good, while young lambs that are too thin do not look as good.

You should look past fat and recognize muscle so that you pick those lambs that are genetically superior.

Anytime you purchase lambs it is important to know a little about the producer you are buying from. Do not hesitate to ask questions about their lambs bloodlines and the approximate age of the lambs in question.

In selecting lambs, there are five major areas of emphasis that need to be considered. They are classification, muscle, structure, style and balance and growth potential.

Classifying show lambs is the most important and difficult responsibility of any lamb show. If lambs are not classified correctly there is no way they can be placed correctly.

Show officials will employ the most competent personnel available for this thankless job. Show officials must support the classifier's decision 100%.

The only guides a lamb classifier has to go by are the external characteristics—color markings, physical structure, skeletal shape and feel (softness) of the pelt.

A lamb must be typical for the class in which it is shown. Certainly no classifier enjoys disqualifying a lamb, but every time a questionable lamb is permitted to show, he usually ends up in the judge's top ten placing order, thus a questionable entry takes place of an honest lamb.

There are four major classes of lambs shown in Texas. They are finewools, finewool crosses, medium wools and southdowns.

Since finewool sheep are the most dominant in Texas, let's consider these animals first. The finewool sheep, Rambouillet, Delaine, Debouillet or crosses between these breeds, should have a soft feeling pelt. Faces should be covered with silky white hair and not chalky white hair that is characteristic of the white-face medium wool breeds. The face should be narrow and clean cut. Ears should be medium-sized and covered with silky white hair.

Wether lambs may or may not have horns depending on the ancestors of the individual and the age of castration. Hooves should be white. Freckles or pigmented areas of

brown or black in the skim may be permitted if everything else is in order.

Lambs with black or brown spots in the wool will be eliminated because medium wool whiteface crosses have the same characteristics.

A black finewool lamb should be entered in the crossbred class. Lambs that do not have the soft feel of a finewool should be entered in the crossbred class.

Lambs that exhibit chalky white hair above the hooves, up the back and inside of the rear legs, in the fore or rear flanks or in the boots should be eliminated from the finewool class.

Crossbred lamb classes differ from show-to-show in county, district and even among state shows, therefore the rules should be reviewed thoroughly before entering the crossbred class.

In any finewool cross, a classifier must look for half finewool characteristics. If half characteristics are not visible, the animal is not eligible for the crossbred class.

Suffolk crosses are the most common in Texas. Suffolks are a large breed with a narrow head and a "Roman" nose. The face is covered with black hair to a point just back of the ears and the legs are covered with black hair below the knees and stifle joints.

Suffolk ears are fairly long, fine textured and covered with fine, silky black hair.

First cross animals will show some spotting of the legs below the knees, stifle joints and face. Animals that show completely black or solid light black on the face, ears and legs are in all probability 3/4 blood and should be entered in the medium wool class.

The Hampshire-finewool cross has also become popular. Many of the black face crosses are a cross between Hampshire-Suffolk and finewools. Hampshires are a large sheep that have excellent thickness and meatiness. The head is short and broad, with thick, heavy ears which are covered with brownish black or stiff black hair.

Hampshire finewool crosses should also show some mottling or spotting on the face and ears. Body conformation should also indicate

crossbreeding. The heaviness and thickness of the ears will generally indicate Hampshire crosses.

Southdown acceptable breed characteristics include mouse-colored hair on muzzle (gray to brown, not white or approaching black). The muzzle should be broad with a head of medium length. The color tip of the nostrils should be black. Ears are of medium thickness and are lightly covered with short hair or wool. Wool on legs should correspond to the hair color on muzzle. Hooves should be black.

Select lambs that are naturally firm or hard muscled. These lambs will always be firmer handling.

Lambs should have a good expression of muscle down their top from the shoulder back to the rump. They should have a long, level, square rump with good width at the pin bones (dock). Other good indicators of muscling are the forearm and leg muscles.

The widest part of the leg, when viewed from behind, should be through the middle of the leg or the stifle area. Also, a lamb that walks

and stands wide is generally going to be heavier muscled.

Structure refers to the skeletal system or bone structure of an animal. Lambs should travel and stand wide and straight on both their front and rear legs. They should be heavy boned and be strong on the pasterns. Open-shouldered, weak-topped, steep-rumped lambs should be avoided.

Style and balance refers to the way all body parts blend together, how the front end matches the rear end and how eye-appealing a lamb is.

When viewed from the side, a lamb should be clean-fronted, smooth-shouldered, level-topped, level-rumped, trim-middled and straight-legged. Since all club lambs are shorn smooth, it is absolutely necessary that a lamb be tight-hided and free of wrinkles.

Lambs should never be selected in the wool, if possible. A good, smooth, thin-hided lamb is both eye-appealing and will handle well when properly finished. A lamb that is balanced, smooth, pretty and holds his head up is the first one you notice when you walk in the pen.



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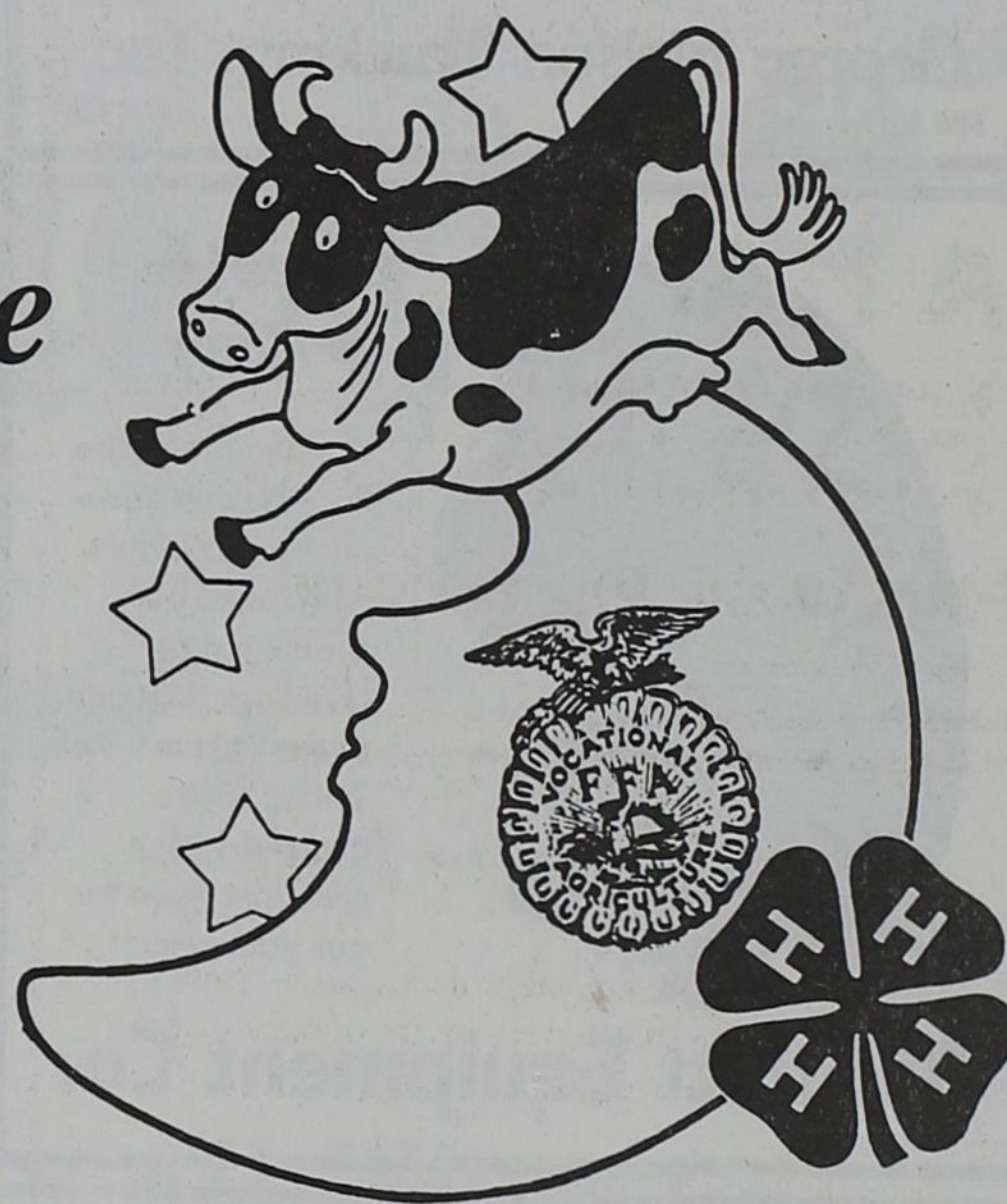


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The competition is so tough in our Junior Livestock Show that winning may seem as impossible as this nursery-rhyme scene. But just remember, nothing is impossible. When you step into the ring, you're already a winner in our eyes!

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Here are some tips for showing pigs in the ring

Youngsters driving pigs in show ring competition should always be courteous to other showmen and officials. They should win or lose gracefully and represent their club well.

Here are some tips for showing pigs.

- ◆ Keep pigs out of the corners, away from the fence and out of large groups of hogs.
 - ◆ Keep one eye on the judge and one on the hog at all times and keep the hog between you and the judge.
 - ◆ Drive your hog slowly and keep him under control at all times.
 - ◆ Keep the hog in the open, about 15 feet from the judge.
 - ◆ You should move about quietly, but be quick and "catlike" in keeping your hog in position.
 - ◆ Keep your brush and hands off of the pig's back.
 - ◆ You should tap your hog lightly on the side if he needs to move. Never hit a pig on his rump. If you do, it causes him to straighten his tail and have a steep-rumped appearance.
- Remember, a poor job of showing can ruin your chances of winning. A good job may enable you to place two or three notches higher.



Proper feeding and exercising lambs important part of project

By DR. FRANK CRADDOCK and ROSS STULTZ
Extension Specialists

Once a youngster has decided to have a club lamb project, there are several questions that must be answered before he or she begins.

One must first decide which shows to attend. It is the responsibility of each exhibitor to read the general rules and regulations as well as special rules governing the shows they will attend. This will tell you the number of lambs you can enter, the type of classification system used, weight limits, ownership dates and entry deadlines.

The dates of the shows are extremely important because they determine the age and size or weight of the lambs and at what time of year they should be purchased.

Most shows require that lambs have their milk teeth at show time. Lambs will generally hold their milk teeth until they are 12 to 14 months of age.

Under normal conditions, lambs will gain approximately one-half

pound per day. At time of purchase, if you know approximately what a lamb weighs and long it is until the show, then you can calculate if a lamb will have to be fed light, moderate or heavy to meet the weight limits of the show that you want to enter.

But not all lambs can be fed to the same final weight, as there are differences in frame size.

Large-frame lambs may be correctly finished at 140 pounds, while small-frame lambs may be correctly finished at 100 pounds. One must learn to look at indicators of frame size and determine at what weight a lamb will be correctly finished.

Remember that size does not make a good lamb. There are good little lambs and good big lambs. Your management program is the key.

One of the major advantages of a club lamb project is that young people can feed lambs without having elaborate facilities. A barn or shed where lambs can retreat from cold, wet conditions and a small pen with outside exposure is all that is necessary.

to properly feed each lamb.

Clean water is the most important ingredient in feeding club lambs.

Water troughs should be small so they can be drained and cleaned on a regular basis.

Water should never be totally removed from a lamb, but rationing water prior to the show will help remove the belly from the lamb and increase one's chances in the show ring.

Exercising lambs is practiced by many lamb feeders. One of the better ways to exercise lambs is with the assistance of a dog.

If a dog is used, close attention should be given to the area for running the lambs. A circular or oval-shaped track, or a square track with rounded corners should be used. The track should be five to seven feet wide. If it is any wider, lambs have a tendency to stop or turn back on the dog.

It is important to remove all rocks or obstacles in the track which may injure a lamb.

The following list of equipment is considered necessary for feeding and exhibiting club lambs:

1. Stiff brush to clean water troughs.
2. Shovel to clean pens occasionally.
3. Scales to weigh lambs.
4. Trimming table with the following dimensions (45" long, 20" wide and 18" tall).
5. Electric clippers.
6. 20 and 23-tooth combs with cutters.
7. One small wool card or poodle comb.
8. Syringes and needles.
9. Lamb blankets and/or socks.
10. Rope halters.
11. Hoof trimmers.
12. Hand shears.
13. Bolus gun for giving medication.
14. Back-pack drench gun.
15. Small, portable feed troughs.

The following additional equipment is often acquired by those families feeding several lambs and exhibiting in several major shows.

1. Small animal clippers.
2. Hair head for electric motor.
3. Show box to hold equipment.
4. Hot air blower or dryer.
5. Portable livestock scales.
6. Electric water heater.
7. Electric sharpener or grinder for combs and cutters.
8. Extension cords.
9. Muzzles.
10. Electric fans.

YOUNGSTERS GUIDE their lambs around the show ring before the judge during the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. This year's show will be held Friday at the Expo Building, beginning with the lamb show at 8 a.m. The steer show is slated to begin around 11 a.m., followed by the hog show at approximately 1 p.m. The annual show is conducted by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

Photo by Anne Acker

FFA expands rich tradition

As FFA has evolved from a group for farm boys into a wide-reaching organization serving diverse populations, members have voted to keep wearing the blue corduroy jacket introduced in 1933, opposed changes to the logo and approved limited editing of the 1930 creed.

The first sentence of the creed, from "I believe in the future of farming" to "I believe in the future of agriculture" to reflect the organization's diversification.

Comparing what has changed to what has remained the same provides an illuminating look at student organizations, agricultural education and FFA.

One major alteration was changing

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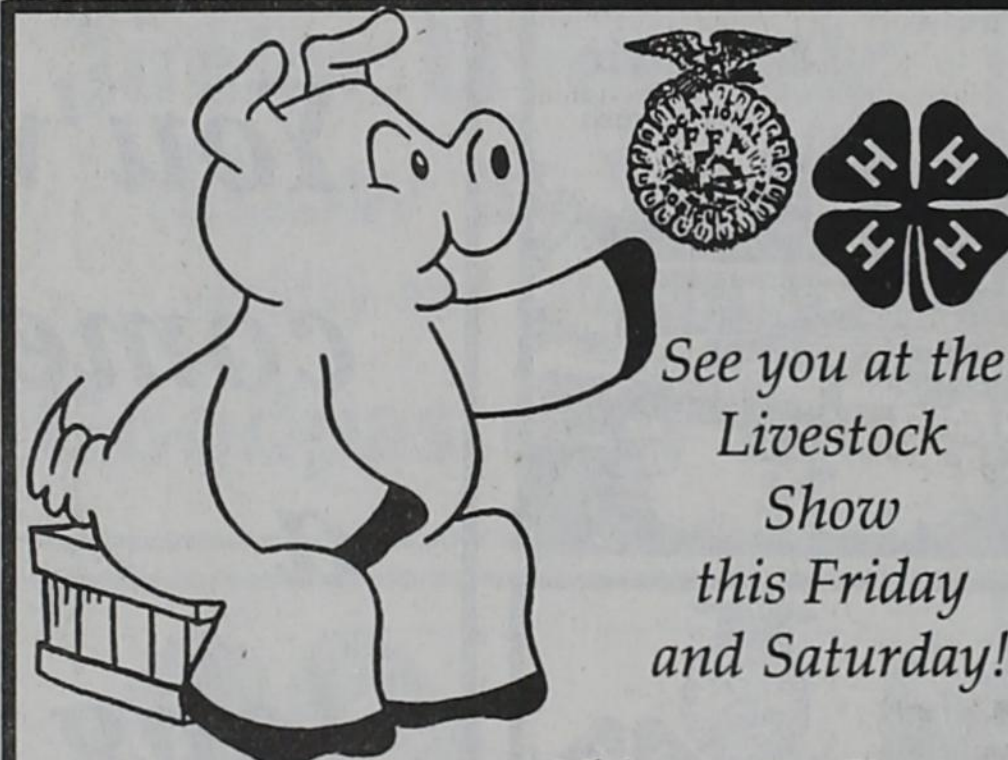
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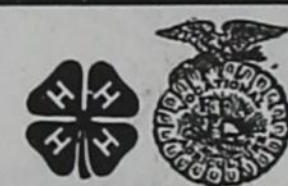
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Best wishes for another successful Junior Livestock Show and Sale!



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Tomorrow's farmers and ranchers at work today!

Our FFA and 4-H clubs are constantly learning and experiencing new ideas to help better our farming community. They'll be shaping the future of our agricultural world! We salute these fine groups and its members! Show your support by attending the Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

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El Sombrero Restaurant



Don't you dare miss seeing the Castro County Junior Livestock Show this weekend. It's one of the best of its kind anywhere, and we can all be proud of it.

Thank you, Young Farmers, for producing the show. And good luck, kids!

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Show your support for today's youth by attending the Junior Livestock Show and Sale Friday and Saturday.

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Cattle feeders should include nutrients in diet

By S.P. HAMMACK
TAES Beef Cattle Specialist
 Most junior beef cattle exhibitors today probably buy feed in a commercially mixed complete ration.

Because of this, many junior feeders may be limited in their understanding of the basis of beef cattle feeds and nutrition. The following material is designed to provide some basic principles which should help a feeder choose among the various feed mixes which might be available, or to formulate custom mixes.

Consideration of beef cattle feeding involves attention to the various nutrient requirements. There are four basic classes of nutrients, these being vitamins, minerals, protein and energy.

Vitamins

Most grains are deficient in Vitamin A. Green feeds such as alfalfa hay (or growing grass) contain high levels of Vitamin A. Other sources include Vitamin A feeding concentrates or injections.

Other vitamins are usually adequate in most rations. B-Complex vitamins are sometimes useful in starting cattle, especially drawn, stressed calves. Also, some people routinely give B-Complex or B-12 shots, feeling that appetite is improved.

Others may feed a complex and costly complete vitamin supplement throughout the feeding period.

If this makes you feel better, then do it.

Minerals

Grains are high in phosphorous and low in calcium, so minerals used in feedlots should be high in calcium and low in phosphorous.

This is the *opposite* of a good pasture or range mineral, so be sure and use the right product.

Best results are obtained when the grain ration is balanced with minerals (including salt) rather than relying on free-choice consumption.

Other minerals are usually adequate in feeds commonly used.

Protein

The level of crude protein should average around 11 to 12% (in the total ration) for most uses. Younger, growing animals need more protein. In fact, some feeders use a 12% ration throughout. However, others prefer to reduce the protein level of common feeds. Notice that oilseed meals such as cottonseed and soybean are high in protein.

Energy

Energy is most often expressed in feeding values as net energy or total digestible nutrients (TDN). Feed tags do not list either of these factors because their analysis is difficult; however, crude fiber (listed on feed tags) can be used to estimate energy level.

Look at the table on feed content. Notice the relationship between fiber and energy. High-energy foods like corn and milo are low in fiber.

Low-energy, strictly growing rations usually contain around 60 to 65% TDN which generally

corresponds to a content of 15 to 20% fiber. On the other extreme, high-energy, fattening rations have over 70% TDN and less than 8% fiber. General purpose or in-between rations have 65 to 70% TDN and 9 to 15% fiber.

These fiber levels apply to the total ration fed, including extra hay, if any is used.

Roughage

Roughage is not actually considered a nutrient, but it is an important feeding factor.

Rations without any roughage are more likely to cause digestive problems. Hays and by-products like cottonseed hulls are high in roughage. Some grains with husks, like oats, have a roughage factor. Roughage is closely related to the crude fiber level as shown in the table of feeds.

Crude fiber is one of the factors listed in the analysis section of a feed tag. In addition, the ingredients section of a tag will list "roughage products," if any are included, along with the percentage of such products, if it is more than 5%.

In some mixes (especially those without oats) these roughage products listed in the ingredients may be the only source of roughage in the feed; however, if such grains as oats are included, the husk is not required to be listed in the percentage of

Protein needed for pig nutrition

Proteins supply the material that makes up most body tissues such as muscles, internal organs, skin, hair and hooves. Proteins are made up of various combinations of amino acids. The number and kinds of amino acids determine the value or quality of the protein for swine. Lysine is the amino acid usually most deficient in feed.

Energy feeds such as corn, sorghum and barley supply some protein but do not supply an adequate quantity or quality for hogs. Soybean meal, tankage and fishmeal are good sources of supplemental protein. Soybean meal is the most widely used high-quality protein for balancing hog rations because it has an adequate quantity of lysine.

The digestive tract of a hog is different from that of a ruminant (cow, sheep or deer). Ruminants have a stomach with four compartments, one of which is equipped with bacteria to digest fibrous (cellulose) feeds such as grass and hay. These bacteria also can manufacture high-quality protein.

Humans and hogs have similar digestive tracts with only one stomach. The single stomach is not equipped with bacteria to digest cellulose and cannot manufacture protein. Therefore, humans and hogs must eat a concentrated ration balanced with essential amino acids.

roughage products. So, consideration should be given to both the crude fiber guarantee and the roughage products percentage in evaluating commercial feeds.

Even fattening rations should generally contain a minimum of 6 to 8% fiber (10 to 15% roughage). Strictly growing rations often have 15 to 20% fiber (30 to 40% roughage).

Other factors

Molasses is often included in a feed to reduce dustiness and increase palatability. Special supplements such as milk replacers are often fed. These may help, especially in hair bloom, particularly late in the feeding period. Many feeders like to use a little long-stem grass hay to help avoid digestive problems, especially bloat. Others feel that low levels of alfalfa are beneficial to growing cattle.

Summary

A large percentage of today's feeders will rely on commercially mixed feeds. Many highly desirable products are available.

In buying such feeds, you should insist on freshness and consistency from batch to batch. The premium paid for most show rations certainly warrants such action.

Remember that crude protein, crude fiber and roughage guarantees (along with physical characteristics) should be used to evaluate commercial mixes. Many steer and heifer feeding programs will work if you know what your feed contains and what your animal needs to do. There is no magic formula.

Trim hooves early to allow for healing

When lambs stay in small pens with no rocks, their hooves grow long and need to be trimmed. Hooves should be trimmed about every six weeks. Always trim hooves one or two weeks before a show in case you mistakenly cut into the quick and temporarily cripple the lamb. This will give the lamb time to heal before the show.

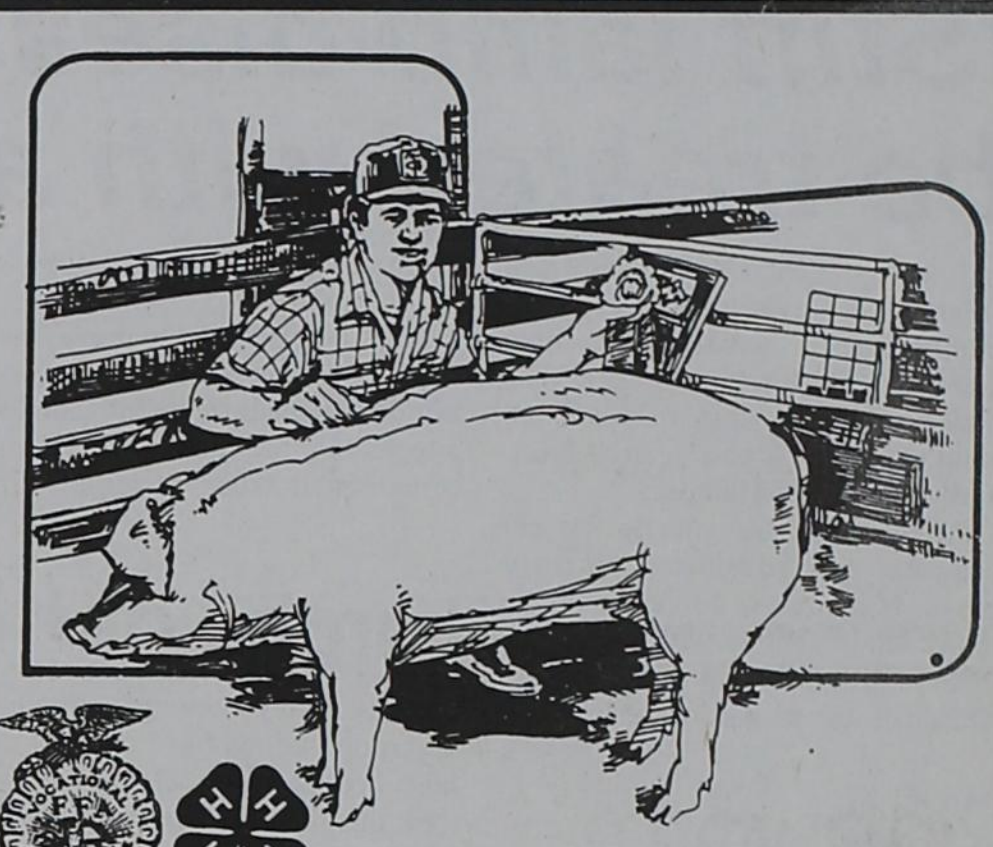


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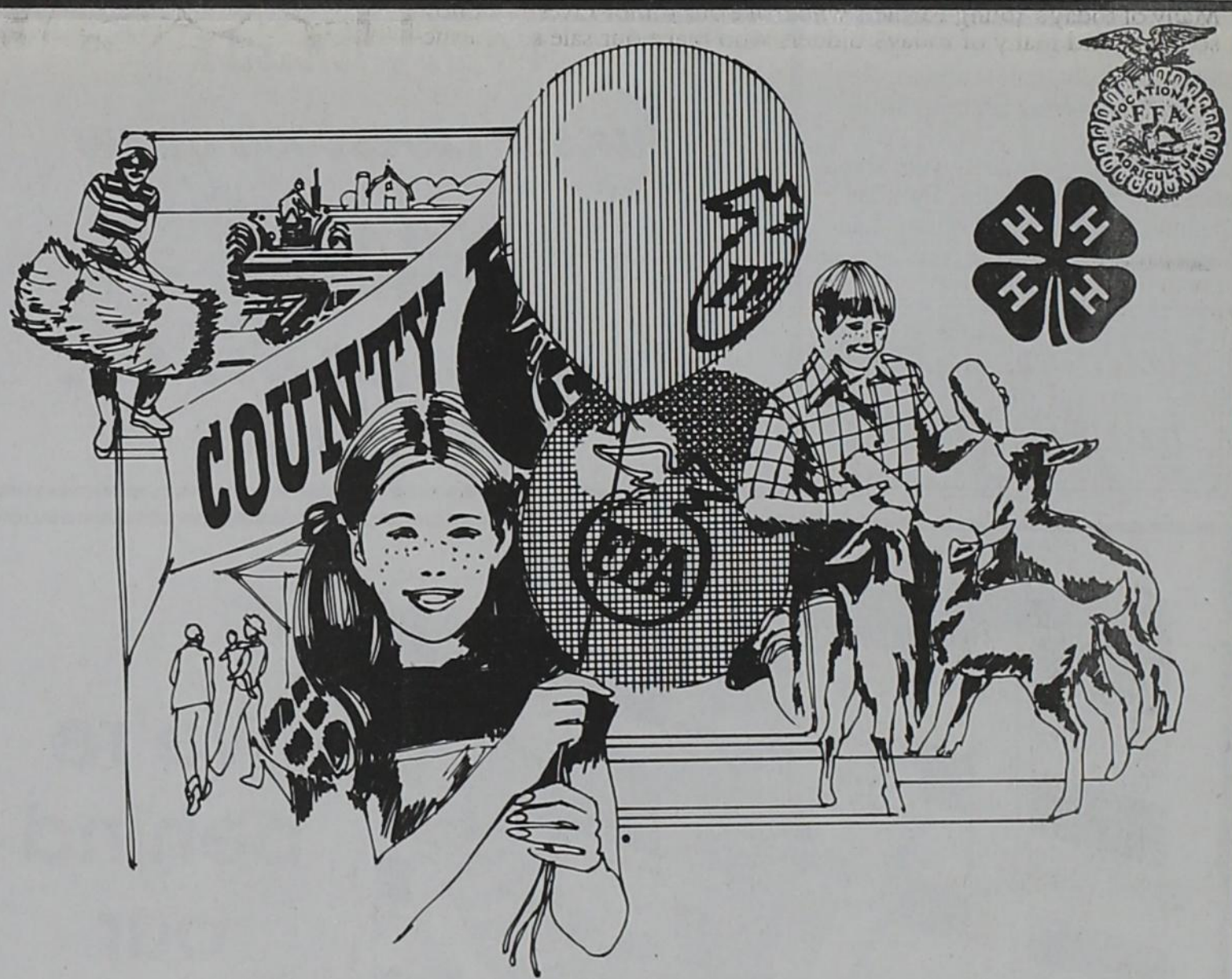


Best Wishes!

Because of what our 4-H and FFA youngsters are learning today, our nation will continue to be the best-fed on earth tomorrow. Best wishes to all participants in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show!

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The competition, the challenge, the dedication you've shown in raising and grooming your show animals—these all have their own rewards. If you win at the Junior Livestock Show or do well in the sale—these make your 4-H or FFA experience even better.

Congratulations for trying. And good luck this weekend!

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STEER JUDGE LARRY GREY LOOKS OVER CASTRO COUNTY BEEF
... Exhibitors show off steers at the 1997 Castro County Junior Livestock Show

Photo by Anne Acker

'Stiff lamb disease' can be treated with antibiotics

Although seen in lambs at any age, chlamydial polyarthritits most commonly affects lambs from three weeks to five months of age. The major economic loss results from weight loss and poor gain experienced by affected lambs.

Affected lambs usually appear depressed and are reluctant to rise or move. If lambs are forced to move, many tend to move with a stiff gait as though they are in extreme pain. This stiffness of gait has resulted in

producers referring to the disease as stiff lamb disease.

After being forced to move around for a few minutes, lambs often warm out of lameness or stiffness and will appear almost normal. Treatment relied on the use of tetracyclines,

which is one of the few drugs effective for chlamydia.

For best response, the antibiotic needs to be started early in the disease and should be given for a minimum of five days as prescribed by a veterinarian.

Lambs get tails docked

Many lambs that come from large range operations have not had their tails docked short. To make them look their best in the show ring it is necessary to remove one to four vertebrae from the end of the tail you

can either do this yourself or have it done by a veterinarian. It should be done as early as possible so that the tail will have time to heal. If doing this procedure yourself, it is recommended that you give the lamb a tetanus shot.

Ringworm contagious for lambs

In the past few years, ringworms have become a serious problem in club lambs. Ringworms are very contagious and can be transmitted from lamb to lamb, from lamb to human to lamb, or from infected equipment to lamb.

Since ringworms are generally brought back from a show, a good preventative program is a must. Remember, ringworms can be transmitted to humans.

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Vitamins count for hogs' health

Vitamins, like minerals, are needed in very small amounts, but they are essential for normal body functioning. Vitamins are necessary in sow rations for strong, healthy pigs at birth, and in pig rations for fast, efficient growth.

Vitamins differ from other nutrients in that they do not build body tissues. They are used as parts of certain enzyme and hormone systems. They could be compared with

the spark plugs in a car's motor, not used as energy, but necessary to burn the energy and make the motor run.

Some vitamins are fat-soluble and can be stored in the body. Other vitamins are water-soluble and only small amounts of these can be stored.

Therefore, water-soluble vitamin deficiencies can develop rapidly, but it takes longer for fat-soluble vitamin deficiencies to show up.

Fat-soluble vitamins include A, D,

E* and K*. Water-soluble vitamins include thiamine, riboflavin, pyridoxine*, niacin, pantothenic acid, B-12, and choline. Those marked with an asterisk are generally found in adequate amounts in common swine rations.



We're proud of our youngsters who are involved in the Junior Livestock Show. Through the work of the Dimmitt Young Farmers and great support from throughout the county, it just keeps getting bigger and better every year.

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