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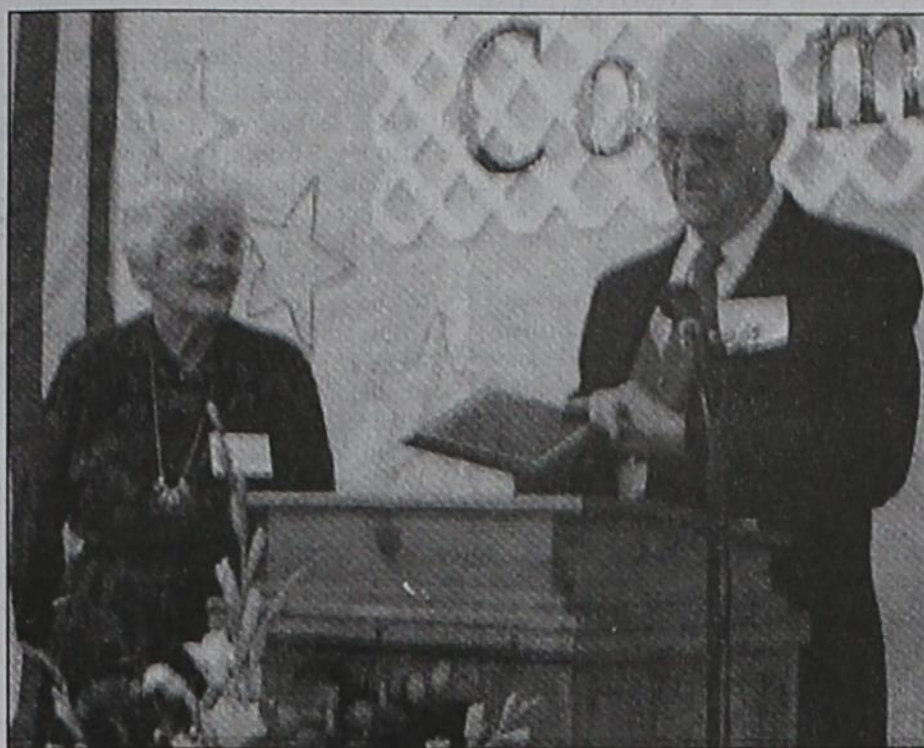
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TEACHER OF THE YEAR — Elaine Steinle, who was named Teacher of the Year at Saturday's Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet, is shown holding a "garage sale" sign along with presenter Alicia Bradley. The honoree has been with the Dimmitt Independent School District since 1982-83.

Photo by John Hasselmeier



CITIZENS THROUGH THE YEARS — As wife (and fellow honoree) Helen Kuntz looks on, Fred Kuntz examines a plaque presented the couple after they were named Citizens Through the Years at the annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet Saturday.

Photo by John Hasselmeier



CITIZENS OF THE YEAR — Beth Buckley, who was honored along with Lori Wilhite (right) as Citizen of the Year at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night, is shown addressing the assembly, likening Dimmitt to Bedford Falls of "It's a Wonderful Life" fame.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Buckley, Wilhite named Citizens of the Year

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
Beth Buckley and Lori Wilhite shared Citizen of the Year honors at Saturday night's Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet, which took place at the Castro County Expo Center.

In other award-winning categories, Elaine Steinle was the Teacher of Year, Dimmitt Printing the Chamber Member of the Year and Fred and Helen Kuntz earned Citizen Through the Years.

Citizen of the Year
Barbara Bain introduced the Citizen(s) of the Year.

"When the committee gathered a few weeks ago to select our Citizen of the Year, they faced the monumental task of trying to pick one recipient," Bain began. "Both have quite a history in our community. One comes from a long-time

prominent family and one comes from a family who brought prominence to our area.

"Both are graduates of Dimmitt High School and proudly wore the purple and white uniform of the Bobbies as they helped their team to the regional tournament, but not in the same year," Bain said. "They were even both the basketball queen their Senior year."

Bain said that both, who are teachers in the Dimmitt Independent School District, were members of the band and "both looked quite cute and perky in their purple and white plaid twirler uniforms with those adorable little tams on their heads."

"You'll still find both of these ladies at all the ball games where they are some of our



CHAMBER MEMBER OF THE YEAR — Dimmitt Printing was named Chamber Member of the Year at Saturday night's Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet. Roger Malone, owner of Dimmitt Printing, is shown receiving the plaque for the business' achievement from Chamber president Gary Langford.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

most ardent fans," Bain said. "Not only are they sports enthusiasts, but they are dedicated to keeping themselves physically fit."

"Another place where you might find these recipients actively involved is in the First United Methodist Church," Bain said. "One will be found in the choir loft still using her talents to play one of the musical instruments and the other will be found faithfully each Sunday closer to the back of the congregation."

Bain also cited the duo's work on the Dimmitt Relay for Life.

"These two ladies were the driving force behind the 2000 and 2001 Relay for Life, probably the most successful charitable event ever held in Castro County," Bain said. "We salute them not only for the

work they did, but also for their enthusiasm, and for their kind and loving and generous hearts."

Citizens Through the Years
Brenda Bruton introduced the Citizens Through the Years.

"We will honor a couple who have been married for 56 years," Bruton said. "They almost deserve the recognition for that alone. Now, they might argue about who swept who off who's feet...but in 1945 our couple got married."

"In 1946 they moved to Big Square, a place the young man likely had never heard of," Bruton said. "The young man left the Air Force to become a farmer in an area where her family had been living since 1932. By 1957, with three children underfoot, this couple

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Miller gives update on re-districting

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
Castro County Judge Irene Miller updated the Castro County Commissioners on her recent

trip to Austin concerning the county's re-districting problems at a called meeting Tuesday afternoon.

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Lotechtex January is School Board Member Month

By CHRIS BRADFORD
January is School Board Recognition Month in the nation and especially in Castro County, Texas where we are fortunate to have school boards that are made up of diversified groups of professionals dedicated to the education of our children and grandchildren.

The following is a salute to those individuals:
They are alternately described as having the most important volunteer jobs in the country and facing the toughest challenge in elected American government. Yet school board members are just ordinary citizens with extraordinary dedication to our nation's public schools.

Public education is the backbone of American society and local school boards are deeply rooted in that tradition. Their origins can be traced to colonial times when the Massachusetts Law of 1642 empowered town officials to compel parents to teach their children to read. Today local school boards continue to do the most important work in their communities—that of educating our youth. Yet local trustees tackle an often thankless job devoid of any glory. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts.

Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make. Too often we forget about the important role that school board members play in assuring con-

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Castro County Stock show takes place this weekend

The Castro County Stock Show is set to take place this weekend at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

There will be more types of animals this year as goats will be judged along with the traditional lambs, steers and barrows.

Altogether, there will be 272

animals. Broken down, that includes 180 barrows, 80 lambs, six goats and six steers.

The total number of animals is up from last year, but down in two categories. The number of barrows is up one from 179, but the lambs are down from 82 and the steers down from eight of a year ago.

Subsequently, the judging will be starting a little sooner this year, at 8 a.m. with the goats. Lamb judging will follow the goat judging, followed by the steer judging and the barrow judging.

The show is being

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Naz superintendent to retire from post

NAZARETH — Dean Johnson, superintendent of the Nazareth Independent School District will be submitting his resignation for purposes of retirement at a called meeting today.

There will be more about this in next week's issue.

City chooses Automated Water Meter provider

In an abbreviated City Council meeting Monday evening, the Dimmitt City Council chose Western Industrial Supply of Amarillo as the supplier of the new automated water meter system.

Western Industrial was chosen over Wheeler Municipal Supply even though Western's bid was a total of \$637,980 compared to \$392,672 for Wheeler. According to councilman Paul Wayland, "the two bids were like comparing apples and oranges, but when you got them down to apples to apples, Western was the obvious choice".

With five members of the council present, the motion to accept Western was made by Bob Murdock and was seconded by Paul Wayland. The vote was unanimous.

Installation of the new meters should commence by February 10 and will take about 90 days to complete.

A second reading was heard relative to the annexation of the Emmett Heard lot on Butler Drive. This second reading was approved with the

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Cerestar welcomes EU approval of Cargill acquisition

Cerestar welcomes the European Commission decision to give clearance to Cargill's intended acquisition of Montedison's 56 percent shareholding of Cerestar.

The EC decision gives final

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STOCK SHOW PREPARATION — Charley Nutt, a senior at Dimmitt High School is shown brushing her pig Rising Star in 4-H Barn. The

Castro County Stock Show is slated to run Friday and Saturday.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

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 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	64	...	24
Thursday	44	...	27
Friday	60	...	19
Saturday	47	...	14
Sunday	46	...	15
Monday	54	...	20
Tuesday	63	...	24

January Moisture 0.35
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Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.

If you really do put a small price on yourself, rest assured that the world will not raise your price. —Anonymous

The persons hardest to convince they're at the retirement age are children at bedtime. —Shannon Fife

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Second graders earn honors

Second-grade awards at Rich-ardson Elementary for the second nine weeks have been handed out. They follow below:

Johnson
Super Spellers: Manuel Acevedo, Tori Addison, Haley Bonilla, Austin Cluck, Jennifer Fernandez, Meranda Garcia, Carter Hill, Alma Melendez, Zachary Price, Adam Reinart, Andres Rodriguez, Isreal Rodriguez, Carsyn Steffens and Stacy Uvalle.
Hardest Workers: Carter Hill and Alma Melendez.

Perfect Attendance: Haley Bonilla, Austin Cluck, Carter Hill, Clemente Lopez, Zachary Price, Briana Prieto, Adam Reinart, Andres Rodriguez and Stacy Uvalle.
Super Reader: Carter Hill.
Matt Whizzes: Manuel Acevedo, Haley Bonilla, Austin Cluck, Brittany Enriquez, Jonathan Gamez, Meranda Garcia, Carter Hill, Alma Melendez,

Zachary Price, Adam Reinart, Andres Rodriguez, Israel Rodriguez, Andrew Saenz and Carsyn Steffens.

Penmanship: Manuel Acevedo, Tori Addison, Haley Bonilla, Jennifer Fernandez, Meranda Garcia, Carter Hill, Alma Melendez, Andres Rodriguez and Carsyn Steffens.
Reading Improvement: Clemente Lopez.

Venhous
Super Spellers: Jeffery Almanza, Katrina Barrios, Josiah Burzynski, Nacho DeLaCruz, Tramaine Kirven, Brittany Lindley, Will Malone, Candace Munoz, Michael Oliviero, Samantha Rodriguez, Krista Silva, Michelle Wait and Bridget Ward.
Matt Whizzes: Josiah Burzynski, Nacho DeLaCruz, C.J. Dennis, Tanner Gilbreath, Alex Ibarra, Marissa Jackson, Tramaine Kirven, Brittany Lindley, Will Malone, Candace Munoz, Michael Oliviero and Michelle Wait.

Super Reader: Bridget Ward, Will Malone, Michelle Wait, Miguel Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez and Brittany Lindley.
Hard Workers: Josiah Burzynski,

Nacho DeLaCruz, Will Malone and Jessica Ross.

Waggoner
Perfect Attendance: Monique Aleman, Jacob Dunnam, Kale Johnson, Israel Marquez, Chris Martin, Uriel Rodriguez, Amber Sanchez and Stephanie Bryan.
Math Whizzes: Monique Aleman, Jacob Dunnam, Kelsey Shilling, Katy Aljoe, John David Flores, Kale Johnson, Christopher Martin, Bo Puente, Blake Ramos and Priscilla Reyes.

Super Spellers: Monique Aleman, Katy Aljoe, Jacob Dunnam, John David Flores, Kale Johnson, Tiffany Oliviero, Uriel Rodriguez, Jose Salas, Kelsey Shilling and Priscilla Reyes.
Hardest Workers: Mario Velasquez and Gaby Aguilar.
Super Reader: Jacob Dunnam.

Reading Improvement: Shekana Thomas and Stephanie Bryan.
Penmanship: Kale Johnson, Kelsey Shilling, Israel Marquez, Gaby Aguilar, Saran Alexander, Gabby Cantu and Priscilla Reyes

Thames
Perfect Attendance: Matthew Anes, Johnny Ray Dones, Noe Jackson, Oscar Navarro, Albert Nicholas and Josslene Torres.
Penmanship: Kelsie Grantham, Oscar Navarro, Abby Oliviero, Angel Robles, Nallely Salas, Amy Smith and Coby Venhaus.
Super Spellers: Matt Aguilar, Matthew Anes, Karina Dozal, Kelsie Grantham, Albert Nicholas, Amy

Smith, Josslene Torres, Richard Torres, Coby Venhaus and Patrick McGrorey.

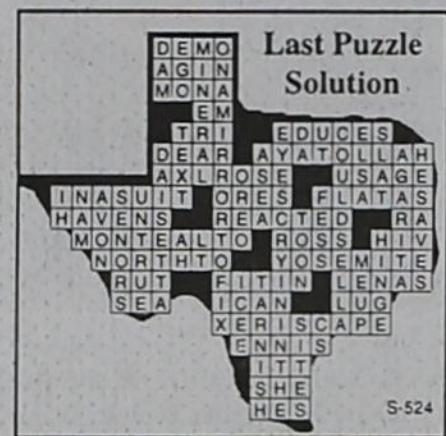
Matt Whizzes: Matt Aguilar, Karina Dozal, Kelsie Grantham, Nallely Salas, Amy Smith and Patrick McGrorey.
Hard Workers: John Falcon, Ty Morrow, Nallely Salas, Amy Smith and Josslene Torres.
Reading Improvement: John Falcon, Kelsie Grantham, Noe Jackson, Brittany Luna, Tiffany Medrano, Abby Oliviero, Angel Robles, Nallely Salas, Josslene Torres, Richard Torres, Coby Venhaus, Lupe Rodriguez and Armando Ortega.

Super Reader: Patrick McGrorey.
Matt Whizzes: Gerardo Bojorquez, Crystal Escamilla, Gustavo Ibarra, Eduardo Grado, Karen Guadiana, Juan Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Karla Munoz and Marisol Soto.

Perfect Attendance: Karen Guadiana, Juan Hernandez, Luis Martinez, Veronica Porras and Alonso Sanchez.
Hardest Workers: Crystal Escamilla, Karla Munoz, Luis Martinez and Mauricio Garcia.

Super Reader: Janie Garcia.
Super Spellers: Crystal Escamilla, Gustavo Ibarra, Karen Guadiana, Juan Hernandez, Elisa Perchez and Janie Garcia.
Penmanship: Gustavo Ibarra, Juan Hernandez, Marisol Soto, Jeronimo Garcia.

Reading Improvement: Liliana Castillo, Luis Martinez, Marco Medrano, Jorge Jaramillo and Yolanda Castaneda.



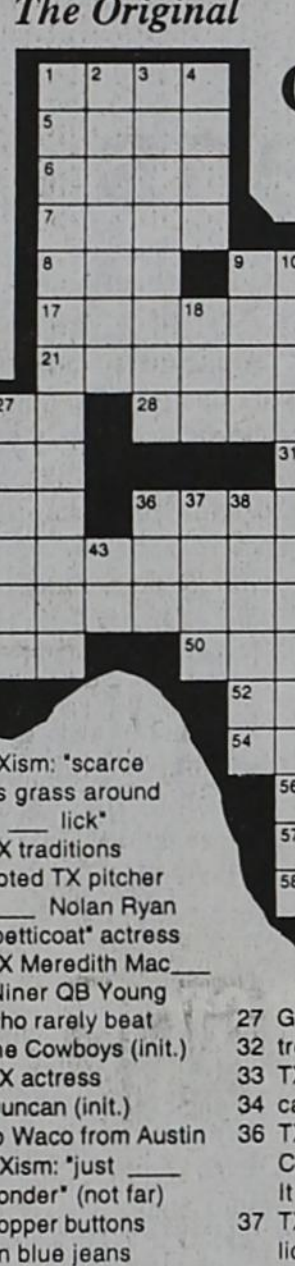
ACROSS

- song: "Texas When _____"
- TX Tracy Lawrence tune: "Today's Lonely _____"
- state where TX Buddy Holly died
- prepare for a test?
- TX V.T. Hamlin created "Alley _____"
- "legal eagle" assn.
- TX Gary Morris tune: "One Fall _____ It Takes _____"
- _____ in a battle of wits* (stupid)
- Grandpa and Little Luke
- Stephens of Cowboy Cheerleader films
- TXism: "hot enough to sunburn _____ toad"
- TXism: "sounded like a rip saw running through pine knots"
- Corpus Christi TV
- TX _____ Guinn Smith was last to win gold in pole vault with bamboo
- TXism: "_____ necklace" (barbed wire)
- TX Randy Quaid film: "_____ in Clear River"
- * in TX DWI
- underground pool of oil
- residential bush

DOWN

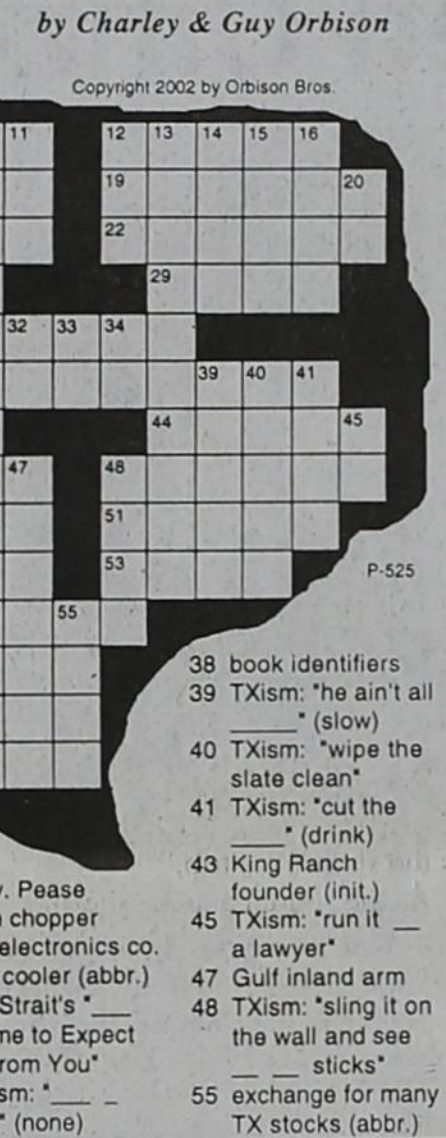
- TX Vassar Miller poem: "_____ Deeply Enough"
- TXism: "useless as a screen _____ submarine"
- in Wichita Co. off 287
- this Jack starred in TV series "The Texas Wheelers"
- in the middle of
- TXism: "hell _____ (determined)"
- citrus drink
- Gov. Hogg's daughter
- academic
- TXism: "the pot calling _____ black"
- tune of TX Henley group Eagles: "Take _____"
- TXism: "he believes all the people all the time"
- heavy beers
- TXism: "_____ light" (dawn)
- TXism: "bite a biscuit" before TX 7-11 Slurpee
- daring feat
- TXism: "_____ wire" (askew)
- hesitation sounds
- TX Ritter's "_____ Whiskey"
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The Original



TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison



First graders receive awards

First-grade awards at Rich-ardson Elementary for the second nine weeks have been handed out. They follow below:

Roberson
Citizenship: Arielle Correa, Carly Gilbreath, Elida Bonilla, Hector Sanchez, Isidro Ortega, Jaime Sifuntez, Joshua Luna, Lauren Carpenter, Lenzie Loudder, Lesli Cruz, Mabel Lujan, Megan Davis, Matthew Johnson and Vanessa Martinez.
Most Improved: Lesli Cruz.
Homework: Arielle Correa, Carly Gilbreath, Elida Bonilla, Eric Sanchez, Hector Sanchez, Isidro Ortega, Jaime Sifuntez, Joshua Luna, Lauren Carpenter, Lenzie Loudder, Mabel Lujan, Maegan Davis, Matthew Johnson and Vanessa Martinez.
Attendance: Carly Gilbreath, Mabel Lujan and Vanessa Martinez.
Writing: Anelle Correa, Carly Gilbreath, Elida Bonilla, Jaime Sifuntez and Lenzie Loudder.

Matthews
Attendance: Taylor Bradley, Mayra Hernandez, R.J. Hinojosa, Kelly Jackson, Adam Quiroz, Sergio Sanchez, Tyler Seward and Katy Taylor.
Most Improved: Katy Taylor.
Homework: Selena Arredondo, Taylor Bradley, Devin Gunstream, Abby Ojeda, Gina Saucedo and Tyler Seward.
Citizenship: Selena Arredondo,

Taylor Bradley, Devin Gunstream, Mayra Hernandez, Jacob Lule, Vanessa Marquez, Abby Ojeda, Adam Quiroz, Dorian Rosales, Sergio Sanchez, Gino Saucedo, Tyler Seward, Katy Taylor, Jeniva Tijerina and Marcus Vargas.

Writing: Taylor Bradley, Devin Gunstream, Abby Ojeda, Tyler Seward and Jeniva Tijerina.

Shannon
Citizenship: Anthony Almanza, Carolyn Collins, Gabrielle Galvan, Jessica Gudegg, Israel Machado, Aaron Oliviero, Carlos Ortiz, Drake Reyes, April Rivera, Lakana Thomas and Vennisa Uvalle.
Most Improved: Aaron Oliviero, April Rivera and Tohme Woolbright.
Homework: Carolyn Collins, Gabrielle Galvan, Jessica Gudegg, Israel Machado, Aaron Oliviero, Ismael Oliveros, Carlos Ortiz, Drake Reyes, April Rivera, Vennisa Uvalle, Christine Wait, Tohme Woolbright, Anthony Almanza, Jacob Rodriguez and Lakana Thomas.

Attendance: Jessica Gudegg, Aaron Oliviero, Vennisa Uvalle, Christine Wait and Tohme Woolbright.
Writing: Drake Reyes, Aaron Oliviero and Carolyn Collins.
Villareal
Citizenship: Fabian Chavez, Jose Esqueda, Cynthia Fuentes, Tomas Garcia, Lupita Mendoza, Osvaldo Monstias, Marco Valles, Esmeralda

Porras and Erika Velasquez.
Most Improved: Cynthia Fuentes, Lupita Mendoza, Osvaldo Monstias, Andres Munoz and Eloy Robles.
Homework: Adrian Busso, Fabian Chavez, Cynthia Fuentes, Tomas Garcia, Osvaldo Monstias, Lupita Mendoza, Andres Munoz, Esmeralda Porras, Marco Valles and Erika Velasquez.

Attendance: Adrian Busso, Tomas Garcia, Luis Lujan, Andres Munoz.
Writing: Cynthia Fuentes, Tomas Garcia, Osvaldo Monstias, Marco Valles and Erika Velasquez.

Keith
Citizenship: Selma Aguilar, Isaac Arguijo, K.J. Correa, Lisa Marie DeLeon, Ivan Fuentes, Taylor Gresham, Alyssa Hernandez, Raul Martinez and Shelby Reed.
Most Improved: Isaac Arguijo and Emilio Rangel.
Homework: K.J. Correa, Jorge Diaz, Ivan Fuentes, Taylor Gresham, Alex Gutierrez, Alyssa Hernandez, Raul Martinez and Shelby Reed.
Attendance: Ivan Fuentes, Raul Martinez and Ben Rodriguez.
Writing: Isaac Arguijo, K.J. Correa, Taylor Gresham, Alex Gutierrez, Alyssa Hernandez, Don Martinez, Raul Martinez, Emilio Rangel, Marcelo Salinas, Selena Aguilar and Ivan Fuentes.

Third graders receive honors

Third-grade awards at Rich-ardson Elementary for the second nine weeks have been handed out. They follow below:

Padilla
Perfect Attendance: Luisa Stillman, Jose Hernandez, Javier Vargas, Gustavo Ruiz and Ricky Gonzales.
Hardest Workers: Estefani Olivares, Javier Ayala and Luisa Stillman.
Citizenship: Luisa Stillman, Javier Vargas, Javier Ayala and Ricky Gonzales.
Honor roll: Estafina Flores.

Gilliland
Perfect Attendance: Charlene Calderone, Zac Dunnam, Nikki Ward and Lori Lopez.
Hardest Workers: Ashley Howell.
Citizenship: Lori Lopez, M.T. Morrow, Zac Dunnam, Melissa Gomez and Gracie Ortega.
Honor Roll-A: Zac Dunnam,

Danielle Sandoval, Melissa Gomez, Rudy Martinez, M.T. Morrow and Ashley Howell.
Honor Roll-A, B: Charlene Calderone and Cassandra Rodriguez.

Merritt
Perfect Attendance: Joe Aquero, Sergio Ibarra, Jessica Martinez, Erik Mendoza, Josue Quiroz, Kade Riddle and Jerry Velasquez.
Hardest Workers: Joe Aquero, Natasha Aguilar, Jessica Martinez, Kade Riddle, Jerry Velasquez and Sarina Whitt.
Citizenship: Kade Riddle and Jerry Velasquez.
Honor Roll: Joe Aquero, Kris Cline, Kade Riddle and Jerry Velasquez.

Axtell
Perfect Attendance: Emily Rodriguez, Monica Paz, Juan Marmolego, Johnny Lopez, Bruce Aldridge and Juan Martinez.
Hardest Workers: Bethany Garza,

Monica Paz, Bruce Aldridge and Anthony Wall.
Citizenship: Bethany Garza, Beatrice Hinajosa, Jonathon Casas and Monica Paz.
Honor Roll: Bruce Aldridge, Bethany Garza, Monica Paz and Jonathon Casas.

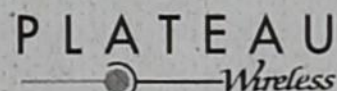
Steinle
Perfect Attendance: Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Cody Collins, Makenzie Cornett, Elida Favela, Gary Gil, John Hazel, Michael Kirven and David Underwood.
Hardest Workers: Tori Hinojosa, Ruben Rodriguez, David Underwood and Makenzie Cornett.
Citizenship: Katrina Abrego, Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Elida Favela, Devin Hernandez, Tori Hinojosa, Nikki Lara, Corina Mendoza and David Underwood.

Honor Roll: Karina Abrego, Wendy Bradford, Heloise Cillie, Makenzie Cornett, John Hazel, Nikki Lara and David Underwood.

Dunham
Perfect Attendance: Manssa Flores, Eric Gil, Phyllisa Kinser, Jesse Miller, Jacob Rials, Eric Sanchez, David Velaz and Megan Wilkerson.
Hardest Workers: Desiree Lopez and Shea Myatt.
Citizenship: Marissa Flores, Eric Gil, Desiree Lopez, Miguel Lule, Jesse Miller, Shea Myatt, Katrice Perez, Mari Pena and Megan Wilkerson.
Honor Roll: Jesse Miller, Shea Myatt and Megan Wilkerson.



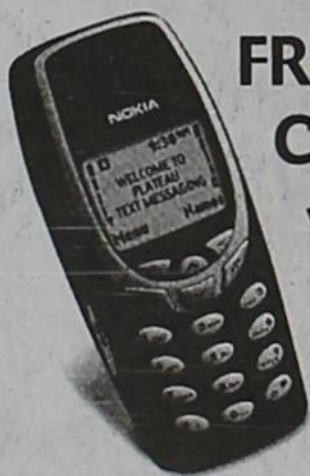
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On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

To continue the list of Dimmitt High School graduates who are now coaching basketball—we called the home of Justin Shultz in Vega (DHS class of 1990) and spoke to his wife, Shanna.

This is Justin's fifth year as the Vega Lady Longhorn coach. They won the state championship in 1999. Justin feels pretty good about the team of 2002. They beat the Nazareth Swiftettes (state champions of 2001) in a preseason game in double overtime.

Justin and Shanna are the parents of sons, Tanner, 3½, and Tate, 9-months-old. Shanna is from Amarillo. She met Justin at Texas A&M at the south tip of Texas in Kingsville. She was there on a basketball scholarship and he was one of her coaches. (Coaches are not allowed to date a team player.) After her graduation, she became his bride in a beautiful ceremony in Amarillo.

Prior to Justin's coaching career, he served a short time as youth director at the First Baptist Church here. Sometime after

interviewing Shanna by phone, I've learned that Justin will be the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church Super Bowl Tailgate Party on Feb. 3rd.

Mearle Morgan hosted a reunion for some of the ladies that lived near her when she and her husband, Buster, farmed between the Flagg and Lazbuddie communities. The women had lunch and did lots of reminiscing. The fun started when one of the guests, Jeanette O'Hair now of Earth, showed home movies of the women who were there and other friends, vintage 1957-1958.

As home demonstration club members, they had each made a dress. They also got to see their own children when all were extremely young. Mearle's mother and sister-in-law from down state were captured on one of the rolls.

This was a real treat for Jane Jones Vaughan, Billie Armstrong Kirby, Billie Gwen Smith Davis, Jeanette Doughty O'Hair and the hostess, Mearle

Morgan.

Cherly Upshaw of Dimmitt, who is Hart Independent School District's counselor, attended a conference in Fort Worth about the ninth grade reading initiative program which is sponsored by the Texas Education Agency. It is a grant program targeting ninth grade at risk students. Reading instruction, Algebra I, integrated physics, chemistry and English teachers also attended.

Other Hart Independent School District teachers attending with Cheryl were Elodia Rodriguez, federal programs director and Danny Rodriguez, school board representative.

Don and Colleen Newman have recently returned from Savannah, GA where they visited their daughter, Beverly (DHS class of 1970), and her husband, Darrel Isbel. Beverly and Darrel have two children. Daryn is a student at Valdosta State University, majoring in computer science. Their daughter, Dondi, is a junior at

Armstrong University in Savannah and majors in math.

Colleen says that Savannah is a beautiful, old historical city with many points of interest. The Savannah River flows through the city. It is a great place to visit.

Rae Odom, daughter of Mike and Cindy Odom and a senior this year at Dimmitt High School, was the guest speaker at the Republican Organization for Women this month. She told us when her grandmother, Shirley Hollums, was in cancer therapy, a beautiful hair piece made her feel a lot better about the treatment. Rae is letting her hair grow very long because she is going to donate 10 inches of it for a hair piece so that someone else who is undergoing treatment for cancer will have hair prostheses.

Rae will let it grow until after the senior prom and graduation. She will have a very short haircut, but a lot of satisfaction that she's helped someone in cancer treatment.

PFC Danny George, son of Dubby and Pauline George, is stationed at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo. He called his parents at 6:15 Dimmitt time on Christmas morning. There is a seven hour time difference. It was 1:00 p.m. in Kosovo and he'd waited a long time for his turn to call.

He is enjoying his stay there. He bought a digital camera and does as much touring of the country as he can. Pauline said the call was very short. His message was, "I'm alive and okay!"

Janice Kay Mooney Davis (DHS class of 1969), after 26 years as the pianist for the First Baptist Church of Amarillo, is retiring. Feb. 17th will be her last day. The church is honoring her with a party. Janice's husband, Gerald Davis, has already retired from IBM after 34 years. Janice says, "We want to travel and the time from Sunday to Wednesday is too short for a trip."

As the church pianist, she and Gerald toured England one year with the choir. It hasn't all been work. She has enjoyed the 26 years.

The Davis' plan to visit their son, Brad, who is employed by IBM as a software development specialist. Brad and his wife live in Austin directly across the road

from Austin's fabulous arboretum. Their daughter, Lindsey, and her husband, Curtis, have one daughter, Abby. Curtis is the assistant principal of one of the Austin schools.

Janice is the daughter of Phyllis and the late Bob Mooney of Dimmitt. She is the granddaughter of Mauzee Youts, a longtime Dimmitt resident, who now lives in a care center in Amarillo. She is also the sister of Susie White of Dimmitt.

Judy and Gary Moore, another daughter and son-in-law of Phyllis, live in Sunray. They have three sons. Two of them are Department of Public Safety troopers. Gavin is stationed at Claude and Steve is stationed at La Grange. Matthew, their youngest son, farms with his dad near Sunray.

Jo Settle and Martha Jo Hyman attended a baby shower at Silverton for Jo's niece, Skyler, two-months-old, and his mother, Suzanne Settle Sue of Tulia. Skyler's paternal grandmother, Blondie Sue from Australia, was a special guest. His maternal grandparents are Billy and Mike Settle of Tulia.

Mike Settle was inducted into the Cowgirl Hall of Fame as a champion barrel rider in 1976. The hall was still located in Hereford then. It has been relocated in Fort Worth in recent years.

The senior citizen's bridge club met Thursday. Oleada Schumacher was hostess. Shirley Wise won high and Dude McLauren was second high.

We've been saddened by the

deaths of so many of our beloved Dimmitt citizens recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to each of their families.

Jerry Cluck of Van Buren, Ark. was here for his mother's, Retta Cluck, funeral. Jerry's wife, Carol Ann, was recuperating from a bout with pneumonia and was unable to attend. Their daughter, Renee Finley, and son, Frank Cluck, both of Van Buren, were here.

Carol Ann was a Dimmitt High School teacher when she met Jerry, circa 1960. They raised beautiful quarter horses east of Dimmitt on the farm that now belongs to Donny and Wanda Nelson. They are still raising horses and now beautiful grandchildren.

We visited briefly with Retta's son, R.J. of Clayton, NM. R.J. owns and works a cattle ranch on what he once described to us as the most beautiful spot in New Mexico.

Just at deadline time Walter Maynard called to add this item of news about Justin Shultz's dad, Joe Shultz. Joe will be ordained, Sunday, Jan. 27 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Vega. He is a chaplain at Kings Manor, a Methodist Care Center in Hereford. Joe's wife, Jerre, was the organist at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt for several years. Everyone is invited to his ordination. Justin will preach the ordination service. Joe and Jerre have two other sons, Joe Ky, his wife, Missy, and two girls who live at Sudan and John Loyd (DHS class of 1988) and his wife who live in Denver, Colo.

Naz News with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The "Boys State Pool Tournament" was held this weekend at the Nazareth Legion Hall. Winners in the singles were Kevin Gerber, first place; B.J. Kern, second place; and Mike Gesling, third place. Double winners were Keith Gerber and Trent Johnson, first place; Heath Schulte and Julius Birkenfeld, second place; and Wayne Wilhelm and Bill Hoelting, third place.

Charley and Bev Hill watched a basketball game in Wichita Falls this weekend as Midwestern played Cameron. They enjoyed visiting with Joe and Babs

Lombard who were there to watch Lindy Lombard, a senior, who plays on the Midwestern team. They also visited with Shawna Gerber who attends Midwestern and has been red shirted for the season to let her knee finish heading. They spent the rest of the weekend in Henrietta with Kevin and Traci Scholl, Anni and Ethan.

Cory and Kimberly Hoelting hosted a birthday party Saturday for their three year old son Jaxton, at their home in Tulia. After the party, Jim and Sandee Hoelting, Monty and Jake drove to Salina, Kansas where they

spent the night with Darryl and Kim Hoelting and their family. They all drove to Concordia, Kansas on Sunday to watch Whitney Hoelting play basketball with the Seward Co. College in a conference game with their arch rival Concordia. Seward County won the game by 10 points. Elsie, Joyce and Karis, Hoelting cousins, also came for the game. All enjoyed eating together before leaving for home. Very worthwhile trip!

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

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People



Swisher co-op to award scholarships

TULIA — Swisher Electric Cooperative will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants.

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Applicants may be high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, or persons wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Recipients will be chosen based upon character, community involvement and

service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or by calling Swisher Electric Cooperative at 995-3567. Applications must be received by March 1.

In addition, the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative of Amarillo, a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 10 Texas and one Oklahoma distribution cooperative, is offering a \$1,200 scholarship.

The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of individuals who were dedicated to the development and advancement of rural electrification for the benefit of their member/consumers.

The scholarship provides financial assistance to electric cooperative family members seeking post-high school education in fields of study that are generally beneficial to electric cooperatives. It is available to an entering freshman college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of a rural electric cooperative which is an owner (member) of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative.

Applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from Swisher Electric Cooperative or The Opportunity Plan, Inc., P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015-1035, the scholarship administrator.



NICE HAVING YOU ON BOARD — Suzan Sanders (right), an outgoing member of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce board, is shown receiving a plaque for her efforts from chamber president Gary Langford during Saturday night's Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Rose Garden needs donations and volunteers

The Rose Garden/Hospice Thrift Shop is in need of both donations and volunteers.

"Items are brought in and the items go out in a hurry!" Rose Garden Director Rose Wishard said. "Once again we are in need of your donations. Please take a few minutes and begin your 'Spring Cleaning' early and keep those donations coming, always keeping in mind that you will be helping your community."

"We are also in need of more volunteers to assist us in the Rose Garden," Wishard said. "In order for our community to have a licensed Hospice Care program, we must provide at least five percent of Hospice hours."

The Rose Garden, located at 112 West Jones, is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Rodriguez of Hereford are the parents of a baby girl, Gaalynn Rodriguez, who was born at 10:31 a.m. on January 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 6 lbs and 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Marie Elena and Juan Pablo Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Aurelio and Enrique Hernandez also of Mexico. Great-grandmother is Jesusa M. Silva. Four siblings welcomed her home in Giovanni, Manuare, Uriel and Joshio.

Neil Smith, Jr. and Donna McKay are the parents of a baby boy, Nicholas James Neil McKay, who was born at 10:53 p.m. on Jan. 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 6 lbs and 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Paternal grandparents are Katherine Smith and the late Lloyd Neil Smith of Hereford. Maternal grandparents were the late James and Veda McKay, also of Hereford. Three siblings welcomed him home in John Brandon Hampton, 22; Justin Michael Frazer, 19 and Donnie Blaine Cornett, 15.

OUT OF TOWN

It's a boy for Todd and Robin Straley of Lubbock. Their son, Peyton Kyle Straley, was born Dec. 15 in Lubbock. He weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz., and was 21 1/2 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Clyde and Lisa Schulte of Nazareth. Paternal grandparents are Gery and Marcia Straley of Wofforth. Great-grandparents are Darrell and Joanne Lacy of Hart and Gladys Morris of Wofforth. A sister welcomed him home in Alicia, three.

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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.

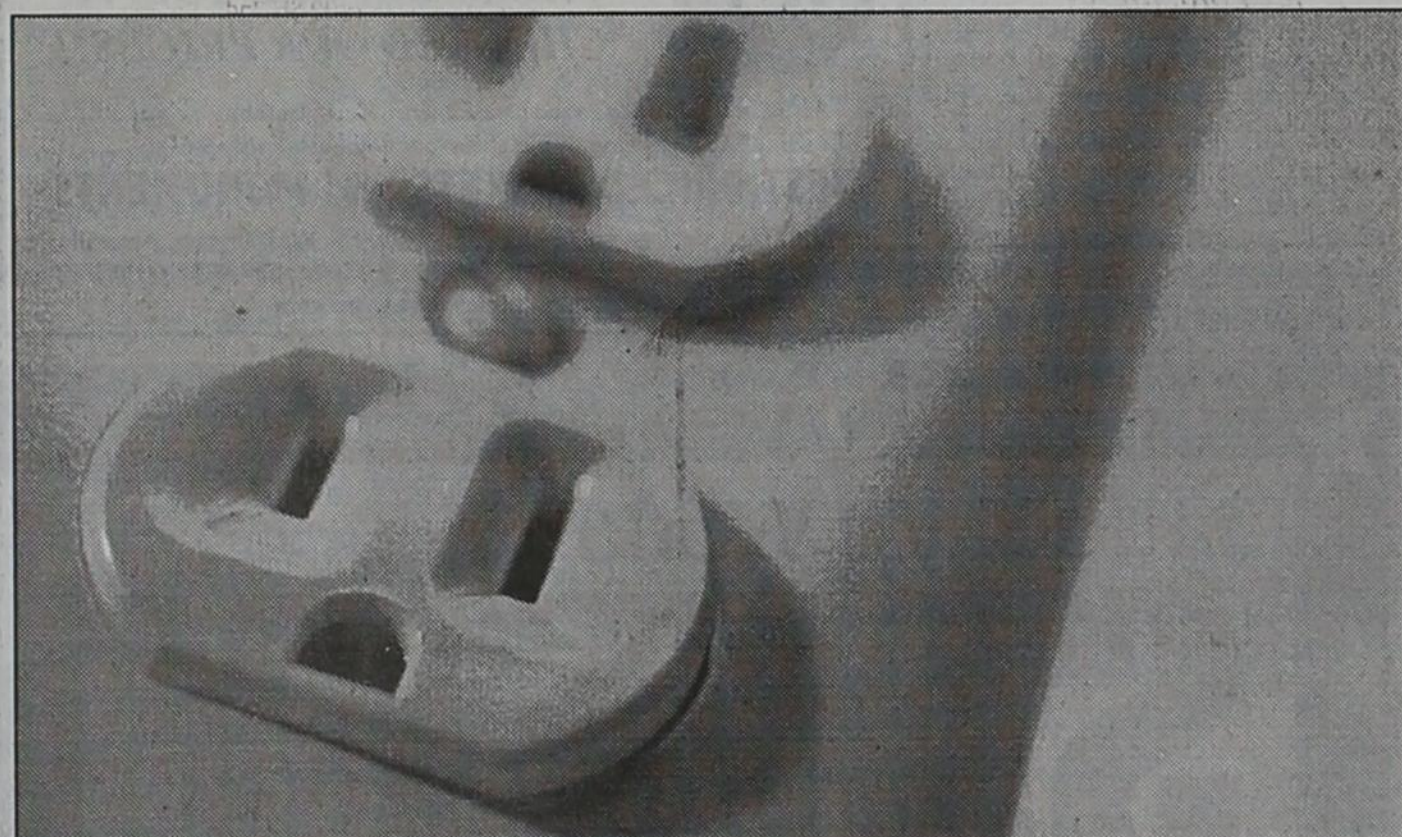
Cancer screening slated

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.

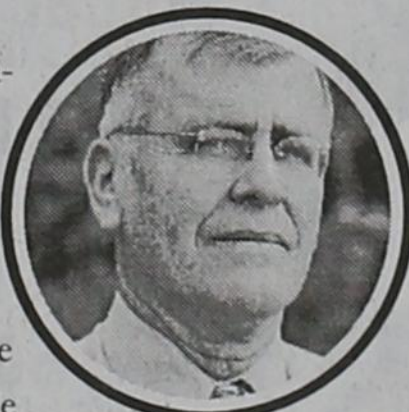
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Dr. Diaz-Vogt is the medical director of Welch Home Place in Dimmitt. Welch Home Place is a six bed inpatient geriatric psychiatric facility operated by Castro County Hospital District. An outpatient unit is also a part of the network of services provided by Welch Home Place.

Her practice consists of clients at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Welch Home Place. Additionally, Dr. Diaz-Vogt consults for long-term care facilities in rural counties throughout the service area.

Certification earns her the status as a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc., which is a member Board of the American Board of Medical Specialist.

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Bovina church to sponsor German sausage dinner

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.

Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by contacting any St. Ann's member.



WELCOME, WELCOME, EVERYONE — James Baker, vice-president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, is shown offering the welcome to the assembly during Saturday night's Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

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. 3.

"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.

When you abuse drugs, you really don't know your friends

BY JIM DAVIDSON

The late Thomas Hughes, English author and reformer, once said, "Blessed are they who have the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another." This is certainly a true statement and one that those of us who cherish our friends can really appreciate. However, there is a moral and social crisis in the world today which can make it difficult to know who our true friends really are. I'm referring to the terrible scourge of illegal drugs. For those who choose to get involved, the idea or thought of true friendship can quite often be a rude and painful awakening. There are millions of tragic stories that will bear this out and I have one of those stories to share with you. This true story involves a young person who got involved with drugs and it took place only a few miles from where I live, so it really hit close to home.

A young man in his twenties was a college student, and like so many others, he fell into bad company and before long he was using drugs on a regular basis. During this time he met another young man and they became friends. He had been left an old house in a will, and he was fixing it up to live in and his friend even spent several days helping him get it ready.

A few miles from the college town where these young men were both living, they had started a marijuana field to grow plants, harvest them and sell the drugs to other students and

anyone else who came along. One afternoon, just a short time ago, they both left school early to go to the marijuana field to harvest some plants. It had become their custom for one of them to carry a gun, since they had become wary of the local authorities. As they made their way through a thicket of small pine trees, the young man who owned the house, was a few feet in front of his friend, and he heard the hammer of the gun click. The next thing he knew, he was lying on the ground dazed, because his friend had shot him and presumed him to be dead.

As he continued to lay there, he heard the bite of a shovel as it tore hunks out of the pine floor. His friend was digging his grave. Realizing his only chance to survive was a knife he carried in his pocket, he slowly pulled it out and opened the blade. His real problem however, was that the blast of the gun had left him blinded. When his so-called "friend", who had now become his assailant, finished digging and came over to put him in the grave, as he heard footsteps close by, the young man lunged at him with the open knife blade and ripped into the calf of his assailant's leg. He expected to be finished off, but his assailant left without doing him further harm. Later it was revealed he had left to get medical attention. For the next two days and nights, in a mosquito and snake infested forest, the young man wandered totally blind until he finally staggered upon a farm house where he was able to find help. Today he is living with his parents in a nearby town and he

will be blind for the rest of his life. While the subject of drugs and the havoc they wreak in people's lives in endless, I believe this true story will shed light on the problem from a little different angle. It's true, when you get involved with drugs, you never know who your friends are. (EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

Book makes ASU Dean's List for the fall semester

SAN ANGELO — Melanie A. Book of the Dimmitt area has made the Dean's List for the fall semester at Angelo State University.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

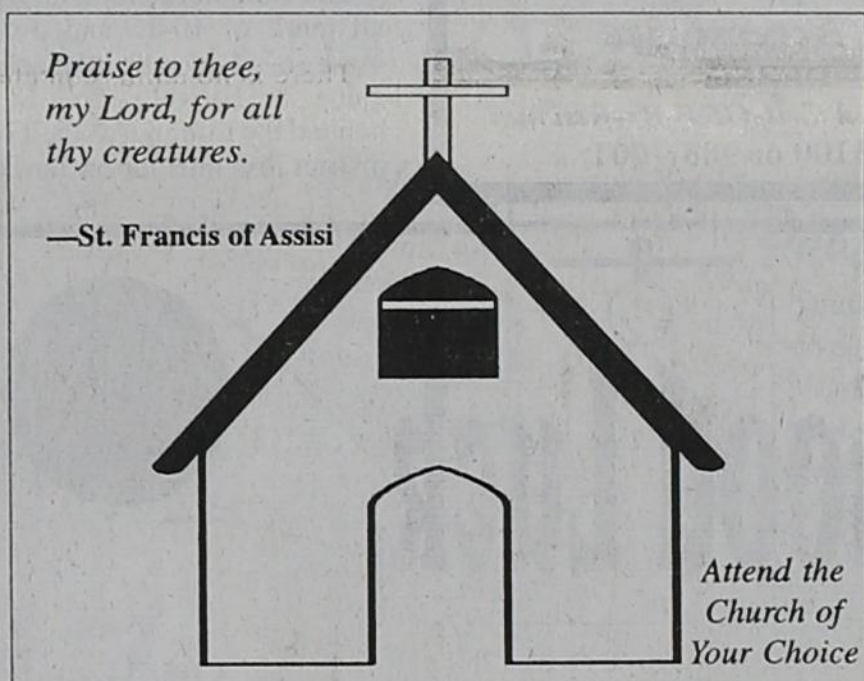
Haydon makes LCU President's List for fall term

LUBBOCK — Wiley Haydon of Dimmitt has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2001.

In order to be considered a part of this list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

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Words are too few to express our gratitude. May God bless you each and every one a hundred fold!

Thank You,
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Sports



MOORE EXCITEMENT — Corey Moore of the Hart Longhorns is shooting for two points against Springlake-Earth Friday. Hart advanced to 4-1 as the Longhorns sent down the Wolverines 63-41.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Longhorns win two

The winning ways of the Hart High School varsity boys basketball team continue.

The Longhorns improved to 4-1 in district with a 79-67 win over Kress and a 63-41 triumph over Springlake-Earth. That makes Hart's winning streak four in a row.

Kress actually had its way early, leading 16-12 after the first quarter and 32-29 at halftime. The Longhorns, however, then cranked it up, outscoring the Kangaroos 22-12 to lead 51-44 after three quarters.

Keith Finch led the way with 23 points, which included a three-point shot. He was one of four Longhorns in double figures.

Albert Velasquez, Jacob Reyna and Corey Moore were the others. Velasquez had 16 points, Reyna 15 and Moore 12. Reyna also had a three-pointer.

Joel DeLaFuente was next in line with six points. Marcial Mendoza was next with three points and Evan Castillo scored the other two.

As for the Springlake-Earth game, it was close for a while as the Longhorns led 16-14 after the first quarter and 29-23 at halftime.

However, Hart turned it on in the second half, racing to a 49-31 lead after three quarters.

DeLaFuente led in scoring this time with 15 points, including a three-pointer. He was one of four Longhorns in double figures.

Finch, Reyna and Fogan McLain were the others. Finch scored 14 while Reyna and McLain each put in 10. McLain had a three-point shot in his total.

Mendoza was next in line with eight points. Matt Gonzales, Velasquez and Moore each put in two points apiece.

The Longhorns took an overall mark of 10-15 and district mark of 4-1 into a Tuesday game at Farwell. The Steers handed the Longhorns their own district loss thus far on Jan. 4.



Sally Stahl (20) circles for the outlet pass as an unidentified teammate battles for the rebound in action against Muleshoe. The Bobbies lost 72-44.

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Bobbies fall to MHS, but beat CHS

The Dimmitt High School varsity girls basketball team split their two most recent games.

The Bobbies lost to Muleshoe 72-44, but then bounced back to beat Cooper 45-38.

Muleshoe led 13-8 after the first quarter and 25-11 at halftime. It was 45-21 after three quarters.

Jill Merritt led the way for the Bobbies with 12 points. Jenna Steinle joined her in double figures with 10.

Ashley Irons was right behind her with nine points, followed by Sharla Kenworthy, who had eight. Kelsey Welch scored three points while Lauren Waggoner put in two.

As for the Cooper game, the Lady Pirates led 15-10 after the first quarter, but the Bobbies trimmed that margin to 23-22 at halftime. Dimmitt then turned it on in the second half, taking a 32-29 lead after three quarters.

Kenworthy led in scoring with 15 points, including two three-pointers. She was the only Bobbie in double figures.

Steinle and Merritt were next with nine points apiece. Steinle put in two three-point shots

along the way. Welch also had three-point shots on the way to eight points while Irons scored the other four.

The Bobbies finished the first

half of District 2-3A play with records of 9-15 overall and 2-3 in district. They started the second half of district at home against Littlefield Tuesday.

HHS girls defeat Kress, fall to S-E

The Hart High School varsity girls basketball team earned a split of two recent opponents.

The Lady Longhorns defeated Kress 46-38, but then lost to Springlake-Earth 64-48.

Hart led Kress 12-8 at the end of the first quarter, but the Lady Kangaroos narrowed the gap to 21-20 at halftime. The Lady Longhorns led 30-28 after three quarters.

Crystal Diego led the way for Hart with 18 points, including a three-pointer. Lacie Curry joined her in double figures with 13, including two three-point shots.

Maegan Farris followed her with nine points. Cynthia Gonzales scored three, Amanda

Carrasco two and Jessica Guerrero one.

As for the Springlake-Earth contest, Hart led 13-12 at halftime before the Lady Wolverines pulled ahead for a 24-23 edge at halftime. It was 46-40 after three quarters.

Diego had a quality individual night as she poured in 20 points. Curry joined her in double figures with 12, including a three-pointer.

Farris finished with seven points, including a three-pointer. Carrasco scored four points, Sonya Garcia three and Isidora Anzadua two.

The Lady Longhorns traveled to Farwell for games Tuesday.

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Bobcats defeat Muleshoe, Cooper

That district-opening loss to Shallowater didn't keep the Dimmitt High School varsity boys basketball team down for long.

That's because that, since then, the Bobcats have won two more games, getting by Muleshoe 77-71 in overtime and then rolling over Cooper 72-39 Friday.

In the Muleshoe game, Dimmitt pretty much had its way in the first half, leading 20-15 at the end of the first quarter and 41-28 at halftime. It was still 57-49 in favor of the Bobcats after three quarters before the Mules rallied to force in the overtime.

In that extra period, which saw Dimmitt outscore Muleshoe 13-7, Austin Sherman was a big key as he scored 10 of the overtime points.

Sherman ended up leading in scoring with 23 points, including three three-pointers. Brent Josselet and Nicky Gauna joined him in double figures with 19. Josselet also had five three-pointers

along the way.

Kenneth Worsham was next in line with seven points. Matthew Wright scored five points, including a three-point shot. Patrick Hunter scored the other four points.

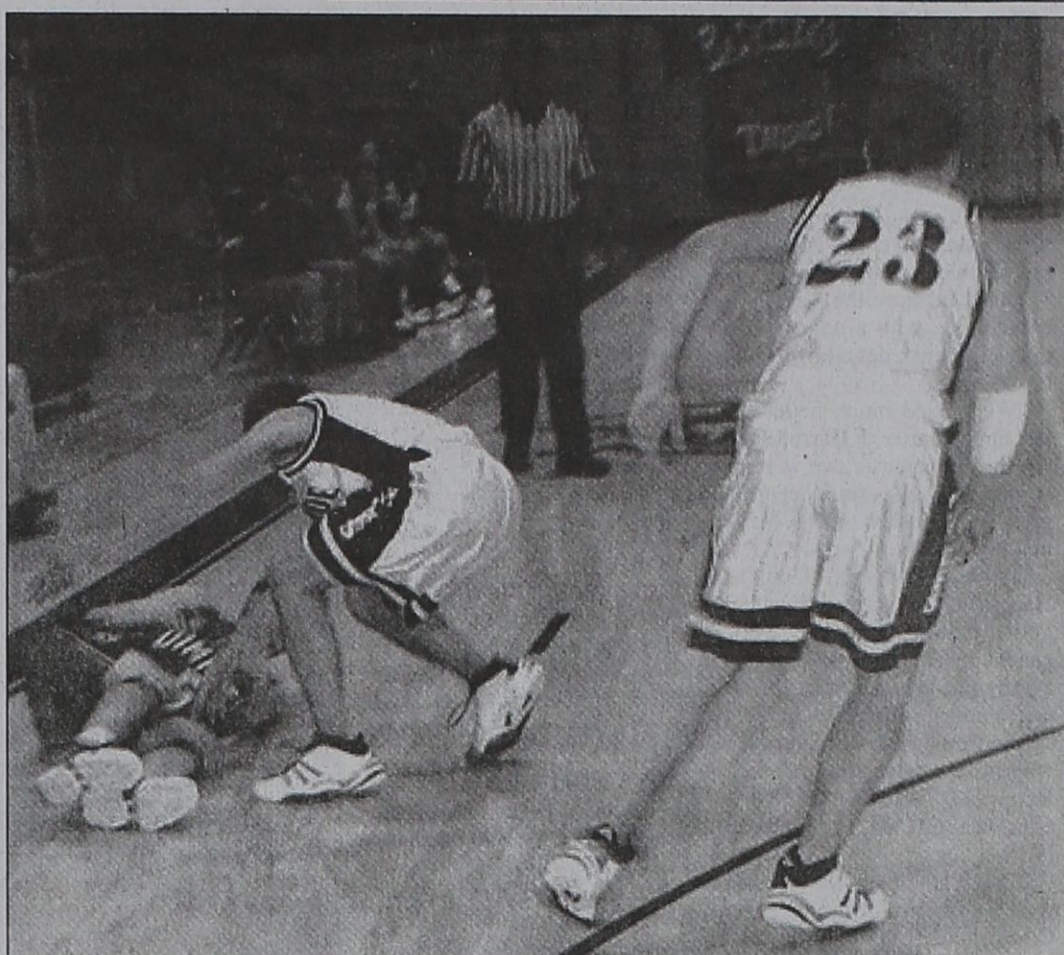
As for the Cooper game, the Bobcats had a slim 11-9 lead, but Dimmitt then turned it on in the second period, outscoring the Pirates 23-10 to take a 34-19 halftime lead. It was 54-25 after three quarters.

Sherman once again led in scoring with 17 points, including

a three-pointer. Josselet and Worsham were right behind him with 16 points. Josselet had two "three's". Gauna joined them in double figures with 10.

Wright almost reached double figures with nine points, including a three-point shot. Hunter and Matthew Guana each put in two points apiece to round out the scoring.

The Dimmitt High School varsity boys basketball team took a 16-7 overall and 2-1 District 2-3A record into a home contest with Littlefield Tuesday.



KICKED BY A MULE!-An unidentified Bobcat is pushed to the floor by a Muleshoe player in a game played in Muleshoe last week. In a very exciting contest, the Bobcats won in overtime, 77-71. Photo by Chris Bradford

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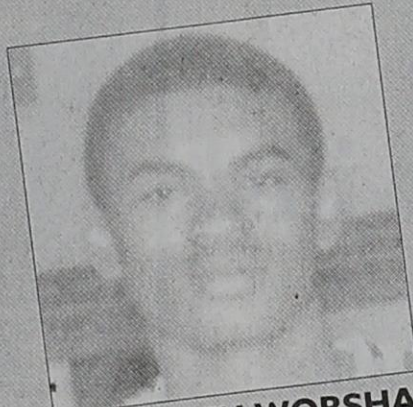
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Jan. 25—*Roosevelt, Here
Jan. 29—*Shallowater, There
Feb. 1—*Muleshoe, Here
Feb. 5—*Cooper, There
Feb. 8—*Littlefield (Boys), There
Feb. 12—*Roosevelt (Boys), There

Bobbies
35, Randall 60
30, Levelland 44
29, Borger, 52

Queens Classic
51, Hereford 45
33, Plainview 71
45, Levelland 67
56, Hereford 58

Nazareth Tournament
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

Caprock Tournament
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

Season Record: 9-16
District Record: 2-4

Bobcats
49, Randall 51
70, Levelland 62
59, Borger 65
74, Hereford 57

Pioneer Classic
80, Clint 65
68, Hereford 56
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Season Record: 18-7
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Swiftettes win district opener

HAPPY — Nazareth head girls basketball coach Matt Garrett felt blessed Friday night.

That's because the Swiftettes came away with a win in their district-opener, defeating Happy 61-46.

"We played much better the last three quarters," Garrett said. "In the first quarter, we weren't connecting. We were playing great basketball, we just weren't making any shots."

"It's tough to play Happy at Happy," Garrett said. "They're a good team, they're well-coached. Anytime you come to Happy and win a game, you've got to count yourself blessed."

The Cowgirls led much of the way in the early going. In fact, Happy led 7-4 when the Swiftettes went on a 14-2 run to keep HHS at bay.

Mandy Hoelting started it off with a pair of free throws. The Cowgirls then threw the ball away and Stephanie Thiel connected for an 8-7 Nazareth lead, her team's first of the day. That was the score at the end of the first period.

Wendy Black got a steal to open up the second period and Jackie Thiel eventually made it pay off with a pair of free throws.

Happy's Julie Burch cut it to one at 10-9 41 seconds into the second period. A Black three-pointer, followed by a Lesley Brockman free throw and a pair of Stephanie Thiel baskets made it an 18-9 game with 3:34 left in

the quarter.

Stephanie Thiel led the way in scoring with 24 points, including three three-pointers. Black joined her in double figures with 15, including two three-pointers. Brockman made for a double-figure trio with 10 points, which included three three-point shots.

Hoelting was next in line with six points. Jackie Thiel had four and Erica Gerber the other two.

"The girls who came in off the bench really did a great job," Garrett said. "Danette Ramaekers came in in a situation where we needed some tough man-to-man defense and she shut down her girl. She's a great player to have."

Before that, the Swiftettes suffered their second loss of the season with a 76-69 double overtime loss at Vega.

"It think Vega played really well," Garrett said. "We kept missing free throws and I felt that was the key. Vega should be commended."

Stephanie Thiel led in scoring for this contest with 24. Black joined her in double figures with 23, including a three-pointer.

Hoelting was next with five points, including a three-pointer. Brockman and Jackie Thiel each scored four with Brockman making a three-point shot. Ramaekers scored three and Gerber the other two.

The Swiftettes took a 22-2, 1-0 mark into a home district contest against Silverton Tuesday.



BLACK ATTACK — Nazareth's Wendy Black is going strong to the hoop for two against Happy Friday night. The Swiftettes won 61-46, with Black scoring 15.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

NHS, HHS players make fb all-state

BRYAN — Castro County was well-represented on the Texas Sports Writers Association Class 1A All-State Football team.

The players in question are Aaron Kern, Eric Schilling and Kade Wilcox from Nazareth and Keith Finch and Jacob Reyna from Hart.

Schilling, listed as a 6-5, 200-pound junior, made Second Team at Tight End and Third team at Punter.

Finch, who earlier was named the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Class 1A Player of the Year, he was named Third Team at Running Back and in the Secondary. He's listed as a 5-11,

215 senior.

Kern, listed as 5-8, 190-pound senior, was named Second Team Linebacker and Honorable Mention at Running Back.

As for Wilcox, he was selected Third Team at Wide Receiver. He's listed as a 5-9, 170-pound senior.

Reyna made the team at Honorable Mention Wide Receiver. A senior, his height and weight were not listed in the release from the TSWA.

O Lord, when I fail in my efforts, let me not feel that You have abandoned me. I just ask for courage to try again. Amen.

Swifts beat Happy to open district play

HAPPY — Nazareth boys basketball coach Mike Scarborough was not smiling when he emerged from the locker room following his team's 67-55 triumph over Happy Friday.

That's because he felt his team's defensive performance was a bit sub-par.

"Defensively, I thought we had way too many break-ups and gave up too many easy baskets," Scarborough said. "We allowed them to get the ball into the paint a lot more than we should have."

"Offensively, we didn't execute too well," Scarborough said. "We need to start playing better together."

Despite the problems, Nazareth never trailed in the contest, scoring the first nine points of the game.

Eric Schilling grabbed a rebound and put it back in for a 2-0 lead. He then came up with a steal and scored again to make it 4-0. Happy head coach Gary Jones, who directed the Cowboys to the state tournament a few years ago, responded to this with a timeout.

Once time was back in, Schilling hit a three-pointer to make it 7-0. He then got a steal and Pohlmeier connected to make it 9-0 at the 6:42 mark of the first period.

Schilling led the way for the Swifts with 22 points, including a three-pointer. Pohlmeier joined him in double figures with 17 while Ky Wilcox had 14, including a three-pointer.

Jordy Rowland finished with seven points. Brock Birkenfield had five, including a three-pointer while Kade Wilcox finished with two.

Before that, the Swifts had one of their better performances of the season at Vega, routing the Longhorns 82-36.

"That's what we talked about all week, trying to put four quarters together and play consistently and I thought we did that

tonight," Scarborough said. "I think it was one of our best-executed games up to this point."

Kade and Ky Wilcox co-lead in scoring for this game with 15 points apiece. Kade had four three-pointers and Ky one. Schilling had 15, including a three and Rowland also reached double figures with 11, including three three-pointers.

Chase Schulte and Tyler Ehly each had point points apiece. Pohlmeier scored four while Justin Kleman and Trey Robb each put in two points apiece.

The Swifts took a 13-3 overall and 1-0 district mark into a home contest with Silverton, Tuesday.

JV Bobcats sweep Muleshoe, Cooper

As of late, things are going well for the Dimmitt High School junior varsity boys basketball team.

The JV Bobcats defeated Muleshoe 54-42 and then took down Cooper 56-55.

Tyler Myatt led the Dimmitt JV against Muleshoe with 17 points, including two three-pointers. He was the lone JV Bobcat in double figures.

Adam Wright, Kris Lindsey and Eric Ward all almost reached double figures with nine points apiece. Wright had two three-pointers and Lindsey one. Matthew Sanders scored six points and Matthew Lara four.

As for the Cooper game, Ward led in scoring with 15 points. Larra and Lindsey joined him in double figures. Larra had one three-pointer and Lindsey one.

Myatt almost reached double figures with nine points. Jared Griffith had four, Sanders three and Jake Porsch one. Sanders had a three-pointer for his points.


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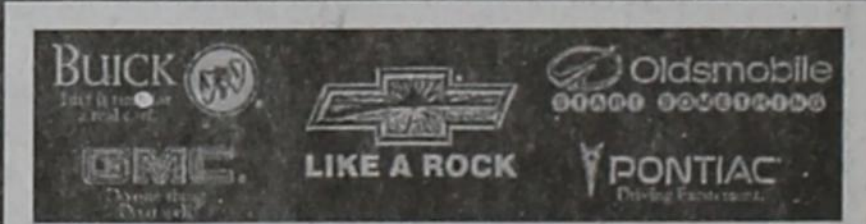
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BIRKENFIELD SKY HOOK — Nazareth's Brock Birkenfield is heading up for an attempted sky hook against Happy Friday. The Swifts defeated the Cowboys 67-55.


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January is School Board Member Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how local trustees work together to provide a better future for our children.

The mission of the public schools is to educate each and every child to the fullest of his or her potential. School trustees serve as key advocates for students and are responsible for communicating the needs of the district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other local citizens to create the educational vision we want for our community. In a larger sense, the ultimate role of the local school board is to help preserve our nation's liberty, prepare our economy for prosperity and enrich the lives of our people.

It is in the schools of each local community that real teaching and learning happen. Consequently, it is the local school board that can best bring together in our democracy the entire community-parents, business and civic leaders, and all others concerned about the future of our children.

In January, join with others throughout our county and nation to salute those who provide grassroots governance of our public schools. Make a special

effort to tell each school board member that his or her hard work is truly appreciated.

The Dimmitt ISD School is made up of David Schaeffer, president, Rick Wright, vice president, Barbara Bain, secretary, Chevo Lumbera, Greg Odom, Paul Garcia and John Nino.

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* My home phone number is 806-647-0851. This is something I should have made available when first arriving in Dimmitt. Please feel free to call with suggestions or comments.



DIEGO THE GREAT — Hart's Crystal Diego puts up a shot against Springlake-Earth while teammate Lacie Curry (24) looks on. The Lady Longhorns ended up on the short end of a 64-48 score. Photo by Neoma Williams

UIL hands down summer proposal

AUSTIN — The Ad Hoc Committee authorized by the University Interscholastic League Legislative Council handed down a proposal today which could affect athletic programs in public high schools across Texas.

The committee met recently to discuss allowing coaches to conduct conditioning and weight training sessions with students from their attendance zones during the summer.

Their proposal to change the current rule and allow coaches to work with incoming 9-12 grade students in the summer will be presented to the entire UIL Legislative Council, and could be placed on a referendum ballot to be sent to superintendents across the state, the results of which would be binding.

The proposal which would allow coaches to work with incoming 9-12 grade students in the summer for only weight training and conditioning, contained the following parameters:

- (1) The program may only be conducted from the first day of summer vacation through the third Thursday in July.
- (2) From Monday through Thursday; No more than two hours per day per student with a school coach.
- (3) Participants must be incoming ninth graders and above.
- (4) Athletes are prohibited from working with any coach from his/her attendance zone for more than two hours per day, four days per week.
- (5) The school must take administrative care to prohibit an athlete from working with one

coach for two hours and a separate school coach for an additional two hours.

(6) Program fees (if any) must be approved by the superintendent and paid to the school.

(7) School shoes and clothing may be worn with the exception of contact equipment.

(8) Sport specific equipment (balls, air dummies, air pads, etc.) are prohibited.

(9) Attendance shall NOT be mandatory.

(10) Make-up workouts are prohibited;

(11) Sport specific skills shall not be provided;

(12) Attendance records shall be kept.

"After surveying our school superintendents about this issue, we felt it was important to have an open discussion about it," said UIL Athletic Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt. "We know our school districts are passionate about their programs and by allowing them to make the decision of whether or not to change the current rule at the local level, we feel they will ultimately do what is best for their communities and their athletes."

The proposal, which was passed in concept will be presented to the UIL Legislative Council, and pending approval, will be placed on a referendum ballot to be passed or rejected by the superintendents of Texas.

If approved by the Legislative Council, school superintendents, and the Commissioner of Education, the proposed rule change would be effective immediately.

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 clearance in respect of operations and sales in Continental Europe, but provides for an investigation by authorities in the United Kingdom into possible impact the acquisition might have on the supply and glucose strips in the UK.

Consequently, if, as is expected, a positive decision on the acquisition is reached by the United States Department of Justice, Cargill will purchase Montedison's shares and file a public tender offer for the remaining 44 percent of Cerestar shares at 33 euro per share.

The board and management of Cerestar see this decision as a very positive step on the way to completion of the acquisition. They believe that this combination of the two businesses will be for the benefit of all involved and result in a stronger, better balanced company able to excel in satisfying customer requirements throughout the world. Cerestar's longstanding philosophy of "Innovation through Partnership" will be applied to a reinforced product range and a wider production base.

In respect to this decision from the European Commission, Cerestar will continue to cooperate fully with the UK Regulatory Authorities on the competitive review, related to the product range cited above, making every effort to facilitate this decision.

More about City chooses ...

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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

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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.

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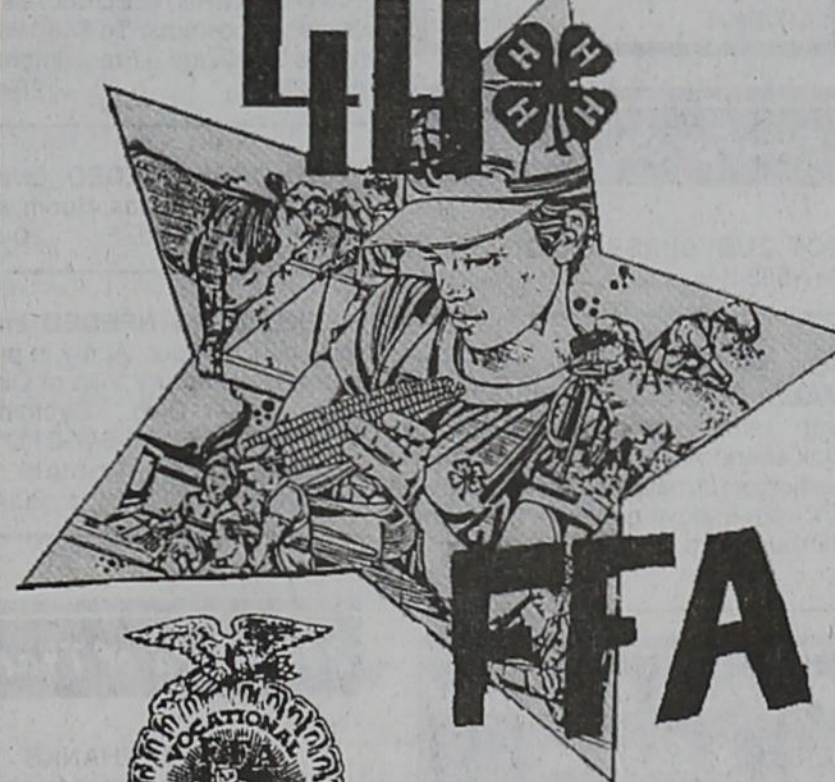
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 • Students will be dismissed at 1:00

Friday, Jan. 25
 • No School — Castro County Junior Livestock Show
 • TSA Leadership Conference — South Plains College
 • Basketball: DHS JV & Varsity Boy & Girls vs. Lubbock Roosevelt - Here

Saturday, Jan. 26
 • Castro County Junior Livestock Show Sale
 • Power Lifting Meet — Sundown

Monday, Jan. 28
 • Basketball: 7th, 8th, & 9th vs. Muleshoe - Girls (Here) Boys (There)

Tuesday, Jan. 29
 • Fort Worth Stock Show
 • Head Start Parent Meeting — 6 p.m. — RES Cafeteria
 • Basketball: DHS JV & Varsity Boys & Girls vs. Shallowater - There

Wednesday, Jan. 30
 • Fort Worth Stock Show
 • DMS - Character Counts Workshop. Grades 4, 5 and 6 - 11:00. Grades 7 and 8 - 1:00

CAMPUS EVENTS

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 • The Head Start classrooms will be having a police officer visit their classrooms on Tuesday, Jan. 29, and will be having a parent meeting at 6:00 p.m. that day.

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL
 • Students will be attending a Character Counts Workshop on Wednesday, Jan. 23. Grades 4-6 will be at 11:00 and grades 7-8 will be at 1:00.

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL
 • Senior ring delivery will take place from 11:30-12:30 on Monday, Jan. 28.
 • Student Council candygrams and balloons will be on sale the week of 1/28-2/1.

DIMMITT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
 • The Texas Commissioner of Education "Mid-Winter Conference" will be held in Austin Jan. 28-30.
 • Visit Dimmitt ISD on the web at www.dimmittisd.net - updated daily!

Support student events and performances by attending them.

Obituaries

Robert Estes

Robert Estes, 81, of Plano, a former Castro County Judge, died Wednesday, Jan. 16 at Presbyterian Hospital of Plano.

A memorial service was held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002 at First United Methodist Church of Plano with the Rev. Ralph Burke officiating. Graveside services were scheduled for Castro County Memorial Cemetery at a later date under the auspices of Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Directors of McKinney.

He was born Jan. 19, 1920 in Hereford to Percy and Lenna (Greer) Estes. He was married to Genevieve Julia Inman and served in the Army Air Corps and was a veteran of World War II. He retired as a banking president and was a former Castro County Judge. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plano.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Helen Richardson and one brother, Greer Estes.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters, Mary Ka Cotter and husband L.L., Karen Estes and Betty Johnson, all of Dallas and Kathy Johnstone and her husband, Stephen, of Plano; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials gifts may be made to First United Church of Plano or a favorite charity.

Carlyn (Carla) Marie Enochs Franks

Carlyn (Carla) Marie Enochs Franks, 60, of Lubbock, a former Hart teacher, died in her home in Lubbock at 8:30 a.m.

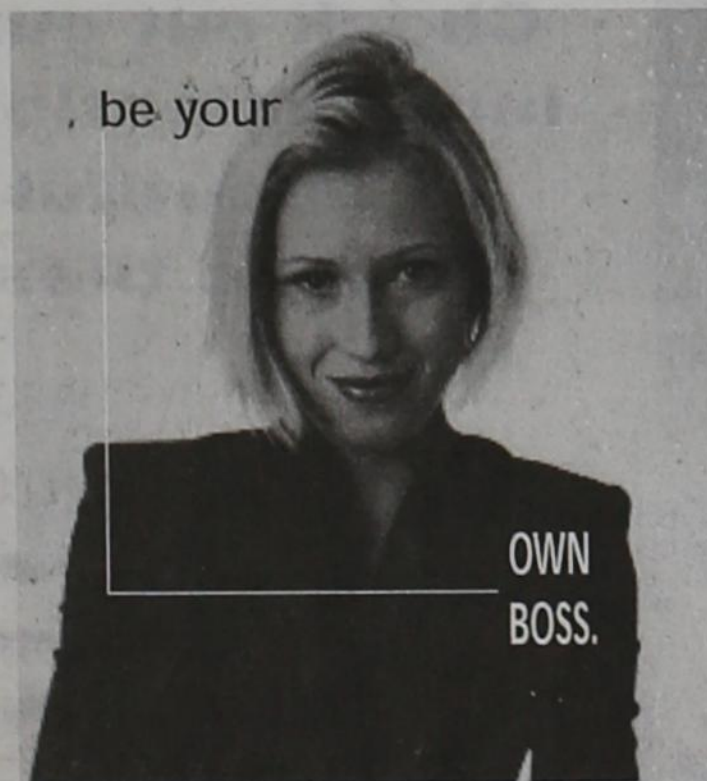
Bagley approved for AQHA program

AMARILLO—Scott Bagley of Dimmitt has been approved for membership into a program developed by the American Quarter Horse Association that is designed to bring horse buyers together with reputable American Quarter Horse owners and breeders.

Known as the Breeder Referral Program, members must agree to uphold high standards and a written code of ethics before being named to this select group. Criteria for selection include being an AQHA member in good standing and being listed as the breeder of at least 100 registered foal for at least four consecutive years, including the current year.

Prospective horse buyers can call AQHA at 1-800-414-RIDE for a free referral to Bagley or other owners who can help with purchasing an American Quarter Horse. Members of this program can help buyers find horses for any event from roping or racing or just general riding. AQHA also can tailor the free referral list by geographic area, age of horse or specific level of training.

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on Jan. 16.

Memorial services were held Friday, Jan. 18, at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Hart with the Rev. Aaron Reed officiating. Arrangements are by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 25, 1941 in Cheyenne, WY. To Lewis and Lois Enochs. She graduated from Dallas Thomas Jefferson High School in 1959. She attended Texas Tech University and graduated from West Texas State University in 1969. She married Richard Franks on May 22, 1961 in Lubbock. She taught first grade for the Hart Independent School District.

Survivors include two daughters, Laury Franks Gilbert of Pampa and Lesley Franks Westin of Lubbock; one half-sister, Holly Hoffman Diehl of Edgar, MT and two grandchildren, Sydney Marie Westin and Richard Brody Gilbert.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Hart Centennial Pavilion Fund; P.O. Box 329; Hart, TX 79043 or to your favorite charity.

Mildred 'Mutt' Jennings

Mildred "Mutt" Jennings, 82, of Lubbock, mother of Leland Jennings of Dimmitt, died Monday, Jan. 14.

Services were at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Morton Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Morton. Burial was in Morton Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Morton.

She was born Sept. 1, 1919, in Dexter, N.M. and was a graduate of Causey, (N.M.) High School. She married Loyd Jennings on Oct. 10, 1942 in Morton. She moved from Portales, N.M. to Lubbock in 2001. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Oct. 29, 1995 and a daughter, Esther Pauline, on March 28, 1952.

Survivors include three sons, Melvin Loyd of Morton, Dalton Wayne of Plainview and Leland of Dimmitt; two daughters, Jimmie Lea Beavers and Mae McKinzie, both of Lubbock; two sisters, Billie Heisch of Continental Divide, N.M. and Johnnie Mae Turner of Portales; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Lubbock; 1102 Slide Road, Suite 3; Lubbock, TX 79416, to the American Heart Association; 3403 73rd St.; Lubbock, TX 79423 or a favorite charity.

Luke A. McGuire

Luke A. McGuire, 81, of Dimmitt, died Saturday, Jan. 19.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Ivey Chapel in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with Chuck Ball, minister of Dimmitt Church of Christ, officiating. Private burial will take place with Thomas McGuire performing that service.

He was born May 5, 1920 in County Line. He attended

school in Abernathy and graduated from high school there in 1937. He farmed and ranched in Dimmitt for many years.

His wife, Eleanora "Kitty" von Berger, preceded him in death on June 13, 1990.

Survivors include a daughter, Lynna Wilbourn of Leander; a son, Thomas McGuire of Peoria, Ill. and three grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Masonic Home of Masonic Children's Hospital.

Juanita O'Hair

Juanita O'Hair, 91, of Earth, mother of Robert D. O'Hair of Dimmitt, died Sunday, Jan. 20, 2002.

Services were at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23 at Earth Church of Christ with Denny Snead officiating. Burial will be in Earth Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Parsons-Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.

She was born Sept. 24, 1910 and had lived in Earth since 1943 after moving from Quanah. She married Robert O'Hair Jr. on Sept. 18, 1932 in Eldorado, Okla. A homemaker, she was a member of the Earth Church of Christ, the Home Demonstration Club, Springlake-Earth Band Boosters and the Springlake-Earth PTA.

Her husband preceded her in death on June 7, 1983.

Survivors include two sons, Robert D. of Dimmitt and Perry Don of Wilburton, Okla.; three daughters, Shirley Vaughan of Muleshoe, Betty Waddell of Lubbock and Anita Stevens of Stafford; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Westview Boys Home; Hollis, OK 73550, or to the Earth Memorial Cemetery Association; P.O. Box 523; Earth, TX 79031.

H.L. Phares

H.L. Phares, 89, of Lubbock, brother of Ann Carpenter and Helen Wilmoth of Dimmitt, died Sunday, Jan. 20.

Services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday, in Sanders Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ross Spencer officiating. Burial was in the City of Lubbock Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home of Lubbock.

He was born Oct. 29, 1912 in Pontotoc, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and moved to Littlefield in 1925, settling in Lubbock in 1938 in Lubbock, marrying Millie Marie Davis on Nov. 17 of that year. He was a member of Parkway Drive Baptist Church. An avid sportsman, he won the 1952 Texas State Trap-Shooting Champion. He also raised prize-winning English pointers.

He was co-founder of Phares and Wilkins with W.D. Wilkins in 1947, where he developed and manufactured farm implement machinery until he retired in 1969. He invented various pieces of equipment, holding patents on a "flail shredder" and was a pioneer in developing the first multi-row cotton stripper ever manufactured.

His wife preceded him in

death on March 16, 2000 as did a son, Carl Phares preceded him in death on Oct. 31, 1991.

Survivors include a son, Wayne of Idalou; two daughters, Patsy Berry of Lubbock and Betty Stufflebenn of Shallowater; a daughter-in-law, Sue Phares of Lubbock; a brother, Joe, of Lubbock; three sisters, Ann Carpenter, Helen Wilmoth and Maxine Vredenburg of Eureka, MT; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Texas Boys Ranch; P.O. Box 5665; Lubbock, TX 79408 or a favorite charity.

Howard W. Smithson

Howard W. Smithson, 64 of Dimmitt, died at 8:40 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2002 at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Howard Howard Rhodes officiating. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 1, 1938 in Castro County and married Mairita Odum on April 26, 1963 in Dimmitt. He graduated from Dimmitt High School and served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of Texas Young Farmers and served as state president in 1975 and national secretary in 1979. He was a lifelong resident of Castro County and a member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. He was preceded in death by one brother, Edward Smithson and one sister, Dovie Wood.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Shane of Addison and Chad and wife Michelle Smithson of Dallas; five brothers, Rayphard Smithson and David Shelton, both of Dimmitt, Wayne Smithson of Glendale, CA, Clinton Smithson of Rockwall and Donald Smithson of Trenton; two sisters, Mauriene Matthews of Plainview and Wilda Neuman of Sun City and one grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Child Protective Services; c/o First United Bank; P.O. Box 929; Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Bobby Lee Robinson

Bobby Lee Robinson, 58, of Dimmitt died Friday, Jan. 11.

Services were at 2 p.m. Monday in Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home. Burial was in Castro County Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

He was born Sept. 21, 1943 in Abernathy and married Lillie Mae Robinson in 1960 in Dimmitt. He grew up in Dimmitt and farmed most of his life.

Survivors include his wife, three daughters, Lillie, Brenda and Juanita of Tulsa, Okla.; eight sons, Harold, Frankie, Louis, Terry, Don, Earl, James and Clifton; all of Tulsa and Bobby of Houston, Okla.; 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Sarena Teague

Sarena Teague, 99, of Walsenburg, Colo., formerly of Dimmitt, died Friday, Jan. 11 at Helping Hands Ministries in Trinidad, Colo.

Memorial services were Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. in the Ivey Chapel at Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home with the Rev. Aaron Reed.

She was born Aug. 6, 1902 in Port, Okla. She married Elzie Teague on Sept 5, 1923 in Yan-tis. She and her husband settled in the Flagg community in the mid 1920's. She also was a teacher and later worked at Harman's Department Store and was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Dec. 1, 1991; one daughter, Vernell Dyer; one son, Jack Teague and one grandson, Joe Mapes.

Survivors include two daughters, Levelle Mapes of Walsenburg, Colo and Della Dow of Benard, Me.; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Helping Hands Ministries; 1101 Arizona; Trinidad, Co. 81082 or First Baptist Church; 1201 Western Circle Drive; Dimmitt, TX 79027.

Bessie Mae Wylie Young

Bessie Mae Wylie Young, 74, of Plainview, sister of Oscar Ray Wylie of Dimmitt, died Friday, Jan. 18.

Services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday at 11th Street Church of Christ in Plainview with Marion Glen officiating. Burial followed in Parklawn Memorial Gardens under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

She was born May 11, 1927 in Abernathy. She married Carlton Young on April 5, 1947 in Plainview. She lived in the area since 1959. She worked as a waitress for the Nu Griddle and the Congress Inn before retiring. She was a member of the 11th Street Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ladell Young; one grandson and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Carolyn Brain of Plainview and Linda White of Vermillion, S.D. one son, Marvin Young of Hereford; two brothers, Oscar Ray Wylie of Dimmitt and Price Wylie of Plainview; one sister, Helen Bynum of Kingston, Okla.; 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Vista Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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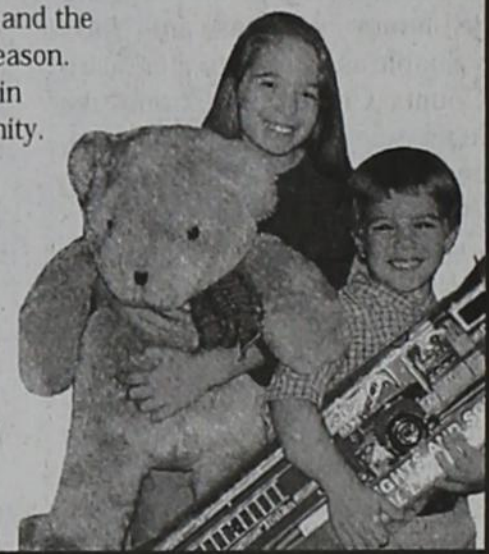
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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 24-Feb. 1.

DIMMITT
Pre-K to 12th Grades
Grab-and-go breakfast
THURSDAY: Banana mini loaf, fresh apples, white milk.
FRIDAY: Student holiday
MONDAY: Cutie fried pie, orange wedges and white milk.
TUESDAY: Donut holes, orange wedges and white milk.
WEDNESDAY: Smucker's peanut sandwich, orange juice and white milk.
THURSDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, peaches and white milk.
FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick w/sausage, fruit cocktail and white milk.

Lunch
Pre-K to 1st Grade
THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mexipintos, Spanish rice, tossed salad and white or chocolate milk.
FRIDAY: Student holiday.
MONDAY: Italian spaghetti, green beans, Chinese-style vegetables, Haystack fingers, garlic bread, white or chocolate milk.
TUESDAY: Fajitas with onions, frijoles refrito, taco condiments, watermelon, white or chocolate milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito, parsley buttered peas, country rice dressing, taco condiments, white or chocolate milk.
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.

2nd-12th Grades
THURSDAY: Choices of nachos with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich or New Mexican enchiladas; mexipinto beans, mixed vegetables or Spanish rice; tossed salad, taco condiments or broccoli/cauliflower; Angel flake biscuits, crackers or assorted muffins and white or chocolate milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Student holiday.
MONDAY: Choices of chicken taco, Italian spaghetti or grilled cheese with chili; Chinese-style vegetables, green beans or seasoned black-eyed peas, taco condiments, tossed salad or hay stick fingers; garlic bread, hot cheese rolls or arroz Mexicano and white or chocolate milk.
TUESDAY: Choices of fajitas with onions, Chinese egg roll or chicken and rice; peas, frijoles refrito or baked potatoes; taco condiments, tossed salad

or watermelon; hot wheat rolls, old fashioned corn bread or crackers, white or chocolate milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choices of beef and bean burrito, fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; parsley-buttered peas, country rice dressing or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiments or broccoli/cauliflower; white hot rolls, Cowboy bread or tortilla chips and white or chocolate milk.
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 hamburger, chicken enchilada or beef stir fry, potato rounds, Mexipinto beans or Mexicali corn, tossed salad, hamburger salad or broccoli/cauliflower, peaches, assorted muffins, old-fashioned cornbread or Spanish rice.

HART
Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Biscuits, Canadian bacon, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, raisins, variety of cereal, and milk.
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Biscuits, ham, raisins, variety of cereal, graham crackers, variety of milk.
WEDNESDAY: Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, raisins, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
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.

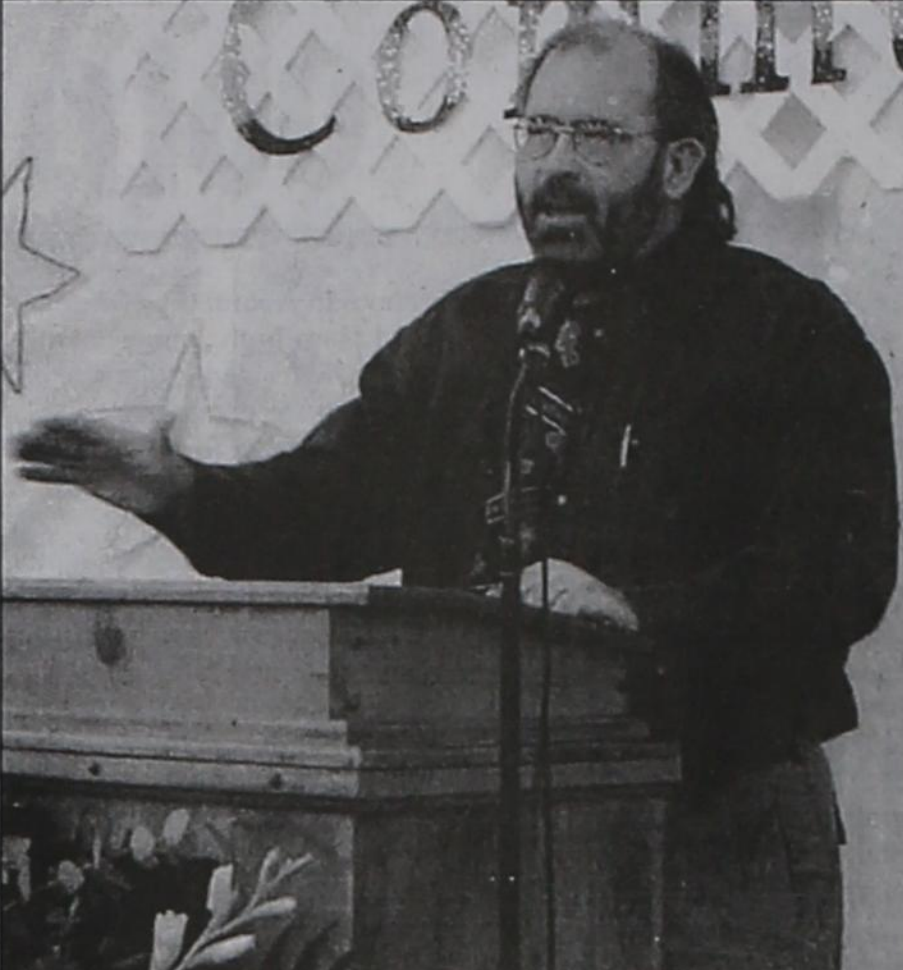
Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of toasted cheese w/cheese, chicken sandwich or enchilada casserole; chips, tortilla pieces, corn, fresh assorted fruit, salad, pineapple pudding, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of chef salad, chicken sandwich with cheese or hot dog on a bun; chili, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato or pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, gelatin dessert or brownie and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, or chicken strips and gravy; green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, wheat rolls, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or with lasagna with ground beef; green beans, peaches, salad, wheat rolls, white cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or steak fingers and gravy; sliced pickles, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cheese, salad, white cake with strawberry topping and milk, punch or tea.
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 with corn dog, chili, potato chips, peaches, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
Breakfast
THURSDAY: School holiday.
FRIDAY: School holiday.
MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Canadian bacon on roll, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: French toast sticks, sausage patty, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch
THURSDAY: No school.
FRIDAY: No school.
MONDAY: * Chicken spaghetti or sausage pizza, tossed salad, fresh apples, peach cobbler, rolls, broccoli and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * McRib sandwich or burgers, French fries, green beans, peaches, lettuce and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Beef taco or hamburger, French fries, green beans, lettuce, apple crisp, peaches and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or sausage pizza, stuffing mix, peaches, cranberry sauce, tossed salad and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: Pizza or chicken stir fry, salad, pears, dessert, milk or juice.

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



SAYING A FEW WORDS — Jon Randles, an evangelist from Lubbock, was the guest speaker at Saturday night's Chamber of Commerce Banquet. He is shown giving his speech before the awards were presented.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

More about Stock Show ...

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coordinated by the Dimmitt Young Farmers. Billy Copeland will once again judge the steers and lambs while Gaylon McCune has the barrows.

Andy Williams, President of the Young Farmers, will serve as the general superintendent. He'll be assisted by Matt Gfeller, the vice president of the organization.

Justin Nelson is superintendent of the Steer Division and he'll be assisted by Chad Davis, Rodney Hunter, Robert Boozer, Rick Bagwell, Todd Bradley, Greg Odom and Roy Schilling.

Tim Wales is superintendent of the Lamb Division. His assistant list includes Jason Wooten, Lonnie Robb, Malcolm Sager, Kurt Wales and Chau Gunstream.

Matt Gfeller is the Swine Superintendent. His assistants include Andy Williams, Jason Nelson, Matt Gfeller and Jay Davis.

Auctioneers will be selling up to 125 barrows and 125 lambs, or 75 percent of the total animals that are weighed in, whichever number is smaller. A total of 15 steers will be sold or 75 percent of the total, whichever is greater.

Five auctioneers will be used this year, including Jack Howell, John Davis, Greg Odom, Jason Wooten, Kenneth Gregg and Casey Summers.

As for the sale order, it will include, in order:

- (1) Grand champion steers, lambs and barrows.
- (2) Reserve champion steers, lambs and barrows.
- (3) All breed champions.
- (4) All reserve breed champions.
- (5) 1/3 steers.
- (6) 1/3 barrows.
- (7) 1/3 lambs.

Sheriff's Report

Incidents of theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and criminal mischief have been recently handled by the Castro County Sheriff's Department.

The theft was reported as taking place approximately .8 miles north of FM 928 on a county road. Two well motors, each valued at \$4,000 were reported taken.

In the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, a Chevrolet Cavalier was reported stolen from the 300 block of Northwest 3rd. The car is valued at \$3,000.

The criminal mischief took place on South U.S. Highway 385. The mischief, which involved some cattle feeders, caused between \$500 and \$1,500 worth of damage.

Several persons have been placed in the Castro County Jail in recent days.

— Jan. 15; a 31-year-old Dimmitt man; Violation of Promise to Appear.

— Jan. 15; a 43-year-old Muleshoe man; Indecency with

a Child, Sexual Contact.

— Jan. 16; a 28-year-old Hereford man; Driving While Intoxicated, Motion to Provoke.

— Jan. 17; a 25-year-old Comanche, OK man, Possession of Marijuana, no safety belt, Violation of Promise to Appear.

— Jan. 19; a 38-year-old Dimmitt woman; Driving While Intoxicated 2, Surrender Bond.

— Jan. 19; a 41-year-old Dimmitt man; Public Intoxication.

— Jan. 20; a 21-year-old Dimmitt woman; two warrants of No Safety Belt and No Drivers License; Two warrants of Theft by Check, Over \$20, but Under \$500 (one in Randall County, one in Potter County); Violation of Promise to Appear.

— Jan. 20; an 18-year-old Dimmitt Man; Indecency with a Child, Sexual Contact; Warrant, Assault Causing Bodily Injury, Family Member.

— Jan. 22; A 42-year-old Earth man; Driving While Intoxicated.

Together We Can

More about Buckley, Wilhite named ...

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had the opportunity to buy a business from W.E. Kirkpatrick in the Flagg Community...and that's where they've lived ever since.

"Our honorees are longtime members of the Methodist Church, have worked with the American Legion on programs to honor veterans and gave valuable assistance to the Castro County Centennial Committee in the selection of a county tree, and in acquiring those trees, during Castro's County's Centennial Year, 1991."

Bruton also said that the two have given to the youth, having sponsored sports and have purchased animals at the county stock shows. They have also been generous, she said, "taking countless loads of vegetables, seed, and other necessities to the Methodist home at Waco."

"In 1991, part of the copy read: 'Have Fertilizer - Will Spread,'" Bruton said. "It also stated part of their business philosophy: 'Our good customers are why we are celebrating our 34th Year of Business. Helen and Fred, you are the ones who made it good.'"

Teacher of the Year
 Alicia Bradley, a Richardson Elementary teacher who teaches in the same room with Steidle, gave the introduction for Teacher of the Year.

"I think the person who won this award really deserves it," Bradley said. "She's very dedicated."

"She came to Dimmitt at age 22 because she wanted to be on her own," Bradley said. "She was born in, grew up in, went to school in and went to college in the same town (Cleveland, Tenn.)."

After she moved to Dimmitt, Bradley said that Steidle "met an athletic young man (Dimmitt boys basketball coach Alan Steidle) and didn't go home to get married. She got married in Dimmitt, her new hometown."

"She has this vision," Bradley said. "She had a vision for a TV station and now we've got a TV station. Now, she has a vision for a greenhouse and I'll bet you we'll have one of these days."

"My Master Teacher is Jesus Christ," Steidle said. "We can't pray in school, but I can carry Him with me every day in my heart."

Chamber Member of the Year

Gary Langford, President of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce introduced the Chamber Member of the Year.

"They help with everything and everything is on time," Langford said. "Whenever something's completed, the owner always calls with a code 'The Eagle has landed'. I've been exactly sure just what that meant."

Roger Malone, owner of Dimmitt Printing, accepted the award.

John Randles of Lubbock, an evangelist, was the guest speaker.

"It is true that Sept. 11 changed our lives forever," Randles said. "Before that, in my generation, the assassination of (former President) JFK changed our lives forever. Before that, it was the bombing of Pearl Harbor."

Randles also said that, in baseball, all four bases need to be touched. When it comes to changing things for the better, he said that there are four bases that need to be touched as well. These are:

- First base: Excellence.
- Second base: Discipline
- Third base: Goal-setting
- Home plate: Don't let anybody ever talk you out of your dream.

Chamber president Gary Langford addressed the crowd and presented outgoing director Suzan Sanders with a plaque. Cheryle Pybus, the other outgoing director, was not present.

There were also several door prizes given away. Lane Myatt earned the two Southwest Airline round-trip tickets to anywhere the airline flies.

George and Caroline Sides won the Castro County Afghans and Camille and Andy Williams won the flower arrangement that had been placed directly in front of the podium.

Dwayne Acker, Danny Bruton, Jim Wright, Sue Rita Myatt, John Hasselmeier, Libby Cleveland and Garland Coleman won Energas caps.

Entertainment was provided by two different groups. One of these was the Dimmitt Chamber Quartet, who performed the "Battle Hymn of the Republic". The group consists of Don Nelson, James Baker, Doug

Meredith and Charles Axtell.

The accompanist was Deanne Clark Sowder.

As for the other group, it was a ladies' trio consisting of Susan Coleman, Jamie Mendoza and Ranetta Patton. They sang a song based on Scripture.

Mat Bradley gave the invocation, John Garth the Pledge of Allegiance and James Baker welcomed and introduced the guests. Langford recognized the directors.

The menu consisted of New York strip, baked potatoes, salad and a brownie with the choice of tea or water.

More about Re-districting ...

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Judge Miller flew to Austin Thursday to meet with Portia Bossey of Allison-Bass, the law firm representing Castro County in the re-districting process.

"I thought the meeting went well," Judge Miller said. "Portia and I met for three-and-one-half hours."

There had been problems with the copy of the proposed map the law firm had a copy of. Judge Miller said that the problems were straightened out.

She said that Bossy indicated she would meet with San Antonio attorney Judith Castro with the proposed plan. Judge Miller said that she understood that if Castro approved the changes, the plan would then be sent on to the Department of Justice in Washington D.C. Castro was involved in the 1994 re-districting lawsuit.

Judge Miller said that the department indicated it would work to get the map pre-cleared in time for the commissioner election primaries.

She said she would be in touch with Bossy to see if contact were made with Castro and, if so, what the results were. She stated the matter would be updated at next Monday's regular meeting.

In other business, Bay Baldrige, Castro County Precinct 3 Commissioner, passed out a declaration at the request of Texas Corn Growers. It was a Declaration of Local Agricultural Emergency.

Baldrige requested that the declaration be put on the agenda for Monday meetings.

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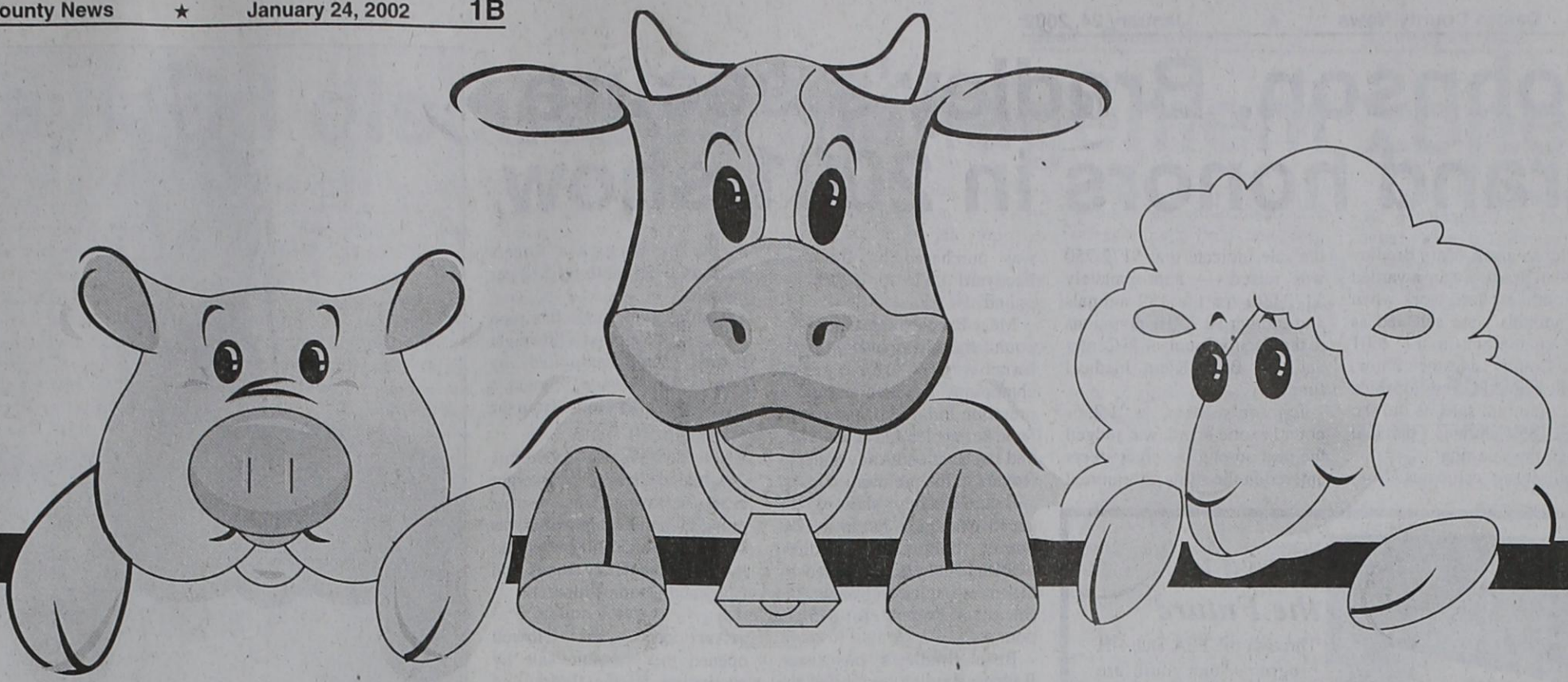
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Ours is a great county. And we're proud to be a part of it.

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Johnson, Bradley's secure grand honors in 2001 show

Cutter Johnson, Mary Bradley and Beau Bradley were awarded for months of hard work when their animals were selected as grand champions in the 2001 Castro County Livestock Show. Their animals drew top bids in the premium sale, as did the other 185 animals paraded through the sale ring.

Preliminary estimates from the sale indicate that \$172,750 was raised — approximately \$170,000 for the 189 animals and another \$2,750 in donations to the Castro County 4-H Center and the Brad Klein medical fund. Johnson's steer, a 1,255-pound exotic breed, was judged the best among the eight steers entered in the show. His animal

was purchased by Rafter 3 Feedyard LTD for \$2,75 per pound.

Mary Bradley drove her 250-pound light heavyweight cross barrow to the grand championship, then earned a premium bid of \$10 per pound from her uncles and aunts, Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers in the premium sale.

Beau Bradley showed the grand champion lamb, a 106-pound light heavyweight medium wool and it was purchased by his great-uncles and aunts, the Bacas and Rogers', for \$15 per pound.

Beau Bradley's big sister, Raynee Bradley, exhibited the reserve champion lamb, a 130-pound heavyweight medium

wool. The Bacas and Rogers purchased her lamb for \$12 per pound.

The reserve grand champion steer, a 1,205-pound light heavyweight British breed exhibited by Dennis Underwood, earned a bid of \$2.70 per pound from the North Gin.

Underwood also drove his 246-pound light heavyweight cross barrow to the reserve grand championship and it was purchased for \$8.50 per pound by E.M. and Betty Jones and Coby and Connie Gilbreath.

Auctioneer Jack Howell opened the premium sale by auctioning off the floors, and the 2001 prices were up from the year before.

The floor on lambs was purchased at \$78 per hundredweight by Estacado Feed yard. Plains Hog Company won the barrow floor with a bid of \$34.25 per hundred. The steer floor was bought by Rafter 3 Feedyard LTD for \$78 per hundred.



GRAND CHAMPION PIG — Mary Bradley is shown with her light heavyweight cross barrow that was named grand champion at the 2001 Castro County Stock Show. The pig, weighing 250 pounds, was purchased at \$10 per pound at Saturday's premium auction by her uncles and aunts, Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers.

Photo by Anne Acker

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

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Wayland discusses management zones

BY PAUL WAYLAND

Management zones are defined when detailed agronomic information regarding a field and production practices are placed in a database and geographically referenced (GIS).

Combine yield monitor maps, remote sensing imagery, topographic maps, digital soil survey maps, electrical conductivity

data maps and soil tests maps are overlaid with each other to establish management zones within a field or fields.

Fertilization utilizing management zones provides opportunities to better fit soil characteristics that interact with crop nutrition and soil fertility. The management zone concept works best when an abundance

of information is available that establishes crop yield variation within the field.

The management zones are defined for each crop production input such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur and zinc. Also included in the management zones are inputs of seed, insect productive products, herbicides, irrigation water, etc.

Information from previous crop yield(s), soil type maps, soil analysis data including soil pH, organic matter, cation exchange capacity (CEC), and topography, are utilized. In addition, a given management zone may be resized as new information becomes available that better defines the parameters of the zone.

The following guidelines can be used to start developing man-

agement zones for improved fertilizer utilization by crops resulting in crop yield improvement, and:

(1) Soil analysis data that provides a basis for establishing crop nutrient requirements. The limiting factor continues to be how well the soil-sampling pattern represents the variability in the zone.

(2) Zones with high nutrient test results are usually areas with low organic matter, higher bulk density or soil compaction, and are areas with low water holding capacity that prevent crops from best utilizing applied fertilizer. Topography maps of these fields will assist in identifying the areas of higher crop response to applied fertility.

(3) Zones with high yield soil characteristics will provide op-

portunities for upward adjustments in nutrient levels to attain increased crop yields and profitability.

One of the main management needs for zone management is the ability to locate specific zones in a field and for the zones to be of sufficient size to justify changes in input applications.

Large farm operations that do not have the manpower or time to manage the zones within each field can justify zone management by analyzing each individual field as a zone for input requirements.

The management zones are not static, and must be analyzed and adjusted based on experience and growth of the database.

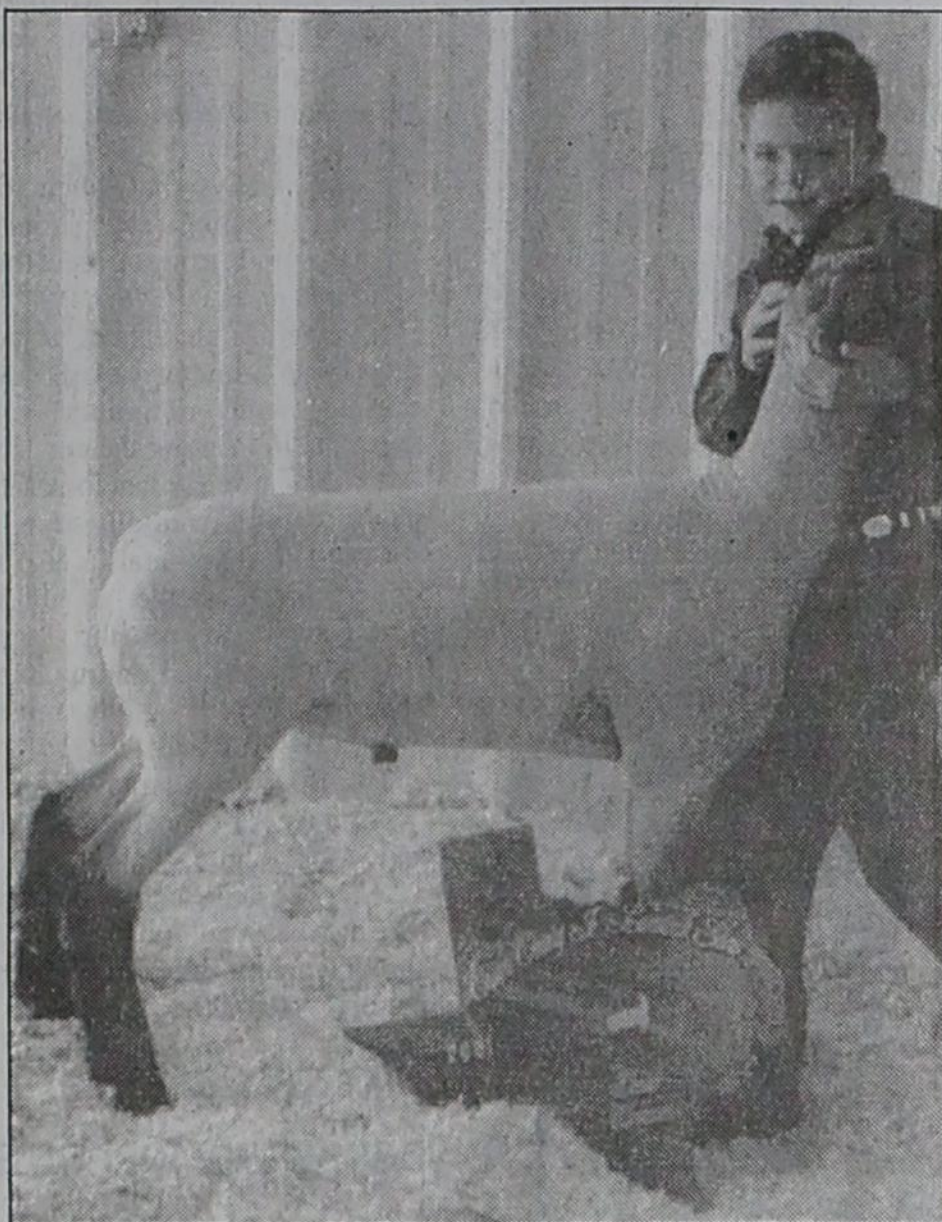
Economics resulting from the use of management zones for determining fertility and other inputs will result in a more profitable bottom line.

Lamb hooves need to be trimmed early

When lambs stay in small pens with no rocks, their hooves grow long and need to be trimmed.

Hooves should be trimmed about every six weeks. Always trim hooves one or two weeks before a show in case you mistakenly cut into the quick and temporarily cripple the lamb.

This will give the lamb time to heal before the show.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Beau Bradley is shown with his grand champion lamb at the 2001 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. It was a 106-pound lightweight medium wool and sold at \$15 per pound to Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers.

Photo by Anne Acker

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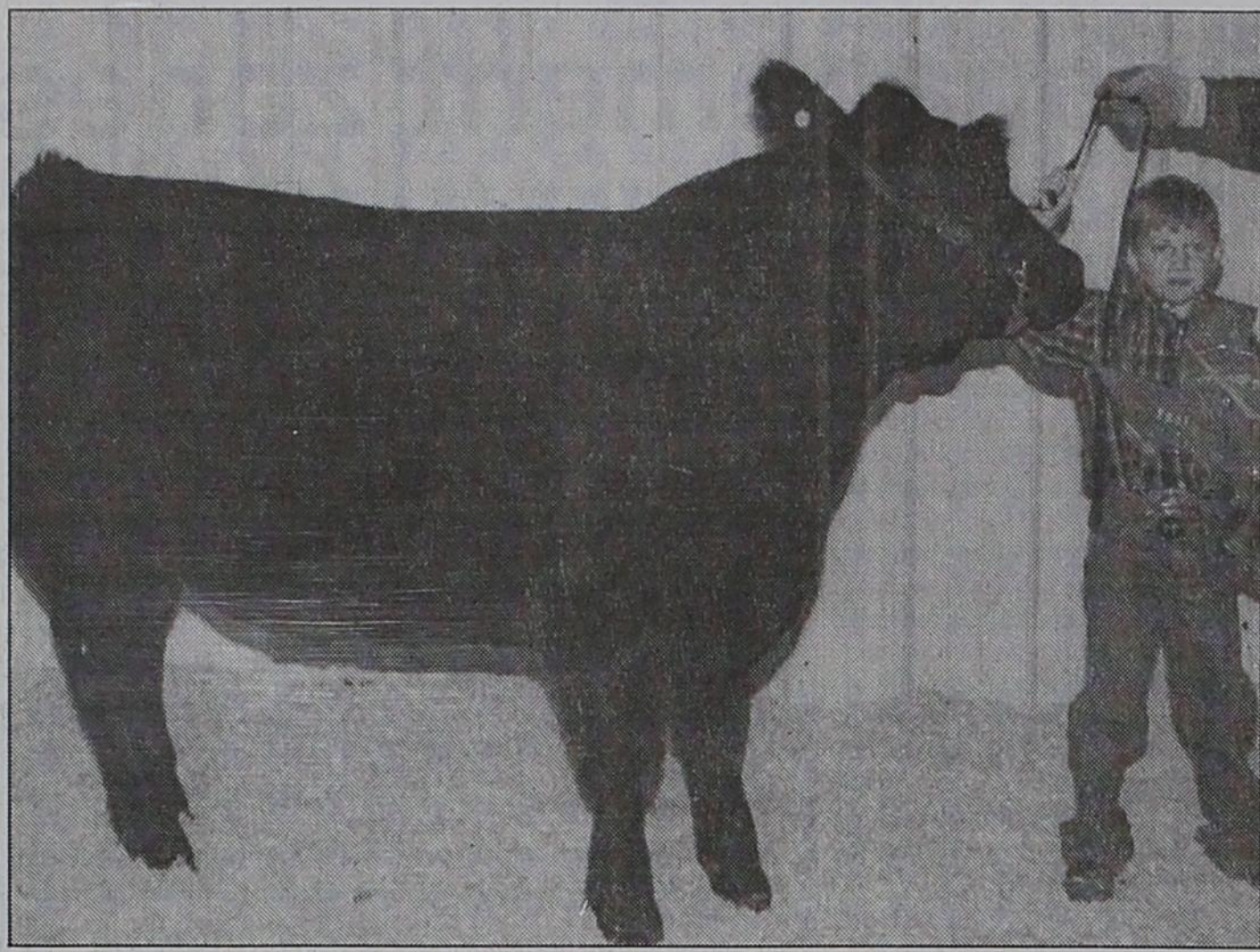
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QUITE A STEER — Cutter Johnson is shown with the grand champion steer at the 2001 Castro County Livestock Show. The steer weighed 1,255 pounds and Rafter 3 Feedyard

LTD won the bid for the animal Saturday by offering \$2.75 per pound.

Photo by Anne Acker

Junior Livestock program offers families time together

(Note: The following article includes information from an interview with John Kearney conducted by David Wied for the October 1999 issue of "Purple Circle" magazine. Kearney evaluated junior meat goats at the 2000 Southwestern Junior Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth.)

The junior livestock program is a family-oriented program and John Kearney, a former ag science teacher in Texas, believes that is one of the best reasons for having the program. "There is very little correlation between the junior livestock show industry and the commercial industry — there never has been and there never will be," Kearney said in the aforementioned "Purple Circle" magazine article.

"The junior livestock show program is simply a game that provides an opportunity for a parent/parents to spend more quality time with their child/children than any other activity available," Kearney said. "Once we lose sight of this objective, we may just as well, close the program down."

Kearney grew up in and attended school in Sweetwater and he holds a bachelor's degree in range animal science from Sul Ross State University. He was an ag science teacher at Marfa and Sterling City before moving on to teach at Howard College. He has assisted with many junior livestock shows and summer jackpots across Texas. He had judged cattle, sheep and goats.

Most recently, Kearney judged the junior meat goats at

the Southwestern Livestock Exposition in Fort Worth.

He says there are several life skills youngsters can learn from a junior livestock show program.

Management, morals and people skills are among these.

"Help others, but don't be taken advantage of," Kearney said. "If someone crowds you in, simply reposition your animal and take control of the situation."

Kearney says that when he judges animals, they should meet two main criteria: meet the hand and meet the eye.

In meeting the hand, there must be an abundance of quality muscle with minimum fat deposits. In meeting the eye, an individual animal must look the part by being structurally sound.

Grooming of animals is also a big factor in whether or not a youngster has success the show ring. According to Kearney, the shearing rules of a show must be closely followed.

The final tip Kearney offers to youngsters is to be a good showman.

"More good animals have been ruined by poor showmanship than any other factor," he said.

Minerals are necessary for hog's chemical reactions

Minerals are necessary for many pig's body's chemical reaction.

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

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

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Best wishes to our young exhibitors!

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Here's to a banner year
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Great Reception!

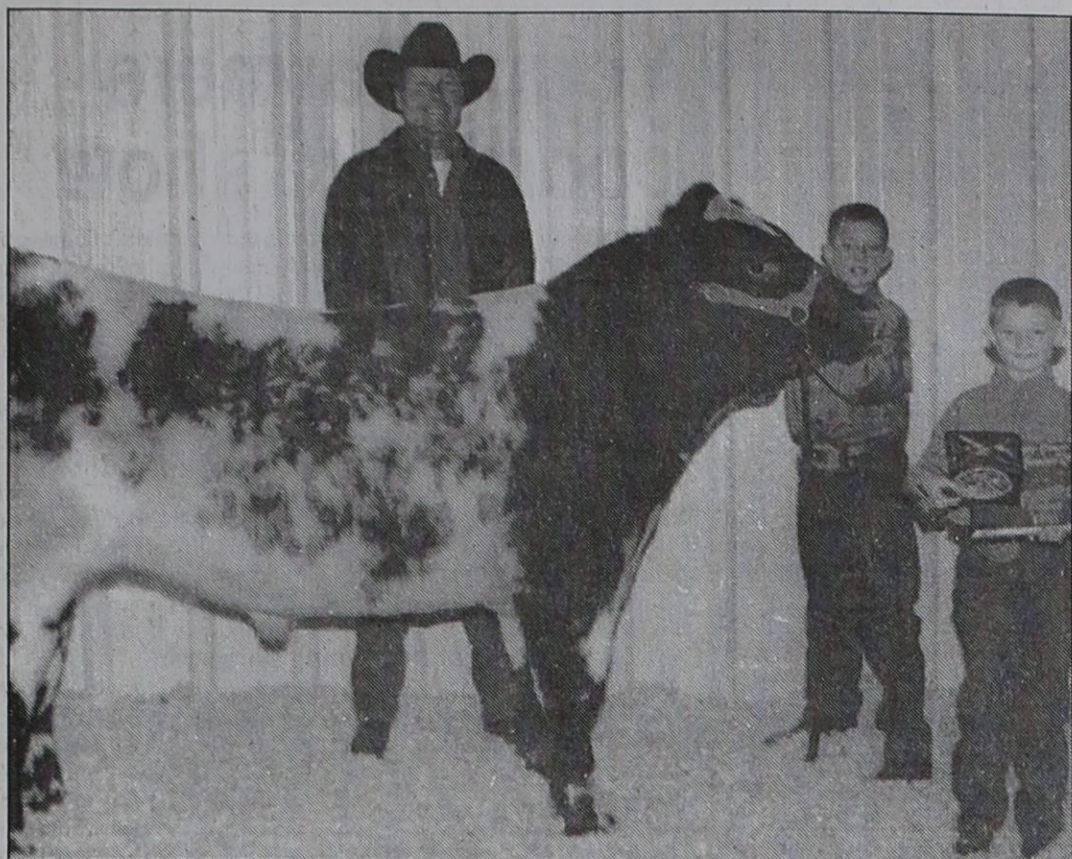
That's what we need to give our youngsters as they parade their show animals in the ring Friday and Saturday. Let's let them know we're proud of them and their work.

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And Away We Go-o-o!

Our youth and their animals don't mind stepping out into the show ring at the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Our Sale brings some of the top prices of any show around, and no one deserves it anymore than the hard-working members of our FFA and 4-H clubs.

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2001 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION STEER — Dennis Underwood earned \$2.70 per pound for his reserve grand champion steer, a 1,205-pound British breed at the 2001 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The animal was

purchased by North Gin of Dimmitt, represented in the picture by Him Bradford. Holding Underwood's plaque is his little brother, David Underwood.

Photo by Anne Acker

Have a Great Show!

The Junior Livestock Show is one of Castro County's finest traditions. Good luck to the 4-H and FFA youngsters with your animals, and thanks to the Dimmitt Young Farmers for all your time and work.

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ACGA slates convention

The American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) will hold its annual convention March 7-9, in Washington, D.C.

Theme for this year's convention is "America's Farm Families—Feeding and Fueling Our Country's Freedom." The convention will be held at the Sheraton Four-Points, located at 1201 K Street NW in Washington, D.C.

"During this nation's time of need, we want the people of the

United States to be assured that America's farm families will continue to feed, clothe, shelter and fuel all of them," said ACGA President Keith Ditrach. "Just as we have done before, our nation's farmers have stepped forward and are doing our part to insure America's freedom."

The convention is being held in Washington, D.C., to give ACGA members a chance to visit with their congressional

delegates and the members of the administration.

Issues such as farm policy, energy and other items important to rural America are expected to be the focus of the meeting and of member visits with government officials.

For more information about the convention, including registration information, visit the ACGA web site at www.ACGA.org or contact Lisa Miles at (202) 835-0330.



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Time to re-register your brand

According to the mid-December newsletter from the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), it is time to re-register your livestock brands. This process will continue through Feb. 28. Any brands not re-registered by this date become available for other persons to use.

It is illegal to use a brand without first registering it and re-recording it is required every 10 years by Texas law.

Many persons not actually active in livestock production will register their brand to preserve the brand for historic or nostalgic reasons.

The brands must be registered with the county clerk in every

county where you intend to use them. If you use them in four Texas counties, you must register the brands in all four counties.

Brands on horses must be registered separately, even if the brands are the same as used on your cattle. Each county charges a small fee for registering the brand. This fee will range from \$8 to \$17.

TSCRA is the only location where brand records for all 254 counties in Texas are maintained.

For more information, contact your county clerk. The phone number can be found in the yellow pages under 'Government'.



2001 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB — Raynee Bradley is all smiles with her lamb, which won the reserve grand championship at the 2001 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The lamb, weighing 130 pounds, was purchased at \$12 per pound by Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers. Taylor Bradley is shown holding her sister's reserve championship plaque.

Photo by Anne Acker

Young Farmers coordinate show

The Castro County Junior Livestock show wouldn't be possible without the hard work of several local men, who, through the Dimmitt Young Farmers, organize and direct the event each year.

Members of the Young Farmers establish the rules, organize the entries and keep things running smoothly from the first day of show through the sale.

They ready the show barns and the show ring for the big event, then direct the show on Friday and run the sale on Saturday. After the sale, they tally the totals and then issue checks to the youngsters.

Each member deserves a big "thank you" for his hard work, especially from the exhibitors who benefit from the event each year.

Hear's a list of the Dimmitt Young Farmers officers and those who will be in charge of various divisions and activities from this year's show.

Dimmitt Young Farmers

- Young Farmers President Andy Williams
- General Superintendent Andy Williams
- Assistant Superintendent Matt Gfeller
- Vice President Matt Gfeller
- Reporter Jason Wooten
- Secretary Coby Summers
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... to the fine young people who are participating in the annual Junior livestock show this weekend, and to the Young Farmers, the buyers and supporters who make it such a great event!

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

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Still Going Strong

For 48 years now, our 4-H and FFA programs have been producing responsible youngsters and top show animals, and Castro Countians have been supporting them in every way. That's a long record of success and a good source of pride for our county. Let's keep it going strong!

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt & Bradley

WELL DONE!

We congratulate the Dimmitt Young Farmers, our FFA and 4-H youth, their adult leaders, the County Extension Office staff, our vo-ag instructors, and all who have a hand in making the Castro County Junior Livestock Show one of the finest of its size in Texas

We also commend the buyers, auctioneers, Young Farmers and their wives, who make the sale such a success every year.

Tidwell Spraying Service

We hope the Castro County Junior Livestock Show & Sale will be

A HAPPY TIME

for our 4-H and FFA youngsters, the Dimmitt Young Farmers, the buyers and everyone associated with this great show. Let's all get our and support our kids!

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

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Best Wishes

to the young people of Castro County as you hold your Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday.

In your work in the FFA Chapters and 4-H Clubs, you are preparing for the future. When you are in business on your own, remember we specialize in furnishing concrete for feed yards.

Dimmitt Ready Mix

Livestock teaches life lesson

By JIM STEIERT

Our nation has struggled for some time now over the apparent de-sensitizing of children to death. The rash of shootings on school campuses has been particularly disturbing and perplexing.

Experts keep probing for causes of this malady and seeking ways to address it. Many are especially troubled over how kids can take a human life so easily.

I believe school kids over this country — and we especially mean far-removed from-the-farm urban kids — could find vital lessons in life, responsibility, and respect by being involved in personally caring for livestock. This may sound like twisted thinking, but stay with me.

I think kids of appropriate age learn a lot about the value of life and the realities of death when they are responsible for raising and animal eventually meant to serve as food.

We're not talking about pets. Nope, we're thinking about a focus on the mostly unglamorous chores of having to feed and water, clean the pens and tend to the health needs of livestock. These are chores to be performed morning and evening, every day, regardless of weather, daylight or dark...Getting these chores done whether or not it's a

holiday or you feel like it, or despite the fact that you'd rather have your sister or your brother or your mother or you dad do it, because it's your responsibility. If you don't do it, critters are eventually going to wind up with four feet straight up in the air - not stunning their bellies - but because the poor beasts that depended on your croaked when you didn't handle your responsibility.

I think kids get sometimes — tough and very real life lessons from having to nurse ailing critters through scours and chronic coughs and fevers and going off-feed, and facing the reality that sometimes, despite your best efforts to care for them, they die.

Livestock care reality is a lot different than the "virtual reality" of many video games. How real is virtual reality when all sorts of shooting and stabbing, fisticuffs and blowing-up is portrayed as blood-letting without real pain, loss or sorrow?

On the video game, television, or movie screen, violence seemingly happens in a vacuum.

Kids tending livestock realize a whole other reality.

When the animals these kids are responsible for die, they do not get back up again in a few minutes and appear in the next episode.

A lot of 4-H bucket calf project kids find out about being responsible for animals and death being a part of the equation at fairly tender ages. Emily Marnell, from the Westway exchange, all of seven years old, and her older sisters Cindy and Katie, know that bucket calves sometimes die. Sherrye Buchanan, also seven, and her brother, Ryan, both from Hereford, know this to be true from experience as well. They've all had bucket calves die, despite the best care that they could give them.

It's a hard lesson that they have worked through with the watchful help of their parents.

Work with livestock any length of time and some will become hopelessly ill. Fate may even decree, especially for lamb and hog keepers, that packs of marauding dogs will attack your best-kept livestock and injure them terribly.

When you tend livestock daily you come to care about the animals. It is a bond hard to explain, but you understand, somehow, that sometimes the only right thing that you can do by the animals when they are severely injured or deathly ill is to end their misery.

That is real, and it is hard, and if you have to put down a pig or a lamb or calf that you have wrapped a lot of your labor and caring into, you will

do it our of respect for the animal — but you will never to it likely.

At their young ages, having already worked closely with livestock. Emily and Cindy and Katie, Sherrye and Ryan and a host of youngsters lucky enough to take part in such projects are keenly aware that you don't go around wreaking violence or animals — or on people.

Somewhere in the process of caring for livestock, you are also going to learn where food comes from — and it sure isn't the grocery. Kids raising livestock learn the reality that those animals they conscientiously care for and treat with respect are propagated toward the end of providing food.

There is far more real price of beef and pork and lamb, turkey and chicken than the retail sticker on the neatly-arrayed packages in the frozen foods case.

(Reprinted from the June 2001 issue of West Texas Rural Telephone Co-Op Connection.)

If you are not riding the wave of change, you'll find yourself beneath it.

Always use the word impossible with the greatest caution.



2001 RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW— Dennis Underwood (kneeling) is shown with the 2001 Reserve Grand Champion barrow. The animal, a light heavyweight cross, weighed 246 pounds and was purchased at \$8.50 per pound by E.M. and Betty Jones (she's standing on the left) and Coby and Connie Gilbreath (she's standing on the right). Underwood's plaque is being displayed by his brother, David Underwood.

Photo by Anne Acker

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Here are the junior livestock show rules

These are the rules for the Jan. 25, 2002 Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale, scheduled through Saturday, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

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Steers	Billy Copeland
Barrows	Gaylon McCune
Lambs	Billy Copeland
Showmanship	

RULES AND REGULATIONS

I. GENERAL

- All entries must be sent to the Young Farmers, Vo. Ag. Dept. Dimmitt High School, 1505 Western Circle Drive, by 5 p.m. on Jan. 18, 2002. Any incomplete, unsigned or late entry will be fined \$25.
- Entry fee—to be used for bedding, show expenses, etc.: \$15.
- All livestock must be in place by 4 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 24, 2002 and no earlier than noon Wednesday. Weighing will begin at 4:30 p.m. All entries must be ready by 4:30 p.m.
- All animals must be weighed at the time of entry by the officials. Only one weigh back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limits set. This weigh back must be within one hour of the first weighing or at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- All animals must receive state validation from the County Agent or Ag Teacher.
- Each exhibitor will not be allowed to enter or show more than three steers, three

- barrows and three lambs. An exhibitor will be allowed to sell no more than three animals and only two animals in any division. If an individual shows more than three animals, he must notify the Superintendent immediately after judging as to which three animals he will place in the sale.
- The number of animals that will be sold through the auction will be as follows: 125 barrows, 125 lambs, or 75% of the total animals that are weighed in, whichever is the smaller number. Due to the decline in the number of steers and heifers, up to 15 head will sell; or 75% of the total whichever is greatest.
- The percent of the animals to be sold will be figured on each class. If an animal eligible to sell is pulled, the next animal in line from that class will sell. This will be at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- There will be no floor this year.
- All livestock will be sifted by weight.
- Two showmanship trophies will be awarded for Steer, Swine and Sheep. The senior showmanship will be for exhibitors aged 14 and over, and the junior showmanship will be for exhibitors aged 13 and under. The animals must have been owned, fitted and groomed by the exhibitor for the exhibitor to be eligible for a showmanship trophy.
- No steer will be allowed in the show that has not been owned as of July 1. Barrows and lambs must have been owned as of Nov. 1.
- Only active 4-H and FFA members are eligible to show. All livestock entered in the show must have been fed under the supervision of the Castro County Agent or Vocational Agriculture Teacher of Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth High Schools and must be so certified by one of the above on the entry card.
- To be eligible to show, all 4-H club members must be enrolled in a Castro County 4-H club under the supervision of the Castro County Agent. All FFA members must be enrolled in a Castro County school. All exhibitors must reside in Castro County, be at least nine (9) years of age or in the third grade, and be enrolled in a public or private Elementary or Secondary school located within Castro County. Any exceptions must be approved by Dimmitt Young Farmers.
- All animals must be reasonably dry and clean before weighing. Any animal not so, may be declared ineligible to show by the committee in charge of the division.
- Animals are the responsibility of the exhibitor until they are loaded on the truck. Any animal left in the barn after trucks are loaded are the responsibility of the seller.
- The Dimmitt Young Farmers shall reserve the right to disqualify any exhibitor or animal for any reason that is deemed necessary. Also, the Young Farmers will not be responsible for any injury, loss or damage to persons or property arising from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale.
- Exhibitors and show officials will be the only persons allowed in the show ring.
- Any animal sold on floor must have been entered in the show.
- Any exhibitor found violating the rules may be subject to a fine up to \$200 and suspension from the County show for a period of one (1) year. The person signing the entry card may also be fined up to \$200. Entry cards will not be accepted from the offending organization until the fine is paid.
- All protests must be in writing and be accompanied by a deposit of \$50 which will be forfeited if the protest is not sustained. Such protest must state plainly the cause of complaint or appeal, and must be delivered to the livestock show management immediately after occasion for such protest. The protest committee will consist of the Young Farmer officers and the various Division Superintendents. All committee

- decisions are final. The Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale and the Dimmitt Young Farmers are indemnified from any and all liability for legal and other proceedings which may ensue from the committee's decision.
- No animal may leave the stock show premises from the time of weigh-in until after the show without the approval of the Superintendent. All take home animals must be checked out of the barns by noon on Saturday.
- Each club will be responsible for cleaning their pen. If pens are not cleaned a fine of \$200 will be levied. Check will be held until fine is paid. All pens must be cleaned by 6 p.m. Sunday.
- No change in the pattern of highlighting of any animal by painting or dyeing in all three barns will be allowed (water only).
- No adults in show ring during show or classification.
- Exhibitors ineligible to participate at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show due to the NO PASS AND NO PLAY rule cannot have another or others exhibit the animal or animals in question.

II. CLASSIFYING

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

Judging Schedule

- Goats: 8 a.m., Friday
- Lambs: Immediately following goats
- Steers: Immediately following goats Friday
- Barrows: Following Steers Friday

III. STEER DEPARTMENT

- Only steers and heifers are eligible to show.
- All calves in the show must weigh at least 900 pounds, however, 1,350 pounds is the top pay weight.
- Awards:
 - Placings—Ribbons
 - Grand Champion—Banner
 - Reserve Grand Champion—Banner
- If there is not enough of any one class to be placed in a separate class, they will be classed with another class.

IV. LAMB DEPARTMENT

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

V. SWINE DEPARTMENT

- Only barrows are eligible to show.
- Top pay weight will be 260 pounds. There is no minimum weight.
- A weigh back may be done on any barrow at the discretion of the Dimmitt Young Farmers. A 10 pound variance up or down will be allowed from write-in weight. Any barrow not meeting the weight will be disqualified.
- No feeding in aisles. All feed will be dumped outside, on south side of barn.
- It takes five head to make breed. Those not making a breed will be shown in the crosses. There will be eight breeds of barrows as follows:
 - Berkshires
 - Chester Whites/Other Pure Breeds
 - Durocs
 - Hampshires
 - Spots
 - Poland Chinas
 - Yorkshires
 - Crosses
- Weight Classes: Breeds of barrows will be divided by weight at the discretion of the Superintendent.
- At judges discretion, any obvious violation of classification will result in disqualification of animal in question.
- First and second place barrows from each class will compete for Champion and Reserve Champion of the breed.
- Champion and Reserve Champion of each breed will compete for Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion of the show.
- Where five animals are not available to make weight classes, then lightweights and heavyweights will be grouped into a single breed class.
- Barrows will be sold at weigh-in weights.
- No floor.

VI. SALE

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

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Our youngsters and their project animals all look their best during the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Best of wishes to all of you!


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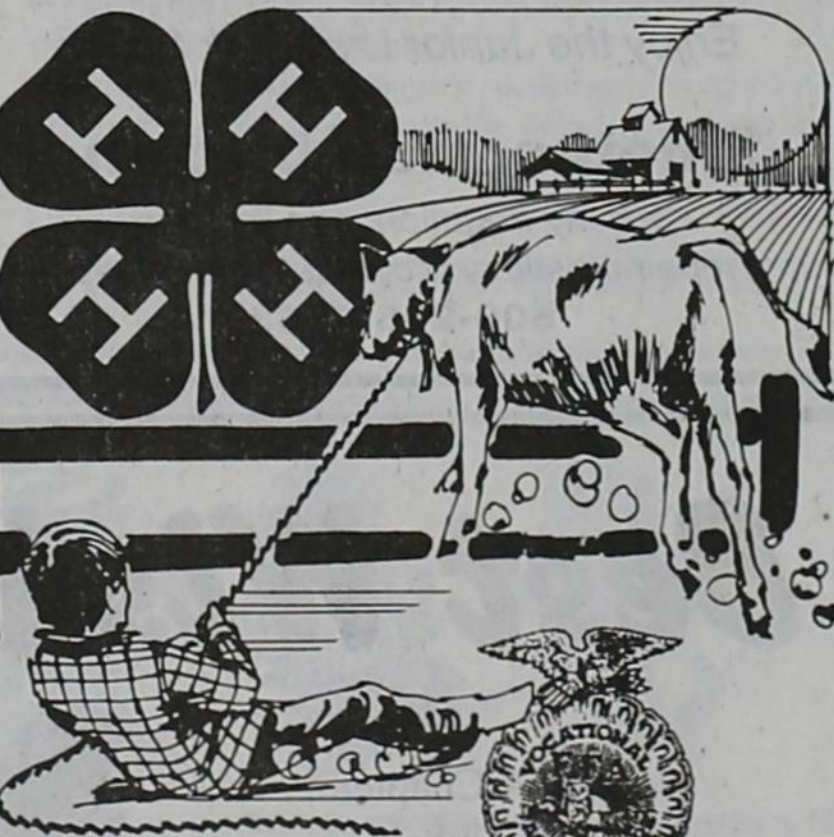
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There are lots of winners!

Consider the lessons our youngsters learn by caring for and showing their project animals. And the perennial success of our show, made possible by the Dimmitt Young Farmers, the adult helpers, the buyers and the contributors. We don't see any losers there at all!

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Through their show animal projects, our 4-H and FFA youth are learning a valuable lesson in Americanism: Do the best you can, and try to be the best that you can be at what you do.

The ethic has made ours the greatest agricultural nation in the world.

Whatever the future holds for rural America, we know it will be in good hands.

Attend the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale this weekend, and you'll see for yourself.

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Preparing for show day is a necessary thing

When showing a pig, check the catalog and judging schedule to find out when your animal is to be exhibited. Keep a close check on how fast the show is moving, so that you will have everything ready at the correct time.

Most shows have specific rules against using anything but water as hair dressing. No oil or powder is allowed.

About 15 to 20 minutes before your class is to be called, brush the sand or shavings from the pig. Remove the dust using a rag saturated with water.

Brush the pig with a fine-bristled brush and use a fine mist from a water spray bottle to obtain the desired "sheen" to the hair.

When the class is called, be prompt and drive the hog quietly and carefully into the show ring. Try not to get your hog unnecessarily disturbed or confused. Carry a small brush and a short whip in your hand.



PIGGIES OFF TO MARKET — The pigs were carted off to market after the 2001 Castro County Junior Livestock Show — before some youngsters ran them through the sale ring. That wasn't a problem for Keisha Smith (left) who talked her friend Bailey Nutt (right) into posing as her prize winner in the sale ring.

If the meek inherit the earth, how long will they stay meek after they get it?

Help me to trust You, Dear Lord; so that I may know You are always with me and I need not fear. Amen

Talk is cheap because the supply exceeds the demand.

Nobody has ever bet enough on a winning horse.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Texas Farmers Union rates U.S. Senators on key votes

WACO — The Texas Farmers Union recently assessed how the state's U.S. senators measured up on key farm bill votes prior to the January recess.

TFU derived the score by analyzing 14 key roll call votes during recent Senate farm bill discussions.

"The higher the senator's support for family agriculture and rural America, the higher their percentages," said TFU President Wes Sims.

According to Sims, Senator Phil Gramm voted eight percent while Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson scored 28 percent. Nationwide, 18 senators voted 100 percent with the family farm and ranch organization, and just over half had a voting record of 50 percent or better.

The key votes included

- Prohibition of packer ownership, which TFU supports.
- Attempts to reverse improvements to the dairy safety net, which TFU opposed.
- Efforts to substitute farm safety net provisions with insurance vouchers or savings accounts, which TFU opposed.
- A motion that TFU supported to kill an amendment that would have removed the

no-cost sugar program from the Senate Agriculture Committee Farm Bill proposal.

• An attempt to pass the House farm bill proposal, which would allow lower rates than the Senate version and would not address concentration or renewable energy issues.

• A TFU-supported amendment to ban the use of mandatory arbitration on farmers involved on contracts.

• Three failed cloture motions, which could have

limited debate and allowed the Senate to complete the farm bill process in 2001.

"Farmers Union avidly supported the motions to invoke cloture with hopes for a new farm bill in time for farmers planning and planting screen crops," Sims said. "These and the other votes included on our scorecard speak volumes about how our elected officials have acted in addressing the challenges that confront rural America."

Bloat top problem in feeding steers

Bloat is the number one problem you will face while feeding steers. Many remedies have been tried. Sometimes they work, sometimes they will not.

One cup of mineral oil mixed with the steer's daily ration will help.

One cup of dry detergent (Tide) mixed with the feed daily will help.

Bloat blocks and bloat liquids are helpful.

Every steer feeder should keep one gallon of mineral oil on hand at all times so that he may drench the steer with a gun or with a long-necked soft drink bottle in case he bloats.

After giving the calf mineral oil, the feeder should walk his animal or let him out to exercise until the bloat goes down.

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

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... to all of the Junior Livestock Show Participants!
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The best way to learn many skills is to put your lessons to practice, under good supervision. That's a hallmark of both the FFA and the 4-H programs. You'll see how well it works during the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

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

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on all the awards and a great feeling of accomplishment! Let's all come out and support their efforts!

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From the weigh-in to the final cleanup, a lot of adult volunteers give a lot of time and labor to insure the success of our Junior Livestock Show and Sale. To the Dimmitt Young Farmers, judges, 4-H and FFA adult leaders, buyers, and others who help with the show: THANK YOU!

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You have accomplished many wonderful things in the past year. We wish you success at the Junior Livestock Show and Sale.

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THERE'S NOTHING B-A-A-A-D ABOUT see if their months of hard work will pay off EXERCISE! — Exercise is a necessary part of when they compete in Castro County Junior livestock project, as rookie lamb exhibitor Livestock Show. Anthony Hochstein is learning this year. 4-H and FFA exhibitors from across the county will

Photo by Anne Acker

South Plains ag conferences slated

Producers on the South Plains may learn about updating crop production, marketing and management skills and learn more about irrigation, fertility, pest management and farm legislation at several regional Texas Cooperative Extension agriculture conferences slated in January and February.

"Our regional agricultural conferences are designed to provide farmers the latest information on ways to improve their operations," said Jett Major, Texas Cooperative Extension District Director for agriculture on the South Plains. "The information presented at each conference is designed to help producers in that region or county."

Producers can also earn continuing education units (CEUs) for private and commercial applicator licenses at these regional conferences. All of the one-day conferences will also feature commercial agribusiness exhibits.

This year's conference dates and locations are:

- Jan. 25 - The Hale County Cotton Conference at the Ollie Linder Center in Plainview runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration costs \$15 per person, with 5 CEU's offered. Please call the Hale County Extension office at (806) 291-5267 for more details.

- Feb. 19 - Sandyland Ag Conference at the Gaines County Community Building in Seminole. Please call the Gaines County Extension office at (915) 758-4006 for more details.

Grooming takes time

Fitting of a show pig should be started during the feeding period.

The thing to seek in any fitted animal is a natural, attractive appearance. It is secured through cleanliness and proper trimming and grooming of the hair coat.

Brushing and washing

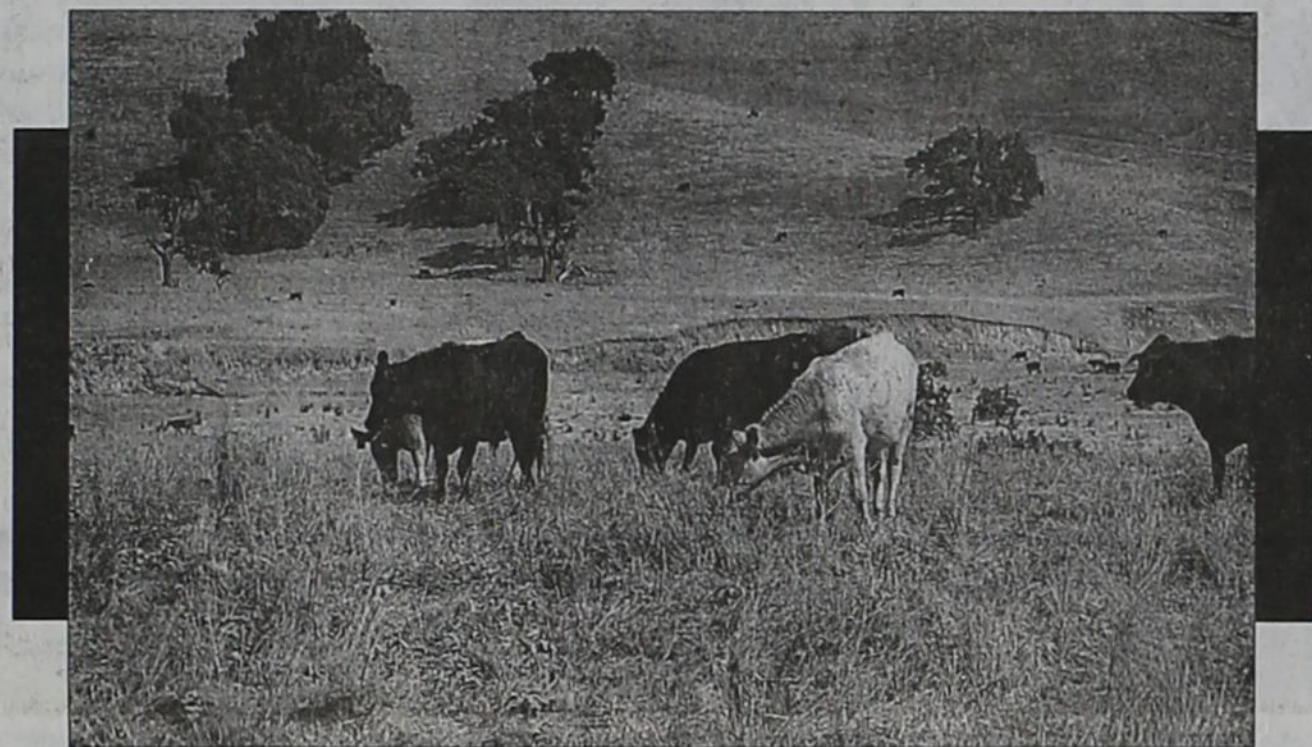
The correct path to a good hair coat is clean, dry, well-bedded sleeping quarters, good nutrition and good grooming. Brush the hair daily the last 30 days. This will train the hair to lie down properly and adds bloom to the hair coat.

The pig should be washed at least twice before the show. The first washing should take place about one or two weeks before the show. This is done so you can carefully check for lice,

mange or other skin disorders and get them corrected prior to show time. The other washing should take place the day before the show (either at home or at the show).

Follow these four steps, being careful not get water inside the ear:

- (1) Wet the pig over the entire body.
- (2) Lather the pig with ample soap (liquid detergent is fine) and use a stiff brush with plenty of "elbow grease" and thoroughly scrub the entire body.
- (3) Rinse completely to remove all soap.
- (4) Brush hair until thoroughly dry. This is tremendously important because it trains the hair to lay properly.



Healthy Livestock is Good Business

... and that's what you will see at the Junior Livestock Show and Sale this Friday and Saturday! Castro County youth have a record of excelling in the raising of livestock, and we are sure that their skill in that endeavor will again be proven this year.

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Into the show ring they go ... with high hopes riding on every project animal and every youngster. Our best wishes to all our youngsters, our thanks to the Dimmitt Young Farmers for making the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale a great event.

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Legendary entertainers to take stage at RodeoHouston

HOUSTON — While 2002 will be the last hoorah for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ in the Reliant Astrodome, the show will not be saying "good-bye" quietly.

From Tuesday, Feb. 12 through Sunday, March 3, the music industry's hottest superstars and some of the greatest musical legends still performing will grace the show's rotating stage for the 2002 RodeoHouston.

The 34 stars making their way to the Reliant Astrodome for the 20-day event include winners of multiple Grammy, American Music, American Music, Academy of Country Music and Country Music Association awards. These same entertainers will be watching to see how their 28 Grammy nominations turn out in 2002.

The slate of music industry starts currently scheduled to perform at the 70th Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo includes:

Tuesday, Feb. 12: Dixie Chicks, sponsored by Ford.

Wednesday, Feb. 13: Neil Diamond.

Thursday, Feb. 14: Alan Jackson.

Friday, Feb. 15: Clay Walker.

Saturday, Feb. 16: Pat Green.

Sunday, Feb. 17: Kumbia Kings and Juanes.

Monday, Feb. 18: Lyle Lovett and Martina McBride.

Tuesday, Feb. 19: Brooks & Dunn.

Wednesday, Feb. 20: Bob Dylan.

Thursday, Feb. 21: ZZ Top.

Friday, Feb. 22: Brian McKnight and Mary J. Blige.

Saturday, Feb. 23: Emmylou Harris, Alison Krauss, Patty Loveless and Nickel Creek.

Sunday, Feb. 24: Los Tigres del Norte and Ramon y Ayala y Sus Bravos del Norte.

Monday, Feb. 25: REO Speedwagon and Styx.

Tuesday, Feb. 26: Willie Nelson and Lee Ann Womack.

Wednesday, Feb. 27: Kenny Chesney.

Thursday, Feb. 28: Clint Black and Lisa Hartman Black.

Friday, March 1: Destiny's

Child.

Saturday, March 2: "Legends of RodeoHouston in Concert" with Mac Davis, Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers, Naomi Judd and Charley Pride.

Sunday, March 3: George Strait.

All weekday performances begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday performances begin at 3:45 p.m. Each performance showcases the entertainer at the end of the rodeo. The sold-out Sunday, March 3, performance is a concert-only finale that will begin at 7 p.m.

Because of the nature of the event, there will be no restriction on backpacks, purses and other bags, but for increased security, everyone entering Reliant Park, and/or their possessions, may be subject to search. Anyone refusing to be searched will be denied access. No alcohol, guns or knives will be allowed to be brought into the grounds, and food and drink may not be carried in to Reliant Astrodome.

A special multi-media presentation, sponsored by Reliant Energy, shown at each rodeo performance will reflect on the 37-year history of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Reliant Astrodome and Reliant Hall. Reliant Energy also will provide "Power Vision," which allows Reliant Astrodome spectators to see close-up action of the rodeo and concert entertainers on six large, high-brightness, high-resolution video display boards that are hung from the center of the Reliant Astrodome, greatly enhancing the overall viewing experience.

Fans catch rodeo action during any of the 19 daily performances featuring outstanding PRCA action in the world's richest regular-season rodeo, the world's largest calf scramble, chuck wagon races, indoor fireworks and concert entertainment. Only the top 60 cowboys and cowgirls in the world are invited to compete in RodeoHouston's seven PRCA and WPRA events — bareback bronc riding, barrel racing, bull

riding, calf roping, saddle bronc riding, steer wrestling and team roping. The RodeoHouston finals will be on Saturday, March 2.

There will be limited parking available at Reliant Park during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Pre-sold only through Ticketmaster and not available on site or through will call, Reserve Day Pass parking is available for \$10 plus a convenience charge. These spaces, located west of Kirby Drive and accessible from Main Street, are very limited and include in-and-out privileges.

As the easiest way to reach the Show, the Rodeo METRO Express will provide free transportation for all Show visitors from 10 shuttle locations throughout Houston. The Rodeo METRO Express is sponsored by Ford and your Texas Ford Dealers.

From the northwest, riders can catch the shuttles at Delmar Stadium and METRO North Shepherd Park and Ride. On the northeast side, the shuttle location is the METRO Eastex park and Ride. In the southeast, the METRO Fuqua Park and Ride and METRO Monroe Park and Ride serve as pick-up and drop-off locations. The Aramco Services Company at 9009 West Loop South, METRO West Loop Park and Ride and METRO Westwood Park and Ride will offer longer hours of operation than the other locations. Each lot is serviced by METRO lift buses. Rodeo METRO Express

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service will begin for the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest Feb. 7-9, Thursday, Feb. 7, also will have service from 5 p.m. to midnight. On Friday, Feb. 8, all lots will operate from 5 p.m. to midnight, except for the Reed Road HLS&R lot and Enron Field lots, which will begin service at noon. All lots will offer service from 9 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, Feb. 9. The last in-bound bus during the barbecue contest will depart for Reliant Park at 9:30 p.m. each evening.

Daily shuttle service to and from Reliant Park will be on Tuesday, Feb. 12. The Reed Road HLS&R lot will have continuous shuttle service from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday, and 5 a.m. to

2 a.m. Friday through Sunday, and the Enron Field lots will run Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. All other lots will operate from 5 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, 5 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays and 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Rodeo tickets are \$14. Tickets will sold on the Internet at ticketmaster.com. Tickets may be charged by phone at (713) 629-3700.

Ticketmaster will be selling carnival packs by phone rough Monday, Jan. 28. This \$20 value pack may be purchased for only \$10. Also available for purchased Ticketmaster are World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest tickets and

Livestock Show season passes. VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express cards will be accepted by Ticketmaster and at Reliant Park.

The 2002 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo opens at Reliant Park with the World's Championship Bar-B-Que Contest Feb. 7-9 and Go Texan Events on Feb. 9-10. The parade and Conoco Rodeo Run will be held in downtown Houston Saturday, Feb. 9.

All attractions at Reliant Park open at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12, and conclude on Sunday, March 3. For additional information regarding the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, the Show's Website is available 24 hours a day at www.hlsr.com.

In the show ring, in the sale ring ..
 ... our youngsters will be giving their best this weekend. They'll carry months of hard work, mistakes, responsibility and expertise into the ring with them.
 Let's all support them at the show and sale!

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Our future depends on our youth!

Give them your support by attending the
48th Annual Junior Livestock Show & Sale
 Friday and Saturday

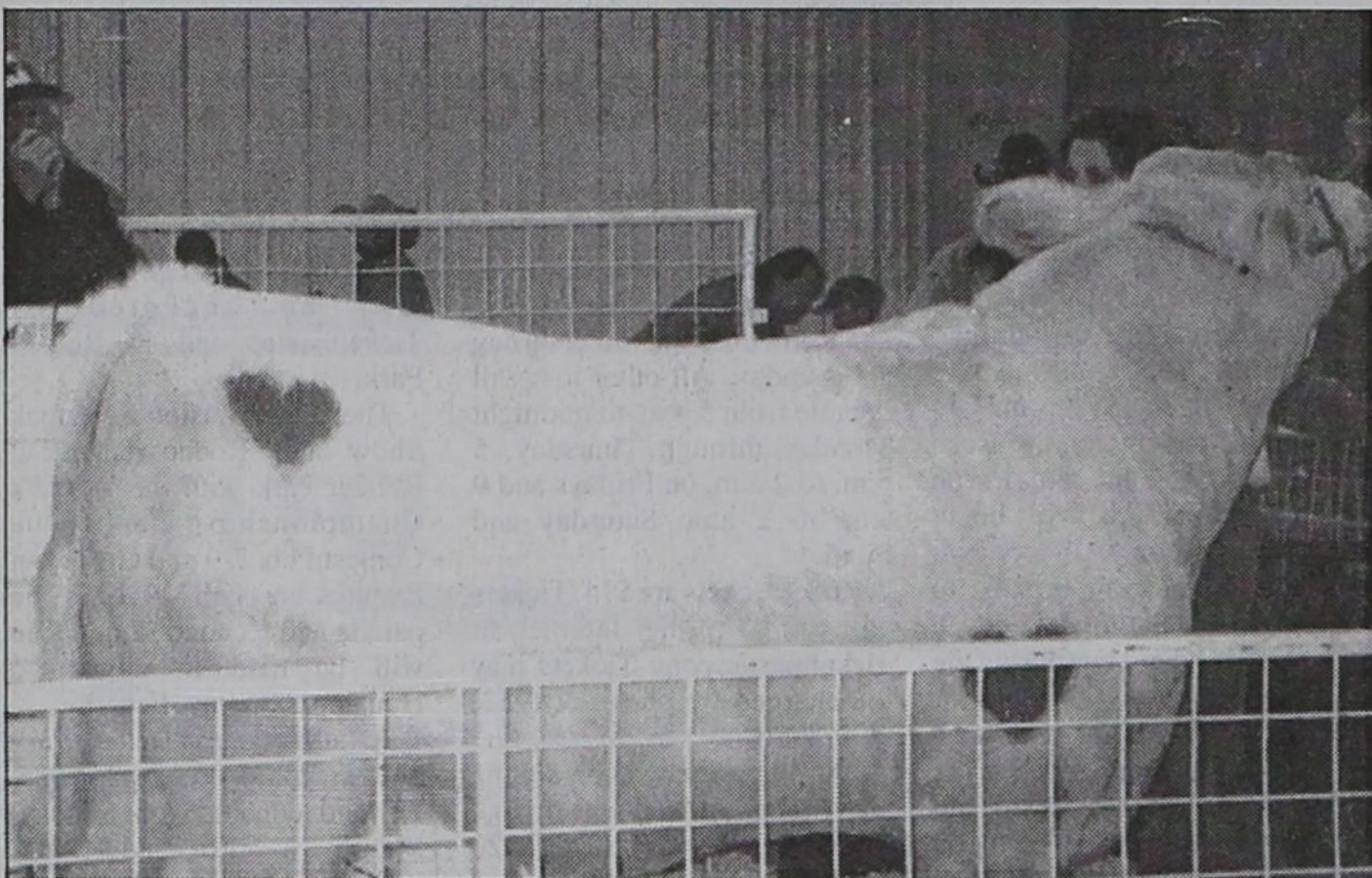
Best wishes from
Dimmitt Feed Yards, Inc.

You're All Winners!

The competition, the challenge, the dedication you've shown in raising and grooming your show animals—these all have their own rewards. If you win at the Junior Livestock Show or do well in the sale—these make your 4-H or FFA experience even better.

Congratulations for trying. And good luck this weekend!

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative



YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE HEART — This 1,360-pound white steer was decked out with red hearts as it entered the sale ring at the 2001 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The steer, exhibited by Meggie Lemons of Dimmitt (peaking over steer's head) was auctioned off by Johnny Davis.

Photo by Anne Acker

13th Annual Southern Plains Conference set for Nazareth

NAZARETH — The Promised Land Network (PLN) will convene the 13th Annual Southern Plains Conference at the Home Mercantile Building, located at the corner of 2nd and Leo Streets from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 2.

In the last 50 years, reliance on resource extraction businesses and low-priced agricultural commodities has left the majority of rural towns in the grip of economic depression.

In the past decade, the rural economy has shifted from mainly resource extraction to a striking variety of value-added niche products and options.

This conference will explore how residents of the Southern High Plains can conduct effective community development by focusing on assets first, rather than liabilities, and by making changes in three key areas: education, finance and capital and infrastructure.

Registration for the conference will begin at 8 a.m., with the program starting at

8:45 a.m. The event will feature several speakers in the field of community economic development and rural organizing.

Barbara Meister, a contributor to the 1998 USDA Report, will be providing some background on new economic directions for Rural America.

Carol Richardson Smith, from the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, will present a description of the fundamentals of an approach called "Asset-Based Community Development".

In the afternoon, Archer Christian will speak on "The Fit Between New Directions in Rural America and the 2002 Farm Bill."

Throughout the conference, other regional speakers will give short presentations concerning examples and models of economic development that pertain to education, finance and community infrastructure. Each presentation will be followed by facilitated breakout sessions, where further brainstorming and

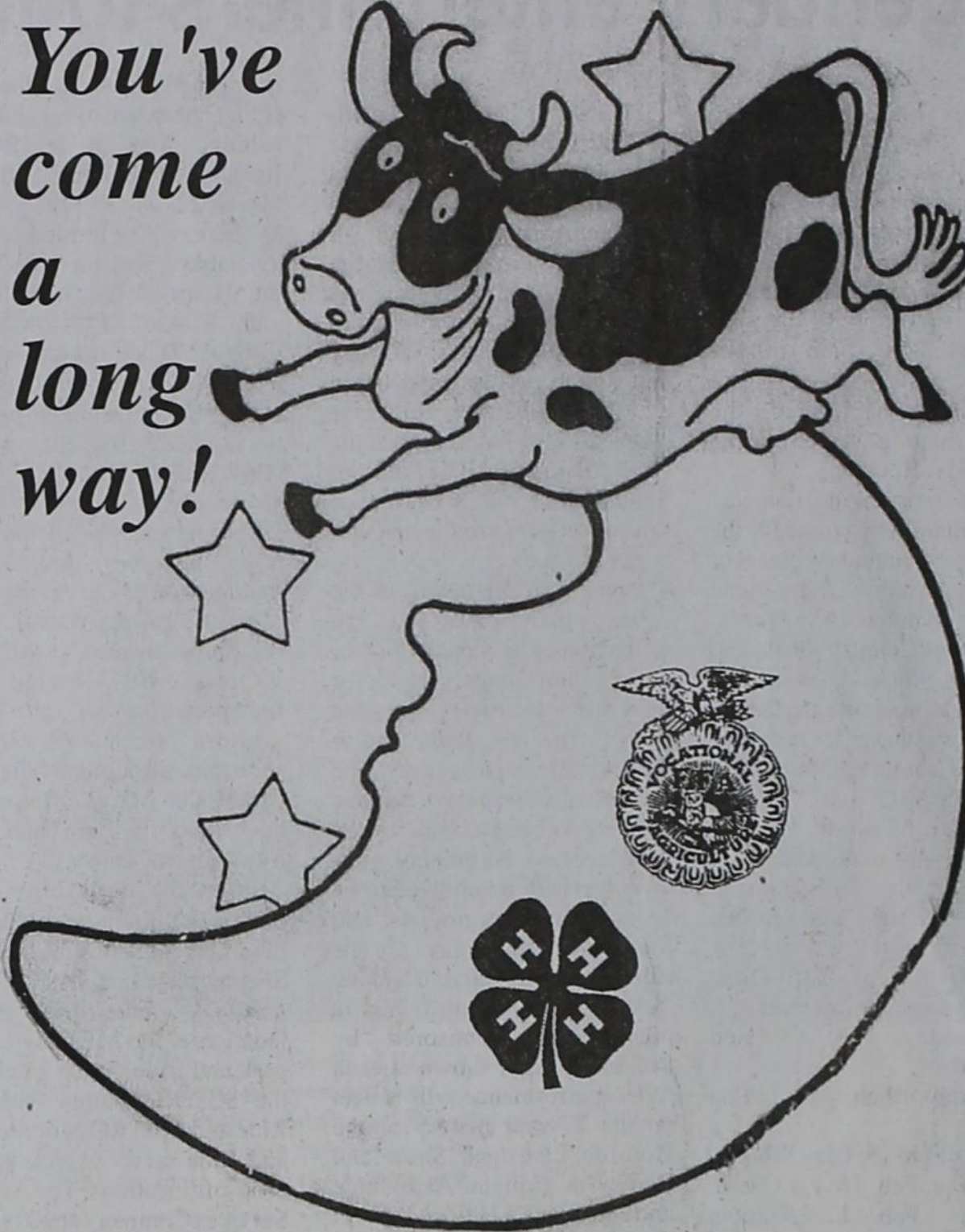
discussion may take place.

Another feature of the conference will be a Friday Night Bonus on Feb. 1 at 6 p.m. With a presentation by Margaret Krome from the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute in East Troy, Wisc. The presentation will focus on "Funding Sustainable Projects and Initiatives Through Grants".

The presentation will be preceded by a pot luck supper at 5 p.m. Also on Saturday, participants will have an opportunity to view an historical exhibit "German-Texans on the Llano Estacado".

Registration for the conference is \$15 per person (including lunch) and \$5 for students. To better facilitate discussion and participation, only 75 participants will be accepted for the conference.

Anyone interested in participating must contact Lydia Villanueva at (806) 364-4445. The deadline for the registration is Monday, Jan. 25.



You've
come
a
long
way!

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

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Good Luck!

To our 4-H and FFA youngsters:

From the birthing pen to the show ring, your project animals have come a long way. And so have you.

We know what it takes to raise a show animal and get it ready for the ring. The long nights, the cold mornings, the extra trips, the pen cleaning, the hundreds of other chores ... these are all a part of the task.

And now, as you prepare to enter the ring, we wish you good luck. You've earned it!

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

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