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Underwood, Johnson, Flowers sport top champions

David Underwood, Cutter Johnson and Kelton Flowers will remember this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show for a long time to come. That's because the three took

home Grand Champion honors for the show.

Underwood did so with his steer, a 1,280-pound Exotic model. It sold for \$2.50 a pound to the Dimmitt Buyers Club.

As for Johnson, his Light Heavy Cross swine, weighing in at 250 pounds, was sold to Keeter's Meat Company of Tulia at \$4.25 per pound. Johnson, incidentally, had the

grand champion steer a year ago.

Flowers, who had the grand champion lamb, sold his for \$5 per pound to the Dimmitt Buyers Club. The Mediumweight Medium Wool animal weighed 115 pounds.

For the second year in a row, Dennis Underwood sported the reserve champion steer. This year's model, an Exotic weighing 1,335 pounds, sold for \$2.25 per pound to the Dimmitt

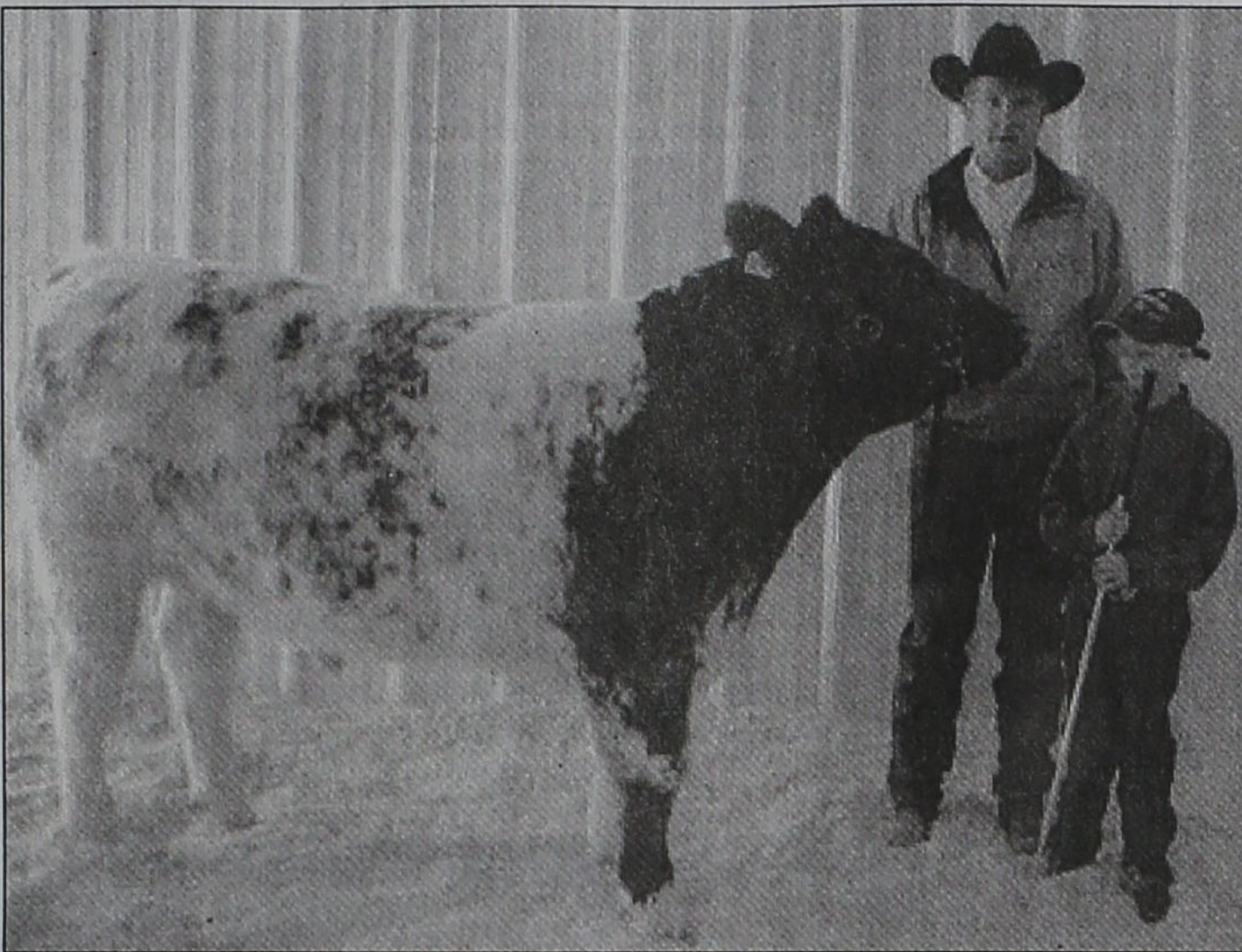
Buyers Club.

Raynee Bradley also earned the same award for the second year in a row as her lame earned reserve champion status. A Medium Wool, it weighed 125 pounds and sold for \$8 per pound to North Gin.

Then there was Tyler Cornett, who earned Reserve Champion status with his swine. A Heavy Cross, it weighed 261 pounds and brought in \$.3 per pound from the Dimmitt Buyers Club.

These weren't the only champions. Goats were judged for the first time and Molly Bradford took home Grand Champion honors while Jinna Wright earned Reserve Champion with her goat.

There was a jackpot for the goats, which were not part of the sale. Bradford earned \$500 for her goat and Wright \$250 for hers.



GRAND CHAMPION STEER — David Underwood is shown with his grand champion steer, an exotic. Weighing 1,280 pounds, the animal was purchased by the Dimmitt Buyers Club for \$2.50 a pound. Greg Odom of the Dimmitt Buyers Club is pictured with him.

Photo by John Hasselmeier



GRAND CHAMPION SWINE — Cutter Johnson's swine, of the Light Heavy Cross variety, was the grand champion swine of the Castro County Stock Show. The animal weighed 250 pounds and was sold to Keeters Meat Company of Tulia for \$4.25 per pound. Johnson is pictured with Mike Keeter of Keeter Meat Company as well as with Makenzie Stanley.

Photo by John Hasselmeier



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Kelton Flowers had the grand champion lamb at this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The medium weight medium wool lamb, which weighed 115 pounds, was sold at \$5 per pound to the Dimmitt Buyers Club. Greg Odom of that organization is pictured with him.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

County in waiting mode over proposed re-districting plan

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
Castro County Judge Irene Miller informed the Castro County Commissioners Court at Monday morning's meeting that the county was currently in a waiting mode concerning the matter.

Judge Miller said that she was waiting to hear from attorney Portia Bosse from the firm Allison-Bass, the law firm representing Castro County during the re-districting process concerning a conversation she was slated to have with San Antonio attorney Judith Castro. That meeting was to have taken place Tuesday.

During a specially-called meeting last Tuesday, Judge Miller said that, as she understood it, if Castro approved the proposed re-districting plan, it would then be sent to the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. Castro was involved in the county's 1994 re-districting lawsuit.

In other business, the commissioners approved an

amendment to the evacuation plan for the second floor of the courthouse.

Delbert Morris, the county district attorney/investigator, told the court that the state required for a designated person to assist any disabled second-floor employees in the event of a necessary evacuation.

The court elected to declare a local agricultural emergency. The declaration, which originated from Sherman County, wanted to push the legislature, when it meets again, to help farmers. Precinct 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige first presented the document at last Tuesday's specially-called meeting.

The 2002 salary grievance committee has been selected. It will consist of Juan D. Martinez, Paul Torres, Roger Malone and Billie G. Davis.

Judge Miller explained that the names were taken from the last Castro County grand jury.

The judge also reminded the court that training for the blood-borne pathogen kits would be in

the district court room Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 4 p.m.

She also mentioned that Hepatitis "B" shots for jailers and deputies would need to be set up, either in the courthouse or in the doctor's office.

The court also approved bond for Andrea Loyd in the amount of \$3,000. She's an assistant to the juvenile probation officer.

The county also purchased a couple of books for the GASB new reporting model.

Commissioner Baldrige said that, if they're ordered through the Texas Association of Commissioners and Judges, the county can receive a 15 percent discount. The cost of the books is \$78 each.

The court also:

- approved an Internet banking resolution.

- reviewed and approved job-related trips and expenses.

- reviewed and approved accounts.

- approved the treasurer's report.

- approved the reading of the minutes.

Clinton named interim supt

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
The question of who will be filling in the rest of the school year as superintendent of the Nazareth Independent School District has already been answered.

Deborah Clinton, who has served as principal for the district for the past four years, will serve in that role starting today. Today is when the retirement of former NISD superintendent N. Dean Johnson becomes effective.

Clinton is a native of Leveland. She earned a degree in elementary education from West Texas State (now known as West Texas A&M) in 1975 and a Masters Degree in Reading Education from Texas Tech University in 1988. She earned her principal's certification from West Texas A&M in 1996.

As for her career, much of it has been in the Hart Independent School District. She started out in the reading lab, then taught fourth grade, then fifth and sixth grade.

Four years ago, she came to Nazareth as principal. She said

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Sheriff's office offers reward for theft information

The Castro County Sheriff's Department is offering a \$1,500 reward for information leading to arrest and conviction for those responsible for the theft of irrigation motors in the Hart area. Please contact the Castro County Sheriff's Department at 647-3311.

Johnson NISD retirement becomes effective today

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
NAZARETH — Today marks the end of an era for the Nazareth Independence School District.

That's because the retirement of superintendent Dean Johnson becomes effective today. Johnson resigned last Thursday in a specially called meeting of the NISD board of trustees.

He won't leave without a retirement reception, however. It's set for Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at the school cafeteria. A short program will be starting at 2 p.m. and the event is "come and go".

Johnson has served as superintendent of the school district since the 1989-90 school year. He came to Nazareth from Kelton, located in Wheeler County in the northeastern panhandle.

"No specific thing made me decide to resign," Johnson said.



Dean Johnson

"I've been a school superintendent for (approximately) 30 years and I have 36 years of experience.

"For the past year, I have been retired and working half-time," Johnson said. "Only a person can decide for

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It's
Braggin'
Time!

It's time for parents and grandparents to pull out those cute pictures of their children and grandchildren and show them off on the *News*'s Valentine Brag Page, which will be printed on Feb. 14.

Just bring a photo of your child and grandchild to our office at 108 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt and we will place it in a special display frame with your child's or grandchild's name and yours starting at a \$10 fee.

Pictures must be received by Friday, Feb. 8, to be included on the Brag Page. For more information, call the *News* at 647-3123.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	68	27	
Thursday	51	25	
Friday	45	17	
Saturday	60	19	
Sunday	68	24	
Monday	69	28	
Tuesday	73	32	

January Moisture 0.35
2002 Moisture35

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



UNDER CLOSE INSPECTION — Vance Christy of Howard College (right) is shown inspecting during goat judging Friday morning during the Castro County Junior Livestock Show at the Castro County Expo Center. Molly

Bradford's entry was judged to be the grand champion while Jinna Wright's goat was the reserve champion.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

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Naz News with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Joe and Amy Schmucker who celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Jan. 19th. Their children hosted a luncheon in the Sun Room at Plains Memorial Hospital. Joe has been hospitalized since he fell Jan. 5 and broke his hip. Joe even joined them in some solo games. Those attending were Clyde and Beatrice Hoelting of Amarillo, Gene and Michelle Schmucker

of Wichita Falls, Dan and Ethel Schmucker, Ray Schmucker, Mary Ann Schulte, Janet Schmucker and Jimmy and Bobbie Schmucker all of Nazareth. Gene's daughter, Cassie and her husband, David and new baby from College Station also joined them.

Lucille Drerup, Ethel Schmucker, Betty Mae Acker and Jim and Evelyn Ball went to Toledo, Ohio this past week to attend the memorial service for Eleanor Seifried, the daughter of Catherine (Drerup) Schulte. Eleanor was Lucille's niece and a cousin to the other women.

Evelyn Backus recently spent a few days in Wheeler with her family, Dan and Gail Sams, Lauren and Landon. She enjoyed watching Landon play basketball on the JV team and shopping in Elk City, Okla. on Saturday with her daughter.

The Nazareth Junior High boys and girls played basketball Saturday in the Lockney Tournament. The boys played Lockney in the final game for first place with Lockney winning. The girls won third in the tournament.

The Stork sisters gathered Saturday in Tulia at the home of Vi and Virgil Pohlmeier. All

enjoyed dinner at the El Camino and several hours of visiting afterwards at the Pohlmeier home. Those attending were Jean and Jim Bell of Granbury, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, Dorothy and LeRoy Pohlmeier, Dolores and Denny Heiman and Virgie Gerber of all Nazareth and Vi and Virgil Pohlmeier of Tulia. A great, fun evening!

Sylva Hoelting returned home Monday after being treated in the Plainview Hospital several days. We wish her well.

Prayers are asked for Fr. Richard Scully, Fr. Pat Hoffman, Patricia Kern Butler, Robert Verkamp, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Hailey Blackwell, Irma Garcia and Fr. Terry Burke.

A welcome home party for Shane Ethridge was held in the Legion Hall Friday night after the ball games. He is home on a 10 day leave.

Francis W. Maenner, 81, of Eau Claire, Wis., died Jan. 3.

Mass of Christian burial was Jan. 6 at 1 p.m. at St. James the Greater Catholic Church, with Rev. John Schultz officiating.

Interment was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Golden Funeral Home.

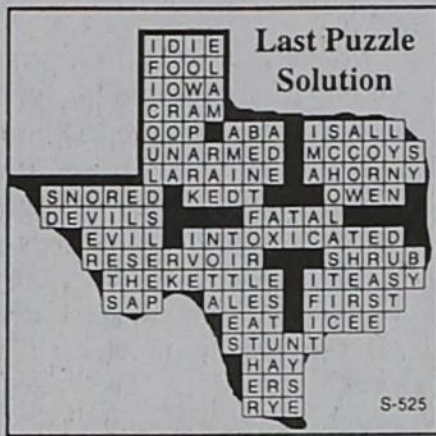
Francis was born August 7, 1920 in Eau Claire, Wis. He graduated from Eau Claire Senior High School. He married Theresa Berger March 2, 1957, at Holy Rosary Lima Church in Durand, Wis.

He engaged in dairy farming until retiring in 1994.

He is preceded in death by his parents, John and Josephine (Wilhelm) Maenner; one son, John; and one brother, Arthur.

He is survived by his wife, Theresa; daughter, Kathy Musser of Eau Claire, Wis.; four sons, Dave of Eau Claire, Wis.; Bob, Frank and Jim, all of Altonna, Wis.; four sisters, Virginia Mousel of El Centro, Calif., Catherine Warren of Montrose, Colo., Rose Mary Holschuh of Green Bay, Wis., and Marcella Maenner of Eau Claire, Wis.; one brother, Paul Maenner of Waukesha, Wis.; 12 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He is related to the Wilhelms and Kerns from Nazareth and the Wilhelms, Edna Marnell and Alvin Schmucker from Hereford.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be directed to Sacred Heart Hospital.



- ACROSS**
- 1 technical college east of Waco (abbr.)
 - 5 "Tyler Rose" Campbell
 - 6 Superman's vision
 - 7 TXism: "strong as battery"
 - 8 "top dog" at a car dealership (2 wds.)
 - 17 designation for a confederate ship
 - 18 TXism: "run a six-legged bobcat" (fast)
 - 21 TX soldier/actor Audie (init.)
 - 22 TXism: "loop man" (good roper)
 - 23 TX Pride's "Never Loved"
 - 24 horse pace
 - 29 Lady Johnson
 - 30 famed Austin bootmaker Charlie
 - 31 TXism: "tight he squeaks when he walks" (miser)
 - 32 TXism: "bean counter"
 - 34 flowerless plant
 - 35 horse doc
 - 36 TX Paula Prentiss film: "The World of Henry"
 - 37 drying oven for TX Acme Brick
 - 38 an Astros team
 - 39 TX Buck Owens tune: "Live Here"
 - 41 former Aikman back-up Bernie
 - 42 TXism: "body shops"

- DOWN**
- 43 reed instrument in the Dallas Symphony
 - 44 TXism: "strike while the iron"
 - 45 Chico
 - 46 TX jobs agency (abbr.)
 - 47 State Farm does this in TX
 - 48 TXism: "as welcome as a picnic"
 - 50 a passel of years
 - 51 Arlington university (abbr.)
 - 52 TXism: "horn"
 - 1 Red Skelton & Ester Williams 50s film about TX
 - 2 cutting satirical utterance
 - 3 film featuring a Texas Ranger: "Thundering"
 - 4 in Callahan Co. on I-20
 - 9 TXism: "a day late and a dollar"
 - 10 fix your jeans
 - 11 TX Strait's in the Hole Band
 - 12 TXism: "leave stone unturned"
 - 13 TCU coach Sullivan won '71 Heisman at this Ala. school

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- 14 Tex Beneke was with the Miller Orchestra
- 15 TX Larry Hagman's "Jeannie"
- 16 TX Tarzan Ely
- 19 TX Phil Gramm's group (2 wds.)
- 20 TXism: "a ring tailed"
- 22 TXism: "prayer"
- 24 gov. 1894-98: -- Culberson
- 25 summer house or car cooler (abbr.)
- 26 Connally's wife (init.)
- 33 TX golfers pegs
- 34 TXism: "mighty"
- 35 poker or sun cap
- 37 victories by TX George Foreman
- 38 silent signal from Cowboy QB? (2 wds.)
- 40 TXism: "a dozen biscuits away from the circus"
- 41 McKinney FM once
- 44 TXism: "slinger" (writer)
- 47 TXism: "touched in the head"
- 49 loosen the laces

Letter Former county agent writes

Note: The following letter was written to Andy Williams, President of Dimmitt Young Farmers. He in turn passed it along to the News.

Dear Andy:
 I just read in the *Castro County News* about the Castro County Livestock Show.
 It was my privilege to have served as county agent in Castro County from 1945 to 1951. At that time, I was the only county agent in the county and had charge of most of the fun activities as well as the Castro County Stock Show.
 I notice this was the 48th annual show. I know for sure we had a show each year and that was 57 years ago.
 I recognize many of the youngsters showing animals are

grandchildren of many of my 4-H club boys (at that time, girls did not show animals).
 The 48 years may be the time the young farmers started sponsoring the show. I know I had a lot of help from community leaders as well as parents of the 4-H members.
 Since I take the *Castro County News* I read with interest about all farming activities as well as the junior stock show.
 I had a great group of boys as well as others to work with. Andy, I wish you and the young farmers good luck with this show and the many more yet to come.
 Mr. Bascom Nelson, Don's father, was editor of the paper and he gave us full cooperation as I know Don did and I am sure

the new editor will do the same. I do enjoy the paper as always.
 It's no big deal, but you might check and see if we had stock shows from 1945 to 1951.
 Thank you and your organization for helping with the show and my best wishes for all agricultural activities in Castro County. I think you have the best county in Texas.
 Raymond King
 Castro County Agent
 1945-1951
 Lubbock

Verkamp benefit steak supper slated for Nazareth

A benefit steak supper to help with the medical expenses of Robert Verkamp is set for Saturday, Feb. 2 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.
 The menu for the event, sponsored by the Nazareth Knights of Columbus and Nazareth Christian Mothers, consists of steak, potatoes, green beans, salad and dessert.
 A social hour before the event starts at 5:30 p.m. The cost for the event is \$9 per person and \$5 for children 12 and under.

Dimmitt Kids Inc. to have meeting

Dimmitt Kids Inc. will have a board meeting Wednesday, Feb. 6 at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 7 p.m.
 The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming Little Dribblers season.
 Anyone interested in joining the board is welcome to attend. People are needed who want to work and be able to help out with Kids, Inc.
 Anyone needing further information may call Sal Ortiz at 647-3653.

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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Jo Eddie Riley and her husband, Ray Joe, live on Highway 385 between Springlake and Sunnyside. Jo Eddie is a Hereford native and Ray Joe was raised at Dimmitt. Through the years they've raised many crops, including sheep and boys. They are the parents of Kevin and Jodie and his wife, Kyla, are their children of Dimmitt. Jo Eddie shared their story with me over lunch recently.

When Jo Eddie's father, Ira Scott, passed away a few years ago his wife, Tillie, and daughter, Kay Pagett of Hereford, Jan Stanford (married to Anthony Stanford, DHS class of 1968) of Amarillo and Jo Eddie were left with a ranch that Jo Eddie says is too small sometimes and too big other times.

The obvious thing might have been to sell it, but the ladies opted to keep it. Jo Eddie enrolled in a range management class at West Texas A&M University and the work began.

They lease the grassland to someone who runs cattle on it, but they keep the fences mended, repair the windmill and make sure that the water supply is sufficient, and anything else that needs fixing repaired.

When I asked Jo Eddie if they rode horseback when checking on the ranch, she said, "We could, we know how to ride, but we choose a more modern means of transportation!" She said, "But don't put that in your

column!" So I won't.

Just because she's become a rancher doesn't mean that she doesn't have time for other things.

She enjoyed playing bridge with her Thursday bridge club at the Hereford Country Club last week. Doris Lust was hostess and the other players were Carolyn Jones, Ruth Jackson, Shirley Wise, Mildred Bradford, Dorothy Gilbreath and Ina Cleavenger.

John Hasselmeier, a reliable source of sports data, tells me that Steve Myatt, head girls basketball coach of Gruver, is also the athletic director for the Gruver Independent School District.

Grandparents Gwen and Marvin Bryant and great-grandmother Merle Arthur have just returned from a weekend in Wellington to celebrate Bailey Brook's second birthday. Bailey is the daughter of Bruce and Monica Bryant. Bruce is the defensive line football coach for Wellington High School. Bruce, another Dimmitt High School graduate, is more proof that we can be proud of our Dimmitt school graduates!

Have you ever said, "Let's keep in touch or I wonder what ever happened to old so and so?" If you have I hope as you continue to read this column you

will read about someone you may have lost touch with or would like to hear about.

Last week we received three invitations for functions in three different towns and all were scheduled almost at the same time. One of these was to the ordination of Joe Shultz of Vega, who is one of the chaplains at Kings Manor, the Methodist retirement center in Hereford.

After church and a quick lunch Sunday, Martha Jo Hyman, V.C. Hopson and I headed north to Vega to the ordination. It was a very solemn impressive service. The reception afterwards gave us a chance to visit with Joe and Jerre Shultz, their two sons, Joe Ky of Sudan and Justin and his wife, Shanna of Vega. A van load of people from Kings Manor came to welcome Joe as their new chaplain. Among those from the manor was Kathryn Easter Vardell, formerly of Dimmitt. I met a dear friend, Madell Beavers, who was my high school classmate at Hereford High School. She is writing a book entitled *Madell and the Manor*. Also there was Joe's father-in-law, J.B. Nolan, and Guy Walser. Both J.B. and Guy are well known among Dimmitt old timers.

We made it to Muleshoe in time to get a good seat for the

deacon ordination services for two former Dimmitt men. Ronnie Kenmore (DHS class of 1968) and Ron Morgan, a state highway patrolman who lived in Dimmitt until 1995.

We visited with Ron, his wife, Janet, and their daughters, Christy and April.

Ronnie Kenmore and his wife, Connie, had as their guests his parents, Nell and Darrell Kenmore of Lubbock, and his sister, Paulette.

We chatted with Dustin Buckley, his wife, Brooke, and son, Braden. They're the children of the Steve Buckleys and they live in Lubbock. Dustin and his family were at the ordination service because Brooke's father, Joel Sinclair, was being ordained. Joel Sinclair and his father, James Sinclair, sang a special during the ceremony, *People of God*. James Sinclair served as music minister at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt during the 1950s.

For a six o'clock service in "small town" U.S.A., the church was pretty crowded. Stacy Connors is the pastor there. Stacy's wife is the former Debbie Dobbs (DHS class of 1980). Stacy invited his brother-in-law attorney John Merritt (DHS class of 1979) to bring a charge to the deacons. His topic was *Being a Deacon*. John's wife, Denise

Dobbs Merritt (DHS class of 1982), and children live in Amarillo. John is the son of Sue Merritt. Debbie and Denise are the daughters of Roger and Geneva Malone.

Other Dimmitt people at the reception were David and Karen Hutson, Troy and Billie Kirby, Roger and Geneva Malone and Jerry Frazier.

Some of you will remember the Don and Tonda Wood family. Their children are Casey, Linda and Lane. Don and Tonda were with the Nazareth school system. They are now teaching at Muleshoe.

The day was like a Family of God reunion.

J.R. Brown was born in Castro County 80 years ago. He has lived most of his adult life here. To celebrate his 80th birthday, his wife, Mary Joe, his daughter,

Jill of Austin, and son, Blake, and Blake's wife, Andrea of Wichita Falls, hosted the festive occasion.

Sunnye Blackwell, J.R.'s niece, served the cake. His sister-in-law, Ruth Brown, was a part of the house party. Over 100 guests attended.

The highlight of the event was when Don and Verbie Nelson came dressed in full University of Texas regalia. This was because J.R. had attended that university and both of his children are U.T. graduates.

Out of town guest included a niece, Judith Maples Tate and her husband, Jim of Amarillo; a nephew, Dewayne Brown and his wife, June of Hart and their sons, Blair of Lubbock and Ware and his friend Amanda Boyd of Sweetwater; Ben Benton of Lubbock and Judge and Mrs. Jack Miller of Plainview.

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ALL SMILES! The Tiger Cub Den Pack #265 of Nazareth toured the Castro County News offices last Monday night. The Pack learned the inner workings of producing a weekly newspaper, but the highlight of the night was grape Kool-Aid and home-made cookies. Pictured front row, left to right are Dustin Kern, Carly Wilhelm, Daniel Kern, John Wilhelm, Logan Robb, Dagon Flowers and Cale Wilhelm. On the back row is Kelton Flowers. The Pack Leaders are Carolyn Wilhelm, Traci Robb, Diane Wilhelm and Carol Kern.



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People



German Texans exhibit to be presented in Nazareth

This year, the community of Nazareth will celebrate its 100th anniversary, commemorating its establishment in 1902 by a German immigrant, Father Joseph Reisdorff.

To enrich this celebration, an exhibit created by the Southwest Collection and the Karl May Archives at Texas Tech University entitled "German Texans Settlement on the Llano Estacado", will be on display to the public during the month of February. It will open in Nazareth on Saturday, Feb. 2.

"It is the purpose of this exhibit to offer the public an overview of some of the major topics in German-Texan history, but with a special spin: each panel presents materials which have a connection to the area of West Texas called the Llano Estacado," according to Dr. Meredith McClain, developer of the exhibit.

"Texas Tech University, although only 76 years old, has substantial research materials concerning German settlement of Texas, information, materials and staff expertise for this exhibit came from the Southwest Collection and Special Collections Library, the National Ranching Heritage Center and Texas Tech Museum."

The 11 panels of this exhibit depict topics that are grouped into three categories to give a broad spectrum of German-Texan settlement of the Llano Estacado.

In the first category, "German Seed in Texas Soil; Settling the Land", four panels indicate the evolution of German-Texan settlement based on four German colonizers with connections to the Llano Estacado; Father Joseph

Reisdorff, Heinrich Schmitt (Hank Smith), Anna Mebus Martin and the Hedwig Hill Cabin.

A second category of panels, "Principles and Persecutions: Surviving Difficult Times in Texas" features three panels that explore some of problems German-Texans have had with their Anglo-Texan neighbors; the German "Freidenker" (stance against slavery) in Texas, From Klu Kux Klan Attacks to a German-Texan-Catholic Bishop, and the Arrival of the German Mennonites in Seminole, Texas.

A third category of four panels depicts the topic "Texas Seed in the German Soul: The Powerful Myth of the West", through panels examining the works of German writer Karl May, whose western novels were set in the Llano Estacado, and the German fascination with the American Quarter

Horse.

The exhibit has been travelling in Central and South Texas for a year-and-a-half. It has been exhibited to enthusiastic crowds in towns like Mason and Bellville, but also at larger venues such as Fondren Library at Rice University in Houston, and the University of Texas Center for American History in Austin. Later this year, the exhibit will be sent off for a two-year tour of Germany.

The panels depicting the topic of "Principles and Persecutions" will be housed in the Home Mercantile Building. The location of the other panels will be announced soon.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in various locations from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Feb. 2 and 3. Other view days in February will be arranged and announced in a forthcoming manner.

Deaf Smith Electric to award scholarships

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants or their immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence.

Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, or counselors.

Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham Counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2002. Awards will be announced within 60 days of this date.



Scott Brockman and Dawn Reitan

March wedding set

Dale and Mona Brockman of Nazareth announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their son, Scott, to Dawn Reitan of Houston.

The bride-elect is the daughter of William and Linda Reitan, both of Houston.

The couple is planning to marry on March 16 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Norman, Okla.

Miss Reitan is a graduate of Putnam City North High School in Oklahoma City and is also a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

The prospective groom graduated from Nazareth High School in 1995 and the University of Oklahoma in 1999. He's currently in his last semester of law school and currently works for attorneys Stan Ward and Woody Glass in Norman.

The bride-to-be is also in her last semester of law school and currently works for the Oklahoma State School Board Association. The couple plans to settle down in Norman after they graduate and take the bar exam.

Local church selling candy for camp

The local Assembly of God Church is currently selling candy bars to send 10 children to youth camp this summer at Roaring Springs.

"They don't even have to be

kids from our church," Assembly of God minister Joe Vaughn said.

To purchase the bars, one may either come by the church at 300 SE 2nd or call 647-5662.

Dimmitt residents are going to jail for muscular dystrophy

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be rounding up and issuing warrants for Dimmitt citizens to raise money for local clients with neuro-muscular disease today.

The "jail" for the Dimmitt Lock-Up will be held at K-Bob's Restaurant. The lock-up will begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 3 p.m.

Upon arriving at "jail", the "jailbirds" will be read their rights, sentenced and given a phone to start raising their bail. In addition, the "jailbirds" will be given plenty of "bread and water" and have their mug shot taken.

Money raised through the local lock-up helps to provide free comprehensive medical care, monthly support groups, a summer camp for the kids, wheelchair purchase and other essentials.

Perez honored as student of week

Edgar Perez has been named fourth-grade student of the week at Dimmitt Middle School.

He was born May 2, 1992 in El Paso to Nellie and Lino Perez.

His favorite subject is reading and his favorite books is *The Borrowers*.

As for people, his favorite person is his father. His favorite food is pizza and favorite animal is the bobcat. He said if there were anything he could change about himself, it would be that there would be no school.

For fun, he enjoys playing Army. While in school, he likes the soda and candy machines.

Reading is something he does well and he'd like to grow up to be a policeman.



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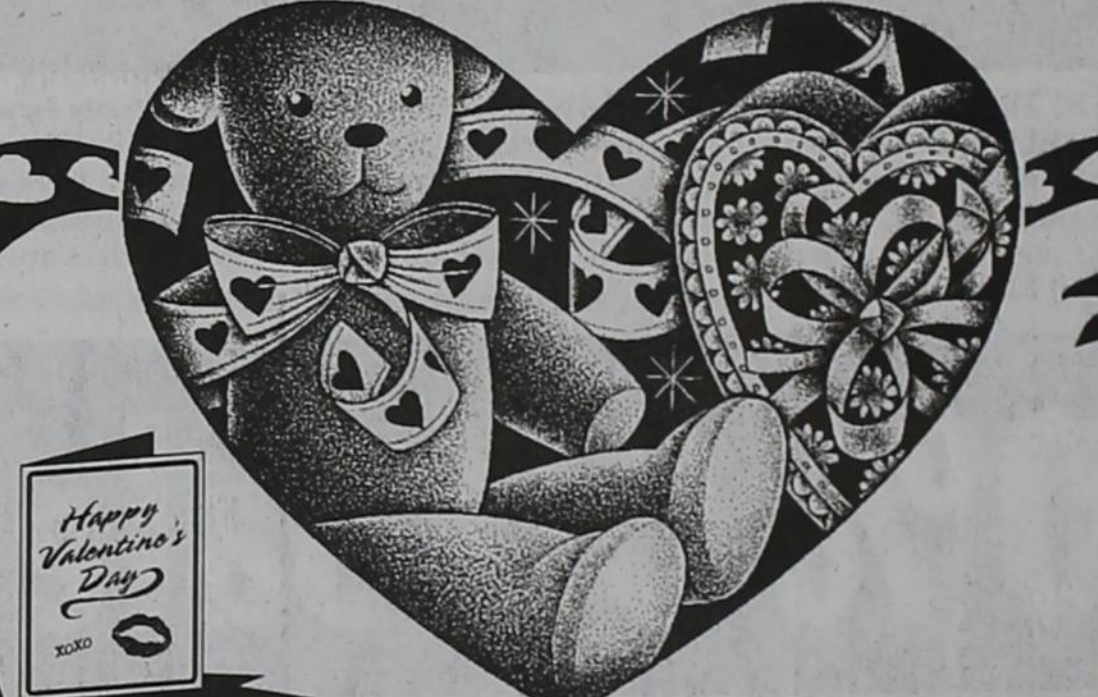
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CONGRATULATIONS!—Members of Dimmitt High School's Business Professionals of America (BPA) show off their awards won at a regional contest. They competed against much larger schools from all over the Panhandle including Amarillo, Lubbock, Plainview and Pampa. Left to right...Juan Diaz won fifth in Fundamental Accounting and also competed in Financial Math and Analysis. Erika Mendoza took fourth place in Financial Math and Analysis and also competed in Business Knowledge Skills and Fundamental Word Processing. Nancy Quiroz took first place in Verbal Extemp and also competed in Business Knowledge Skills. Melanie Walls walked away with fourth place in Computerized Accounting and also competed in Business Knowledge Skills and Financial Math and Analysis. Their teacher is Ms. Kathy West.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Mendoza speaks to Dimmitt Rotary

Frank Mendoza of Computer Solutions spoke to the Dimmitt Rotary Club relative to the value of wireless Internet service in Dimmitt. According to the audience, the greatest complaint when discussing Internet use is that of speed. A distant second to speed is the problem of disconnecting while you are working.

According to Mendoza, a community as small as Dimmitt is very lucky to have wireless service available. The local

provider is ama Online of Amarillo. There is an antenna mounted on a grain elevator that reaches most of Dimmitt with a range of 10-11 miles in all directions, assuming no extremely high structures break the signal.

While wireless service is more expensive than conventional dial up service, many users find the speed of the connection to be well worth the money. Wireless will connect at a speed of about 50 times greater than dial up

service, according to Mendoza.

Congress currently has a proposal before them that would provide wireless connections to all communities by 2007.

Another feature that makes wireless seem the way to go is the fact that you do not need a phone line for the service, hence the name wireless.

The Dimmitt Rotary Club is pleased to announce that they have donated \$100 to the memorial for Rev. Ed Freeman that has been established at West Lawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

The Rotary Club would like to issue a challenge to the other service clubs in Dimmitt to match this donation.

Legislature to offer senior citizen voice

Texans 60 and up have an opportunity to become a representative from this region to the Texans Silver-Haired Legislature.

These legislatures work with the Texas Legislature on senior issues, which may become law. Any registered voters 60 and older may file as a candidate for election in the TSHL from now through Feb. 28. The terms last two years and TSHL members pay their own expenses.

Elections for the TSHL will be held Tuesday, May 28.

For more information or to obtain forms for filing, please call the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle at either 372-3381 or 1-800-642-6008.



OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for Jessica and Paul Guajardo of Arlington. Their son, Joseph Paul Guajardo, was born Jan. 20 in Arlington. He weighed 6 lbs., 7 oz., and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Frank and Kathy Frances of Missouri. Paternal grandparents are Margaret and Rafael Guajardo of Amarillo. Great-grandmother is Juana Guajardo of Dimmitt. A brother Dylan, five, welcome him home.

It is useless to attempt to reason a man out of a thing he was never reasoned into.

—Jonathan Swift

DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 31

- Fort Worth Stock Show
- DHS Student Council meeting - 12:00 in the library
- Basketball: 7th Grade at Levelland Tournament

Friday, Feb. 1

- Fort Worth Stock Show
- BPA Regionals Leadership Conference - South Plains College
- 8th Grade Job Shadowing

- Basketball: 7th Grade at Levelland Tournament
- DHS JV & Varsity Boy & Girls vs. Muleshoe - Here

Saturday, Feb. 2

- Basketball: 7th Grade at Levelland Tournament
- BPA Regionals

Monday, Feb. 4

- Basketball: 7th, 8th, & 9th vs. Lubbock Cooper - Girls (There) Boys (Here)

Tuesday, Feb. 5

- DHS FCCLA Meeting - 12:10
- Basketball: DHS JV & Varsity Boys & Girls vs. Lubbock Cooper - There

CAMPUS EVENTS

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY

- The Head Start classrooms will be having the school nurse visit their classrooms on Tuesday, Feb. 5.

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The 7th grade boys and girls basketball teams will be participating in the Levelland Tournament Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

- The English department teachers will be offering TAAS Tutorials, Jan. 29-Feb. 15, from 8:15-8:30 a.m. for sophomores, juniors, and seniors needing to pass the reading and writing portions of the Exit TAAS Test.

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- Visit Dimmitt ISD on the web at www.dimmittisd.net updated daily!

Support student events and performances by attending them.

Do you have a loser's limp?

By JIM DAVIDSON

One time I heard about a football team that had to let their coach go because he had a five and five record. He lost five games at home and he lost five on the road. As a very young man, I made a wonderful discovery that has helped me tremendously over the years. I discovered that you could play on a team that lost most of its games and still not be a loser in the game of life. When our forefathers established this nation many years ago, they created something called the "sovereign citizen" concept. This means that our government officially recognizes the worth and dignity of every citizen in this country. These words can be found in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Article XIX of the United States Constitution also extended these rights to women. Along with these rights came the opportunity for every person to share in the blessings of our system and to achieve some measure of personal success.

One of the greatest psychological barriers to using our full potential and becoming an outstanding success, however, is a condition called "Loser's limp." In reality, loser's limp is a condition that affects almost everyone to some degree. When you get right down to it, "loser's limp" is a crutch. It's whatever we use to justify why we aren't doing any better with what we've been given. While this is not meant to be personal, I think it's something each of us should

consider from time-to-time.

At this point, let's consider some possible loser's limps. Of course, there are the old standards like, "I was born poor", "I didn't get a good education", "My father or mother was an alcoholic", "I'm too short or too tall", "I'm not attractive", "I was born too early or too late", and "We lived on the wrong side of the tracks." There are countless other excuses or crutches of this type that people use to justify where they are and why they are not doing any better. To be more specific, however, we must decide what we really want out of life and what goals we wish to achieve. Something that's good to keep in mind is that our goals are usually set, based on our perception of what we can achieve, not on what we may actually be able to do. Most of the time, our real loser's limp comes along when things happen or circumstances develop that cause us to back off, change directions or just plain quit.

In relation to these thoughts, here is something that has helped me over the years and it's appropriately titled Don't Quit: "When things go wrong, as they sometimes will, when the road you're trudging seems all uphill, when the funds are

low and the debts are high, and you want to smile but you have to sigh; rest if you must, but don't you quit. Life is queer with its twists and turns—as everyone of us some time learns; and many a failure turns about when he might have won had he stuck it out. Don't give up though the pace seems slow—you may succeed with another blow. Success is a failure turned inside out, the silver tint of the clouds, no doubt. And you are near when success seems far, so stick to the fight when you are hardest hit. It's when things seem worse that you mustn't quit."

The message here should be clear. There are times when we should quit, but more often than not, we will win if we just have the faith and the courage to stick it out. If you have a "loser's limp" that's holding you back, why not tie a rock on it and throw it in the nearest river?

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Sports



KENWORTHY FOR TWO! Sharla Kenworthy (23) lays in a two pointer against the Roosevelt Eagles in Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. The Bobbies won the district contest 55-33.

Bobbies split with Littlefield, the 'velt

The Dimmitt High School varsity girls basketball team earned a split in its most recent games.

The Bobbies suffered a heart-breaking 44-42 loss against Littlefield, but then came back to trounce Roosevelt 55-33.

Littlefield held a slim 7-5 lead over Dimmitt after the first period. Sharla Kenworthy scored four of the five points for the Bobbies.

The Lady Wildcats kept their slim lead in the second period as they outscored the Bobbies 9-8 for a 16-13 halftime lead. Jill Merritt led in scoring for the quarter with three.

Things went better for the Bobbies in the third period as they put up 14 points to Littlefield's 10. Jenna Steinle, Kelsey Welch and Kenworthy each scored four points apiece in that frame.

Unfortunately, in the fourth period, Littlefield came back with 18 points to Dimmitt's 15 and came away with the victory. Welch scored six in the quarter.

Kenworthy led the Bobbies in scoring for the contest with 14 points, including a three-pointer. Welch joined her in double figures with 11.

Ashley Irons and Steinle were next in line with seven points apiece. Merritt scored the other three points.

However, the sweet taste of victory would return to Dimmitt against Roosevelt.

Possibly rather ticked off after that close loss to Littlefield, the Bobbies scored 14 of the first 17 points of the game to lead 17-3 after one. Kenworthy scored eight of those Dimmitt points.

Roosevelt would outscore Dimmitt in the second period, 9-7, but the Bobbies led 21-12 at halftime. Kenworthy scored four of those points.

Roosevelt came out keying on Kenworthy in the third period and that freed things up for other

Bobbies as they outscored the Lady Eagles 19-7 to lead 40-19 after three periods. Irons put in seven.

The fourth period was much closer as Dimmitt edged Roosevelt 15-14. However, the game really wasn't much closer as the 55-33 score indicates. Merritt and Kenworthy each scored three points in that period.

Kenworthy topped the scoring column with 17, including two three-pointers. Irons joined her in double figures with 13 as did Steinle with 10. A three-pointer figured in Steinle's total.

Merritt and Welch both followed with six points apiece. Lyndee Behrends scored two and Lauren Waggoner added the other one.

The Bobbies went to Shallowater Tuesday.



LONGHORN DOUBLE TEAM — Hart's Jacob Reyna (5) and Corey Moore (33) are doing their best to prevent a Sudan Hornet from doing any damage. However, the Longhorns came up short against the Hornets to drop to 4-3 in district.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Lady Longhorns have rough times

Things were pretty rough for the Hart varsity girls basketball team in their most recent outings.

The Lady Longhorns fell to second-place Farwell 85-22 and then lost to league-leading Sudan 76-16.

Maegan Farris was a bright spot for Hart in the Farwell contest as she scored 11 points.

Sonya Garcia was next in line with six while Amanda Carrasco

and Cynthia Gonzales each put in two points apiece.

As for the Sudan game, five Lady Longhorns scored, including Crystal Diego, who scored seven points.

Garcia followed with four points. Lacie Curry and Kellie George each put in two points apiece while Farris scored the other one.

The Lady Longhorns sought to re-group at Bovina Tuesday.

Longhorns drop two consecutive district contests

The Hart varsity boys basketball team has had a rough go of things as of late.

The Longhorns fell to league-leading Farwell 64-60 in a close contest, but then to Sudan, a team they had earlier defeated, at home 83-72.

In the Farwell game, the Longhorns took a 35-29 lead into the locker room, but the Steers cranked it up just enough in the second half to win the game.

Albert Velasquez led in scoring for the contest with 15 points. Keith Finch hit two three-pointers on the way to 14. Joel DeLaFuente joined them in double figures with 12.

Corey Moore headed up the best of the rest with six points. Matt Gonzales was right behind him with five, including a three-pointer. Jacob Reyna had four and Evan Castillo and Marcial Mendoza two apiece.

As for the Sudan contest, Hart led at the end of the first quarter 16-14 and at halftime 36-34. The Hornets crept ahead 53-52 after three quarters and then exploded for 30 points in the final period to hand the Longhorns the damaging defeat.

Finch led the way this time with 22 points, including a three-pointer. He was one of four Longhorns in double figures.

DeLaFuente scored 15 points, including a three-pointer. Reyna had three three-pointers on the way to 13. Velasquez finished with 12.

Moore almost reached double figures with eight points. Gonzales scored the other two.

The Longhorns took a 4-3 district mark into a road contest against Bovina Tuesday.



GARCIA'S GOT THE BALL — Hart's Sonya Garcia is shown working the ball up against Sudan. The Lady Longhorns hoped to right their ship when they traveled to Bovina Tuesday.

Photo by Neoma Williams

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Bobcats continue winning streak with more victories

Dimmitt's position in the District 2-3A boys basketball standings just keeps getting better and better.

That's because the Bobcats have kept on winning since that district opening loss to Shallowater. The two more recent victims are Cooper and Littlefield.

First, the Bobcats beat Littlefield 66-55 and then turned around and knocked off Roosevelt 80-69.

Against Littlefield, the Bobcats took a 17-11 lead in the first quarter. Matthew Wright hit two three pointers to help things along.

In the second quarter, the Bobcats outscored the Wildcats 19-15 to go into the locker room with a 36-26 halftime lead. Kenneth Worsham scored seven of his points in that frame.

As for the third quarter, Littlefield turned it on and outscored Dimmitt 17-8 to cut the Bobcat margin to one at 44-43. Austin Sherman and Brent Josselet each had three points apiece in that quarter.

However, in the final period, Dimmitt responded well, scoring 21 points to Littlefield's 12 to salt the game away. Nick Gauna was the top scorer in that frame with six points.

In checking the overall scoring, four Bobcats finished in double figures, led by Gauna's 13.

Worsham and Sherman were right behind him with 12. Sherman had a three-pointer along the way. Josselet also reached double figures with 10. He also had a "three".

Wright almost reached double figures as he had nine, including two three-pointers. Patrick Hunter scored six while Lee Brown had three.

As for the Roosevelt game, the Bobcats went on a scoring barrage in the first quarter, leading 27-17. Worsham and Sherman had a share of that as each scored six points in the first eight minutes.

In the second quarter, the Bobcats widened that lead, outscoring the Eagles 22-14 for a 49-31 halftime lead. Sherman

led the way for that frame with eight points.

As for the third period, Dimmitt kept pouring it on, outscoring Roosevelt 18-13. Gauna led in scoring for the quarter with six.

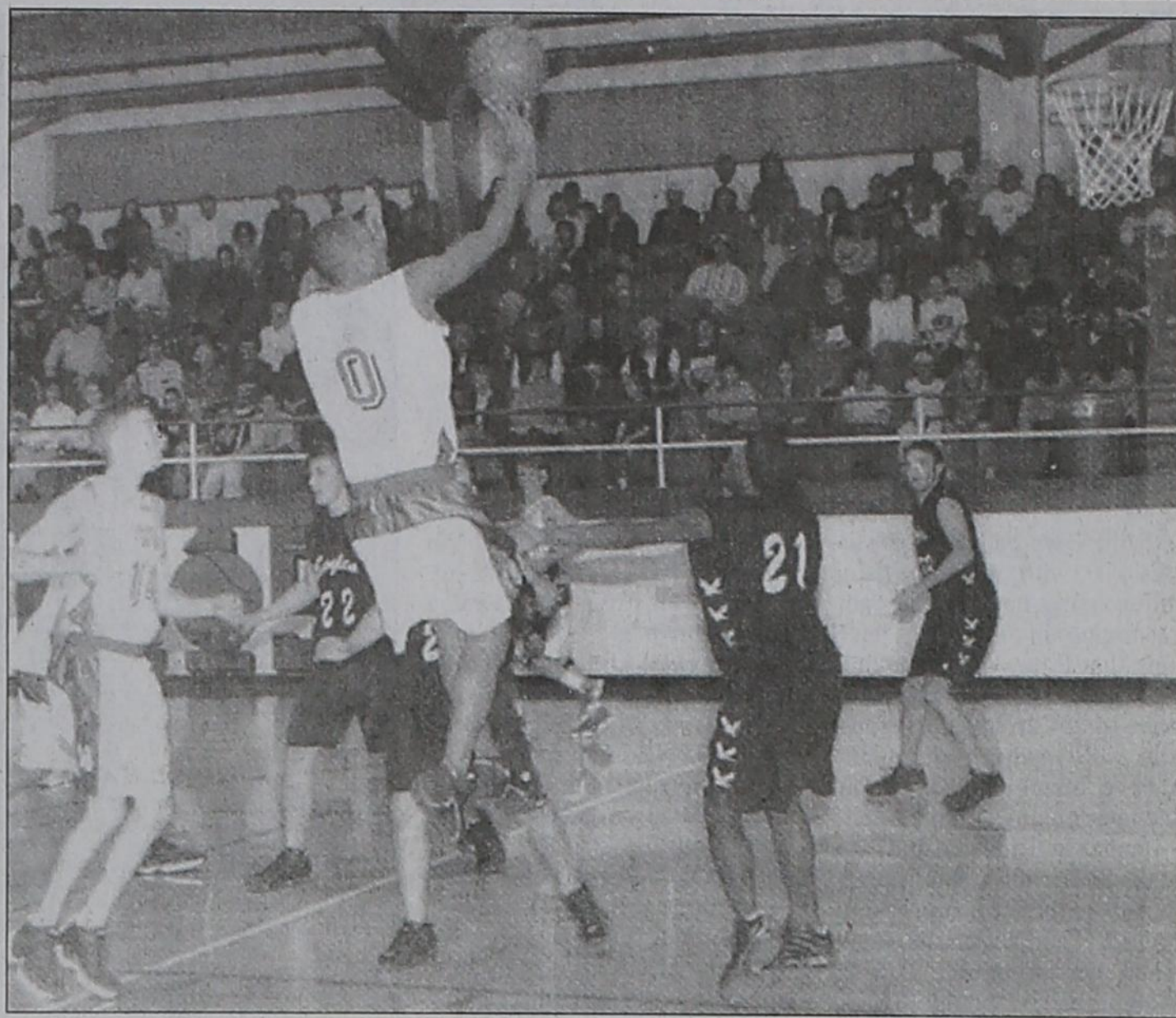
Roosevelt won the fourth period as the Eagles scored 25 points to Dimmitt's 13. However, it was too much, too little, too late. Sherman scored all but one of the Bobcat points in that frame.

Sherman finished the night with 30 points to lead all scorers. He had three three-pointers along the way.

Josselet and Gauna each put in 12. Josselet hit three "three's", including one right at the half. Worsham and Wright also finished in double figures with 10 points apiece. Wright also made two three-point shots.

Matthew Gauna, Hunter and Brown each put in two points apiece to close out the scoring.

The Bobcats hoped to keep the momentum going at Shallowater Tuesday.



UP, UP AND AWAY! Kenneth Worsham (0) soars above the crowd as he shoots against the Roosevelt Eagles. Looking on and preparing to rebound is Mathew Wright (14). The Bobcats beat the Eagles 80-69.

Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

FRIDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Muleshoe, Here, 6:30 p.m.



TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Cooper, There, 6:30 p.m.



SHAYLA KENWORTHY
Sophomore Guard

Schedule and Scores

Feb. 1—*Muleshoe, Here
 Feb. 5—*Cooper, There
 Feb. 8—*Littlefield (Boys), There
 Feb. 12—*Roosevelt (Boys), There

<p>Bobbies</p> <p>35, Randall 60 30, Levelland 44 29, Borger, 52</p> <p>Queens Classic</p> <p>51, Hereford 45 33, Plainview 71 45, Levelland 67 56, Hereford 58</p> <p>Nazareth Tournament</p> <p>75, White Deer 46 57, Hamilton 63 62, Hale Center 49 47, Tulia 42 31, Sudan 44 37, Abernathy 50 49, River Road 53 52, Dalhart 37</p> <p>Caprock Tournament</p> <p>43, Trinity Christian 58 52, Brownfield 41 42, Abernathy 36 42, Estacado 82 43, Littlefield 47 53, Roosevelt 50 29, Shallowater 41 44, Muleshoe 72 45, Cooper 38 42, Littlefield 44 55, Roosevelt 33 38, Shallowater 59</p> <p>Season Record: 10-17 District Record: 3-5</p>	<p>Bobcats</p> <p>49, Randall 51 70, Levelland 62 59, Borger 65 74, Hereford 57</p> <p>Pioneer Classic</p> <p>80, Clint 65 68, Hereford 56 77, Borger 62 62, Plainview 63 79, Tulia 62</p> <p>Crossroads Classic</p> <p>55, Hereford 46 53, Clyde 42 77, Trinity Christian 70 66, Abernathy 63 61, Caprock 39 63, Dalhart 43</p> <p>Caprock Tournament</p> <p>82, Panhandle 45 52, Estacado 69 49, El Paso Coronado 66 68, Tulia 50 71, Dalhart 52 56, Amarillo High 76 64, Shallowater 65 77, Muleshoe 71 72, Cooper 39 65, Littlefield 55 80, Roosevelt 69 69, Shallowater 64</p> <p>Season Record: 20-7 District Record: 5-1</p>
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Swiftettes continue winning contests

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
The Nazareth High School varsity girls basketball team had a little more to deal with than usual Friday.

However, despite the presence of a Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex television station on hand, the Swiftettes took down Valley 66-40.

"I think we had a lot of distractions with the television station being her and the cameras being in our face, but I think that'll pay off in the long run," Nazareth girls basketball coach Matt Garrett said. "Hopefully, we'll have the opportunity to have other cameras in our face later on down in the line."

Stephanie Thiel led the way for the Swiftettes with 25 points, including a three-pointer. Mandy Hoelting and Wendy Black joined her in double figures. Hoelting had 11 points, including a three-pointer, while Black had 10, including two three-point shots.

Danette Ramaekers and Megan Schulte were both next with five points apiece. Each one also had three-pointers along the way.

Erica Gerber scored four

Ramaekers named harrier all-star

Nazareth High School cross-country runner Danette Ramaekers recently earned some major applause for her exploits.

Ramaekers was named a Cross-Country All-Star for Class 1A by the Texas Girls Coaches Association.

She will receive her award at the Texas Girls Coaches Association's Summer Clinic on Thursday, July 11. The ceremony will be taking place at Daniel Meyer Coliseum on the campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

It is better to be a coward for a minute than dead for the rest of your life.

—An Irish Proverb

points. Jackie Thiel and Lesley Brockman rounded out the scoring with three points apiece, both of which came on three-point shots.

The Swiftettes had to play without Marsha Black, who had twisted her ankle in practice Thursday.

"I thought Erica Gerber and Megan Schulte did a good job filling in for her," Garrett said. "Mandy Hoelting and Lesley Brockman played a heck of a game. They did really good defense and scoring from outside. Wendy Black did a heck of a job playing defense tonight."

Before that, the Swiftettes hosted Silverton and crushed the Lady Owls 68-23.

"The defense was real good throughout the whole game," Garrett said. "Our offense was a little sluggish starting out. We missed a lot of little things, but at halftime, we got adjusted a little bit and they came out and played real well."

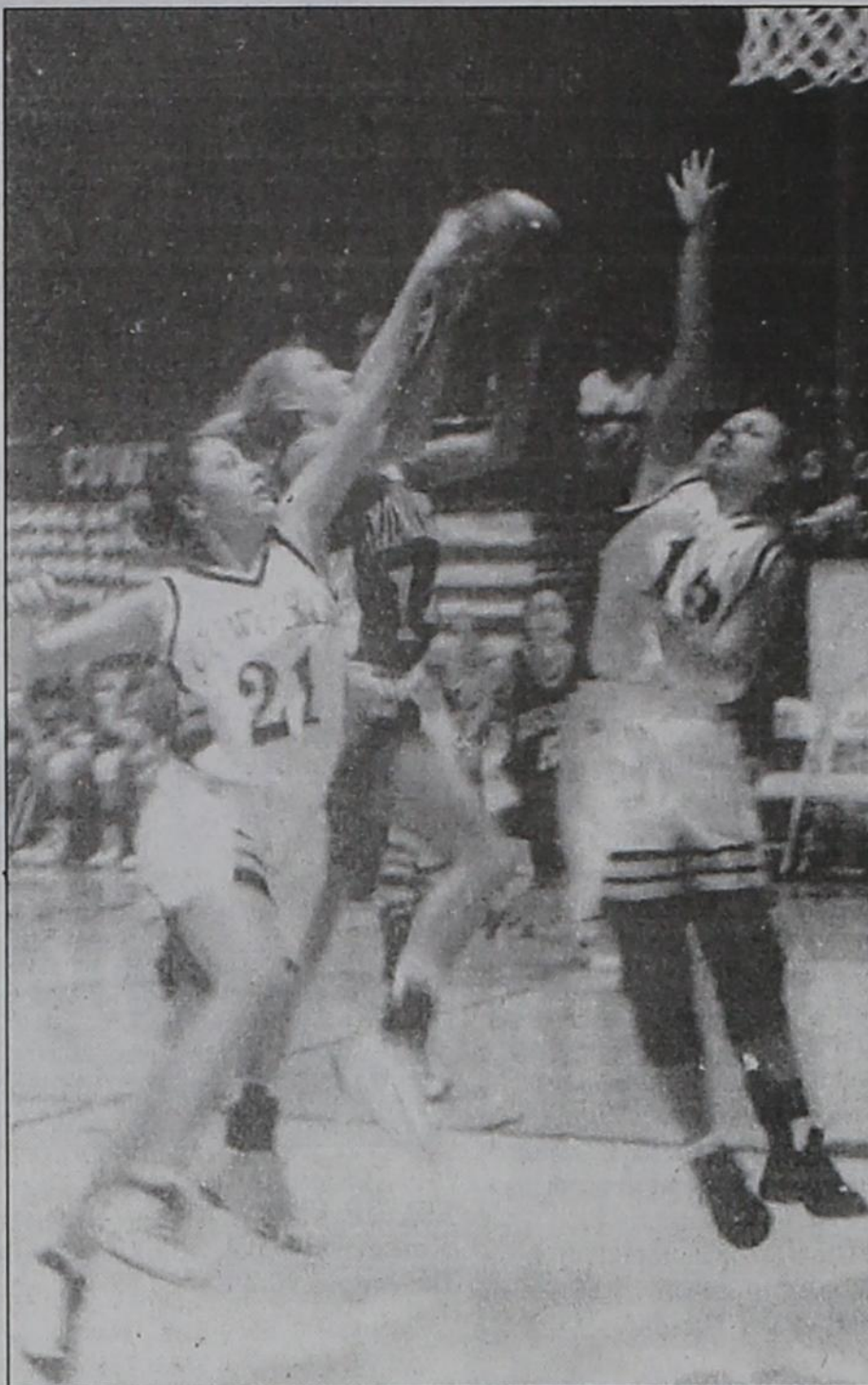
Black led in scoring this time with 16 points, including two three-pointers. Hoelting joined her in double figures with 15, which included three "three's". Despite battling illness, Thiel joined them in double figures with 12, including two three-pointers.

Brockman hit two three-pointers on the way to six. Jackie Thiel and Schulte followed with five, with Thiel hitting a three-point shot along the way.

Marsha Black put in four points. Kim Brockman made a three-pointer to account for her three points. Gerber scored the other two points.

"I think the bench came up and played real well," Garrett said. "Kim Brockman, Danette Ramaekers, Jackie Thiel all played well. Megan Schulte and Erica Gerber came in and played post and played especially great defense."

The Swiftettes hosted Happy in the final regular season home game for the seniors, Stephanie Thiel, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Hoelting, Ramaekers and Susan Kern.



UP, UP AND AWAY — Nazareth's Stephanie Thiel is shown driving to the basket against Happy in recent action. The Swiftettes will be featured during a sports segment Sunday night, Feb. 10 on Channel 8 in Dallas. The station was in Nazareth last week gaining information on the segment.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Castro County represented among statistical leaders

LUBBOCK — Some Castro County athletes rank on the South Plains in some basketball statistics, according to the *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*.

The players in question are Austin Sherman, Nicky Gauna and Jenna Steidle of Dimmitt, Stephanie Thiel of Nazareth and Jay Finch of Hart.

Thiel, according to the publication leads Class 1A Girls Scoring with 23.1 points per game.

As for Finch, he ranks second in Class 1A Boys Scoring with 20.1 points per game.

Then there's Sherman. He also ranks second, but in Class 3A Boys Scoring. His average is 18.7.

Gauna ranks fifth in Class 3A Boys Rebounding with an average of 8.3.

Steidle ranks seventh in Class 3A Girls Rebounding. Her average is 6.1

Swifts wax Valley, defeat Silverton

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
There are runs and then there are runs.

The Nazareth boys basketball teams enjoyed an epic run against Valley Friday in a 91-40 triumph.

"They (the Patriots) played Happy tough and they played Silverton tough," Nazareth boys basketball coach Mike Scarborough said. "They've got some good kids."

Along the way, the Swifts went on a 44-4 run that started in the second quarter and lasted until into the third quarter. The game was close at 20-16 when it started and out of reach for Valley at 64-20 when it ended.

"I was very pleased," Scarborough said. "I thought we came out real hard in the first quarter and we played consistently. I was glad to see that in the second half, we didn't stop. We're getting better and that's what we need to be doing."

Kade Wilcox topped the scoring column with 17 points, including three three-pointers. He was one of four Swifts in double figures.

Trey Robb was just behind him with 16. Eric Schilling added 13 and Daryl Pohlmeier 10.

Ky Wilcox almost got into double figures with nine. Brock Birkenfield and Jordy Rowland were just behind them with eight. Both hit two three-pointers along the way.

Justin Kleman and Tyler Ehly followed with four points apiece. Chase Schulte scored the other two.

Before that, the Swifts hosted Silverton and bested the Owls 73-48.

Kade Wilcox led in scoring again with 18 points, including four three-pointers. Schilling and Pohlmeier both finished right behind him with 17 points. Schilling hit a "three" along the way.

Ky Wilcox was next with eight points. Schulte hit a three on the way to seven points. Rowland hit a three-pointer for

all of his points while Robb had two and Ehly one.

"Silverton came out and they were ready to play us," Scarborough said. "In the third quarter is when we kind of started pulling away and got some easy baskets. It took us four quarters to get the job done."

The Swifts hosted Happy in the final home game of the season. It's also the regular season home finale for seniors Ky Wilcox, Blake Birkenfield, Kade Wilcox and Pohlmeier.

Amarillo Opera to hold 'Lift Every Voice' concert

AMARILLO — The Amarillo Opera will be holding its eighth annual "Lift Every Voice" concert Saturday at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium.

Special guest artists include soprano Hope Silver and her sister, Kay Pace, a pianist. Other featured performers are gospel singer Devlon Jones, Afton Battle, Glenn Beal and Ebony Grayson.

General admission tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults and can be purchased from panhandle tickets at the Amarillo Civic Center at 378-3096. Service charges will be added.

VIP tickets are also available. They can be had by calling the Amarillo Opera at 372-7464.

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KY TO THE HOLE — Ky Wilcox, a member of the Nazareth High School varsity boys basketball team, is shown driving to the basket against Happy in recent action. The Swifts played their final home game of the season Tuesday against Happy.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

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Consignment farm auction is slated for February 16

Consignments of farm equipment are current being accepted for the Nazareth Knights of Columbus farm auction, which will be held Feb. 16 for area farmers.

The auction will be held at the Dimmitt Agri Industries location just west of the light in Nazareth.

Five Star Auctioneers of Plainview will be conducting the auction and will donate half of the commission to the Knights of Columbus. The money earned will benefit Knights of Columbus charities in the panhandle.

Consignments will be taken up to the day of the sale. However, anyone who would have like to have had their item advertised has until Friday.

Those who wish to place equipment for the sale should contact either Joe Kleman at 945-2301 or 647-7259 or Brian Raemakers at 945-2331 or 647-7372.

More about Johnson ...

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themselves when it's time to retire. It's a rather sudden decision, but it was a decision I decided was best for myself and also best for the school district."

He said he's seen some things change for the NISD during his time.

"The state financing situation and the grants we've been able to get has allowed us to do some things to the facilities," Johnson said. "I think there have been some advances in curriculum. We've made an effort to prepare the Nazareth school district for the future."

Johnson said he's choosing to leave at this time rather than at the end of the year because he doesn't care to be a "lame duck".

"I don't like to be perceived as 'lame duck'," Johnson explained. "I don't like the way a 'lame duck' sometimes performs their job. Based upon that belief, I felt it was just best that I — go."

He won't be moving too far away, just 20 miles east to Tulia. Johnson chose Tulia because of its proximity to some very important things.

"It's close to my grandchildren, close to my son (Nick) and I'll be close to Nazareth," Johnson said. "I'll be able to watch these kids I've seen grow up and mature over these last 12-13 years and become respective, patriotic citizens."

Just because he's no longer the Nazareth superintendent doesn't mean that he won't be attending any more Nazareth events.

"I don't plan to miss anything," Johnson said. "I plan to be here and part of this community, to go to the other side and enjoy watching these kids grow up and do their athletics."

"I intend to follow their successes and progresses with intensity," Johnson said. "I have many people here who I consider good friends that I intend to maintain close contact with. I intend to stay a member of the Nazareth Lions Club and the Senior Citizens."

He said he would be missing something in his different capacity.

"I think what I will miss the most is the day-to-day contact with the students and the day-to-day contact with my staff," Johnson said.

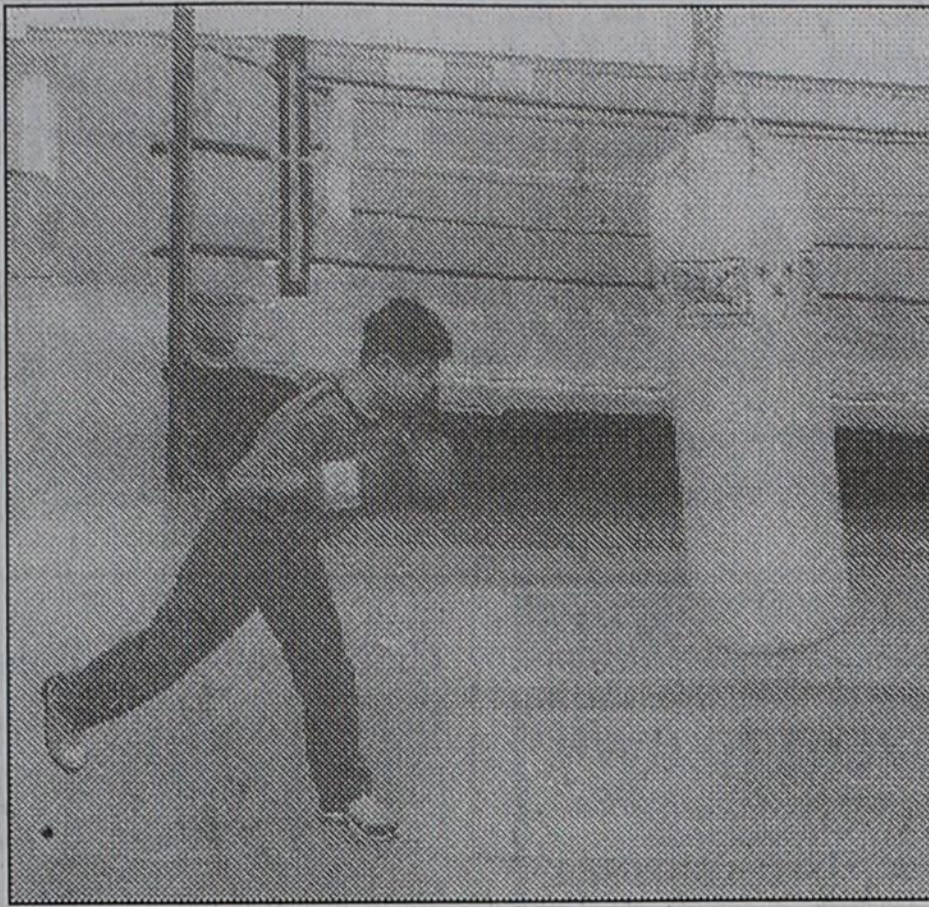
As he leaves the position, it's with his head held high.

"The school is in good condition," Johnson said. "We were in the black for the first time in about three years this year."

"We have an excellent school board and a wonderful staff," Johnson said. "I feel like they will continue to have a good school. There was a good school at Nazareth before I showed up and they'll be a good school at Nazareth after I'm gone. I hope they'll be able to say they had a good school district while I was here."

The chief virtue that lingua, can have is clearness, and nothing detracts from it so much as the use of unfamiliar words.

—Hippocrates



GETTING AFTER THE BAG — John David Flores, a member of the Dimmitt Golden Gloves boxing team, is shown working with the bag.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Golden Gloves chapter starting

Dimmitt is starting a local Golden Gloves chapter.

It's being headed up by Joe Alvarez, Animal Control Officer with the Dimmitt Police Department. He's being assisted by Joe Franco and Tony Perez.

Thus far, there are nine boxers in camp so far. These are J.D Alvarez, Joshua Alvarez, Joe Arguijo, Abel Espinoza, John David Flores, Tiny Juarez, Rudy

Martinez, Johnny Montelongo and Diego Rivera.

The team will first be competing in a tournament in Lubbock Feb. 15-16.

The team works out Monday through Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Azteca Community Center, located at 910 E. Jones. Anyone interested in becoming a part of the time is invited to come at that time.

Cameron, Burleson win Eskimo event

The duo of Taylor Cameron and Joel Burleson combined to win the championship flight of this weekend's Eskimo Partnership, which took place at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Cameron, from Canadian and Burleson, from Pampa, combined to shoot a 125, which put them four strokes ahead of the Amarillo duo of Steve Russell and Pendergrass, which shot a 129.

Three other twosomes finished behind Russell and Pendergrass in the championship flight. Lubbock's Mark Vega and Romero Rodriguez, Tulia's Chris Watson and Mark Wyatt and Amarillo's Zach Norrell and Jerry Lockhart, all ended up with 131.

As for the first flight, it ended in a tie between the local duo of Jerry Heller and Mickey Bishop and the Amarillo tandem of Joe Marquez and Mike Montoya. Both shot a 131.

Third place in the first flight went to the Plainview twosome of Lanny Savage and Shane Savage, who finished with 134.

Competition was even more stiff in the second flight as three tandems finished with a 143. These consisted of three Amarillo duos, Trini Valdez and David Adkins, John Lantz and Grant Lantz and Joe Graf and Jerry West.

Another Amarillo twosome, Scott Weatherly and Manly Davis, won the third flight by two strokes with a 150. They edged out Darrell Buckley and Norman Hays, who finished with 152.

Three other tandems tied for

third, one stroke behind Buckley and Hays at 153. These were local duos Jeff Pigg and David Allison and Alan McClure and Betty McClure as well as Muleshoe's Cecil Chavez and George Martinez.

More about Clinton ...

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she was surprised when Johnson announced he was stepping down.

"I was very surprised," Clinton said. "I just didn't expect it. He's really a fantastic guy."

Her husband's name is Kenny and he owns Plainview Lock and Key. The Clinton's have one son, Berry, 13, a seventh-grader.

As to whether or not she would apply to fill the position on a full-time basis, Clinton said "that remains to be seen".

A bad book is as much of a labor to write as a good one; it comes as sincerely from the author's soul.

—Aldous Huxley

The winds and waves are always on the side of the ablest navigators.

—Edward Gibbon

If you suspect a man, don't employ him, and if you employ him, don't suspect him.

—Chinese proverb

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 31-Feb. 8.

DIMMITT Pre-K to 12th Grades

Grab-and-go breakfast

THURSDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, peaches and white milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick w/sausage, fruit cocktail and white milk.

MONDAY: Blueberry mini loaf, peaches and white milk.

TUESDAY: Teddy Grahams, apple juice and white milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn Pops Cereal, fresh bananas and white milk.

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fruit cocktail and white milk.

FRIDAY: Hot egg and cheese pocket, peaches and white milk.

Lunch

Pre-K to 1st Grade

THURSDAY: Chicken fillet strips, French fries, orange fruit cup, hot cheese rolls, white or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, peaches, white or chocolate milk.

MONDAY: Bean chaluas, vegetable medley, Spanish rice, taco condiments, white or chocolate milk.

TUESDAY: Fish nuggets, broccoli w/cheese, tossed salad, watermelon, white hot rolls, white or chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs and potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, chilled fruit cocktail, white or chocolate milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, vegetable medley, fideo Mexicano, orange gelatin surprise, white or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, Corn on the cob, tossed salad, applesauce, white or chocolate milk.

2nd-12th Grades

THURSDAY: Choices of chicken fillet strips, enchilada casserole or chicken pot pie; french fries, frijoles refrito or peach cobbler; tossed salad, carrot celery raisins or orange fruit cup; hot cheese rolls, crackers or arroz Mexicano and white or chocolate milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of chicken fillet strips, enchilada casserole or chicken pot pie; french fries, frijoles refrito or peach cobbler; tossed salad, carrot celery raisins or orange fruit cup; hot cheese rolls, crackers or arroz Mexicano and white or chocolate milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choices of bean chaluas, shrimp poppers or Italian lasagna, Southern collard greens, vegetable medley or great Northern beans, taco condiments, tossed salad or cole slaw; garlic bread, tortilla chips or garlic bread and white or chocolate milk.

TUESDAY: Choices of fish nuggets, chili fritos or pork tamales; broccoli w/cheese, scalloped onions or green beans; fresh spinach salad, tossed salad or watermelon; white hot rolls, cornmeal yeast rolls or Fritos corn chips, white or chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of corn dogs, fried chicken or Chinese plate; potatoes au gratin, summer squash or butter beans; tossed salad, potato or pasta salad; chilled fruit cocktail, assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips and white or chocolate

milk.

THURSDAY: Choices of nachos w/cheese; tuna and noodles or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, baked potatoes or sweet potatoes; tossed salad, honeydew melon or orange gelatin surprise; hot wheat rolls, fideo mexicano or crackers and white or chocolate milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese sandwich or red beans and rice; potato wedges, corn on the cob, broccoli/cauliflower or tossed salad or applesauce; angel flake biscuits, crackers or old fashioned cornbread and white or chocolate milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal, and milk.

MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Sausage, waffles, pancake syrup, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, variety of milk.

WEDNESDAY: Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, buttermilk biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, pancake syrup, sausage breakfast pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal, and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger w/potato chips, corn dog or large slice of pizza; salad, corn, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun, burrito, corn dog or chili, potato chips, peaches, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of oven-fried chicken, burrito, or corn dogs and gravy; broccoli and cheese, salad, wheat rolls, carrot sticks, strawberries, peaches, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of chicken enchilada, casserole, corn dog or burrito; plain tortilla chips, corn, salad, carrot sticks, picante sauce, pears, peaches, gelatin dessert, whole wheat sugar cookies and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of nachos, corn dog or chicken noodle soup; pinto beans, salad, sliced pickles, assorted fresh fruit, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, chili beans with cornbread, or hamburger, salad, French fries, sliced cheese, sliced pickles, gelatin dessert, chocolate milk and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun, burrito, corn dog, chili, potato chips, peaches, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: French toast sticks, sausage pattie, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage pattie, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on roll, rolls, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or sausage pizza, stuffing mix, peaches, cranberry sauce, tossed salad and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Sausage pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, corn, gingerbread, pears, milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Chicken nuggets and bread or hamburger, french fries, scalloped potatoes, tossed salad, peaches, peanut butter bars, and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Chili dog or chili, baked potato, tossed salad, green beans, applesauce and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Barbecue sandwich or hamburger, crispy potato cubes, pinto beans, lettuce, crisp and nutty cookies, apricots and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Chicken fajitas or sausage pizza, pears, vegetarian beans, lettuce, orange cake and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Spaghetti pasta or sausage pizza, spaghetti meat sauce, tossed salad, vegetarian beans, fruit cocktail, Jan's dump cake, milk or juice.

(Items designated with an asterisk (*) will be served to elementary school students.)

BOVINA — St. Ann's Catholic Church is sponsoring its annual German Sausage Dinner Sunday, Feb. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall on 3rd Street.

The menu will include german sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, homemade sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts and tea or coffee.

Donations will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under six. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.



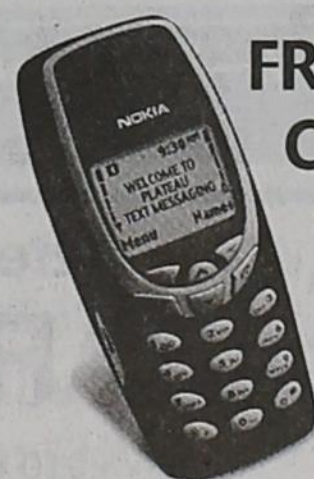
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DATE: Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2002
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6—For Sale, Misc.

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10—Agricultural Services

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CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Matt Gfeller, 647-4551, home; 647-6754, mobile. 10-49-ftc

CUSTOM SWATHING AND BALING. Call Leslie Birkenfeld, 647-3320. 10-5-ftc

11—Feed, Seed & Grain

HAY FOR SALE: Stubble, wheat. Call Roy Schilling. 647-2401, 647-7066. 11-40-ftc

HAY FOR SALE. Small square bales. Oats, \$4.25; alfalfa, \$6.75. Call Nazareth Feed and Supply, 945-2291. 11-18-ftc

14—Automobiles

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3—Real Estate For Rent

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- ✓ A Card of Thanks will cost \$7.50.

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CHILD CARE NEEDED. Live in or not in Amarillo, Texas. Room, meals, salary. Call 351-0072. 20-43-4tc

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25—Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE

We, the undersigned County Judge and Commissioners in and for Castro County, Texas hereby certify that we have this date made an examination of and compared the County Treasurer's Quarterly report, filed with us on this 28th day of January 2002 and have found the same to be correct and in order and that the total of all funds held by the County Treasurer, as well as other assets in her hands in the sum of \$2,149,019.04.

First United Bank-Dimmitt, Texas

	Working Fund Balance	Certificates of Deposit
General Fund	1,437,974.04	
Precinct #1	141,739.85	
Precinct #2	153,448.21	
Precinct #3	136,849.69	
Precinct #4	279,007.25	

WITNESS OUR HANDS 28th day of January, A.D. 2002.

IRENE MILLER,
County Judge
NEWLON ROWLAND,
Commissioner, Precinct #1
CLYDE DAMRON,
Commissioner Precinct #2
BAY BALDRIDGE,
Commissioner, Precinct #3
DAN SCHMUCKER,
Commissioner Precinct #4

25-44-1tc

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-40-5tc

25—Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR. 2477

THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA CRIDER, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA CRIDER

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of VIRGINIA CRIDER, Deceased, were issued to GARY C. CRIDER and RICHARD L. CRIDER, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, as follows:

Gary C. Crider
1903 Pavia Court
Arlington, Texas 76006
or
Richard L. Crider
369 Cumberland Trail
Conroe, Texas 77302

25-44-1tc

Breast cancer screening slated for Plains Memorial

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening mammogram. Each woman screened will receive a breast health risk appraisal and individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

All exams are done by appointment only. Please call 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673 for more information.

Barnes and Noble sponsoring 'dream' essay contest

AMARILLO — Barnes and Noble Booksellers is sponsoring an "I Have a Dream" essay contest in conjunction with February being Black History Month.

The subject of the essay is "I have a dream", a phrase coined by slain Civil Rights Leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The essays are to be no longer than 500 words long. The contest is open to all children between the ages of five and 18. All essays must include name, teacher's name, school, school address, school phone number, age and grade.

The essays are to be returned to Barnes & Noble Booksellers no later than Sunday, Feb. 20 at 5 p.m. The address is 2415 Soncy Road; Amarillo TX 79124.

The judging will be done by a panel assembled by Barnes and Noble. Winners will be notified by Friday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. The winners will be presented by age group at a reception at the book store Monday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m.

County stock show winners are announced

A mediumweight medium wool lamb, an exotic steer and a light heavyweight cross barrow were chosen as the top animals at this weekend's Castro County Livestock Show, which took place this weekend at the Castro County Exop Building.

Kelton Flowers showed the top lamb, a 115-pound mediumweight medium wool that was chosen as the grand champion. Reserve grand champion honors went to Raynee Bradley, who showed a 124-pound heavyweight medium wool lamb.

As for the top steer, a 1,280-pound exotic, it was shown by

David Underwood. Dennis Underwood sported a 1,335-pound exotic to reserve grand champion.

Cutter Johnson's entry, a 250-pound light heavyweight cross, won the swine show. Tyler Cornett took reserve champion honors with a heavyweight cross that checked in at 261 pounds.

The complete results of the Castro County Livestock Show follow below. The show was conducted by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

LAMB SHOW

Grand Champion: Kelton Flowers.
Reserve Champion: Raynee Bradley.

FINE WOOL

Breed Champion: Jinna Wright.
Reserve Breed Champion: Molly Bradford.

Lightweight: 1. Jinna Wright. 2. Molly Bradford.

FINEWOOL CROSS

Breed Champion: Adam Hart.
Reserve Breed Champion: Kelton Flowers.

Lightweight: 1. Kelton Flowers. 2. Beau Bradley. 3. Houston Sutton. 4. Reagan Hunter.

Mediumweight: 1. Ross Hunter. 2. Cliff Wright. 3. Chase Hatla. 4. Ryan Hunter. 5. Kassi Riddle.

Heavyweight: 1. Adam Hart. 2. Raynee Bradley. 3. Ryan Hunter. 4. Houston Sutton. 5. Chauncey Gilbreath.

MEDIUM WOOL

Breed Champion: Kelton Flowers.
Reserve Breed Champion: Raynee Bradley.

Lightweight: 1. Anthony Hochstein. 2. Shay Johnson. 3. Jenna Acker. 4. Ryan Hunter. 5. Beth Hom. 6. Cutter Johnson. 7. Chase Hatla. 8. Wendy Bradford. 9. Kade Riddle. 10. Whit Whitaker. 11. Shay Johnson.

Mediumweight: 1. Kelton Flowers. 2. Beau Bradley. 3. Lauren Waggoner. 4. Lacey Acker. 5. Molly Bradford. 6. Adrienne Hart. 7. Cutter Johnson. 8. Ross Hunter. 9. Eric Odom. 10. Will Whitaker.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Jenna Acker.
Grand Champion: Cutter Johnson.
Reserve Champion: Tyler Cornett.

BERKSHIRE

Breed Champion: Brent Byrd.
Reserve Breed Champion: Eric Odom.

Lightweight: 1. Eric Odom. 2. Aaron Kern. 3. Jordy Rowland. 4. Trent Barnes. 5. Chase Black.

Heavyweight: 1. Brent Byrd. 2. Eran Castillo. 3. Nicky Rowland. 4. Drew Higgins. 5. Brandy Smith. 6. Steven Hightower.

Mediumweight: 1. Raynee Bradley. 3. Chauncey Gilbreath. 4. Anthony Hochstein. 5. Lacey Acker. 6. Andrew Brockman. 7. Wendy Bradford. 8. Shae Odom. 9. Rose Wilhelm. 10. Thomas Curtis. 11. Reagan Hunter.

Heavyweight: 1. Raynee Bradley. 2. Beau Bradley. 3. Adam Acker. 4. Jinna Wright. 5. Chase Hatla. 6. Jinna Wright. 7. Molly Bradford. 8. Ross

Hunter. 9. Kyla Riddle. 10. Kaden Griffit. 11. Will Whitaker.

Jumbo: 1. Cliff Wright. 2. Adam Acker. 3. Lauren Waggoner. 4. Cliff Wright. 5. Jared Griffit. 6. Andrew Brockman. 7. Brandy Smith. 8. Whit Whitaker. 9. Shay Johnson.

SOUTHDOWN

Breed Champion: Cailee Gilbreath.
Reserve Breed Champion: Kelton Flowers.

Lightweight: 1. Shae Odom. 2. Will Whitaker. 3. Whit Whitaker.

Heavyweight: 1. Cailee Gilbreath. 2. Kelton Flowers. 3. Chauncey Gilbreath. 4. Michael Horn. 5. Brandy Smith.

STEER SHOW

Grand Champion: David Underwood.
Reserve Champion: Dennis Underwood.

BRITISH

Breed Champion: Eric Odom.
Reserve Breed Champion: Ross Schulte.

Class: 1. Eric Odom. 2. Ross Schulte. 3. Shay Johnson.

EXOTIC

Breed Champion: David Underwood.
Reserve Breed Champion: Dennis Underwood.

Class: 1. David Underwood. 2. Dennis Underwood. 3. Ross Schulte.

SWINE SHOW

CHESTER WHITE

Breed Champion: Makenzie Cornett.
Reserve Breed Champion: Makenzie Cornett.

Lightweight: 1. Caitlin Huseman. 2. Raynee Bradley. 3. Cailee Gilbreath. 4. Marsha Black. 5. Orrin McLain.

Mediumweight: 1. Makenzie Cornett. 2. Brooke Parker. 3. Garrett Klemman. 4. Devin Kern. 5. Alexis Sager. 6. Whitney Mitchell. 7. Dusty Horn.

Heavyweight: 1. Makenzie Cornett. 2. Brad Lane. 3. Trevor Barnes. 4. Brandi Kern.

CROSSES

Breed Champion: Cutter Johnson.
Reserve Breed Champion: Tyler Cornett.

Lightweight: 1. Macee Schulte. 2. Logan McLain. 3. Jason Harris. 4. China Foster. 5. Nicky Rowland. 6. Brandi Kern. 7. Chase Foster. 8. Brady Schulte. 9. Adam Wright.

Mediumweight: 1. Holly Lane. 2. Adrienne Hart. 3. Zachary Farris. 4. Marsha Black. 5. Jake Porsch. 6. Brad Lane. 7. Charley Nutt. 8. Dennis Underwood. 9. Evan Huseman. 10. Chase Black.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Cutter Johnson. 2. Matthew Wright. 3. Dennis Underwood. 4. Beau Bradley. 5. Jake Porsch. 6. Charley Nutt. 7. Drew Higgins. 8. Bailey Nutt. 9. Chase Hatla. 10. Maegan Farris. 11. Jeff Corbitt. 12. Elizabeth Olvera. 13. Chance Hanes.

Heavyweight: 1. Tyler Cornett. 2. Beau Bradley. 3. Karis Klemman. 4. Trent Barnes. 5. Drew Higgins. 6. Keshia Smith. 7. Bailey Nutt. 8. Shane Hanes.

DUROCS

Breed Champion: Beau Bradley.
Reserve Breed Champion: David Underwood.

Lightweight: 1. David Underwood. 2. Eran Castillo. 3. Bryce Parker. 4. Jason Harris. 5. Wendy Black. 6. Brad Lane. 7. Travis Anderson. 8. Logan McLain.

Mediumweight: 1. Bryce Parker. 2. Raynee Bradley. 3. Bryce Parker. 4. Karis Klemman. 5. Trent Barnes. 6. Macee Schulte. 7. Fharrin Welch. 8. Kelsey Hochstein.

Heavyweight: 1. Beau Bradley. 2. Zachary Farris. 3. Landon Porsch. 4. Brooke Parker. 5. Gus Gesling. 6. Rebecca Olvera.

HAMPSHIRE

Breed Champion: Tyler Cornett.
Reserve Breed Champion: Maegan Farris.

Lightweight: 1. Brent Byrd. 2. Ross Schulte. 3. Matthew Wright. 4. Zachary Farris. 5. Kelli Schulte. 6. Garrett Klemman. 7. Gus Gesling. 8. Kelli Schulte. 9. Kelsey Hochstein. 10. Orrin McLain. 11. Jake Porsch. 12. Jaime Black.

Mediumweight: 1. Brady Schulte. 2. David Underwood. 3. Kelby Myrick. 4. Raynee Bradley. 5. Zane Farris. 6. Adam Wright. 7. Elizabeth Olvera. 8. Tyler Myatt. 9. Shay Wilhelm. 10. Brandi Kern. 11. M.T. Morrow. 12. Devin Kern. 13. China Foster.

Heavyweight: 1. Tyler Cornett. 2. Maegan Farris. 3. Dennis Underwood. 4. Shane Hanes. 5. Charley Nutt. 6. Landon Porsch. 7. Eric Odom. 8. Adrienne Hart. 9. Trevor Barnes.

POLAND CHINA
Breed Champion: Kenley Klemman.
Reserve Breed Champion: Kelton Flowers.

Lightweight: 1. Kenley Klemman. 2. Alexis Sager. 3. Bailey Nutt.

Heavyweight: 1. Kelton Flowers. 2. Kendra Huseman. 3. Brooke Parker. 4. Whitney Mitchell.

SPOTS

Breed Champion: Kelton Flowers.
Reserve Breed Champion: Cutter Johnson.

Lightweight: 1. Eric Odom. 2. Kenley Klemman. 3. Cailee Gilbreath. 4. M.T. Morrow. 5. Kelsey Hochstein. 6. Shea Myatt. 7. Holly Lane.

Heavyweight: 1. Kelton Flowers. 2. Cutter Johnson. 3. Kendra Huseman. 4. Brandy Smith. 5. Kelby Myrick. 6. Dusty Horn. 7. M.T. Morrow.

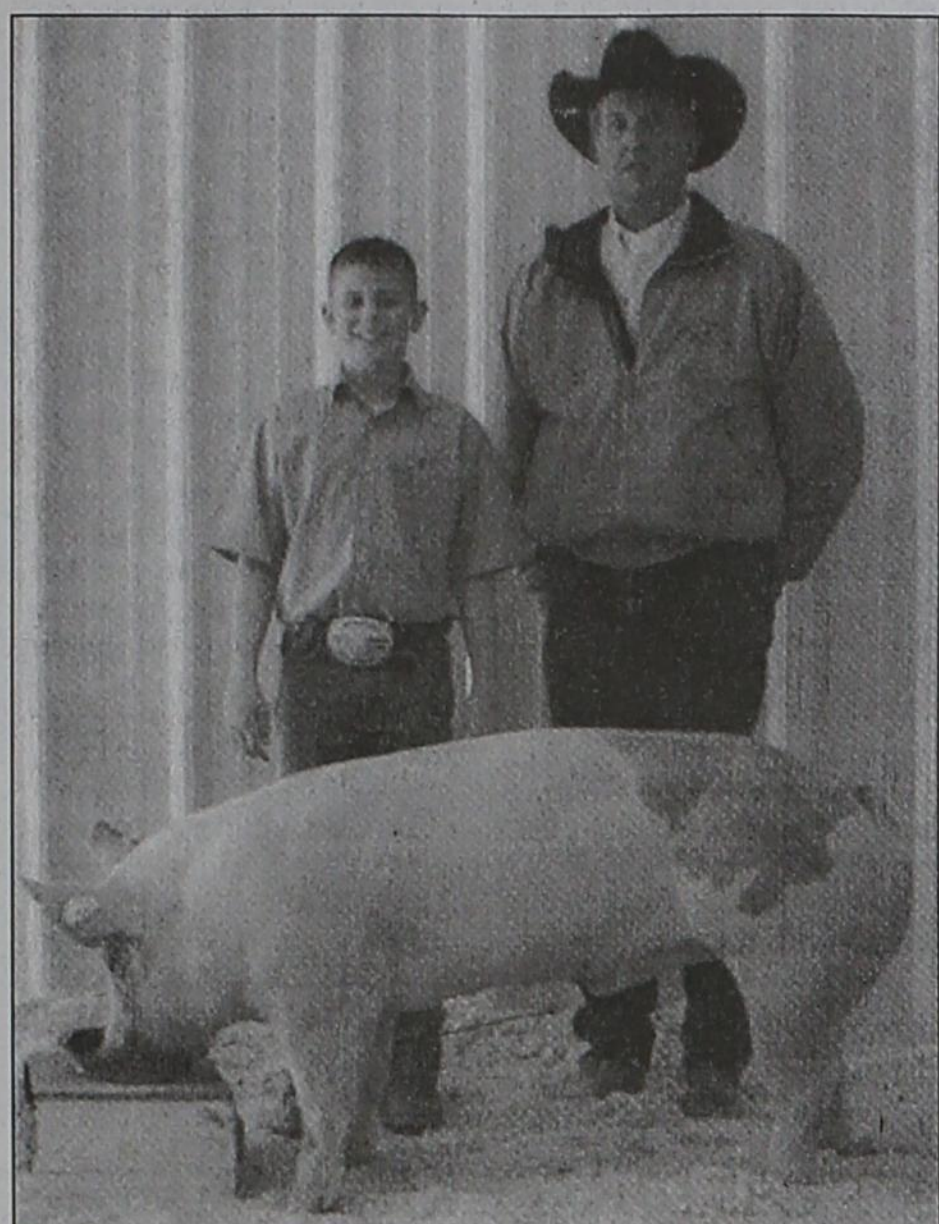
YORKSHIRES

Breed Champion: Aaron Kern.
Reserve Breed Champion: Kelby Myrick.

Lightweight: 1. Kelby Myrick. 2. Keshia Smith. 3. Shay Wilhelm. 4. Jeff Corbitt. 5. Landon Schulte. 6. Zachary Farris. 7. Steven Hightower.

Mediumweight: 1. Aaron Kern. 2. Holly Lane. 3. David Underwood. 4. Brent Byrd. 5. Maegan Farris. 6. Evan Huseman. 7. Aaron Kern. 8. Wendy Black.

Heavyweight: 1. Zane Farris. 2. Zane Farris. 3. Trevor Barnes. 4. Adam Hart. 5. Chance Hanes.



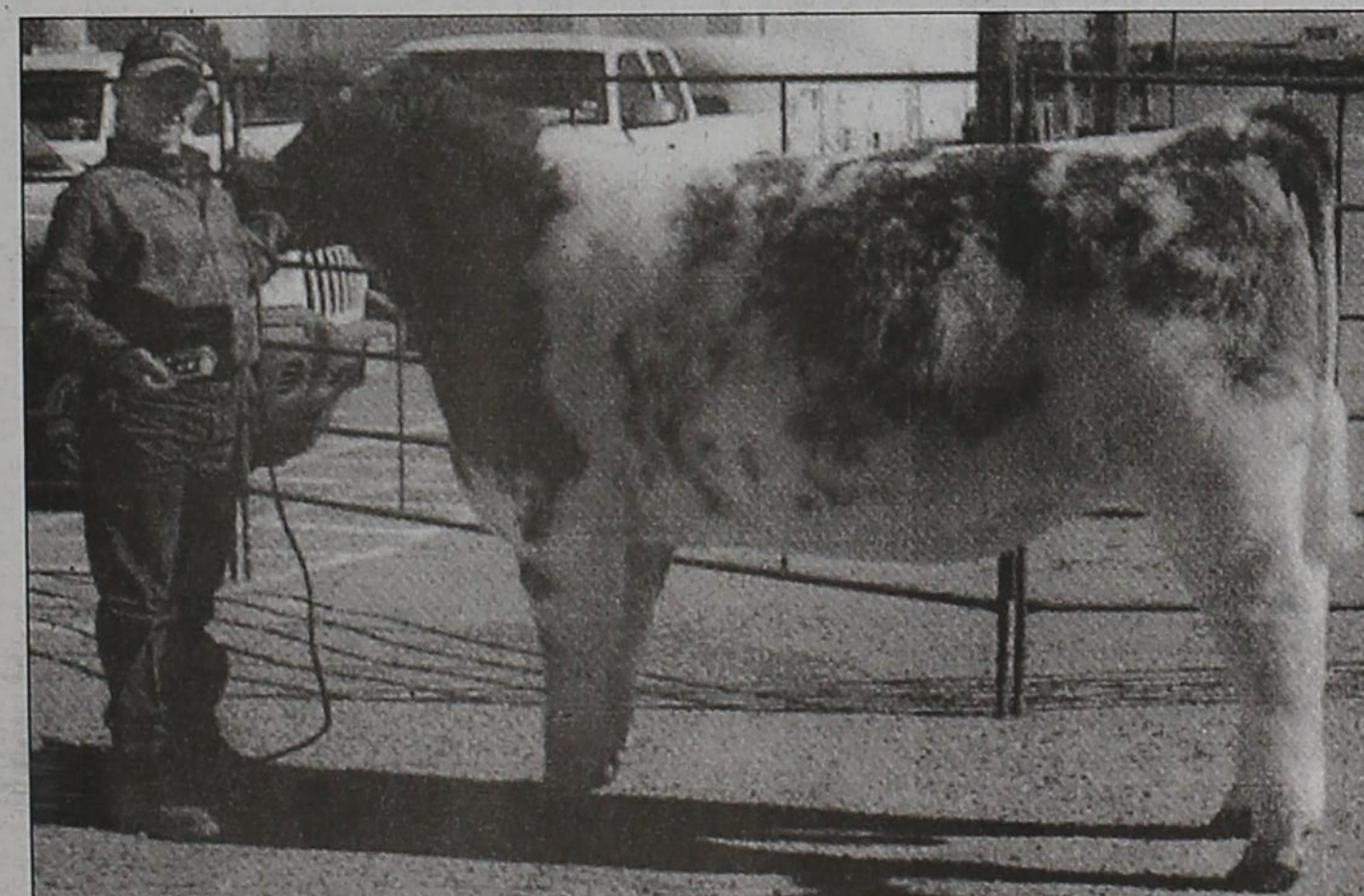
RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE—Tyler Cornett's swine, of the Heavy Cross variety, was the reserve grand champion swine of the Castro County Stock Show. The animal weighed 261 pounds and was sold to the Dimmitt Buyers Club for \$3 per pound. Cornett is pictured with Greg Odom of the Dimmitt Buyers Club.

Photo by Brenda Bruton



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB—Raynee Bradley had the reserve grand champion lamb at this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The heavyweight medium wool lamb, which weighed 125 pounds, was sold at \$8 per pound to the North Gin. Jim Bradford of the North Gin is pictured with her.

Photo by Brenda Bruton



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER—Dennis Underwood is shown with his reserve grand champion steer, an exotic. Weighing 1,335 pounds, the animal was purchased by the Dimmitt Buyers Club for \$2.25 a pound.

Photo by Brenda Bruton

Sheriff's Report

Several people have been incarcerated in the Castro County Jail in recent days. That list follows below:

— Jan. 22: A 33-year-old Dimmitt man; Expired Inspection; Defective of No Tail Lamps; Failure to Appear.

— Jan. 23: A 24-year-old Olton man; Warrant for Driving While Intoxicated, 1st Offense/Motion to Revoke After Court.

— Jan. 27: A 23-year-old Hereford man; Driving While Intoxicated, 1st Offense.

— Jan. 27: A 27-year-old Amarillo man; Possession/Delivery of Drug Paraphernalia.

— Jan. 27: A 41-year-old Hart man; Driving While Intoxicated, 1st Offense.

— Jan. 27: A 43-year-old Amarillo man; Driving While Intoxicated: 3rd or More.

— Jan. 28: A 21-year-old

Olton man; Aggravated Assault, Theft by Check.

— Jan. 28: A 42-year-old Hereford man; Violation of Promise to Appear, No Safety Belt.

— Jan. 28: A 28-year-old Hereford man; Possession of Marijuana, Under Two Ounces.

Police Calls

A 20-year-old Dimmitt man reported Friday that stereo equipment was taken from his vehicle while it was parked in the 200 block of NE 7th. Taken were a wood speaker box, a subwoofer speaker, a four-channel amplifier and two cassette car stereos. Total value of the items is \$410.

A 39-year-old Dimmitt man reported a runaway from a residence located in the 200 block of SW 4th Sunday.

A 36-year-old man reported Sunday that a 16-year-old juvenile student was hit in the face with a plastic ketchup bottle at Dimmitt High School.

Gonzales, Harman make Dean's Honor Roll at ENMU

PORTALES, N.M. — Two Eastern New Mexico University students from Dimmitt have been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester.

Valerie R. Gonzales and Rachal Diane Harman are the two in question. Gonzales is an elementary education major while Harman majors in communicative disorders.

Morris to perform at Home Mercantile

NAZARETH — Rooster Morris will be giving a concert and public reading at the Home Mercantile Sunday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

Morris will be reading a chapter from the book *Through Time and the Valley*, a book written by John Erickson that tells the stories from a two-week 140-mile horseback journey made by

Erickson and a friend through the Canadian River Valley in 1972.

There is no admission charge for this event, but donations are greatly appreciated. A pot luck dinner will be shared at 6 p.m. for anyone wishing to fellowship with the artists before the show starts.

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Obituaries

Leroy Harris

Leroy Harris, 65, of Booker, father of Adam Harris of Dimmitt, died Sunday, Jan. 27 in Amarillo.

Services were at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at First Baptist Church of Booker with the Rev. Brent Farney officiating. Burial was at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Dumas Cemetery under the auspices of Good Samaritan Funeral Service.

He was born Dec. 25, 1936 on a farm near Wellington. He loved to build and drive his own race cars and was a regular at Southwest Speedway.

Survivors include his son, Adam Harris of Dimmitt; three daughters, Teresa Diedrich of Poplar Grove, Ill., Ramona Ginter of Booker and Delilah Turner of Higgins; one brother, Raymond Harris of Tulsa; three sisters, Marie Peterson of Amarillo, Peggy Griffin of Bay Springs, Miss. And Cookie Friemel of Dumas; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Jesse Lee Washington

Jesse Lee Washington, 51, of Amarillo, son of Evelyn Washington of Dimmitt, died Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Services were at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors in Amarillo with the Rev. Dayle Leonard, Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Llano East Cemetery.

He was a baggage handler for Continental Trailways for six years. He moved to Amarillo 33 years ago from Lubbock. He married Tammy Johnson in 1973 in Amarillo.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Vincent Ray Barnes of Campbell, Ohio, Aikeem Anderson of Dallas, Terry Meander of Amarillo and Brandon Anderson of Detroit; two daughters, Sha Meander and Dematris Wilson, both of Amarillo; six sisters, Mary Alice

Dykes of Fort Worth; LaVerta Freeman of Mississippi and Mary Jane Stever, Joyce Ann Wilson, Madeline Washington and Lou Ann Washington, all of Amarillo; his mother, Evelyn Washington of Dimmitt and 12 grandchildren.

Mable Scheller Wisian

Mable Scheller Wisian, 69, of Amarillo, sister of Virginia Taylor of Dimmitt, died Thursday, Jan. 24.

Private family graveside services were at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26 at Hansford Cemetery in Spearman with Elroy Wisian, Jr. officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of Bowell Brothers Funeral Home of Spearman.

She was born Nov. 15, 1932 in Montague County and married Elroy Wisian on Dec. 16, 1950 in Earth. She was an insurance agent.

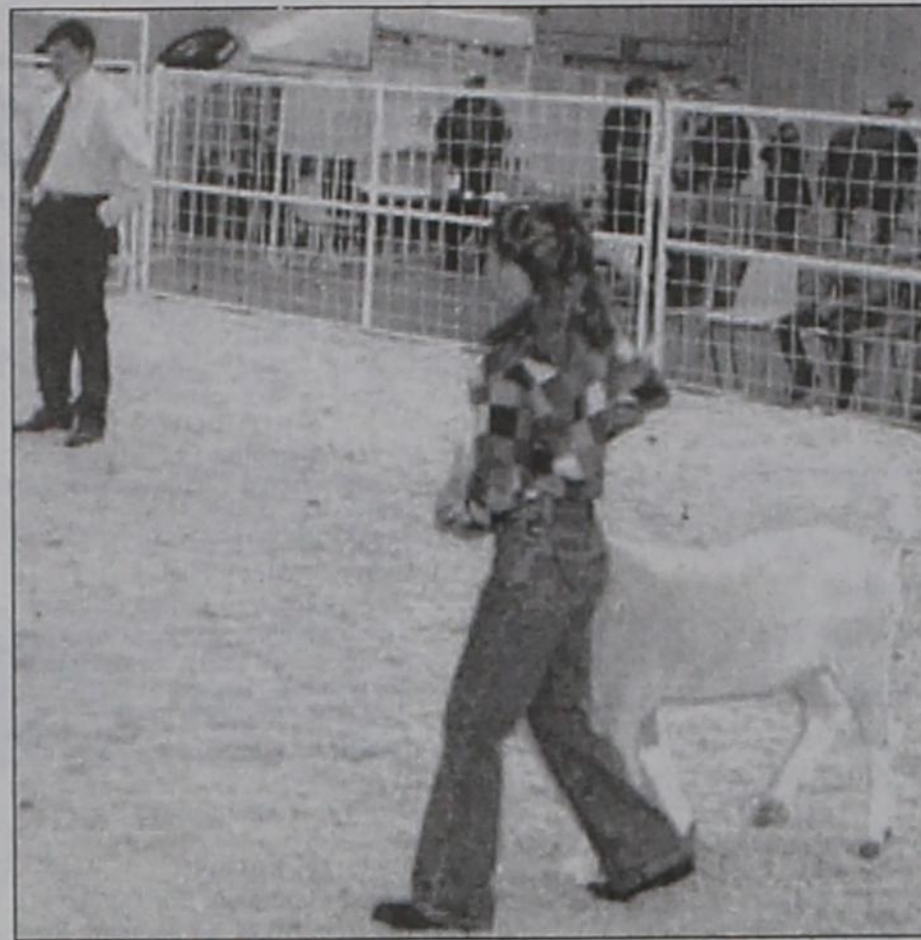
Her husband preceded her in death in 1989.

Survivors include two sons, Elroy Jr. of Alto, N.M. and David of Saint Jo; two daughters, Vicki Crossland of Tulsa, Okla. and Gene Wisian of Amarillo; three sisters, Rosedale Taylor of Earth, Virginia Taylor of Dimmitt and Elaine Wright of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Charles Scheller of Houston and Melvin Scheller of Berryville, Ark; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Jan Werner Day Care Center; 3108 S. Fillmore; Amarillo, TX 79110.

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YO, JUDGE, OVER HERE! — Wendy Bradford is hoping judge Vance Christy will look her way during the goat judging Friday at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

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Social Security

By MARY JANE SHANES
Plainview SS Manager

Concerns about Social Security's long-term solvency have generated a wide range of proposals that would introduce individual savings accounts as part of, or in addition to, Social Security. For a number of these proposals, workers would make voluntary contributions to their accounts.

How many workers are likely to participate in these accounts if they are voluntary? Are some workers more likely to participate compared to others? A paper published in the year 2000 by Social Security looked at participation rates in three existing voluntary accounts — individual retirement accounts (IRAs) 401(k) plans and the Federal Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) — to come up with possible answers.

The three plans allow tax-deferred savings. The traditional IRA is available to all workers — but not all workers are eligi-

ble to make tax-deductible contributions. In 1993 a 401(k) plan was available to 31 million workers. Other salary reduction plans are 403(b) plans for the nonprofit sector and 457 plans for state and local governments. The TSP is a voluntary contribution plan for federal employees.

The study concludes that several factors influence participation in voluntary plans — but significantly, even workers with lower earnings do participate when the is employer-sponsored.

Regardless of how the Social Security program may evolve over the next decades, it will continue to be an important part of a worker's retirement income. But proper planning is needed to ensure that it is well-supplemented by pension income, savings and investments.

Together We Can

Letter

Republican chair talks precinct lines

Dear Editor,

The Democrats have been carrying the load of social engineering for a while. Have you noticed the results? How about those precinct lines? We've an opportunity to consider them again this year and, lo and behold, we have the same antagonist looking for a fight. The gerrymandering failed to satisfy anyone, not even the \$200 per hour government lawyer. She wants more!

Most Republicans would like to go back to the original lines that put all four precincts in the courthouse, because the purpose of precinct lines was to assign responsibility for conducting county business. That has changed. Washington DC took over and doesn't give a rip about conducting Castro County business. Now it's Washington DC business. We must accept that. The Castro County Democrats fought a good fight, but they lost. They lost because Washington DC Democrats got all their money.

The good results are the two antagonists did not win their

elected offices. The fun parts are that one of the commissioner's wife, can't even vote for her husband because of gerrymandering. Father Fernando of ICCV was surprised to find out that even though his church was being used as a voting place and he lives across the street, down a couple of blocks, he has to go to another church to vote.

I believe gerrymandering is, divisive, intrusive, expensive and doesn't benefit the taxpayer or the voters in Castro County. The best way to handle the current precinct line is to declare it a non-issue. If Washington DC wants to move our precinct lines, we'll move them. Keep our sense of humor, realizing that even serious people look silly trying to solve problems that don't exist. Imagine, embarrassing the Clergy and splitting the bedroom, because of a precinct line ordered by Washington DC.

William P. Dannevik
Dimmitt
Republican Chairman
Precinct 201

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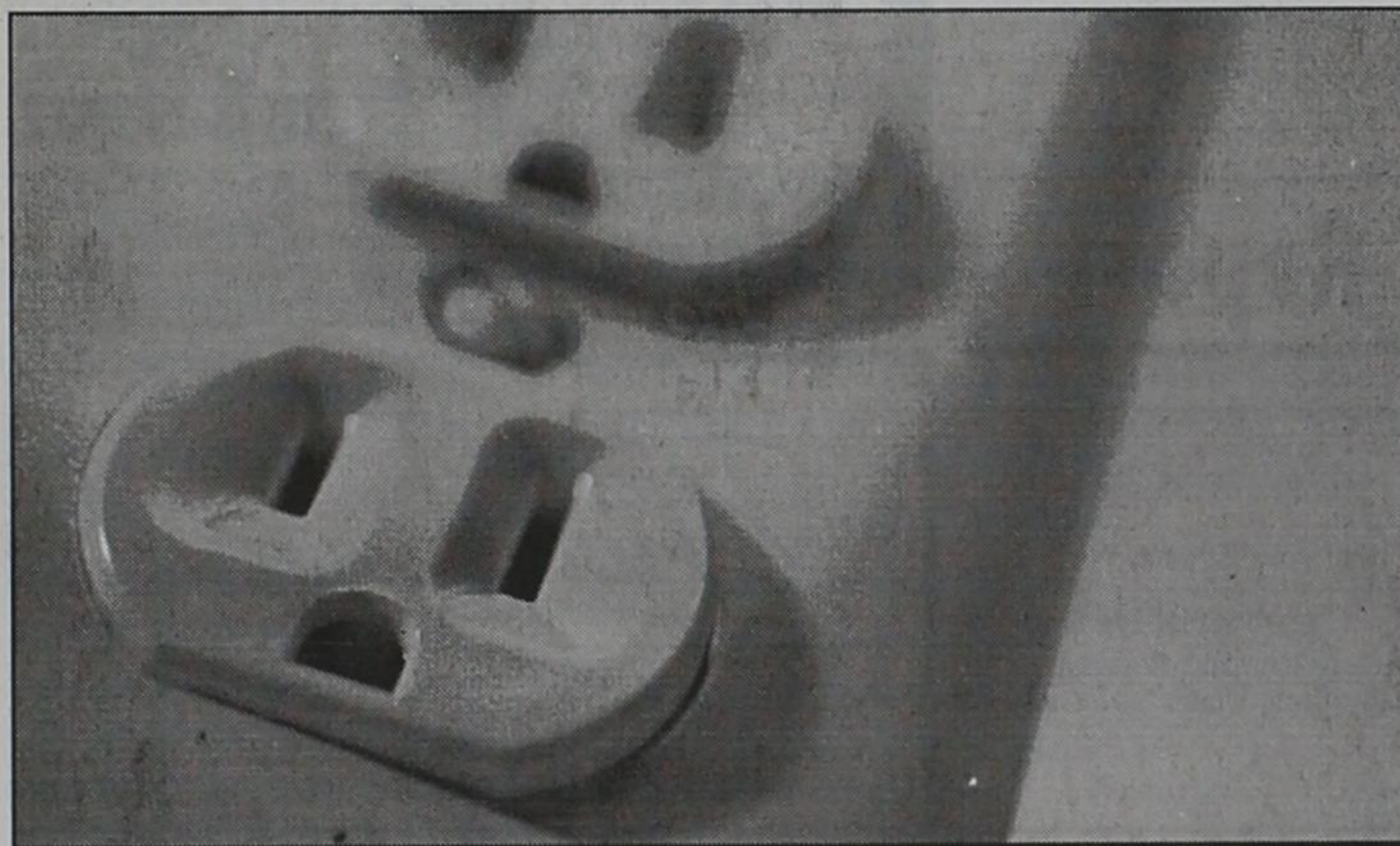


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