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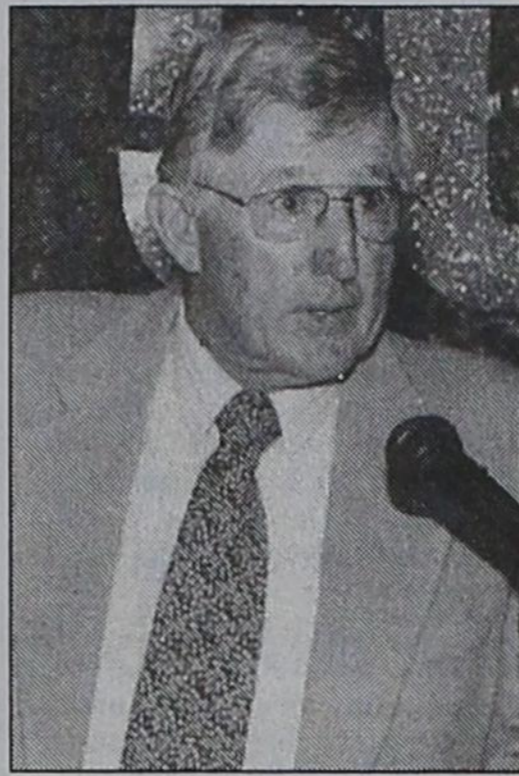
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR
... Janice Stanton (left) presented by Karen Carter.



CITIZENS THROUGH THE YEARS voting ended in a tie, so two were honored. Cleoforson (left) was presented by Edith Graef. Jack Howell (right) was presented by Danny Rice. Forson was honored for her years of teaching and community service through the Senior Citizens. Howell was cited for his involvement with youth in stock shows and teaching Sunday School.



Photos by Linda Maxwell



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
... Brenda Bruton presented by Danny Bruton.

Stanton, Forson, Howell, Bruton honored at banquet

Four among the best of our community were honored Saturday night at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce annual banquet.

Janice Nutt Stanton was lauded as

Teacher of the Year for 1997, Cleoforson and Jack Howell both were honored as Citizens Through the Years, and Brenda Bruton was named Citizen of the Year for 1997.

A crowd of about 300 attended the event, held in the Expo Building, and celebrated the 50th anniversary of the chartering of the organization.

Local businesses decorated the individual tables, following the theme of "When We Came to Dimmitt... Fifty Golden Years." Winning recognition for Most Original Idea was Castro Co-Op Gin. Running M Boot and Bath-Clip & Curl-Feed Bin was honored for Best Theme Interpretation, and The Village Shop was selected for Most Pleasing Effect.

Featured speaker for the evening was humorist Jim Bob Solsbery, county executive director, for the Reagan-Upton Counties Farm Service Agency in Big Lake. Jim Wright gave his president's address and presented plaques to former chamber executive director Shelly Nutt and former chamber secretary Becky Stovall.

Cheryle Pybus acted as emcee. The drawing for the door prize of two Southwest Airlines tickets was won by Ricardo Quiroz. Winners of the Beanie Babies drawing were Edna Kittrell, Mary Edna Hendrix, and Doug Pybus.

In presenting the Teacher of the Year Award, Karen Carter, last year's winner, said of Stanton, "She

is always pleasant and thoughtful to her co-workers. She has a gift for singing and always has a song in her heart. Our lives are better for just having known her."

Stanton graduated from West Texas State University with a degree in elementary education and a minor in English and music. She received an outstanding student teacher award from the Dept. of Education and was a member of the tour choir while attending WTSU.

After graduation, she taught in Silverton and Plainview before coming to Dimmitt. Her teaching experience extends 23 years, with 22 of those years having been in the bilingual program. She has twice been chosen to give a presentation at the Bilingual Conference at the University of Kingsville, where she talked about "Parents' Education for Bilingual Students."

"But how is her classroom performance?" Carter asked about the third grade bilingual teacher. "The paraprofessional who has worked with our teacher of the year, day in and day out for 13 years, had tears of joy when she heard of the award being given to her co-worker, because she is so deserving."

"She said that our teacher of the year loves and cares for all her students equally. She takes a child who feels like a zero and turns him into a 10. She is understanding, kind, considerate, loving, caring and just plain wonderful."

"Our teacher of the year had 24 students last week, when a knock at the door brought number 25. With much warmth and a sweet smile, she welcomed the student as if he were the first child to enter the classroom," Carter said.

Stanton is married to Tommy Stanton. She has three children.

Edith Graef introduced Citizen Through the Years Cleoforson. She said that Forson moved from Hereford to Dimmitt in 1946, and spent 20 of her 40 classroom years in the Dimmitt school system. In 1955, she was the first teacher to teach a class for children with special needs, and held that position for 14 years, until she retired in 1970. She also helped organize the first Classroom Teachers' Association in Dimmitt, and she is a life member of the Texas Teachers Association.

Forson is a member of the First United Methodist Church, and has been an active member of the Dimmitt Senior Citizens for 17 years, and still is, and has served as an officer of the organization.

"If you have a project that needs to be done, she will find a way to get it

done," Graef said. "She is a good neighbor. If someone is in need, she helps to see that the need is met. She is a good cook and is glad to cook food for the sick, even taking them complete meals."

"She celebrated her 91st birthday playing bridge with her friends," Graef said. In accepting the award,

Forson asked any of her former pupils in the audience to please stand, and several did. She was quick to quip that none of them had been "special needs" students.

Danny Rice introduced Citizen Through the Years Jack Howell by

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FAREWELL—Bill and Yulia Murphy (left) visit with Bill and Deanne Clark during a farewell reception for the Clarks Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. Clark is the longtime manager of Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc. Mrs. Clark has served as the Republican county chairman many years and was named Citizen of the Year in 1987 for her voluntary civic work. They're retiring to Lubbock after 24 years here.

99% of county acres offered are accepted into 16th CRP

Castro County landowners submitted 200 offers totaling 37,576 acres for the 16th annual Conservation Reserve Program, and all but one of those offers with 82 acres were accepted into the program.

Contracts for the newly-enrolled acreage will become effective Oct. 1. One exception to the Oct. 1 date is that landowners with the new contracts covering land that expired Sept. 30, 1997, can request that their contracts become effective the month

following final approval or on Oct. 1.

The 37,494 acres accepted from Castro County bring the county total number of acres enrolled in the CRP to 86,400. The average rental payment in Castro County is \$37.79 per acre, compared with a \$34.97 overall average payment for this area.

New grass plantings in Castro County totaled 27,243 acres while existing grass plantings numbered 10,012 acres.

Crops planted on land with contracts that become effective Oct. 1 can be harvested, even when normal harvest occurs after Oct. 1, with no effect on the first year's payment.

The first payment date for new contracts will be Oct. 2, 1999. Contracts that become effective before Oct. 1 will receive their first payment

shortly after Oct. 2.

Statewide results indicate 944,792 acres were accepted in the 16th CRP sign-up. 1,397,676 acres were offered in Texas.

Nationwide, 5.9 million acres were accepted into the CRP from 9.5 million acres offered, a 62.5% acceptance rate. The national average rental payment moved up to \$45.15.

The total nationwide CRP enrollment after the 16th sign-up, is 29.9 million acres.

"Once again, the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) has maintained its goal of enrolling the most environmentally sensitive land, keeping productive farmland in production and being fair to taxpayers in providing the most environmental ban for the

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Only 800 allowed Fire marshal lowers gym capacity number

Dimmitt's Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium has been remeasured according to state fire marshal regulations for occupant capacity and the maximum number has been set at 800, effective immediately.

Earlier in the year, the capacity had been established at 1,000, but that was based on a 16-inch measurement per person, according to DISD Supt. Les Miller.

Miller said the state fire marshal allows 18 inches per person.

He said the average attendance at recent basketball games has been

575, although a high of 692 attended the Dimmitt-Muleshoe games, and 691 came to watch Dimmitt battle Friona. He said even at those numbers the gym seemed "packed."

Miller said provisions will be made for the overflow crowd expected at the Dimmitt-Tulia games Tuesday night. He said a closed-circuit video camera will deliver the game action to a large-screen television in an alternate location, possibly the band hall. He said refreshments will be available at the alternate location, as well.

TCPB will move office to Lubbock

For the first time since its birth in 1980, the Texas Corn Producers Board will not be headquartered in Dimmitt.

The Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB) voted last Thursday to move its office to Lubbock, but there is no set date as to when the office plans to move, according to Joe Reed, TCPB chairman.

"Since most of the board meetings are conducted in the High Plains area and since TCPB directors and staff must often travel to and from this area and other locations across the state by air, the board voted to move its office to Lubbock to have easier access to a major transportation center at Lubbock International Airport," said Reed.

TCPB was borne out of the Texas Corn Growers Association in 1980 and when it started, it represented producers in seven counties and one of the founders, Carl King of Dimmitt, was the board's executive director.

In 1990, the board was expanded to a statewide office and now repre-

sents producers from as far north as Dalhart to as far south as the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Jerry Don Glover has been executive director of the board since January 1, 1996, taking over when King retired from his post.

Current members of the board are Lois Wales of Dimmitt, Doug Higgins of Hart, Andy Armstrong of Ennis, Neal Burnett of Plainview, Jean Davis of Waco, Gerald Donaldson and David Foehner, both of Boling, Carl Hensz of Harlingen, Joe Reed of Kress, Neilan Smith of Plainview, Dee Vaughan of Dumas, James Wedel of Muleshoe, Bert Williams of Farwell and Robert Young of Dalhart.

Directors whose terms expire this year are Wales, Higgins, Wedel, Hensz and Davis.

"This (moving office) has been talked about for a long time," said Wales. "A lot of the board members from down state have wanted it moved for a long time. I think the biggest reason (for the move to Lub-

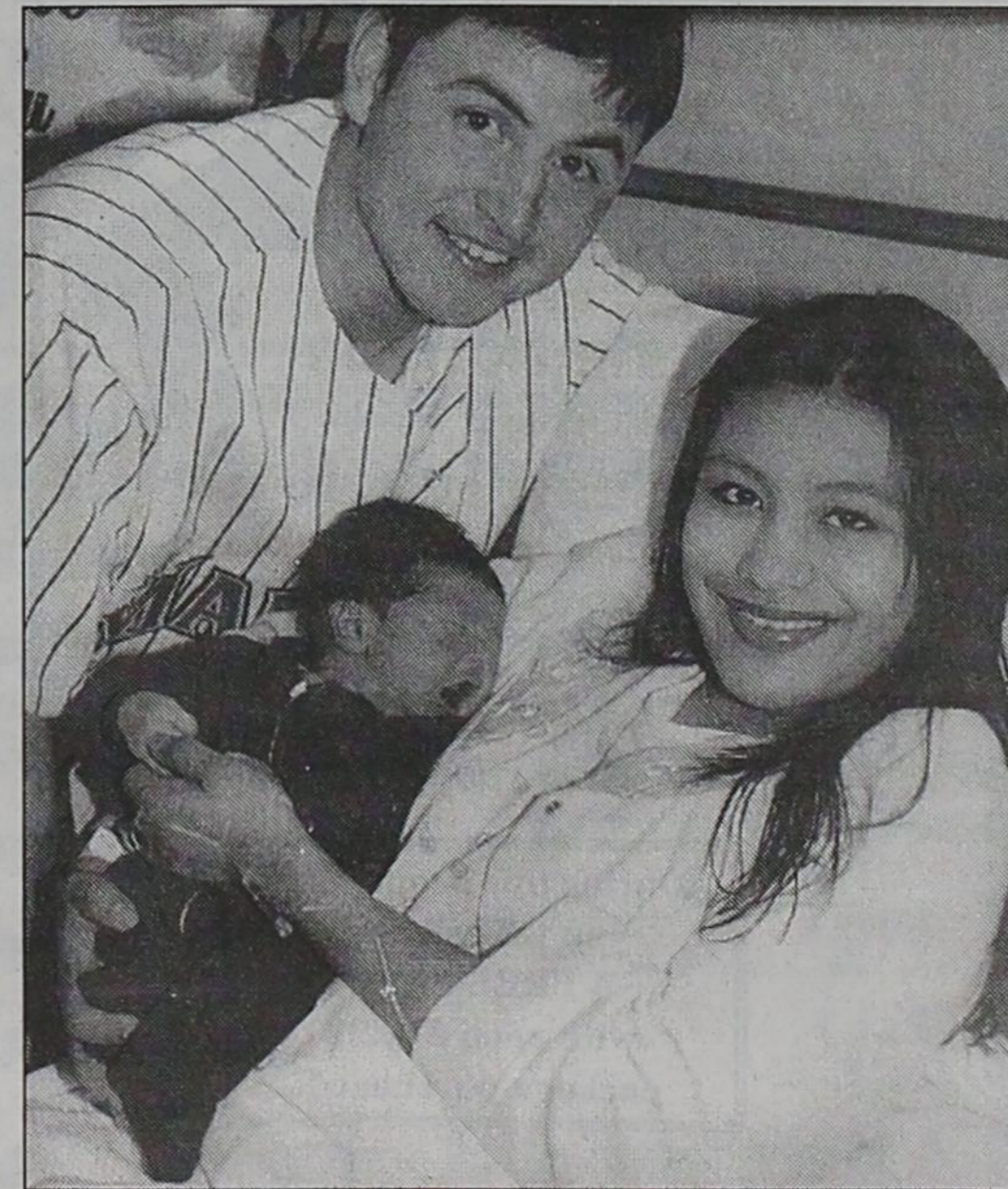
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**Grandparents,
it's time to
BRAG!**

It's time for grandparents to go through their photo albums and find the perfect picture of their favorite Valentines—their grandchildren.

Grandparents who want to show off their Valentines to friends and neighbors can have their grandchildren's picture printed in the Feb. 12 issue of the *News*. The picture will be printed in a decorative frame, identified by the child's or children's and grandparents' names, for a \$10 fee.

Grandparents who would like to show the rest of us their favorite Valentines should bring their picture to the News office at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt by 12 noon on Friday. A wallet-sized picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is.



PLAIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL's first baby of 1998 was born Jan. 30 at 6:07 a.m. Devon Bryce Martinez weighed in at 8 pounds and 11 ounces and measured 20½ inches long. His parents are Richard Martinez (left) and Myra Peña (right). Grandparents are Jerry and Sandy Peña and Richard and Bonnie Martinez, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Vicki and Alfredo Barrera of Hereford, Luis and Elvira Peña of Nazareth, and Margarita Peralta and Santos Martinez, both of Dimmitt.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	64	21	
Friday	58	20	
Saturday	64	31	
Sunday	56	24	
Monday	54	22	
Tuesday	63	23	
Wednesday	54	24	

January Moisture	.01
February Moisture	.00
1998 Moisture	.01

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

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

John and Carol Lantz celebrated Christmas in several places. They were with Jeff and Janet Lantz and children, Karen and Bryan, in Plano when it snowed, and Carol reported the snow flakes were big and beautiful. While they were there, Jessica and Hanna came from Bradenton, Fla., for a visit. They all went to the movies twice and John and Jeff played some golf.

After Christmas, John and Carol went to Scottsbluff, Neb., to visit their daughter and family, Teresa and Rick Hopping, and children, Kallie and Becca. They enjoyed playing with the kids and visiting with Teresa and Rick.

Genell Craig visited her daughter and family, Deidre and Steve Henderson and children, Kirston and Eric, in Seguin. While she was there, Rodney and Shelly Craig came over from Austin. Steve's mother, Janet, was there as well. They went to Fiesta Texas and then went shopping in Greene, where there are several antique shops.

Grace Killough is living in Amarillo and is working at the Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital, and her daughter, Faye, is with her. Christy and her husband, Arthur Velasquez, are living in Amarillo as well. Christy is a bilingual teacher at Wilson Elementary School.

Avie Lewis entertained her family in the home of her mother, Geneva Justice of Dimmitt. Patrick and Ronna Traylor of Washington, D.C., and Terry and Tami Lewis of California. Cliff and Lee Lewis came over from Amarillo and he and Terry went pheasant hunting while the others visited.

Carol Lantz was hostess to the Thursday bridge Club. She served a turkey casserole, salad, bread, and a peach cobbler. Cleo Forson was the honoree, since this was her 91st birthday. The club members sang "Happy Birthday" and signed a card for her. Barbara Sava brought a birthday card for Cleo as well. Cleo received a red carnation with balloons while she was at the bridge club.

Dude McLaurin won high score, with Loranel Hamilton second. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Ben Hill, Martha Jo Hyman, Neva Hickey, Virginia Crider, Opha Burks, Bernice Hill, Retta Cluck, Bill Thornton, Susie Reeves, Emily Clingsmith, Edith Graef, Cleo Forson and Carol Lantz.

Kay Stevens and Darlene Stanton went to Lubbock Saturday and met Donna Underwood for dinner at Cheddar's, then went to the '50s review at the Cactus Theater.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday evening with the theme, "When We Came to Dimmitt . . . Fifty Golden Years." The backdrop was beautiful, with so much gold and blue, and all the tables had been decorated by the businesses in Dimmitt.

Mike Bain gave the welcome and the invocation was by Layne Myatt. Johnny Hill led the pledge to the flag, and Cheryl Pybus introduced the guests. Chaun Gunstream introduced the directors, and Jim Wright gave the president's address and "passed the gavel" to himself with the help of a tongue-in-cheek Pybus.

Sandra Clark announced the winners of the table decoration awards—Running M Boot and Bath Shop, Clip N Curl, and the Feed Bin; Village Shop; and Castro Co-op Gin.

Janice Stanton was named Teacher of the Year; Cleo Forson and Jack Howell both were recognized as Citizens Through the Years; and a very surprised Brenda Bruton was honored as Citizen of the Year, with the presentation made by her husband, Danny.

The delicious steak dinner was catered by the Methodist Men, and the Dimmitt High School Cheerleaders served as the waitresses. Bill Sava is the executive director of the chamber.

Jim Bob Solsbery was the guest speaker for the banquet. He believes that laughter is a necessary part of life, and he kept everyone laughing during his speech.

The newspaper can come in handy! It all started with a phone call from my daughter, Sue Vaughan,

who lives in Dallas. She subscribes to the Castro County News and noticed the picture of the three Princess Beanie Babies that were being raffled off by Tots and Teens, with the winner to be announced at the Chamber banquet. Sue is collecting Beanie Babies and couldn't find this Beanie Baby in Dallas, so she called me to buy some tickets. Since this was for a good cause (the proceeds from the raffle would benefit the Catlin and Cassidy Watts Scholarship Fund), I bought some tickets. I am not very lucky, but would you believe I won one of the Princess Beanie Babies at the banquet! Doug Pybus won one and Edna Kittrell won the other one. Over \$1,000 was collected for the Watts Scholarship Fund. Ricardo Quiroz won the two free tickets to anywhere serviced by Southwest Airlines.

At the Dimmitt-River Road basketball game on Friday night, Howard Rhodes had a chance to show his skills! He threw the basketball from mid-court and made the basket, so he won an autographed basketball and some Dimmitt Dollars. Matthew Wright had the same chance and he made the basket and won the same prizes.

I didn't think anything could top the "Men's Day" at First Baptist Church, but last Sunday morning after the service, Randy Gressett was giving the announcements and his cellular phone rang—it was Michael Jordan, the famous basketball player! He had given Howard Rhodes an autographed basketball for making the basket from mid court at the Friday night game!

The Eddie Sutton family welcomed the guests, Heidi Thompson brought the children's message on putting puzzles together, and Kyla Lynch sang the special, *Written in Red*.

Our sympathy to the families of Bobby Ray Ball, who was the brother of Della Chapman; and George Lee Copeland, who was the twin of Charles Copeland and the son of Carolyn Copeland.

I asked Deanne Clark to write the story about the farewell reception for her and her husband, Bill. Deanne has been so good to help me with "On The Go," and I appreciate her so very much. I will miss her in many ways! Thanks Deanne!

The Methodists served a covered dish lunch Sunday and said farewell to Bill and Deanne Clark.

The "roast" served was "bringing memories forward" and Terri Louder served as mistress of ceremonies. Others helping with the "roast" were George Sides, Margaret Parsons, Charles Axtell and Dorothy Hopson.

Bill Sava sang a parody to Bill Clark about saving money by staying in Dimmitt as well as "Thank God for You."

A reception followed in the church's fellowship hall.

The centerpiece was a dollhouse replica of the Clarks' Lubbock home with street signs and landscaping. Cookies and punch were served to 75 guests.

Kaye Stevens, Donna Underwood, Darlene Stanton and her two friends enjoyed the Cactus Alley Memoirs of the 50s production in Lubbock Saturday night.

David Nelson is here visiting his family, especially his grandfather, B.M. Nelson. Daniel is David's new baby.

Ricky Lynn Dane is here with her father, P.O. Goodwin, after the death and funeral of Frances Goodwin.

Bob and Nancy Hand worshiped with the Methodists Sunday. Bob and Nancy formerly lived in Dimmitt and are visiting their daughter, Becky Book, and family in Nazareth. They live in Carolina.

The Bill Birdwells are home from their visit in Missouri with Jim and their grandchildren.



READING REWARDS—These Dimmitt Middle School students were honored recently for their efforts in qualifying for the 100 Accelerated Reader Club before the Christmas holidays. Pictured are (kneeling) Lisa Martinez, Alejandra Velasquez,

Layne Penney, Henry Ramirez, Jamie Cavazos; and (standing, from left) Elias Zepeda, Raynee Bradley, Jill Merritt, Natalie Jimenez, Heather Snitker, Lizbeth Gonzalez. Photo by Anne Acker

Missionaries to speak at Faith Family Church

Faith Family Church of Plainview will host international evangelists and missionaries Franklin and Doris Burns for Saturday and Sunday services.

Services will be held at 6 p.m. Saturday and at 10 a.m. Sunday at the church, located at 3400 Garland in Plainview.

There will be music and praise, preaching the Word, repentance and salvation and the prayer of faith for miracles of deliverance and healing.

Franklin Burns is president and founder of Burns Ministries International. In 1969 he and his wife, Doris, were directed by God into missionary work. For the past 28 years they have labored for God on foreign soil.

He served as district superintendent for the north coast of Columbia, South America. He has founded and directed Bible schools and has served as pastor of several churches.

The main thrust of his ministry is new church evangelism, pioneering and planting new churches. These efforts have resulted in 42 strong, indigenous churches.

Countries in Southern America, Central America, Mexico and South Africa have felt the impact of his ministry.

In 1970, the Burnses and their two

daughters were called to Guadalajara, Mexico, to study and learn the Spanish language. Guadalajara was a city of 800,000 people. The Burnses love for Guadalajara grew daily as they began to minister to the people.

The Burnses proclaim the full gospel of Jesus Christ, including a message of faith, hope and deliverance to hurting people.

For more information, call (806) 293-4356.

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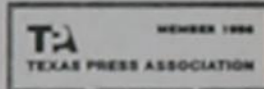


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The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce and The Carlile Theatre proudly presents an evening of music and laughter featuring singer/songwriter Larry Buchanan. Also featuring some of Dimmitt's finest talent Saturday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. Admission: \$5 advance \$6 at the door.

30 Color Photos. 99¢ Deposit \$12.00 Due at Pick up (plus tax). \$12.99. 1-10x13 (Wall Photo), 1-8x10, 2-5x7, 2-3x5, 16-King Size Wallets, 8-Regular Size Wallets.

Merle Norman. 115 East Bedford, Dimmitt. Tuesday, Feb. 10. Photo Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Group charge 99¢ per person. During this promotion you will receive 4 FREE 3X5's with each \$12.99 package purchased.

Shugart's inc. logo and illustration of a person with a camera on a tripod.

Financial aid hotline established

Students and parents interested in learning more about college financial aid can have their questions answered by calling a toll-free number between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The special financial aid information line is designed to help parents and students with financial aid options, teach them how to apply for financial aid, and offer answers to other financial aid questions.

The toll-free number is 1-800-323-3961.

The information line is being sponsored by the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and Education First, exclusive marketing representative for federal education loans made by The Chase Manhattan Bank.

'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.

Last Puzzle Solution. A grid of letters with numbers indicating the start of words. Includes a small map of Texas.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Copyright 1998 by Orbison Bros. Includes crossword puzzle grid and list of clues for ACROSS and DOWN.



Larry Buchanan

Buchanan to perform at Carlile

Larry Buchanan and Friends will be featured in a Carlile Country Showcase production on Saturday at 7 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Carlile Theater in Dimmitt. Admission to the show is \$5 for advance tickets and \$6 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, located at 115 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

Buchanan is a singer, songwriter, actor and entertainer from Portales, N.M. His credits include parts in the movies "Desperado," "Longarm," "Young Guns," and "White Sands"; he has appeared on ABC's Prime Time and has done recordings and theater. He was music director and balladeer for the "Billy the Kid" drama in San Jon, N.M. He was the male lead and narrator for "Stage 66" in Tucumcari, N.M.

Local audiences may remember him from the Johnny Gimble Show, which played in Dimmitt last summer. He has also appeared in special events throughout the area, and has worked with Tom T. Hall, Andy Wilkinson, Ace Reid, the Maines Brothers and Waylon Jennings.

The "Larry's Friends" segment of the show will feature local performers Susan Coleman, Trish Elliott, Max Ellison, Tami Grifitt, Wayne Proffitt and Jim Hardwick.

Juarez stationed in Sinai, Egypt

Army Spec. Jose A. Juarez Jr. has been deployed on temporary duty assignment to Sinai, Egypt, as part of the Multinational Peacekeeping Forces and Observers (MFO).

The MFO, an independent agency responsible to the governments of Israel and Egypt, was established as a result of the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty.

The US military contingent mission is to operate checkpoints, observation posts and conduct reconnaissance patrols.

Juarez is an infantryman assigned to the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C.

He is the son of Jose A. and Mary Juarez of Dimmitt. His wife, Leticia, is the daughter of Lupe Ramirez of Dimmitt.

The specialist is a 1995 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Wright named to Who's Who

Kristi Wright of Dimmitt, a senior plant science major at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, has been named to the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Nominees had to be full-time students with at least 60 hours of college credit and a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

Additional criteria included a demonstrated record of participation and leadership in academic and extracurricular activities, service to the university and potential for further achievement.

Shofner is new Girl Scout leader

Shani Shofner, new membership specialist and adult development leader for the Caprock Girl Scout Council, will be honored with a reception Feb. 18 from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Plainview Girl Scout Service Center, located at 501 Joliet.

Shofner will be serving Parmer, Castro, Swisher, Briscoe, Hale and Floyd Counties.

Light refreshments will be served.

A SWEETHEART OF A SALE



PEPSI, 7-UP, MOUNTAIN DEW OR LIPTON BRISK TEA
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RODEO SMOKED SAUSAGE14 OZ. PKG.	99¢
FROZEN BEEF TRIPELB.	49¢
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LB.

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HEAD

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CONTADINA TOMATO SAUCE8 OZ. CAN. 6 FOR	\$1.00

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ORCA BAY PERCH FILLETS12 OZ. PKG.	\$2.99
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People



Nazareth students fare well in academic practice meet

Nazareth High School's science team and several students competing in journalism events placed at a UIL academic practice meet recently at Lazbuddie.

There were 17 schools represented at the meet and about 35 students

competed in each contest.

The Nazareth science team, including Courtney Robertson, Amy Pohlmeier, Billy Don Cannon, Darren Huckert, Mitchell Brockman, Laura Birkenfeld and Susan Jones, finished third overall and they beat all other Class A schools entered.

Pohlmeier finished sixth overall in the contest, which features problems in physics, chemistry and biology.

Robertson finished first in the chemistry portion.

Jill Schulte won the News Writing contest while Sara Birkenfeld placed second and Sara Schulte finished fifth.

In Feature Writing, Schulte finished second.

Nazareth writers took third through fifth places in Editorial writing, led by Sara Birkenfeld, who was third. Mark Birkenfeld was fourth and Jessica Kern was fifth.

Mitchell Brockman was second in Headline Writing while Ann Wilhelm finished fifth.

In Calculator Applications, Mark Birkenfeld placed sixth.

Salazar wins UIL event

Efrain Salazar of Hart captured first place in Number Sense at a UIL practice meet in Lazbuddie last week.

The meet featured students from 17 schools and each event featured approximately 35 students.

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Dena Nava wins journalism scholarship

Dena Nava of Dimmitt, a senior majoring in mass communications, has been awarded the seventh annual S.B. Whittenburg Scholarship at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

The scholarship is named in honor of the late S.B. Whittenburg, long-time publisher of the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

The annual scholarships are open to all WTAMU junior, senior and graduate students who are planning a career in media. Students must also have a 3.0 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale and write an essay of 200 words or less on "Free Enterprise: Why Things Are Better In America."

Burk Whittenburg, nephew of S.B. Whittenburg, said his uncle was a journalist in the truest sense. He also said that S.B. Whittenburg exemplified the finest ideas of the newspaper business and the free enterprise way of life.

The Whittenburg Scholarship was established in 1989 by friends of Whittenburg. The donors and the *Amarillo Globe-News* continue to support Whittenburg's work, encouraging journalism education through the endowment. The scholarship, which uses interest income from an endowment, was first awarded in 1990.

Classifieds get results!

Jonathon Ivy completes basic training

Marine Private Jonathon K. Ivy, son of Ronald K. and Janice Ivy of Dimmitt, has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Ivy successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

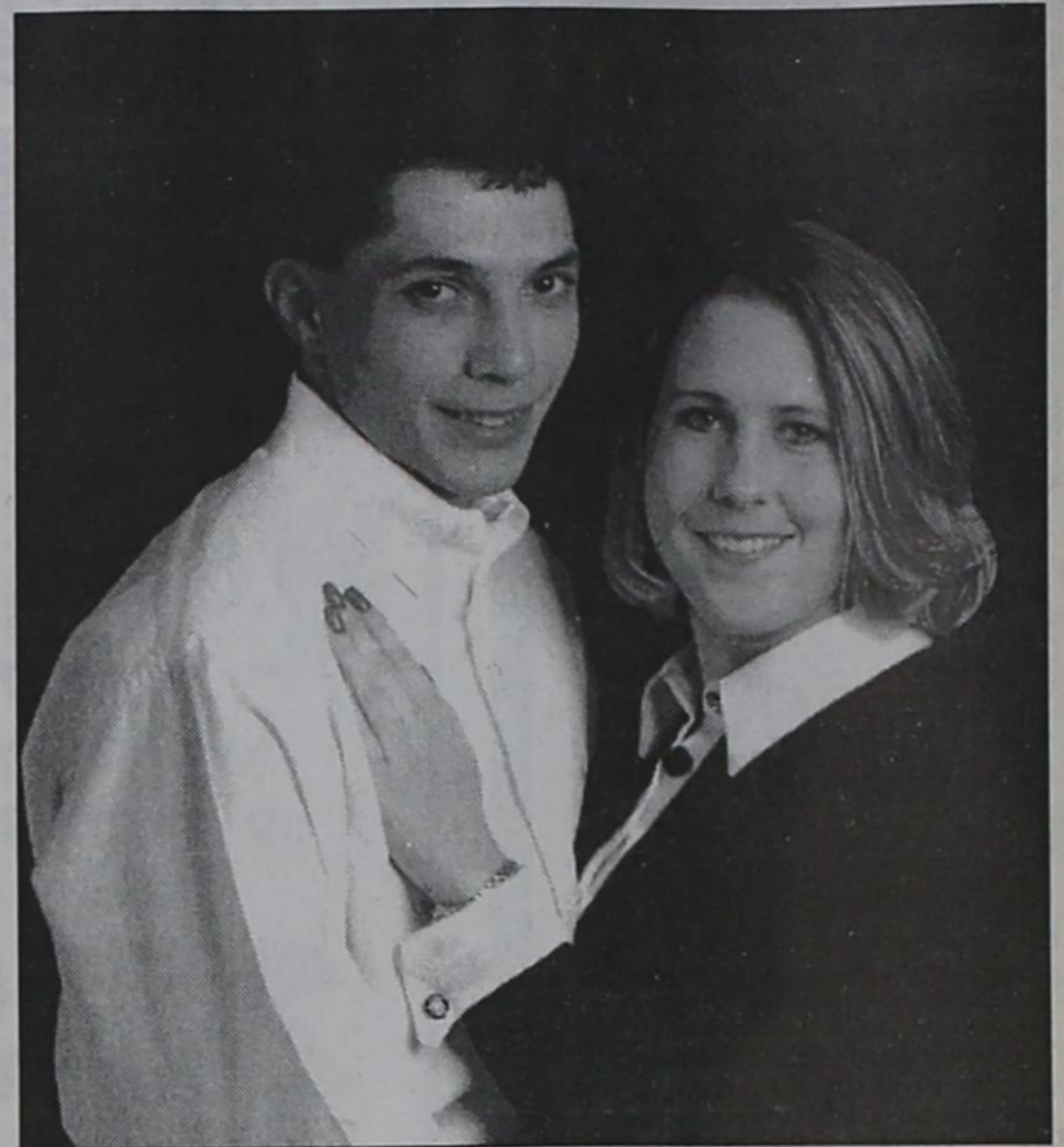
Ivy and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Ivy spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Ivy and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Ivy and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Ivy joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

Ivy is a 1997 graduate of Dimmitt High School.



Randy Flores and Christina Neinast

Neinast and Flores to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Neinast of Hart announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christina Neinast, to Randy Flores, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Flores of San Angelo.

The couple is planning to wed at 2 p.m. on June 20 at First Baptist Church in Hart.

The bride-to-be is a 1992 graduate of Hart High School. She graduated from Texas Tech University in 1997 with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She is employed by Vanity Lubbock.

After the wedding, the couple will reside in Lubbock.

Stephens named student of week

Michael Stephens, son of Kim and Robin Stephens, has been named student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Stephens was born Sept. 20, 1987, in Farmington, N.M.

He likes stuffed jalapenos, the wombat and drawing and his favorite book is *White Fang*. He wishes he were better at his school work. He says Dimmitt Middle School is "the best school system I have been to."

He wants to work for NASA when he grows up and he admires his family.

Flame Fellowship to meet Friday

The Dimmitt chapter of Flame Fellowship International will meet Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room, and the public is invited to attend.

Gerri Vincent will be the February speaker. The meeting room is at the corner of Southeast Second and Jones Streets.

Vincent and her husband, Ron, organized and started a church in Bath, Ohio. They also had a weekly radio show for several years there. They have traveled throughout the US and foreign countries preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Vincent has served in Flame Fellowship in just about every office, and also helped start the Worldwide Flame Fellowship with her ministry in Africa.

"She is well-versed in the word of God, is a gifted teacher, anointed speaker, and an example to Christians wherever she travels," a local spokesperson said. "We welcome everyone to come and be blessed through her ministry—men, women and children. We would love to see you there."

Book Club to hear review of James Michener novel

Maxine Tidwell will review James A. Michener's novel, *The World is My Home: A Memoir*, when the Dimmitt Book Club holds its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

In this exceptional memoir, Michener, one of the world's best-selling authors, tells the story only he can tell—the story of his life.

A small town Pennsylvania boy brought up in foster home, he hitchhikes around the county when he is 13. He is a young man with a thirst for learning who educates himself in the arts.

He is a naval officer during World War II and he island hops across the South Pacific and becomes the high command's official expert on scandals and shenanigans in the Pacific Theater.

He tells how he became a textbook editor who published his first book at age 40, then wins a Pulitzer Prize.

Michener is a best-selling author who feels at home anywhere in the world and is blessed with a singular gift for making the most of exotic people and places, bringing them to live on the page.

The public is invited to attend the review.

4-H adult leaders to meet Saturday

The Castro County 4-H Parent/Leader Association will hold a special meeting Saturday at 6:30 p.m. to discuss grant opportunities for a new 4-H education center meeting facility.

"We have a limited amount of time to meet this challenge (of obtaining a grant), and it is imperative that we meet as soon as possible," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

Neal added that a meal will be served to those attending, and asks that those who plan to attend call the Extension office at 647-4115.

Congratulations to the winners of the "Princess" Beanie Babies!

Edna Kittrell, Mary Edna Hendrix and Doug Pybus

And **THANKS** to each of you who purchased tickets raising **\$1078.00** for the Catlin and Cassidy Watts Scholarship Fund.

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You are invited to a *Wedding Shower* honoring **Sylvia Cowen** bride of **Russell Cowen** on *Saturday, Feb. 7* from *10:30 a.m. to 12 noon* in the home of **Mary Jo Brown** 1603 Sunset Circle, Dimmitt

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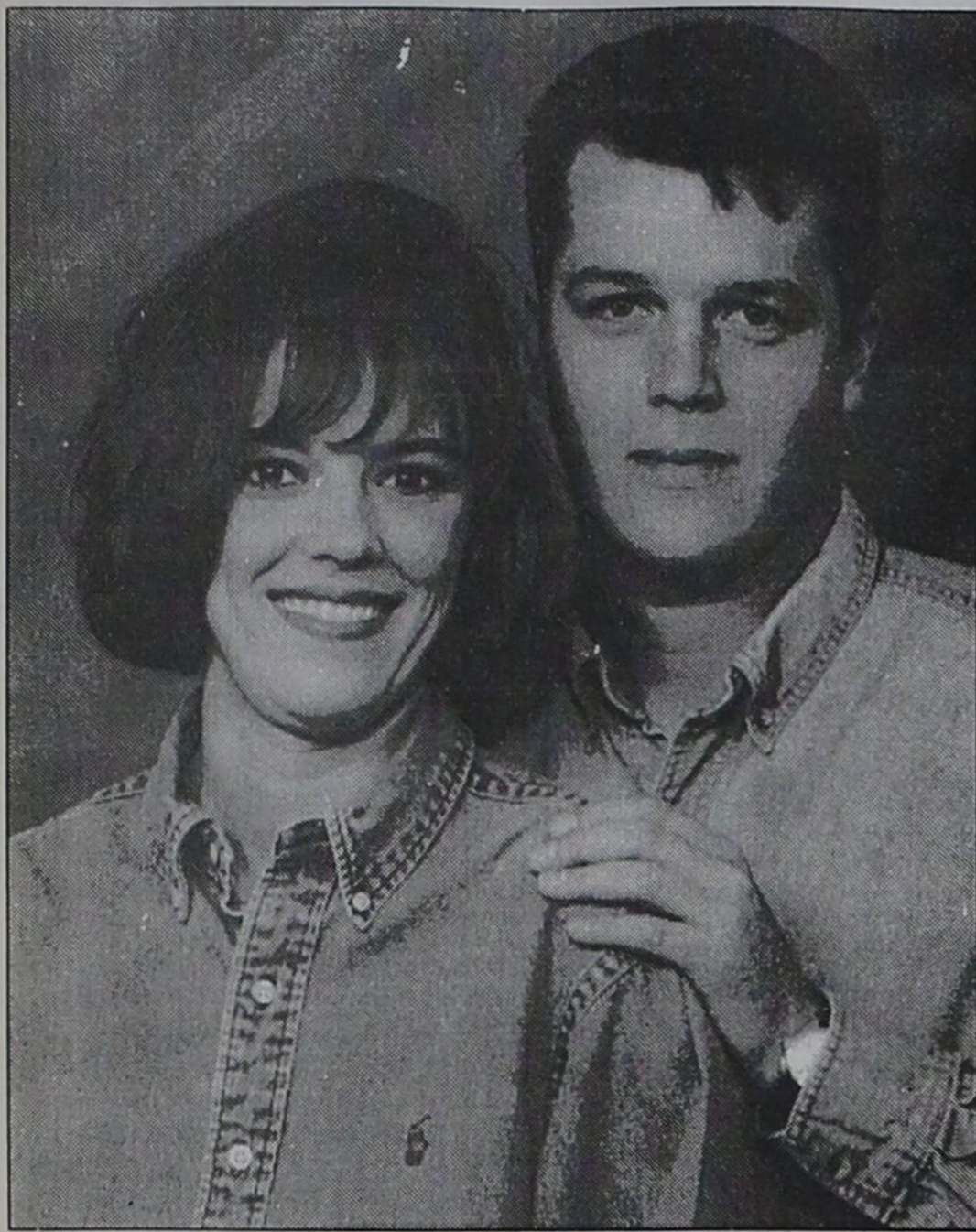
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Brandy Jolly and Michael Ellison

Pair plan March vows

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Altman, and Larry W. Jolly, all of Amarillo, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Brandy D'Ann Jolly, to Michael Shane Ellison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zane Ellison of Dimmitt.

The pair plan to wed on March 7 in Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The prospective groom is a 1993 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is attending Amarillo College, where he is working toward his RN degree. He is employed as a paramedic with the Plains Memorial Hospital emergency service.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Amarillo High School and is employed by Gardski's of Amarillo.

The couple plan to reside in Amarillo after the wedding.

District VFW meeting set here Saturday and Sunday

The District 13 Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary Convention will be held Saturday and Sunday at Dimmitt Post 8056.

VFW and auxiliary members from the 17 member posts in the district are expected to attend, and James P. "Pascal" Montgomery will be the special speaker.

Activities will begin Saturday with registration at 2 p.m. at the post. Cost is \$10 for singles and \$20 for couples.

A social get-together and cocktail hour will be held from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a dance from 8 p.m. to midnight.

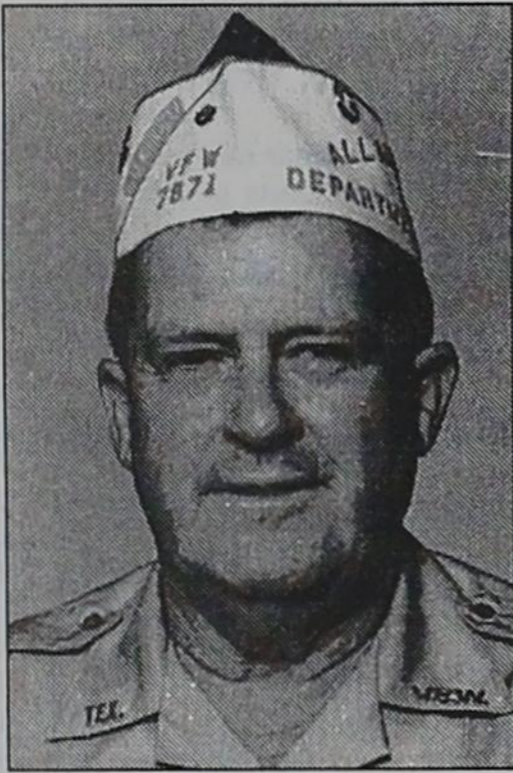
On Sunday, registration will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. Fees will be \$7.50 per person or \$15 for a couple.

A patriotic program will be held starting at 9:15 a.m., led by Bill Sava, followed by memorial services. The welcome will be offered by Sava and Carl King.

At 9:30 a.m., the joint meeting of the VFW and Auxiliaries will begin, followed by separate meetings at 10:30 a.m. A luncheon will be served at noon.

Montgomery is from Seymour and is a Life Member of Eldred Andross Post 7871. He served as Commander of the Dept. of Texas, VFW of the US, during 1980-81.

During his term of office, the Dept. of Texas surpassed the 100,000 total in membership for a single year and he was accorded All-American honors.



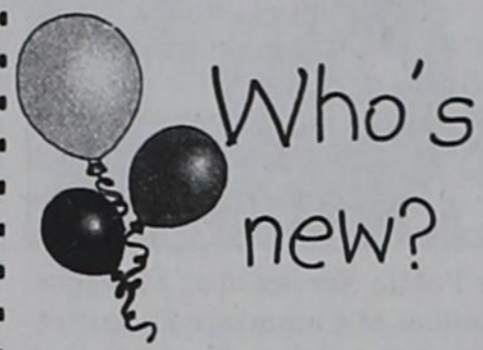
James P. Montgomery

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Dr. McGrorey and family to be feted tonight

A welcoming reception for Dr. Donald P. McGrorey and his family will be held tonight (Thursday) from 6:30 to 8 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, located at 112 West Jones in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend the reception and get acquainted with our new doctor and his family.



It's a boy for Luciano Jr. and Monica Quiroz of Dimmitt. Their son, Nathan Jesse Quiroz, was born at 6:01 p.m. on Jan. 25 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz., and was 19-1/4 inches long. He has two big sisters, Viviana, 6, and Valeria, 5. Paternal grandparents are Luciano Sr. and Rosario Quiroz of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Jesse and Elsa Garcia of Dimmitt.

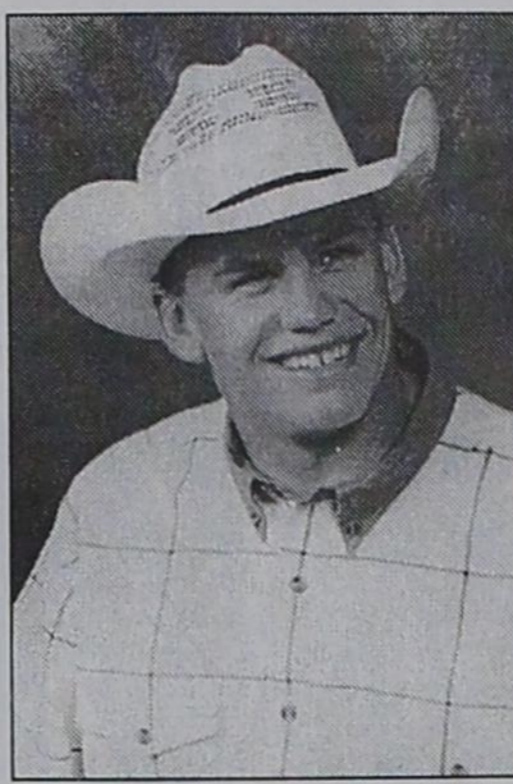
OUT-OF-TOWN

Brad and Rhonda Murdock are the parents of a baby girl, Jodie Paige, who was born Dec. 14 at 8:22 p.m. at Cannon Air Force Base Hospital. She weighed in at 7 lbs., 8 ozs., and was 19-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Bobby and Wanda Murdock and Jody and Colleen Stowe.

Melanie Pope makes dean's list

Melanie Pope of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's list at Sam Houston State University for the Fall 1997 semester.

Pope had to maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average to earn mention to the honor list.



COBY JOHN SCHACHER, son of Russell and Lydia Schacher of Nazareth, recently completed the Gregg School of Auctioneering in Plainview. He was named the "Best All-Around Auctioneer" of his class. Courtesy Photo

Floyd County AHA sponsoring bridge tourney

The Floyd County division of the American Heart Association will sponsor its annual "Bridge for Heart" tournament and luncheon.

The tournament will be held at the Massie Activity Center, located at 513 W. Georgia in Floydada, on Monday, Feb. 16.

Bridge play will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A heart-healthy luncheon will be prepared and served by members of the local American Heart Association affiliate.

Tickets will be \$10 in advance and \$12 when purchased at the door.

For more information, call Barbara Eyffe at (806) 983-3300 after 5 p.m. or Polly Cardinal at (806) 983-2903.

'Bed and breakfast' sites are sought by Chamber

Dimmitt will be the site for the first Ogallala Quilters Festival on April 3-4, and more than 500 people are expected to attend the event.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is currently searching for Dimmitt residents who would be willing to rent out spare bedrooms in their homes to visitors attending the festival.

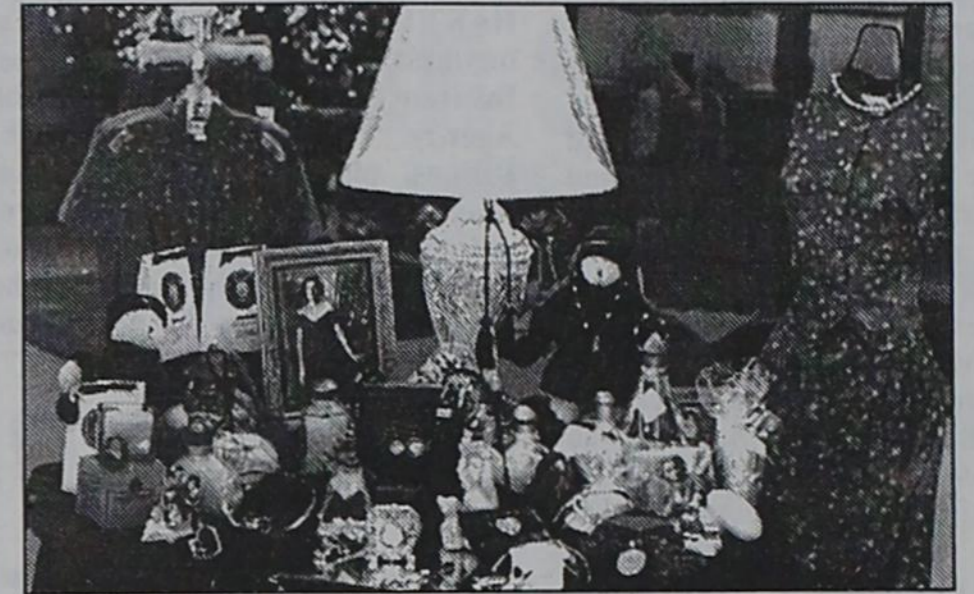
"Residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the festival for one to three nights, and to provide breakfast each morning," said Bill Sava, chamber

executive director. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid, and the Chamber will handle arrangements."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Sava at 647-2524, or from any member of the Ogallala Quilters Society.

The Ogallala Quilters Society is an organization of more than 185 members from the tri-state area.

The Dimmitt convention will feature quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt show.



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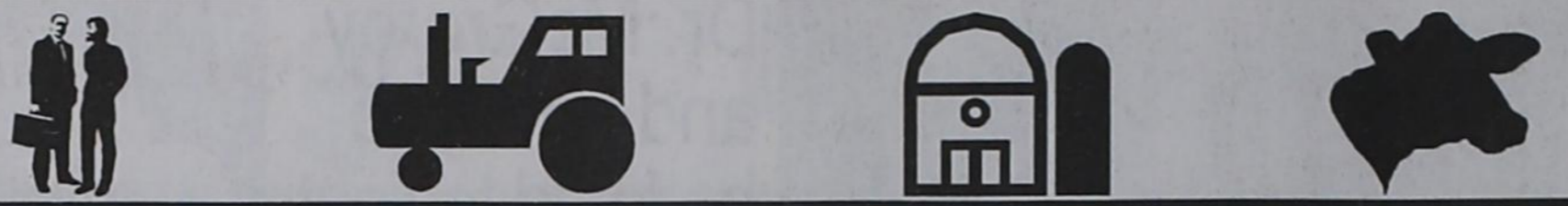


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Ag water management course slated

A three-week course on agricultural water management will be offered at Friona State Bank or at Texas A&M North Plains Research Field in Etter.

The course is intended for farmers, county agents, resource conservationists, crop consultants and other professionals interested in maximizing the use of precipitation and limited irrigation water resources.

It will focus on the basic principles of water conservation and water use efficiency. Specific subjects will include rainfall probabilities and distribution, water use efficiency, understanding the Potential Evapotranspiration (PET) Network, crop residue management for water conservation, effect of soil fertility on increasing water use efficiency, and crop-livestock systems as an alternative to gain production for more efficient use of rainfall.

The course will be offered in Friona on Feb. 10, 17 and 24 and in Etter on Feb. 12, 19 and 26. Each night's class will be held from 7 to 10.

Instructor for the course will be Dr. B.A. Stewart, interim head of the Division of Agriculture at West Texas A&M University and former director of the US Dept. of Agriculture Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland.

Cost for the class is \$48. To register for the course call the Continuing Education Center at WTAMU at (806) 651-2037.

Counselor training information available

Information about counselor training at the Training Institute for Professional Counselors is available at 513 W. 12th Street in Plainview.

The institute is sponsored by the Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

For information about alcohol, drug and smoking abuse, dial 806-293-1433.



HART RIBBON CUTTING—Hart now has a member business in the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce: Insurance Solutions, formerly Pebsworth Insurance Agency. Insurance Solutions, headquartered in Dumas, also has purchased the Jones-Rawlings Agency in Dimmitt. Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and Insurance Solutions gathered at the Hart office for a ribbon-cutting Thursday afternoon. Behind the railing at left are Dimmitt Mayor Wayne

Collins, Southwestern Public Service Co. Manager Calvin Marsh and Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. Behind the ribbon, from left, are Insurance Solutions President Joel Williamson of Dumas, Southern Division Manager Todd Pebsworth of Hart (with scissors), Insurance Solutions Vice-President Ronnie Lance, Hart office clerks Betty Hankins and Erma Vasquez, and Carolyn Jones of the Dimmitt office. Photo by Don Nelson

Pre-plant crop conference scheduled here on Monday

A pre-plant crop conference will be held in Dimmitt Monday at the Senior Citizens Center and the day-long event will feature updates on new herbicides, insect management, Bt corns, pesticide laws and more.

The event is being sponsored by the Texas Corn Producers Board, Castro County Agriculture Committee and Castro and Lamb Integrated Pest Management Committee. Five continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to those attending.

The conference opens at 8:15 with registration and coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Castro County Extension Agent Rebel Royall will deliver the welcome at 8:50 a.m. to begin the meeting.

Wayne Keeling, associate professor studying weeds and herbicides at Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, will discuss transgenic cottons and pre-plant herbicides.

At 9:30 a.m., Randy Boman, as-

stant professor and Extension agronomist for cotton at the A&M Research and Extension Center in Lubbock, will give a cotton production overview.

After a short break, Dr. Jim Leser, professor and Extension cotton entomologist from the A&M Research and Extension Center, will give an outlook on insects plaguing cotton in this area.

Associate Professor and Extension Plant Pathologist at the A&M Center, Harold Kaufman, will address new fungicide treatments at 10:45 a.m.

Jackie Smith, professor and Extension Economist in management, will discuss marketing commodities, marketing clubs and the Master Marketer program.

The lunch, catered by Freeman's Bar-B-Que of Kress will be served at 12 noon.

Following lunch, Brent Bean, associate professor and Extension agronomist with the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo,

will offer information on corn and sorghum herbicides.

Carl Patrick, professor and Extension entomologist with the A&M Research Center in Amarillo, will discuss corn and sorghum insect management.

Tom Archer, professor of entomology at the A&M Center in Lubbock, will discuss Bt corn varieties at 1:45 p.m.

James Esty, inspector with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture in Lubbock, will outline new pesticide laws and regulations at 2:30 p.m.

An update on precision agriculture will be offered by Paul Wayland, agronomist for Dimmitt Agri Industries.

Farm Bureau sets seminar

The Castro County Farm Bureau will sponsor an estate seminar for its members Monday evening.

Estate planning specialist Herb Hill of the Texas Farm Bureau Federation and Lubbock attorney Bennett Cook will speak on estate planning and setting up trusts.

It will be a dinner meeting, and there is no charge to members, but reservations are required. Members should call the Farm Bureau office, 647-5106, to make reservations and set up appointments for personal counseling time if desired.

Seminar to focus on reduced-tillage farming

Ridge-till and no-till producers and specialists from Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado will gather in Spearman Wednesday to discuss reduced-till farming.

The program will be held in the O'Laughlin Center in Spearman and is slated to begin at 10 a.m.

Various implement dealers will have no-till and ridge-till equipment on hand. Five continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered, and the noon meal will be provided.

Some of the area's foremost authorities on ridge-till and mulch-till farming will provide presentations on their operations. These speakers bring a number of years of experience and diversity to the program.

Systems highlighted will include non-irrigated systems, furrow and center pivot irrigated systems, and operations encompassing stocker cattle programs.

Scheduled to speak are Harold Grall and Dee Vaughan of Dumas, Gerald Beer of Guymon, Okla., Wayne Lidster of Dalhart, Wes

Robbins of Burlington, Colo., and Rodney Clawson of Gruver.

These presentations will be given during break-away sessions to allow producers to build their own program. There will be four opportunities to hear classroom-style presentations. Six speakers and topics will be offered, with each speaker making his presentation twice.

With rainfall being the foremost limiting factor in crop yields on the Texas High Plains, the manner in which a producer makes use of his soil moisture can very well determine the profitability of the operation.

With the high cost of diesel and natural gas, a reduction in pumping and equipment hours can make a substantial impact on production costs. A growing number of producers are finding that conservation tillage systems have the answers they are looking for.

Those planning to attend should call the Natural Resource Conservation Service office in Spearman at (806) 659-2330.

ASGA president says Texas is vital to sugar beet industry

The strong congressional support provided by Texas congressmen and senators helps the American Sugar Beet Growers Association maintain a strong US sugar program.

That's according to Lawrence Deal, president of the American Sugar Beet Growers Association (ASGA), who was a guest speaker at the recent Texas and New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association (TNMSBGA) banquet in Hereford.

Deal presented June Cleavinger with a commemorative resolution adopted by ASGA to honor her late husband, Bill Cleavinger, a longtime industry leader who helped keep a good sugar program intact.

Deal, a Minnesota grower, identified several areas in which Texas plays an important role in national sugar issues.

"Texas is a political and economic asset to our industry," said Deal. "Your state's 30 congressmen (most of whom support the sugar program) have a lot of power in Washington. They have provided key notes in our efforts to keep a good sugar program."

Also, Congressman Larry Combest (who represents parts of Lubbock, Amarillo and much of the Panhandle-South Plains area) will likely become the new chairman of the House Agricultural Committee and Congressman Charles Stenholm

(who represents growers farther south) will be the ranking Democrat on the ag committee.

Deal added that growers in Texas, along with those in California, receive the highest loan rate in the industry.

"You have the best beet contract in the nation," said Deal. "Growers across the nation are hopeful that Texas will rebuild its acreage and maintain its strength in our industry."

Tony Brorman of Vega, TNMSBGA vice president, along with other Texas growers, have often joined Deal and others in pushing for beet-friendly legislation in Washington.

And no one matched the late Bill Cleavinger in his efforts to educate Congress and others on the importance of the sugar industry to Texas and virtually every other state.

For that reason, ASGA started the Bill J. Cleavinger Internship Program. It will enable a second and third-year college student to spend much of one summer in Washington, working out of the ASGA office under the tutelage of the ASGA executive vice president, Luther Markwart.

"This internship is our way of recognizing the tremendous amount of time and effort Bill devoted to our industry," said Deal. "It will give a young person the opportunity to learn how agricultural policy is made in Washington and how to help develop policy to benefit beet farmers and others."

Upon receiving the commemorative resolution from Deal, June Cleavinger acknowledged how much Bill loved the industry and those involved in it.

Applications for the Bill J. Cleavinger Internship are currently being accepted, and deadline is March 1.

For information on how to apply, contact Brorman at (806) 267-2354, the TNMSBGA office at (806) 364-6402, or the ASGA office at (202) 833-2398.

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IN RECOGNITION—Dawn Graham of Bergen Brunswig Drug Co. presents a plaque to Garland Coleman of Coleman Pharmacy commemorating the pharmacy's 20 years of being in business. The pharmacy's actual anniversary month was in November. The business first opened at 104 N.W. Second, then moved to its present location at 201 N.W. Second.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about TCPB moving office . . .

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 (back) is the new corn breeder at Texas Tech and the new plant stress lab."

Wales said Lubbock would be more accessible to the research facilities and a regional airport.

The board is responsible for collecting and allocating the half-cent per bushel statewide corn checkoff under the Texas Commodity Referendum Law. All funds raised are used for funding corn research, promotion, education and marketing programs.

Glover says with the move to Lubbock, the TCPB office will have immediate access to the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station as well as close proximity to the Halfway research laboratory and important research facilities in Amarillo, Bushland and Etter. He added that the board will have easier access to research centers in central, south and coastal areas of the state.

Reed says the move also will locate the board closer to producer-funded corn breeding programs and overall state corn research, to ease transportation burdens and costs and better serve Texas corn producers as a whole.

In its vote, the board decided it was important for its office to have immediate access to additional corn research outlets, especially a new corn breeder program in Lubbock, which TCPB helped fund.

"Through support from TCPB, Texas A&M University recently created a position for a new corn breeder to be headquartered in Lubbock," said Reed. "His job, and that of another Texas corn breeder in College Station, is to develop corn hybrids specifically for Texas—hybrids that will withstand the pressures we sometimes see from drought and heat stress, insects and diseases."

"This is a corn breeding program that TCPB specifically requested and should have a vital impact on the future of Texas corn production. With an office in Lubbock, TCPB will have virtually a hands-on impact in the corn breeding program."

Reed added that Lubbock is also the site of a new US Dept. of Agriculture plant stress laboratory which is being established in cooperation with Texas Tech University, Texas A&M and other entities. The lab will facilitate the combined efforts of the two Texas A&M corn breeders and 10 or more plant breeders and researchers who will aim at improving corn and other crop production in Texas.

"TCPB's mission is to increase the producers' profitability through education, promotion, research and marketing," said Reed. "Corn producers are the focus of all our needs. The board believes the relocation to Lubbock will help it accomplish its goals more efficiently."

More about CRP acres accepted . . .

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 buck," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

"The 5.9 million acres we are accepting will result in a 13% increase in environmental benefits compared with the acres that were accepted in the 15th sign-up, and these acres have double the average environmental benefits of the program from one year ago," Glickman said.

"While increasing the amount of environmentally sensitive land in the CRP, we will also be paying about \$4.50 per acre less than the historic average, saving \$261 million over the life of the program, in addition to the \$1.6 billion saved by the lower rental rates of Sign-up 15."

The Environmental Benefits Index (EBI), which ranks CRP offers based on six environmental factors and a

cost factor, was changed for this sign-up to address air quality, wildlife benefits and reflect the diversity of the land offered for CRP. In addition, the EBI now awards additional points to those who offer land at less than the maximum payment rate and places greater weight on environmental factors.

For the 16th sign-up, CRP offers with an EBI score of 247 or greater were accepted into the program. This EBI threshold is lower than that for the 15th sign-up because USDA applied a cost factor of 150 points rather than the 200 used in the 15th sign-up. Applying 150 points reduced the weight of the per-acre rental cost, resulting in a greater emphasis on enrolling particularly sensitive lands.

More about Chamber banquet honors . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

saying that he is no newcomer to Castro County, having lived here all but three months of his 65 years. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1950, and always helped in the Bethel Community. He was married in Castro County and has raised a family here as well. He served his country in the US Navy, and has served on many boards and committees in this community and county.

He is a farmer, auctioneer and horseman. He has worked with the local stock show, as well as shows in Hereford and Tucumcari, N.M.

"He would be proudest of the time given to his church," Rice said of Howell. "I would like to emphasize that the faith and Christian belief he was brought up with and has passed on to his family would be the one thing he is proudest of."

He has served as a Sunday School Teacher and is a Deacon in the First Baptist Church.

"He has given many lectures, as well as pep talks, to many young people in our community and our county," Rice said. "He is known for his timeless devotion to the young people, not only in this county, but in many other counties. But he has given countless hours to people in rest homes as well."

"He has said that our children are our most precious commodity. Love them, support them and raise them like the Bible tells us to," Rice quoted.

Rice read from a letter written by Howell's nephew, Coby Moke.

"He definitely is a man who practices what he preaches. He has

preached to his sons, his nephews, and to football boys through the years, as various coaches have asked him to come to the field house and give pep talks.

"He preached to a multitude of junior high boys in Sunday School at the First Baptist Church for 18 years. He is a man who could really make the stories come to life for the young men who needed lessons taught understandably so that they might be able to take some of his hope out into the community also."

"As a matter of fact, he has preached to a lot of parents and grown-ups to help them understand that they also must support young people and that the examples they set for these young people are of the utmost importance."

"He has shown his support for young people for the last 42 years by selling (serving as auctioneer) at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Every young person in the county hoped that this man would sell their animal."

"He is a man you can trust completely, a man that always keeps his word, and is an excellent example for the young people of the county. But the greatest thing about this man is that he is my uncle."

Rice said, "Let me just say for all of us here that we thank you for using your God-given talent for more than providing for your family. You have used it to help make Dimmitt, Castro County, and a lot of other places better places to live."

Rice also introduced Howell's wife, Charlene; their son Gaines and his wife, Crystal, and kids; and son

Matt and his wife, Mary, and their son.

Citizen of the Year Brenda Bruton was introduced by her husband, Danny Bruton.

Nominating information about Bruton stated that she is a homemaker, and a member of First Baptist Church. She and her husband have one son, Kevin.

Bruton has been active with the Castro County Fair Association, Bethel Community activities, served

on the Castro County Centennial Committee, and works with numerous Chamber projects. She was the designer of the Centennial logo. She has worked with the Booster Club, too.

"Brenda is an artist who has given much time to the Fair Association and the Chamber," a nominator said of her. "She is one of the hardest working people we have. She's dedicated to any project she undertakes, and helped keep the fair going in 1996."

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Sports



Bobbies get RR back, 54-47

The first time they played each other a month ago, the River Road Lady Cats were ranked fifth in the state and defeated the Bobbies, 59-58, at River Road.

After that game, Bobbies Coach Jan Newland commented, "I think we'll take them when we play them here." Friday night in Kenneth Cleveland

Gym, the Bobbies did just that. They led the Lady Cats by as many as 20 points before beating them, 64-57.

The loss probably knocked the Lady Cats out of the playoffs. It was the fifth district setback for the RR girls, who no longer are ranked in the state's top 10.

The Bobbies played their most ag-

gressive defense yet—to the point that one or two Lady Cats complained openly to the refs, to no avail. In the process, the Bobbies also stole the Lady Cats blind.

Amber Matthews scored nine points as the Bobbies raced to a 15-8 lead in the opening period. Amy Matthews, Jacy Buckley and Tonya Robertson also contributed points in the opening run, and Buckley was responsible for many of the feeds that led to baskets by her teammates.

The Lady Cats kept their cool, though, and toe-to-toed it with the Bobbies in the second, 15-16, leaving Dimmitt with a 31-23 halftime lead.

The Bobbies came out in a burying mood again in the third and put the Lady Cats in a 20-point hole, 48-28, after successive field goals by Amber Matthews and a trey by Shawna Kenworthy.

When the third-quarter smoke cleared, Dimmitt owned a 51-34 lead.

But the Lady Cats showed a lot of character in the fourth as they fought back to within three points.

Playing a fierce full-court man-to-man defense, the Lady Cats held the Bobbies scoreless on six successive trips down the floor while reeling off a 12-0 run, paced by senior Alicia Swaim.

Heidi Weaver sank back-to-back baskets midway in the period to keep the Lady Cats at bay.

River Road 5-11 post Mary Adams fouled out and lost her cool at the 3:23 mark, spurring the Lady Cats to another surge.

Swaim sank another basket, then 5-11 senior post Laurie Adams made the shot of the game—a 10-footer while sitting on the floor—to pull the

Lady Cats within six, 49-55.

The River Road fans went ballistic when Kristin Carver converted a three-point play to close Dimmitt's lead to 55-52 at the 2:32 mark.

But then the Bobbies went into their ball-control game and collected seven straight points on free throws—two by Amber Matthews and five by Buckley—to edge the Bobbies' lead back to five points, 62-57. Meanwhile, the Lady Cats sank three free throws and a rebound put-back.

Weaver finished the scoring with a fast-break layup on a feed by Kenworthy with two seconds left.

Matthews finished with 20 points and Buckley with 13 to pace the Bobbies' scoring. For River Road, the Adams girls, Mary and Laurie, had 17 and 14 respectively.

The varsity boys' game was a rout as the Bobcats handed the Wildcats their eighth district loss in a row, 97-40.

Dimmitt won the boys' junior varsity game, 41-25.

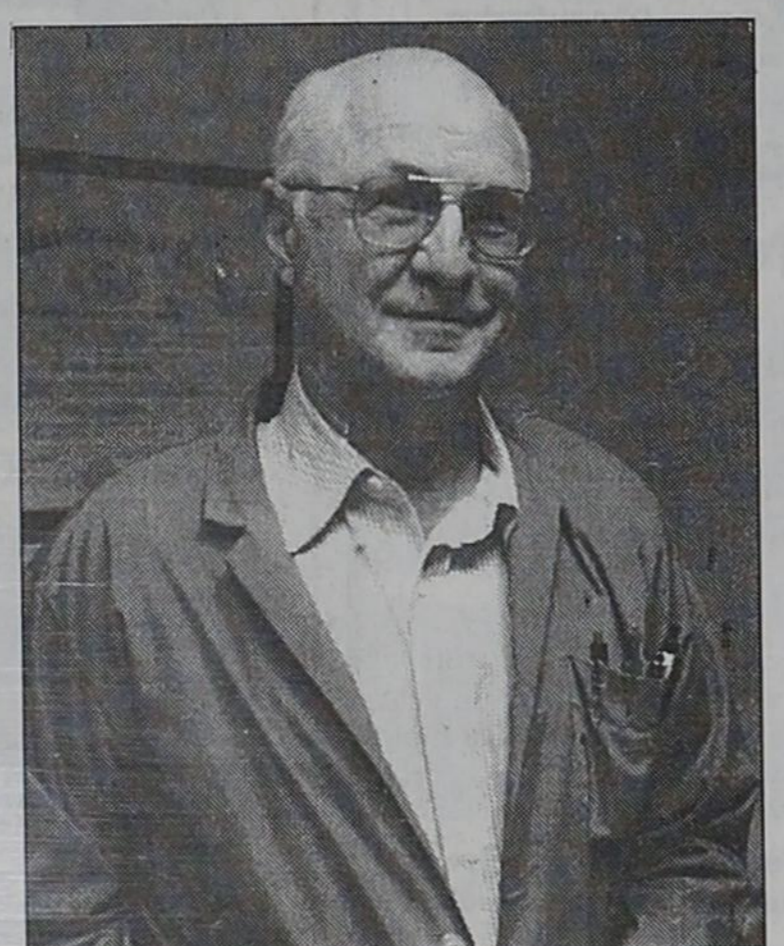


NO LOOK—After forcing a commitment by River Road's Matt Carter (21) on a fast break, Dimmitt's Casey Smith makes a nifty overhead no-look pass to Derek Buckley (10) for a layup in the third quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA game here. Also trailing Smith on the break is Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas (22). Buckley was hammered on his layup shot but collected two free throws to hike the Bobcats' lead to 54-23. Dimmitt went on to post a lopsided 97-40 win. *Photo by Don Nelson*



DECOY PLAY—After driving to the baseline and drawing an extra guard, Dimmitt's Stephanie Hinojosa dishes the ball back to teammate Tonya Robertson for a shot in the third quarter of the Bobbies' district game against River Road here Friday night. The Bobbies won the game, 64-57, to avenge an earlier loss to the Lady Cats. *Photo by Don Nelson*

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Dr. Bill Murphy

Dr. Bill Murphy is the dean of Castro County's physicians, having practiced family medicine in Dimmitt more than 32 years. We're proud to have him on the staff of the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

Dr. Murphy serves our local people in all phases of family medicine, including limited surgery. He also is certified in advanced cardiac life support and advanced trauma life support. He has been a member since 1963 of the American Academy of Family Practice, which requires 150 hours of continuing medical education every three years to maintain certification.

In addition to treating thousands of patients and performing countless surgeries, he has delivered more than 2,000 babies.

Dr. Murphy was raised in Dimmitt. His father, Andrew, farmed here and his mother, Ola, was the Castro County clerk for many years.

He was an all-regional football player in Dimmitt High School, and still is an enthusiastic fan of our local teams.

After graduating from high school in 1951, he attended Abilene Christian University and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical

School, receiving his M.D. degree in 1959.

He practiced medicine in Littlefield five years before joining Dr. R. E. Cogswell here in 1965. He owned and operated the Dimmitt Medical Clinic from 1966 through 1995, then joined the Medical Center of Dimmitt in early '96.

His main hobbies are fishing and bird hunting. He also is a trained musician and singer. (His youngest brother, Fawayne, was a career tenor with the Metropolitan Opera in New York.)

Dr. Murphy's main avocation in recent years has been missionary work in the Ukraine. He has been to the Ukraine "six or seven times" for periods up to two months, teaching Christianity and performing medical services. It was on a missionary trip there that he met his wife, Yulia.

Dr. and Mrs. Murphy are members of the Church of Christ.

"I enjoy practicing for the people of Castro County," he said. "I like to try to keep Castro County as healthy as possible."

Dr. Murphy is available by appointment Mondays through Fridays at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, 647-2194.

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District standings

DISTRICT 1-AAA BOYS		
Team	District	Overall
Tulia	9-0	26-0
Dimmitt	8-1	19-7
Friena	6-3	19-5
Muleshoe	4-5	17-10
Dalhart	4-5	13-11
Sanford-Fritch	4-5	8-18
Perryton	1-8	4-17
River Road	0-9	2-26

DISTRICT 1-AAA GIRLS		
Team	District	Overall
Dimmitt	9-2	16-11
Perryton	9-2	20-6
Friena	7-4	18-10
River Road	6-5	14-10
Muleshoe	6-5	15-11
Tulia	4-7	9-18
Dalhart	2-9	10-18
Sanford-Fritch	1-10	1-24

DISTRICT 3-AA BOYS		
Team	District	Overall
Hale Center	7-0	22-3
Lockney	5-2	13-5
Bovina	4-3	16-6
Olton	2-5	10-14
Hart	2-5	9-16
Highland Park	1-6	13-13

DISTRICT 3-AA GIRLS		
Team	District	Overall
Lockney	6-1	18-7
Hart	6-1	18-9
Hale Center	5-2	15-9
Olton	3-4	11-14
Highland Park	1-6	8-15
Bovina	0-7	2-21

DISTRICT 3-A BOYS		
Team	District	Overall
Lazbuddie	5-1	14-5
Nazareth	5-2	10-15
Farwell	3-3	13-13
Happy	3-3	11-14
Vega	0-7	4-23

DISTRICT 3-A GIRLS		
Team	District	Overall
x-Nazareth	7-0	23-5
Vega	4-3	15-11
Farwell	3-3	21-6
Happy	2-4	14-11
Lazbuddie	0-6	13-13

y-Clinched playoff berth.
X-Clinched district championship.

Bobcats put away pesky Mules again

It wasn't quite as close there as it was here.

When Muleshoe came calling at Kenneth Cleveland Gym Jan. 13, Dimmitt won the varsity girls' game by 52-49 and the boys' game by 60-58.

But Tuesday night at Muleshoe, the Bobbies won by a lopsided 40-23 margin.

The scrappy Mules still pushed the Bobcats to the hilt, but the Cats managed a 53-47 win on the Mules' home court.

Although the Mules went into Tuesday night's game with only a 4-4 district mark, they obviously had not read the Bobcats' press clippings.

The Mules toe-to-toed it with the Cats throughout, and held a 43-42 lead with 4:56 left in the game before Derek Buckley and Jared Townsend sank three treys in a row to give the Bobcats some breathing room in the stretch.

The Mules' man-to-man defense was hawkish, and their defense on inbound plays was murder.

The Bobcats didn't help themselves when they missed 10 shots on their first eight trips down the court as the Mules built an 8-0 lead. Jerry Thomas finally got Dimmitt's first basket on a rebound and putback with 3:00 left in the opening period.

Muleshoe's Dustin Cleavinger, Bret Clements and Cyrus Norman sank four points apiece to stake the Mules to a 12-4 lead.

In the last 40 seconds of the first period, Jared Townsend sank the first of four treys and Charley Summers

scored on a steal and snowbird layup to make the score a little more respectable, 9-12, at the first-quarter buzzer.

Cleavinger opened the second period with a two-pointer and a trey to hike Muleshoe's lead to 17-9. But Casey Jones logged in with a pair of treys and a double-pump layup, and Townsend hit another trey to put the Bobcats on top.

The lead see-sawed until Thomas closed out the second quarter with a pair of free throws and a turnaround jumper to give Dimmitt a 28-26 halftime edge.

It was more of the same in the third. Summers sank three baskets to pace the Bobcats to a 37-32 lead, only to have Muleshoe close out the third and open the fourth with treys to go up again, 38-37.

Sanders converted a three-point play on a layup after a steal and feed by Stuart Sutton, then sank a nifty left-hander underneath. But the Mules wouldn't go away. Another inside shot and another trey put Muleshoe on top again, 43-42.

That's when Buckley hit two treys and Townsend sank his fourth of the night to give the Bobcats enough of an edge to go into their ball-control game and put it away.

Pacing Dimmitt's scorers were Sanders with 15, Townsend with 12 and Thomas with 10. Muleshoe's Cleavinger was the game's high scorer with 22.

The girls' game was forgettable, with only one field goal in the 6-1 first quarter and a 12-7 halftime score as the Bobbies stayed in control all the way for a surprisingly easy 40-23 win.

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Hart drops to Class A in latest UIL realignment

Hart dropped from Class AA to Class A in the biggest move affecting the three county schools in the UIL reclassification and realignment for 1998-2000.

Schools in Class A must have an enrollment of 159 or under, and Hart falls within those requirements.

The Longhorns move into District 3-A in football and will compete with the Nazareth Swifts, Springlake-Earth, Happy, Kress and Vega.

In basketball, Nazareth and Hart will square off against each other in District 8-A along with Springlake-Earth, Sudan and Vega.

Dimmitt fans who were hoping the multi-hour commutes to northern cities like Perryton and Dalhart would end with the new realignment will be disappointed.

Dimmitt is still in District 1-AAA, and although the district will drop from eight to six teams for the next two years, Dimmitt will still face long road trips.

The District 1-AAA football and basketball schedules include Dimmitt, Amarillo River Road, Dalhart, Perryton, Sanford-Fritch and Tulia.

For baseball, cross country, and spring meets like tennis, track and academics, those six teams will be joined in District 1-AAA by Friona and Muleshoe.

Nazareth's baseball district (1-A) beginning in 1998-99 will include Amherst, Cotton Center, Hartley, Spade and Texline.

For cross country and spring sports and academic meets, Nazareth will compete in District 1-A with Booker, Claude, Farwell, Gruver, Happy, Lazbuddie, Shamrock, Vega and Wheeler. Hart was not assigned to a Class A district for cross country and spring meets in the preliminary UIL announcement—HISD was still listed in Class AA for those, but will be moved into a Class A district, either District 1 or District 2.

In other reclassification news,

Shallowater moved up from Class AA to Class AAA this year while Floydada dropped from AAA to AA. Farwell jumped from Class A to AA and Memphis dropped from AA to A. Class AAAAA Amarillo Palo Duro dropped to Class AAAAA.

Friona boosters plan chili, stew supper Tuesday

The Friona Booster Club will sponsor a chili and stew supper Tuesday from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Cost for the meal will be \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

All Dimmitt fans attending the Bobcat-Friona basketball games that night are invited to attend.

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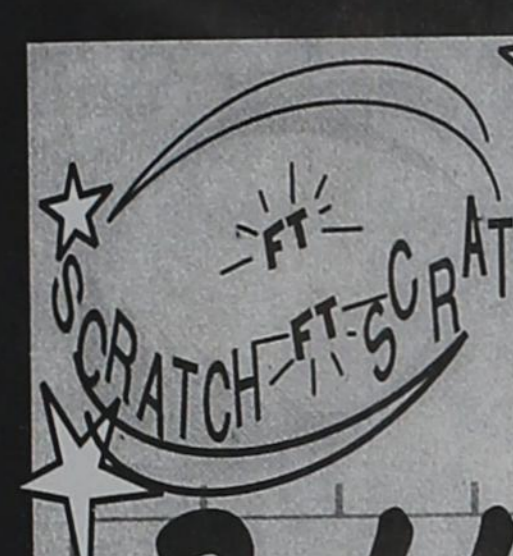
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Schedule and Scores

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- Feb. 10—*Friona, There
- Feb. 13—*Dalhart, Here
- Feb. 17—*Tulia (Boys), Here
- Feb. 20—*Perryton (Boys), Here

Bobbies

- 49, Randall 78
- 21, Levelland 34
- 55, Borger 42
- Turkey Classic**
- 56, Odessa 42
- 45, Hereford 49
- 48, Sudan 35
- 42, Hereford 60
- Levelland Tournament**
- 59, Levelland Red 22
- 41, Randall 60
- 57, Slaton 32
- 48, Amarillo High 61
- 42, Levelland 46
- 61, Perryton 44
- Caprock Tournament**
- 65, Claude 52
- 42, Randall 39
- 48, Lubbock Coronado 64
- 55, Odessa 57
- 58, River Road 59
- 61, Tulia 34
- 64, Dalhart 53
- 52, Muleshoe 49
- 53, Sanford-Fritch 35
- 50, Friona 43
- 46, Perryton 47
- 50, Tulia 40
- 64, River Road 57
- 40, Muleshoe 23
- Season Record: 16-11**
- District Record: 8-2**

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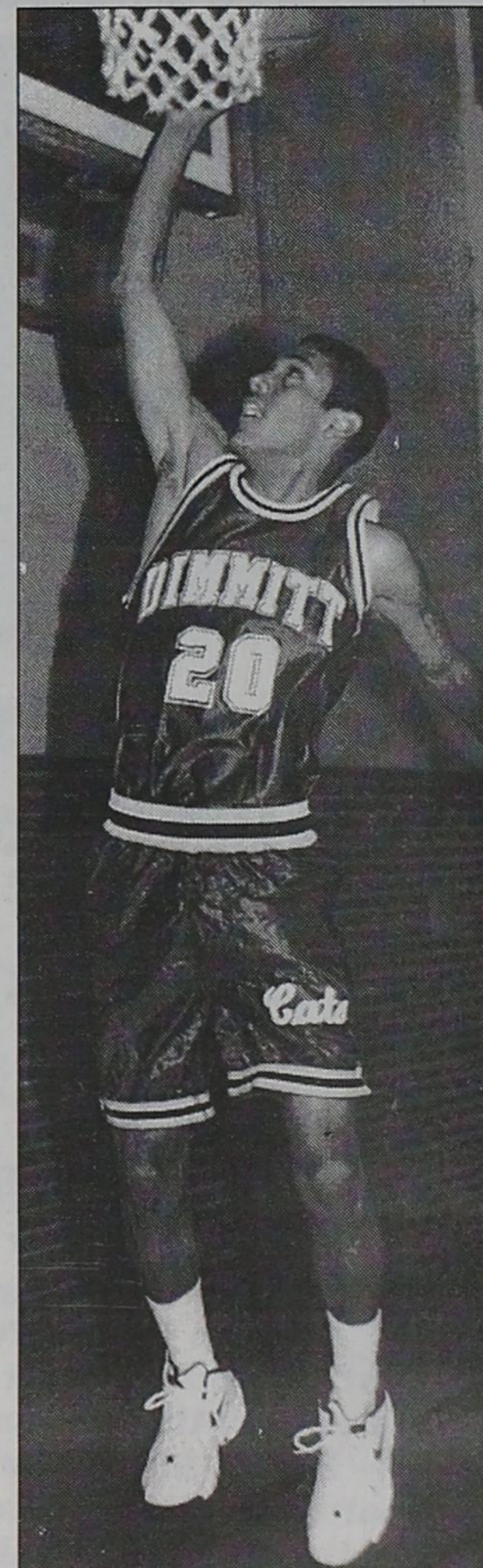
- 47, Randall 71
- 65, Levelland 29
- 62, Borger 57
- 89, Abernathy 84
- 64, Hereford 56
- Lions Pioneer Classic**
- 62, Canyon 50
- 32, Lubbock Estacado 51
- 57, Hereford 49
- 58, Caprock 55
- Seminole Tournament**
- 52, Lamesa 73
- 48, Pampa 43
- 57, Snyder 50
- 63, Coronado 58
- Caprock Tournament**
- 43, Snyder 47
- 66, Abernathy 44
- 41, Lubbock Monterey 66
- 66, River Road 42
- 47, Estacado 61
- 56, Dalhart 40
- 60, Muleshoe 58
- 62, Sanford-Fritch 43
- 57, Friona 59
- 72, Perryton 88
- 48, Tulia 54
- 97, River Road 40
- 53, Muleshoe 47
- Season Record: 19-7**
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SHAWNA KENWORTHY
Junior Guard



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Sophomore Guard

Swifts down Longhorns, 61-41

Swiftettes earn playoff berth with win over Vega, 65-53

The Nazareth Swiftettes clinched a playoff berth Friday with a 65-53 win over Vega, and the Swifts gained another step on the competition in the race for a playoff berth by downing the Longhorns, 61-41.

Neither game was as easy as the final scores indicated.

The Swiftettes had their hands full with the Vega girls from the word go, and although they held the lead throughout the game, Vega never gave up and kept coming back until the very end.

The boys' game was the same, with Nazareth building up a comfortable lead, then watching as Vega erased it with basket after basket until the Swifts put together a deciding run late in the third and over most of the fourth quarters.

The Swiftettes improved to 6-0 in district and 22-5 overall with the win and guaranteed themselves another trip to the playoffs. The Swifts improved to 4-2 in district and moved into second place with the win.

The Swiftettes jumped out to an 8-2 lead over the first four minutes of the game thanks to three-pointers by Amy Pohlmeier and Tanya Wethington and a layup by Shawna Gerber.

But Vega used a shot by Kimberly Artho in the last seconds to make it 9-4 after one.

The Swiftettes built up a 22-9 lead over the next four and a half minutes, starting off a 13-4 run with a pair of free throws by K'Lynn Gerber to open the second. Adding to the run were Shawna Gerber, who buried a three; Jayme Schmucker, who scored off of a turnover; Tanya Wethington, who had a pair of free throws; and

another four points by K'Lynn Gerber.

Vega's hotshot guard, Cami Rea, was covered by Nazareth's Tanya Wethington in the first quarter and never got free.

But she finally picked up her first points with 3:15 left in the second, hitting one of two free throws after Wethington fouled her.

After a Pohlmeier three, Rea was fouled on a three attempt by Sara Schulte and the guard sank all three charity tosses to make it 25-13. Then Rea went to work, hitting two shots over the final 1:39 and Artho added another hoop, but Nazareth was up by nine at half, 28-19.

Nazareth started off the third quarter in the deep freeze, missing their first three shots from the field. But once Birkenfeld hit the Swiftettes' fifth three of the game with 6:52 left in the third, Nazareth would hit its next eight shots from the field to go 8-of-11 in the stanza.

That built up a 15-point lead, 48-33, by the end of the quarter.

Included in the scoring spree were three fast-break buckets off of Swiftette steals. Vega got back-to-back threes from Rea over a 30-second span late in the stanza, but Nazareth answered with five points to keep the advantage at 15.

Birkenfeld picked up a couple of baskets early in the fourth to put the Swiftettes up by 18.

Vega cut the lead to 11 with 3:46 left on a pair of free throws by Artho, but they couldn't get any closer.

Nazareth shot 57.8% from the field (22-of-38) and made 14-of-17 attempts from the line. The Swiftettes also hit six three-pointers. Vega managed just 17-of-41 from

the field and 14-of-20 from the stripe.

Nazareth had four girls in double figures, led by K'Lynn Gerber's 18 points. Shawna Gerber added 13 while Wethington and Birkenfeld added 11 apiece. Vega's top scorer was Rea, who had 19. Artho added 15.

After jumping out to a 6-0 lead early in the boys' game, the Swifts allowed Vega to cut the lead to two with four minutes left on three straight baskets by Hodges.

Vega only had significant offensive production out of two players—Hodges and Jarrod Flores. Flores was the Longhorns' leading scorer with 16 while Hodges added 15.

Vega held one lead in the game, 11-10, but Nazareth regained control within a minute on a three by Barry Hoelting with 35 seconds left, then Kit Schulte got a steal and layup with three seconds left for a 15-11 Swift lead at the end of the first quarter.

Nazareth's Mitchell Brockman picked up three free throws to provide the team's only offensive production in the first three minutes, then Darren Huckert went to work.

He hit a three, then got a steal and layup, then added another steal and layup and Nazareth took a 10-point lead, 25-15, with 3:22 left in the half.

A Cameron McLain steal turned into a fast-break layup for Brockman to make it 27-15.

But Flores pounded his way inside for four points to cut the lead to eight over the next minute.

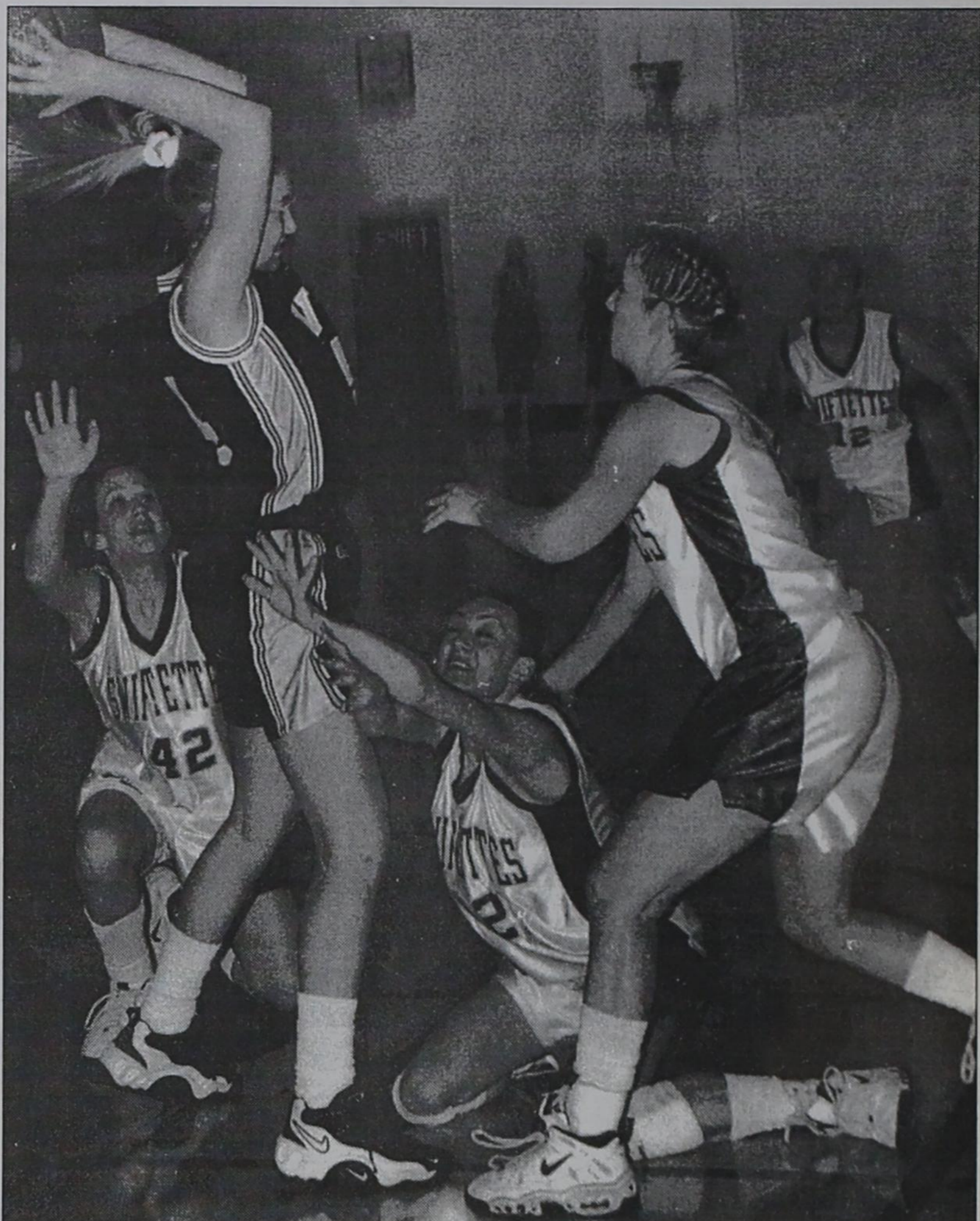
Hodges added a basket and pair of free throws in the last 20 seconds to make it 30-23 at halftime.

Vega pulled within five on a shot by Flores early in the third, but Nazareth reeled off six straight points to take an 11-point lead before Hodges connected.

The Swifts got threes from Billy Don Cannon and Hoelting over the last 3:50, then Huckert scored on an offensive put-back and then a layup after a McLain steal at the buzzer for a 47-33 Swift lead.

After Flores scored with 46 left in the third, Vega was silent until he scored again with three minutes left in the game. During that span the Swifts were able to build a 52-33 lead and they coasted down the stretch for the 20-point win.

Huckert led Nazareth with 24 points while Hoelting added 17.



TRAPPED!—Nazareth's swarming defense kept the Vega Lady Horns under control Friday and Nazareth was able to post a 65-53 District 3-A win and earned a playoff berth in the process. Trapping a Vega

ballhandler in third-quarter action at Nazareth Friday are Jayme Schmucker (42), Tanya Wethington (22) and K'Lynn Gerber, while Shawna Gerber (12) covers downcourt. Photo by Dwayne Acker



FAST-BREAK LAYUP— Nazareth's Darren Huckert (10) outruns a Vega defender and picks up one of several fast-break layups he scored in a 61-41 win over the Longhorns Friday at Nazareth. Huckert led the Swifts with 24 points. Nazareth improved to 4-2 in District 3-A with the win and moved into second place. Photo by Dwayne Acker

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Lady Horns pull into tie for first with Lockney after Friday victory

The Hart Lady Horns got a little bit of revenge for an earlier loss to Lockney, knocking off their rivals Friday, 40-35, in a key District 3-AA matchup at Hart.

Lockney had won the first matchup between the two teams, 54-41, and that was Hart's only district loss.

Hart got even Friday, and after that

14. Lockney's top scorer was J.R. Walker, who finished with a game-high 35. All-state post player Devon Phillips tallied 19 for Lockney.

game, the two teams were tied for first in district with identical 5-1 records. Their overall records are similar, too, with each having 17 wins. Lockney lists seven losses while Hart has nine.

When the teams first met on Jan. 13, Charbra Lee was the sparkplug for Hart, pouring in 19 points. This time Lee finished with nine but teammate Ysa Rodriguez exploded for 15 points to lead the Lady Horns. Lockney's top scorer was Stacy Bigham, who tallied 13.

Hart had a big first quarter and led 15-11 after the first eight minutes.

But the Lady Horns struggled over the second eight minutes, scoring only four, and that allowed Lockney to overtake the lead and they controlled 22-19 at halftime.

Hart got back on track in the third quarter, outscoring Lockney 17-9 to take the lead back for good.

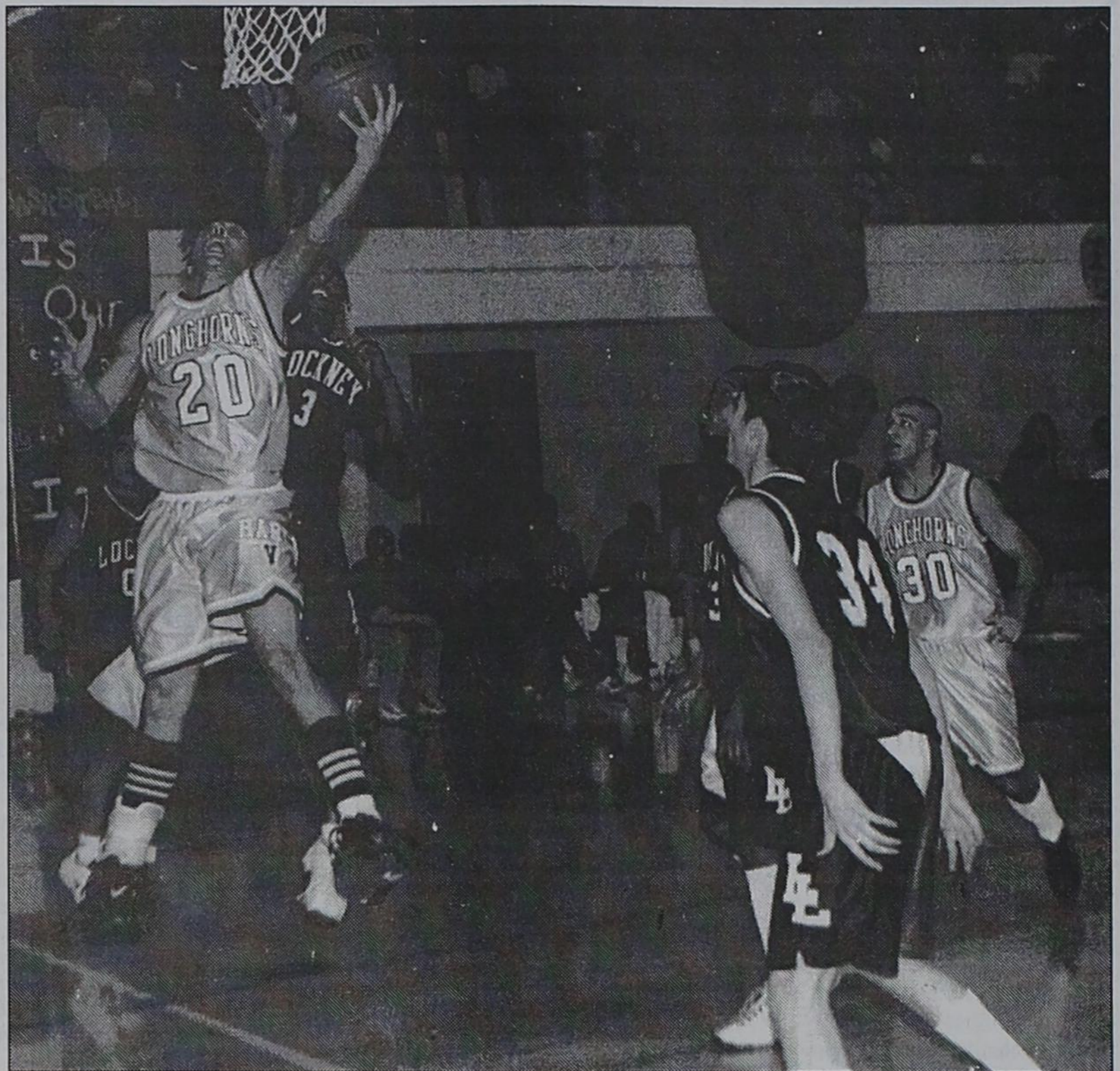
The Hart ladies took a 36-31 lead into the fourth quarter, and although they only managed to score four points over the final eight minutes, they held Lockney to the same, and that was good enough for the victory.

In the boys' game, Hart kept pace with Lockney in the first quarter and trailed by eight, 28-20, at the end of the period, but Lockney exploded for 59 points over the second and third periods and Hart was held to 38.

Lockney built its 57-38 halftime lead into an 87-58 lead at the end of the third, then matched Hart in the fourth quarter to take a 99-71 victory.

The Longhorns fell to 1-6 in District 3-AA play while Lockney improved to 4-2 and moved into a tie for second with Bovina. Hart's overall mark dropped to 8-16.

Leading the Longhorns Friday was Lupe DeLaFuente, who had 26 points, and Moses Reyna, who had



MOSES REYNA (20) of Hart battles in the paint and gets off a layup Friday in a District 3-AA game. Lockney's potent offense was too much for the Longhorns in the second half, and Hart suffered a 99-71 loss. Reyna finished with 14 points for Hart while Lupe DeLaFuente (30) had 26. Photo by David Knox

Hoop Roundup

DIMMITT FRESHMAN GIRLS TOURNAMENT

Freshman Bobbies 45, Friona 34
 Dimmitt 8 24 7 6—45
 Friona 4 8 6 16—34
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Cassandra Casas 11.

Freshman Bobbies 45, Amherst JV 19
 Dimmitt 20 14 3 8—45
 Amherst 5 2 6 6—19
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Mary Bradley and Ruby Rodriguez 8.

Freshman Bobbies 33, Frenship 57
 Dimmitt 8 6 6 13—33
 Frenship 9 12 22 14—57
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Rachel Fabela 9.

FRIDAY
Longhorns 71, Lockney 99
 Hart 20 18 20 13—71
 Lockney 28 29 30 12—99
 SCORING: HART—Lupe DeLaFuente 26, Moses Reyna 14; LOCKNEY—J. Walker 35, Devon Phillips 19.

Swiftes 61, Vega 41
 Nazareth 15 15 17 14—61
 Vega 11 12 10 8—41
 SCORING: NAZ—Darren Huckert 24, Barry Hoelling 17; VEGA—Flores 16, Hodges 15.

Lady Horns 40, Lockney 35
 Hart 15 4 17 4—40
 Lockney 11 11 9 4—35
 SCORING: HART—Ysa Rodriguez 15, Charbra Lee 9; LOCKNEY—S. Bigham 13.

Swiftettes 65, Vega 53
 Nazareth 9 19 20 17—65
 Vega 5 14 14 20—53
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 18, Shawna Gerber 13, Tanya Wethington and Cassie Birkenfeld 11; VEGA—Camie Rea 19, Artho 15.

Bobcats 64, River Road 57
 Dimmitt 15 16 20 13—64
 River Road 8 15 11 23—57
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 20, Jacy Buckley 13; RR—Mary Adams 17, Laurie Adams 14.

Bobcats 97, River Road 40
 Dimmitt 17 24 23 33—97
 River Road 11 10 9 10—40
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Jerry Thomas 22, Derek Buckley 15; RR—David Ferril 10.

TUESDAY
Bobcats 40, Muleshoe 23
 Dimmitt 6 6 11 17—40
 Muleshoe 1 6 9 7—23
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 10.

Bobcats 53, Muleshoe 47
 Dimmitt 9 19 9 16—53
 Muleshoe 12 14 9 12—47
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Charley Sanders 15, Jared Townsend 12, Jerry Thomas 10.

Swiftettes win district

The Nazareth Swiftettes captured the District 3-A championship Tuesday night with a close, 41-38 win at Farwell.

The Gerber sisters attacked Farwell's defense with a vengeance. Shawna Gerber poured in 17 points, including four threes, while big sis K'Lynn Gerber added 14.

Nazareth led by nine midway through the opening period, but Farwell came back and the Swiftette lead was just a point at the end of the quarter, 11-10.

The Lady Blue took the lead early in the second, but a three by Shawna Gerber with 4:28 left in the half gave Nazareth the lead for good. Over the final four minutes of the first half, Nazareth outscored Farwell 12-8 to take a 26-23 lead.

K'Lynn Gerber controlled the third quarter, adding six points to her total while Shawna Gerber picked up three, converting a layup into a three-point play when she was fouled. A pair of free throws by Tanya Wethington put the Swiftettes up 37-30 at the end of the stanza.

Nazareth used a patient offense to work the clock in the fourth quarter, holding off a late run by Farwell, who managed to tie the game at 37 with 1:32 left on a layup by Crawford.

Shawna Gerber buried a three with 1:15 left, then Jayme Schmucker added a free throw to give the Swiftettes the narrow win.

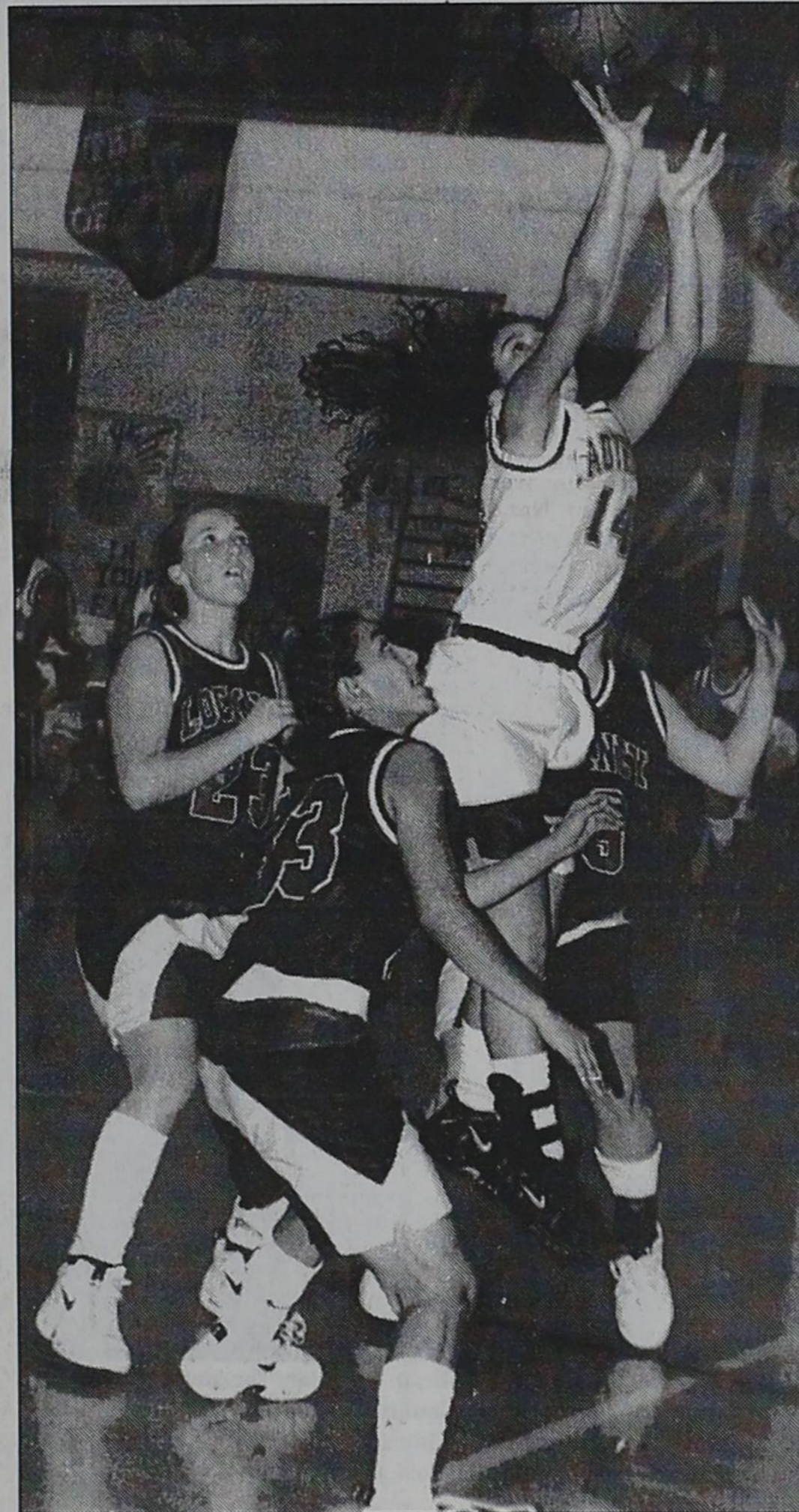
Lady Horns 55, Olton 34
 Hart 12 16 12 15—55
 Olton 6 14 5 9—34
 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 13, Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez 12.

Longhorns 64, Olton 60
 Hart 18 19 9 18—64
 Olton 12 12 18 18—60
 SCORING: HART—Lupe DeLaFuente and Jeremiah Velasquez 17.

Swiftettes 41, Farwell 38
 Nazareth 11 15 11 4—41
 Farwell 10 13 7 8—38
 SCORING: NAZ—Shawna Gerber 17, K'Lynn Gerber 14.

Swifts 58, Farwell 50
 Nazareth 14 12 15 17—58
 Farwell 13 18 12 7—50
 SCORING: NAZ—Barry Hoelling 24, Shane Ethridge 11.

JV Longhorns 48, Olton 23
JV Swifts 49, Farwell 65
JV Bobcats 56, Muleshoe 53 (OT)
JV Lady Horns 36, Olton 21
JV Swiftettes 41, Farwell 38
JV Bobbies 41, Muleshoe 38



TOUGH PENETRATION!—Hart's Ysa Rodriguez (14) drives through the Lockney defense and picks up two points Friday in a key District 3-AA showdown at Hart. Lockney handed Hart its only district loss, to date, on Jan. 13, but Friday night belonged to Hart. The Hart ladies posted a 40-35 win to move into a tie for first with Lockney. Rodriguez had 15 points to lead the Lady Horns. Photo by David Knox

Hart teams take pair from Olton Tuesday

The Hart Longhorns held off a determined Olton squad in the fourth quarter to post a 64-60 district win Tuesday night.

The Longhorns were up 18-12 in the first quarter, and continued to dominate the game in the second, posting a 37-24 lead at halftime.

But Olton battled back in the third, outscoring Hart 18-9 to cut the Hart lead to four headed into the final quarter.

Olton stayed with Hart, bucket for bucket, but couldn't clear the hurdle and the Longhorns held on for the

win.

Lupe DeLaFuente and Jeremiah Velasquez paced the Longhorn performance, recording 17 points apiece.

Hart improved to 2-5 in district and 9-16 overall with the win.

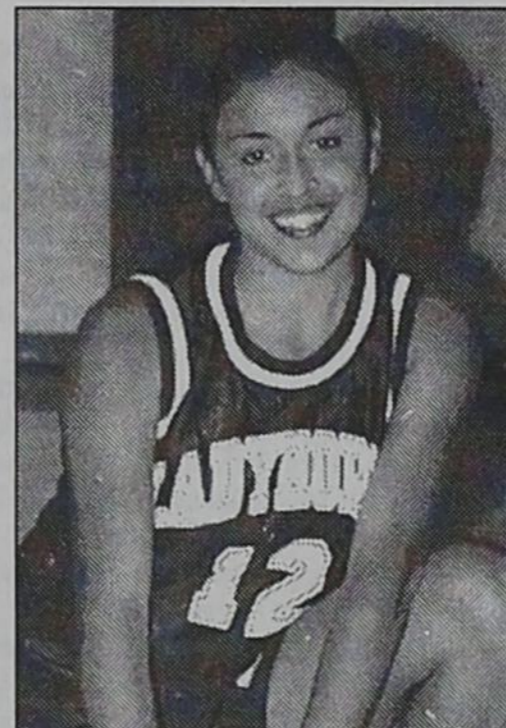
The Lady Horns maintained their first-place ranking in district by downing Olton 55-34 Tuesday.

The Lady Horns are currently tied with Lockney for first, both holding 6-1 marks after they split their district meetings. Hale Center is next in

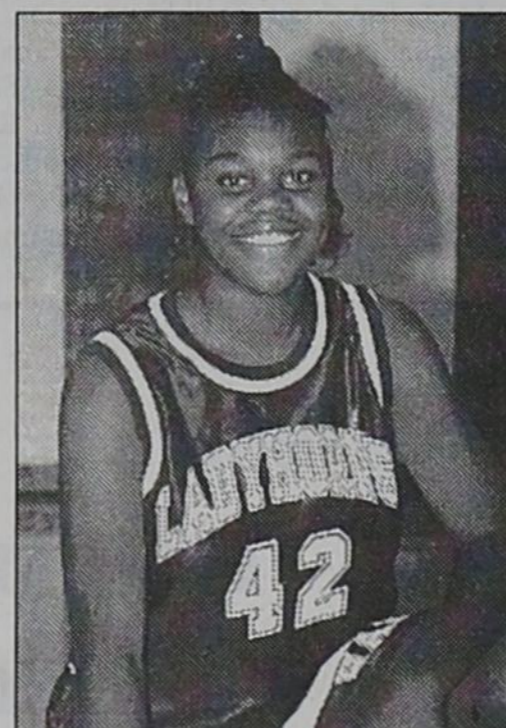
line with a 5-2 mark, and Hart will meet Highland park on Feb. 13 in the district finale.

Charbra Lee was Hart's top scorer with 13 points while Veronica Gonzales and Ysa Rodriguez added 12 each.

Defense did the trick for the Lady Horns again. Olton was limited to single digit scoring in three quarters and Hart rolled offensively. The Lady Horns led 12-6 after the first and 28-20 at halftime. Hart outscored the Fillies 27-14 in the second half to claim the District 3-AA win.



ANGELICA PERALEZ
 Sophomore Post



GENEVA FINCH
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THIS GROUP OF FORMER NAZARETH residents and their families recently gathered for a reunion near Austin. Most of those attending are living in or around the Austin area now. Pictured are (back row, from left) Kieran Sullivan, Barry and Rhonda Boyett, Robert McCandless, Glen Dobmeier, Kevin Culver, Ken and Loretta Edwards, Kevin Wilhelm, Rick and Robbie Gerber and John Kleman; (middle

row, from left) Denise, Russell and Natalie Hoelting, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, Gail Dobmeier, Susie Schulte, Elaine Culver, Floyd and Jo Ellen Hoelting, Laura Edwards, Debbie and Tommy Russell, Wade Hoelting and Jennifer Kleman; and (front row, from left) Megan, Blake and Tommy Boyett, Ryan Hoelting, Scott Edwards and Nick Gerber.

Photo by Jessica Gerber

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Monday morning service was very special in Holy Family Church as we celebrated "The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple."

Everyone was presented with a lighted candle upon entering the church for mass. A procession with lighted candles into a dark church was very impressive.

Friday night was "Grandparents' Night" at the Nazareth basketball games with Vega. All grandparents were admitted free and grandparents of the varsity boys' and girls' teams were recognized. Both teams won their district games against Vega.

A benefit talent show and dinner was held Sunday evening at the Nazareth School Cafeteria. The dinner was served from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

All proceeds went to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

There were a total of 22 entries in the talent show, and participants performed songs, dances, gymnastics, guitar, piano and five skits, which made for a great, entertaining evening, especially with Keith Birkenfeld serving as master of ceremonies.

Judges for the talent show were Denese Skinner of Canyon, Lloa Smith of Happy and Tommy Stewart of Kress.

Winners were Trish Elliott, first; James Wilhite, second; and Angelica, third.

A big thanks to Don Wood, the Nazareth Student Council and everyone who helped make the evening a success.

Congratulations to Lee and Jacci Kleman on the birth of a baby girl, Sadie Lee, on Dec. 22 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Alvin and Dorothy Kleman of Nazareth and Joe and Judy Konicek of Maple Plain, Minn. Sadie Lee was baptized Saturday evening in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating.

Her godparents are Joe and Lisa Konicek of Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Grandparents Joe and Judy Konicek of Minnesota spent several days here with the Kleman family and attended the baptism of their granddaughter.

Sadie Lee was dressed in her great-grandfather's baptismal gown which was made by her great-grandmother.

Charley and Beverly Hill spent Saturday in Lubbock watching Todd Hill play in a men's tennis tournament. The tournament finished on Sunday with Todd winning first in singles and first in doubles with his partner.

Congratulations to Shawn and Marla Gales of Canyon on the birth of a baby boy, Brady Dwight, on Jan. 28 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Grandparents are Ed and Leola Ramaekers of Nazareth and J.C. and Andy Gales of Canyon. Great-grandmother is Dorothy Norris of Canyon.

Keith and Karleen Hoelting, Kent and Teresa Birkenfeld, Randy and Monette Schilling and Ricky and Suzanne Farris recently enjoyed a couple of days in Las Vegas, Nev. They enjoyed a couple of comedy shows and riding the bus to the strip. They were always amazed at the strange variety of people they rode with. This seemed to be Monette's really special thing to do.

The first annual Nazareth/Austin Connection Brunch was hosted by Floyd and Jo Ellen Hoelting at their beautiful new Texas Hill Country home out of Austin.

Much to everyone's surprise, the Austin metropolitan area is home to approximately 25 Nazareth natives.

We do not control the Texas Senate as of yet, but give us a few more years!

Thirty-eight attended the brunch with others calling to say they are in Austin but couldn't make the party this year.

Several new names were added to the list as conversations generated questions and new information.

Several toasts were made as different people shared with the group their respective pilgrimages from "The Holy Land" to "The Heartland."

After a tasty brunch, Floyd gave a walking tour of their property and included a visit to a beautiful spring which meanders through the development and empties into Barton Creek, the "Crown Jewel" of Central Texas.

Everyone had a good time getting re-acquainted or acquainted. Guests came from as far away as Nazareth.

Ronnie and Regina Hoelting were downstate visiting their children, so they joined the party.

Prayers are asked for Lynn Ehly, who is in Room 365 in the Extended Care Unit at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Shot clinic is set today

An immunization clinic offering vaccines for protection against several childhood diseases will be held in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School cafeteria.

Vaccines offered will protect against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps and HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open.

The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay.

Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines will be available.

New 4-H members welcomed

Castro County 4-H has welcomed several new members to its ranks this year, including five Clover Kids.

The new Clover Kids are Jeffrey Bishop, Colt Bradley, Adam Hart, Michael Raser and Keshia Smith.

Other new members of 4-H are Cody Brockman, Jonathon Flores, Chase Foster, China Foster, Joshua Green, Brittany Heard, Clay Hoelting, Kaytlin Huseman, Brandi Kern, Casey Maurer, Tabatha McAllister, Shawn Nelson, Kendra Puente, Laura Raser, Charlie Rundell, Adam Schulte, Brady Schulte, Stacey Schulte, Brandy Smith, Tucker Waggoner, Kyle Whatley, Heath Wilhelm, Kasey Wood and Cliff Wright.

Screenings set in February

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics today (Thursday) and Feb. 19 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell 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.

4-H clothing class is Feb. 19

The 4-H will hold a clothing class at 4:30 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Extension office in Dimmitt.

Care and maintenance of your sewing machine and sewing tools will be the focus of this class. Parents and 4-H'ers are invited to attend.

"If you sew at all, you should come to this class," said Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent.

The senior clothing activity at the county and district levels is approaching.

The county contest will be March 16, followed by the district show on April 4.

State ag commissioner hopeful Susan Combs visits with locals

In spite of inclement weather in November and flight scheduling problems in January, Susan Combs, Republican candidate for state agriculture commissioner, finally arrived in Dimmitt last Tuesday, Jan. 27, for a campaign visit.

Combs enjoyed a stew and cornbread lunch at Country Club of Dimmitt along with 45 local residents.

Combs, a 6-0 cattlewoman who says she will "stand tall for Texas," told of her plan to tell and sell the story of agriculture, continue her quest for property rights and increase Texas added-value business.

"If we grow peanuts in Texas, we should process peanuts in Texas," Combs said.

Combs, a wife, mother and former state legislator and prosecutor, makes her living in her longtime family cattle-calf business near Alpine. Her husband is Dr. Joe Duran.

Combs helped pass the Texas food disparagement legislation that is involved in the Amarillo Cattle Feeders vs. Oprah Winfrey trial.

The legislative bill has high standards in that it helps protect producers like apple growers from a non-factual, deliberate allegation like the Alpar disease. She fielded questions and passed out small blue combs.

She was elected to the Texas House and served two terms. She was president of the Freshman Republicans and was named 1993 Legislative Crimefighter of the Year by the Greater Dallas Crime Commission.

Combs has served on the boards of the Texas Beef Council and Texas Production Credit Association. She has been on the board of the Texas

and Southwestern Cattleraisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association for nearly 10 years.



SUSAN COMBS, (right) Republican candidate for state agriculture commissioner, visits with Castro County Republican Chairman Deane Clark after a stew and cornbread lunch in Dimmitt on Jan. 27. Combs visited with local residents and talked about her plans to fight for producer's rights.

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The Chamber of Commerce Banquet was an occasion I will remember as one of my life's treasures. Being recognized as Teacher of the Year is an honor. I would like to thank those people on the committee who made the decision to place my name on the list of teachers I personally admire and respect. Once again, the Methodist men served a delicious meal, the businesses of Dimmitt provided beautiful decorations, and our guest speaker was excellent. I think I just described a perfect evening. I appreciate your having made it possible.

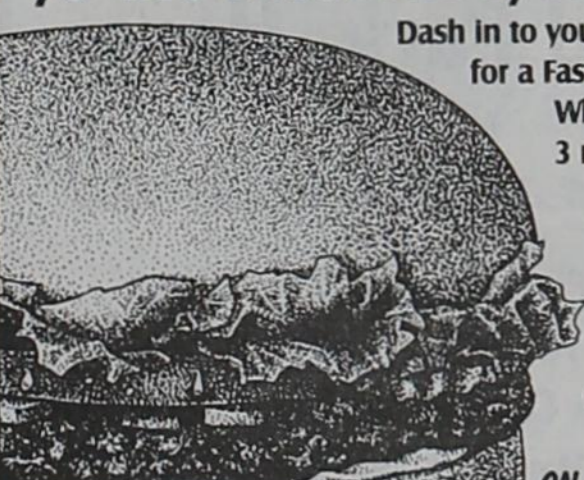
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Animals entered in county show must be weighed on Wednesday

Individuals planning on exhibiting lambs, barrows or steers in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show should have their animals in place at the Expo Building by 12 noon Wednesday, and the annual show and sale is slated for Feb. 13 and 14.

Animals will be weighed and classified at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday. Only one weigh-back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limits set and the weigh-back must be within one hour of the first weighing, or at the discretion of the superintendent.

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.

Judges for this year's show will be Larry Grey, steers; Dale Schattner, barrows; and Scott Doss, lambs. Pammy Millican, former Castro County Extension Agent, will judge showmanship.

The show will begin Friday, Feb. 13 at 8 a.m. with the lamb show. Steers will be exhibited at 11 a.m., followed by barrows at 1 p.m.

The annual premium sale will begin Saturday, Feb. 14, at 1 p.m.

After the animals are weighed and classified on Wednesday, Nazareth will hold its club show.

FFA Advisor David Bowns said he plans to begin the club show with the pig show at approximately 6 p.m. The steer show will follow and the lamb show will conclude the event. A junior and senior showmanship contest also will be held.

Bownds said he expects a little

over 100 animals in the club show, including more than 60 pigs, more than 30 lambs and two steers.

Tentatively scheduled to judge the Nazareth show will be Mark Standlee, ag teacher at Floydada.

Entry fee for the Nazareth show is \$5 per head.

Bownds said all Nazareth showmen should make sure and turn in entry cards and information on what they're showing to him as soon as possible so programs can be drawn up for the show.

Swisher Electric sponsors youth contest for Washington, D.C. tour

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., will be awarded to two area youths by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 32 years, Swisher Electric has sponsored students on the "Government in Action" youth tour to Washington, D.C.

The winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held March 31 at Swisher Electric's office in Tulia.

Any 14- to 19-year-old attending school in Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silvertown or Olton, or students home-schooled in Swisher Electric's service area, is eligible to enter the contest.

Swisher Electric will have a representative visiting area high schools Feb. 16-27 to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest. Those interested

Hart will have its club show next Thursday, Feb. 12, 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.

should contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia at (806) 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344.

The deadline for entries is March 24.

The 1998 youth tour will be held June 4-16. The winners of Swisher Electric's speech contest will travel to Dallas where they will join other young people from Texas for the trip to Washington.

In Washington, the students will visit their US Congressmen, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court Building and visit the White House.

The students also will get to tour the more memorable Washington sights including the Smithsonian Institute, Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the FBI Headquarters, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials and more.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools



Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 5-13.

DIMMITT

Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, fresh watermelon and milk.
FRIDAY: Corn dogs, pork and beans, fruit fantasy and milk.
MONDAY: Hot dog on a bun with cheese, garden relish, fruited gelatin and milk.
TUESDAY: Monterrey casserole, refried beans, fruit fantasy and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken and dumplings, scalloped corn, fresh bananas and milk.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos with cheese and peppers; mashed potatoes with gravy, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrot and raisin salad; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of baked Cajun fish, corn dogs or enchiladas; potato wedges, pork and beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, garden relish, taco condiment salad or apple slices; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
MONDAY: Choice of ground beef stroganoff, hot dog on a bun with cheese or taco pie; whole new potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, garden relish, taco condiment salad or apple slices; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of oven-fried chicken, beef stir fry or Monterrey casserole; mashed potatoes, Chinese-style vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or gelatin; assorted muffins, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, salad plate or chicken taco with hot sauce; seasoned black-eyed peas, scalloped corn or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fresh bananas or peaches; and cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza, lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, peaches and milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey, bread stuffing, gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew or beef fajita strips; cornbread, salad, refried beans, salad, ginger cookies, pineapple and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, paches, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing, gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, fruit salad, cherry cheese pie and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich, beef stew or beef fajita strips; cornbread, salad, refried beans, salad, ginger cookies, pineapple, ice cream 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: No school.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Frito pie or pizza, salad, carrots, cornbread, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Enchiladas and roll or corn dog, salad, corn, apricots, Jell-O and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, salad, rice, peaches, cookies and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, pineapple, pudding and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Chicken or pizza, salad, potatoes and gravy, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Sloppy Joes or corn dog, salad, okra, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * No school.

(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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Griswold, Behrends to be inducted into Haynes Boy Scout Hall of Fame

Former Castro County residents Betty Griswold and Bill Behrends will be among those inducted into the Haynes District Boy Scout Hall of Fame Saturday.

The induction ceremony will be held in conjunction with the annual scout leader recognition banquet, set to start at 7 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University McClung Center in Plainview.

The inductees will be honored at a Hall of Fame reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by the banquet. Cost for the banquet is \$9 per person or \$17 per couple, and advance reservations are required. Contact Charles Bechtold at 806-296-6889 or Peter Buchholz at 806-892-2608 to reserve a seat. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door at an additional cost.

Events of the evening will include the retiring of the Chrome Ax and Spark Plug, presentation of Hall of Fame inductees, District Awards of Merit, and unique District Awards.

Griswold is a former Hart resident who lives in Muleshoe.

Behrends is a former Dimmitt resident.

Other honorees will be Mike Gilbreath, Wayne Houlette and David Wilson.

The banquet menu will be a choice of two entrees, vegetable, potato salad, and dessert, with coffee and tea.

Pinewood Derby set for Feb. 21

The 50th annual Haynes District Cub Scout Pinewood Derby will be held Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Estacado Junior High Gym in Plainview at 2200 W. 20th.

The event will have four tracks set up for races, including the open and outlaw National class for leaders and older scouts.

Races will be classified by age groups and are open to any registered scout. Entry fee is \$3.50 per car. There will be prizes for all entrants.

Registration for new scouts will be available at the check-in gate at an additional cost.

For further information about rules or registration, contact Brandon Brownlee at 806-293-0100 or Peter Buchholz at 1-800-658-9310.

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Horse judging team is fourth

The Castro County Horse Judging Team finished fourth in the Johnson County 4-H Horse Judging Contest, held Jan. 17.

The county team finished fourth overall and third in reasons.

Team members are Rusty Wooten, Rusty McDaniel, Kristin Hales and Justin Sutton.

The contest featured several 4-H teams from around the state.

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18—Services

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1-800-687-3133
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20—Help Wanted

PLAINS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL has an opening for an accounts payable/accounting clerk. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Accounting experience preferred. Apply in person at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt. 20-44-1tc

GERI-PSYCH LVN AND RN, full-time. Shift differential, benefits, paid time off. Send resume to Plains Memorial Hospital, Attn: Human Resources, 310 W. Halsell, Dimmitt TX 79027; (806) 647-2191. EOE. 20-44-2tc

JOHN DEERE DEALERSHIP needs experienced service technician in Tulla. Call Steve at Briscoe Implement at 806-995-4065 or 1-800-749-4955. 20-43-2tc

HELP WANTED: Water well rig helpers and drill helpers. Call Bit T Pump, 806-364-0353 or apply in person at Big T Pump, East New York Ave. in Hereford. 20-43-2tc

NEED DEPENDABLE WORKERS, available for all shifts. Prefer CNAs, or NAs and we will train. Apply in person at Canterbury Villa, Dimmitt. See Amy Morrow. 647-3117. 20-43-5tc

20—Help Wanted

AVON Representative needed now. No inventory required. IND/SALES/REP, Toll-free, 888-748-1759. 20-44-4tp

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for RNs, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call 806-364-7113 or come by 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
The family of Kenny Bryan would like to thank each and every one that contributed food, flowers and especially the thoughts and prayers during the past few days. Your kindness is deeply cherished.
THE KENNY BRYAN FAMILY
24-44-1tc

CARD OF THANKS
We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shown kindness to us during the long illness and death of our loved one, Carlos Calvert.
We especially appreciate all of your prayers. Also, thanks for the visits and cards, flowers and food, phone calls, memorials and all your caring thoughts.
Thank you to those of you who honored Carlos with your presence at his service. We loved the music offered by Dan Nelson and the community-wide chorus. It was beautiful and so comforting. The people of Castro County are the best. Thank you so much for your loving friendship.
THE FAMILY OF CARLOS CALVERT
24-44-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
Living in Dimmitt has been an interesting, challenging and meaningful experience. We leave with fond memories of sweet friendships, asking forgiveness of those we've offended and wisdom for lessons learned here. We pray God's blessings on you and want good things for you. Thank you.
BILL & DEANNE CLARK
24-44-1tp

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SHARE A DREAM. Host German, Scandinavian, European, South American, Asian, Russian High School students arriving August. Become a host family/AISE. Call 1-800-SIBLING. www.sibling.org

EMPLOYMENT
A&P MECHANICS

NISD hearing on proposed bond for PE facility draws good crowd

A large crowd gathered at the Nazareth School Cafeteria last Thursday to hear about proposed construction of a new physical education facility that would require a \$1 million bond election.

If the public expressed interest in constructing such a facility, the school board would pursue a state facilities grant which would pay an estimated 74.57% of the total cost. Local taxpayers would pay an estimated 25.43% of the total cost.

If approved and sold, the bonds would be repaid over 15 years, with 5.3% interest. The estimated payment per year would be

\$100,710.33, and an estimated \$75,100 per year, would be paid by the state. The taxpayers would be required to pay the remaining \$25,610 per year.

The proposed bond would require an estimated 12¢ tax increase. Nazareth ISD currently has a tax rate of \$1.23.

The proposed facility would be constructed on the south side of the existing school cafeteria and would be approximately 150 x 150 feet. But with the state grant, limited seating would be available and the school would have to spend additional money to put seating in the facility.

Those attending also brought up the fact that there would be additional costs for upkeep, utilities and insurance on a new building.

The board was slated to discuss the proposal again at its meeting Wednesday night.

In a presentation delivered by Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson and board members last Thursday, benefits of the proposal were outlined.

◆ It could reduce the number of athletic periods from four to two.

◆ It would allow the school to possibly go back to a seven-period day.

◆ It would accommodate splitting of classes to reduce class size.

◆ It would allow the scheduling of boys and girls athletic periods at the same time and provide flexibility with coaching assignments.

◆ Elementary lunch recess could be held inside during bad weather.

◆ It would provide more space for academic activities requiring a large area.

◆ All high school athletics could be moved to last period, resulting in less missed class time because of early games.

◆ Games could start later, allowing players to go home before games.

◆ It would allow scheduling of elementary physical education classes later in the day to maximize peak learning time early in the day.

Johnson said board was concerned about the inadequacy of the current gymnasium because of lack of seating, dressing rooms, storage facilities, a training room and referee dressing area, and the limited space in the concessions area and limited handicap access.



THIRD AT CHILDRESS MEET—The Dimmitt High School Powerlifting Team won third place among 14 teams competing Jan. 31. Medalists for

Dimmitt included (from left) Beau Hill, Jason Hall, Fred Traylor, Tyson Traylor, and Jason Hargrove.
Photo by Linda Maxwell

DHS powerlifters take third at Childress meet

The Dimmitt High School Powerlifting team took third place among 14 teams competing at the Childress Powerlifting Meet held Jan. 31, and Beau Hill won the "Outstanding Lifter of the Meet" Award.

Lifters competed in the squat, bench, and deadlift to give them a composite score.

Those winning placement in their weight class included:

Hill, who was first in the 198-lb. Class, had scores of 505, 290, and 525, for a total of 1,320; and Jason Hall, who was first in the 123-lb. Class, with scores of 335, 215, and 340, for a total of 880.

Third place honors went to Tyson Traylor in the 165-lb. Class, 340,

175, 400, total 915; and Jason Hargrove in the 181-lb. Class, 360, 300, 385, total 1,045.

Sixth place honors went to Fred Traylor, 242-lb. Class, 375, 195, and 430, for a total of 1,000.

The team will compete in the Petersburg Meet Feb. 14, the Sundown Meet Feb. 28, and the Regional Meet in Colorado City March 14.

TABC Top 10

Here are the latest Top 10 rankings for Class A, AA and AAA as released by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

Crockett (22-3), 6. Comanche (23-4), 7. Bowie (21-6), 8. Henrietta (24-2), 9. Atlanta (20-3), 10. Princeton (21-3).

- CLASS A GIRLS**
1. Karnack (23-1), 2. Nazareth (22-5), 3. La Poyner (20-5), 4. Ponder (22-4), 5. Brooksmith (22-6), 6. Moulton (23-7), 7. Borden County (21-4), 8. Zephyr (23-6), 9. Spur (23-3), 10. Cross Plains (24-2) and Springlake-Earth (23-3).

- CLASS A BOYS**
1. Detroit (23-1), 2. Paducah (22-3), 3. Brock (24-4), 4. Moulton (27-1), 5. Lorenzo (22-3), 6. Lipan (22-4), 7. Itasca (17-6), 8. Aspermont (24-2), 9. Goodrich (22-3), 10. Avinger (19-6).

- CLASS AA GIRLS**
1. Ozona (28-1), 2. Shallowater (23-5), 3. Hughes Springs (24-2), 4. Winnie East Chambers (22-3), 5. Hamilton (19-6), 6. Van Alstyne (21-1), 7. Panhandle (22-5), 8. Hawkins (23-3), 9. Spearman (20-5), 10. Poth (20-5).

- CLASS AA BOYS**
1. Krum (25-1), 2. Little River Academy (25-1), 3. Leonard (20-5), 4. Godley (21-2), 5. Beckville (23-4), 6. Harleton (18-5), 7. Stanton (11-1), 8. Hale Center (21-3), 9. Buffalo (20-3), 10. Howe (21-4).

- CLASS AAA GIRLS**
1. Dripping Springs (24-2), 2. Mont Belvieu Barbers Hill (25-4), 3. Lufkin Hudson (26-3), 4. Winnsboro (26-3), 5.

- CLASS AAA BOYS**
1. Tulla (25-0), 2. Clarksville (21-4), 3. Kennedale (23-1), 4. Dimmitt (18-7), 5. Clyde (24-2), 6. Queen City (22-3), 7. Seminole (21-5), 8. Kountze (21-5), 9. Dallas Madison (12-10), 11. Trinity (24-6).

Morrisett, Riggs are named to OCU honor list

Jennifer Riggs Morrisett and Jeffery Riggs, children of Harry and Sharon Riggs of Dimmitt, have been named to the Oklahoma Christian University honor roll for the Fall 1997 semester.

Morrisett is a senior majoring in early childhood education. Riggs is a freshman majoring in English.

The honor roll recognizes the academic performance of students who have earned between a 3.4 and 3.84 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale.

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 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, 25-44-31c

Police Calls

A 23-year-old Hazelwood man was jailed Saturday after court for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

A Hart man, 44, was jailed early Sunday for Class A assault/family violence.

Investigation of the burglary of a building resulted in the jailing of a Dimmitt man, 21, Friday morning.

Driving with license suspended resulted in the jailing of a 26-year-old Hereford man Monday morning.

Two men were jailed for public intoxication in separate incidents: a 45-year-old Dimmitt man the evening of Jan. 28, and a 26-year-old Dimmitt man Monday night.

Donald Shelton told deputies last Thursday that someone destroyed a cement irrigation riser and damaged an electric fence .6 miles north of the intersection of CR 511 and CR 613B.

Steven Albracht of Hart told deputies that a red electric diesel pump valued at \$250 was taken from his fuel tank just north of SH 145 on CR 528. He said it was taken on Jan. 19.

Jan. 16, deputies received a report from a feedyard in the county that someone had threatened the life of one of their employees. Investigation is continuing.

Town & Country reported that someone drove away early Monday without paying for \$4 worth of gas.

A 24-year-old Hart man was jailed Jan. 27 on two DPS warrants, for an unregistered truck and no liability insurance.

Three warrants were listed against a Hereford man, 26, who was jailed Jan. 27: assault on a public servant, escape, and DWI.

A Hart woman, 28, was jailed Jan. 27 on a warrant charging her with theft by check.

Saturday, a Hereford woman, 37, was jailed on a Deaf Smith warrant for theft by check.

Jan. 28 at 3:42 p.m., a 1988 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Rosa Benavidez Oliviero, 42, of Dimmitt, struck a parked 1990 Mercury Cougar belonging to Arthur Gloria of Dimmitt. Both vehicles had been parked in the 200 block of Southwest Seventh, when the Suburban backed into the Cougar. The Suburban had no damage, and damage to the car was rated light. No injuries were reported. Oliviero was cited for unsafe backing.

Alice Hamilton Cowen, 82, of Dimmitt, was ticketed for failure to yield right of way at a yield sign Saturday at about 4:07 p.m. when her 1997 Ford Crown Victoria struck a 1977 Ford LTD driven by Rosalinda Perez, 37, of Rt. 1, Hereford. The collision happened at the intersection of West Belsher and Southwest Fifth. Damage to both vehicles was rated light. One passenger in Perez's vehicle was listed with possible injuries.

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594, 22-44-41c

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:
Garner Ball
Paul Durbin
Gloria G. Hernandez
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)

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

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Obituaries

Bob Berry

Funeral services for Bob Berry, 82, of Levelland, the father of a Hart woman, were held Saturday morning at Geo. C. Price Funeral Chapel in Levelland with Rev. Perry Hunsaker officiating.

Burial was in City of Levelland Cemetery.

Mr. Berry died Jan. 28 in the Levelland Nursing Home.

He was born April 29, 1915, in Benjamin. He attended schools in Ropesville. He moved to Levelland in 1945 from Brownfield. He married Betty Cherry on Aug. 23, 1945, in Lubbock. He was a retired supervisor-pusher for Walt Smith Production and attended the Presbyterian church.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jan Knott of New Braunfels and Deborah Clinton of Hart; four brothers, Shelton Berry and S.B. Berry, both of Lubbock, Dan Berry of Eunice, N.M., and Mike Berry of Seattle, Wash.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mamie Curry

Funeral services for Mamie Louise Curry, 40, of Plainview, the sister of a Dimmitt man, were held Saturday afternoon in United Baptist Church in Plainview with Rev. Ray McCoy, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Plainview Cemetery under direction of Ossie Curry Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mrs. Curry died Jan. 28 in Methodist Hospital-Plainview.

She was born April 10, 1957, in Lockney. She married Johnny Curry in Plainview. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include three sons, William Collier of Plainview, Reginald Dove of Midway and Nathaniel Dove of Abilene; a brother, Joseph Dove of Dimmitt; two sisters, Lisa Johnson and Terisa Sansom, both of Plainview; her mother, Mamie Rannels; and a grandchild.

Frances Goodwin

Frances Goodwin, 80, of Dimmitt, died at 1:30 p.m. last Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Friday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Goodwin was born July 11, 1917, in Erick, Okla. She moved to Dimmitt in 1940 from Sweetwater, Okla.

She married P.O. Goodwin on Dec. 25, 1937, in Sayre, Okla. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kay Sharon Freeman in January 1984; and a son, Beeleey Goodwin in February 1993.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Mike Goodwin of Festus, Mo.; a daughter, Ricki Dane of Big Lake; a sister, Maggie Riley of Carson, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kent Pullig, Kirk Pullig, Robert Freeman, Brad Goodwin, Gabe Goodwin, Johnny Fuentes and Bill Gun.

The family requests memorials be to Scholarship Fund of the First United Methodist Church, 110 Southwest Third Street, Dimmitt 79027.

Marjorie Swindle

Funeral services for Marjorie Vassaur Swindle, 73, of Panhandle, were held Monday afternoon in Schooler Funeral Home, Brentwood Chapel in Panhandle with Keith Boutwell, chaplain of Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice, officiating.

Burial was in Llano Cemetery East.

Mrs. Swindle died Jan. 30.

She was born in Bonham and had lived in the Panhandle since 1950. During World War II, she was a welder in an aircraft production plant in California. She worked on the farm most of her life. She married Claude Swindle in 1958 at Dimmitt.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Johnny Bacon of Amarillo and Clifford Swindle of Vernon; two daughters, Gloria Cox of Springfield, Mo., and Sally Williams of Anaheim, Calif.; two stepsons, Raymond Swindle of Clinton, Md., and Kenneth Swindle of Athens; a brother, Jerry Vassaur of Hereford; two sisters, Juanita Morris of Fritch and Joyce Deavers of Dallas; 18 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospice and Life Enrichment Center, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo.

Elsie Tarr

Funeral services for Elsie Tarr, 88, of Farwell, the mother of a Hart woman, were held Monday afternoon at Sunset Terrace Cemetery in Farwell with Rev. Richard Laverty, pastor of Farwell's First Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial was in Sunset Terrace Cemetery of Farwell under direction of Ellis Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Tarr died Jan. 30 in Muleshoe Area Health Care Center.

She was born Nov. 13, 1909, in Brown County, and married Ivan Tarr on April 2, 1938, in Clovis, N.M. He preceded her in death on June 24, 1971.

Mrs. Tarr moved to Farwell from the West Camp community in 1971. She was a member of the West Camp Baptist Church from 1927 to 1971. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Farwell.

She is survived by two daughters, Jean Tarr Ellis of Hart and Fern Billmer of Miami; three brothers, J.C. Shanks of Muleshoe, W.H. Shanks of Albuquerque, N.M., and Bert Shanks of Lubbock; and three grandchildren.

Bobby Wilhite

Funeral services for Bobby Eugene Wilhite, 64, of Clovis, N.M., the father of a Dimmitt man, were held Monday morning at W. 21st Street Church of Christ in Clovis with Cecil Bunch and Skip Clark officiating.

Burial was in Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens of Clovis by Steed-Todd Funeral Home.

Mr. Wilhite died Jan. 30.

He was born in Grady. He was a farmer and salesman in the Clovis area before his retirement. He attended 21st Street Church of Christ. He married Nadine Kleeman in 1952. He was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Dean, in 1967.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Kathy Jean Painter of El Paso; three sons, W.E. "Bill" Wilhite and Kenny Wilhite, both of Clovis, and Robert Wilhite of Dimmitt; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Youth Group at 21st Street Church of Christ or the New Mexico Christian Children's home, 1356 NM 236, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

Ima L. Venable

Services for Ima L. Venable, 85, of Olton, mother of Shirley Brooks of Hart, were held Friday afternoon at the Littlefield Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Cleveland Bass, pastor, and Elder George Johnson, pastor of Lubbock Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Olton Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mrs. Venable died at 9:40 p.m. on Jan. 28 at Lubbock Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born Feb. 11, 1912, in Anson. She married Ernest "E.M." Venable on Dec. 22, 1930, in Clovis, N.M. She moved to Olton in 1941 from Springlake.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister. She also was preceded in death by a granddaughter-in-law, Shaunda Venable and a great-granddaughter, Sydnee Venable, both in 1997.

Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Brooks of Hart; two sons, Lonnie Venable of Tulsa and Travis Venable of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Kenny Venable, Keith Venable, Ronald Harrell, Jim Thiel, Matt Gilbreath and Bobby Therwanger.

The family requests memorials be to Runningwater Draw Care Center's Meals on Wheels Program, PO Box 409, Olton 79064; or Olton Ambulance Association, PO Drawer X, Olton 79064.

Monday deadline to register to vote in March primary

Individuals who are not registered to vote may register at the County Tax Assessor/Collector's office in the courthouse through Monday and still be eligible to vote in the Primary elections, set for March 10.

Those wishing to register for the first time need to fill out a voter registration application card, provided at the office of Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman, in the courthouse.

Also, those who have not received their new voter's registration card (they are blue), should contact Hackleman's office. The phone number is 647-5336. Those who received cards with incorrect information need to get them corrected, also by contacting Hackleman's office.

Beet growers elect directors

Several new directors were elected to the Texas and New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association (TNMSBGA) during the group's annual meeting recently.

They are Willy Wieck of Dumas and Kelly Hays of Etter, Charles Schlabs of Hereford and Greg Howard of Farwell.

They replace outgoing directors Troy Christian of Farwell, Dick Fellers of Hereford, Dave Thompson of Friona and Leslie Underlee of Dalhart. Also retiring from the board is Coby Gilbreath of Dimmitt.

Kenneth Frye, president of the TNMSBGA, said the outgoing directors have devoted countless hours to helping develop a good working contract with Holly Sugar in Hereford.

"They are to be commended for their outstanding service to our association," said Frye.

Naz rallies in second half to upend Farwell, 58-50

The Nazareth Swifts trailed Farwell by 10 late in the second quarter Tuesday night, but they whittled away that Steer lead and finally overtook Farwell with six minutes left in the game and never looked back, posting a big 58-50 District 3-A win.

With the win, the Swifts moved into sole possession of second place in district with a 5-2 mark. Lazbuddie currently holds down first place with a 5-1 record and the two teams will meet Tuesday in the district finale. Farwell dropped to 3-3 in district and is tied with Happy for third.

Nazareth hit 24-of-46 attempts from the field and nailed six threes enroute to the win over Farwell, but the Swifts struggled from the free throw line, making just 4-of-14 shots.

The Swifts led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter, paced by Barry Hoelting's six points. Hoelting finished with 23 to lead the Swifts Tuesday.

Farwell took the lead early in the second on a jumper and three by Curtis, but Nazareth tied it at 18 when Jerad Birkenfeld connected.

Back-to-back baskets by Curtis, who finished with 22 for Farwell, gave Farwell a 22-18 lead. The Steers extended their lead to 10, 28-18, when Tyler Chadwick hit a pair of free throws with 1:49 left.

Over the final 1:23, Hoelting added six points and Billy Don Cannon hit a shot to pull Nazareth within five, 31-26, at halftime.

Nazareth pulled within a point of Farwell twice in the third, but couldn't overtake the steers. After Shane Ethridge scored with 5:08 left, cutting Farwell's lead to 35-34, Chadwick hit, then Mark Lunsford added a free throw to put Farwell back on top by four.

A three by Mitch Brockman made it a one-point game again, but Farwell quickly built its lead back to six with under a minute left.

Hoelting hit after nabbing an offensive carom, then a Nazareth steal resulted in an easy layup for him and the Farwell lead was cut to two, 43-41, after three quarters.

Nazareth had a chance to tie the game twice, early in the fourth when Huckert stepped to the line twice, but he made just one of four attempts, leaving Farwell with a one-point lead.

A trey by Ethridge with six min-

utes left gave Nazareth a 45-43 lead, then Huckert got a big steal and drove the court for a layup with 3:52 left to give the Swifts a 47-43 edge.

A pair of free throws by Ethridge 30 seconds later put Nazareth up by six, but Curtis connected to cut the lead to four with just under three minutes left.

Nazareth scored the next six points to put the game out of reach, using shots by Hoelting, Ethridge and a fast-break layup by Birkenfeld to take a 55-45 lead with 1:02 left.

Farwell attempted a comeback, but never got closer than six down the stretch.

City okays farm contract

The Dimmitt City Council voted Monday night to approve a contract between the city and Jack Givens of Lubbock for a five-year lease of the city's farm land that is adjacent to the sewer plant and landfill.

The contract is renewable annually, with either party allowed to give notice of termination. Givens agreed to pay \$2,000 per year for the five years of the lease.

City Manager Don Sheffy said he negotiated with Givens and both parties agreed to the contract proposed by the city, with a few minor changes requested by Givens.

In other business, the council gave approval for adding a block at Ninth and Etter to the city's next paving project. All of the property owners along the block in question signed a petition requesting the paving and


agreeing to sign a contract for payment for the paving.

Mayor Wayne Collins said it has been the city's practice in the past to offer to finance the paving and allow property owners to pay it back over a 10-year period at 8% interest.

Sheffy informed the council about the schedule for the May 2 city election. He said that terms are expiring for Roy Garza, District 1; Gloria Hernandez, District 2; Charles Richard, District 3; and Roger Malone, District 4.

He said candidates may apply for a place on the ballot Feb. 16, extending through March 18. April 1 is the last day unregistered voters may register to vote in the city election. Early voting will be held April 13-28.

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Special to the Ag Reporter

Oprah, Oprah, Oprah.

Unless you have been living in a cave in Palo Duro Canyon you are probably well aware that Oprah Winfrey is in Amarillo to defend herself in a lawsuit brought by Amarillo cattleman Paul Engler and several other cattle feeding organizations.

The lawsuit claims that Winfrey slandered the cattle industry with the comments she and her guest made on her April 16, 1996 show.

Engler claims the drop in beef prices immediately following her show is proof that her comments hurt his business.

With Oprah in town literally the whole world is now looking at Amarillo.

TV crews and satellite trucks fill several blocks around the federal courthouse in downtown Amarillo.

On the lawn across from the courthouse several crews have set up tents.

By scanning the insignias on the satellite trucks and tents it is easy to tell that the trial is attracting a lot of media attention. The major networks ABC, CBS, NBC and Fox are all out in force. CNN - the powerhouse in world news - is also present. Crews have been sent from TV stations in Houston, Oklahoma City, Denver and several other cities. Even the BBC - the major Great Britain news source - is in town.

In addition to all of the media assembled on the steps of the federal courthouse, a lot of local citizens have crowded around hoping to catch a glimpse of the famous talk-show host.

Cope's Coney Island even advertises a "Oprah Winfrey Special," on its marquee outside, a club steak for just \$4.95.

The trial thusfar has featured testimony from Paul Engler's son Dr. Michael Engler as well as others.

Michael is a senior vice-president at Cactus Feeders, Inc and holds a PhD from John Hopkins.

He testified that the April 16 show contained "numerous falsehoods" and misrepresented the truth.

Some of these "falsehoods" included guest Howard Lyman's statement that, "This disease could make AIDS look like the common cold."

Engler said that AIDS was a very deadly disease and shouldn't even be compared with the common cold.

He also disputed the Lyman's statement that "100,000 cattle are fine at night and dead in the morning." The statement implied that cattle die and cattle feeders don't know why.

"That is not true. It doesn't happen," said Engler.

He also testified that cattle are fed primarily corn.

When asked, "Are cows fed cows?" Engler responded "No."

He testified that Cactus Feeders employs food nutritionists who develop the right feed mixture to be fed to cattle.



ANGIE GRAND PRE

The cattlemen vs. Oprah trial in Amarillo has brought a variety of people and spectators to the federal courthouse in Amarillo, including this PETA representative dressed up like a cow.

Each cow eats about 20 pounds of food a day.

He then demonstrated to jurors how the feed is mixed.

He used a large mixing bowl and several beakers filled with the ingredients.

Their meal is 78 percent steamed corn, 10 percent alfalfa hay, 5 percent fat, 3 percent molasses. Sometimes the feed is supplemented with a 5-percent food supplement.

Engler testified that all the cattle are well cared for at Cactus Feeders and less than one percent of the herd is subject to premature death.

Bloat and pneumonia are the number one killers.

Cactus Feeders supports the voluntary ban on not feeding the meat and bone meal supplement said Engler.

When asked if his company supported the ban out of fear of spreading BSE Engler responded: "There's no BSE so there's nothing

to spread. It (the ban on meat meal) just seemed prudent to care for our product."

Charles Babcock, defense attorney

ney then questioned Engler about Cactus Feeders.

He had Engler describe some of the symptoms of the neurotic disorder that affects humans.

The disorder, that is similar to BSE in cattle, affects the person psychologically.

They become ill-tempered and argumentative said Engler.

The symptoms get worse and worse until the person eventually slips into a coma and dies.

It is this disease that killed 22 people in Great Britain.

Engler said it would be hard to say there was "no risk" in catching the disease from imported cattle from Mexico but that there was a "very low risk" in catching the disease.

The jury is made up of eight women and four men.

When asked how he thought the trial was going cattleman Paul Engler nodded in approval and held up his fingers in an "okay" symbol.



Oprah and her friend, Stedman Graham, are pictured leaving the courthouse last week.

CALENDAR

**February 4-7
Beef Convention**
1998 Convention of National Cattlemen's Beef Association in Denver. For more information, call (303)694-0305.

**February 5
Grain Elevator Workshop**
Issues and concerns affecting the stored grain industry will top the agenda for the 1998 Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop. The event will be held at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. Call (806)359-5401 for more information.

**February 10
Vegetation Workshop**
A 5.5 hour CEU training program for commercial and noncommercial applicators licensed in Right-Of-Way category. Scheduled for 9 a.m. in Amarillo. Call (806)358-7285 for more information.

**February 11
TRAMM Training**
The Texas Risk Assess Marketing and Management training program for area grain producers will be held in Amarillo from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Preregistration due Feb. 5. Call (806)655-6325 for more information.

To place your event in the High Plains Ag Reporter calendar, fax it to (806) 655-0823.

**February 15
Master Gardeners**
Applications are due for volunteers for the Master Gardener program sponsored by the Potter-Randall County Extension Services. Call (806)372-3829 or (806)655-6325 for more information.

**February 25-27
Ridge-till and No-till**
Producers and specialists will gather in Spearman to discuss reduced-tillage farming. The program will begin at 10 a.m. at the O'Laughlin Center. Call (806)659-2330 for more information.

**February 25-27
Women in Agriculture**
A business management program presented by Department of Agricultural Economics at Lubbock Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock. Call (409)845-7171 for more information.

**February 25-27
Livestock Congress**
A three-day intensive forum is designed to candidly discuss industry challenges and develop bold solutions to pertinent issues confronting the global beef and horse industries. Call (409)862-3643 for more information.

CRP results announced

Angie Grand Pre
Ag Reporter staff

Farmers, ranchers and businesses have received results on a much awaited issue—the 16th Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign-up.

Nationwide 5.9 million acres were accepted into the CRP from 9.5 million offered, a 62.5 percent acceptance rate. On a more local level, High Plains landowners enrolled 502,426 acres.

According to Kelly Adkins of the Soil Conservation Office, 105 producers got land into the program and 88 more producers are on a waiting list, in Randall County.

"We received a list of producers that are eligible to enter into CRP that exceeded land limitation," Adkins said. "We are in the process of doing a survey with the

16th CRP Sign-Up Results
Texas High Plains

County	Acres Offered	Acres Accepted	Total CRP (Inc. 16th)	Average Rent
Briscoe	25,627	8,046	43,652	\$30.89
Castro	37,576	37,494	86,400	\$37.79
Deaf Smith	103,635	81,081	153,206	\$38.90
Floyd	62,028	56,667	93,725	438.03
Hale	65,222	60,627	101,091	\$37.80
Lamb	36,501	24,869	132,840	\$37.67
Lubbock	19,346	18,680	40,621	\$38.46
Oldman	28,958	9,580	30,961	N/A
Randall	55,844	32,134	76,127	N/A
Swisher	40,198	10,005	125,340	\$31.97

county producers and ag related businesses to see if it would be justifiable to get a waiver."

If a waiver is requested by the randomly selected 70 producers and 55 businesses, a request of up

to 10 percent more land will be made to a county committee, according to Adkins. If the committee okays the request, it would then proceed to the state level and then Washington for approval.

Special election passes

Before the turn of the century, the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will have a bigger home and Amarillo will have a new special events center.

Potter and Randall county residents recently passed a special election ballot raising motel and car rental taxes in Amarillo.

With the passage of the election, the Amarillo Civic Center will be expanding and a new events center will be constructed at the Tri-State Fairgrounds.

"I am extremely happy, especially that it passed by 76 per-

cent," said Kris Miller, Civic Center manager.

He said building on the expansion will be done in phases and will start in early to midwinter of 1998.

"We are currently putting together our wish list," Miller said. "The main thing is size, to get the most amount of room for our dollar."

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Kris Miller

Miller said the primary ag client of the civic center is the farm and ranch show.

The second part of the election, the new events center, will be completed in one step.

According to Cheri Christensen, manager of the Tri-State Fairgrounds, the 1999 fair should see the new facility.

"We will start the day after this year's fair is over, if we're lucky," Christensen said. "We hope to have it up by Sept. 1999."

The tax raise designed to pay for the projects will go into effect April 1, 1998.

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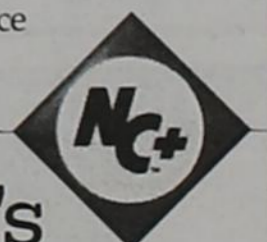
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Future of ag discussed at meeting

Anne Acker
Special to the Ag Reporter

Profit.
That's what every good business person strives for and agricultural producers are no different.

Speakers addressing the Texas Corn Growers Association last week, agreed that putting profit into production agriculture is one of the biggest challenges facing the industry over the coming years.

"The best rural development is a good farm bill and profit. It's a shame that these days you look upon prisons and other things as a part of rural development. It should be profit because if you make money, everyone will make money because you'll be spending that money," said Gary Goldberg, president of the American Corn Growers Association.

The Texas Corn Growers Association held its 25th annual meeting at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and Goldberg was one of several speakers featured on the morning agenda. Others were Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, former Farm Service Agency State Director Harold Bob Bennett, Washington consultant David Senter, Ken Carver with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and Charles Castleberry with Swisher Electric Cooperative.

"We have to take pride in what we do," said Goldberg. "There are three things that people need to survive: air, water and food. God provides the first two. You help provide the third. You should take pride in the fact that you're not only feeding this country, but much of the world. It's a shame that you're not getting a fair price for your investment, your risk and your time."

Harold Bob Bennett, who returned to his family farm in Hart after stepping down from

his FSA post in 1997, agreed, saying the only thing wrong with production agriculture today is that many producers are not able to show a profit.

"In Texas we were having a lot of delinquencies in the ag credit department and we were chastised pretty heavily about that," said Bennett. "But I don't care who you are, you cannot make money, you cannot pay your bills and you cannot pay the bank back with \$2.50 corn, \$2.50 wheat and 40¢ cotton."

Bennett and other speakers expressed concerns over the current farm bill and what will happen when that legislation expires in 2002.

"I don't think the course we're on now is necessarily the right course," said Bennett. "I hope that after 2002 there's some kind of safety net, but I'll tell you right now that 30% insurance is not a safety net and \$1.65 or \$1.98 for corn is not a safety net. That's a recipe for disaster."

Managing water

Water is always a source of concern for agricultural producers, especially with new legislation being implemented.

Laney told farmers that the legislature is working to ensure that "there will be an abundant supply of water for agriculture."

Carver outlined the new Ogallala Water Management Plan being drafted according to Senate Bill 1, which was passed during the last legislative session.

"The way Senate Bill 1 will work, is all underground water conservation districts in the state must put together a water management plan," said Carver. "All water management plans from groundwater districts have to be approved by the state and the Texas Water Development Board by September.

"The law spells out how they have to

evaluate these plans. Once they are certified, then that water district plan has to be incorporated into the regional water plan," Carver said.

Electric deregulation

Another hot topic being debated by the legislature is electric deregulation, which, if passed, could cause major problems for rural areas.

"Our concern about deregulation is that rural areas of Texas could be left in the dark," said Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

"A lot of people in Washington feel that deregulation is what should happen at any cost. But out here in rural America, when you look back at deregulation we've already experienced in other areas, it's not so good," said Senter. "After rail deregulation we're down to two major railroads west of the Mississippi and two east. Deteriorating service, less service, abandoned lines and higher rates, that's what railroad deregulation has meant to rural America.

"We have to be very careful when we talk about deregulating essentials such as electricity," said Senter. "Under regulation proposed, you can have a seller of electricity enter a power contract with General Motors and sell him the cheapest power in this country and ship it to their plants in Mexico or to big cities.

"If that happens, what kind of power are you going to have left for your irrigation wells and your homes out here in these small towns? We need to make sure that states stay in control of deregulation and that it's not mandated in Washington. We must protect rural and farm families and get them a

fair deal in this process," said Senter

Charles Castleberry with Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia said "everybody has their own ideas about what makes electric deregulation work and what makes it go wrong."

Gary Goldberg

And he added that cooperatives in Texas oppose passage of the deregulation bill.

Those addressing the corn growers said the best way to ensure rural areas get a fair deal is to make sure their voices are heard in Washington and Austin.

"There are fewer rural voices being heard as more and more people move to cities and higher populated areas," said Goldberg.

He said Texas is growing at the rate of 30,000 people a month. And those increases will put a strain on our water supply.

"Two-thirds of the legislature comes from eight counties now," said Laney. "It's important that as this water bill continues to go through the processes, we stay involved to make sure our voices are heard.

"Agriculture is still the major economic benefit Texas has," Laney added.

"You should take pride in the fact that you're not only feeding this country, but much of the world. It's a shame that you're not getting a fair price for your investment, your risk and your time."

RAGLAND (Continued From Page 8)

seems like it's off like a rocket for us.

So far this year I have attended a retirement reception for Wynon Mayes, FCS Agent in Randall County. She was my kindergarten teacher and when I was Assistant Ag Agent in Randall County, I worked for her for four years.

I performed an act for her at the reception, brought back an old Hee-Haw song I did one time at our kindergarten talent show. Congratulations to Wynon and I wish her the best of luck.

Also local stock shows were

held in Floydada and Lockney on Jan. 10.

Caprock Cotton Conference on Jan. 20, 288 producers attended.

Boss came on Jan. 26 for Performance Appraisal. County Stock Show was Jan. 29 thru Feb. 2, then it's off to Ft. Worth, San Antonio and Houston in between I've judged a few shows.

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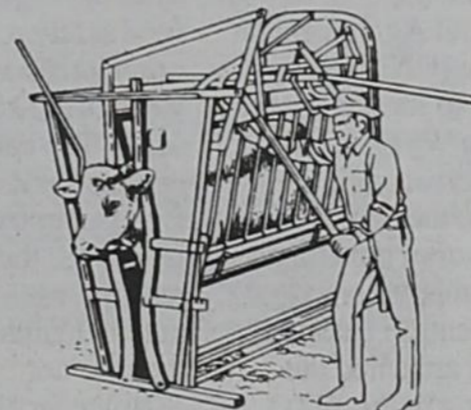
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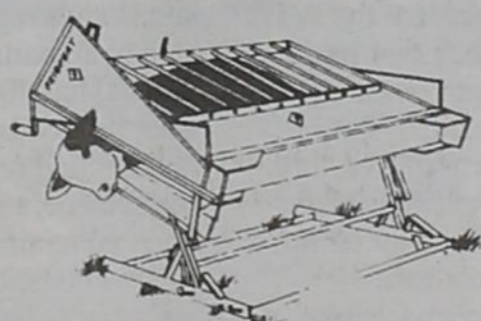
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OPINION-ISSUES



Robert Lee

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Snickers, Snuff and Stuff

The Happy Men's Literary Society meets each weekday at three in the afternoon. Current events, book reviews, cultural things, poetry, who got caught and who's guilty but not caught yet, are some of the topics of discussion as we enjoy afternoon coffee.

Arriving early one day, I noticed a young man, our local horse shoer, making some purchases. He threw a couple cans of snuff and five or six Snicker candy bars on the checkout counter. The thought went through my head, "Snickers and snuff! Life don't get no better than that." It would be great to ignore cholesterol, triglycerides, glucose levels and all the health rules, knowing that your body was young and healthy enough to overcome a few indulgences. I surely miss my Snickers and snuff.

The first order of business for our society is to check the obituaries to be sure that none of our friends or worse, one of us, is listed.

A recent discussion was about the pros and cons of black tombstones. Everyone agreed that black was pretty but had a tendency to show water spots and it was terrible the way bird

droppings showed up. Next, we just sort of drifted into a discussion of whether embalming or cremation was best. One of our members told us about an uncle of his that died in Canada. He said it certainly was an expedient solution to have him cremated.

"Besides being cheaper to ship," he continued, "it only took about a foot of ground and a set of post hole diggers to bury him. Had to buy a full size burial plot though."

Someone brought up the subject of the disappearance of businesses in our town. Our population has remained about the same over the years but local, home-owned business has gone the way of all small town business.

Several explanations were offered. One member blamed the CRP program. Another thought it was I-27 skirting the town while a third blamed the depletion of irrigation water.

One wise old head said, "New fellers, it wasn't none of those. It was our school."

"School! How could it be our school?" was asked in astonishment.

"Well now, our school's too good. We've done such a good job of educating our kids, they're

smart enough to do anything they want. They can mix with the very best ones. Look at our ex-students and what they've accomplished after leaving here. Local opportunities don't measure up to their abilities."

Our discussion shifted over to television and how sorry the shows had become. The presiding member said, "I think it's because most of those television writers are confused about their sexuality and those little, funny-looking cigarettes they smoke don't help none."

A more informed member, with an inquiring mind, and who faithfully studied the weekly tabloids said, "Fellers, the problem is that most of those actors and actresses are inbred, being related to an elderly actress that shall remain nameless for legal reasons. Some years back, one of her nieces, an aspiring young actress, married a black man. This union was blessed with a set of twin girls. One was black and one was white. This new blood in the family helped immensely and both of these young ladies have been very successful. The twin's stage names are Whoopie Goldberg and Goldie Hawn."

Now I didn't know that and I bet you didn't either.

We finally settle down and began the real purpose of today's meeting; a review of Shakespeare's poem. The title of the poem was, "The Cutworm," written by Jim Bob Shakespeare of Wayside.

According to U.S. Trade Representative Charlene Barshefsky, the WTO decision affirms the U.S. stance that the EU ban violated the Agreement on Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS Agreement).

"This was the first dispute involving the SPS Agreement that has reached the Appellate Body" of WTO, she said.

"The Appellate Body report confirms the value of the WTO in rules distinguishing legitimate food safety requirements from unscientific and unjustified barriers to U.S. exports," she said. "The ban on U.S. beef was not based on scientific principles. Every country, including the EU members, that has assessed whether such hormones pose a human health risk has found that they do not."

However, the EU isn't out of tricks yet. A spokesman said that the EU is very confident that it will be able to maintain the ban by providing a valid risk assessment in the next 15 months. An official with the U.S. Trade Representative Office said the U.S. and EU will meet in late February to discuss implementing the WTO ruling. The Appellate Body's report was distributed to all parties on January 26. The EU has 30 days to explain what it intends to do to bring its policies and regulations into compliance, and the U.S. official said conducting a risk analysis will not constitute compliance.

One of the most important principles incorporated in the SPS Agreement is that each

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Monte Winders

FUTURES SPECIALIST

Markets vary with the new year

Cattle

The monthly cattle on feed report came out on Jan. 23. The report was called neutral to a little bearish. It said that the total number on feed was 11,155 million head, a 6 percent increase. The placement number was 1.55 million head with an 8 percent decrease and the marketings were 1.75 million head, a 4 percent increase. The only number that really bothered the analysts was the higher than expected placement figure.

Most of the month of January the cattle futures have traded sideways to lower. Near the end of the month the live cattle futures fell new lows for the week on cash and slaughter concerns. Trade in the back months has been mostly steady while most people are waiting for the twice-annual cattle inventory report. Analysts are expecting a 2-3 percent reduction in the cowherd with a higher heifer slaughter.

For the final week of January, we have seen the packer bids and feedlot offers remaining several dollars apart. The cash and product news has left the futures with little clear direction. Most market watchers generally agree on a weak tone to this market.

Technically, the April live cattle has a main trend that is up with a bottom date on Jan. 27. The support areas are 67.87 then 67.55 and resistance at 70.50 to 71.00.

Corn

Most of the month has seen a higher two-sided trade on the corn. Strength in the wheat has been a key to corns activity as light farmer selling of cash corn has been noted. Sources have said that the specter of another strong sell-off has left traders rather cautious. Selling pressure from commercials has capped any strength for the market, but sources say farmer selling has been much lighter than expected.

Farmers continue to put corn under the loan program, with 29.3 million bushels of 1997 corn entered the week ended Jan. 20.

The total is now at 951.5 million bushels. So far, 35.5 million bushels have been redeemed.

Traders expect another good weekly export sales figure, as much as 27 million bushels. China is also rumored to be booking a second 50,000 ton cargo, which some read this as the beginning of a spring import program. A news story indicates that the Mexican government is likely to issue a 1/2 million ton in duty free corn import permits. This is part of their buying obligation under NAFTA. The resistance areas are 2.85 then 2.87 1/2, then support at 268 1/4 and 266. The main trend is up with a top being set on Jan. 30. The trend reversal price for the March corn is 2.56.

Wheat

The wheat market has been supported by scattered buying and a lack of significant selling as trading has been deemed light. In the latter of January the action has been light. Technical analysts have noted on point and figure charts March wheat is holding between 340 and 348 for the past few days. This suggests congestion at that level. The best thing you can call this is consolidative trade, one floor source said.

Traders are expecting the EU commission to cut its export subsidy by 2-4 ECU/MT, reflecting higher US prices. If they don't cut back, it will be seen as bearish, because the net FOB price would be further below the US Gulf SRQ.

In export news, Pakistan is expected to announce a white wheat tender. There has been no confirmation of reports that Iraq may have purchased up to 450,000 to 500,000 million tons of Australian wheat for February-June shipment under the food for oil deal.

Technically the March wheat has seen support at 330.5 then 328.25 with resistance at 345.75 then 347.75. The main trend is up with a top being seen on Jan. 30

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Burt Rutherford

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

Cattle industry wins dispute with EU

It's been a long and sometimes frustrating effort, but the United States and sound science both won a major victory in January when the World Trade Organization (WTO) upheld its ruling that the European Union (EU) ban on beef produced with growth promotants is a non-tariff trade barrier and does not comply with global trading rules.

The ruling was a long time coming. Here's a brief history: The EU first banned U.S. beef in 1989 because of the use of growth promotants. Knowing full well that scientific fact completely supported the safety and efficacy of the practice, the U.S. attempted for many years to negotiate an agreement with the European Union. The EU stonewalled at every turn, refusing to budge.

Initially, from the U.S. perspective, the ban was put in place to allow the EU to whittle away at what was described as a mountain of beef sitting in freezers throughout Europe. European agriculture is heavily subsidized, and the result was more beef production than the EU had markets to sell its product. According to U.S. sources, the ban was simply an effort by the EU to stop beef from other countries from entering the EU and competing with their

burdensome supply.

It was a ban, however, that cost U.S. cattlemen an estimated \$100 million to \$200 million a year in lost markets. So when negotiation failed, the U.S. turned first to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) for relief, then later to its successor organization, the WTO.

After several years and several hearings, the WTO last May ruled in favor of the U.S., upholding cattlemen's claim that there was no scientific basis for the ban. The EU appealed the decision, resulting in the WTO Appellate Body's decision last month to uphold the earlier ruling and force the EU to open its markets to U.S. beef or compensate the U.S. for keeping the market closed. While the appeal is final, the EU has 15 months to comply with the decision.

"Cattle feeders have waited a long time for this decision and we're very pleased that the WTO supports our stance that trade rules should be governed by sound science," said TCFA President Bob Sims of Hereford. "Since the EU implemented the ban on U.S. beef in 1989, cattlemen have lost hundreds of millions of dollars in potential exports. It's time to give European consumers the option of buying U.S. beef."

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Hale Center museum displays farm and ranch history of the High Plains

Wendell Tooley

Special to the Ag Reporter

When the pioneer men and women settled and developed the fertile soil of this area of the state they had little to work with, considering the modern implements and equipment of today's farmer and rancher.

Fact is, many broke out the native grass with one row sodbusters, pulled by mules or horses. . . maybe a few oxen. The work was so hard that many 'broke down' their backs as they broke open the fertile soil.

With this in mind, the Hale County Farm and Ranch Historical museum on I-27 south of Hale Center dramatizes an exciting history of farm and ranch tools and implements that made a day's work easier . . . expanded agriculture into today's huge farms and ranches.

The museum is easy to locate, heading south out of Hale Center it is visible about a mile from town on a curve turning back toward Lubbock.

At first glance you might remark to yourself, 'man, they're gonna have a huge farm auction here!' But as you near the museum you think 'this is one big pile of junk!' However, those rows and rows of farm implements of yesteryear, may be worth thousands of dollars . . . there are many valuable collectible antiques.

History of the Museum

The museum was chartered in 1981 through the efforts of the Everett Masters family of Cotton Center and other area residents. Their goal was to preserve the farming and ranching history for future generations. A five-acre tract of land was purchased for the collection.

Attracts Tourists

Because of its location on I-27, the museum not only attracts people of this area of the state, but tourists from all over the United States and foreign countries.

Visitors are welcome, the museum is open seven days a week from 1 - 5 p.m., tours by appointment. The museum is supported by voluntary tax deductible contributions. Hale County contributes \$2,000 annually.

Admission is free, volunteers are on hand to welcome visitors.

Attractions

Although the display of farm and ranch implements is most outstanding, the William Ward Pinkerton House is one of the first buildings you notice on entering the museum. The William Ward Pinkerton family of the Halfway Community gave their house, built in 1907, to the museum. Some of the 1900's furniture belonged to the Pinkerton family, other pieces have been donated by area people.

The tractor barn was built in 1997 and it features the Fred Howard family's collection of antique tractors and stationary motors.

For atmosphere there's a windmill, a train caboose and a farm watchdog, a cinnamon colored Chow by the name of 'Cookie.'

The J.M. Tye drill which developed into a huge manufacturing plant at Lockney is noteworthy.

Inside the main museum building are displays of barbed wire, dairy appliances, kitchen appliances, Indian artifacts, early barber and beauty shoppe, sewing machine and button collection, historical photo collection, and an old gasoline pump (ten gallon capacity, gas 9 ¼ cents, tax 4 ½ cents).

Good Old Days?

Some people may refer to the 'good old days' and day-dream of farming and ranching with these old tools and implements. Not for me! When my father, A.W. Tooley was a farmer rancher in Clay County, he had plenty of 'mulepower' . . . and those were exciting days. His best pair of mules was named 'Harry and Joe.' They had good days and bad days. Sometimes they would runaway and tear up some pretty good farming equipment.

When we moved to Kress, during the depression days, we continued to farm with horses.

I helped on the farm, waling behind a two-horse harrow, driving the team pulling a two-row go-devil (later equipped with knife blades to cut the weeds).

I can remember my father becoming extremely angry at some mean milk cows, and really becoming exasperated when he couldn't figure out why the row binder wouldn't tie bundles so they would hold.

It was a great day when we traded the horses and some equipment for a regular Farmall tractor. It had no rubber tires, lugs fogged dirt in the driver's face. Then, in 1939, we went to Tullia and traded for a brand new Oliver 70. It had a battery and a starter!

If you didn't flip the spark lever on the magneto on the old regular tractor, it might 'kick the hound out of you' while trying to hand crank it!

The museum has an old regular and an Oliver 70 tractor on display.

So, I'm old enough to recognize a lot of that old stuff, but the modern tractors and equipment didn't come in time for my father. He retired from farming at 58 years of age, hump shouldered from hand picking cotton and down in his back from too much lifting heavy stuff and farm chores.



WENDELL TOOLEY

Providence farmer and museum volunteer, Buddy Brandes, stands by an antique tractor on display at the Hale County Farm and Ranch Historical Museum in Hale Center.

My father would simply be amazed at today's air conditioned, sound system, computer controlled tractors!

New Building

A 60' x 100' antique tractor building will soon be added to the museum. Cost is estimated at \$60,000 and the museum has already received \$20,000 on the project from grants and individuals. Donations and tractors will certainly be welcomed by the board

of directors.

18 Member Board

There is an 18 member board of directors for the museum and some of the volunteers who keep it open include: Buddy Brandes, Henry and Eloise Reiff, Carolyn Ellis, Les Johnson, Jimmy and Carolyn Curry, Joe Mack Williams, Janie and Gene Heath, Troy and Mildred Brown, Allen and Doris White, Coreen Gibson and Von Jones.

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Growers urged to market crop, not just sell it

Joe Bryant
Special to the *Ag Reporter*

HEREFORD—The Texas High Plains produces a wide variety of quality vegetables, but the successful grower must look at his crop from the consumer's viewpoint, speakers at the recent High Plains Vegetable Conference here told producers.

"We have to move from a selling mind set to a marketing mind set," said Dr. Charlie Hall, economist and horticultural marketing specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University.

"We can't continue to sell watermelons out of the field," echoed Dr. Frank Dainello, Extension Service horticulturist and vegetable specialist. "There are no checks and balances" when a buyer rolls up to a melon field, loads his truck and offers the farmer a price, he said. "You're strictly at the mercy of the buyer" on such a deal, he noted.

Dainello said watermelons can be a high dollar crop, but will require high inputs, good management and strong marketing efforts. He urged growers to think like a consumer and provide the type and size melon consumers want.

He also suggested they study the type of

consumer who buys watermelon, which now is available in supermarkets year-round.

A review of laws and regulations and available crop protection tools was provided by Ray Prewett, executive vice president of the Texas Vegetable Association, McAllen, and Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension Service vegetable specialist, Lubbock.

Opportunities for profitable production of southernpeas in this area, both for consumption and for seed, was outlined by Dr. Teddy Morelock, University of Arkansas geneticist and a leading southernpea breeder.

Ways to combat potato late blight and early blight were presented by Dr. Alex Pavlista, University of Nebraska potato specialist. Other speakers discussed integrated

pest management, direct marketing, risk management, financial management, value-added processing, useful computer programs, stimulating early growth and safety.

"Historically, Texas has ranked a close third to Florida in terms of total U.S. vegetable and melon production," Hall said. But in 1966, Texas dropped to a distant fifth place, acreage of vegetable crops has declined steadily and genetically improved crops with greater yield haven't been enough to offset

"We can't continue to sell watermelons out of the field."

Dr. Frank Dainello



COURTESY PHOTO

Vegetable producers examine variety trial plots of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Lubbock. Speakers at the recent High Plains vegetable Conference in Hereford discussed ways to improve melon production and marketing.

the lost acreage, he said.

A variety of problems confront the state's vegetable growers, Hall noted. One, he said, is too much reliance on producing onions, melons and cabbage while neglecting a wide array of other crops, thus reducing the ability to provide buyers mixed loads on a consistent basis.

He also listed the neglect of niche markets and value-added markets, competition from South America, slowness in adopting new technology, concentration of major shippers, lack of coordination of marketing and promotion efforts, and the perception of buyers that Texas produce is inconsistent in quality, volume, delivery and pricing. None of these, Hall said, "is more devas-

tating than poorly-planned selling strategies. In too many instances, Texas firms have been their own worst enemy in pricing in the marketplace.

Prices have been slashed to break-even (if that much) too quickly, even in times of strong market demand."

He urged the growers to develop regional and statewide promotional programs, perhaps by forming partnerships with state agencies, grower-related commodity groups and others; to generate funds for promotion through commodity checkoff programs; attempt branding and trademarking at different levels of the value chain, and to initiate efforts to enhance the image of Texas-grown produce.

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Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY

It is finally here. The time of year that most agriculture agents, ag. teachers, and livestock enthusiasts look forward to. It's stock show season!

Most of the counties around the area have finished up their county shows and are looking forward to "testing their wares" at the majors. We in Castro County, with one of the later county shows are looking forward to both. Our county show sets in between the Fort Worth Livestock Show and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, on Feb. 13th with the sale being on Saturday, the 14th. All of you in the area are invited to come out and see good kids show good livestock.

There are a couple of events during the week prior to our county show that might be of interest. We check in all livestock on Wednesday, Feb. 11th by noon. That evening, the community of Nazareth will be having their local show. On Thursday evening, the Hart local show will take place. I know that the citizens of these two communities



will appreciate everyone coming out to support their youth.

As soon as the sale is finished on Saturday, we

will load animals and travel with the first group of swine to San Antonio. We will be there 7 days, come home for three and travel to Houston. We will be at the Houston show through the first week in March and then home for 4 days and off to San Angelo.

The farmers in the county are busy preparing for the upcoming growing season. Several are in the midst of land preparation. Most are listing and putting down yellow herbicides. Their mood is generally good coming off a very good year. They are looking forward to getting the 1998 crop in the ground.

There are a couple of events here in the county that producers

might want to attend during the month of February. On February 3rd, Dimmitt Agri Industries will sponsor a herbicide conference at the Castro County Exposition Building. The program will start about 8:30 a.m. and will allow pesticide applicators to receive 3 C.E.U.'s. There will be several chemical dealers present to visit with producers about their product lines. For more information, contact Paul Wayland at Dimmitt Agri Industries (806) 647-2101.

The Extension Service in Castro County with the help of Corn Producers Board will be sponsoring our annual Pre-Plant Crop Conference on Monday, Feb. 9, 1998. It will be held at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center,

218 West Jones Street (two blocks west of the courthouse).

The meeting will kick off at 8:15 a.m. with registration. At 9:00 a.m. Wayne Keeling will visit with participants about Transgenic Cottons and Pre-plant herbicides. At 9:30 a.m. Randy Boman will give a Cotton Production Overview. Jim Leser will visit with producers about the Cotton Insect Outlook for 1998 at 10:15 a.m. Harold Kaufman will follow him, and will be discussing Fungicide Treatments. Jackie Smith will then visit with producers about Marketing their commodities. Lunch will be served by Freeman's Bar-B-Que at noon.

Following lunch Brent Bean will discuss Corn and Sorghum
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J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY

Howdy folks, straight from downtown Pumpkin Capital USA in Floyd County America. Agriculture producers throughout the county have been working diligently preparing fields for the upcoming planting season.

Shredding cotton stalks, listing and applying yellow herbicides have been in full swing.

Many producers still haven't sold their 97 cotton crop and profits still remain low at this time and according to marketing experts no extreme rallies are expected.

Within our own Floyd County Ag Marketing Club from what we've learned, if you've still got cotton best advice, **SELL IT!**

However grain price outlook prices are expected to be extremely high.

Who knows for sure! My personal opinion is no one really knows what the market is going to do!

I think a lot of times it's just 'rumors' that is what effects the market.

But one thing we can all agree upon is all agricultural commodity prices are too low.

It's funny, the other day I was looking at some old statistics and information and did you know that for the most part commodity



prices today are still where they were 25 years ago, but cost of production has risen

over 40 percent.

Hard for me to understand. 1998 isn't very old, but it

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RANDALL COUNTY



We just completed our 50th Randall County Stock Show. The weather was great and the "Fabulous Fifty" Committee did an excellent job of allowing us to "reflect on our past." One of the many highlights was the gathering of some 17 exhibitors and sponsors of the first show for a pre-sale ceremony.

Richmond Hales, the auctioneer of the first Sale, sold the Grand Champion Steer at our 50th Sale. He's still got the touch!

The celebration really drove home the importance of volunteers and the impact they have on a community. Thanks to all those who made the Show and Sale a success.

"Farmers Will Make Study of Water Surveys"

"Farmers of the Panhandle are studying the water situation with the view of being ready for a state-wide water bill which will be introduced in the regular session of the legislature next January." According to the lead story in Canyon News, February 26, 1948. Things haven't changed much. Our underground water is still an important issue in Randall County, and it is important we remain actively involved in the development of Senate Bill One and how it impacts Panhandle residents.

Speaking of important issues, the ongoing trial in Amarillo points to the importance of providing folks with unbiased, scientific based information about our food and fiber system. And the Texas AgriFood Master Program is dedicated to just that end. Volunteers for the program receive 32 hours of intense training regarding issues associated with

our food and fiber system and then in return, are expected to give back 50 hours of volunteer service educating urban audiences about food and fiber issues. Some examples of educational

projects include Ag Fairs, Career Days and Civic Programs. Recruitment is underway for the next class to begin in March. Contact the County Extension Agents in Randall, Potter or Deaf Smith Counties for more information and application.

Risk Management is something we are hearing a lot about these days. In short, Ag Producers, as we all know, are going to have to become better marketers of their products.

Mark your calendar and register for a marketing workshop, scheduled for February 11th, at the TAMU Extension & Research Center in Amarillo (6500 Amarillo Blvd., West).

TRAM (Texas Risk Assessed Marketing & Management) Workshops use a game-like format that allow crop producers to make marketing decisions including crop insurance, budgeting, futures and options. The exercise is a simulation of decisions faced by crop producers each year.

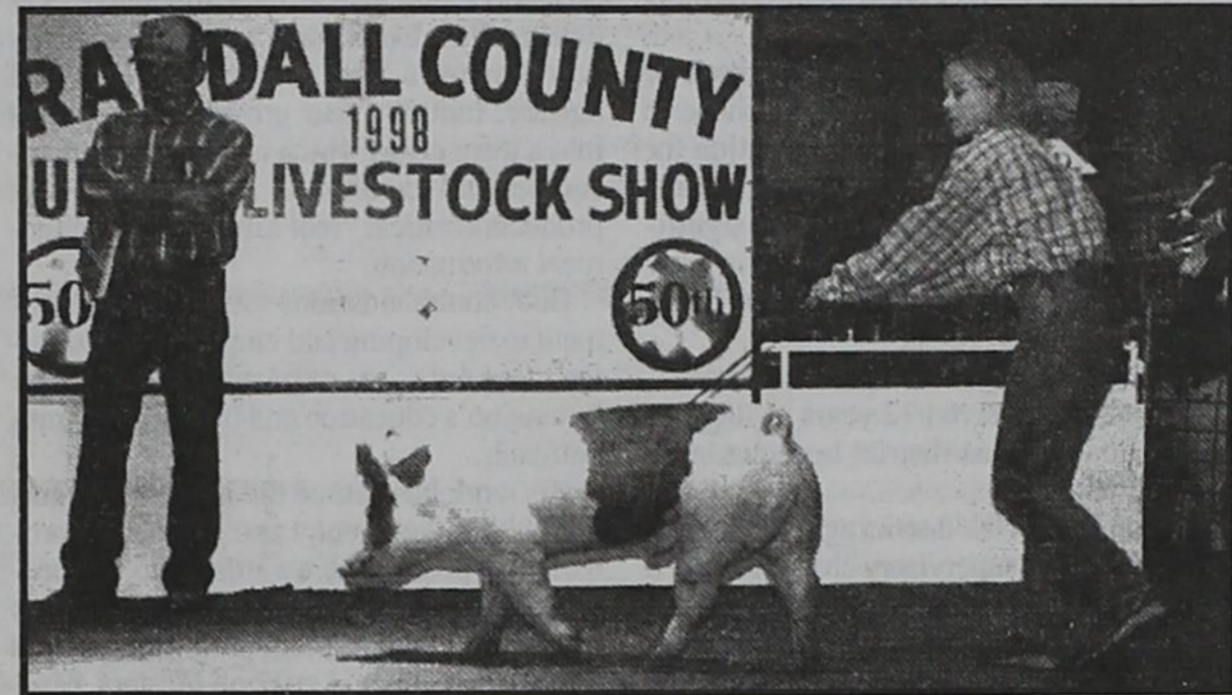
The workshop teaches by using hands on interactive tools to familiarize producers with marketing options and how they can impact the profitability of a farming operation.

Registration deadline is February 5th. Cost is \$25.00, which includes materials and a noon meal. Contact the County Extension Agent in Randall, Potter, Deaf Smith or Oldham County to register. Seating is limited.

See you next month.



Libby Lane (above) is all smiles at the Randall County Junior Livestock Sale and (below) Stephanie Thompson keeps an eye on the judged while showing her pig during the organization's 50th anniversary show. Photos by Angie Grand Pre.



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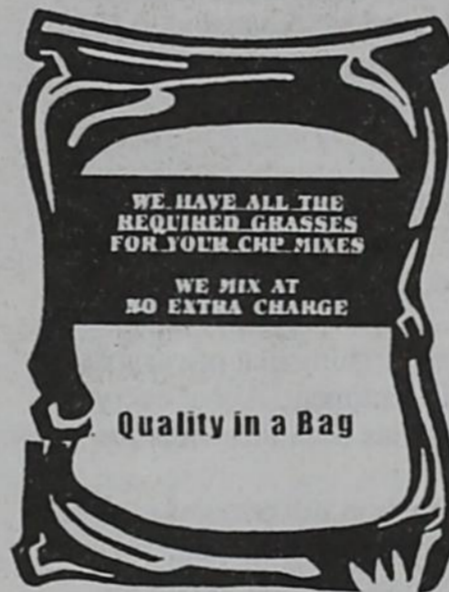
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Robinson earns top extension honors

Pam Dillard and Joe Bryant
Special to the Ag Reporter

Amarillo — 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 in College Station.

The Extension Service honored Robinson with its Superior Service Award, the highest recognition bestowed by the agency to faculty and staff.

Fifteen individuals and four teams were recognized by Dr. Chester Fehlis, Extension executive associate director.

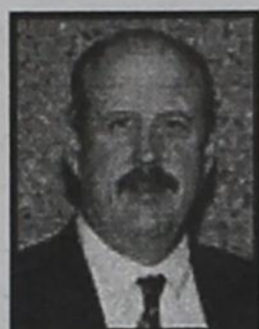
Robinson was cited for visionary administration and practical empowerment of faculty, volunteers and clientele to maximize resources and expand educational programs for the benefit of Texans.

Epsilon Sigma Phi, the organization of Robinson's Extension peers, 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 sixty 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.

In their joint nomination of Robinson for the Superior Service Award, Texas County Agricultural Agents Association state directors, Jimmy Walker of Vega and Marvin Ensor of Seminole cited the director for his



Robinson

creative and innovative leadership in both districts.

"Dr. Robinson has challenged all county agents to excel in both districts," said the agents. He has worked closely with area legislators, county officials, and citizens to address the critical issues of the day, they added.

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.

According to Dr. James Supak, Extension program leader in Soil and Crop Sciences at Texas A&M, Robinson's work in organizing AgriPartners has successfully united agency, industry and grower associations into a team effort which is providing the resources and expertise to assist High Plains producers critical "real time" crop management information.

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

His work has earned the highest recognition within the agency and among his professional peers. The awards cited his promotion of the growing number of Extension's master volunteer training programs, such as Master Gardeners, AgriFood Masters, Master 4-H Volunteers, and Master Marketers.

He is a native of Happy, where his mother, Anna Bee Robinson still resides. Robinson earned a doctorate from Texas Tech University in 1989, a master's degree from Texas A&M University in 1975; and a bachelor's degree from West Texas State University (now West Texas A&M University) in 1970. He and his wife, Cleo maintain their home in Canyon.

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and a trend reversal at 318.25.

Cotton

Some analysts are saying that this market is doing what it has done before. It is trying to form a base against which it could build upside momentum. People think that it may be trying to overcome overhead technical resistance and firm up ideas bottoming action might be taking place. Also, we have underpinned by trade buying at the lows and propelled by speculative covering by shorts. A lot of activity has taken place from 65.90 to 66.15. The 65.86 area had marked a 61.8 percent retracement from the high of 66.70 to the low of 64.49. Looking at the bigger picture from the month's high of 68.90 to

the contract low, analysts say technically important retracement areas now looming overhead are 66.17 (38.2 percent), 66.70 (50 percent) and 67.22 (61.8 percent).

Another factor arguing that prices may be bottoming is sentiment. About every bearish scenario has been thrown at the cotton market.

The Asian situation still remains a question mark that could limit perception that US ending stocks will fall below 40 million bales.

Technically the March Cotton has support at 64.55 then 64.49 while resistance is at 65.20-65.50. The main trend is down with a bottom seen on Jan. 28 and a trend reversal price at 68.95.

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WTO member country may establish its own appropriate level of protection respecting sanitary risks, including those associated with food safety.

However, while countries are free to implement levels of protection for human health that are different than those set forth in existing international standards, they cannot implement trade barriers disguised as health measures.

That, according to Sims, is exactly what

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Herbicides. At 1:15 p.m. Carl Patrick will visit about Corn and Sorghum Insect Management. Tom Archer will then discuss Bt Corns. James Esty from Texas Department of Agriculture will then present a program on pesticide Laws and Regulations. And, wrapping up the program will be Paul Wayland, who will discuss Precision Agriculture.

the EU tried to do back in 1989 when it first imposed the ban.

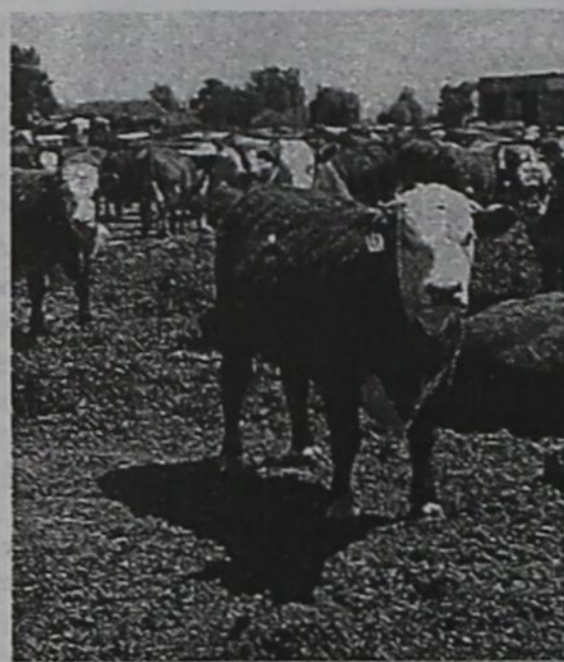
"The WTO ruling confirms that the U.S. beef industry has worked hard to set the international standard for safe and wholesome beef," Sims said.

"We applaud the work of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and U.S. negotiators in maintaining sound science as the basis for international trade."

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