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Premium sale raises \$176,000 for county livestock exhibitors

Buyers shelled out approximately \$174,050 for steers, lambs and barrows, and paid another \$1,250 in donations to the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund and \$700 more for the 4-H Livestock Center Saturday at the 46th annual Castro County Junior Livestock Sale.

The grand champions at this year's stock show were owned by Shawn Nelson (steer), Trinity Robb (lamb) and Ross Schulte (barrow). Reserve grands were exhibited by Nelson (steer), Mary Bradley (lamb) and Garrett Kleman (barrow).

Prior to Saturday's sale, the Dimmitt Young Farmers announced the winner of its raffle for a 16-foot stock trailer, and Zay Bradley's ticket was the final and winning ticket drawn from the hopper.

Then auctioneer Jack Howell started the auction by selling the floor on barrows, lambs and steers.

The floor on barrows was purchased by Randy Hathorne for \$35 per hundredweight.

Dan Cure of Olton won the floor on lambs with a \$66 per hundred bid.

Rafter 3 Feedyard purchased the

lone steer which was sold on the floor for \$69 per hundred.

Robb's grand champion lamb, a 119-pound mediumweight medium wool was purchased for \$11.50 a pound by Connie and Coby Gilbreath, earning him \$1,368.50.

The grand champion steer, a 1,160-pound cross shown by Nelson, brought a bid of \$3 per pound in Saturday's premium sale. Providing \$2 of the bid were Nelson's grandparents, Edmund and Joyce Hunter and Allena Nelson, and his uncle, Ricky Hunter. The other \$1 was provided by the Nazareth Buyers' Club. The \$3 bid earned Nelson a total of \$3,480 for his champion.

The top barrow in this year's show was a 260-pound cross shown by Schulte. The grand champion was purchased by Rafter 3 Feedyard, Andy Rogers Feedyard, Marvin Schulte and Tulia Livestock Auction for \$10 a pound, earning Schulte \$2,600 for his work.

The three reserve champions in the show also received top bids from buyers Saturday.

Nelson swept the steer show, win-

ning reserve grand honors with a 1,265 cross. That animal was purchased for \$2 a pound by the Nazareth Buyers Club, giving Nelson \$2,530.

Bradley's 129-pound reserve grand finewool cross lamb won the biggest bid of the day, \$19 per pound from her grandfather, G.L. Willis. Bradley earned \$2,451 for her efforts.

Kleman's reserve champion barrow, a 260-pound Hampshire, earned the youngster \$2,210 after it was purchased for \$8.50 per pound by Valley Sprinkler of Olton.

Senior showmanship winners this year are Nelson for steers, Cliff Wright for lambs and Jeremy Simpson for barrows.

Winners in the junior showmanship drive were Dennis Underwood for steers, Raynee Bradley for lambs and Keli Schulte for barrows.

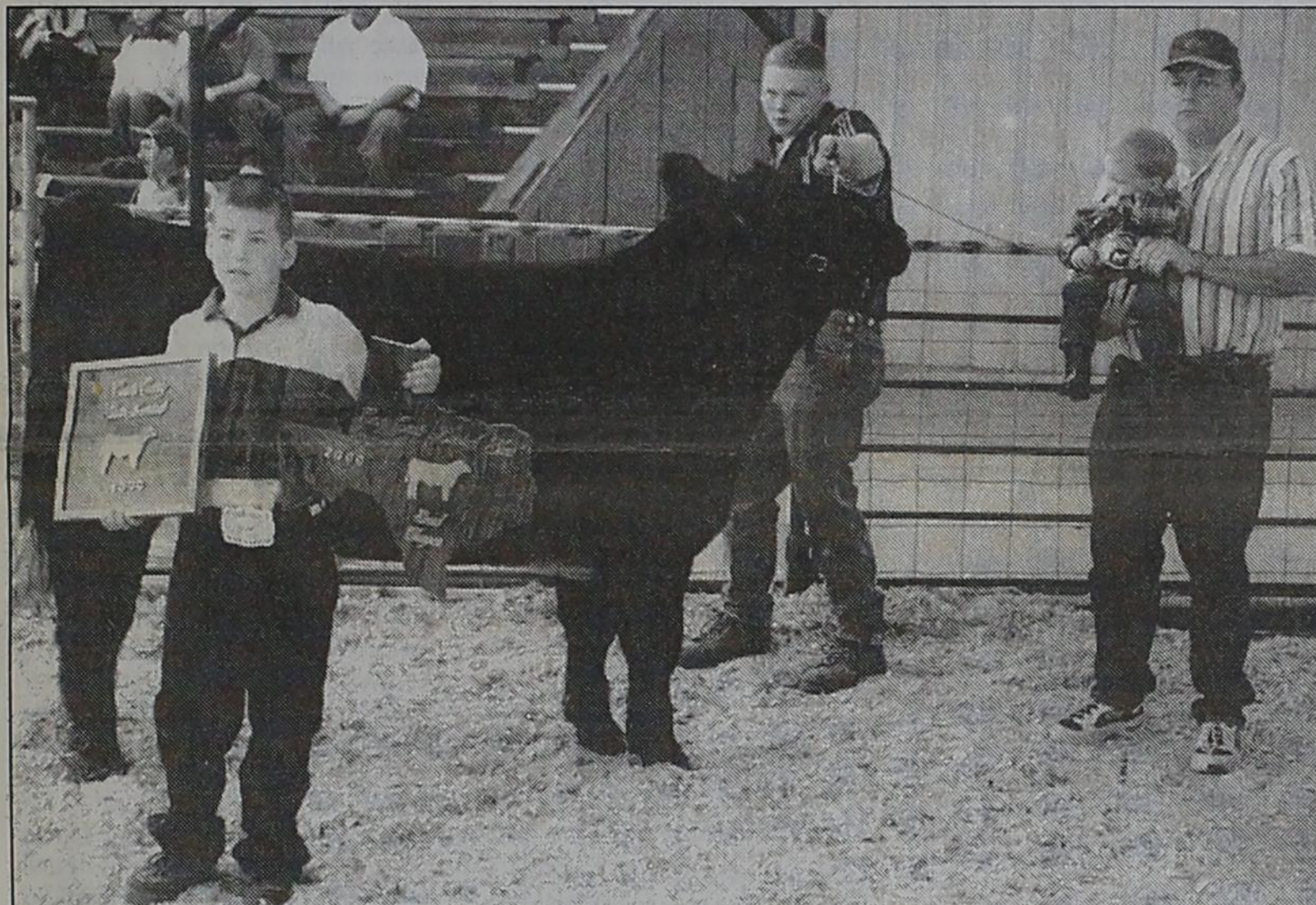
Each of the champion and reserve champion exhibitors and all of the breed and reserve breed champion showmen were presented with wood plaques made by Jim Wright and Cliff Wright.



ROSS SCHULTE (third from left) drove his 260-pound heavyweight cross barrow to the grand championship of the 2000 Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Schulte's pig was purchased for \$10 a pound from Rafter 3 Feedyard and Andy Rogers

Feedyard, represented by Tommy Kenworthy (left) and Andy Rogers (second from left), respectively; and by Marvin Schulte and Tulia Livestock Auction Co. Holding Schulte's plaques from the show are Karis Kleman and his sister, Jill Schulte.

Photo by Anne Acker



THE BEST STEER in the 46th annual Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 1,160-pound cross shown by Shawn Nelson. The animal was purchased for \$3 per pound with \$2 of the bid coming from Rick Hunter (right), Edmund and Joyce Hunter and

Allena Nelson; and the other \$1 coming from the Nazareth Buyers Club. Houston Sutton (left) is showing off Nelson's plaques while his nephew, Dylln Nelson (held by Rick Hunter) is holding the grand champion belt buckle.

Photo by Anne Acker

Nursing home company, TDHS air payment dispute

Texas Health Enterprises, Inc., announced Monday that it was unable to meet its Feb. 14 payroll for its nursing facilities, which includes Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt.

The company said that the shortfall was due to a failure in Medicaid payment by the Texas Dept. of Human Services (TDHS), and that more than 4,000 employees at 57 nursing homes operated by THE would not receive their paychecks in a timely fashion.

The company said that TDHS had failed to make "scheduled" payments to THE for the last half of January, which totaled about \$2 million. The company also said that TDHS has withheld payments of more than \$5 million for past services that THE provided to Medicaid patients in Texas.

Tuesday, TDHS announced that it had released \$2.9 million in Medicaid payments to THE.

"By the close of business on Tuesday, every legitimate claim by THE processed by TDHS will be satisfied," a news release from the department

prises, the department had withheld a vendor payment until audits were satisfied.

Maintaining reserves is normal

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Local candidates may sign up starting Monday

In the May 6 elections for city, school and hospital board positions, candidates may file for office starting Monday.

Dimmitt

City of Dimmitt—Candidates for the city council whose terms are expiring are Roy Garza, Dist. 1; Gloria Hernandez, Dist. 2; Charles Richard, Dist. 3; and Roger Malone, Dist. 4.

DISD—Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and David Schaeffer in Place 5.

Hart

City of Hart—Terms are expiring for Aldermen Harold Smith, Richard Entrekin, and Horace E. "Tom"

McLain

HISD—Terms are expiring for Ricky Mitchell, Pancho Diaz, and Danny Rodriguez.

Nazareth

City of Nazareth—Mayor Ralph Brockman and City Commissioner Virgil Huseman are coming to the end of their terms.

NISD—Those whose terms are ending are Peggy Birkenfeld and David Olvera.

Hospital

Trustees for the Castro County Hospital District whose terms are expiring are Mark Welch and Dr. W.J. Hill.

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By Don Nelson

My LeSabre got 28.9 mpg on the game trip to Perryton Friday night.

With no stops, we made the 188-mile trip up there in 187 minutes, averaging 60 while driving the speed limit all the way.

Honest. When we left Dimmitt at 2:30, the temp was about 50 under a clear sky. When we got to Perryton at 5:37, it was 28 degrees and cloudy.

The good folks at Perryton would not even charge any Dimmitt fans to get into the gym since the First United Bank here had, as they said, "fed the whole town" after their game here week before last.

I had a good visit before the game with Jack Dyer, a Dimmitt High School classmate and teammate who

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Playoff battles continue for Bobcats, Naz teams

The Nazareth Swiftettes are preparing for an area playoff game with Fort Elliott while the Dimmitt Bobcats are working on a game plan for their district playoff with the Tulia Hornets and Swifts are getting ready for their bi-district opponent, Texline.

Each team is alive in the playoff race and has one goal in mind—earning a trip to the state tournament in Austin.

Swiftettes

The Swiftettes advanced to the area round after annihilating Texline, 91-26 in bi-district action Tuesday.

Nazareth will face Fort Elliott in a Class A Area playoff tonight (Thurs-

day) at 6:30 at the Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

Fort Elliott, District 5-A champion, knocked off Gruver, 52-48, in a bi-district playoff Tuesday night.

Fort Elliott (22-4) came from behind in that bi-district game and took control in the second quarter, building a lead it would hold through the final buzzer.

Fort Elliott's leading scorers in that game were Amber and Ashley Estes, who finished with 17 and 16 points, respectively.

Bobcats

The Dimmitt Bobcats earned a share of the District 1-AAA lead when Dalhart beat Tulia and the

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Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	75	37	
Friday	72	26	
Saturday	63	13	
Sunday	67	19	
Monday	64	38	
Tuesday	75	38	
Wednesday	79	32	

February Moisture 0.00
2000 Moisture 0.07

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

Grand jury indicts nine on Tuesday

Nine people were indicted by the Tuesday session of the Castro County Grand Jury.

Jacqueline Vaughn, 32, of Dimmitt, was indicted on charges of assault on a public servant.

James Doyle Griffin, 33, was indicted for indecency with a child.

Desiree Luttrull, 29, of Hart, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Earnesten Tina Jordan, 46, of

Nazareth was indicted for theft over \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.

A charge of possession of a controlled substance was listed in the indictment against Bobby Richard White, 38, of Summerfield.

Indicted on separate charges of DWI, third or more, were William Durham, 56, of Dimmitt; Domingo Atilano Rosales, 51, of Dimmitt; Narciso Lopez Gauna Jr., 45, of Dimmitt; and Juan Castillo, 28, of Dimmitt.



TRINITY ROBB'S grand champion lamb, a 119-pound mediumweight medium wool, was purchased for \$11.50 per pound Saturday by Connie and Coby

Gilbreath. Macee Schulte is holding Robb's grand champion plaque and buckle while Kenley Kleman holds his breed championship plaque.

Photo by Anne Acker

More about

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has retired after 30 years as Perryton High School's vo-ag teacher. Jack's granddaughter, Lindsay Dyer, is a sophomore guard on the Lady Rangers team.

Kayla Parvin, co-publisher of the *Booker News* with her husband, Jerry, shot some action pix for me during the third quarter with our camera. (The Parvins' daughter, Kari, is the tallest player on the Lady Rangers team at 6-1.)

The Bobcats won a thriller in overtime, 57-53, then learned that Dalhart had upset Tulia to put Dimmitt and Tulia into a first-place tie.

Our trip home took a little longer because I drove the slower nighttime speed limit all the way.

Honest. And we got home between 12:30 and 1 a.m.

So the trip had a lot of pleasant moments.

But I'm really, really glad we won't have to make that 376-mile, 10-hour round trip again—at least for the next two years—due to the new district alignments.

You might think that District 1-AAA contains some kind of distance record, but I doubt it. When I lived in Arizona, our games against Bisbee were so far away that our players would spend the night with their players and come home the next day, and some of our fans would fly down instead of drive, and nearly everyone would make an overnight trip of it.

Such are the travel requirements for sports fanatics in sparsely populated areas.

I noticed pickups parked all around Seale Florist Monday morning.

So after giving the ladies there a day to rest up, I called to see how it went on Valentine's Day.

"Oh-ho-ho-ho," Ann Hays said. "It was unbelievable. I've worked here five years and we have never been that busy."

"We were so busy that we couldn't even answer our phones."

Being that busy can be scary, too, she said.

"When you get that busy, there's always the danger of making mistakes, and we made a couple. But our policy is that we always try to make up for any mistake we make."

"All in all, it was great."

"One gentleman had called in a week ahead, and was real proud of himself. When he came in for his roses, all I had to do was go to the cooler and get them for him."

"There were about 25 men in line next to the cooler, waiting to be served, and I couldn't resist. I told them, 'This is how it goes when you order ahead!'"

The shop was open Sunday to try to stem the tide, "and we were relatively busy Sunday," Ann reported, "but not as busy as we'd like to have been."

Nope. Most of the guys showed up Monday—probably after being reminded by *somebody* that it was already Valentine's Day.

One reason for the crush might have been that Seale Florist had the cheapest price anywhere on roses—\$35 a dozen. A survey of area florists by the *Amarillo Daily News* turned up prices ranging from \$38.50 to \$68.

So, did Ann get flowers for Valentine's, too?

"No, I got a pretty card and a great big cookie that said, 'I Love You,'" she said. "I had specified that I did not want any flowers."

Ann repeated the annual Florist's Request:

"Please, just remind the men that ordering ahead really works, and that Valentine's Day comes on the same day every year."

So if you happen to know a guy, would you remind him?

It will help if you get his attention first with a two-by-four.



WIN-OR-TIE SHOT—With four seconds remaining and the score tied at 50-50, Dimmitt's Daniel Flores is crowded by Perryton's Cody Merrell (4) and Brett Page (12) as he gets off a final shot in the District 1-AAA regular-season finale Friday night at Perryton. The shot rimmed out and the game went into overtime before the Bobcats gained a 57-53 win. Flores finished with 17 points.

Photo by Don Nelson

School board looks at prom proposal

The Dimmitt school board tabled action on guidelines for admission to this year's prom after board members expressed concern about some of the proposals.

Dimmitt High School Principal R.L. Stockstill presented the guidelines as an information item at the Monday night meeting of the school board. He said the guidelines were drawn up by a committee comprised of the presidents of the Junior Class and the Senior Class, and the president and vice-president of the Student Council, and the parents of those students, in addition to class sponsors and administrative personnel.

The guidelines called for everyone attending the prom to be required to submit to a breathalyzer test before being admitted.

That proposal drew the most objections from the board.

Board member David Schaeffer said he felt the requirement would be "sending out a very negative message." He said he was not in favor of testing every student who walks in the door.

Board member Rick Wright said that whatever procedure is used, it needs to detect all who are guilty, not just some.

Board President Paul Garcia said the guidelines were triggered by the suggestions of community members, and he agreed that the enforcement of any requirements needs to be uniform.

Garcia said he would like to have a chance to digest the information Stockstill presented and discuss it further at the next meeting of the board.

Other guidelines for the prom suggested that students be allowed to arrive only between the hours of 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., with any exceptions required to obtain approval by the principal.

It was suggested that any adults attending the event also be required to undergo the same screening as the students.

In other business, the board: —Called a trustee election for May 6. Terms are expiring for John Nino in Place 1 and Schaeffer in Place 5.

The smallest letters in a title of a movie should be at least one-twenty-fifth the height of the screen.

Most people waste 30 to 50 percent of the energy they use without realizing it.

Water spiders live underwater in airtight silk nests. There they eat, molt, mate and raise families.

Wilson is new DISD head football coach

Wade Wilson has been hired as the new head football coach for the Dimmitt schools. The school board voted unanimously to hire him following an executive session Monday night.

Wilson said he hopes to start his duties here the first part of March, after having served two years as the head football coach at Barnsdall, Okla., a small town north of Tulsa.

Wilson graduated from Canadian High School in 1987 and said he wants to "get back home to Texas."

He obtained his bachelor's degree with a major in speech from Oklahoma Panhandle State University in 1992. During his years there, he played quarterback on the football team.

He went to West Texas A&M University and got his teaching certificate in secondary English and speech.

His first teaching job was in 1994 at Rockport, where he also was a coach. He coached at Sadler and was the offensive coordinator at Clarendon.

During his two years at Barnsdall, Wilson built a 15-7 won-lost record. This year the team's offense was ranked third in the state and the defense was rated sixth in state. According to Texas standards, Barnsdall would be rated a Class AA school.

"I can't wait to come to Dimmitt," Wilson said. "I'm really looking forward to meeting the kids and faculty and getting to work with them. It's going to be great."

Wilson said his philosophy of

coaching football is to make it fun for the kids and at the same time teach them to be competitive and win.

"It's a game," Wilson said. "Why we play it is to learn a lot along the way, including competitiveness, sportsmanship and teamwork."

Wilson said he teaches a different kind of football than has been seen in Dimmitt.

"It's wide open and exciting," he said. "The offense I run is something my dad invented in the late 50's. It's a proven winner."

"He called it 'the circus offense' because there are so many things going on at once, it is hard for the defense to focus on just one thing, kind of like a three-ring circus."

His father, the late Jet Wilson, coached all over Texas and retired at Canadian. His mother still lives in Canadian.

Also, Wilson's wife, Michelle, was raised in Hereford and her family still lives there. The couple have two sons, Kaul, 4, and Quinn, 18 months.

Wilson said he has a unique off-season program, too, that will help the football players work hard and develop some strength.

"We want to make sure they will be strong enough to go through a season," he said. "Conditioning is important. It is a very important part of my program."

Asked how he felt about any possible conflicts with Dimmitt's strong basketball tradition, Wilson gave the example of his uncle, also a football coach, who took over at a school that had never had a playoff team in football, but was strong in basketball. He said his uncle was able to take that football team to the state finals after four years, and the basketball program still remained just as strong as before.

Wilson said his philosophy is to work together, with coaches having some give and take and understanding that the kids come first.

"I plan to use Dimmitt's winning tradition to go to work in football and establish a winning tradition for football, too," Wilson said. "There is always room for improvement, it doesn't matter what it is. Dimmitt kids can be great at all of it and excel in all of it."

Probation revoked

In recent action in 64th District Court, Judge Jack Miller entered a judgment revoking probation for Luiz Castillo Jr.

Castillo had been on probation in connection with an incident of assault/bodily injury-engaging in organized crime on March 23, 1996.

The grounds for revoking his probation included committing an offense against the state (possession of marijuana), failure to pay restitution and supervision fees; and failure to complete community service.

He was sentenced to serve his original sentence, which included two years of confinement, \$158.35 in court costs, \$1,000 fine, and \$650 in attorney fees.

Corrections

Randy Stephens of Dimmitt reported two errors in last week's TEXAS CROSSWORD puzzle:

On 5 Across, the correct answer was OHIO. However, the NFL Hall of Fame is in Canton, Ohio, not Stanton, as given in the clue.

The clue given for 36 Down (Txism: "let ER rip") should have been for 35 Down. There was no 36 Down.

Early voting to start Feb. 28 in primaries

Feb. 28 will be the first day of early voting by personal appearance for the primary elections.

March 7 will be the last day for the early voting clerk to receive applications for ballots by mail.

Early voting will end March 10. The primary elections will be held March 14.

If any runoff elections are required following the primaries, qualified persons may register to vote in the runoff by March 13. The runoff would be held April 11. Early voting for the runoff elections would be held April 3-7.

Last Puzzle Solution

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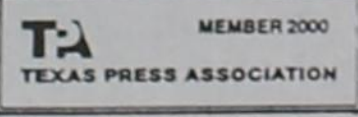
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ACROSS

1 illegal motion by Astro Jose Lima
5 'just sat there like a bump on _____'
6 TX George Jones' 'The Race _____'
7 fed. agcy. that investigated TX Tower plane crash (abbr.)
8 TXism: "red _____" (liquor)
9 therapeutic bath
12 TXism: "sharp as _____"
17 hiked a football
19 TXism: "got _____ as big as Texas" (kind)
21 members of the Society of Jesus
22 radio receiving stick
23 in Jackson Co. off 59
28 this Bancroft starred with TX Spacek in "Night, Mother"
29 this Paul was owner of Terlingua, TX
30 this Pendleton was TX governor during the Civil War
31 '80s role for Sylvester Stallone
35 TX Joe Don Baker film "Citizen _____"
36 Deion on offense is a _____ move
42 Castroville, TX was founded by _____ settlers
44 provide party food
46 Tex-Mex river

DOWN

1 Lyndon _____
2 Van _____, TX
3 TXism: "_____ goose"
4 New Braunfels AM radio
9 TXism: "_____ a yarn" (lie)
10 this duo sang a popular version of TX Buddy Holly's "True Love Ways"
11 newspaper solicitations
12 Iowa Park high school class
13 "Telegraph & TX Register" was _____ the TX Revolution
14 Houston hockey player
15 Adam & Eve son
16 Morton AM radio
18 play on words
20 TX singer Trini (init.)
23 auto plant in Arlington, TX (abbr.)
24 symbol for gold
25 govt. overseer of nuclear power (abbr.)
26 lion sound (2 wds.)
27 Mexican mountain flower plant
32 TXism: "chompin' _____ the bit"
33 TXism: "cut _____ some slack"
34 this Gazzara starred with TX Benson in "The Death of Richie" (init.)
36 TX Rayburn (init.)
37 sports assn. of smaller TX colleges (abbr.)
38 Mexican spread
39 _____ blanche
40 starting lineup
41 camera part
43 John Cornyn's TX govt. job (abbr.)
45 TX TV Tarzan Ely (init.)
47 erode (2 wds.)
48 TXism: "dropped it like a hot horse _____"
55 pickup rubber

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed fellowship and dinner at the center on Sunday evening.

The tables were decorated for Valentine's Day and several door prizes were Valentine boxes of candy.

Happy Birthday was sung to Chunky Wilhelm, Cecil Hoelting, Jimmie Schulte and Norita Hoelting.

Everyone enjoyed a card game of their choice during the evening.

The annual free throw contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, was held Sunday afternoon at the high school gym for youngsters between the ages of 10 and 14.

Winners in the boys' group were Bradley Gerber, 10-year-old; Dustin Schulte, 11-year-old; Jake Hoelting, 12-year-old; and Tyson Schulte, 13-year-old.

Those winning among the girls were Heidi Ramaekers, 10-year-old; 11-year-old Candace Birkenfeld; 12-year-old Kelcee Kleman; and 13-year-old Rebecca Olvera.

The date has not been set for the state free throw contest, yet.

The Christian Mothers meeting was held Feb. 7 and the program was given by Michael Kormann, Nazareth's foreign exchange student from Austria. It was a very interesting program.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Gene Schacher, Sue Schneider, Leonard Gerber, Margaret Brockman, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Paul Venhaus, Dianne Huseman, Raelene Hoelting, Dorothy McQuilliams, Meredith Braddock, Junior Hochstein, Odelia Schulte, Amber Waite, Edith Huseman and Evelyn Backus.

Martha Schulte, Bernita Hoelting and Vera Ramaekers attended the 90th birthday celebration of Elsie (Bobbie) Hafernik, held on Saturday in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Taylor. Bobbie was the housekeeper of Father Gregory Boeckman during his pastoral term of Holy Family Parish in the 1940s. During that time, Bobbie made many friends in Nazareth and the surrounding area, and

still keeps in touch with a lot of them.

Joining Bobbie was her brother and his wife, Maurice and Pat Hafernik of Houston; and their children, Maurie and family of Austin, Maureen (Sunshine) and family of Lufkin and Rebecca of Houston. Other out-of-town guests were Werner and Kaye Halfmann and family of Olfen and two of Werner's sisters.

With approximately 170 guests attending, there were plenty of greetings extended, as well as standing ovation for Bobbie when it was announced that she is the recipient of the 1999 Woman of the Year award for the City of Taylor.

Even at 90, Bobbie takes others to out-of-town doctor's appointments, delivers day-old bread to the needy, works at a thrift store twice a week and, as one of the first women lay ministers of the Catholic Church of Taylor, travels many miles bringing communion to rest home patients and shut-ins. She quietly does all these things week after week, year after year, and is referred to as a genuine humanitarian.

On Sunday, Bobbie joined Martha and girls in an afternoon of visiting with Susie Schulte and her daughters, Sonya and LeAnn, in Austin. Traveling with Martha to and from Austin was Edna Schulte of Hereford, who visited with her daughter, Patty, of San Marcus.

Ed and Leola Ramaekers, Alphonse and Viola Kleman and Carl and Mary Kleman enjoyed Sunday afternoon with Elmer and Anne Kleman in Canyon, enjoying dinner and an afternoon of playing 31.

Family and friends of Herman and Marilyn Birkenfeld gathered in Nazareth Saturday to help the couple celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with a reception hosted by their children.

It's hard to believe that 50 years have passed since Herman Birkenfeld married the former Marilyn Hoelting on Feb. 14, 1950, in Nazareth.

Saturday's events commemorating

that day began with a mass at Holy Family Church, offered by Father Darryl Birkenfeld, one of the couple's 12 children.

Herman and Marilyn were chauffeured to the church in a 1952 Hudson, and all of their children played a part in the ceremony; as did their 18 grandchildren. In addition, the choir was comprised of their children, grandchildren and friends; and featured the breathtaking violin music of Pam Landis, a member of the Amarilly Symphony and a long-time fiddle contest contemporary of Herman's.

The celebration continued with a reception and catered meal at the Nazareth Community Hall. The hall was beautifully decorated along the lines of a combination Golden Wedding Anniversary/Valentine's Day theme designed by several of the couple's daughters-in-law.

Tables featured pictures of the happy couple, then and now, as well as pictures from various family occasions throughout the years. In addition, guests were treated to three back issues of the *Castro County News* from February 1950, which included Herman and Marilyn's wedding recap and other treasured clips penned by such former Nazareth beat writers as Jo Anne (Heiman) Bowen. Also available for browsing were two family albums, one featuring letters to the couple from relatives and friends in honor of the occasion, and the other highlighting stories and childhood memories from their children.

Following the meal, Keith Birkenfeld emceed an entertaining program during which he and the other 11 children, as well as several friends of the couple, told stories about Herman and Marilyn and their impact on the many lives they have touched during their married life.

The evening concluded with a dance featuring the music of Charlie Phillips and the Sugartimers of Amarillo. The night became a little sweeter with the addition of a sixth Sugartimer—Herman—and the crowd delighted in hearing twin fiddle music and even Herman's voice on such classic numbers as *Over the Waves* and *Time Changes Everything*.

For some who obviously were inspired by Joel Birkenfeld's recounting of the events surrounding the couple's silver anniversary, the fun didn't end with the dance; however, unlike the 25th anniversary events, the mischief didn't stop with Herman and Marilyn's house.

On this occasion, the three Ps, (potato chips, peanuts and paper—as in toilet) seemed to be the weapons of choice, with the exception of Kent's place, which houses a well-stocked game room that allowed the perpetrators to be more creative. To those people responsible—and we know who you are—Teresa has one word for you—PAYBACK!

All fun and games aside, the Birkenfeld family would like to thank everyone who gave of their time and talent to make this celebration possible. Each of us feels very blessed to be part of this family, not to mention such a caring community. Many thanks for your help in making it a day to remember for all of us.

Herman and Marilyn's children are Darlene Schulte, Kent Birkenfeld, Keith Birkenfeld, Bob Birkenfeld, Clyde Birkenfeld, Greg Birkenfeld and Alan Birkenfeld, all of Nazareth; Father Darryl Birkenfeld of Stratford; Karen Peddy of Seminole; Joel Birkenfeld of San Antonio; Gail Hooks of Canyon; and Shana Hutchins of College Station.



EMERGENCY WORKERS render aid to a Hart man after he was injured in a one-vehicle crash east of Hart on Feb. 9. Three other men also were injured, and all were taken to a hospital in Lubbock.



AERO-CARE took two crash victims to a Lubbock hospital as the result of a one-vehicle rollover on Feb. 9. The two were released later that afternoon, but one of the two later sought additional treatment and reportedly was found to have some broken ribs. Photos by Linda Maxwell

Four Hart men are injured in one-vehicle rollover

Two Hart men remained hospitalized as of last Thursday after they were injured in a one-vehicle rollover at about 8:45 a.m. Feb. 9 on FM 145 1.9 miles east of Hart.

Hector Lopez, 30, and Damon Gonzales, 26, had been taken to Plains Memorial Hospital by ambulance and then were transferred to a Lubbock hospital.

According to reports, Lopez had a broken ankle and Gonzales complained of back pain.

Also, Dale Scott, 36, and Alberto Colorado, 33, both of Hart, were taken by helicopter from the crash scene to a Lubbock hospital, where they were released the afternoon of Feb. 9.

However, according to information in *The Hart Beat*, Scott later sought treatment at Covenant Hospital in Plainview and was found to have some broken ribs. He is now at home.

The four men are all employees of Hart of the Plains Pump and Irrigation and had been traveling to a job in a company pickup when the crash occurred.

Lopez was the driver of the 1991 Ford pickup. He reported that the pickup began to vibrate and he lost control of it. The vehicle traveled into the south bar ditch, hit a power pole, continued south and east and rolled twice. It came to rest in an upright position in a field.

The three passengers were thrown out, but Lopez remained in the vehicle.

The vehicle had been following another Hart of the Plains Pump vehicle and the driver of that vehicle witnessed the accident and called 911, according to *The Hart Beat*.

The pickup was rated with very heavy damage. Lopez was cited for failure to control speed.

The Hart Beat reported that DPS Trooper Keith Smith said that even though none of the four were wearing a seat belt, there was no safety belt violation, because occupants of one-ton vehicles aren't required to wear seat belts.

On the Go

Doris Flynt, Mildred Bradford, Shirley Wise, and Polly Simpson attended church services in Hereford at the Church of the Nazarene Sunday evening. Keith Ann Howard, formerly of Dimmitt, is an accomplished pianist and also is choir director for the church.

Shirley's daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Kevin Welch of Friona, have recently joined that church and were singing in the choir. Rhonda and Jim Murfree of Friona and Francis and Alvin Frazier of Dimmitt also were singing in the choir. This is a special service they call the Gospel Hour.

Hank and Syd Lynn went to Bokchita, Okla., to celebrate with Hank's mom the occasion of her 90th birthday. In attendance were five of the seven brothers and sisters; 12 grandchildren, including Hank and Syd's girls, Lu and Lee, and a grandchild from Canada who came the longest distance; and six great-grandchildren.

Maxine Tidwell and crew honored the ladies of our church and other friends with a luncheon on Valentine's Day. Our fellowship hall was decorated just beautifully and the food was luscious. Brother Howard greeted us and escorted me to my seat. Wayland Hazel serenaded us and then we visited as long as we wanted. An out-of-town guest who attended was Lyndell Sinclair. She is here helping her mother, Bertha Thompson, recoup from foot surgery. Mrs. Joe Scott also was a guest. The ladies helping with the luncheon were Geneva Malone, Dorothy Hopson, Billie Kirby, Sondra Potts, and June Sutton. There were 30 guests in attendance.

Helen Braafladt was hostess for bridge last week. Ben Hill was high scorer and Berniece Hill was second.

The Castro County Extension Homemakers met on Feb. 11 at the Senior Citizens Building. Those present were Patsy Entrekren, Betty Freeman, Ann Henderson, Mary Edna Hendrix, Fern Jones, Claudine Langford, Sue Tischler, Mattie Seale, Irene Blanton and Mary Beth Berguest.

The program was on inexpensive Valentine gifts and it was presented by Marilyn Neal.

Members were told to make plans to attend the district meeting at Lamesa on March 30.

Lunch was served by Mary Edna Hendrix and Irene Blanton.

Motorcycle rally slated in Friona

A motorcycle rally is being planned this summer in Friona, and bikers from across the area are invited to attend.

The High Plains Joy Motorcycle Rally Sunday will be held July 30 at Calvary Baptist Church in Friona.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee. Fellowship study groups will start at 9:45 a.m. A biker worship service is slated to start at 11 a.m. A lunch will be served at noon. The afternoon's activities will include fun and games for all ages.

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People



'Greater Tuna' set Friday in Hereford

The Hereford Community Concert Association will sponsor the Amarillo Little Theatre touring production of *Greater Tuna* on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School auditorium.

Tickets are priced at \$8 in advance or at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased in Dimmitt from Doris Flynt (647-3473) or at the Chamber of Commerce office (647-2524).

Greater Tuna is described as "an entertaining and endearing send-up of small town mores, with two talented actors portraying the entire population (both men and women) of Tuna, Texas, through a *tour de force* of quick-change artistry, both in costuming and characterization."

ALT's Raymond Girard and David D. McKnight Jr. will portray the more than 20 residents that "make up that greasy little spot in the road known as Tuna."

The heart of the imaginary town of Tuna is its radio station OKKK and the many personalities who grace its airwaves, including anchors Thurston Wheelis and Alres Struvie, who keep tuna abreast of illogical and national news with their own brand of colloquial humor. Another central focus for Tuna is the Coweta Baptist Church, spearheaded by the Reverend Spikes. An auxiliary committee of the church is the Tuna Smut Snatchers, who closely patrol the local libraries, removing books from shelves and words from the dictionary that are found to be offensive to their genteel sensibilities.

Other residents include the Bumiller family, with Hank, Bertha, Stanley and Charlene (the twins), and little Jody, with their special blend of dysfunctional behaviors; Bertha's Aunt Pearl, well-known around town for using her "bitter pills" to poison the many dogs that run Tuna's streets; and Petey Fisk, the head of the Greater Tuna Humane Society.

The play, by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears and Ed Howard, is directed by Loren J. Strickland, with Julie Yock as assistant to the director. Crew members include Larri Jo Starkey, Amy Gililland and Keith Jones.

Those attending Friday's performance are reminded to park on the west side of the auditorium.

Red Cross sets classes

The Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a community first aid and safety class Feb. 26 at the chapter's office in Hereford, 224 S. Main.

Advance payment is required to be registered in any class. The cost \$35, which includes a book.

Those interested may call 364-3761 for more information.

Cancellations made the day before the scheduled class will receive a full refund.

Feb. 29 Emergency Assistance I will be taught by Bill Amero, the Panhandle director of disaster services for the Red Cross. There are prerequisites for this course, so those interested should call the above number.

The chapter is trying to line up swim lessons, and asks that all those interested in teaching, please contact the office.

In addition, the chapter would be glad to give a presentation on International Humanitarian Law or an overview of the American Red Cross services for any interested clubs, organizations or classes.

Rhodes earns bachelor's degree

Gregory Allen Rhodes of Dimmitt has graduated from Texas A&M University in College Station with a bachelor of science degree in animal science.

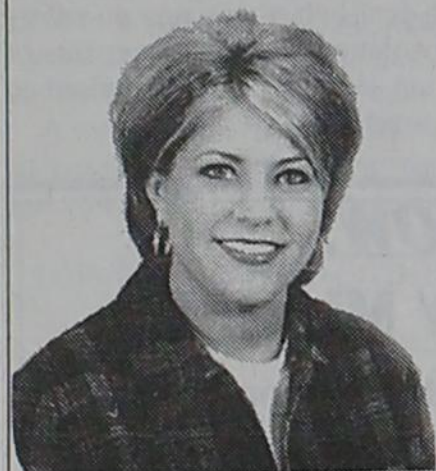
Rhodes was presented his diploma during fall commencement ceremonies at the university.

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Sarah Olvera

Olvera is inducted into honor society

Sara Olvera, daughter of David and Mary Lynn Olvera of Nazareth, was recently inducted into Golden Key National Honor Society at Texas Tech University.

Outstanding academic achievement places students from throughout the world among the very select group qualifying for membership in the Golden Key National Honor Society. Golden Key is an internationally recognized academic honor society dedicated to excellence.

Membership is extended to those students who are in the top 15% of their junior or senior class. Full-time as well as part-time students from all majors may qualify, and members include both traditional and non-traditional students. Membership is by invitation only.

Olvera, a junior multidisciplinary skills major, is currently serving the organization as reception director and is in charge of informing prospective members about Golden Key. She is also serving as historian of Gamma Beta Phi, another national honor and service society at Texas Tech.

Olvera is a graduate of Nazareth High School.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host a game night on Friday, starting at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

Petty and Wooten exchange vows in double-ring ceremony

Carla Gail Petty and Jason Robert Wooten exchanged wedding vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony Feb. 5 in the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Doris Swinburn of Dimmitt and Arlie Petty of Canyon. The groom is the son of Dudley and Bobbi Wooten of Dimmitt.

The front of the church was decorated with three brass candelabras each holding 15 candles. They were decorated with fresh roses, alstermaries, oriental lilies, cushion mums and carnations, all in white, and accented with white tulle. A unity candle stand held three white candles accented with tulle and fresh flowers.

The pews were marked with brass aisle markers holding white taper candles, accented with tulle bows and ribbons matching the bridesmaids' dresses.

At the keyboard was Ronda Wise. Harpist was Carol Short Reid of Levelland. Soloist Tami Griffith sang *The Wedding Prayer* during the lighting of the unity candle. She also sang *Keeper of the Stars*.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a gown designed by Alfred Angelo. It was made of satin, tulle, and Venice lace, styled with a curved neckline, Basque waistline, and a sleeveless princess-line bodice of satin, which was embellished with band-beaded Venice lace. The shirred tulle skirt had a built-in crinoline and was accented with scattered pearls. It formed a semi-cathedral-length train.

Her cathedral-length veil of French illusion was finished with an edge of narrow satin ribbon. Her arm bouquet was formed of natural stems of white Casa Blanca lilies and white French tulips, with dendrobium orchids and bear grass as the cascading pieces.

The bride was attended by her sisters, Carol Latham of Dalhart and Kristi Sadler of Mansfield, as matrons of honor. Bridesmaids were Amber Langford of Nacogdoches, cousin of the bride, and Bridget Massey of Lubbock and Holly Davis of Dimmitt, friends of the bride.

They wore dresses designed by Watters and Watters. Fashioned of pink shadow iridescent chiffon, the princess-line dresses were styled with spaghetti straps, scoop neck lines and matching scarves.

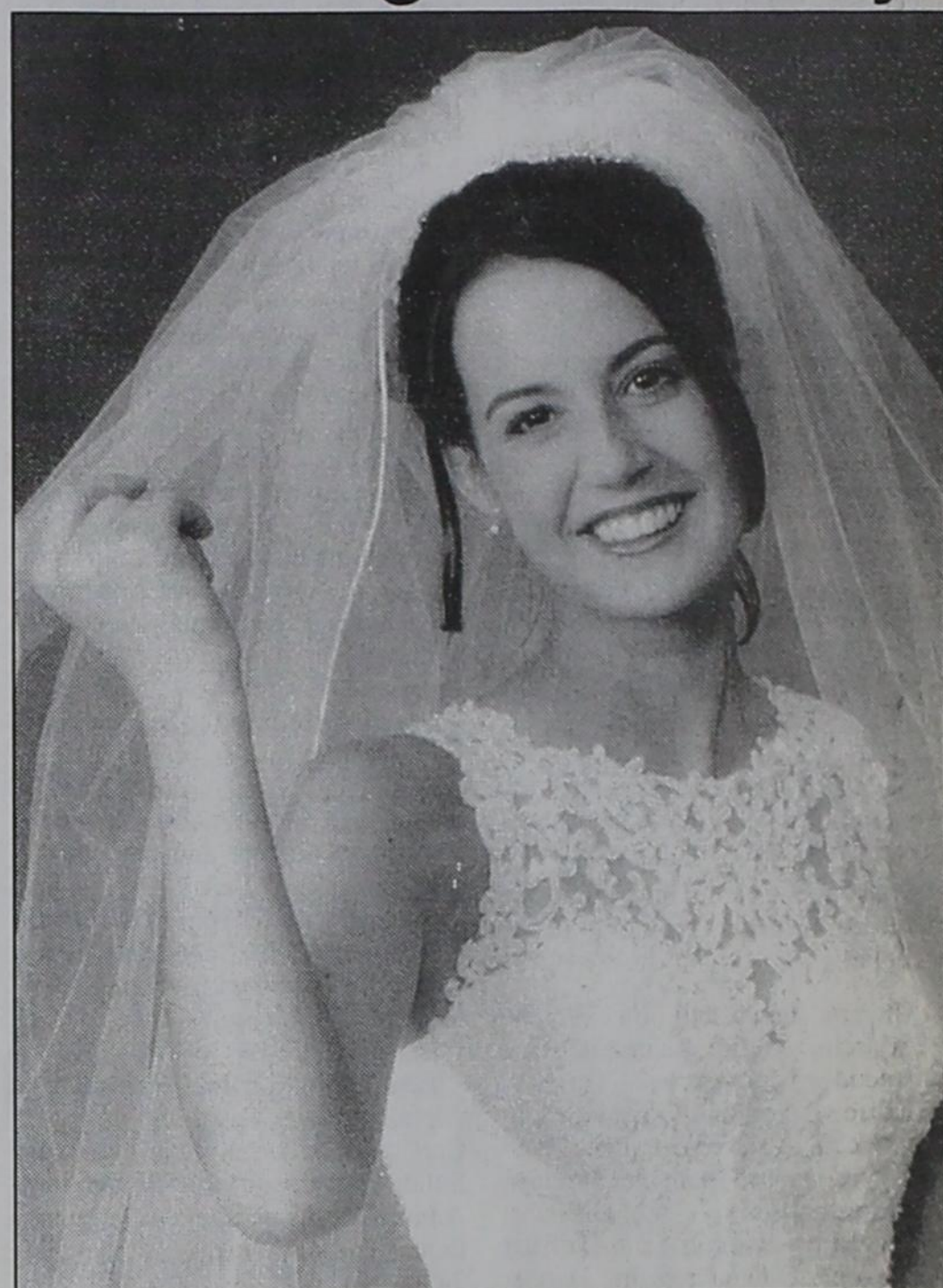
Each carried an arm bouquet formed of the same flowers carried

Two named to dean's list at SPC

Two Castro County students have been named to the dean's list at South Plains College for the fall 1999 semester.

Those earning the academic recognition are Leon Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Tim Proffitt of Dimmitt.

Students named to the dean's honor list must maintain a minimum 3.25 grade-point average of full-time college-level work with no failing grades.



MRS. JASON ROBERT WOOTEN
... nee Carla Gail Petty

by the bride.

Serving as best man was Andy Hill of College Station, a friend of the groom. Groomsmen were Rusty Wooten of Miami, Okla., brother of the groom, Kelly Jack of Lubbock, cousin of the groom, and Sean Wilson of Lubbock and Chad Rogers of Dimmitt, friends of the groom.

Serving as candlelighters were Curt and Bruce Bills of Earth, cousins of the groom.

The ring bearer was Grant Petty of Seagraves, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Makenzie Sadler of Mansfield, niece of the bride, and Berkley Kirby of Amarillo, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Tye Baca of Vega, Will Sanders of Lubbock, Toby Crow of Perryton, and Tucker Schumacher of College Station.

Carrie Bradley sat at the guest registry table.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Hereford Country Club.

The bride and groom, along with their guests, danced to music provided by Masterpeace of Lubbock. The guests were served a buffet of pick up foods. A large fresh flower arrangement served as the centerpiece for the buffet table. The guest tables were decorated with crystal goblets placed on mirrors and holding floating white flower candles.

The bride's cake was a "package cake," in five tiers. Made of Italian cream cake frosted with cream cheese, each tier was decorated as a wrapped package.

The bride's table was covered with a white cloth and white tulle draped along the edge, with attached satin and tulle bows. It held crystal rose bowls accented with white tulle and a crystal vase containing a fresh flower arrangement of assorted white

flowers. A silver fountain served the punch. Crystal and silver appointments completed the decor. Presiding over the bride's table were Jill Millican and Leanne Cook, friends of the bride.

The groom's cake was a triple layer cinnamon chocolate cake with fudge icing, garnished with chocolate-dipped strawberries. A Harley Davidson emblem decorated the top of the cake. The groom's table was covered with a white cloth and the centerpiece consisted of silver candlesticks holding white pillar candles accented with greenery and baby's breath. Servers at the groom's table were Amy Wooten, aunt of the groom, and Holly Jack, cousin of the groom.

The couple will be at home in Dimmitt following a honeymoon trip to Cozumel, Mexico.

The bride is employed with the Castro County Hospital District. She has a master's degree in accounting from Texas Tech University and also has a bachelor's in business administration. She is a graduate of Dimmitt High School.

Also a graduate of DHS, the groom graduated from South Plains College with a degree in ag business. He is employed with B&W Aerial Spraying in Dimmitt.

DSREC to award five scholarships

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

The deadline for submitting applications is March 10. Awards will be announced within sixty days of this date.

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

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

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Merritt and Robb are preparing for state meet

Trinity Robb and Jase Merritt, sophomores at Nazareth High School, are preparing for the 2000 University Interscholastic League (UIL) state cross-examination meet.

Robb and Merritt teamed to win the district title in January and that finish qualified them for the state meet, which will be held March 12-18 at the University of Texas in Austin.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities," said Jana Riggins, UIL debate director. "This year's cross-examination debate topic required students to research extensively in order to examine educational policies designed to increase academic achievement in secondary schools in the United States."

"Learning to analyze the issues surrounding problems, process information and effectively communicate ideas through the debate forum has challenged students and increased their awareness," Riggins said. "Such an activity promotes the very leadership skills necessary for success in our society."

UIL academic contests range from feature writing to accounting, and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 637,000 competed in one or more of the 22 general academic contests.

Through participation in the state meet, Robb and Merritt will qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF has provided \$13.2 million to approximately 11,600 students. This year, TILF expects to award an estimated 624 new and renewed grants, valued at approximately \$1,052,000. Grants and donations from foundations and individuals have funded these academic scholarships. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or overhead expenses are deducted.

Breast cancer screenings set in March

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt during March and appointments are now being accepted.

The first clinic will be conducted on March 2 and the second is being planned for March 8.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Health screenings to be held today

The Castro County Hospital District will conduct a cholesterol and triglyceride screening today (Thursday) from 7 to 10 a.m. at the hospital's lab.

For best results, patients are asked to abstain from eating or drinking anything from midnight today (Thursday) until their test is complete that day.

Cost for the screening is \$10. For more information, contact Linda Rasor at Plains Memorial Hospital.

PCS cancels HUD waiting list

Panhandle Community Services has closed down its waiting list in Castro County for HUD Rental Assistant Section 8 as of Feb. 1. This will be until further notice.

Carlile sets free country music show on Saturday

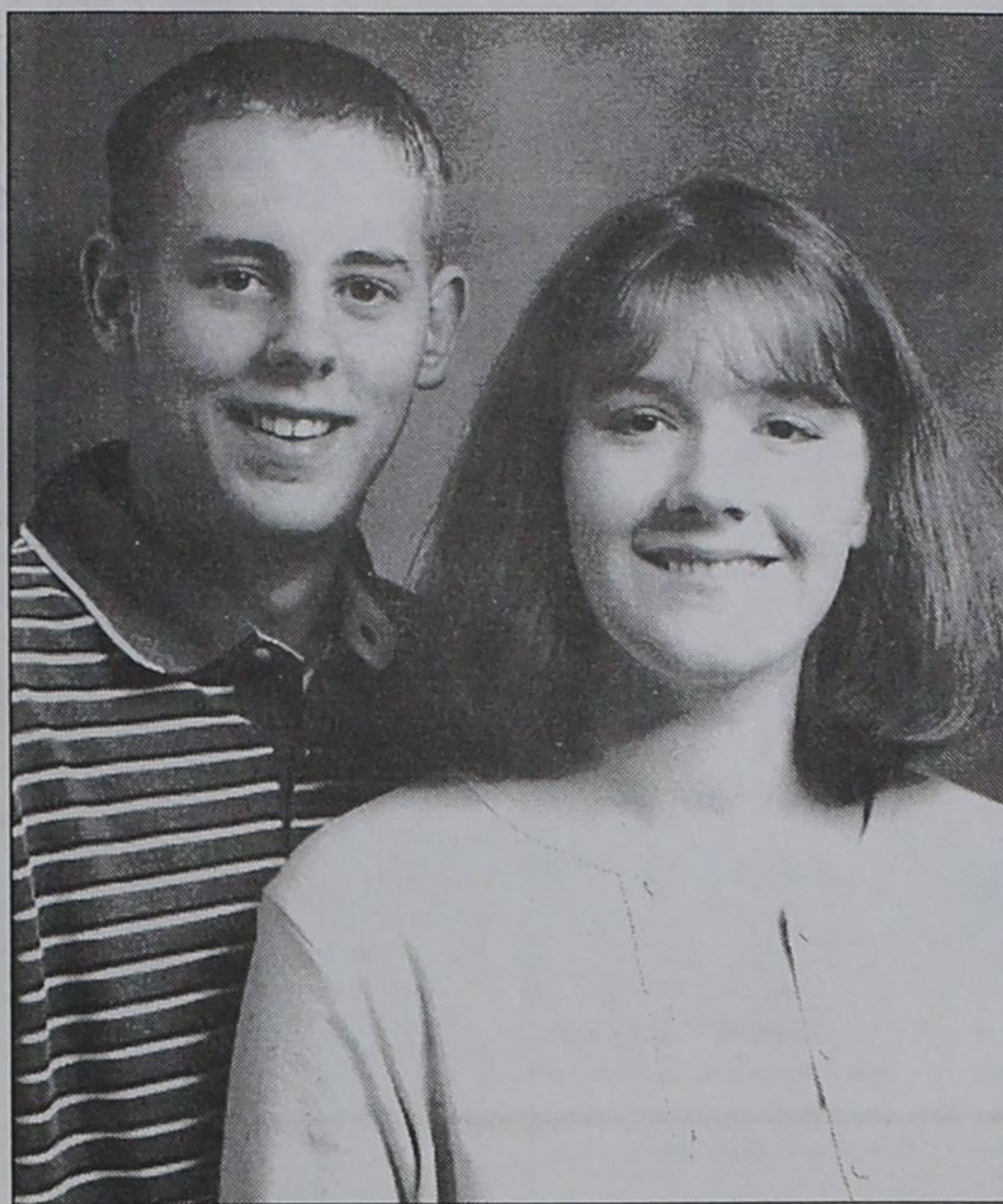
A free show of live country music is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. in Dimmitt, and everyone is invited to attend.

The US Pickers and Bill Henson will be among the featured entertainers appearing in the show, which will be held at the Carlile Theatre, 116 S. Broadway. Other entertainers also are scheduled to appear.

Theatre owner Susan Sandvik said there will be door prizes and

great fun for the whole family. Donations will be accepted and the concession stand will be open for those wanting to purchase refreshments. For more information, those interested may call 1-877-522-6302.

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Brad Beck and Lindsay Nelson

Beck and Nelson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson of Grapevine announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lindsay, to Brad Beck, son of Dana Beck of Dimmitt.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on May 20 at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Bedford.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Grapevine High School. She is a junior majoring in accounting at the University of Texas at Arlington. She is currently employed at Don Pablo's Restaurant.

The prospective groom graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1997. He is a junior at the University of Texas at Arlington, and he is majoring in education. He is employed by Don Pablo's Restaurant.

After the wedding, the couple plan to reside in Euless.

CCADA

Neal to speak on diet and nutrition

The Castro County Autoimmune Disease Association will meet today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Rhoads Memorial Library meeting room, a change from its usual meeting place.

Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent-Home Economics, will present a program on diet and nutrition.

"We had an excellent program last month with Michelle McGrorey, RN, talking to us about diabetes," said CCADA member Linda Maxwell. "Marilyn will continue the subject with more specific details about diet."

Maxwell said McGrorey talked about the importance of watching

sugar for diabetics, but also noted that carbohydrates can have a big affect on blood sugar levels.

Neal will talk about carbohydrate content in foods and will give out recipes that are low in sugar and carbohydrate content. She also plans to prepare some foods from the recipes that those attending will be welcome to sample.

Knowing more about foods and their affect on health can be an important tool for those who suffer from chronic diseases, including diabetes, Maxwell said. She added that all interested persons are welcome to attend the meeting.

Book earns academic honor

Susan Book, daughter of Chris and Becky Book of Nazareth, has been named to the Distinguished Students List for the Fall 1999 semester at Texas A&M University in College Station.

Book is a freshman biochemistry major at the university.

To qualify for the Distinguished Students List, a student must earn a 3.25 to 3.75 grade-point average while taking at least 12 hours.

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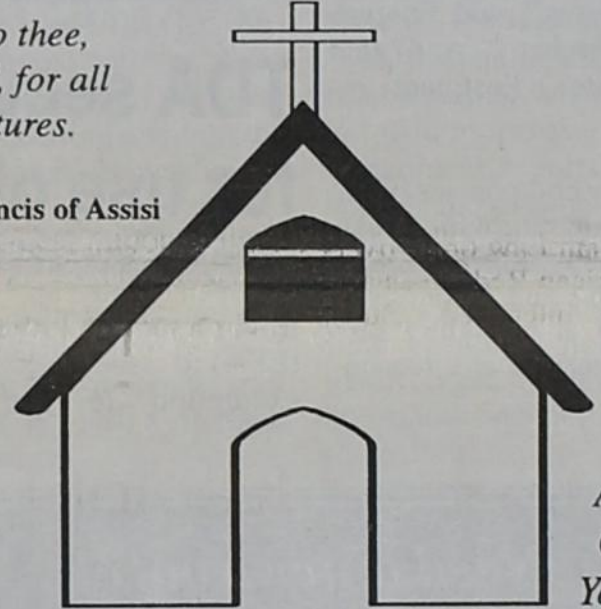
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Hereford to get trout stocking

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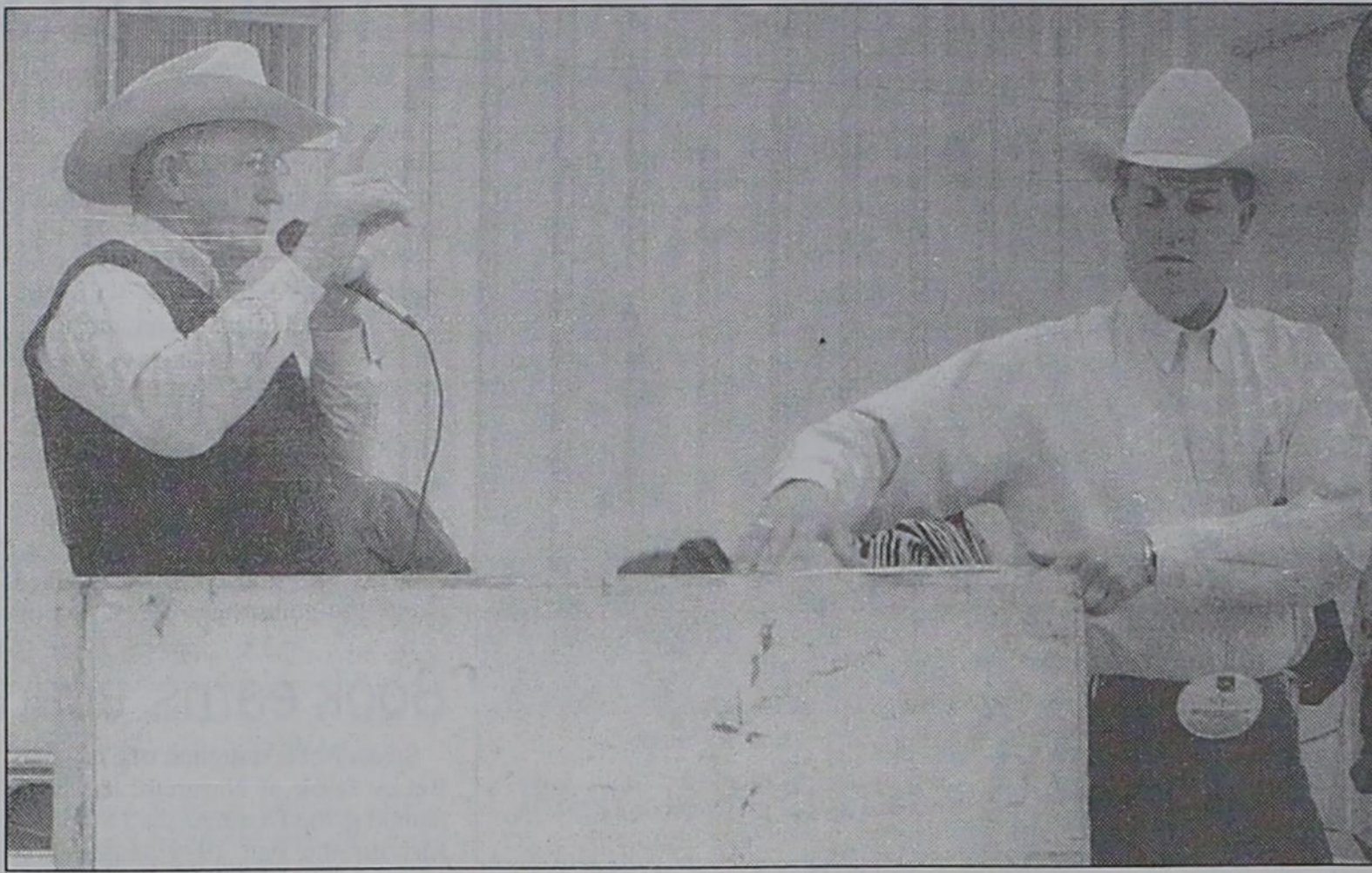
Armed with little more than a can of corn, some basic fishing tackle and simple hand-eye coordination, anglers can take advantage of this "put and take" winter fishery. Fishing access is from the bank at these small community lakes.

One of the events is tentatively scheduled for March 26 at Aquatic Park Pond in Hereford.

For more information about rainbow trout stockings, check the TPW Web site at www.tpwd.state.tx.us/fish/infish/reports/trout2000.htm or call Texas Parks and Wildlife at (800) 792-1112, select 4 then 7.

The daily bag limit is five trout and possession limit is 10 in all Texas waters. There is no minimum length limit, and most trout can be caught from the bank or off a fishing pier using kernel corn or prepared trout bait fished under a bobber, making it an ideal pursuit for youngsters.

The trout stocking program is funded through sales of Texas Freshwater Trout Stamps. The \$7 stamps are required in addition to a valid fishing license for almost anyone fishing for freshwater trout in Texas waters. Children under 17 years of age need neither a fishing license nor a trout stamp. Freshwater trout stamps are available wherever fishing licenses are sold.



AUCTIONEER JACK HOWELL (left) kicks off the 46th annual Castro County Junior Livestock Sale Saturday afternoon by auctioning off the floor on the steers, lambs and barrows in the show. Howell got bids of \$35 per hundredweight for barrows, \$66 per

hundredweight for lambs and \$69 per hundredweight for steers. Helping Howell keep an eye on the bidding is auctioneer and Dimmitt Young Farmer member, Greg Odom. Photo by Anne Acker

Energas to appeal rate adjustment

Energas Company has announced that it plans to appeal to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an adjustment of approximately \$9 million in the company's rates in a number of cities throughout West Texas.

"Everything we do at Energas is done to maintain our leadership role as one of the lowest cost providers of natural gas in Texas," said Energas President Earl Fischer. "(And) that includes this rate adjustment request."

He said the key components of the rate request include return on investments the company made in new pipe, infrastructure and technology, which are aimed at providing safe and reliable gas service at a reasonable rate.

Fischer pointed out that if the rate request had been fully implemented, the company's rates would continue to be below the state's average for natural gas. In the past, Energas and an appointed steering committee representing West Texas cities have always been able to work out a settlement.

"This is a complicated case based

on technology where both sides worked diligently to settle the issues but could not reach a common agreement," Fischer said. "That is why we are turning to a third party. We will continue to work with the cities to maintain our strong relationships."

After the appeal is filed in March, the Railroad Commission of Texas has 185 days to act upon the appeal.

TDA secures specific exemption for use of Ally on grain sorghum

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture has been granted approval by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue a Section 18 specific exemption to use metsulfuron

methyl, formulated as Ally, on grain sorghum to control triazine-resistant pigweed in Texas.

The specific exemption will expire on Aug. 15.

Ally Herbicide, manufactured by DuPont, may be applied following all directions, restrictions and precautions on the EPA-registered product label, as well as restrictions within this notice.

Other restrictions include:
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• A maximum of one million acres of sorghum can be treated in Texas, and only in fields where both of the following requirements are met: the sorghum field must be infested with triazine-resistant pigweed; and the soil pH must be greater than 7.8.

For more information about this specific exemption, contact the county Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7407. A copy of the approval notice is located on the TDA web site at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ally2000.htm>.

Minding Your Own Business

Risk versus reward—why winners win

By DON TAYLOR

To win without risk is to triumph without glory.
—Pierre Corneille

You've heard the old saying, "nothing ventured, nothing gained." It is true. When we seek any reward—fortune, fame or excellence—we place ourselves at risk.

As a baseball fan, I love to watch power hitters like McGuire and Sosa bring the crowd to its feet with a long drive over the fence. Yet, all home-run record holders failed more often than they succeeded. Their lifetime records of strikeouts are two or three times greater than



Don Taylor

their home run totals. While the thrill of winning is enticing, to many people the risk of losing is just too threatening. Many people are afraid to step up to the plate in the game of life. They would rather forego any potential reward than strike out. They rationalize their actions by saying, "I may not have won, but I didn't lose either."

The result is what I call the "mediocrity mentality." This describes folks who settle into a comfort zone somewhere between success and failure. They just get by. The epitaph on their gravestone might truthfully read, "Dead at 25, buried at 85."

If we were honest with ourselves, we would all admit there are times in our lives when we settle into the "mediocrity mentality." Times when we've traded the challenge of excelling for the comfort zone of safety.

What ultimately separates winners from whiners is how much time we spend in the comfort zone. When we won't risk failure for an exciting and worthwhile reward, we've already failed. For when we fail to try, we lose in life.

I've seen some winners over the years that had good reason to stay in the comfort zone. They were poor, lacked education, had a family history of losing and they had failed once already, etc. They could truly justify their loser's limp.

Some went on to achieve greatness. They became winners because they tried again.

A winner's profile

There are several characteristics you'll find present in winner's lives. They were not born with these characteristics, they developed them by spending time out of the comfort zone. They were not content with the "mediocrity mentality."

• **Winners develop a positive core of confidence.** No outside negative force can erode this internal positive. When bombarded with negative input, winners focus on past successes instead of past failures.

• **Winners wind their own clock.** The road to success begins when you become fed up with not achieving what you earnestly desire from life. Winners do not depend on someone else's signal or encouragement to get started. They take the first step on their own, and every step from that point on becomes less difficult.

• **Winners value facts over feelings.** In the comfort zone, people only do what they feel like doing. Winners set aside their emotional feelings and focus on the facts. When winners don't feel like doing something, they know that action always overcomes feelings.

• **Winners look up.** Psalms 121:1 says, "I will lift up my eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Look up. It is hard to get down when you're looking up.

• **Winners prepare for challenge.** When the going gets tough, the tough get going. They plan. They practice. They prepare. They focus on the results they want rather than the barriers. When you're prepared, the challenge is often not nearly as great as you anticipated.

• **Winners dare to be different.** The reason so many people never climb the ladder of success is because of the crowd at the bottom. They don't want to leave the majority. Winners know that being different is neither good nor bad, just different.

Don Taylor is the co-author of "Up Against the Wal-Mart's." You may write to him in care of "Minding Your Own Business," P.O. Box 67, Amarillo, Texas 79105.

TDA gives grants for IPM research

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that 29 integrated pest management research projects have been awarded a total of \$300,000 by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture, including one for over \$8,000 to a project in Dimmitt.

"Determining Disease Resistance in Peanuts" is the grant project proposed by principal investigator Johnna Patterson, an IPM extension agent in Dimmitt. With funds of \$8,953, the project will examine peanut varieties to determine their resistance to black hull disease, which is caused by a fungus.

All of the accepted projects will focus on the use of integrated pest management techniques.

"Many of this year's grants will fund studies that seek to continue reducing pesticide use on cotton, which is the state's top cash crop, earning about \$1.6 billion a year in cash receipts," Combs said. "Other grants will examine increasing integrated pest management methods in

such crops as apples, sunflowers, peanuts, pecans, chrysanthemums and poinsettias. The grants are funding research statewide from Dimmitt to Beaumont and reflect the wide diversity of Texas agriculture."

Consignment farm auction set Saturday

A consignment farm equipment auction will be held Saturday at the Nazareth leg of AgriFarm Industries, one-fourth a mile west of Nazareth on SH 86.

For more information about the sale, contact Brian Ramaekers at 945-2331 or 647-7307 (mobile); Mike Huseman at 945-2366 or 647-5169 (work); Lonny Huseman at 945-2458 or 647-7663 (mobile); or Alan Birkenfeld at 945-2218 or 647-6884 (mobile).

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County soil needs moisture before planting season begins

Castro County producers may need from two to 10 inches of water from irrigation and/or precipitation to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity prior to spring 2000 planting.

That's according to pre-plant soil moisture data released by the Water District and the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

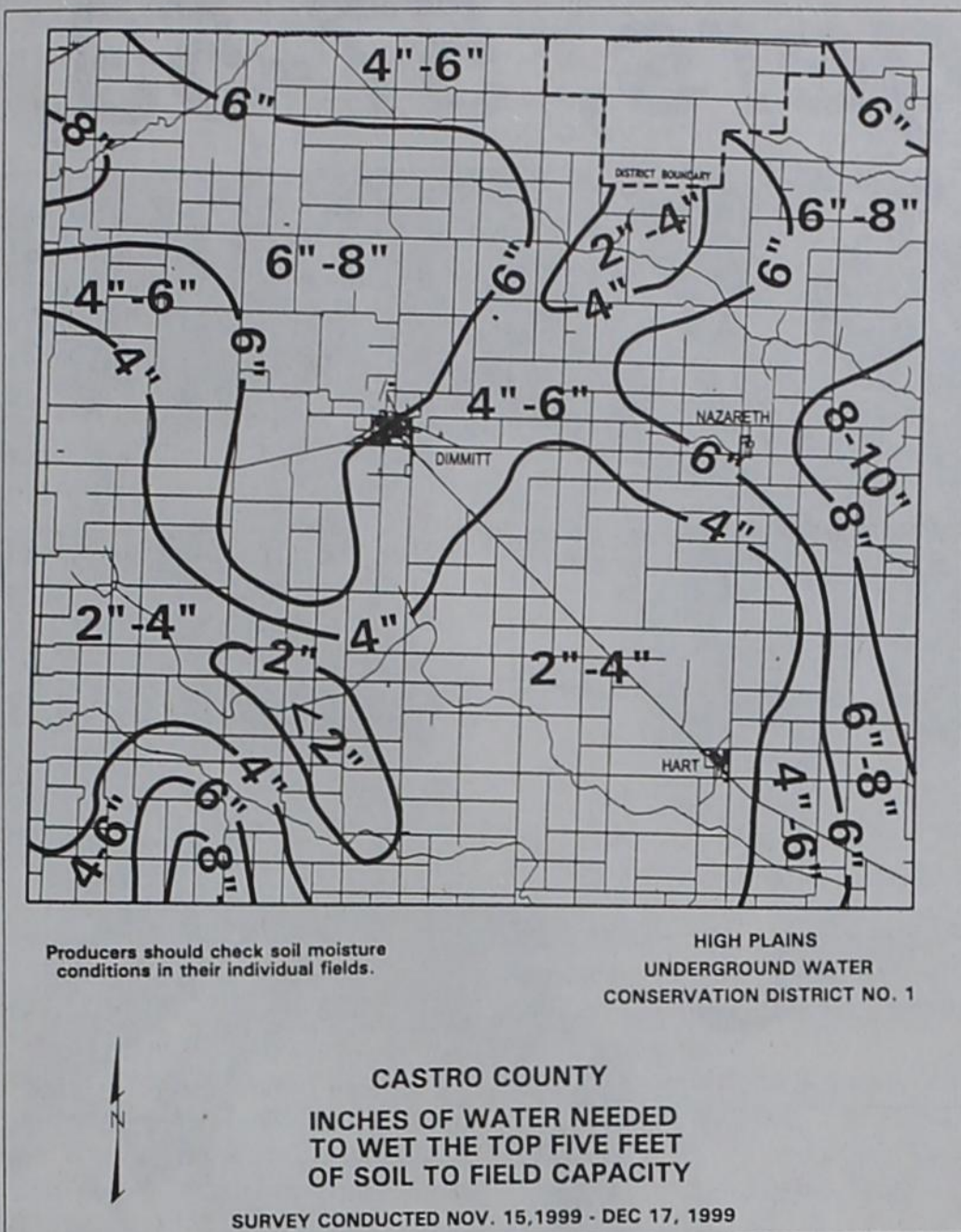
At the time pre-plant soil moisture readings were made in November and December of 1999, two percent of the portion of Castro County served by the Water District needed less than two inches of moisture, 34% of the county needed two to four inches of moisture, 29% of the county needed from four to six inches of moisture, 31% of the county needed from six to eight inches of moisture; and 4% needed from six to eight inches.

"The lack of fall precipitation, and an extended growing season resulting from a later than normal winter freeze, are factors contributing to the drier than normal soil conditions across the 15-county Water District service area," said Gerald Crenwelle, USDA-NRCS soil scientist.

Producers should check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields prior to the start of pre-plant irrigation.

A Water District publication, *Estimating Soil Moisture By Feel and Appearance* can guide producers in assessing their soil moisture conditions. Anyone residing within the High Plains Water District service area can receive a free copy by contacting the Water District's Lubbock office at (806) 762-0181.

Historical data shows that above-average crop yields are more likely when the five-foot root zone soil profile is at or near field capacity.



Producers should check soil moisture conditions in their individual fields.

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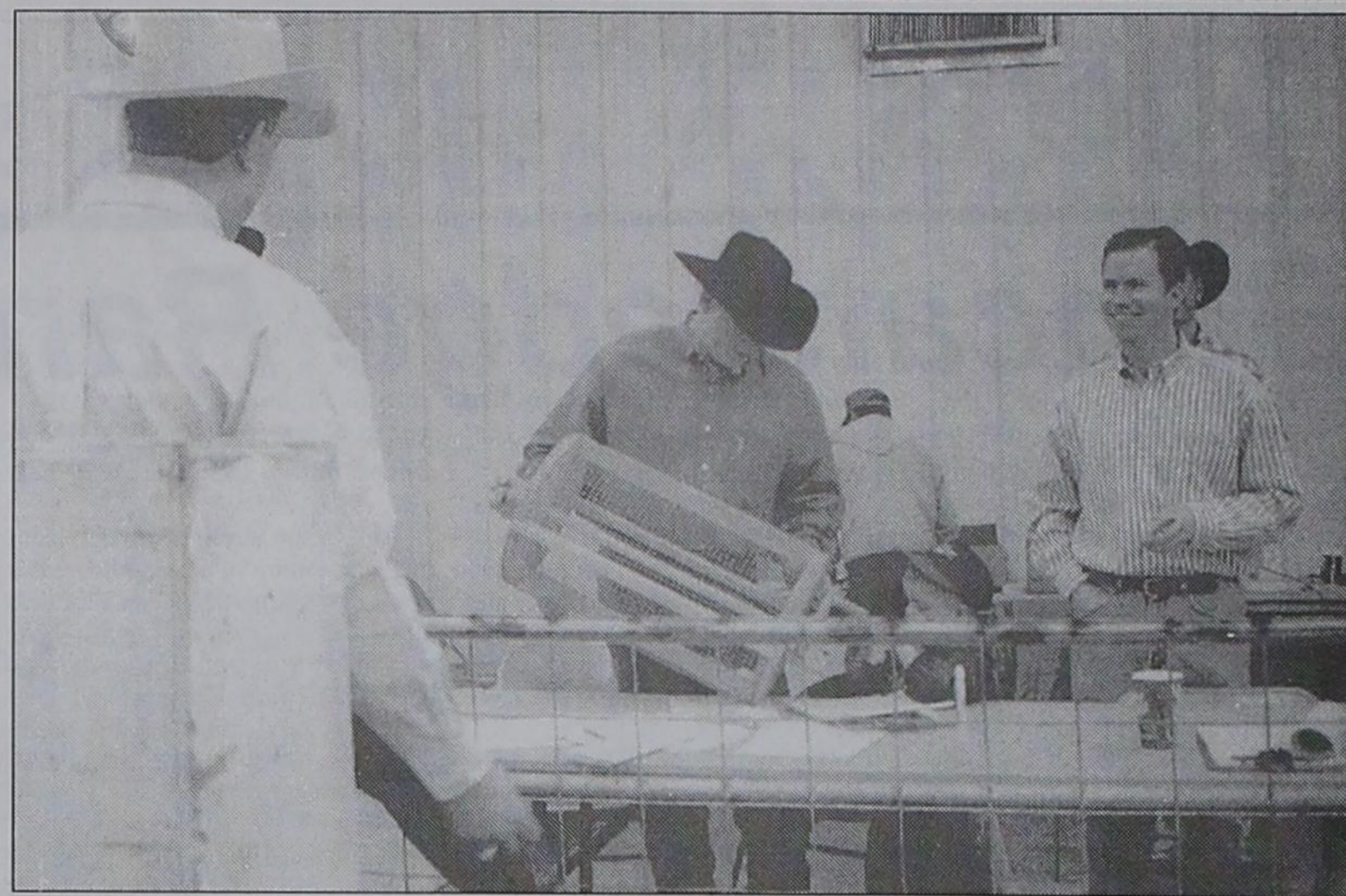
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Since soils are drier, Crenwelle says producers need to keep their soils prepared so that they can readily absorb any precipitation that occurs during the pre-plant and growing seasons. In addition, he reminds producers to utilize techniques such as furrow diking to keep rainfall from running off the field.

"Once moisture is stored in the soil, producers should keep it there by limiting tillage practices that might turn moist soil to the surface,

where the moisture can evaporate and no longer be available for plant use," said Crenwelle.

Copies of the regional and/or Castro County soil moisture survey maps are available by contacting your local USDA-NRCS office or the High Plains Undergroud Water Conservation District No. 1 office, 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499 or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is www.hpwd.com.



AND THE WINNER IS... Zay Bradley's ticket was the last one drawn from the hopper by the Dimmitt Young Farmers Saturday and he won the 16-foot Easley stock trailer which the group was raffling off during the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Young Farmers pictured include Greg Odom, Jason Wooten and Chaun Gunstream. Photo by Anne Acker

US net farm income projected \$7.6 billion less than last year

Large supplies of grain, coupled with low commodity prices will lead to projected US net farm income of \$40.4 billion in 2000—down \$7.6 billion from the amount estimated in 1999, according to a US Dept. of Agriculture report.

Low commodity prices in 1999 led to a \$1.7 billion drop in total crop receipts, with the \$93.3 billion received the lowest amount recorded since 1994. Receipts for 2000 are projected to be down \$2.1 billion for major field crops, though fruit, vegetable and greenhouse/nursery products will rise \$1.2 billion.

"We expect prices for our major commodities—corn, sorghum, soybean, rice and cotton—all of them to be below the cost of production for the coming year," said Dr. Carl Anderson, an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "That will be the cutting end into the net income of crop farmers especially."

Net cash income is forecast at \$49.7 billion — \$9.4 billion less than the preliminary estimate for 1999.

Crop farmers are not only faced with low commodity prices to start off the new year, but also a shortage of sub-soil moisture.

"The drought that has been in place since the mid-year still exists and now is becoming a growing concern not only to livestock and forage production, but now it's going to become very important to crop farmers," Anderson said.

"In the Harlingen area, they are preparing to plant here shortly in a few weeks. That side of it leaves us with a two-fold concern. One is ev-

erybody is faced with low commodity prices, and we are especially in the middle of a drought area."

Anderson noted the outlook for beef producers is "upbeat" because of the low grain prices.

Dry weather has caused herd sizes to decrease across Texas, and feedlots are hoping to buy as many cattle as they can, said Dr. Ernie Davis, an Extension beef economist.

"There are more lighter weight cattle out there for two reasons: No. 1 is we don't have the winter pasture because of the dry weather. And, No. 2, feedlots are looking at smaller herd numbers.

"They understand that they've got fewer feeder cattle, and they are scrambling to get them before they run out," Davis said.

A decline in 2000 farm income will be partially offset by an increase in off-farm income, the Agriculture Department reports. Average farm household income is forecast at \$59,350, down from an estimated \$61,363 in 1999. However, that estimate is close to the 1998 level as farm operators' household income has averaged about the same as U.S. household income during the past three decades.

"I'm one that thinks crop farmers will be looking at alternative sources of income," Anderson noted. "We are fortunate in the large, middle part of Texas, that we have available off-farm jobs. They can be quite a boost in terms of supplemental income."

Clerical, teaching and health care professions give spouses options when earning off-farm income.

Anderson said producers are get-

ting into jobs such as construction and truck driving. "And the evaluation, 'Should I continue to farm or rent my farm out and take an off-farm job?' are still very viable alternatives to consider," he said.

Anderson said there is still a pattern where farms are growing larger and more efficient. Technological advances in row crop equipment is contributing to larger, efficient farming operations.

"Any time you're looking at the type of equipment that is multi-row, such as 12 rows to 18 rows, are pretty common versus the six and eight row," he said. "A decade before it was four-row equipment. That just requires a large operation. When you have large, expensive machinery, it has to be used in order to justify."

For now, Anderson said he is using the word "bleak" to describe the outlook for farmers heading into 2000.

"One thing that could change things would be to have a drought or bad weather that holds back production," he said. "It (a drought) is going to have to be bigger than Texas to put a dent in the big market."

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-author Art Martell

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Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

Moisture Deficit

A familiar problem is facing producers as they try to prepare for the 2000 growing season. In the face of a severe moisture shortage High Plains cotton growers are doing their best to take advantage of every drop of this region's most precious resource.

In general the Texas High Plains is anywhere from 2 to 10 inches short of the moisture needed to fill the five-foot root zone soil profile. A full moisture profile is the key to a good crop start and achieving average or above average yields.

The High Plains Undergroud Water Conservation District No. 1 and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service surveyed moisture conditions during the November/December 1999 time period.

The survey again shines a light on a primary problem producers have been dealing with for some time— inadequate moisture. The only cure is a return to average rainfall and to some extent the timeliness of those rains.

The HPUWCD recommends producers carefully evaluate their soil moisture situation and plan any pre-plant irrigation and tillage operations to best take advantage of irrigation efforts or rainfall events between now and planting.

Additional information, including a regional soil moisture survey map, is available from the HPUWCD at 806-762-0181 or on the internet at: www.hpwd.com

Generic Certificates

The Secretary of Agriculture has announced the marketing certificate program for cotton. Initially the availability of generic certificates for cotton, provided upon request in lieu of cash payments, will be limited to the Step 2 program participants and gradually expanded by the start of the 2000 marketing year.

The program will be administered in the same manner as prior certificate programs and will provide for the following:

1) Commodities can be redeemed from the loan at a globally competitive price, i.e. the Adjusted World Price in the case of cotton.

2) Marketing loan gains associated with the redemption of commodities using generic certificates will not count against the marketing loan gain payment limit.

Additional information concerning the availability and use of generic certificates will be included in "Cotton News" as it is released by USDA. USDA staff are currently in the process of working up procedures for other aspects of the generic certificate program.

Schedule of Events

Feb. 22—Sandy Land Cotton Conference, Seminole

Feb. 23—2nd Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo, Lubbock Mem. Civic Center, Lubbock

Feb. 24—Soil Fertility Day, Ollie Liner Center, Plainview

March 6—House Agriculture Committee Field Hearing, Lubbock

April 6—PCG 43rd Annual Meeting, Lubbock

April 6-7—TCGA Convention & Trade Show, Lubbock

SW Crops Conference

The Second Annual Southwest Crops Production Conference & Expo will be held Wednesday (Feb. 23) at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. and is free to all interested parties. A total of 4.75 Continuing Education Units for private/commercial pesticide applicators are to be presented to participants. All growers are invited to attend.

Ag Committee Hearings

Locations and dates for the hearings are designed to focus on the specific concerns of producers within each of the Plains, Midwest, Southeast, Northeast and Western regions in March, April and May. The hearings with firm dates include one on March 6 in Lubbock.

All field hearings will be carried through the Ag Committee's website (<http://agriculture.house.gov>) on the Internet.

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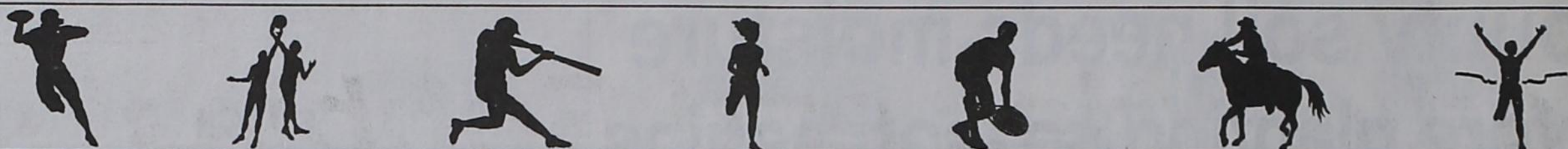
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Sports



Bobcats edge Rangers, 57-53, in OT

The Bobcats found themselves in a real scrap at Perryton Friday night, and it took an overtime for them to wrest a 57-53 victory from the determined Rangers.

It was the final regular-season night of the District 1-AAA schedule, and the Rangers were fighting to gain a third-place tie with Dalhart and stay in the playoff hunt.

As it turned out, it didn't make any difference because Dalhart upset Tulia, 52-42, to lock in the No. 3 playoff seed and throw Dimmitt and Tulia into a playoff for the 1-AAA championship.

The Bobcats and Hornets will meet for a third time Thursday night at 7:30 at "the Box" at West Texas A&M, Canyon. The winner will be the district champion and will have a bye in the bi-district round of the state playoffs. The loser will meet Littlefield in bi-district Tuesday night at Wayland's Hutcherson Center.

The Rangers turned the Bobcats every way but loose Friday night. The Bobcats led by 15-13 after the first quarter, thanks to a 16-ft. baseliner by Matthew Sandoval with three seconds left, and they still led by 25-20 at halftime, with Sammy Prieto and Daniel Flores scoring all of Dimmitt's second-quarter points.

The score was knotted at 32-32 at the end of the third period, during which Flores scored six of Dimmitt's seven points on two long bombs.

In a furious fourth quarter, Taylor Matthews sparked the Bobcats with 12 points off of rebounds, inside moves and free throws, while Daniel Proffitt got a transition basket on an inbounds steal, and Keevin Sanders sank a pair of free throws.

Flores scored the final basket in regulation play, a driving layup with 44 seconds left, then he came back with the play of the game to possibly save it for the Bobcats.

After Flores' basket tied the score at 50-50, Perryton was running down the clock for a final shot when Flores tipped the ball out of the Ranger guard's hands near the time line, made a diving recovery and immediately called a time-out while lying

on the floor. The clock was stopped with 12 ticks left.

Flores took the final shot, but the taller Rangers wouldn't give him a decent look, and the ball rimmed out to send the game into overtime.

Flores provided the heroics in the OT period, too, as both teams scored all their points from the free-throw lines.

Flores started the OT with two freebies to make it 52-50, but Perryton's Cody Merrell and Cuyler Dear countered with three of four to give the Rangers a one-point lead.

With 1:24 left, Merrell fouled out and Flores came through with two more nothing-but-net free shots to make it 54-53.

After Dimmitt's defense got the ball back on an out-of-bounds turnover at the 1:00 mark, the Bobcats stalled to the 17-second mark, when Jaren Cunningham intentionally fouled Flores.

After Flores sank the first shot to make it 55-53, the Rangers called time out. The play worked because Flores missed his second one, and Perryton got the rebound.

The Rangers worked for a final tying shot, but missed it. Sanders rebounded and was fouled with two seconds remaining. He sank both free throws to give the Bobcats their final victory margin.

"Perryton had a lot to play for, but I felt like our kids just willed that win for themselves—they showed a lot of character," Bobcat Coach Alan Steidle said. "We didn't have to win that game; we were in the playoffs regardless, but our kids just refused to lose."

He added, "Here recently, Keevin (Sanders) and Sammy (Prieto) have been our offensive leaders, and Daniel (Proffitt) has had a game or two where he was our offensive leader."

"Perryton put two of their better defenders on Keevin and Sammy, and that opened up Taylor (Matthews) and Daniel (Flores), and those two were the guys who were able to get the shots and make the points for us in that game."

"That shows something about our kids," Steidle added. "You can

maybe bottle up one or two, but when you do, the others will beat you."

"That's the strength of our team this year—they're making that extra pass to the open guy, and they're mixing it up better between our inside and outside shooters. And that's hard to defend."

He added, "I'm just looking for the day when we get five of them clicking in the same game."

Matthews got 10 rebounds and eight floor credits to go with his 17 points.

Flores, while scoring 17 himself, dished out seven assists and had 10 floor credits.

Proffitt led in floor play with 13 credits, and also got five caroms.

Prieto picked up seven rebounds and had 10 floor credits and nine points despite being dogged throughout the game by a taller defender.

Sanders also accounted for seven rebounds, and added seven credits to go with his seven points.

Bobbies edge Owlettes in practice game

Carol Summers swished seven of seven three-point shots and three of four free throws as the Bobbies topped the Hale Center Owlettes in overtime here Friday night, 65-60.

Heather Black added 21 points to the Dimmitt cause, including two of three three-point bombs.

The Bobbies needed every point they could get as the Class AA Owlettes pushed them to a 56-56 tie in regulation and forced an overtime behind a 38-point effort by Jameta Clark.

"I was thrilled with the way we played," Bobbies Coach Tim Gilliland said. "They have a good team. You've got to be happy about pulling out an overtime win."



CLOSING IN—Dimmitt's Daniel Flores (20), Taylor Matthews (13, foreground) and Daniel Proffitt (11, right) trap Perryton guard Brett Page in the backcourt following a Perryton rebound in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 1-AAA regular-season finale at Perryton. The game went into overtime, and the Bobcats won it, 57-53. Photo by Don Nelson

More about Playoffs continue for teams . . .

(Continued from Page 1)
Bobcats knocked off Perryton last week. Now the Bobcats will meet Tulia in a playoff to decide who will represent District 1-AAA as the No. 1 seed. That game is slated for tonight (Thursday).

Dimmitt and Tulia split their regular season games, with Dimmitt winning the first battle, 56-51; and Tulia

claiming victory in the second showdown, 61-33.

The Bobcats lost a close battle to Sanford-Fritch in another key District 1-AAA game, and it looked like Tulia would claim the district title as a result.

But in the district finale, Dalhart beat Tulia, 52-42, to force the first-place tie between the Hornets and Bobcats.

The loser of the Dimmitt-Tulia playoff will meet Littlefield in a bi-district playoff Tuesday night at Wayland Baptist University, at either 7 or 7:30, according to Coach Alan Steidle.

Swifts

The 16-7 Swifts captured the District 8-A championship with a perfect 8-0 notch and will face Texline (15-5), the runner-up from District 7-A, in a bi-district playoff Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Tascosa Activity Center in Amarillo.

Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough said Texline is a very quick team, but the Tornados don't have a lot of size.

"They're not very big. They don't have a guy on the roster who's over six feet tall," Scarbrough said. "They like to run the floor and they shoot a lot of three-pointers. They're good shooters. They could present some matchup problems for us defensively."

Texline's key player is Ty VanVranken, the coach's son, according to Scarbrough.

"He's the one that makes them go. He's a real good player," Scarbrough said.

The Swifts have also scheduled a practice game for Saturday night at 7:30, and they'll play Abernathy at Plainview High School.

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Lady Mules end Bobbies' season

The Lady Mules made their inside shots and the Bobbies didn't in Tuesday night's bi-district game in the Plainview High School gym.

That was the difference as Muleshoe won the bi-district title, 49-43, in a furious contest that ended the Bobbies' season.

The Bobbies finished with an 11-21 record and a 5-5 league mark that was good for third place in District 1-AAA.

The Bobbies took command early and led by as many as five points, 9-4 and 13-8, in the first period.

Muleshoe caught up at 13-13 when Britni Gartin popped a three-pointer from the top 33 seconds before half-time, but Kelsey Welch sank a pair of free throws with 30 seconds remaining to put Dimmitt back in front, 15-13, going into the second.

The Bobbies doggedly held onto their lead in the second quarter, mainly on free throws and jumpers, including a trey by Larissa Fuentes. But the Lady Mules, using a four-corner offense with a high post, got their baseline game working and got all their second-quarter points off of layups except for one free throw.

The Lady Mules tied the score at 24-24 on a fast-break layup by Kyla Torres with 1:15 remaining in the second, then served notice by taking the lead for the first time when Bobbie Benham scored another fast-break layup at the buzzer.

Benham's pivotal layup came off of a tip-steal while the Bobbies were working the clock for a final shot.

The game got furious in the third after Gartin and Carol Summers traded three-pointers to open the half.

A free throw by Heather Black tied the score, 29-29, and Black tied it again at 31 on a 16-footer with 4:10 remaining in the period.

But that was to be the last time the Bobbies would be even with the hard-driving Lady Mules the rest of the game.

Muleshoe regained its five-point lead on a trey and a layup by Mindy Heathington and a steal and coast-to-coast layup by Gartin, while Dimmitt got only one basket, a put-up by Black after a rebound.

The Lady Mules held a 38-33 lead before Dimmitt's Tamara Robertson popped an 18-footer from the corner at the 1:52 mark.

The Bobbies got the ball back on a tie-ball and played for one shot, but missed it.

While Muleshoe got six third-quarter points on treys and six on layups, Dimmitt got just two points inside, one on a free throw and the rest on jumpers from 16 to 22 ft.

A 15-footer by Lori Schulte and a steal and coast-to-coast layup by Summers pulled the Bobbies within two again at 39-41 with 5:00 remaining in the game.

The Bobbies' defense came up with five steals in the fourth period,

and also forced a tie and a walk, but the Lady Mules countered Dimmitt's big edge in turnovers by getting most of the defensive rebounds as the Bobbies continued to miss their inside shots.

The Lady Mules built another six-point lead on two more layups, and stretched it to eight, 47-39, before the desperate Bobbies could notch their third and fourth baskets of the quarter—a 16-footer by Summers and a put-up by Robertson.

The Bobbies—who clearly were better at the free throw line—started fouling the stalling Lady Mules with 1:36 still left to play. Muleshoe made only two of four free throws in the stretch, but it was enough to seal a 49-43 win as the Bobbies continued to miss.

"Muleshoe played a great game, and we gave them way too many layups," Bobbies Coach Tim Gilliland said. "We weren't rebounding and we weren't getting back fast enough, and they were sure taking advantage of it."

"I thought we tightened up a little bit in the second half," he added. "We didn't step up and make those big shots, and we gave them too many easy ones."

The Bobbies were 13-of-34 on two-point field-goal attempts (38%) and 3-of-16 from three-point range (19%) for an overall accuracy rate of

32%. At the free-throw line, they hit two-thirds of their shots (8-of-12).

Summers led Dimmitt's scorers with 13 points, while Black and Robertson netted 11 each, Fuentes and Welch added 3 apiece and Schulte scored 2.

Pacing the Muleshoe offense were

Gartin with 14, Heathington with 13 and Field with 10.

Gilliland said the Bobbies made his first year as a head coach a pleasant one.

"I'm proud of the girls," he said. "I couldn't have asked for a better

team. With all the struggle we had, they never lowered their heads. They just kept playing and getting after it, and continued to be coachable, and you can't ask for more than that.

"I thought we came a long way, and that we laid a lot of groundwork for next year, too."



LORI SCHULTE WORKS THE PERIMETER AGAINST HALE CENTER FRIDAY NIGHT ... In background: Dimmitt's Kelsey Welch (31) and Tamara Robertson (10)

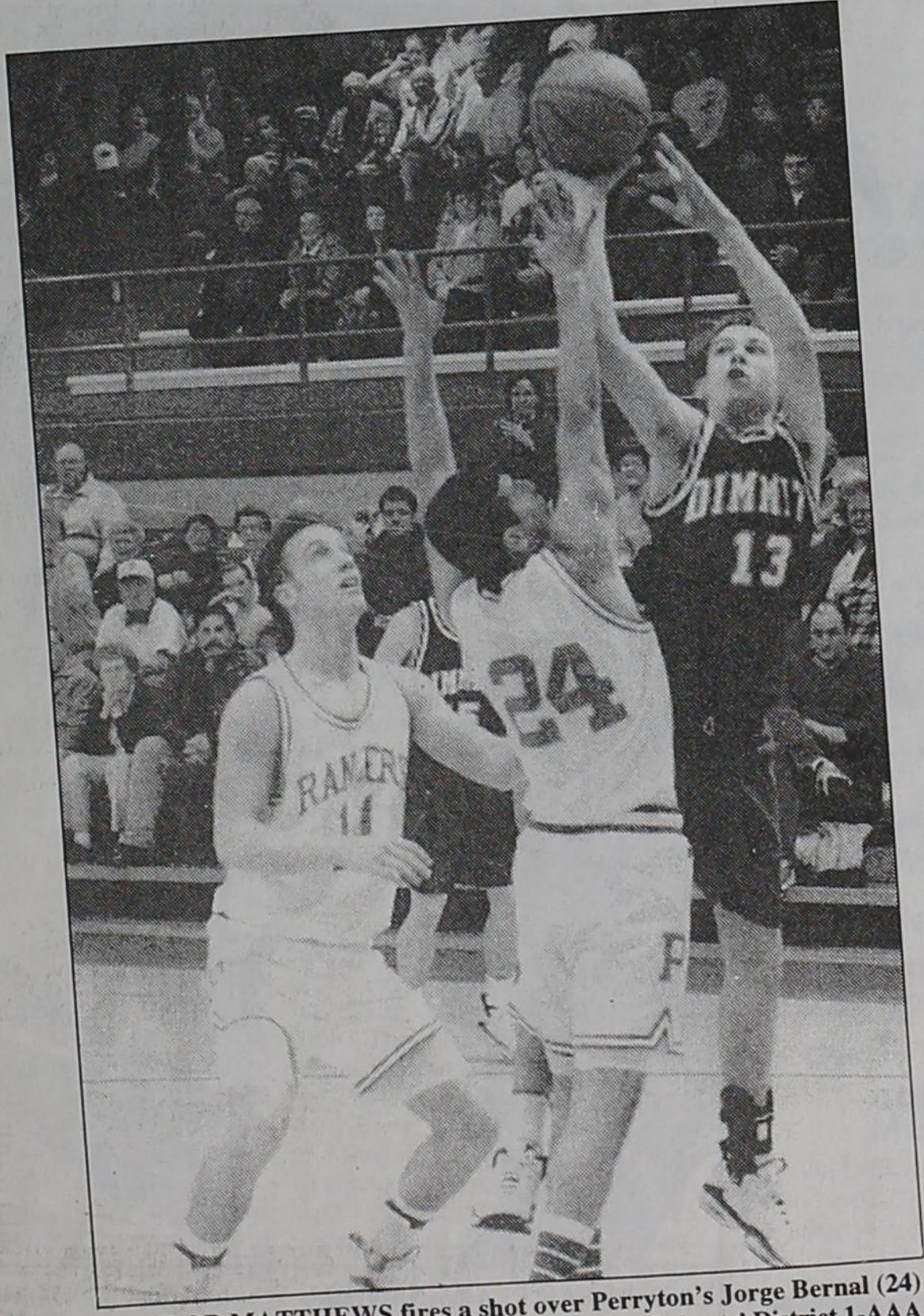
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as you play for the
District Championship!

THURSDAY: Dimmitt Bobcats vs. Tulia Hornets
 7:30 p.m.
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Thanks for an exciting season, Bobbies!

Scores

Bobbies	Bobcats
32, Randall 56	54, Randall 61
32, Levelland 37	69, Levelland 60
31, Borger 66	67, Borger 60
Queen's Classic	74, Farwell 57
27, Plainview 66	60, Hereford 33
62, Vega 69	Pioneer Classic
55, Hale Center 40	67, Estacado 66
35, Hereford 49	47, Hale Center 50
Levelland Invitational	78, Muleshoe 72
40, Idalou 42	Abernathy Tournament
49, Slaton 51	64, Trinity Christian 84
57, Muleshoe 59	40, Muleshoe 45
46, Levelland 50	50, Idalou 38
40, Friona 53	54, Friona 42
46, Lubbock Coronado 85	56, Lubbock Coronado 62
Caprock Tournament	Caprock Tournament
50, Lamesa 32	52, Big Spring 54
40, Shallowater 67	47, Caprock 44
55, Lubbock Estacado 44	61, Seminole 69
45, Caprock 51	55, Littlefield 40
50, Littlefield 34	54, Slaton 41
53, Slaton 50	47, Muleshoe 61
61, Perryton 70	56, Tulia 51
58, Tulia 46	70, River Road 64
75, River Road 70	66, Sanford-Fritch 69
62, Sanford-Fritch 41	65, Dalhart 45
49, Dalhart 34	33, Tulia 61
49, Tulia 62	35, Perryton 32
59, Perryton 66	63, Sanford-Fritch 50
44, Sanford-Fritch 55	73, River Road 44
66, River Road 68	86, Dalhart 62
53, Dalhart 48	57, Perryton 53
65, Hale Center 60	Season Record: 19-8
43, Muleshoe 49	District Record: 8-2
Season Record: 11-21	
District Record: 5-5	



TAYLOR MATTHEWS fires a shot over Perryton's Jorge Bernal (24) and Cuyler Dear (11) in the third quarter of the Bobcats' District 1-AAA game at Perryton Friday night. Playing inside against much taller opponents, the 6-1 Matthews finished with 17 points and 10 rebounds as the Bobcats won in overtime, 57-53. Photo by Kayla Parvin

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Longhorns playoff hopes are crushed by Wolverines

The Hart Longhorns were devastated Tuesday night after seeing their dreams of earning a playoff berth dashed at the hands of the Springlake-Earth Wolverines.

Springlake-Earth beat the buzzer with a shot that gave them the lead, then made a bonus shot on the play to claim a 48-46 victory over Hart in a District 8-A playoff at Sudan.

The two teams, along with Sudan, were tied for second place in District 8-A after the end of the regular season, forcing playoff games to decide who would represent the district as the No. 2 seed.

Sudan was the odd man out on the coin flip, so Springlake-Earth and Hart squared off in Game 1 of the two-game playoff series Tuesday

night. With the win over Hart, the Wolverines will advance to Round 2 of the series, and will meet Sudan tonight (Thursday). The winner will advance to the playoffs, while the loser will lace up track shoes.

Hart ended its season with an 11-17 mark.

Hart's leading scorer was Keith Finch, who poured in a game-high 16 points. Springlake-Earth held Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez to 11 points in the game.

"They did a good job of defending Jeremiah," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant. "He's the best kid I've ever coached. I'm really going to hate losing him and Gabe Carrasco. They

fought hard for us all year."

Springlake-Earth got 13 points from Buck Angeley and another 8 from Quade Furr.

The Wolverines jumped out to an early 13-10 lead in the first quarter and were able to remain a step ahead of the Longhorns in the second quarter.

After Springlake-Earth managed a 27-22 halftime lead, Hart regrouped during the break and came out on fire in the second half, outscoring the Wolverines 12-8 to cut the lead to a point.

Finch was behind the third-quarter surge, exploding with nine points in the stanza.

Hart gained the lead late in the fourth quarter, but a couple of missed shots and fouls in the final two minutes prevented the Longhorns from putting the game on ice.

"With two minutes left we had the ball and a 46-45 lead. We ran about a minute-and-a-half off of the clock, then threw up a bad shot," said Hart Coach Todd Bryant. "They go down and lose control of the ball and during the scramble for control we get called for a foul."

The Wolverines weren't able to cash in on the free throw, but they were able to regain possession of the ball with four seconds left. Hart still held its 46-45 lead.

"They inbound the ball and reverse it two times in three seconds before this kid puts a shot up with a second left. He makes the shot and we were called for a foul. He made the free throw to give them the 48-46 lead," Bryant said. "I thought we had good defense on the play. We went straight up... but we got the foul."

Hart shot 21 free throws in the game and made 17 of those, and Bryant said the Longhorns made 100% of their charity tosses in the critical fourth quarter (8-of-8), but the early missed shots became a major factor down the stretch.

"This was a good game. The kids fought hard and they played well," Bryant said. "Building a basketball team is like climbing a ladder. We've made it past a couple of rungs and we're on the way up. I think we're headed in the right direction and I think we'll be producing a playoff team soon."

"I'd like to thank the community of Hart for its support this year. It's meant a lot to the team."



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS—The Nazareth Swiftettes hoist the Class A bi-district trophy they earned Tuesday night with a 91-26 win over Texline at Dumas. Nazareth advances to the area round of

the playoffs, where they will meet Fort Elliott tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



HART'S JEREMIAH VELASQUEZ (5) battles a pack of Wolverines for a rebound Tuesday night when the Longhorns and Springlake-Earth squared off in round one of a round robin to decide who gets to advance to the playoffs. Hart's season ended Tuesday when the Wolverines sank a last-second shot and made a free to claim a 48-46 win. Hart finished with an 11-17 record. Velasquez had 11 points in the game.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Swiftettes smother Texline to claim bi-district crown

Texline scored the first basket of the game Tuesday in its Class A bi-district playoff against Nazareth. Those two points were the only ones the Lady Tornadoes would see for more than the next 14 minutes.

The Lady Tornadoes enjoyed that 2-0 lead less than 10 seconds before Nazareth tied the game on a jumper by Stephanie Thiel.

Thiel's shot signaled the beginning of a 50-0 Swiftette run that culminated in a 91-26 playoff win for Nazareth.

"We played really well," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "Things went smoothly and the girls did everything they were supposed to do."

Nazareth shooters connected on 38-of-67 attempts from the field Tuesday, and nine of those were three-pointers. Texline struggled from the field, especially in the first half. After hitting just 2-of-14 attempts over the first 16 minutes of action, the Lady Tornadoes improved their production in the sec-

ond half and finished with 10-of-32 shooting.

Texline ended its season with an 18-5 mark. Nazareth improved to 28-5 with the win.

The Swiftettes advance to the area round of the playoffs and will face Fort Elliott tonight (Thursday) in the playoff game. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m. at Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

A smothering press allowed the Swiftettes to keep the ball on their end of the floor for most of the first half.

The entire first half belonged to Nazareth, thanks to that defense. The Swiftettes forced Texline into 24 first-half turnovers and 35 for the game.

Nazareth defenders anticipated every Texline pass and attempted drive, shutting down their opponents' offense completely in the first half.

Texline's Andra French scored on an inside post move seconds into the game Tuesday, giving her team a 2-0 lead.

That lead vanished seconds later.

Swiftette shooters made 11 of their 24 shots from the field in the first quarter, including four from three-point land, to take a 27-2 lead in the stanza.

Nazareth continued its domination in the second period, holding Texline scoreless until the final minute-and-a-half of the first half.

After the Nazareth offense reeled off 50 unanswered points, its defense

gave up only its second basket of the game when Samantha Crum connected on a layup. Texline would add one free throw late in the quarter, but by then the game was out of reach and the Swiftettes were in command, 55-5.

The Lady Tornadoes were resuscitated during the break and they more than doubled their first-half scoring in the first two minutes of the second half.

Nazareth was still able to top Texline's offensive production in the stanza, outscoring their foes 19-11, and the Swiftettes led 74-17 after three quarters.

Torri Howell added five points in the fourth quarter, but Nazareth's defense continued to control the game.

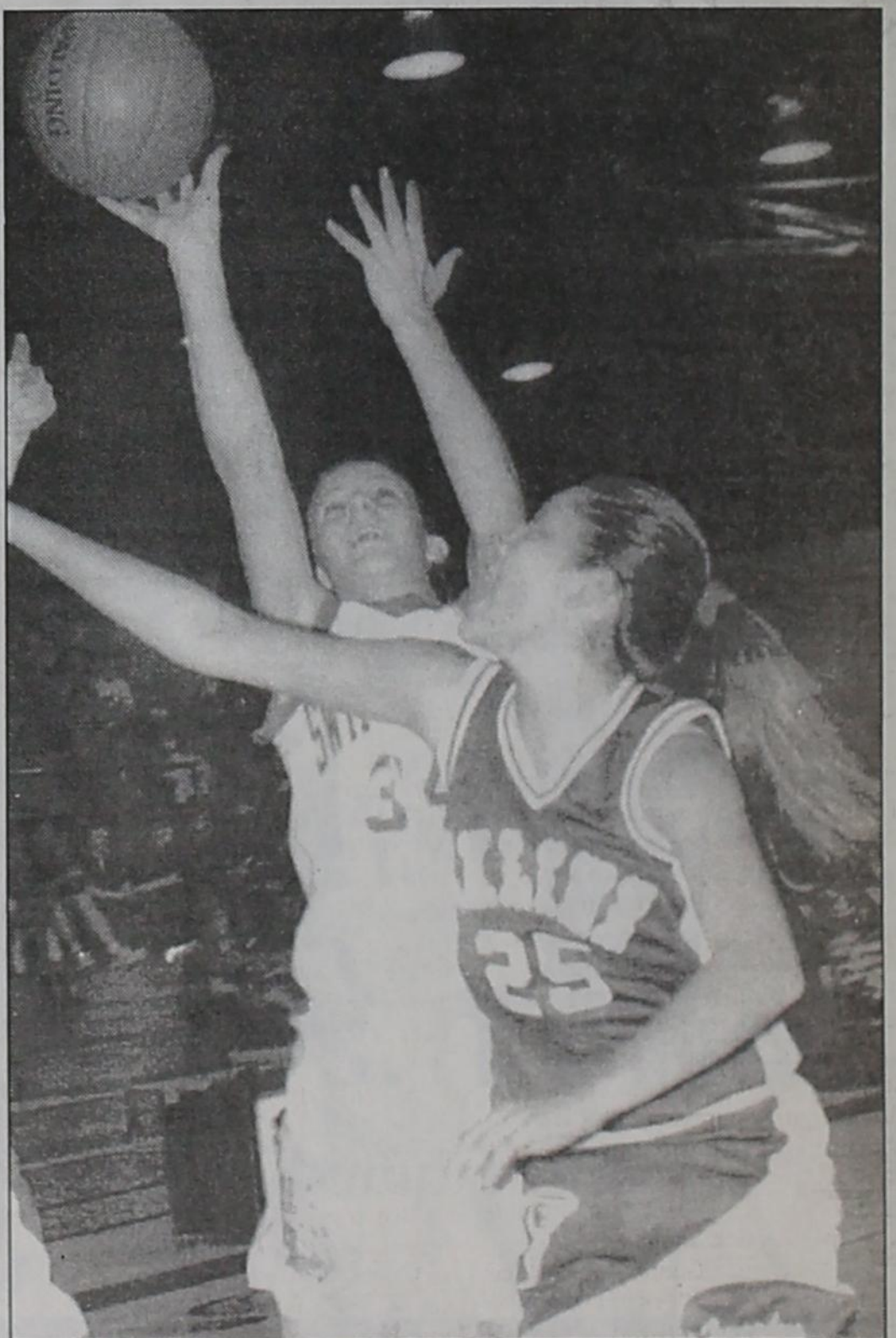
Four Swiftettes finished with double figure scoring in the game, with Cassie Birkenfeld leading the pack with 23 points. Shawna Gerber finished with 19, Stephanie Thiel had 15 and Whitney Hoelting added 11.

For Texline, Howell finished with 11 points.

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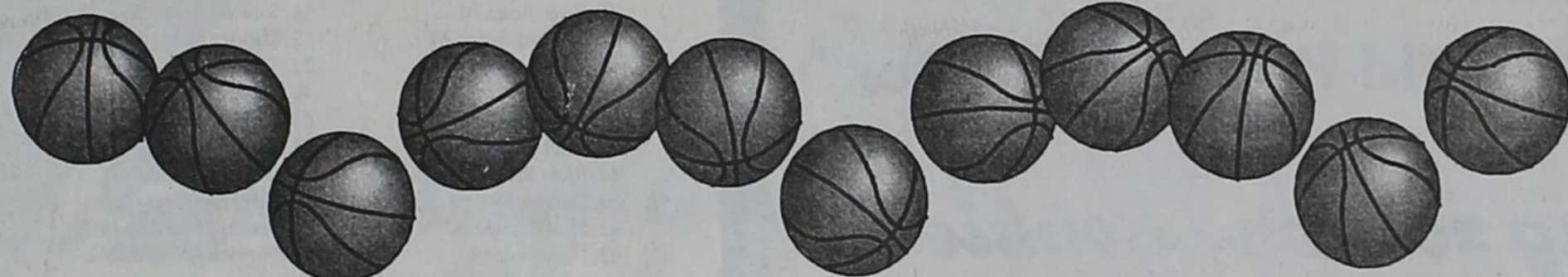
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FAST-BREAK PLAY—Nazareth's Whitney Hoelting (34) caps a steal with a fast-break layup Tuesday despite the defensive efforts of Texline's Mary Gutierrez. The Swiftettes played a version of keep-away with Texline Tuesday, seldom allowing the Lady Tornadoes to get past the time line in the first half. Nazareth's defense recorded more than 20 steals in the first half alone and ran off 50 unanswered points in the first half as they coasted to a 91-26 bi-district win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



Good Luck, Swiftettes & Swifts!

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THURSDAY: Swiftettes' Class A Area Playoff
Swiftettes vs. Fort Elliott
6:30 p.m., Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo

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SATURDAY: Swifts' Practice Game
Swifts vs. Abernathy
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Nelson, Schulte and Robb exhibit grand champions

Shawn Nelson, Ross Schulte and Trinity Robb were rewarded for months and months of work with their animals Friday when judges selected their steer, barrow and lamb, respectively, as grand champions of the Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

Nelson captured the grand champion plaque with his 1,160-pound cross and also took home the reserve grand champion hardware after his 1,265-pound cross was selected as second-best in the show.

Robb's 119-pound mediumweight medium wool earned grand champion honors in the lamb show while Mary Bradley showed her 129-pound mediumweight finewool cross to the reserve grand championship.

The grand champion barrow, a 260-pound heavyweight cross, was driven by Ross Schulte. Garrett Kleman's 260-pound heavyweight Hampshire was named the reserve grand champion of the show.

Here are complete results from Friday's show:

STEER SHOW

Grand Champion: Shawn Nelson.
Reserve Grand Champion: Shawn Nelson.
Senior Showmanship: Shawn Nelson.
Junior Showmanship: Dennis Underwood.

English Breed: 1. Dennis Underwood, 2. Meggie Lemons.

Cross Breed: 1. Shawn Nelson, 2. Shawn Nelson, 3. Meggie Lemons, 4. Taylor Matthews, 5. Taylor Matthews.

LAMB SHOW

Grand Champion: Trinity Robb.
Reserve Grand Champion: Mary Bradley.
Junior Showmanship: Raynee Bradley.
Senior Showmanship: Cliff Wright.

FINEWool

Breed Champion: Bryce Pohlmeier.
Reserve Breed Champion: Adam Acker.
Lightweight: 1. Bryce Pohlmeier, 2. Jinna Wright, 3. Dakota Pitcock.
Heavyweight: 1. Adam Acker, 2. Shae Odom, 3. Heather Lindsey.

FINEWool CROSS

Breed Champion: Mary Bradley.
Reserve Breed Champion: Dakota Pitcock.
Lightweight: 1. Carol Summers, 2. Justin Sutton, 3. Chase Hatla, 4. Bryce Pohlmeier, 5.

Jennifer Wilhelm, 6. Kaden Griffith, 7. Houston Sutton, 8. Mark Lange, 9. Brandon Burks.

Mediumweight: 1. Mary Bradley, 2. Dakota Pitcock, 3. Ryan Hunter, 4. Ross Hunter, 5. Shae Odom, 6. Thomas Brockman, 7. Laura Raser, 8. Meggie Lemons, 9. Eric Odom.

Heavyweight: 1. Cliff Wright, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Jonathon Stevens, 4. Jenna Acker.

MEDIUM WOOL

Breed Champion: Trinity Robb.
Reserve Breed Champion: Trinity Robb.
Lightweight: 1. Joshua Hill, 2. Chase Hatla, 3. Ross Hunter, 4. Jennifer Wilhelm, 5. Michael Horn, 6. Curtis Thomas, 7. Beth Horn, 8. Beth Horn.

Mediumweight: 1. Trinity Robb, 2. Lacey Acker, 3. Heather Lindsey, 4. Chauncey Gilbreath, 5. Chauncey Gilbreath, 6. Eric Odom, 7. Michael Horn, 8. Brandon Burks, 9. Lyndee Behrends, 10. Garrett Behrends.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Dustin Thomas, 2. Joshua Hill, 3. Jonathon Stevens, 4. Molly Bradford, 5. Jake Porsch, 6. Brad Lane, 7. Stanton Wethington, 8. Andrew Brockman, 9. Andrew Brockman.

Heavyweight: 1. Trinity Robb, 2. Jenna Acker, 3. Mary Bradley, 4. Sage Annen, 5. Laura Raser, 6. Ryan Hunter, 7. Thomas Brockman, 8. Landon Porsch, 9. Stanton Wethington, 10. Meggie Lemons.

Jumbo: 1. Sage Annen, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Cliff Wright, 4. Lauren Waggoner, 5. Holly Lane, 6. Carol Summers, 7. Justin Sutton, 8. Lyndee Behrends, 9. Van Lindsey, 10. Lacey Acker, 11. Adam Acker.

SOUTHDOWN

Breed Champion: Anna Brockman.
Reserve Breed Champion: Curtis Thomas.
Lightweight: 1. Curtis Thomas, 2. Dustin Thomas, 3. Molly Bradford.
Heavyweight: 1. Anna Brockman, 2. Anna Brockman, 3. Jinna Wright.

BARROW SHOW

Grand Champion: Ross Schulte.
Reserve Grand Champion: Garrett Kleman.
Junior Showmanship: Keli Schulte.
Senior Showmanship: Jeremy Simpson.

CROSS

Breed Champion: Ross Schulte.
Reserve Breed Champion: Aaron Hart.
Lightweight: 1. Jake Porsch, 2. Tanner Self, 3. Orrin McLain, 4. Karis Kleman, 5. Timmy Barnes, 6. Adam Wright, 7. Elizabeth Olvera, 8. Cory Moore, 9. Deacon Buckley, 10. Lee Munoz, 11. Amber Moore, 12. Chelsea Buckley.

Mediumweight: 1. Aaron Hart, 2. Matthew Wright, 3. Zane Farris, 4. Wesley Nutt, 5. Lindsey Martinez, 6. Brittany Nelson, 7.

Klay Clearman, 8. Van Lindsey, 9. Kelsie Jones, 10. Marcos Velasquez, 11. Brittany Flores.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Drew Higgins, 2. Trent Barnes, 3. Evan Huseman, 4. Adrienne Hart, 5. Charley Nutt, 6. Zachary Farris, 7. Brad Lane, 8. Salvador Velasquez, 9. Chauncey Gilbreath, 10. Raynee Bradley, 11. Jeff Corbitt, 12. Brandi Kern, 13. Lindsey Heard.

Heavyweight: 1. Ross Schulte, 2. Macee Schulte, 3. Jeremy Simpson, 4. Mary Bradley, 5. Dennis Underwood, 6. Adam Schulte, 7. Brandy Smith, 8. Raynee Bradley, 9. Bryce Parker, 10. Trinity Robb, 11. Bailey Nutt.

HAMPSHIRE

Breed Champion: Garrett Kleman.
Reserve Breed Champion: Jeremy Simpson.

Lightweight: 1. Tucker Self, 2. Matthew Wright, 3. Logan McLain, 4. Zane Farris, 5. Austin Heard, 6. Blake Jones, 7. Adrienne Hart, 8. Tyler Myatt, 9. Brad Lane, 10. Heather Lindsey.

Mediumweight: 1. Jeremy Simpson, 2. Keli Schulte, 3. Dennis Underwood, 4. Ross Schulte, 5. Holly Lane, 6. Ashley Martinez, 7. Jinna Wright, 8. James Lindsey.

Heavyweight: 1. Garrett Kleman, 2. Jordy Rowland, 3. Adam Wright, 4. Bailey Nutt, 5. Evan Huseman, 6. Blake Jones, 7. Marcos Velasquez, 8. Shelby Wilhelm.

BERKSHIRE

Breed Champion: Eric Odom.
Reserve Breed Champion: Brandy Smith.
Lightweight: 1. Eric Odom, 2. Karis Kleman, 3. Deacon Buckley, 4. Shantell Self, 5. Trent Barnes.
Heavyweight: 1. Brandy Smith, 2. Kendra Huseman, 3. Cassie Price, 4. Wade Price.

CHESTER WHITE

Breed Champion: Tyler Cornett.
Reserve Breed Champion: Corey Lane.
Lightweight: 1. Corey Lane, 2. Bridget Hochstein, 3. Lindsey Martinez, 4. Keshia Smith, 5. Jordy Rowland, 6. Jeff Bennett, 7. Wade Price.
Heavyweight: 1. Tyler Cornett, 2. Rebecca Olvera, 3. Caitlin Huseman, 4. Tanner Self, 5. Zachary Jones, 6. Dustin Venhaus, 7. Nicky Rowland.

YORKSHIRE

Breed Champion: Keli Schulte.
Reserve Breed Champion: Garrett Kleman.
Lightweight: 1. Zachary Farris, 2. Jeff Bennett, 3. Maegan Farris, 4. Jonathon Stevens, 5. Jeff Corbitt, 6. Landon Porsch, 7. Zachary Jones.
Mediumweight: 1. Jill Schulte, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Cliff Wright, 4. Ashley Martinez, 5. Aaron Kern, 6. Logan McLain, 7. Aaron Hart.
Heavyweight: 1. Keli Schulte, 2. Garrett Kleman, 3. Brittany Nelson, 4. Trevor Barnes, 5. Aaron Kern, 6. Timmy Barnes, 7. Dustin Venhaus.

SPOTS

Breed Champion: Maegan Farris.
Reserve Breed Champion: Trevor Barnes.
Lightweight: 1. Eric Odom, 2. Brady Schulte, 3. Chandra Jordan, 4. Cliff Wright, 5. Jeff Stovall, 6. Cassie Price, 7. Chase Foster.
Heavyweight: 1. Maegan Farris, 2. Trevor Barnes, 3. Rebecca Olvera, 4. Chauncey Gilbreath, 5. Brooke Parker.

POLAND CHINA

Breed Champion: Kendra Huseman.
Reserve Breed Champion: Shantell Self.
Lightweight: 1. Landon Porsch, 2. Chandra Jordan, 3. Efen Gomez, 4. Ross Myatt.
Heavyweight: 1. Kendra Huseman, 2. Shantell Self, 3. Nicky Rowland, 4. Shelby Wilhelm.

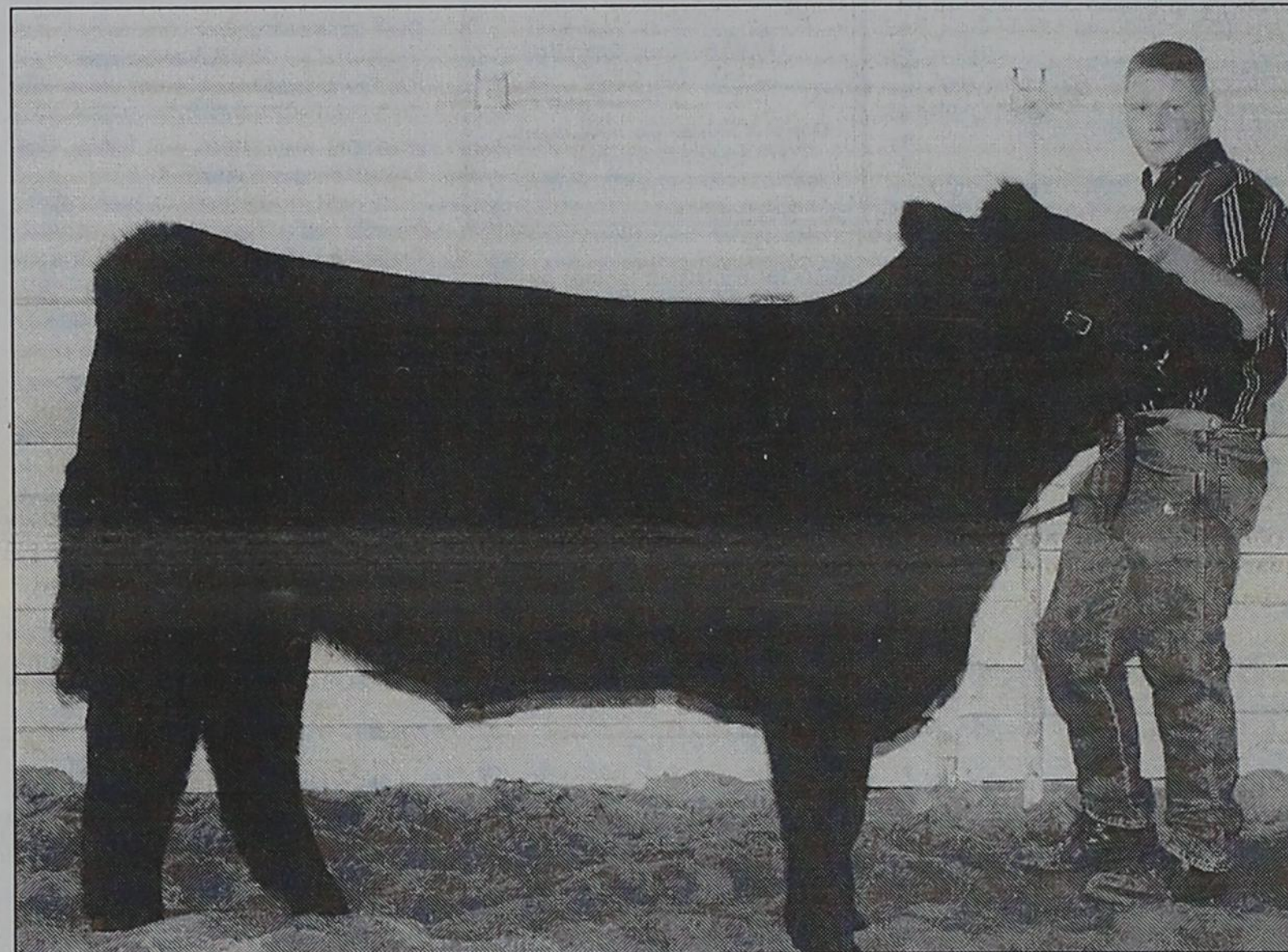
DUROC

Breed Champion: Bryce Parker.
Reserve Breed Champion: Jill Schulte.
Lightweight: 1. Chase Foster, 2. Tucker Self, 3. Kelsie Jones, 4. Cory Moore, 5. Jody Stovall, 6. Jonathon Stevens, 7. James Lindsey, 8. Ross Myatt, 9. Jake Porsch.
Mediumweight: 1. Bryce Parker, 2. Bridget Hochstein, 3. Brandi Kern, 4. Charley Nutt, 5. Macee Schulte, 6. Van Lindsey, 7. Jaime Vilareal, 8. Lindsey Heard, 9. Garrett Behrends, 10. Klay Clearman.
Heavyweight: 1. Jill Schulte, 2. Tyler Cornett, 3. Orrin McLain, 4. Trey Robb, 5. Brooke Parker, 6. Holly Lane, 7. Jinna Wright, 8. Salvador Velasquez.



THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB at this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 129-pound finewool cross shown by Mary Bradley (showing lamb). Bradley's lamb was purchased for \$19 per pound by her grandfather, G.L. Willis (right). Bradley's plaques are being held by Raynee Bradley (left). Also pictured is her uncle, Andy Rogers.

Photo by Anne Acker



SHAWN NELSON earned a bid of \$2 per pound from the Nazareth Buyers' Club for his reserve grand champion cross steer Saturday at the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Sale. The 1,265-pound steer was runner-up behind Nelson's other steer, a 1,160-pound cross. Photo by Joyce Nelson



GARRETT KLEMAN's (kneeling) heavyweight Hampshire was named the reserve grand champion in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show over the weekend, and the barrow earned Kleman a bid of \$8.50 per pound from Valley Sprinkler. Pictured with Kleman are a representative from Valley Sprinkler (standing, right), Kenny Schulte (standing, left) and his sisters, Karis Kleman and Kenley Kleman. Photo by Anne Acker

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TxDOT okays mowing and baling of forage on highway rights-of-way

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said the Texas Dept. of Transportation has notified the Texas Dept. of Agriculture that farmers and ranchers who obtain written approval from TxDOT district offices can mow and bale vegetation on highway rights-of-way in Texas.

"With the miles of highway rights-of-way in Texas, this will be a help to livestock producers whose hay supplies are dwindling due to drought and supplemental feeding starting earlier than usual," Combs said. "We appreciate TxDOT's quick attention to this matter and in assisting our livestock industry."

In January, Combs requested TxDOT's approval for producers to mow and bale highway rights-of-way.

"In addition to providing forage for producers, the potential threat of wildfires is reduced by removing vegetation as a fuel source," Combs said. "And with the Texas Forest Service classifying most of the state in moderate to high wildfire danger, this is another important way to protect our agricultural lands from wildfires."

Producers interested in mowing and baling highway rights-of-way need to contact their district TxDOT office for written permission before any mowing or baling. TxDOT offices can be found at <www.dot.state.tx.us> under "Local Information." They also will be listed on the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's website at <www.agr.state.tx.us> under the "Producer" section.

Mowing and baling is generally restricted to areas along rural roads and other areas that do not create a safety hazard to travelers. The landowner immediately adjacent to the requested rights-of-way has the "right of first refusal" to mow and bale it.

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Announcements**

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY
For County Tax Assessor/Collector:
Billy Hackleman (I)
Marshall Young

For County Constable:
James Dobbs (I)

For Precinct 1 Commissioner:
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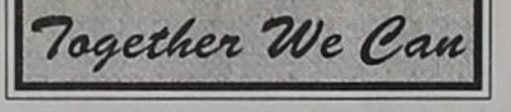
For Precinct 3 Commissioner:
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For County/District Attorney:
Jack Edwards
James Horton
Jerry Matthews (I)

For County Sheriff:
CD Fitzgerald (I)

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for every act of kindness and love during the illness and loss of our mother and sister, Kathleen Foster. Your love, your words of encouragement, prayers, cards, and flowers have uplifted and encouraged us during this time. Our friends in Dimmitt have continued to be an inspiration and blessing to our hearts. Thank you for being so wonderful in every way and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
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ELVIS & TERRY FLORENCE
RICK & MARGARET ANGEL & JAMES
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20—Help Wanted

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Cleveland, Lombard, Odom, Coffey will be honored at April 1 banquet

Lometa Odom, Junior Coffey, Joe Lombard and the late Kenneth Cleveland will be among those recognized when the *Amarillo Globe News* hosts a special banquet honoring the "100 Sports Legends of the 20th Century."

The banquet is slated for April 1 at the Amarillo Civic Center's Grand Plaza Room, and will feature 100 of the greatest sports figures of the 20th Century from the Texas Panhandle. A meet-and-greet reception will be held at 6 p.m. and the banquet is slated to start at 7 p.m.

Kenneth Cleveland

Cleveland coached the Dimmitt Bobcats for 32 years before he died in May 1993 after being struck by lightning.

Born and raised in Coleman, Cleveland was an all-state basketball player. He went on to play for the University of Texas at Austin and was an All-Southwest Conference guard there.

He got his feet wet in the coaching profession when he started his career at Sonora. He moved to Dimmitt in 1961.

During his legendary career at Dimmitt, Cleveland coached 31 all-staters and his teams advanced to state 10 times, winning the state titles in 1975, 1982 and 1983. He won 27 district championships at Dimmitt and won 20 or more games in 29 of his 32 years here.

His career record was 886-276 and is one of the most victorious boys' coaches in the nation.

He earned several coaching honors during his career, including being inducted into the Texas High School Coaches Hall of Fame in 1998. He was a member of the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame. He was named the Class AAA Texas Basketball Coach of the Year in 1983.

Lometa Odom

Odom was the most feared post

forward in Texas from 1950 through 1952 and she led the Dimmitt Bobbies to the state championship in each of those three seasons.

She was named to the all-state team during those three seasons, too. Odom set an all-time single-game individual scoring record in the Bobbies' second-round game against Penelope in the 1952 title game, pouring in 78 points.

Odom went on to play college basketball for the Wayland Baptist University Flying Queens, where she was an all-American.

After graduating from Wayland she coached at White Deer and Plainview High Schools.

Junior Coffey

Dimmitt's district championship football teams of 1958 and 1960 featured the school's first black athlete, Junior Coffey, who was to go on to become an all-American at the University of Washington and play for the Green Bay Packers, Atlanta Falcons and New York Giants.

Coffey earned all-state honors in 1960 as the Bobcats finished the regular season with a 7-3 mark then lost to Olton, 12-15, in the bi-district round.

Before he graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1961, Coffey had garnered statewide recognition in football and basketball. He was named all-state in both sports and was on the high-school All-American team as a fullback. In 1961 he became the first black athlete to play in a Texas UIL state basketball tournament.

Coffey attended the University of Washington on a football scholarship and became an All-American fullback. He played in the Rose Bowl and was the second-leading rusher in the school's history at that time.

Coffey was drafted in 1965 by Coach Vince Lombardi's world champion Green Bay Packers and later played for the Atlanta Falcons

and New York Giants.

After retiring from football in 1970, Coffey settled in Seattle, Wash., where he has built a successful horse-training business.

Joe Lombard

Lombard, one of the most successful high school girls' basketball coaches in Texas, got his start in Nazareth. Before he resigned his position in 1986 to become the head coach of Canyon High School's girls' team, Lombard had coached six teams to state championships in seven years. Lombard's Nazareth teams won the state championship in 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984 and 1985. Two of those teams—the 1984 and 1985 squads—were undefeated.

Lombard coached 16 all-staters in Nazareth during his seven years, and his success didn't stop once he moved on to Canyon.

He has taken several Lady Eagle teams to the Final Four in Austin and has guided many individuals to all-state honors.

Last year, the Canyon girls were undefeated headed into the state championship game, but lost that final game in a heartbreaker.

This year Lombard's nationally-ranked Lady Eagles traveled to California to compete in a national high school tournament in December, and they suffered their first loss of the year—in the tournament's championship.

The Lady Eagles are ranked No. 2 in the state in Class AAAA, losing the top ranking last month when they were upset by cross-town rival Randall High School.

Lombard and his Lady Eagles have since avenged that loss in a big way and many feel they will be in Austin in a couple of weeks, battling for another state title.



REGION I SOLO AND ENSEMBLE Contest winners from Dimmitt Middle School included (front, from left) Todd Jansa, Division I euphonium solo, Caleb Dickerson, Division I trumpet solo, and Justina Navarro, Division I clarinet solo; and (back, from left) Kayla Acker, Division I clarinet solo, Stephanie

Hazel, Division I clarinet solo, Robin Beames, Division II clarinet solo, and Victoria Navarro, Division II clarinet solo. Not shown is Maribel Montiel, who also received a Division I rating for her clarinet solo. The UIL competition was held at the First Christian Church in Amarillo on Feb. 4. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hoop Scores

FEB. 8

Longhorns 47, JV Bobcats 77
Hart Varsity 4 17 12 14—47
Dimmitt JV 22 20 17 18—77
Scoring: HART—Keith Finch 23, Jacob Reyna 10; DIMMITT JV—D. Norman 20, Austin Sherman 12, Brent Josselet 10.

FRIDAY

Bobcats 57, Perryton 53 (OT)
Dimmitt 15 10 7 18 7—57
Perryton 13 8 11 18 3—53
Scoring: DIMMITT—Taylor Matthews and Daniel Flores 17.

PRACTICE GAMES

Bobbies 65, Hale Center 60 (OT)
Hale Center 8 12 27 9 4—60
Dimmitt 13 15 11 17 9—65
Scoring: DIMMITT—Carol Summers 26, Heather Black 21.

Swiftettes 61, Farwell 48

Nazareth 14 6 24 17—61
Farwell 10 9 12 17—48
Scoring: NAZ—Shawna Gerber 18, Cassie Birkenfeld 16.

MONDAY

PRACTICE GAME

Swifts 67, Clarendon 58
Nazareth 10 11 22 24—67
Clarendon 10 19 19 10—58
Scoring: NAZ—Eric Schilling 21, Kade Wilcox 19.

TUESDAY

Class A Bi-District Playoff at Dumas High School
Swiftettes 91, Texline 26
Nazareth 27 28 19 17—91
Texline 2 3 12 9—26

NAZARETH: Cassie Birkenfeld 9 1-3-23; Sara Schulte 4 0-0-9; Shawna Gerber 8 3-3-19; Stephanie Thiel 6 1-1-15; Whitney Hoelting 5 0-1-11; Mandy Hoelting 1 0-2-2; Wendy Black 4 0-0-8; Lindsey Gerber 0 1-2-1. **TOTALS:** 37 6-12-91.

TEXLINE: Andra French 2 1-2-5; Samantha Crum 1 0-1-2; Miranda Andrade 1 0-0-2; Torri Howell 4 1-2-11; Hollye Callis 0 1-2-1; Mary Gutierrez 2 1-2-5. **TOTALS:** 10 4-9-26.

Class AAA Bi-District Playoff at Plainview High School

Bobbies 43, Muleshoe 49
Dimmitt 15 10 10 8—43
Muleshoe 13 13 12 11—49
DIMMITT: Carol Summers 13, Tamara Robertson 11, Heather Black 11, Larissa Fuentes 3, Kelsey Welch 3, Lori Schulte 2.
MULESHOE: Britni Gartin 14, Mindy Heathington 13, Lindsey Field 10, Bobbie Benham 6, Kyla Torres 5, Mindy Lockes 1.

District 8-A Playoff for second seed at Sudan High School

Longhorns 46, Springlake-Earth 48
Hart 10 12 12 12—46
Slake-Earth 13 14 8 13—48
Scoring: HART—Keith Finch 16, Jeremiah Velasquez 11.

Police Calls

A 32-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Feb. 8 on charges of assault/family violence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Also on Feb. 8 a Dimmitt man, 21, was jailed for evading arrest, driving with license suspended, and bond forfeiture.

Saturday, a 23-year-old Amarillo man was jailed for driving with license suspended.

Deputies received a report of telephone harrasment at the Hacker Subdivision at Hart.

Jailed for alcohol related offenses were:

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 28, for DWI, third or more.

—Monday, a 51-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, second offense.

A suspect was stopped last Thursday night for driving under the influence/detectable amount.

Jailed on warrants and court matters during the past week:

—Feb. 8, a 47-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for injury to a child-motion to revoke.

—Feb. 9, a Dimmitt woman, 36, on a warrant for motion to revoke, stemming from charges of theft by check over \$160 and under \$20,000; a Hereford man, 49, on motion to revoke, on DWI, second offense, after court; a 23-year-old Dimmitt man on a Potter County warrant for theft over \$50 and under \$1,500; a 19-year-old Dimmitt man serving time after court for DWI, first offense and possession of marijuana; and after court for a Dimmitt man, 42, for DWI, first offense.

JAIL COUNT

18 inmates were in jail as of Tuesday morning.

An additional seven were housed out in Hale County and Lamb County jails at a cost estimated at \$266 per day. They had been housed out for the entire past week, for an estimated total cost of \$1,862.

What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 17-25.

DIMMITT

Breakfast
THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.

MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast hash brown, pears and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, apple juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Beef taco, Spanish rice, taco condiment salad, corn tortilla and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, cantaloupe and milk.
MONDAY: Fish nuggets, French fries, fruited gelatin and milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger, potato chips, hamburger salad, watermelon and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Beef and bean burrito with chili, taco condiment salad, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Chicken and noodles, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad, banana bread squares and milk.
FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of beef taco, bean chalupe or chicken tetrazzini; Spanish rice, Mexipinto beans or southern collard greens; taco condiment salad, tossed salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken pot pie or nachos with cheese; savory green beans, baked potato or tomato and okra gumbo; cantaloupe, tossed salad or pineapple sunset salad; Fideo Mexicano, crackers or hot cheese rolls; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, beef enchilada with sauce or barbecued hot links on a bun; French fries, vegetable medley, Mexipinto beans or fruited gelatin; taco condiment salad or tossed salad; assorted muffins, Arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or turkey fajita with onions and peppers; potato chips, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad or watermelon; and garlic bread, oatmeal cookies or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef and bean burrito with chili, country fried steak or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwiches or cheese enchilada with sauce; hash brown potatoes, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or guacamole salad; banana bread squares, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast
THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and

milk.
FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
MONDAY: Waffles, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, toast, assorted fruit juice, jelly and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick; variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, ham, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or deluxe burrito; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or hot dog on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued pork patties; wheat rolls, macaroni and cheese, carrot sticks, salad, assorted fresh fruit, royal brownies and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or stromboli; French fries, gelatin dessert, pork and beans, tossed salad and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, pork tamales or chicken enchilada casserole; tortilla pieces, gelatin dessert, corn, salad, pineapple, ice cream, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza hot picket or pizza; green beans, gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, cake with cherry topping and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or nachos with ground beef; sliced pickles, salad, gelatin dessert, peaches,

fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast tacos, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast burrito, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: *Frito pie or hamburger and French fries, cornbread, tossed salad, green beans, pineapple, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Nachos or corn dog, tossed salad, beans, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Enchilada or pizza, salad, Mexican beans, fruit cocktail, orange cake and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or chef's salad, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, pears, Jell-O and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, tossed salad, cooked carrots, grapes, pineapple and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, pinto beans, peaches, gingerbread and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Ham sandwich, turkey sandwich or hamburger; lettuce, potato wedges, corn, applesauce, dessert and milk or juice.

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

Farmers Union holds convention in Dallas

The Texas Farmers Union met in Dallas Jan. 28-29 and dedicated the convention to the memory of long-time member, Dale Schluter.

Delegate members from across the state met to elect leaders and determine policy issues for the coming year.

Major areas of concern for the Texas Farmers Union next year in the Texas Legislature include water rights, the rural economy, the rural tax base and the citizens' responsibilities for societal demands for environmental and conservation regulation and costs.

Special guests of the convention included Larry Mitchell, deputy administrator for farm programs with the Farm Service Agency; David Counts, state representative for District 70 and chairman of the Texas Natural Resource Committee; Texas Speaker of the House James "Pete"

Janey; Kathleen Kelley, president of R-CALF; Dr. Roscoe Smith, district director for Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson; Wes Cowan, executive director of the Senior Texan Employment Program; Wayland Shurley, state executive director of the Farm Service Agency; Steve Carriker, rural development director for the US Dept. of Agriculture; and Leland Swenson, president of the National Farmers Union.

The group also heard from David Velde, general counsel for the National Farmers Union, who spoke on the importance of making appropriate arrangements to transfer ownership of the farm from one generation to the next or between family members.

Dr. Mary Hendrickson from the University of Missouri presented a seminar on market concentration.

County enlists Dover's help in keeping elevator in shape

Recent repair costs to the elevator in the county courthouse have prompted commissioners to enter into a maintenance agreement with Dover Elevator.

Dover Elevator has been maintaining the elevator in the courthouse, and so far the county has had to enlist Dover's services twice this budget year. Total costs for the service calls have been almost \$1,000 so far, and there's still seven months left in this budget year.

"All I know is this elevator is getting older and it seems that we're having more and more problems," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

The elevator is between 30 and 35 years old.

Dover offered to perform regular maintenance checks on the elevator nine times a year, and to perform the required state inspection once a year if the county agreed to purchase a maintenance agreement for \$185.29 per month. The contract will be automatically renewed for five years.

Cost for the annual inspection, which is required by state law, would be \$600, if the county elected to pass on the maintenance agreement.

Commissioners authorized the purchase of an extra-large dry-erase board which will be used to post election returns.

County Judge Irene Miller said she had priced one of the boards at Dimmitt Printing and it would be \$359.

A resident of the Hacker Addition, located just outside the Hart city limits, approached commissioners for help Monday, asking if there was a way the residents of that subdivision could find grant money to install a sewer system or connect with the existing city sewer system.

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Obituaries

Marion Boydston

Marion B. "Cotton" Boydston, 71, of Dimmitt, died at 12:12 a.m. Monday at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Graveside services were held Tuesday morning at West Park Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford. Dr. Nathan Stone of the Fellowship of Believers Church officiated at the service.

Mr. Boydston was born Feb. 14, 1929, in Durant, Okla. He married Iva May Ford on May 28, 1971, in Vernon. He moved to Deaf Smith County in 1971 from Plainview. He served in the US Army during World War II. He was a feedlot construction worker. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Boydston, in 1974.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Marion B. Boydston Jr., Mark Boydston and Roy Boydston, all of Killeen, and Clarence Boydston of Lubbock; four daughters, Patricia Lee Boydston Boyce of Tennessee, Judy Boydston of Turkey, Delene Dalano of Lubbock and Barbara McDaniels of Killeen; a step-son, Red Crump of Boise, Idaho; a step-daughter, Alice Reynolds of Georgia; a sister, Cleo McCluchen of Hereford; a half-sister, Beatrice Williams of Plainview; and 14 grandchildren.

Louise Dallas

Funeral services for Louise Dallas, 73, of Tulia, sister of Arlon Ewing and Lois Waggoner, both of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at the Sixth and Gaines Church of Christ with Dennis Conway officiating. He will be assisted by Tommy Ewing. Burial followed in Tulia's Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dallas was born Aug. 1, 1926, in Swisher County and she graduated from Dimmitt High School. She married Edwin Dallas on Nov. 17, 1945, in Temple. He died on Oct. 31, 1979.

In 1946 she moved to Tulia, where she was manager of the Snack Bar at Tulia Public Schools. She was a member of Sixth and Gaines Church of Christ in Tulia.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita Guhn of Flower Mound and Edwina Duboise of Mineola; a brother, Arlon Ewing of Dimmitt; two sisters, Hettie Story of Las Vegas, N.M. and Lois Waggoner of Dimmitt; four grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Hospice of East Texas, 3800 Paluxy, Suite 560, Tyler 75703; or to the Susan G. Koman Foundation in Dallas.

years. He and his wife, Doris, were owners of Mary Moppets Day School. He loved to play golf and 42 dominoes, was an avid reader and loved Texas and western history.

He was active in the Methodist Men's Association and Jacob's Ladder Reading Program at Gale Pond Alamo Elementary School. He was a member of Highland United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Doris Harrison of Odessa; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Lynn and Cindy Harrison of Odessa; a daughter, Pamela Sue Harrison of Austin; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Cherry Harrison of Maui, Hawaii; his sisters-in-law, Brenda Carr and Darlene Hunsiker; and five grandchildren.

Ella Hendrick

Ella "Pauline" Hendrick, 75, of Plainview died Saturday at Prairie House Living Center.

Funeral services were held Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Plainview with the Rev. Drew Travis, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in the direction of Bartley-Silva Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hendrick was born Aug. 6, 1924, in Dodson. She was a member of Rebecca's Lodge and the President's Club of Avon.

She lived in Levelland for 20 years before moving to Plainview. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Rita Guhn of Dallas and Lynn Trimble of Plainview; a brother, Leroy "Bo" Owens of Amarillo; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Rebecca's Lodge.

Mike Jimenez

Graveside services for Mike Jimenez, 55, of Hereford, formerly of Dimmitt, were held Friday at St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Jimenez died last Wednesday, Feb. 9, at his home.

He was born Feb. 21, 1944, in Pleasanton. He moved to Deaf Smith County in 1975 from Dimmitt. He was a farmer and a member of San Jose Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Berta Jimenez of Hereford; three sons, Ernie Jimenez of San Antonio, Joseph Jimenez and Andy Jimenez, both of Lubbock; four daughters, Dianna Lopez of Harlingen, Joanna Garcia of Brownsville, Janie Jimenez of Harlingen and Debbie Garcia of LaFeria; a sister, Maria Flores of Lubbock and 11 grandchildren.

Ruby Mae Ramsey

Ruby Mae Ramsey, 96, of Dimmitt, died Monday at 7:45 a.m. at Amarillo.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with the Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Ramsey was born Sept. 11, 1903, in Fannin County. She married Jim Ramsey in June 1937. He died in 1976.

Her parents moved to Texas in the 1890s from Rutledge, Tenn. She attended schools in Fannin County. She moved to Dimmitt in 1952.

She was a cafeteria worker in the Dimmitt Independent School District for 15 years until her retirement. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and a sister. She also was preceded in death by her first husband, Lem Pitts, in 1929.

Survivors include two daughters, Nancy Cranford of Virginia Beach, Va., and Brenda Truitt of Santa Fe, N.M.; three sons, Charles Pitts of Amarillo, John B. Pitts of El Paso and Lloyd Pitts of Dallas; four sisters, Oleta Hance and Phoebe Claborn, both of Dimmitt, Dacy Webster of Mabank, and Dale Madison of Savoy; 15 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Pennies are sought for Leukemia fund

Students at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School are collecting pennies to donate to the Leukemia Society of America.

If the students meet their goal of \$1,200, Principal Clint Seward has agreed to dress like a girl and appear before an assembly of the students at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. The public also is invited to the assembly.

The students have been collecting pennies for over two weeks now, and parents are urged to continue sending the copper coins to school. The project had raised just over \$1,000 as of Tuesday afternoon.

Donations from any interested person would be more than welcome, according to Jennifer Howell, RES

counselor, who organized the drive. She said she has had lots of help from Brenda Porsch and Ronda Wise, as well as GT students who have made announcements at school about the project. She also noted that First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, has helped by accepting the deposit of the large number of coins and by loaning a coin counter.

The class that raises the most money will win a pizza party. So far, the leader is Connie Merritt's third grade class.

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Rayna M. Taylor

Funeral services for Rayna M. Taylor, 19, of South Euclid, Ohio, the granddaughter of Reyes and Ramona Sandoval of Dimmitt, were held Saturday at Christ the King Catholic Church in East Cleveland, with arrangements by DiCicco & Sons Funeral Home in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

Miss Taylor died Feb. 8. She collapsed in her home as the result of blood clots in her lungs, according to her family. They said she did not have a history of medical problems.

She was born March 10, 1980, in Cleveland and graduated from Brush High School in 1998. She was a student at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, where she was attending on an athletic scholarship. She was a middle hitter and a leading player on the volleyball team for two years, and was named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Year in 1998, leading the team with 123 blocks and finishing second with 255 kills. She was ranked among the conference leaders with 262 kills and 114 blocks last season.

While at Brush High School, she was named to *The Plain Dealer* Cuyahoga County All-Star Volleyball Team and was an All-District center in basketball. She had served as a captain of the volleyball team.

Miss Taylor also was a model with the Barbizon Agency in Independence.

She is survived by her parents, Bruce and Yolanda Taylor of South Euclid; two brothers, Monte and Daniel, both of the home; and grandparents, Violet Calhoun of Cleveland, Auburn Taylor of Los Angeles, Calif., and Reyes and Ramona Sandoval of Dimmitt.

Pallbearers were Monte Taylor, Bruce Taylor, Terry Williams, Jeremy Staples, Rey Sandoval Jr., Jorge Sandoval, Nicholas S. Salinas, Sam Brinson, and Eddie Bailey.

Yasmine Silva

Graveside services for Yasmine Ann Silva, infant daughter of Bobby and Yesenia Silva of Plainview, were held Wednesday afternoon at Dreamland Cemetery in Turkey.

Burial followed under the direction of Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Turkey.

The infant was born Jan. 13 in Plainview. She died Sunday.

Survivors include her parents; her grandparents, Juan and Juana Arredondo of Dimmitt and Linda Silva of Turkey; and her great-grandparents, Barbara Galvan of Turkey and Alvino and Juanita Mena of Mexico.

Thomas Harrison Jr.

Funeral services for Thomas Earl Harrison Jr., 72, of Odessa, former Dimmitt resident, were held Tuesday morning at Highland United Methodist Church with the Rev. Johann Neethling officiating.

Burial followed in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Mr. Harrison died Saturday at Medical Center Hospital.

He was born Oct. 18, 1927, in Stamford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.E. Harrison Sr. He grew up in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School. He graduated from McMurry University and returned to Dimmitt, joining his father in the Harrison Insurance Agency. He later left the insurance business to go into full-time teaching.

He was a physical education and history teacher for Ector County Independent School District for 30

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