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Cotton gins are running last leg of '98 harvest race

Cotton gins are running non-stop, trying to finish up this season's crop before Christmas, and most should wind things up over the next couple of weeks.

Mother Nature hasn't been kind to producers, but most have been able to not only salvage a crop battered by the elements, but have harvested a good one.

First, farmers had to deal with a devastating, summer-long drought.

Then, when harvest was beginning to take off, a wet spell set in, bringing heavy rains, hail and high winds across the area, halting harvest and putting a damper on producers' spirits. The lack of a hard freeze this fall also has caused a few problems.

Things have dried out now—at least for the time being—and farmers have been stripping cotton with gins running round-the-clock, although forecasters are predicting another chance for wet weather this week and that could slow things down once again.

Of the cotton that has been harvested and ginned, most looks good, although some has a short staple which makes it less attractive to buyers.

Yields across the county are ranging from three-quarters of a bale to as much as three bales per acre. The average yield is around two bales.

"Everything is going our way right now, but we still need more dry weather," said Randall Small, manager at Castro Co-op Gin. "I don't think we'll get through by Christmas—I hope we do, but I don't think it'll happen. The earlier rains stopped the strippers, but it didn't really slow

down our ginning. We still have three of our regular customers stripping cotton. Some like several acres and one has about 10 days left.

"Everybody's been pleased with how harvest is going so far," Small said. "Grades are holding their own. The biggest problem we've seen is the short staple. It's a little hard to sell."

Monty Phillips at Hart Producers Co-op Gin said his facility still has about 700 modules left to gin and only one customer that he knows of is still stripping.

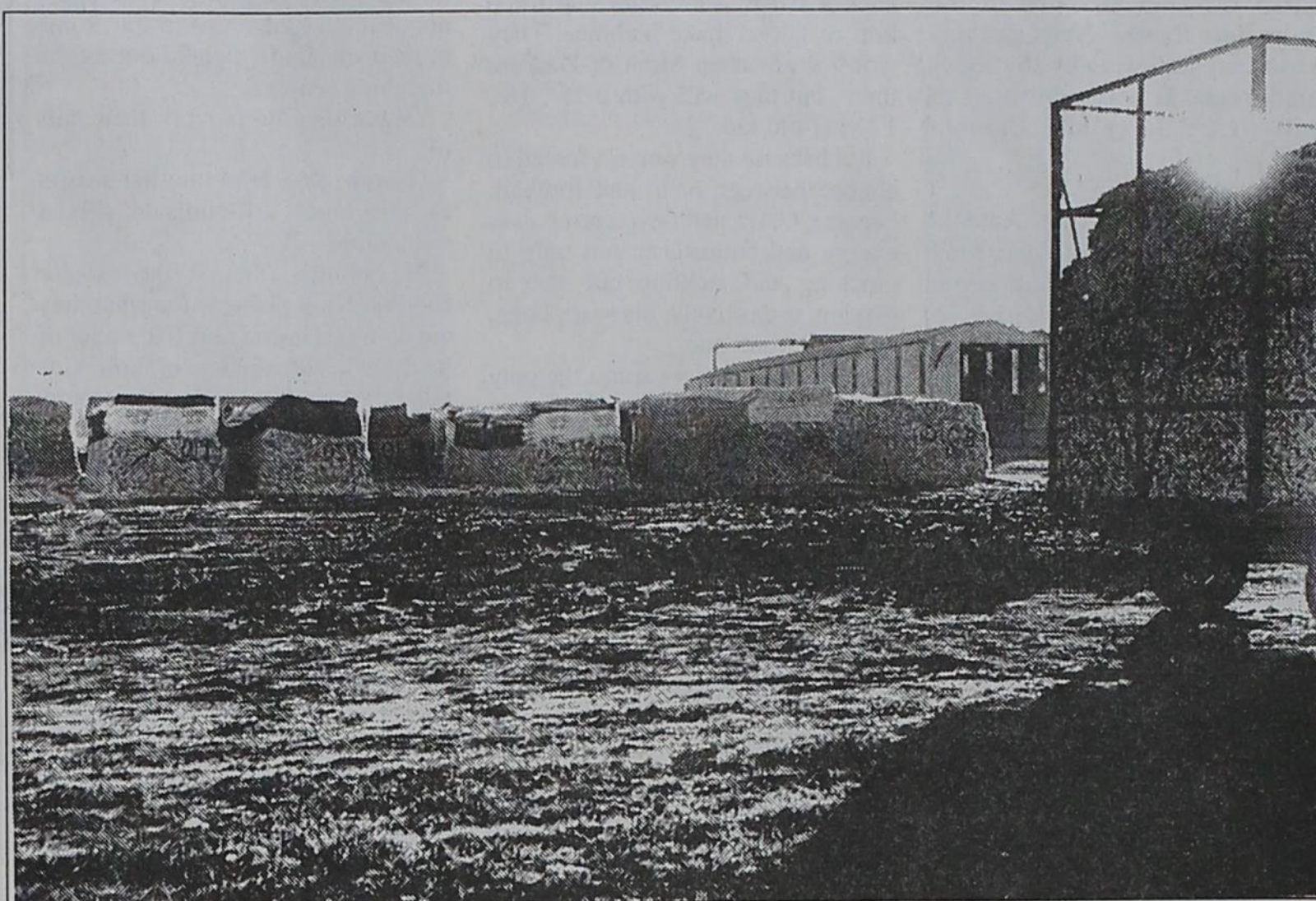
"We're hoping to wrap things up by Dec. 18," Phillips said.

In the Hart area, Phillips said about 5,000 acres of cotton was destroyed by Mother Nature, but the cotton that was left has been good.

"Yields have been real good this year, even on some of the hailed-on cotton," Phillips said. "We've seen a lot of 2-1/2-bale yields and some three-bale yields. That's a little above normal."

Small said customers in his area have been reporting yields between 2-1/2 and 2.8 bales per acre, which are "up from what we were expecting."

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COTTON HARVEST in the county is winding down, and area gins are hoping to finish their work within 10 days or at least by Christmas time. Here, the morning sun

glints through a cotton trailer on the lot at Castro Co-op Gin in Dimmitt. Parts of the lot show muddy ruts from recent rains that held things up for a little while.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

County Bale Count:

61,200

As of Tuesday afternoon

Bruegel Bros. Gin
Castro Co-op Gin, Inc.
Dodd Gin
Hart Producers Co-op Gin
North Gin of Dimmitt
Royston Gins
Sunnyside Gin

1:1

By Don Nelson

The state tree of Texas is the pecan. (Bet you knew that.)

The state flower is the bluebonnet. (Bet you knew that.)

The state bird is the mockingbird. (Bet you knew that.)

The state gemstone is the topaz. (Maybe you knew that.)

And the state shell is the lightning whelk. (Bet you didn't know that.)

I didn't know that either, until just recently.

If you're 30 or older, you didn't learn about the state shell in history class. We've had a state shell only 11 years.

Mildred Tate of Lake Jackson, in the Brazosport area, originated the idea of a state seashell in 1986. She enlisted the aid of the Brazoria County Commissioners' Court, the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, and state legislators from the coastal area.

The main argument in favor of this particular seashell was that the lightning whelk is found only on the west coast of the Gulf of Mexico.

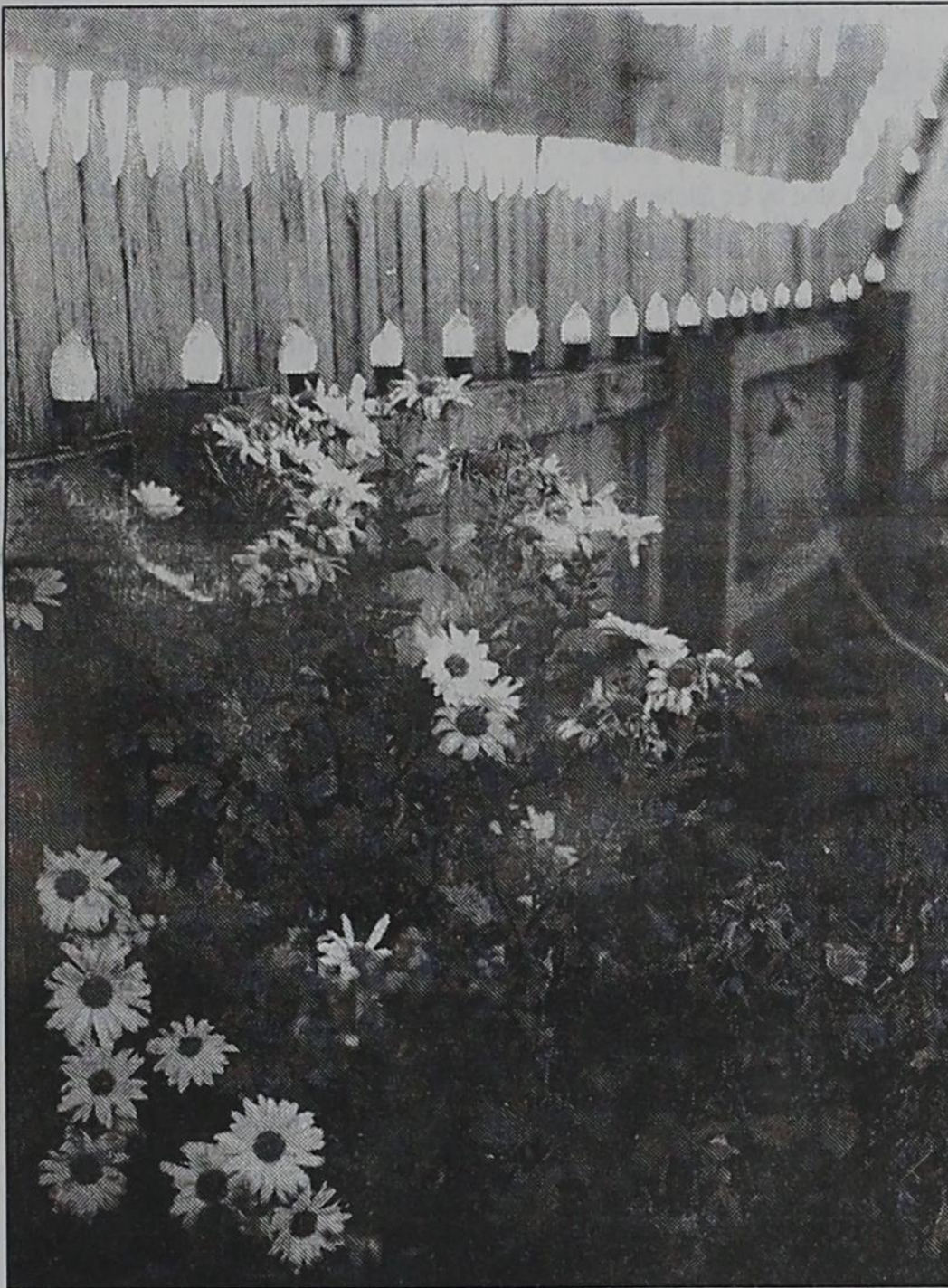


On April 22, 1987, Gov. Bill Clements signed a joint resolution making the lightning whelk the official shell of Texas.

The person who clued me in on the existence of a state shell, and how its designation came about, was Dr. Glen Eckols of Jasper. He was in town to visit his sister, Joyce Adrian, L.V.N., and came by my office.

The "Dr." in front of his name stands for Doctor of Theology. He's a retired Methodist minister, former chaplain of Houston's Methodist Hospital and former pastor of St.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND SUMMER FLOWERS—Daisies and other flowers more usually associated with warmer weather are still blooming around the area, awaiting a hard freeze to finish them off. These blooms and bulbs are in the yard of Don and Ginger Scarborough at 219 NW 12th in Dimmitt. The weatherman expects another cold front this weekend, but a killing frost is not expected.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Pheasant season will open Dec. 12

The wily pheasant is searching for cover this week, trying to hide from hopeful hunters who are expected to flock to Castro County on Dec. 12 for opening day of pheasant season.

Pheasant seasons opens 30 minutes before sunrise on Dec. 12 and will continue through Dec. 27, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife.

Daily bag limit is three cock pheasants.

Counts are expected to be good in the northern panhandle and along the coastal prairie, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife. Hunter success is expected to be normal to slightly above normal, although areas in the Central and Southern Panhandle have had poor reproduction and poor adult survival. Hunter prospects in these regions is expected to be below normal.

Hundreds of hunters settle in Castro County on opening weekend each year, with many signing up for organized, guided hunts sponsored by the Lions Clubs in Hart, Nazareth and Easter.

Other hunters lease land from private individuals and the Dimmitt

Chamber of Commerce is where hunters look to for information about available lands.

"If you have land to lease for pheasant hunting, let me know at the Chamber. We always have last minute calls from hunters," said Dimmitt Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Wednesday	74	33	
Thursday	63	38	
Friday	73	37	
Saturday	75	38	
Sunday	73	38	
Monday	54	37	.35
Tuesday	65	38	
Wednesday	63	41	

November Moisture 1.37
December Moisture 0.00
1998 Moisture 17.59
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

242nd District Court grand jury indicts six

The 242nd District Court Grand Jury met Nov. 24 and issued six indictments.

Michael Justin Winders, 21, of Earth, was charged with burglary of

a habitation and his bail was set at \$10,000. The charge stated that on Aug. 13 he entered a habitation with the intent to commit theft.

Joe R. Tapia, 39, of Dimmitt, was

indicted for possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and under 4 grams. Bail was set at \$7,500. The charge stated that on Nov. 21 he possessed cocaine.

Indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 was Kenneth Strange, 43, of Amarillo. The charge stated that on April 30, 1997, he did unlawfully appropriate by acquiring or otherwise exercising control over property (money) with the intent to deprive the owner, the Dimmitt Independent School District. His bail was set at \$5,000.

Bail was set at \$5,000 for Theresa Flores, 27, of Plainview, who was indicted for forgery. The charge stated that on May 15 she passed a forged writing in the amount of \$132.76.

Francisco Javier Ruiz, 33, of Hereford, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third offense, and bond was set at \$1,500. The charge stated he was stopped on Oct. 26, with prior convictions in 1995 and 1996.

DWI, third offense, also was the charge against Danny Carbajal, 24, of Hereford, whose bail was set at \$1,500. The charge stated that he was stopped Nov. 13, with prior convictions in 1992 and 1993.

Angel Tree applications must be turned in Friday

Friday is the last day that local needy families may fill out an application to be included in the "Angel Tree" project, which will help supply Christmas gifts for children under age 11.

To qualify for the project, the family must show financial need. Applications may be picked up at area churches, the Panhandle Community Services office or the office of the Texas Dept. of Human Services. Those chosen for participation in the project will be selected by Dec. 9.

The "Community Angel Tree" project is being sponsored again this year by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and administered by the PCS office.

Chosen names will be placed on the "Angel Trees" that will be set up

at First United Bank of Dimmitt; First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch; and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. Each "Angel" will have a child's first name, age and gift desired.

Persons interested in purchasing a gift are asked to select one or more "Angels," purchase the requested gift (\$20 range), and take the "Angel" and wrapped gift to PCS by Dec. 21.

Church and civic groups may wish to select more than one "Angel" to sponsor. If a group wishes to sponsor a family of children, they may contact PCS to obtain additional information.

Family members of selected children will be notified and will need to pick up the children's gifts on Dec. 23 at PCS or First Baptist Church of Hart for Hart residents.



FRIENDSHIP WREATH—This quilt, *Friendship Wreath*, was created by the Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt and it earned a second-place award and \$700 at the International Quilt Festival in Houston recently. Among the quilters who hand a hand in the patchwork stitchery are (front row, from left)

Winona Franks, Cassa Beddow and Cenci Hardee and (back row, from second left) Joyce Davis and Yvonna Hays. The quilt was raffled off and winner of the quilt was Jean Dean of Midland (back row, left).

Courtesy Photo



Get your Santa letters turned in!

School children in the county were supposed to have their Santa letters turned in by Wednesday (Dec. 2), so that the *Castro County News* can forward them on to Santa in time for Christmas.

Pre-schoolers still have until Dec. 11 to bring their letters to the *News* office at 108 W. Bedford or mail them to Santa, c/o Box 67, Dimmitt 79027.

Copies of the children's letters will be published in the Dec. 24 edition of the *News* in the special Christmas sections.

Op-Ed

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Football players also find time for high school band

(Editor's Note: This article was written by Tom Orsborn of the San Antonio Express-News and was distributed statewide by the Associated Press. It was submitted to the News by Jerry and Carolyn Jansa.)

SAN ANTONIO—San Antonio Southside band director John King and Cardinals head football coach Mike Gaston aren't just offering lip service when they talk about putting the needs of their students first.

In addition to wanting to produce good musicians and football players, King and Gaston have a strong desire to see that their students are given every opportunity to challenge themselves and find their place in the world.

Ans that's a big reason why Southside senior backup linemen Edward Esparza, Ramiro Garza and Jim Leyba are able to leave their teammates in the locker room at halftime to join what is known as Southside as the Proud Cardinal Band.

"Our teachers are very cooperative when it comes to students wanting to participate in more than one extracurricular activity," Southside principal Linda Lang said. "We never put the student in a position where they have to choose one activity over another or devote all of their time to one activity."

"We believe that students become more well-rounded individuals if they participate in what they are interested in."

Said King, "The philosophy at Southside High School is that if they (students) want to do it (participate in more than one extracurricular activity), it's up to the adults to work out the schedules."

"We are going to bend over backward for our students to be successful in whatever they want to do."

King spent 13 years as band director at Holmes, a Class 5A school, before moving to Southside, a 4A school, in 1996. He said he's been lucky to work with two football coaches who support football players who also want to participate in band.

"I've heard about a lot of nightmares on other campuses," King

said. "Campuses where they will back a kid into a corner and force him or her to make a choice. They won't do it when Mom or Dad are there, but they will with a 15-, 16-, 17-year-old kid."

But because they weren't forced to choose between band and football, Esparza, Garza and Leyba bring their energy and enthusiasm not only to blocking and tackling but also to playing, respectively, the saxophone, tuba and trombone.

Those three seniors aren't the only students at Southside participating in both football and band. Seven underclassmen also are involved, and two of those are also members of the Cardinals' cross-country squad.

The double duty isn't limited to boys. Three Southside female athletes also participate in band and/or volleyball and cross-country.

The University Interscholastic League, which governs extracurricular competition at Texas Public Schools, does not keep statistics on how many students play football and march with the band at halftime of games.

"It's something you see a lot in the smaller classifications," said Rachel Seewald, public information officer for the UIL. "You really don't see too much of it at the Class 4A and 5A levels."

"But the more participation and involvement, the better. We love to see that."

The Proud Cardinal Band rehearses each weekday morning from 8:15 until 9:45. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the band also rehearses from 4:15 to 7 p.m. The football players leave their practices, which begin at 4 p.m., to report to band rehearsal at 5:45 p.m.

King believes the students participating in the two extracurricular activities learn discipline, time management and the benefits of hard work.

The Proud Cardinal Band gained a first-division rating at the UIL Concert Contest last spring and a first-division rating at the UIL Marching Contest last fall.

"The thing about participating in more than one extracurricular activity is that it teaches the kids to be

more responsible," King said. "They have to prioritize their time, no doubt about it, and they have to put some of their social life on hold during the marching season."

"What they do is work their tails off."

Gaston, who is in his first season as head coach at Southside, agreed with King.

"I admire them (the senior football-band players) for what they are doing," Gaston said. "It's a lot of hard work, and all three of those kids will be successful because they know what hard work is all about."

Being involved in football and band can be stressful at times, the three students said. But they also were quick to point out that the positives outweigh the negatives.

"Sometimes I say, 'This is almost taking too much of my time,' but I really enjoy doing both," said Garza, who is also a member of Southside's student council. "I've also learned a lot from doing both."

"I enjoy doing both of them," Leyba said. "I want to keep myself busy. I feel good about being involved and knowing I'm capable of doing two things."

Said Esparza, who is also a member of the student council, "It gets tough sometimes, but if you prioritize your time it works out. You learn discipline from doing both, and I think it will help me when I go to college."

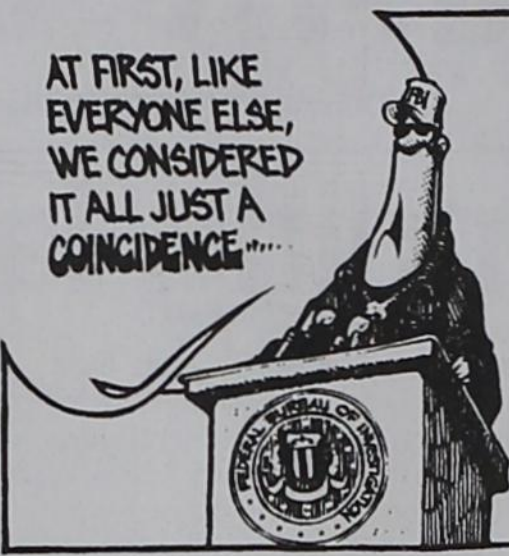
Esparza, Garza and Leyba appreciate Lang's philosophy and King and Gaston's willingness to cooperate in working out schedules that allow the three students to play football and participate in band.

"They (King and Gaston) have been real helpful," Leyba said. "I wouldn't be able to work things out without them. If it wasn't for them, it would have been hard to make a decision."

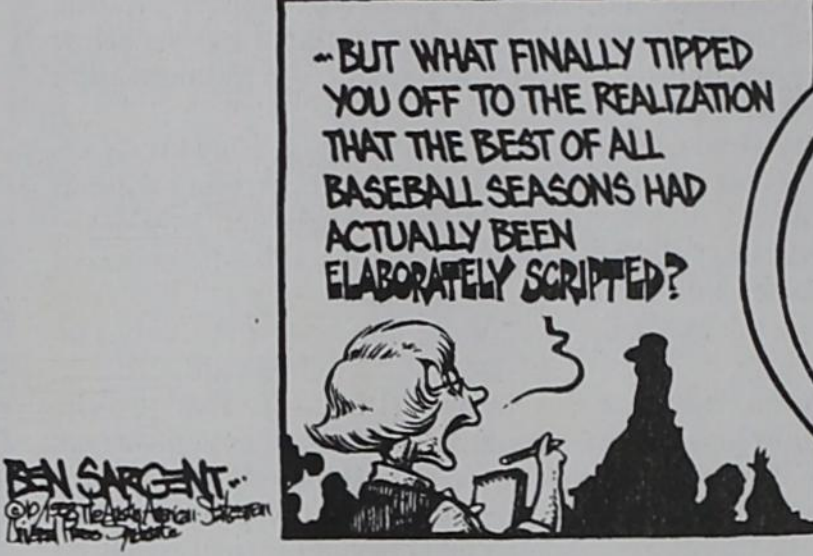
Although the three students have been in band since they were freshmen, this season marks their first involvement in football at Southside. Being seniors, they didn't want to miss out on their last chance to play high school football. They also received encouragement from Gaston to join the football program.

"We are fighting for numbers and any kid who wants to come out, we'll take him," Gaston said. "They (Esparza, Garza and Leyba) are working hard and helping us. They are a vital part of our team."

As well as the Proud Cardinal Band.



—THE YANKEES PUT TOGETHER THEIR GREATEST TEAM IN 70 YEARS AND CAP THE WINNINGEST SEASON IN A.L. HISTORY BY SWEEPING A BI-COASTAL SERIES...
 —A HOME-RUN RACE BETWEEN TWO APPEALING HEROES SMASHES A 37-YEAR-OLD RECORD IN A DRAMATIC HEAD-TO-HEAD CLIMAX...
 —A BASEBALL LEGEND GRACEFULLY ENDS HIS RECORD-SETTING STREAK OF CONSECUTIVE GAMES...
 —A ROOKIE CUBS PITCHER STRIKES OUT 20 GUYS IN A SINGLE GAME...
 ...IT WAS ALL SO ODDLY PERFECT...



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

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AUSTIN — A multistate inquiry into alleged mistreatment of consumers by one of the nation's largest sellers of credit insurance ended Nov. 23 with the company's agreement to pay fines totaling \$12 million.

American Bankers Insurance Group agreed without admitting any violations of state insurance laws, and 24 states will share the fine.

Of the fines, Texas is to receive nearly \$597,580. The money will go into the state's general revenue fund, but there also will be restitution to consumers, Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said last week.

American Bankers underwrites credit insurance plans, such as those sold by department store chains to their credit card customers and others who finance purchases of appliances and other big-ticket items.

American Bankers allegedly charged more than authorized rates, failed to make required refunds to consumers and underpaid claims filed by its customers.

Warning Signs to Be Installed
Americans are learning the hard way that it is illegal to carry fire-

arms and ammunition across the border into Mexico.

On the heels of a recent increase in travelers serving jail time for such offenses, the Texas Department of Transportation announced plans to spend \$600,000 to install signs along the border warning travelers about carrying firearms into Mexico.

More than 50 new signs will be posted at border crossings from El Paso to Brownsville.

Holiday Road Safety Urged
Before Thanksgiving, the Department of Public Safety beefed up surveillance on Texas highways in anticipation of heavy traffic.

DPS Director Dudley Thomas stressed the need for heightened traffic safety.

"The Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year. Motorists headed to see family and friends will have plenty of company on the roads and it's imperative they give themselves every chance of arriving safely at their destination," he said.

Last year, Thanksgiving was the single-most deadly holiday period in Texas, resulting in 48 fatal crashes and 55 deaths. Forty-four percent of those who died were killed in alcohol-related crashes and 45 percent of those who died were not wearing safety belts.

HIV Name Reporting to Begin
Texas doctors, hospitals and medical providers will be required to report the names of Texans who test positive for the AIDS virus beginning Jan. 1.

Anonymous testing for the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS, still will be available, but the new rules, adopted unanimously Nov. 20 by the state Board of Health, will require medical providers to send to

the state the names, if they know them, of any patients found to have HIV.

Confidentiality of the tests has not been compromised since anonymous testing began several years ago, according to the Board of Health.

Other Highlights
 ■ Texas Education Commissioner Mike Moses said last week he wants to raise the percentage of students who must pass the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills exam for a campus to get a rating of acceptable. He also said he wants to add the Algebra 1 end-of-course exam into the accountability system.

■ The Texas Education Agency has nominated 37 Texas public elementary schools for the U.S. Department of Education's 1998-99 Blue Ribbon Schools Program. The nominated campuses demonstrated strong leadership and working relationships among the school, parents and others in their communities. National finalists will be selected in January.

■ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department says the number of boating-related deaths in the state has dropped from 66 in 1997 to 44 this year. The agency attributed the decrease in deaths to new, tougher boating regulations.

■ The Travis County medical examiner last week ruled alcohol poisoning caused the death of University of Texas fraternity member Jack Ivey Jr., a 23-year-old junior from Plano. The university is investigating.

■ Robert E. Sovil Jr. of Georgetown pleaded no contest last week to misdemeanor charges of possession of a gambling device and gambling promotion in the state's first successful prosecution of eight-liner gambling machines.

Keeping an eye on Texas

High school sports draw 770,000 kids

More than 770,000 Texas high school students participated in sports in the 1997-98 school year.

Sport	Boys	Girls
Football, 11-man	159,317	
Track/field, outdoors	81,149	63,429
Basketball	70,553	70,365
Cross-country	27,003	29,792
Volleyball		51,391
Baseball	40,119	
Soccer	20,117 boys—15,124 girls	
Tennis	15,927 boys—15,813 girls	
Softball, fast pitch		26,207
Golf	14,851 boys—8,873 girls	
Spirit squad		23,060 girls
Team tennis	19,322 boys and girls	
Swimming/diving	4,598 boys—6,272 girls	
Football, 6-man	3,981 boys	
Water polo	896 boys—544 girls	
Wrestling	929 boys—52 girls	
Weight lifting	625 boys—315 girls	

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Letter

Democrats should care

Dear Editor:
Linda Tripp, if not in fact, acted like a government agent. No evidence has been presented that she was employed as an agent by any government, but that isn't necessary, is it?

Information she had would bring a very high price on the "market." That fact, with the evidence that the President lied about his sexual involvement, should be enough to impeach him.

There are several scenarios that heighten the possible dangers of this situation. One is the unrelenting and passionate protection Bill Clinton (not as president, but as a person) is getting from people in positions of power and influence outside the Democratic Party.

Another question: Are the true principled Democrats allowing this very questionable behavior in their leadership or has their authority also been compromised?

You see, the polls show people don't care, but the Democrats should.

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK

Last Puzzle Solution

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The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink" (small town)

5 Mule ____, TX

6 homeowners' greenery

7 TXism: "fits like ugly ___ ape"

8 TXism: "siesta"

9 across the Rio Grande from Presidio

16 flying pest

18 bridge connecting El Paso to Mexico

20 concerning

21 this Catherine was 6th wife of Henry VIII

22 TX outlaw Bass (init.)

24 Sierra ____, TX

30 Herefords in Topeka (2 wds.)

35 co. below Concho

36 TXism: "put on tallow" (___ weight)

37 bed cloth

38 autobiography of TX-born King Vidor

42 "Battle of the ___" was '73

43 Astrodome event

44 Fort Worth Zoo aviary: ___

45 Canyon"

46 George H. to George W. (abbr.)

47 five-star general Henry "___" Arnold

48 Spanish bear

49 TXism: "plain as the ___ ___ mule"

DOWN

1 TXism: "honest as the day ___"

2 TXism: "wound tighter ___ 8-day clock" (tense)

3 town in Wichita Co.

4 Sherilyn of film "Ruby" about Dallas nightclub owner

9 Wizard's realm

10 in '45 TX Nimrod signed ___ surrender paper

11 TX Willie's father & songster Garshwin

12 drug officer

13 TXism: "knee high to ___ hopper"

14 TXism: "don't ___ off half cocked"

15 TXism: "cautious ___ a small dog with a big bone"

17 jazz great Jack who was born in Vernon

19 TX band: "___ the Wheel"

23 these are made at TX horse tracks

24 TX-born Moyers of PBS (init.)

25 Houston's last wife Margaret

26 TX pest: fire ___

27 TXism: "walking the straight & ___"

28 it's on top of a cowboy hat

40 TXism: "___ buster" (farmer)

41 tear up by the roots

48 Robert ___ was stationed in TX when Civil War broke out

50 wigs

51 TXism: "couldn't ___ through a barbed wire fence"

56 TX eatery: Chili's ___ & Bar

57 TX Willie tune: "I Love the ___ Live"

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Monty and Sue Boozer baby-sat Evin and Josh Riley in order for Kyla to put the finishing touches on Josh's birthday party. He is 2 years old. Helping him celebrate were Kevin and Melinda Riley, Zach and Cassidy, Curtis and Leigh Durbin and Aubrie, Robert and Kim Boozer, Brock and Colin, Mitch and Shelby, Megan and Payton, Monty and Sue Boozer, Ray Joe and Jo Eddy Riley. The theme of the party was Looneytoon characters.

Kay Kellar went to Tulia and met Ty at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Billy and Mike Settle. Kay's niece, Suzanne joined them for dinner. Joe and Midge Burselon of Lubbock also were dinner guests. Midge is Kay's mother.

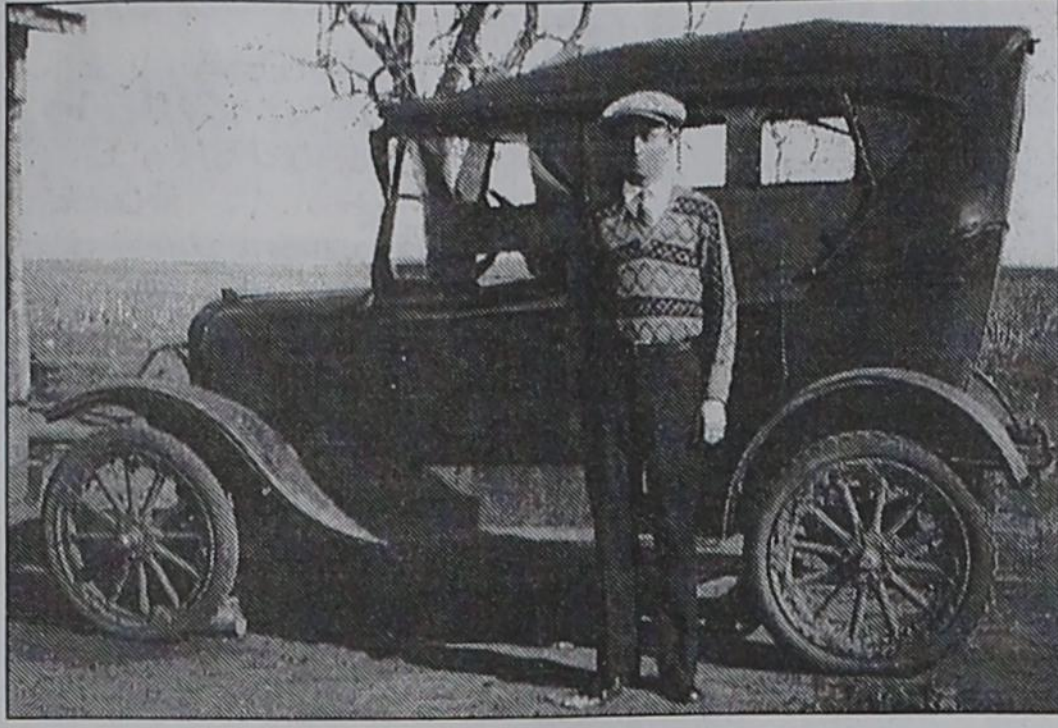
Hank and Syd Lynn went to Austin to visit their daughter, Landry and Matt. Lu flew down after she got off work.

Several families had lunch at the Hereford Country Club on Thanksgiving Day. E.M. and Betty Jones, Carol, Becky and Lyman Schroeder, Jean, Larry Morris and Scott, Martha Jo Hyman, Jo Hyman, Randy Freisen, Leigh, Curtis and Aubrie Durbin, Cheere Collins, Brac and Keri Wardlaw, and their daughters were among the families there. Both Brac and Keri graduated from Dimmitt and lived here for several years, but they now live in Canyon.

Craig Neal ate lunch Thursday with Heather McGomery and her family in Clovis N.M. Craig is a nephew of Jean Morris.

My family and friends surprised me with a 60th birthday party on Nov. 27, including Jean Morris, Dorothy and V.C. Hopson, Kay Kellar, Jan Baca, Shari Bradley, Billie Kirby, Berkley Kirby, Dorothy Nutt, Tonya Lynsky, and Edith, Kendra, Carl and Alexis Huseman. Also attending were Joan Durbin, Sue Boozer, Kyla Riley, Josh and Evin, and Wanda Nelson. My family, who are too many to mention, came up from Seminole and Levelland to celebrate with me. Dickie Holcomb was spending the holiday in Tucson with a friend, but did call.

James and Sandy Baker had Mike and Donna Bruegel, Whitney and Michael, Tori Baker, Frank and Jamie Mendoza and Reagan here for Thanksgiving. Michael, a student at TCU in Fort Worth, is the son of Mike and Donna.



HERSCHEL FELDER—(ABOVE) Years ago with his automobile, and (RIGHT) recently with his great-granddaughters, Alyson Smith and Katie Murdock. Felder will celebrate his 90th birthday Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hart Golden Group Building in Hart. *Courtesy Photo*



Valeria Davis and her mother, Colleen Millsap, cooked Thanksgiving dinner for Matt, Rena and Maegan Davis, and Rena's mother, Betty Burnett, and her brother, Shannon Burnett, and Jay Parks.

Donny, Wanda and Jana Nelson had Thanksgiving together. Joel and Allison and Kyle Nelson were in Plano; Justin, Tami and Tyler Nelson were in Santa Fe; and Jason Nelson and Lyndy Mitchell were in Hart.

Ann and Kyle Williams spent the Thanksgiving days with Kyle's grandmother, Arlowane Williams, who lives in Turkey. They all enjoyed visiting down there.

M.B. and Lucille Odom had a lovely Thanksgiving with family members in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Lynn Cox of Lazbuddie. Family members present were Kenneth and Judy Odom of El Paso, Mike and Cindy Odom, Rae and Shae of Dimmitt, Larry and Cindy Odom of San Angelo, Shelly and Matt, Kayla and Keith Robinson of Eunice, N.M., Kevin, Susie, Lane and Klay Odom of Rockmark, Ga., Lisa, Russel, Adrianna, Erin, Austin and Tyler Mackay of Vancouver, B.C., Kyle and Casey Odom of Lubbock, Brandon and Valerie, Leslee, Shelby,

Dallas and Houston Cox of Lazbuddie, Zay and Cinnamon Bradley of Dimmitt, and Leslie Louder of San Angelo.

Spending the Thanksgiving holidays with Moss Howell at the Howell farm were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Howell of Bovina, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Light, Aaron and Addie of Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Matlock Howell and Kyla of Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howell of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Howell of Blanchard, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. Matt Howell and Sean of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Massen and Jill of Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Massen of Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Kennen Howell, all of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Jirnetta and Dustin of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Howell and Kaymee of Dimmitt, Mr. and Mrs. Lelton and Emily Howell of Littlefield, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mansker, Keith and Brooke of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Jerrel Enloe of Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stovall of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Zane Newton, Caleb and Rachael of Altus, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. David Macky, Kennen, Luke and Joshua of Fritch, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ahlerich of Fort Worth, and his daughter and family,

of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of Texline and Melonee of Levelland, Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Howell and Jay of Beaumont, Chris Smith of Canyon, Bobby Briggs of Fort Worth, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Howell of Stillwater, Okla. Those attending said it was great to see so many family members over this holiday.

Edith Graef reports that 36 of the Graef clan were at "Granny's" house for the Thanksgiving holiday. Those attending were from Canton, Burkburnett, Lubbock, Hale Center, Plainview, Littlefield, Clovis, N.M., Portales, N.M., and Lazbuddie.

Don and Verbie Nelson spent Thanksgiving at the home of their daughter, Connie, in Atlanta, Ga., with all their children and grandchildren—Nathan and Karen Nelson and son, Jacob, from Houston; Dave and Carol Nelson and daughters, Amanda and Danielle, from Madison, Wis.; Carol's dad, Harry Syvertsen from Madison; and Connie's daughters, Katherine and Anna.

Visiting B. M. Nelson in Plains Memorial Hospital over the Thanksgiving weekend were his daughter-in-law and granddaughter, Pennye and Susan Nelson of Beeville.

Wanda Murdock said the family is looking forward to celebrating the 90th birthday of her dad, W.H. (Herschel) Felder of Hart, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hart Golden Group Building on SH 194. The event is being hosted by his children, W.H. Jr. and Joan Felder of Sunray, Barbara and Charles Godfrey of Plainview, and Wanda and Bobby Murdock of Dimmitt, assisted by members of the Church of Christ. Wanda said his actual birthdate is Dec. 9.

He was born at Quitaque, and was 21 when he met and married Nellie Anderson in Lockney. Their marriage spanned 67 years.

He farmed for many years. After retiring from farming, he joined his wife in operating the Hart Laundry until their retirement. He then devoted his time to caring for the home and his beloved wife, until her death on Jan. 4, 1997. He still lives in the home which they built in 1949.

Wanda said Mr. Felder was instrumental in establishing the Church of Christ in Dimmitt and has been a faithful member throughout the years. He has been a Christian since 1933 and has a vast store of Bible knowledge. He possesses a witty sense of humor, which you can glimpse when visiting with him.

Today his favorite pastime is watching television, and his favorite programs are the religious programs and the Nashville music shows. He also enjoys watching sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys and the Texas Tech Lady Raiders.

Besides watching television, his days are spent going to the grocery store, post office and cafe, where he enjoys visiting with friends and neighbors. He says his favorite food is a hamburger, and the thing he really looks forward to is the twice-weekly visits from his daughters, and visits from other family members and friends.

When asked what has been the most amazing of the changes he has witnessed in his lifetime, he said probably the speed of travel, having gone from horse and buggy to rocketing into space, and the communication field, with its phenomenal tech-

nological developments. He attributes his longevity to his faith in God, and a simple life style. "We suspect that even though he and his son-in-law, Charles, threaten to leave town that day (Saturday), wild horses couldn't drag him away, and he will enjoy every moment of the celebration," Wanda said.



Lillie B. Duncan

Duncan to mark 100th birthday

Lillie B. Duncan, a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, will be 100 years old on Saturday.

Lillie Bailey was born Dec. 5, 1898, in Indian Territory near the town of Grady. She married Green B. Duncan in 1919, and they moved to Dimmitt in 1930.

They were independent contractors in interior and exterior painting and papering. Lillie worked in the business with her husband for many years. He died in 1979.

Lillie is a member of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt and was a secretary in the Cradle Roll Dept. for several years. She has been a resident at Canterbury Villa for eight years.

She has three children, Robert Duncan of Amarillo, Glenn Duncan of Dimmitt, and Bernice Hill of Dimmitt; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

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Francis Wilhelm and Florine Brockman (twins) celebrated their 75th birthdays on Nov. 28. A reception was held at the Senior Citizens Center on Friday afternoon and many friends and relatives came by to wish them a Happy Birthday.

Florine's children attending were Shirley Melcher and family of Austin, Richard Brockman of Seattle, Wash., and LaDonna Miller and family of Houston.

Francis's children attending were Kevin Wilhelm of Austin; Barbara Reed of Houston; Gordon Wilhelm and daughter Liz of Bryan; Michele Schmucker and family, Gaylene Wilhelm, Becky Hooper and family and Neal Wilhelm and family, all of Wichita Falls; Craig Wilhelm of Longview; Eric Wilhelm and family and Kim Huseman and family, all of Amarillo; Rocky Wilhelm and family and Hugh Wilhelm, all of Nazareth.

Esther Braddock of McKinney, Megan Braddock of Seagoville, and Clifford, Kim, Caleb and Daniel Braddock of Van Alstyne spent Thanksgiving with Carl and Mary Kleman and families. Over the weekend, Caleb and Daniel competed in the 1998 World Junior Team Roping Championship at the Bill Cody Arena in Amarillo.

Congratulations to Darrin and Jennifer Heiman of Canyon on the birth of a girl, Carlie Louise, Nov. 20, at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Dennis and Dolores Heiman of Nazareth and Pat and Jan Betzen of Hereford.

Dan and Gail Sams and family of Wheeler and Gail's mother, Evelyn Backus, drove to Pep on Thanksgiving Day to celebrate their 53rd Thanksgiving at the parish hall. They enjoyed visiting with friends in their home town.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Patricia Acker, Belle Braddock, Ray Schmucker, Amy Schmucker, who will have hip surgery, and Dorothy McGuilliam, who is recuperating from hip surgery at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

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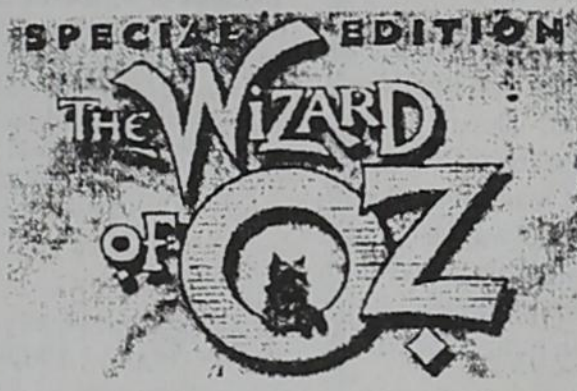
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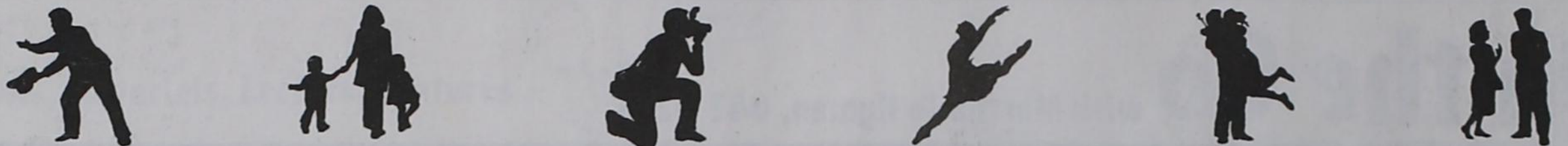
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Happy Holidays

People



Bridal shower honors Wall

Haylei Wall, bride-elect of John Rodgers, was recently honored with a bridal shower in the home of Sherry Schaeffer.

Guests were served sausage balls, cinnamon rolls, grapes and hot apple cider.

Accents of cranberry and hunter green complemented a silk centerpiece of burgundy and cream peonies and roses with winter berries. Crystal and Alfred Court silver appointments completed the decor.

Special guests included Georgie Wall, grandmother of the honoree; Linda Rodgers of Waka, mother of the prospective groom; Nancy Rodgers of Waka, the prospective groom's sister; and Carol Rodgers of Canyon, cousin of the prospective groom.

Nadine Schulte is feted with bridal shower

A bridal shower honoring Nadine Schulte, bride-elect of Galin Latham, was held Nov. 14 in the home of Linda Langford.

The serving table was covered with a crocheted tablecloth. The centerpiece was a hurricane lamp filled with apples and ivy, and candles with vines and fruit and ivy.

Guests were served caramel apples, cream puffs, cheese balls with crackers and hot apple cider.

Out-of-town guests included Linda Latham of Muleshoe, mother of the prospective groom; Dora Pohlmeier and Odelia Schulte, both of Nazareth, grandmothers of the bride-elect; Denise and Jayden Kirby of Lubbock, Cindy and Jordan Schulte of Sunray, Kara Boch of New Braunfels, Germaine Witt and Sharon Pohlmeier of Amarillo, Lucy Pohlmeier of Nazareth, Jamie Gatlin of Amarillo, Holly Edwards of Lubbock, Amy Wooten, Candy Hann and Carrie Matthews of Canyon, Wendy Ethridge of Dumas and Katrina and Cierra Aime of Lubbock.



THE DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF '73 held its 25th-year reunion Nov. 14 in Amarillo. Class members gathered at the County Barn for dinner, then enjoyed a short program. The reunion ended with visiting and reminiscing at the Western Horseman. Class members attending were (bottom row, from left) Teresa Underwood Lindsey, Susie Mooney White, sponsor Avis Smith, sponsor Ralph Smith, Donna Gilreath Vee and Nita Singer Morra; (second row, from left) Deana Hargrove Beames, Joe Gonzales, Martha Bates Richardson, Matthew

Daniel, Patti Jackson Cartwright, Tanya Horton Hutton, Dawn Parker Sutherland, Judy Birdwell Gill and Benny Simpson; (third row, from left) Galen Templeton, Jan Giles Hargrove, John Furr, Ronnie Hall, Dean Summers, Art Woolever, Sheri Bruegel Young, Rebecca Stanford Wilson and Paul Askey; and (back row, from left) Tony Beames, Lonnie Strickland, David White, Shannon Devaney, Brent Sanders, Debbie Hansen Cole and Charlie Sammann. *Courtesy Photo*

'The Christmas Spectacular' set by Plainview Symphony

Annual Christmas celebrations in Plainview and the surrounding towns will kick off today (Thursday) with "The Christmas Spectacular," presented by the Plainview Symphony Orchestra.

This year the orchestra will be joined by the award-winning Wayland Baptist University Choirs for a show that is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Harral Auditorium.

Guest conductor will be Dr. Eric Freid, associate music professor at Texas Tech University; Dr. Scott Herrington, director of choral studies at Wayland Baptist University; and Timothy S. Kelley, artistic director. Wes Narron will serve as narrator.

"With three concerts remaining, a

symphony season ticket makes an ideal stocking stuffer," said Rochelle Willson, president of the Plainview Symphony board of directors. "Adult season memberships are \$20 while student memberships are \$8 each. That makes the season ticket more attractive than buying tickets at the door for \$8."

"The Christmas Spectacular" will be followed with "Music for Patritos" on Jan. 21, 1999, and "An American Portrait," on March 4, 1999.

WTAMU announces scholarship changes

Applications for all West Texas A&M University academic scholarships are due Feb. 1 at the office of the assistant to the president, Old Main 304.

All application materials must be turned in together. In the past, students had been allowed to turn in additional materials after the deadline.

Students should include any letter of recommendation or transcript that is required with the application. Students also should obtain letters of recommendation before the Christmas holiday.

"We would like to notify recipients earlier than in previous years," said Velma Murillo. For more information call 806-651-2097.

Felder to be honored on 90th birthday

W.H. (Herschel) Felder of Hart will be honored with a 90th birthday celebration, on Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Hart Golden Group Building on SH 194.

The event is being hosted by his children, W.H. Jr. and Joan Felder of Sunray, Barbara and Charles Godfrey of Plainview, and Wanda and Bobby Murdock of Dimmitt, assisted by members of the Church of Christ.

Felder was born Dec. 9, 1908, in Quitaque.

"The Christmas Spectacular" will include selections from "Carnival of the Animals" by St. Saens, "Thunder and Lightning Polka" by Strauss, "Winter Wonderland" by Smith and Barnard, Bizet's "Farandole," Anderson's "Sleigh Ride," "Fantasia on Greensleeves" by Williams and Anderson's "A Christmas Carol."

With the orchestra, the choirs will sing *White Christmas*, *The Many Moods of Christmas*, *Do You Hear What I Hear?* and *Christmas Music for Orchestra and Chorus* by Cacavas.

Tickets may be obtained by writing Plainview Symphony, P.O. Box 1857, Plainview 79072 or by calling (806) 293-3495. The box office will open at 7 p.m. the night of the show and a limited number of tickets will be available the night of the show.

Shower fetes Davidson

A wedding shower was held Nov. 21 honoring DeeAnne Morgan Davidson in the home of Billie Kirby of Dimmitt. The honoree is the recent bride of Jerry Davidson.

Greeting guests and hostesses at the door were the honoree and her daughter, Brandi Morgan. The new bride shared photos of the recent wedding.

The serving table was covered with an ecru table cloth and was decorated with a basket cornucopia filled with dark purple grapes, miniature pumpkins, silk flowers in autumnal colors, and silk greenery.

Guests were served with a choice of fruit tray, nuts, cookies, two types of fruit bread, coffee and spice tea.

Guests included Nora Reed of Sunray, aunt of the groom, and Wanda Bradley of Clayton, N.M., aunt of the bride.

Other members of the bride's family attending included her sisters, Donna Hathaway of Hereford, Sherry McGowan of Newport Richey, Fla., and Vicki Aljoe of Dimmitt; and two nieces, Katy Aljoe of Dimmitt and Mrs. Ron Hathaway of Hereford.

What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Dec. 3-11.

DIMMITT Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, peaches and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheese toast, apple slices and milk.
 MONDAY: Waffles with syrup, grape juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Frosted Flakes cereal, orange wedges and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
 FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, pineapple juice and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.
 FRIDAY: Cheeseburger on a bun, peaches, refried beans, hamburger salad and milk.
 MONDAY: Ground beef and macaroni, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.
 TUESDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, fresh watermelon and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Poor boy beef steak, summer squash, potato salad, hot cheese rolls and milk.
 THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, fresh honeydew melon, Fideo Mexicano, jalapeno peppers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, potato wedges, corn on the cob, cornbread and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple slices or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Aroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of cheese enchilada with sauce, cheeseburger on bun or chicken stir fry; French fries, peaches or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, hamburger salad or pears; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or flour tortilla; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
 MONDAY: Choice of ground beef and macaroni, sloppy Jane on a roll or beef taco; Mexicali corn, southern collard greens or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, applesauce or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
 TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos, Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; broccoli with cheese sauce, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or fresh watermelon; garlic bread, hot rolls, Aroz Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dogs, poor boy beef steak or Chinese chicken plate; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or tortilla chips; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
 THURSDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on a bun, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or fresh honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Aroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

High School Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
 MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or burrito deluxe; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding, and milk, punch or tea.
 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

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

Lunch
 THURSDAY: *Fried chicken or chicken nuggets, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: *Frito pie or pizza, tossed salad, cornbread, beans, fruit, pudding and milk or juice.
 MONDAY: *Tacos or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, beans, applesauce, dump cake and milk or juice.
 TUESDAY: *Chicken spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, pudding and milk or juice.
 WEDNESDAY: *Pizza or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, green beans, apple, cookies and milk or juice.
 THURSDAY: *Ham and cheese pocket or pizza, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: *Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, rice, grapes, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.

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

Open house set at Dimmitt Alternative School

A special open house has been planned at the Dimmitt Alternative Center next Thursday, Dec. 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to observe the students at their regular school activities.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. for student who have completed their high school requirements.

HART Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.
 MONDAY: Sausage, buttermilk biscuit, variety of cereal, fruit juice, graham cracker and milk.
 TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
 THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, hash brown potatoes, Lucky Charms cereal, fruit juice and milk.

Elementary Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gingerbread, gelatin dessert and milk.
 MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles, potato chips, fresh fruit, peaches and milk.
 TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or sub sandwich; potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk.
 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich, hot dog on a bun or chili; shredded cheese, sliced pickles, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.

High School Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
 MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or pizza; lettuce, tomato and pickles, fresh fruit, peaches, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Turkey and bread stuffing, turkey gravy, wheat bread, cranberry sauce, green beans, cherry cheese pie, fruit salad and milk, punch or tea.
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 THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.
 FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

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 THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: French toast with sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
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Lunch
 THURSDAY: *Fried chicken or chicken nuggets, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.
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Holiday Calendar

SATURDAY—Castro County Hospital District's Hospice Care will sponsor a Breakfast with Santa from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Dimmitt High School Cafeteria. Cost for the pancake breakfast is \$10 for children and that includes breakfast, a visit with Santa and games. Adults may enjoy the breakfast for \$4, and can attend for free if they don't eat. Proceeds will benefit hospice patients.
SUNDAY—The children's choir from the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will present a Christmas musical, *A Star is Born*, at 6 p.m. in the church's auditorium. The public is invited to attend.
WEDNESDAY—Hart merchants are planning special sales and events to kick off the holiday shopping season with the annual Hart Open House.

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Enjoy a pancake breakfast and have your picture taken with Santa. There will also be lots of games, prizes and crafts. Join us in the Dimmitt High School cafeteria on December 5. Tickets are \$10 for children and \$4 for adults. (Children should be accompanied by adults, but adults who do not wish to eat are not asked to buy a ticket.) Proceeds benefit local hospice patients. Call 647-3785 for tickets or purchase tickets from any CCHD Hospice Care staff member.

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THE PERFECT GIFT for the Dimmitt fan is this blanket throw which is being sold by the Bobcat Booster Club. The purple and white blankets feature original artwork by DHS Senior Taryn Hays. John Furr, president of the club, says each blanket sells

for \$40 and anyone interested in purchasing one for Christmas or any other time should contact him or another Booster Club officer including Bill Sanders, Joyce Wright, Tami Griffitt and Norman Hays.

Photo by Anne Acker

61 local students are listed in 'Who's Who'

A total of 61 students from three local high schools are included in the 32nd Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1997-98.

Students are nominated by high school principals, guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

The students nominated also compete for \$200,000 in scholarship awards. Over 700,000 students, or just 5% of the nation's high school students are selected for the publication.

Local students selected include:
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Drawings for Dimmitt Dollars to continue

Prize drawings will be held in Dimmitt throughout this month in connection with the annual "Santa's Open House" promotion sponsored by the Merchant's Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

The first drawing was held Nov. 19. Shoppers may continue to sign up at participating businesses for a chance to win additional prizes of Dimmitt Dollars in the next few weeks.

The 22 participating merchants have official registration boxes and entry forms available for their customers.

Drawings for the Dimmitt Dollars will be held today (Thursday), Dec. 10, and 17 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 24 at noon.

Band Boosters to meet Tuesday

The Bobcat Band Boosters will meet Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall.

Parents of all band students in grades 5-12 are urged to attend.

A report will be given on who made the All-Region band, and the group will discuss plans for the upcoming Christmas concert.

Also a report will be given on pecan sales.

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Danny and Carmen Oliviero of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Sarah Ashley Oliviero, born Nov. 21 at 8:40 a.m. The infant weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. Big sisters are Alexandra Justine, 8, and Tiffany Ann, 4. Grandparents are Juan and Estella Oliviero, Juanita Castillo, and Carlos Castillo. Great-grandparents are Juan and Elida Campos.

OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Everitt and Gina Hurst of Amarillo. Their daughter, Emilee Kathryn Hurst, was born Nov. 12, weighing 7 lbs., 13 ozs. She was 20 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Kent Gabel of Canyon and Mary Minnick of Canyon. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blasingame of Brenham. Maternal great-grandparents are Bill and Kathryn Graham of McLean. Paternal great-grandparents are Doris Gabel of Canyon. She has a great-great-aunt, Dorothy Sheffy of Dimmitt.

Coping with the holidays



By **RON TRUSLER**
 Executive Director
 Central Plains Center

Some of us dread the holidays because of negative experiences or memories of the past. Some of us cope by taking pills, drinking, eating or buying excessively that may not be the best thing to do. I've listed some other things that may help with those holiday "blues."

1. Find a place to belong. Get some support from someone or a group. It's easy to feel you are the only one, until you get around others. A church, a Sunday School class, civic club or organization, etc., can do the trick.

2. Give your self-esteem a shot in the arm. It's easy to feel bad about the unpleasant experiences that you remember, especially if they have been pretty much out of your control. That can give a helpless and often worthless feeling. I heard of a guy who uses the departing statement, "Be good to yourself." You can be good to yourself by recognizing that

you are worth something, that you have things you can do and offer.

3. Plan something special. It may be easy to not do anything, but you will be better off if something can be done to make the holiday a little special. It may be something completely different than you've done in the past—a different food, decoration or custom. That may help the bad memories and start some new, different ones.

4. Do your best to not focus on "What used to be," but on what is now! Focusing on "what used to be" can bring back a great deal of pain and may cloud what good things are around you today. Focusing on "what is now" helps us be able to do something with what we have and gives us more control over things.

5. Do something for others. Find someone who may be in the same boat you are in. Things may be worse for them in some way. Make a phone call, send a card, write them a quick note, do a good deed.

Hang in there. The holidays will be over in a couple of months and it will be tax time before you know it. (Now there's a cheerful thought, isn't it?)

Ron Trusler is executive director of Central Plains MHMR/SA. He can be reached at (806) 293-2636.

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Hay Hotline still available

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture's Hay Hotline will remain up and running indefinitely to help Texas ranchers with severe hay shortages worsened by recent heavy rains and flooding.

The hotline number is 1-877-429-1998.

"The heavy rains and floods experienced in Central and South Texas have made a bad situation even worse for many producers," said Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. "A lot of folks in flooded areas were in their second cutting of hay. The hay has either been ruined or no one can get into the fields to cut it."

The Hay Hotline is a toll-free number that connects Texas ranchers needing hay with hay sellers from across the country. It was started during the 1996 drought and was revived this past summer when the

drought forced hay supplies to dangerously low levels.

The service provides ranchers with a list of both Texas suppliers and out-of-state suppliers. Suppliers also are listed on the Texas Dept. of Agriculture website, located on the Internet at <http://www.agr.state.tx.us>. As an added service, the hotline takes information about pasture availability for Texas producers looking for pasture for their livestock.

"It's a long time between now and when we can start producing next year's hay," Perry said. "Between drought and flood, many ranchers won't have enough to feed their livestock this winter."

Perry notes the TDA Hotline will remain in operation until pastures produce enough forage for livestock.

Massey elected to second term as national WIFE chief

Sheila Massey of Animas, N.M. was elected to a second term as national president of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) when the group held its 22nd annual convention Nov. 11-14 in Amarillo.

"Farmers are doing their best to inform the nation of the seriousness of the crisis facing our industry," said Massey. "WIFE has been quite vocal communicating with members of the US House of Representatives and the US Senate. This crisis is not Democratic or Republican. It is a human crisis of a magnitude which equals the farm crisis experienced in the 1980s."

When the 106th session of Congress convenes, WIFE members will be waiting on the doorsteps to continue to address the issues that affect the agricultural industry, Massey said.

"Agriculture needs to become more active in the development of cooperatives so that they can become a strong force in the market place," said Jill Long Thompson, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development of the US Dept. of Agriculture.

If the Food Quality Protection Act is not implemented as Congress intended, cost and profitability will be affected and farming practices will suffer if choices are limited, according to Terry Henderson, president of Achieva, Inc.

Janet Frene, manager of communications with the American Crop Protection Association, conducted a very informative workshop on media relations for WIFE members. The workshop was sponsored by the American Crop Protection Association and was designed to train WIFE members to work with the media in their respective states.

In addition to Massey, other officers installed were Mary Schuler of Dutton, Mont., vice president; Cindy

Cruea of South Dakota, second vice president; Sharon Kindle of Malta, Mont., secretary; and Ardyth Triplett, treasurer. Area directors are Deb Dressler of Richardson, N.D., Deanna Hobelmann of Republic, Kan., and Tammy Smith of Elgin, S.C.

Massey said that WIFE is most definitely a "can do, will do" organization and "if we walk the halls of Congress long enough and knock on those doors often enough we can and we will make a difference."

Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic set Jan. 2

The second annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic will be held Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

This year there will be two lamb shows and both will be sanctioned by the Texas Club Lamb Association. The first show will start at 10 a.m. and will be judged by Ronny Dennis. The second show will start approximately one hour after the end of the first show and will be judged by Marvin Ensor.

Entry fee is \$20 per show or \$35 for both shows.

All weight cards will be due by 9 a.m.

A showmanship competition will be held for anyone interested, and the event will be judged by both judges. Entry fee for the showmanship is \$5 per person.

All Texas Club Lamb Association rules apply for both shows and the showmanship.

For more information contact the Extension Office in Dimmitt.



GOLD STAR AWARD WINNERS Kristen Hales (left) and Rachel Wall (right) from Castro County were among 38 youngsters receiving Gold Star Awards at this year's District II 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Lubbock on Nov. 23. It is the highest honor obtainable in 4-H at the county level.

Courtesy Photo

4-H'ers are honored

The annual District II 4-H Gold Star Banquet was held Nov. 23 in Lubbock, with 38 youth from across the South Plains honored with the top county award attainable in 4-H.

Those honored from Castro County were Kristen Hales, daughter of Rod and Jobe Hales, and Rachel Wall, daughter of Don and Neoma Williams.

Also participating in the banquet was Castro County 4-H member Kaci Schulte, who is a state officer. She introduced special guests and the banquet's keynote speaker, Dr. Martha Couch, Extension's state director for 4-H and Youth.

The annual banquet was sponsored by these electric cooperatives: Bailey County, Caprock, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Lamb County, Lea County, Lighthouse, Lyntegar, Midwest, South Plains and Swisher.

Couch challenged the 4-H'ers to continue their record of achievement throughout their lives. She also gave them a new set of four H's to consider.

"There are another four H's that will take you a long way in life—heroes, humor, help and honor," Couch said. "Remember to recognize the everyday heroes that you encounter in life. Your parents, county agents, club sponsors and volunteers should be high on your present list of heroes."

"And learn to find and appreciate the humor of life as you go along. Being able to laugh at yourself, your situation, and with others is a great life skill."

"Continue helping others, through personal involvement and through community service. Don't be stingy with honors either. Recognize the good people and good things you find in life."

"And finally, I challenge you to dare—dare to work hard, dream your dreams, take risks to reach those dreams, achieve as much as possible and laugh with life as you go along," she said.

Pesticide applicators should check on CEUs

Pesticide applicators should check to see if they have the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their license.

Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and non-commercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 1999, renewal date.

"Applicators should check their CEUs while there's still plenty of time to get the credits," said Texas Ag Commissioner Rick Perry. "Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use. It's important to stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations. Applicators must self-certify their credits by listing them on the renewal form that they should receive by early December.

Private applicators also may earn their credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Commercial and non-commercial applicators renew each year and

must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of two of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Perry advises pesticide applicators to check with their county Texas Agricultural Extension Service office for courses offered or call the Texas Dept. of Agriculture at 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7548 for a list of approved courses. More information about licenses, renewals and CEU courses is available on the TDA web site, www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceu/home.htm.

Flagg 4-H Club sets coat drive

The Flagg 4-H Club is collecting coats to be donated to the needy.

Those who have coats in any size that are no longer worn are asked to contact Rusty Wooten, Janet McDaniel or any member of the Flagg 4-H Club and they will be happy to pick up the clothing.

Minding Your Own Business Reaping the harvest with a successful entrepreneur

By DON TAYLOR



Don Taylor

C.H. was still a teenager when he first dreamed of success. His vision was a lofty one. He wanted to become a millionaire. He later wrote, "... the thought was enormous ... so remote, so unattainable, so exalting, but so visionary."

C.H. was like many Americans who have a dream of success and wealth; however, the subject of this true story was not content to just dream the dream. He put action to his desire and made history.

C.H. began to pursue his dream at age 21. His father gifted him with an idea. It was a new technology that could do the work of many men. It had the power to revolutionize an industry; however, it was just an idea.

Yes, there were working models and yes, they could demonstrate the machine's capabilities. But all ideas are virtually worthless until someone takes the idea to a market ready for improvement.

C.H. went to market. Without a proven marketing plan, his efforts were wildly haphazard; however, some of his creative marketing techniques are still popular today.

C.H. offered a free trial use of his machine. He promised money-back guarantees and offered installment buying. He was one of the first manufacturers to set a fixed price for all of his machines.

When the machines broke down, C.H. and other members of his family fixed them. This "we'll make it right" philosophy served him well as he penetrated markets further and further from home. Gradually, the operational bugs were eliminated. Soon, C.H.'s powerful technology was cutting a wide swath through America's heartland.

A competitive challenge

While C.H. was making refinements to his machine, others entered the market. One manufacturer made claims that its model could outperform C.H.'s machine. Both companies agreed to compete in a public demonstration.

On the big day, the two manufacturers squared off as a board of judges watched to ensure a fair trial for both machines. At the end of a long day, C.H.'s machine had done more than eight times the work of his bold competitor's. The following year C.H. sold 50 machines. The demand was great. C.H. moved to a bustling community of 17,000 and began earnest production there. Six short years later his company produced 1,500 units.

Reaping the harvest

C.H. really did reap an entrepreneurial harvest. C.H. is Cyrus H. McCormick, the driving force behind the McCormick reaper. McCormick's machines revolutionized agricultural production. With two men and a team of horses, the reaper could harvest 10 acres of wheat in a single day. C.H.'s technology took the place of 28 field laborers.

The industrialization of agriculture would take nearly 100 more years, but McCormick led the way. With the help of tools like his reaper, US wheat production soared from four bushels per person in 1847 to 10 bushels at the time of his death in 1884.

America's farmers were poised to feed a hungry world. In coming years they would do just that. American agricultural production is second to none in the world, and today our agricultural technology is helping millions in other nations become more self-sufficient.

For C.H. McCormick, it began with a dream. A dream to "realize a million" through his own efforts. McCormick's dream took years to develop into a profitable business; however, McCormick's dream carried him through the bad times and on to worldwide fame and fortune.

And today, as you read this column, another entrepreneur is realizing his or her dream of becoming a millionaire. Thanks to early entrepreneurs like C.H. McCormick, it happens every 15 minutes in America.

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

Screwworm alert is issued for West Texas

It took only one tiny fly larvae this fall to shake up West Texas and put ranchers around the state on high alert, watching for flesh-eating screwworm, a pest that has been officially eradicated from the US and Mexico.

Still uncertain when or where this pest entered the country, state and federal livestock health officials are urging ranchers and hunters to check animals for maggots that may have burrowed into sores or wounds.

A rancher near Rocksprings in Edwards County in West Texas collected nine suspicious maggots in late October from an Angora goat that had suffered a shearing wound. According to the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency, one of the maggots was confirmed to be a screwworm larvae. The identification was made by the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) in Ames, Iowa.

"Ranchers, hunters or anyone handling livestock or wildlife should check animals and pets closely and call us immediately if there are any maggots or larvae in wounds," said Dr. Terry Beals, TAHC executive director and state veterinarian. "A TAHC or USDA field specialist will go to the ranch or hunting lease to pick up the larvae for laboratory submission and gather information for the investigation."

"If we find another screwworm larvae in the state, the USDA's Emergency Services will make sterile screwworm fly drops over the affected area," said Beals. He explained that sterile screwworms would mate but produce no offspring, thus eradicating the pest. This procedure has been used since the mid-1970's in the successful screwworm eradication programs in the US and Mexico.

Field staff from the TAHC and USDA have distributed nearly 2,400 screwworm submission kits to veterinarians, county agents, livestock markets and feed stores. The kit

consists of a cardboard tube containing a test tube filled with a holding solution and small plastic bags for maggot collection. Beals said maggots also can be placed in alcohol in a glass jar, medicine bottle or film canister for safekeeping until a TAHC or USDA staff member arrives. Animals infested with the larvae should be held in a pen or barn so they may be inspected.

"Please call the TAHC or USDA immediately if maggots or larvae are detected," Beals said. "We must act quickly if another screwworm larvae is found to prevent further spread."

TAHC area offices may be called, or the Austin TAHC headquarters may be called at 1-800-550-8242. The USDA Veterinary Services office in Austin can be reached at 512-916-5555.

Equitherapy center open

The Winners Circle Equitherapy Center at West Texas A&M University is now a full-time operation.

The facility offers occupational speech and physical therapy full time to children and adults with physical disabilities, using the horse as a therapeutic tool.

Anyone interested in this type of therapy can call the Winners Circle Equitherapy office at 4300 Teckla Blvd. in Amarillo at 806-351-1316.

Also, the center is in need of therapy horses. Retired roping horses, carriage horses or recreational horses can make good therapy horses. Any horse with a calm disposition and a good nature will be considered.

Anyone interested in donating a horse or volunteering or helping the program financially can call Kathy Thompson at the above number.

The center also has an equestrian Special Olympics team, and practices will begin in January.

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4-H Stock Show set Saturday

The 4-H Stock Show has been set for Saturday at the Fair barns in Dimmitt, and all 4-H members are encouraged to participate.

Weight cards will be due at 10 a.m. Saturday. At 9:30 a.m., there will be a short showmanship clinic on each of the three species of show animals—lambs, swine and steers.

The lamb show will start at 1 p.m., followed by the steer show, then the swine show.

"This show is a great opportunity for 4-H members to work on improving their showmanship skills," said a spokesperson of the Extension office.

ACGA plans February meet

The Great Pretenders will entertain those attending the 14th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show through today (Thursday) at the Amarillo Civic Center.

This is the first year that entertainment will be part of the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show.

The show is free to anyone interested and tickets to the performances (several each day) are available by calling 1-888-DKSEEDS or stopping by the Douglass King booth #1125 at the show.

On the show side, the more than 700 exhibits feature all the major manufacturers including AGCO, Buffalo, CASE, Caterpillar, DMI, John Deere, Massey Ferguson, New Holland, Orthman, Priefert, Sunflower and Wylie.

There will be a special Western Canadian Pavilion featuring manufacturers from Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. There is even an outdoor exhibit featuring the LEXION Combine from Caterpillar. The show offers attendees the opportunity to visit with numerous manufacturers and dealers in the same day.

Meetings by the Texas Wheat Producers, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and many other associations will take place during the three-day event. Several will offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for pesticide applicator license holders.

The show will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and admission is free. Sponsors include the *High Plains Journal*, KFDD-TV, KGNC-Radio, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Wheat Producers.

For more information about the show call 1-800-827-8007.

Amarillo farm show continues

The American Corn Growers Association will hold its seventh annual convention Feb. 4-7 in Nashville. It is being billed as a rally to address the crisis in agriculture.

A spokesperson said the "Call for Survival" convention will feature programs dealing with the issues of low commodity prices, credit availability, and the current farm program, along with what changes must be made to bring profit back to the farming sector.

In addition, a roundtable will feature the national leaders of the major progressive farm organizations and a discussion centered on finding hope on the horizon through family, friends, and faith.

So that more may afford to attend, the ACGA is making the registration fee voluntary. In addition, other funding is being sought to reduce housing costs across the board for those in attendance. Also, the spouse's program of activities has been suspended for this year, so that both spouses can attend the programs together.

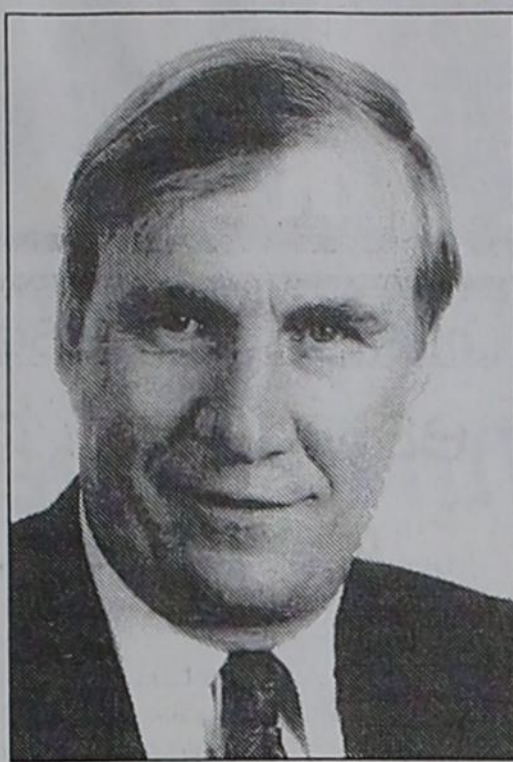
Other optional convention activities will include a reception at the home of TNN's "Wildhorse Saloon," a dinner and tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame, and attendance at the Grand Ole Opry.

Call the ACGA at 202-835-0330 for more information.

Gates at 4-H Center to be locked at 6 p.m.

The 4-H Livestock Center Board has voted to lock the gates at the 4-H Center at 6 p.m. each day.

Those leaving the facility after 6 p.m. are asked to lock the gate behind them.



Ralph Pohlmeier

Pohlmeier wins award

Nazareth native Ralph Pohlmeier of Edmond, Okla., the president of Educational Media, has been selected as the recipient of the 1998 Edwin Cudecki International Business Award.

It was presented to Pohlmeier on Nov. 20 at the 32nd Annual Convention of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) in Chicago, Ill. He received a plaque and a \$500 cash award.

Pohlmeier is the son of Phillip and Dora Pohlmeier of Nazareth and graduated from Nazareth High School in 1971.

The award recognizes an individual who has developed ties between international business, language education, and international studies.

His company is involved in the teaching of foreign language and has made substantial financial commitments to various professional development activities, including: Central States Conference Leadership Program; the first Second Language Acquisition for Children Conference; research by the national Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages on the impact of block scheduling; professional study scholarships for Oklahoma teachers; foreign language advocacy initiatives in Georgia; and "Connecting to Kids," an in-service program that is designed to integrate Standards for Foreign Language Learning with technology and classroom practices.

He also established and funded the "Best of Central States Award" and award programs for both the Central States and Texas Foreign Language Associations. He was nominated jointly by the Central States Conference and the National Association of District Supervisors of Foreign Languages.

He also was the 1986 recipient of the Friend of Foreign Language Award, presented by the Oklahoma Foreign Language Teacher Association (OFLTA).

The ACTFL Edwin Cudecki Award was established in 1987 with the support of the Illinois Foreign Language Teachers Association (IFLTA), the International Business Council MidAmerica (IBCM), and the Illinois Ethnic Consultation (IEC).

4-H sets entry time for county livestock show

Castro County 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to enter their barrows, steers and lambs in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show during a special sign-up Jan. 11-15, 1999.

During that week, 4-H'ers with livestock projects are asked to stop by the Extension office in Dimmitt to sign up for the stock show. Entry fees are \$15 per animal.

Judges for this year's county stock show are Scott Doss for lambs, Greg Jones for steers and Rick Whitman for barrows.

For more information about the show or entries, call Benny Martinez or Rebel Royall at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

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Arkansas River Shiner won't be listed as endangered species

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 officials are pleased with the US Fish and Wildlife Service's decision not to list the Arkansas River Shiner as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

"This is certainly good news for the people of the Texas Panhandle," said A. Wayne Wyatt, High Plains Water District manager. "Listing the Arkansas River Shiner as threatened rather than endangered will have fewer restrictions on our surface and ground water use. It gives us room for negotiation on how shiner habitat will be recovered."

According to the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Arkansas River Shiner is "a small fish found in the Canadian River (South Canadian) in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas in the Cimmaron River in Kansas and Oklahoma."

The Arkansas River Shiner was first proposed for listing as an endangered species in August 1994. At that time, the US Fish and Wildlife Service contended that the minnow was "threatened by habitat destruction and modification from stream

dewatering or depletion due to diversion of surface water and excessive ground water pumpage, water quality degradation and construction of impoundments" and other factors.

Opponents in the Texas Panhandle disagreed from the start, crowding public hearings and submitting testimony to US Fish and Wildlife Service officials against the proposed endangered species listing.

"The High Plains Water District and many others have been monitoring this very closely for the past four years," said Wyatt. "There were several times when we thought that this controversy had been laid to rest, but it kept popping back up. Through it all, there has been support of our state and federal legislators, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept., the Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, local agricultural producer groups, university researchers and the general public who voiced their concerns about the tremendous impact that an endangered species listing would have on use of surface and ground-water in the Texas High Plains."

Now that the Arkansas River Shiner is listed as a threatened species, US Fish and Wildlife Service biologists will draft a recovery plan for the minnow in the next two years.

"We intend to involve as many stakeholders as possible in the development of this plan," said Jerry Brabander, supervisor of the US Fish and Wildlife Service Ecological Services office in Tulsa, Okla. "Water conservation efforts will likely be an important component of the plan. Efforts in the Texas Panhandle have already reduced the amount of water used and the rate of ground water depletion in portions of the region. This not only benefits the shiner but also farmers and municipalities."

The US Fish and Wildlife Service

believes that water releases from US Army Corps of Engineers' reservoirs in the shiner's eastern range may need to be modified, but flood control and navigation will not be significantly affected. Under current conditions, water releases from Lake Meredith will not result in significant benefits and are not being considered for shiner recovery.

"The US Fish and Wildlife Service intends to support and encourage efforts to increase irrigation efficiency and improve conservation of surface and ground water resources in the Texas High Plains," Brabander

said. "Ground water management districts in the Texas High Plains have aggressively encouraged use of water-saving technologies that have helped reduce the annual depletion rate."

"Conservation of the High Plains (Ogallala) Aquifer and the resulting benefits to stream flow will not occur without the participation of the states," he added. "Voluntary conservation of the ground water resource will be much more effective in recovery efforts for the shiner than any actions attempting to restrict or otherwise regulate withdrawals."

4-H plans program for Clover Kids

Castro County 4-H's "Clover Kids" will enjoy a program on sharing Dec. 16 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Anyone between the ages of 4 and the second grade is invited to attend.

For more information about Clover Kids or 4-H, contact Marilyn Neal at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

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Sports



TONYA ROBERTSON sinks a turn-around jumper to give the Bobbies a 30-25 second-quarter lead over Vega in the consolation championship game of the Queen's Classic Tournament in Plainview Saturday afternoon. Following her shot are teammates

Heather Black (13) and Stephanie Hinojosa (10). The Bobbies won, 72-62. Robertson finished as the game's high scorer with 30 points, and also hauled down eight rebounds and made six steals. She was named to the all-tournament team. Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobbies survive close games to finish fifth in Queen's Classic

The Dimmitt Bobbies survived a double overtime thriller Friday, then used a big fourth quarter effort Saturday night to claim the consolation championship in the Plainview Queen's Classic.

The Bobbies had fallen to the consolation bracket after losing their open-round game to Lockney, 66-58. Dimmitt bounced back on Friday, beating Corpus Christi Ray, 80-75, in double overtime of a consolation semifinal. That propelled the Bobbies into Saturday's fifth-place game with Vega, which they won, 72-62.

Dimmitt's Tonya Robertson was named to the all-tournament team.

"Overall, I think we did a great job in the tournament," said Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards. "There was a lot of good competition here and some good quality teams. Anytime you can walk away with an award from the Queen's Classic, you've earned a pat on the back."

The Bobbies got double-digit scoring out of three players in the first game with Lockney, but it wasn't quite enough to down the Lady Horns, who went on to finish fourth in the tournament.

Dimmitt held an 18-13 lead after the first quarter, but Lockney came back in the second and narrowed the Bobbies' lead to a bucket by half, 32-30.

The second half belonged to Lockney. The Lady Horns scored 18 points in each of the remaining quarters while Dimmitt managed just 12 and 14.

Leading scorer for Dimmitt was Carol Summers, who finished with 13 points. Stephanie Hinojosa added 11 while Shawna Kenworthy added 10.

"We were disappointed that we didn't beat Lockney in the first game, but they've got a good ball club," Edwards said.

Robertson and Heather Wise both finished with 15 points while Kenworthy added 14 and Hinojosa chipped in 10 as Dimmitt downed Corpus Christi Ray in double overtime, 80-75.

Dimmitt came from behind to tie the game at 63 at the end of regulation, then kept pace with Ray in the first bonus period before outlasting the team in the second overtime, 12-7.

Corpus Christi took an 11-point lead in the first quarter, 24-13, before Dimmitt settled down.

At the break it was Corpus Christi by six, 38-32.

The Bobbies took control in the second half, outscoring Ray 31-25 to tie the game at 63.

"Corpus Christi was big. They had two or three girls over 6-0," Edwards said. "We were down by so much at halftime, but then we came back in the second half. We gained a lot of confidence and experience in that game."

The second-half comeback started with a couple of three-pointers by Kenworthy, and several other players stepped up, according to Edwards.

"Heather really played well. She penetrated and made things happen and she's the one who sent it into overtime. She hit a three with about 10 seconds left when we were down by three and that tied it up."

Edwards praised his bench for play in the second half, especially in the second overtime period.

"We had three key players foul out and our bench came through. It was great to see different people pick up the slack in the second overtime. This was a great confidence builder because most of these kids haven't been in that situation before."

Both teams managed five points during the first three-minute period, then Dimmitt came through in the bottom half of the fifth quarter to win, 80-75.

Saturday's battle with Vega for the consolation crown was close from the beginning, with each team holding an edge.

The Bobbies led by two in the first quarter, 17-15, but Vega came back to take the lead at halftime, 36-34.

Dimmitt regained a one-point advantage after three periods, then blew the game open in the fourth, outscoring Vega 24-15 to claim the

72-62 win.

Robertson was unstoppable for Dimmitt, pouring in 30 points.

"I'll tell you what, Vega's tough. They're going to be a power to be reckoned with in that district," Edwards said. "We played well. Tonya really stepped up and had an exceptional game."

In addition to her 30 points, Robertson had eight rebounds and six steals for the Bobbies.

County roping set for Sunday

The County Roping will be held Sunday starting at 1 p.m. at the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena.

All ropers from Castro County are invited to participate, and last-minute entries are welcome.

Those who want to enter ahead of time may call 647-1002 for more information, or leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The event was rescheduled from Nov. 29, due to the rain. If the weather is bad again on Sunday, it will be rescheduled again.

There is no charge for those who wish to observe the competition.

The event of A-B Roping will be 3 for \$20. In the County Roping, they will have head-2, heel-2, and ribbon rope-2.

Buckles will be awarded to the average winner of each event, and a saddle will go to the all-around winner.

Following the events, an open roping will be held, if time allows.

Men's basketball league planned at Hereford YMCA

A men's five-on-five basketball league is being organized by the Hereford YMCA and local teams are invited to join.

Entry fee is \$290 per team and teams must provide their own uniforms. The league will run six weeks plus the double-elimination tournament.

Players must play at least one-third of the regular season games to be eligible for the tournament. There is no age limit and games will be played Sundays starting at 1 p.m. The first games are slated to be played on Jan. 17, 1999.

Individual shirts or trophies will be presented to winners of the league tournament and team trophies will be awarded to the first- through third-place tournament winners.

For more information or to enter a team in the league, call the Hereford YMCA at (806) 364-6990.

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Pioneer Classic

Bobcats get Lubbock in first round of tourney

Dimmitt will meet Lubbock High at 6:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in first-round action of the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic.

The nine-team field features several quality teams from bigger schools like Hereford, Lubbock Estacado, Lubbock Coronado, Andrews, Muleshoe, El Paso and Plainview. Plainview drew a first-round bye in the tournament. All games will be played at the Hutcherson Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

The Dimmitt-Lubbock High winner will advance to the championship semifinal round and will face the winner between Hereford and Lubbock Estacado. That semifinal game will be at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Losers of the Dimmitt-Lubbock and Hereford-Estacado matchups will square off in a consolation semifinal at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

The tournament also features a men's college division with Lubbock Christian University, Faulkner University, Wayland Baptist University and Jarvis Christian University.

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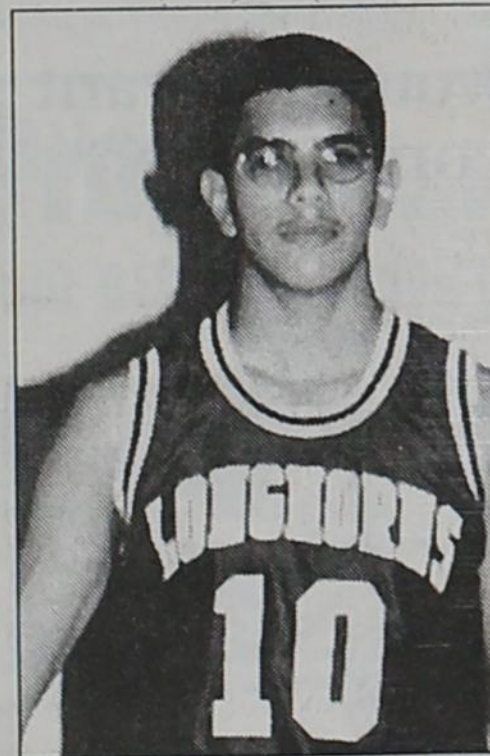


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- Wheeler 9 over O'Donnell
- Jersey Village 3 over Duncanville
- Converse Judson 7 over Ald. Eisenhower
- Midland Lee 8 over So. Grand Prairie
- Lufkin 6 over Lake Highlands
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- Stephenville 21 over Wichita Falls Hirschi
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- Cuero 2 over Giddings
- Dalingerfield 7 over Royse City
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- Sweeney 10 over Aransas Pass
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HART'S KEITH FINCH (33) battles Kress for a rebound during action Nov. 24. The Longhorns hosted the Kangaroos in a non-conference tilt, but the visitors were unkind, stealing a 51-35 win from

their hosts. Hart's leading scorer in the game was Jeremiah Velasquez, who finished with 23. Teammate Richard Gonzales had 7.

Photo by David Knox

Hart teams and Swifts are in Friona Tourney

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns and the Nazareth Swifts will be competing in the Friona Invitational Basketball Tournament today (Thursday) through Saturday.

Nazareth opens the eight-team tournament with a 10:30 a.m. game against Canyon today (Thursday).

The Hart Lady Horns will play four other teams in a round-robin tournament, and first up on the schedule is Elida, N.M. today (Thursday) at 12 noon. Later today, Hart will face Friona at 6 p.m.

The Hart Longhorns open tournament play with Friona tonight (Thursday) at 7:30.

The boys' tournament also features Lockney and Elida, who play at 4:30 today (Thursday); and Farwell and Floyd, N.M., who are slated to square off at 1:30 p.m.

Friday's championship semifinals will feature the Nazareth-Canyon and Lockney-Elida winners at 4:30 p.m. and the Farwell-Floyd and Hart-Friona winners at 7:30 p.m. Losers of the first-round games will meet in the consolation semifinal games at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., respectively.

The boys' schedule on Saturday starts with the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m. The consolation championship will be at 1:30 p.m. and the third-place match will tip off at 4:30

p.m. The championship will be decided in a 7:30 p.m. game.

The girls' round-robin tournament features the Lady Horns, Floyd, Friona, Elida and Farwell.

After playing Elida and Friona today, the Lady Horns will play one game on Friday and another on Saturday. They will meet Floyd at 3 p.m. Friday, and will take on Farwell Saturday at 12 noon.

Each team's overall record will determine the tournament placings.


Bobcats open with Denver City in Seminole Tourney

The Dimmitt Bobcats will take on Denver City next Thursday, Dec. 10, at 1:30 p.m. in first-round action of the Seminole Tournament.

Dimmitt and Denver City join Lamesa, Andrews, Pampa, Snyder, Seminole and Clint in the annual tournament.

The Dimmitt-Denver City winner will play either Lamesa or Andrews Friday, Dec. 11, at 4:30 p.m. Losers of the two first-round games will square off at 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 11.

The champion and consolation matches will be played Saturday, Dec. 12.



Good Luck, Bobcats

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FIRST GAME: Bobcats vs. Lubbock High, Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY: Bobbies vs. Amarillo High, Here

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TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Muleshoe, There

Schedule and Scores

- Dec. 3-5—Lions Classic (Boys), Plainview
- Dec. 4—Amarillo High (Girls), Here
- Dec. 8—Muleshoe, There
- Dec. 10-12—Seminole Tournament, Seminole
- Dec. 18—Friona, Here
- Dec. 19—Lubbock Cornado, There
- Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
- Jan. 2—Littlefield, Here
- Jan. 5—Slaton, There
- Jan. 8—Muleshoe (Boys), Here
- Jan. 8—Perryton (Girls), Here
- Jan. 12—Tulia, There
- Jan. 15—River Road, Here
- Jan. 19—Sanford-Fritch, There
- Jan. 22—Dalhart, Here
- Jan. 26—Tulia, Here
- Jan. 29—Perryton, There
- Feb. 2—Sanford-Fritch, Here
- Feb. 5—River Road, There
- Feb. 9—Dalhart, There
- Feb. 12—Perryton (Boys), Here
- Feb. 26-27—Girls Regional, Lubbock
- Mar. 5-6—Boys Regional, Lubbock
- Mar. 4-6—Girls State, Austin
- Mar. 11-13—Boys State, Austin

Bobbies

- 22, Randall 42
- 32, Levelland 52
- 56, Borger 49

Queen's Classic

- 58, Lockney 66
- 80, Ray 75
- 72, Vega 62

Consolation Champions

- 43, Hereford 32

Season Record: 4-3

Bobcats

- 61, Randall 69
- 81, Levelland 72
- 61, Borger 43
- 67, Farwell 48
- 49, Hereford 54

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Bobcats master Steers for 67-48 win Saturday

Farwell couldn't find a way to stop Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas inside the paint Saturday.

The 6-1 senior post hit 60% of his shots from the field, poured in 24 points and controlled the boards with 16 rebounds as the Bobcats trounced Farwell, 67-48.

Dimmitt's three veteran players,

Thomas, Derek Buckley and Jacob Larra combined for 49 of Dimmitt's points and sparked the Bobcats to a big 20-11 first quarter lead.

Buckley, Larra and Wesley Wright all buried threes in the opening stanza to add some outside punch to Thomas's inside show.

Larra finished with 14 points, five rebounds and 16 credits while Buckley had four boards and 15 credits.

Seven Bobcats tallied points in the scorebook Saturday, giving Coach Alan Steinle a balanced attack.

As a team, the Bobcats were 47% overall from the field, making 5-of-18 shots from three-point range and 20-of-35 from inside the line. Dimmitt was 12-of-22 from the charity stripe.

Thomas, Buckley and Larra each had five points in the opening period and continued to dominate throughout the game.

After taking a 20-11 lead in the first quarter, Dimmitt continued to add to its advantage in the second stanza, outscoring Farwell 18-11 for a 38-22 halftime edge. Over the second half, Dimmitt outscored the Steers, 27-26.

Dimmitt's defense dominated in the third quarter, limiting Farwell to six points.

The Steers' top scorer was Clint Corn, who finished with 12 thanks to a pair of three pointers and two other buckets in the fourth quarter.

Steak supper set Dec. 12 in Nazareth

A steak supper and raffle will be held in Nazareth on opening day of pheasant season, which is Dec. 12.

The meal will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds from the meal and raffle will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

Hereford YMCA sets volleyball meet

A volleyball tournament will be held Dec. 11 and 12 at the Hereford YMCA.

There will be three divisions in the tournament: co-ed open, co-ed recreational and men's open. Amarillo rules will be followed on the men's and co-ed open tourneys while recreational rules will apply to the co-ed recreational meet.

Entry deadline is Wednesday at 8 p.m. and entry fee is \$30 per team plus a new toy valued between \$7 and \$10.

Tournament schedules will be ready at 3 p.m. next Thursday, Dec. 10. Teams are responsible for finding out their own playing times by calling the YMCA office at (806) 364-6990.

Entry forms should be sent to the Hereford YMCA, 500 E. 15th St., Hereford 79045.

Wooten, Sutton cop 3A honors

Dimmitt's Rusty Wooten and Justin Sutton have been named to the 1998 All-South Plains Class AAA football team, announced by the *Lubbock Avalanche Journal*.

Wooten, a 6-0, 175-lb. senior, was honored as an offensive lineman. The two-year starter also was named all-district.

Sutton, a 5-9, 160-lb. junior defensive back, tallied 98 tackles, picked off three passes, recovered four fumbles and knocked down four passes for the Bobcats this season.



FAST BREAK FOR TWO—Hart's Veronica Gonzales (10) gets a steal and layup during action at home Nov. 24 against Kress. The Lady Horns dominated the visitors, posting a 65-44 victory to improve to 3-0 on the season. Coming in to help and battle for the rebound should Gonzales miss is teammate Vanessa Carrasco (25). Carrasco was the Lady Horns' leading scorer, finishing with 13 points. Ysa Rodriguez added 11 and Geneva Finch finished with 10.

Photo by David Knox

Naz to meet Perryton in first round at Canyon

The Nazareth Swiftettes and Perryton will square off tonight (Thursday) in a first-round game of the annual Canyon Classic at Canyon High School.

The annual tournament features first-round games between Happy and Tascosa at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday), Nazareth and Perryton at 7 p.m. and River Road and Muleshoe at 8:30 p.m. The host Canyon Lady Eagles drew a first-round bye and won't play their first game until the

championship semifinals Friday at 7 p.m.

If the Swiftettes can beat Perryton, they'll advance to the championship semifinals against the Happy-Tascosa winner Friday at 5:30 p.m. Losers between the two games will play at 4 p.m. Friday.

Saturday's final games include the consolation championship at 3 p.m., third-place game at 4:30 p.m. and the championship at 6 p.m.

Kern voted 3-A Defensive MVP 11 Swifts named to all-district squad

The Nazareth Swifts dominated the selections for all-district from District 3-A, capturing a most valuable player honor, nine first-team spots and four second-team positions.

Only three seniors were included on the Swifts' roster this season and all three earned first-team honors.

Senior Matthew Kern was named the district's Defensive Most Valuable Player for his work at linebacker. Kern also earned first-team honors at runningback.

Senior Mitchell Brockman also was a two-way honoree, copping first-team honors as quarterback and defensive back.

The other senior, Matt Olvera, was a three-way first-teamer, earning honors at the tight end, defensive end

and kicker positions. Other first-team honorees were junior runningback Cameron McLain, sophomore punter and linebacker Matty McLain (both positions).

Second-team honorees for the Swifts were junior defensive tackle Bo Hunter, junior defensive end Stanton Wethington, sophomore offensive tackle Bryce Pohlmeier and freshman split end Kade Wilcox.

Four Swifts earned honorable mention honors for their efforts—Hunter as center, Wethington as guard, Matty McLain as runningback and freshman Ky Wilcox as defensive back.

Offensive MVP honors went to Happy's Jared Hammet.

Swiftette press proves to be too much for Happy

The Nazareth Swiftettes used a punishing full-court press against Happy early in the third quarter Tuesday night, rattling the Cowgirls and blowing open a close game.

The Swiftettes led by three at halftime, but by the end of the third quarter they'd taken a commanding 41-24 lead. Nazareth went on to claim a 49-34 victory in the battle between two of the top-ranked teams in Class A.

Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton rotated players throughout the pivotal third quarter which enabled the Swiftettes to have fresh legs on the court at all times.

It paid off in big fashion. The Swiftettes were up by as many as 22 before Happy settled down and tried to work its way back into the game. But the Cowgirls would draw no closer than 14 down the stretch.

The Swiftettes led 10-6 after the opening period, then 19-16 at the break.

The in-your-face third-quarter defense allowed Nazareth to outscore the Cowgirls 22-8 in the third quarter

and that was enough for the win. Happy gained two points on Nazareth over the final eight minutes, but it wasn't enough for the win.

Stephanie Thiel poured in 17 points for the Swiftettes while Cassie Birkenfeld contributed 14. Happy's top scorer was Evan Lair, who had 10.

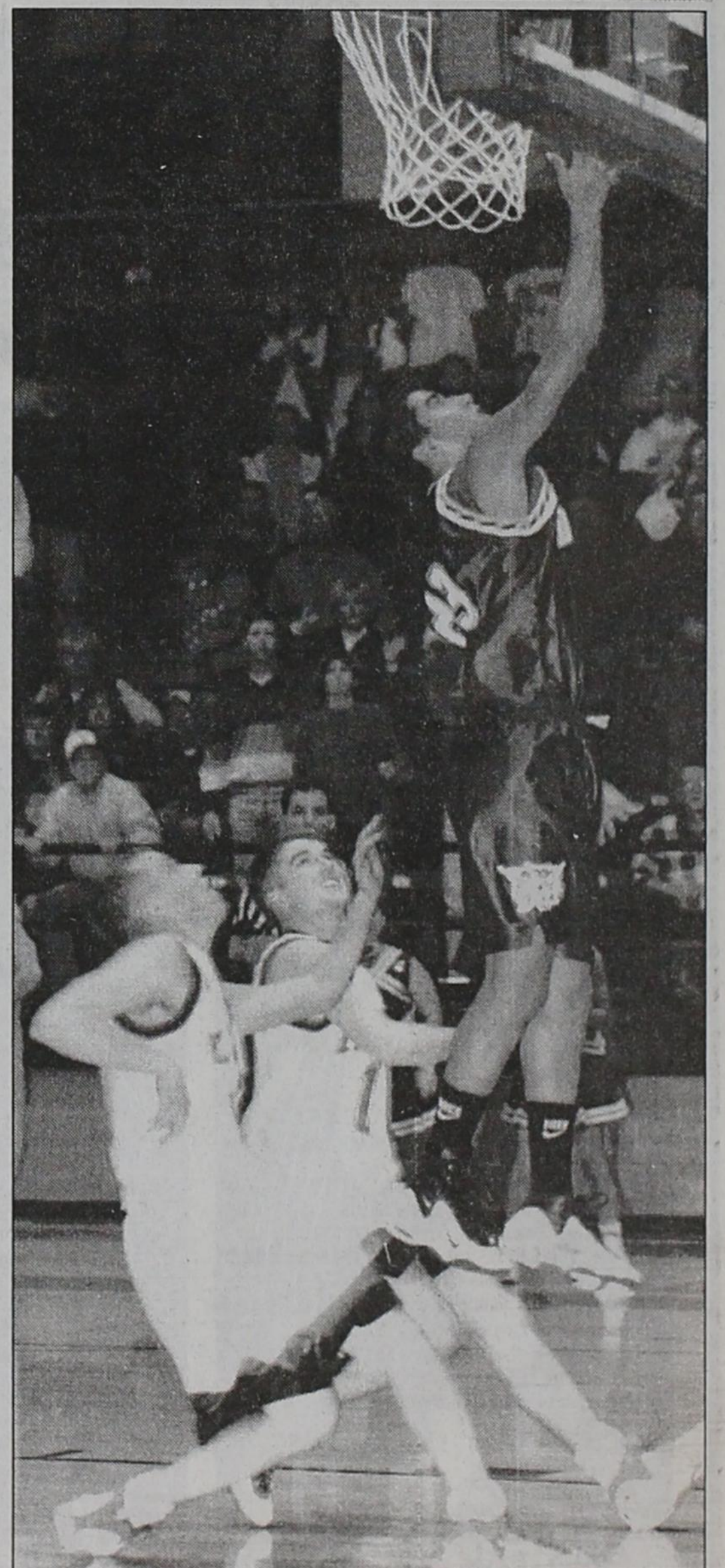
The Swiftettes improved to 3-1 with the win.

NHS plans gas raffle

The Dimmitt High School National Honor Society will raffle off \$100-worth of gasoline as a fund-raising project.

Tickets are being sold for \$2 a chance through Monday. The drawing will be held Tuesday.

Tickets may be purchased from any NHS member, or call the high school at 647-3105.



JACOB LARRA leaps high to score a fast-break basket in the Bobcats' pre-holiday game against the Levelland Lobos here. Larra finished with 13 points as the Bobcats won, 81-72, in a double-overtime thriller. The Bobcats have since defeated Borger and lost to Hereford to post a 2-2 record to date.

Photo by Carter Townsend



Laura Birkenfeld
Senior Post



Matt Olvera
Senior Post

Good Luck, Swiftettes in the Canyon Tournament!

FIRST GAME: Swiftettes vs. Perryton, Thursday, 7 p.m.

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Good Luck, Swifts in the Friona Tournament!

FIRST GAME: Swifts vs. Canyon, Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

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TUESDAY: Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Panhandle, Here

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Swifts pull away from stubborn Cowboys in fourth for 59-49 win

The Nazareth Swifts' defense controlled Happy's long-distance sharp-shooters for most of the game Tuesday night, enabling the Swifts to come away with a 59-49 win at home.

The Cowboys, who knocked the Swifts out of the playoffs a year ago by winning a district playoff game, return their entire starting lineup.

Outside threats Patrick McCuaig, John Mark Moudy and Sonny Calhoun average a combined 37 points, but the Swifts held the trio in check Tuesday.

The game was close from the opening tip, with both teams holding the lead several times.

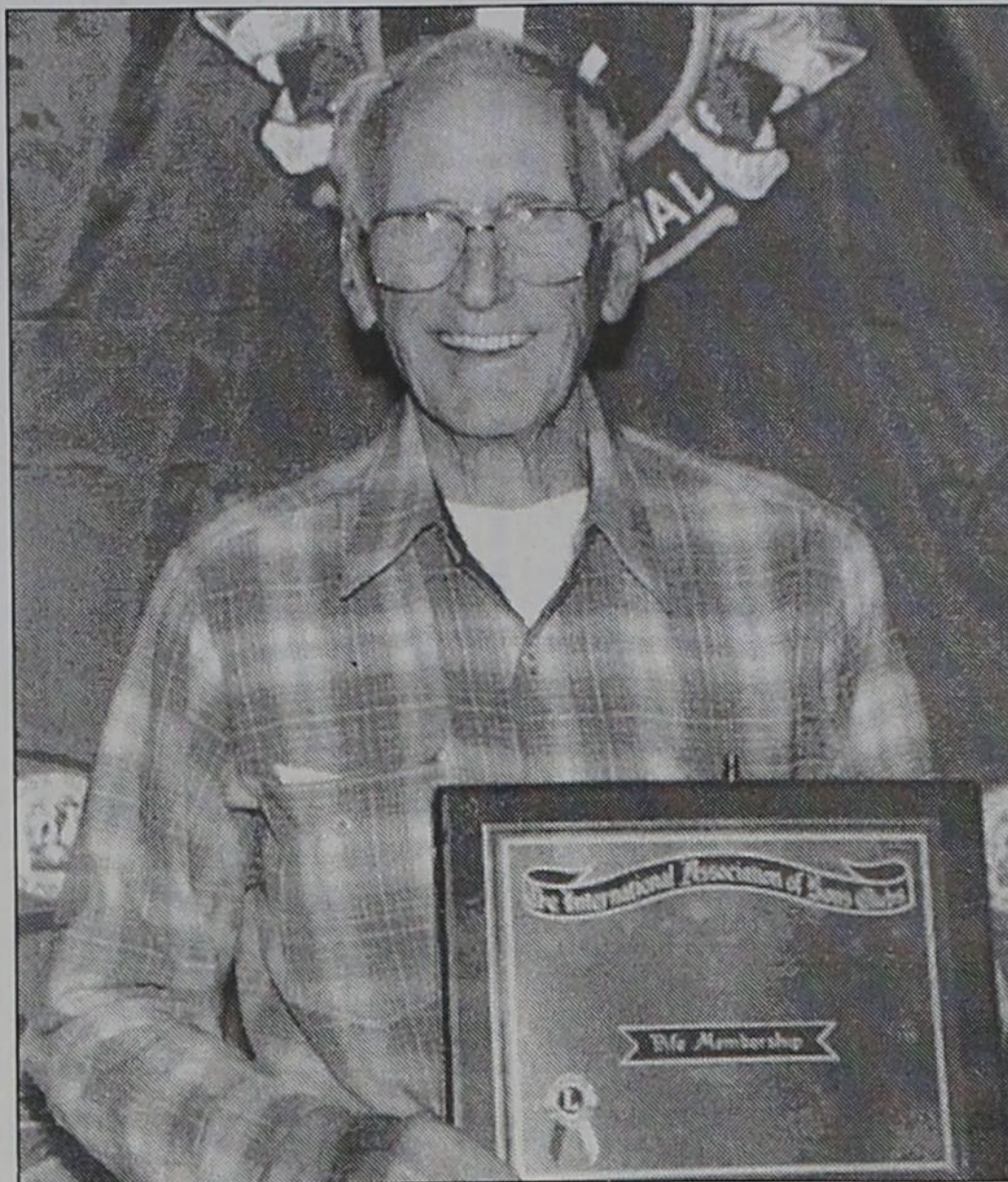
The Swifts were on top by three

after the opening quarter, 17-14, but Happy would battle back to claim the lead in the second period, only to watch it evaporate by intermission, which saw the Swifts on top, 33-31.

Nazareth held a slim, one-point lead at the end of the third quarter, 42-41, but the Swifts were able to shut down the Cowboys in the fourth quarter and made some crucial free throws down the stretch for the win.

Nazareth's freshman twins, Ky Wilcox and Kade Wilcox, kept Happy out of sync, combining for 35 of the Swifts 49 points Tuesday. Ky Wilcox finished with 19 while Kade added 16.

Happy's leading scorer was Hip Saenz, who finished with 15. Moudy had 11.



LIFETIME LION—Chet Braafladt of the Dimmitt Lions Club proudly shows the plaque he received from Boss Lion Dwayne Acker Tuesday denoting him as a life member of the International Association of Lions Clubs. The local club has made a donation in his name to the Lions International Foundation and will pay his dues for him the rest of his life. Braafladt has been active in Lions for 62 years. Photo by Don Nelson

Friendship Quilters finish second in international show

The Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt received a second-place award and \$700 for its creation, *Friendship Wreath*, at the recent International Quilt Festival in Houston.

The guild entered the Group Quilts category in the International Quilt Association's annual judged show, *Quilts—A World of Beauty*.

The group was among more than 340 finalists in the competition that attracted hundreds of entries from around the state, country and world. Their quilt, along with the other entries, was on display at the 24th annual International Quilt Festival Oct. 29 through Nov. 1 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston that drew a crowd of more than 51,000 people.

Winner in the Group Quilt competition, which was sponsored by American School of Needlework and Books Unlimited, was the trio of Paula Baxley, Gayle Deaton and Linda Taylor of Arlington for their *Autumn Dresden Garden*. Finishing third in the category was Woodlands Area Quilt Guild of Houston for its creation, *Impressions of Spring*. There were 17 quilts entered in the category.

Ann Barry of Portland, Ore., choice of judge Cynthia England of Houston; *Nocturnal Embrace* by Denise Havlan of Palos Hill, Ill., choice of judge Laurene Sinema of Phoenix, Ariz.; and *Hummer Harmony* by Lisa Tan of La Jolla, Calif., choice of judge Nancy Johnson-Srebro of Tynkhanock, Penn.

Festival attendees had the opportunity to vote on their favorite quilt as the Viewers' Choice Award, sponsored by Itchin' to Stitch. Margarete Heinisch received \$500 for her quilt, *In the Heart of Europe*. Heinisch is from West Hills, Calif.

More than 60 entries also were awarded Category Awards with \$1,000 for first place, \$700 for second place and \$300 for third.

The International Quilt Association, founded in 1979, is the only international non-profit quilt organization dedicated to the preservation of the art of quilting, the attainment of public recognition for quilting as an art form, and the advancement of the state of the art throughout the world.

For more information about the organization, write IQA, 7660 Woodway, Suite 550, Houston 77063, call (713) 781-6864 or fax (713) 781-8182, or consult the association's web site at www.quilts.org.

Scoreboard

NOV. 24

Bobcats 61, Borger 43
 Borger 11 10 16 6 —43
 Dimmitt 17 12 8 23 —61
 Dimmitt—Derek Buckley 13, Jerry Thomas and Jacob Larra 11.
 Borger—Hadley 14, Garcia 10. Record: Dimmitt 2-1.

Bobbies 56, Borger 49
 Borger 9 14 14 12 —49
 Dimmitt 9 21 11 15 —56
 Dimmitt—Tonya Robertson 19, Shawna Kenworthy 13. Borger—Manosco 12. Record: Dimmitt 1-2.

Lady Horns 65, Kress 44
 Kress 9 12 9 14 —44
 Hart 14 22 13 16 —65
 Hart—Vanessa Carrasco 13, Ysa Rodriguez 11, Geneva Finch 10. Kress—L. Wilborn 20, Hendricks 14. Record: Hart 3-0.

Longhorns 35, Kress 51
 Kress 14 11 13 13 —51
 Hart 4 14 10 7 —31
 Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 23, Richard Gonzales 7, Kress—C. Murray 20, C. Street 8. Record: Hart 1-2.

JV Bobbies 45, Borger 71
JV Bobcats 48, Borger 43
JV Longhorns 37, Kress 41

Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 24, Jacob Larra 14, Derek Buckley 11. Farwell—Corn 12. Record: Dimmitt 3-1.

Freshman Bobcats 47, Farwell 45
 Dimmitt 9th 13 11 15 8 47
 Farwell 13 6 10 16 —45
 Dimmitt 9th—Anthony Oliviero 22, Matthew Wright 10. Record: Dimmitt 9th 3-1.

JV Bobcats 62, Farwell 44
 Dimmitt JV 20 11 17 13 —62
 Farwell Not available
 Dimmitt JV—Marcus Larra 24, Daniel Salazar 16. Record: Dimmitt JV 3-1.

MONDAY

Freshman Bobcats 67, Sanford-Fritch 29
 Dimmitt 9th 14 17 14 22 —67
 Sanford-Fritch 9 11 4 5 —29
 Dimmitt—Anthony Oliviero 17, Austin Sherman 9.

TUESDAY

Swiftettes 49, Happy 34
 Nazareth 10 9 22 8 —49
 Happy 6 10 8 10 —34
 Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 17, Cassie Birkenfeld 14. Happy—Evan Clair 10. Records: Nazareth 3-1.

Swifts 59, Happy 49
 Nazareth 17 16 9 17 —59
 Happy 14 17 10 8 —49
 Nazareth—Ky Wilcox 19, Kade Wilcox 16. Happy—Hip Saenz 15, Jon Mark Moudy 11. Record: Nazareth 2-2.

Bobbies 43, Hereford 32
 Dimmitt 12 13 9 9 —43
 Hereford 10 4 11 7 —32
 Dimmitt—Tonya Robertson 15, Carol Summers 9. Hereford—Eicke 11. Record: Dimmitt 4-3.

Consolation Semifinals

Bobbies 80, CC Ray 75 (2OT)
 Dimmitt 13 19 15 16 5 12 —80
 CC Ray 24 14 14 11 5 7 —75
 Dimmitt—Heather Wise and Tonya Robertson 14, Shawna Kenworthy 14, Stephanie Hinojosa 10. CC Ray—Kucera 22, Davis 17, Gonzales 14. Record: Dimmitt 2-3.

Consolation Championship/Fifth Place

Bobbies 72, Vega 62
 Dimmitt 17 17 14 24 —72
 Vega 15 21 11 15 —62
 Dimmitt—Tonya Robertson 30. Vega—Rea 26. Record: Dimmitt 3-3.

SATURDAY

Bobcats 67, Farwell 48
 Dimmitt 20 18 12 15 —67
 Farwell 11 11 6 20 —48

Lady Horns 21, Idalou 65
 Hart 3 2 12 4 —21
 Idalou 15 20 16 14 —65
 Hart—Veronica Gonzales 7. Idalou—Smith 17, Turner 12. Record: Hart 3-1.

Longhorns 43, Idalou 87
 Hart 13 14 9 7 —43
 Idalou 27 20 17 23 —87
 Hart—Chris George 12, Richard Gonzales 11, Idalou—Brumley 22, Bozeman 17, DeLeon 15. Record: Hart 1-3.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

12-year-old joins ranks

What's in a name? Well, if your name is Michael Cline or Marlon Backus, there's \$20 in it for you.

Those are the names that came up as the local winners in Week 12 and Week 13 of the TEXAS POWER POINTS Football Contest. The Week 12 winner, Michael Cline, is our youngest so far this season. He's only 12 years old.

Michael, a third grader in Richardson Elementary, scored 115 points (of a possible 136) to top all other contestants of all ages.

Michael is keeping it in the family. His granddad, Milas Cline Jr., has been a multiple winner. However, Michael "does it himself every week, without asking for any help from anybody," according to his father, Adam.

Backus, who lives at Nazareth and works at Hyman Farm Service in Dimmitt, racked up 127 points in the Week 13 contest to capture the local cash prize and bragging rights. He's a repeat winner from last year, proving that it's a skill-not-luck contest.

State winners were Doug Kappel of Abilene with 127 points in the Week 12 contest and Campbell Moore of Levelland with 135 points in Week 13. Each won \$1,000 cash.

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 13. Weekly cash prizes are \$20 for the local winner and \$1,000 for the state's Grand Prize winner. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in by 3 p.m. Friday at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St. Good luck!

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Susan Derkacz of New Braunfels won \$10,000 for *That Patchwork Place* Best of Show Award for her quilt, *Seymour's Dream*. The other master awards, each worth \$5,000, were given to the following winners: *Pineapple Stretch* by Mary Ann Herndon of Houston, The Fairfield Master Award for Contemporary Artistry; *Rocky Mountain Road Through the Trees* by Karen Burns of Granite Bay, Calif.; The Robert S. Cohan Master Award for Traditional Artistry; *Renaissance* by Susan Danielson of Golden, Colo.; The Pfaff Master Award for Machine Artistry; *Star Flower Garden* by Margaret Docherty of Durham, England, The QUILTERS ONLY by Springs Industries Master Award for Innovative Artistry; and *Joie De Vie (Joy of Life)* by Candy Goff of Lolo, Mont., the Founder's Award, given by International Quilt Festival.

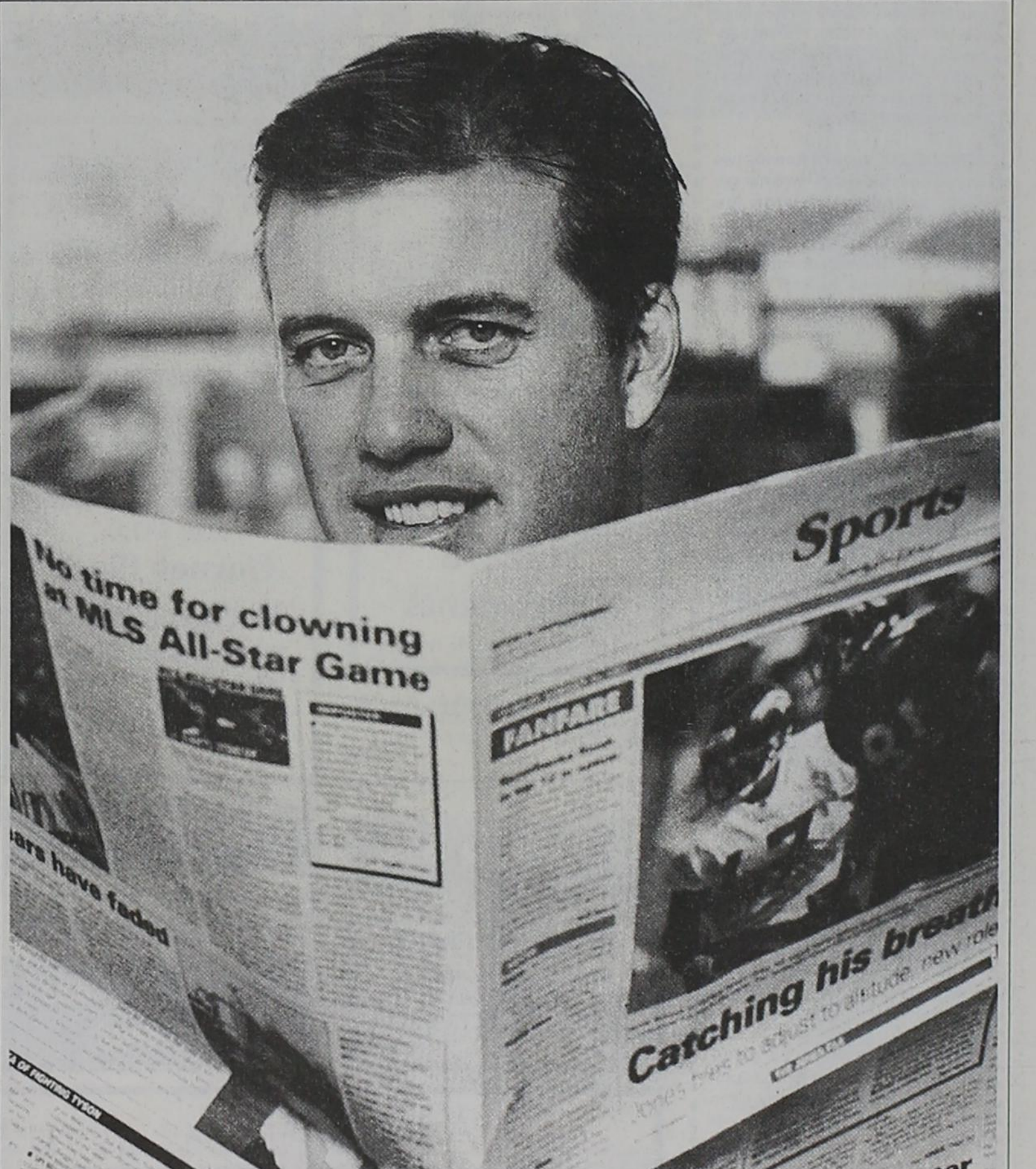
The Judge's Choice Awards included *Turning Over a New Leaf* by Laura Heine of Billings, Mont., choice of judge Jane Dunnewold of San Antonio; *October Song* by Jo

Dedication of nativity slated at Nazareth

Sunday after the morning Mass at Holy Family Catholic Church in Nazareth (at around 9:30) a ceremony will be held for the dedication of a nativity scene that Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth has had refurbished for display at the church for the Christmas season.

She also had a stable backdrop constructed for the nativity figures. Brockman said Danny Gamble of Canyon is the artist who constructed the stable and painted artwork that goes with it. He also did the refurbishing work on the nativity figures.

Everyone is invited to view the nativity and to attend the dedication ceremony.



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IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF O.A. OLDHAM, DECEASED

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A list reflecting the highways and limits along with applicable specifications relative to the Contract may be inspected at the Texas Department of Transportation district office at 135 Slaton Road, Lubbock, and at the TxDOT offices in the various counties where work will be done.

Plans may be purchased from commercial blueprint companies.

Proposals will be issued to pre-qualified bidders and to bidder's questionnaire bidders.

A guaranty check in the amount of \$2,000 is required in the proper form as described in the proposal, made payable to the Texas Transportation commission, to accompany each proposal as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract, and make bond in accordance with requirements of the specifications. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

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 Sealed bids for mowing highway right of way will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, 79404.

COUNTY: Castro
 HIGHWAY: SH 0086
 ESTIMATE: \$111,828.00
 PROJECT NUMBER: RMC-603538001
 PREBID MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 1998, 9:30 A.M., LUBBOCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, 135 SLATON RD., LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79404. This meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended that bidders be in attendance.

GUARANTY: \$2,300.00
 Only a cashier's check, money order, or teller's check on a State or National Bank, on a State or National Savings and Loan Association or a State or Federally Chartered Credit Union for the guaranty amount listed above will be accepted. The Proposal Guaranty must be in the amount stated and may be payable at or through the institution issuing the instrument or may be drawn on a non-bank and payable at or through a bank. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

Bids received until 11:30 a.m. December 17, 1998.
 Bids will be publicly opened and read at 11:30 a.m. December 17, 1998.

MAIL PROPOSALS TO:
 ATTN: ANN FINLEY
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 P.O. BOX 771
 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79408-0771

DELIVER PROPOSALS TO:
 ATTN: ANN FINLEY
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 135 SLATON RD.
 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79404

Approximate limits of work: North county line to south county line and east county line to west county line. Plans are required for this project and may be obtained from plan companies.

Questions regarding this proposal may be addressed to:
 Mike Craig, Area Engineer
 P.O. Box 148
 Plainview, Texas 79072
 806-293-5101
 or
 Ann Finley, Contract Tech
 806-748-4403

Bidding proposals are issued to pre-qualified bidders only. Pre-qualification information and questionnaire may be obtained from the Maintenance Division, Austin, 512-416-2496 or from the district maintenance office, Lubbock at 806-748-4403.

Bid proposals may be requested from the Maintenance Division, Austin, by telephoning 512-416-2496 or by contacting the district maintenance office in Lubbock at 806-748-4403.

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Nominations due for citizen honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years" and "Teacher of the Year" awards, which will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet in January.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office in Dimmitt.

"Every year when our selection committees convene, the names of several people who weren't nominated are brought up and, invariably, someone says, 'Well, it's a shame...,'" said Bill Sava, executive director of the chamber of commerce. "This is a great way for organizations, groups of friends, churches, individuals, students, and even family members to recognize someone who has made worthwhile contributions to our community."

Shot clinic slated today

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

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella and HIB (haemophilus influenza type B).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

Influenza and pneumonia vaccines also will be available.

Book Club will meet Wednesday

The Dimmitt Book Club will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Mildred Bradford will review *Over the Hill?*, a book by Effie Leland Wilder. Wilder is an 86-year-old resident of a retirement home and she tells the stories of the high and low times there.

The public is invited to attend the review.

Cotton Talks

Low producer prices for cotton and grain and a falling Adjusted World Price (AWP) are beginning to create Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP)/Marketing Loan Gain payment limitation problems for some producers.

The crux of the problem is, that producers who reach the \$75,000 payment limit may not be able to stay price competitive because they are ineligible for either an LDP or a marketing loan gain from commodities pledged as collateral in the loan. There appears to be only one way around this problem—issuance of generic certificates for Step 2 payments that can be redeemed for cotton in the loan, in lieu of cash, at the Step 2 recipient's request.

Cotton redeemed from the loan with certificates would keep producers who are close to their payment limit competitive in the market and would not count against their payment limit.

Cotton redeemed with certificates is not counted against a producer's payment limit while the marketing loan gain from cash redemptions is added to the total counted against the LDP payment limit.

The Secretary of Agriculture has the authority to issue certificates instead of cash for Step 2 payments; however, in order for this to be helpful for cotton he would also have to allow the redemption of loans with certificates.

Currently, certificates can only be used to purchase CCC-owned commodities, not commodities held as

collateral for loans.

Producers who reach their LDP payment limit could be forced, under current rules, to forfeit any available LDP or have their cotton in the loan become ineligible for redemption at the Adjusted World Price.

Plains Cotton Growers and other cotton industry groups are in the process of asking the Secretary of Agriculture to issue Step 2 certificates to those that request them and to allow certificates to be used to take cotton out of the loan.

Ballots have been mailed to cotton producers and landlords in the Western High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who will now decide whether or not to mount a concerted effort to rid themselves of the boll weevil.

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The Western High Plains Eradication Zone consists of five counties: Andrews, Gaines, Yoakum, and parts of Terry and Lynn. Altogether the zone contains an estimated 800,000 acres of boll weevil infested cotton.

Referendum participants will vote on three separate items: establishment of the zone; establishment of a maximum assessment rate of \$6 per land acre for dryland and \$12 per land acre for irrigated; and to elect a member to the Texas Boll Weevil

Eradication Foundation board of directors.

Ballots were mailed by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture around Nov. 18. The mail referendum concludes Dec. 9. Eligible ballots must be post-marked by Dec. 9.

All producers and landowners are eligible to vote in the referendum. If you feel you should have received a ballot but have not, contact the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation at 1-800-687-1212.

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.

Those attending are invited to bring along a favorite game, or just come and participate in the games on hand.

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.

Police Calls

Sunday, a 37-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. He was arrested around 1:45 a.m. in the 200 block of West Bedford after he had been stopped for a traffic violation. A subsequent search of his vehicle revealed 3 grams of marijuana in a baggie, two packs of rolling papers, six marijuana cigarette butts, a pair of forceps, a pair of tweezers, and two homemade weapons, "knuckles" and a steel shank.

Deputies received a report Friday afternoon of an accidental shooting west and south of Dimmitt. A group of Dimmitt teens, all cousins, were hunting rabbits when one youth was struck in the head by a .22. Deputies said the wound was not serious.

Deputies were notified Saturday morning that six persons had vandalized a vacant residence northwest of Dimmitt. Extensive damage was done to the windows of the residence, but no dollar estimate was available.

Saturday afternoon, a motorist complained of an ammonia smell in the Tam Anne area, and an investigating deputy discovered that vandals had opened the valve on a 1,000-gallon ammonia tank at C&T Fertilizer and emptied its contents on the ground.

Sunday afternoon, police were informed of two vehicles that were burglarized in the 1000 block of West Dulin. Items taken included a CD player, amplifier, speakers, and a cassette player, valued at a total of \$370. Vandalized were a rear windshield, a vent window and a tire, for damages of \$230.

Early Monday, a victim told police that three suspects assaulted him after a dance in the 600 block of East Dulin.

Jimmy Stewart of Dimmitt told police Friday morning that a pickup belonging to Walt Hansen was damaged by someone throwing a brick through the driver side door window. The ignition switch also was vandalized. The pickup had been parked in the 600 block of North Broadway.

A deputy assisted the Hart Police with a domestic violence call in the 100 block of Avenue F in Hart Monday night. The suspect had fled while the victim was calling for help and

before officers arrived.

Two mail boxes were damaged south of Easter on FM 1055. One was reported Friday night. The mail box and post had been pulled out the ground. The other was reported Sunday morning. The box had been damaged by being hit with a board or pipe.

Police were called about an incident of disorderly conduct Nov. 24 at 8:35 p.m. Suspects were fighting in the 700 block of West Jones during a basketball game.

A Dimmitt woman told police Monday morning that someone has been harassing her by calling on the phone and hanging up.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past week include:

—A 32-year-old Amarillo man, jailed Thanksgiving morning for DWI, second offense.

—Also on Thanksgiving, a suspect was stopped in the 100 block of West Dulin at 2:24 a.m. and charged with driving under the influence.

—Early Friday, a suspect ran a stop sign in the 100 block of Southwest Sixth and was charged with driving under the influence, and about a half hour later, another suspect was charged in the 500 block of West Jones.

—Sunday night, a 19-year-old California man was jailed for being a minor in consumption of alcohol.

—Early Monday, a Mesquite, N.M., man, 19, was jailed for DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants and for violation of probation were:
 —A Dimmitt man, 22, on Nov. 24 on a warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

—Nov. 24, a 33-year-old Dimmitt man was held for the Border Patrol.

—Warrants for speeding and failure to appear resulted in the jailing of a 25-year-old Dimmitt woman early Thanksgiving Day.

—A warrant for violation of probation stemming from DWI and driving with license suspended resulted in the jailing of a Hereford man, 29, on Thanksgiving morning.

—On Thanksgiving afternoon, a Hereford man, 30, was jailed on warrants for possession of a controlled substance and bond forfeiture.
 —A 20-year-old Dimmitt man was

jailed early Saturday on a motion to revoke.

—Sunday afternoon, a Dimmitt man, 17, was jailed on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

John Paul Medellin, 16, of San Antonio, was ticketed for driving without a license and failure to control speed on Nov. 22 at 11:41 a.m. He was driving a 1977 Dodge van and pulled into the Fast Stop convenience store on North Broadway. Police reported he drove over some loose gravel, lost traction and struck a canopy pole. Damage to the vehicle was rated light.

Hart businesses plan open house next Wednesday

Christmas decorations and lighted stores will turn Hart's Main Street into an after-hours "holiday mall" next Wednesday when Hart stores host their sixth annual Downtown Hart Open House.

For the convenience of late shoppers, all participating stores will stay open late—most until 9 p.m.—to display their Christmas gift items. Most stores also will serve refreshments and have in-store drawings for prizes.

The W.I.T.H. Association (Women In Touch with Hart) provided and set up the city's downtown Christmas decorations.

NHS to collect canned food for the needy

The Dimmitt High School National Honor Society members will be going door-to-door in Dimmitt on Sunday to collect canned food items for the needy.

The items collected will be donated to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which benefits the needy of the county, especially the elderly.

THE CASTRO COUNTY NEWS

THE ULTIMATE FOOTBALL CONTEST
WIN \$1,000.00 WEEKLY

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WEEK 14
 Games of Dec. 5 - 7

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HOW TO PLAY

Select a winner from each of the week's games, listed below. Select in descending order of your CONFIDENCE in your choices. Win points at left for each correct selection toward possible total of 136 points. See complete rules below. You must be at least 8 (eight) years old to enter. To enter, clip along dotted line, then place game entry in POWER POINTS container at co-sponsor's retail outlet(s). Entrants must list name, address and phone number below.

LIMIT: You may enter only one coupon statewide per week.

DEADLINE: 2 P.M. FRIDAY

TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Baltimore at Tennessee	NY Giants at Arizona
Buffalo at Cincinnati	San Diego at Washington
Dallas at New Orleans	San Francisco at Carolina
Detroit at Jacksonville	Seattle at NY Jets
Indianapolis at Atlanta	Chicago at Minnesota
Kansas City at Denver	Green Bay at Tampa Bay
Miami at Oakland	Army - Navy
New England at Pittsburgh	Kansas State vs. Texas A&M

136 TOTAL POINTS

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 Address _____
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 Day Phone () _____
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LOCALLY WIN \$20 WEEKLY!

Deposit Your Entries at The Castro County News Office, 108 West Bedford by 2 p.m. Friday

POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES

- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST to pick a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, you win 16 points. Write the name of your second-surest winner on the 15-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly statewide winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

Obituaries

Jack Cartwright

Funeral services for Edwin O'Dell "Jack" Cartwright Jr., 86, of Dimmitt will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhoads, pastor, officiating, assisted by Keith Lowe.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Cartwright died Dec. 1 in Lubbock.

He was born June 29, 1912, in Estacado to Edwin O'Dell Cartwright Sr. and Lena Cone Cartwright. His father preceded him in death in 1914, and his mother in 1975. He was raised in the Cleo Community in Castro County and graduated from Hereford High School in 1933. He was an all-district football player and captain of the basketball team. During his high school years, he worked at the local drugstore.

Mr. Cartwright married Bettye Elizabeth Miller in 1933. They lived in California for seven years and owned a dry cleaning business, before moving back to Dimmitt in 1940. He was involved in farming until 1955 when he was elected Castro County Sheriff, and he relegated farming and his horses to the status of "a full-time hobby." He served 21 years in office, retiring in 1976, when he returned to farming and horses.

He also was preceded in death by a sister, Edith Thurman, who died in 1973; his son, Edwin O'Dell Cartwright I in 1974; his wife of 42 years, in 1985; and his grandson, Logan Keith Cartwright, in 1997.

He is survived by two daughters, Jacqueline Joy Phillips and Dera Ka Lowe, both of Lubbock; a son, Jerry Cartwright of Dimmitt; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Edwin and Logan Cartwright Memorial Fund in care of First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. The fund benefits children with special needs.

J.G. "Jack" Estes

Graveside services for J.G. "Jack" Estes, 91, of Olton, father of Letha Key of Hart, were held Monday afternoon at the Olton Cemetery. Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mr. Estes died at 10:10 a.m. on Saturday in Plainview.

He was born Sept. 23, 1907, in Comanche. He married Lola McDonald on Sept. 17, 1927, in Comanche. She died Nov. 14, 1992.

He had lived in Olton since 1933, moving there from Comanche. He was a member of the Olton First Baptist Church and Olton Country Club. He had owned and operated the Olton Texaco Service Station for many years, retiring in 1962.

Survivors include a daughter, Letha Key of Hart; three sons, Johnny Mack Estes of El Paso, Sam Roy Estes of Troy and Teddy Jack Estes of Leander; a brother, Elmo Estes of Victoria; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Runningwater Draw Care Center, PO Box 409, Olton 79064; or the Olton Volunteer Ambulance Association, Olton 79064.



Willie Mae Sadler

Willie Mae Sadler, 82, of Sunnyside, died at 4:20 p.m. last Thursday, Nov. 26, at St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Sunnyside Baptist Church with the Rev. Bennie Wright, pastor, officiating, assisted by the Rev. David Fletcher, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jayton. Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sadler was born Sept. 25, 1916, in Hall County to Houston and Eunice Fowlkes. She married

Embree Roy Sadler on Oct. 10, 1933 in Plainview. She moved to Sunnyside in 1926 from Hall County.

She was a loving and giving person, staying active with the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and in church and community work. Her love of growing flowers and cooking with a gift she shared with others. She was an artist and enjoyed oil and china painting, needlepoint, crocheting, quilting and creating beautifully crafted art.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Embree Gale Sadler of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and Myles Freeman Sadler of Lubbock; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Larry Sadler, David Sadler, Greg Sadler, Greg Harmon, Bob Clatt and Chris Spalding.

Honorary pallbearers were Ezell Sadler, Alton Louder, R.V. Bills, Glenn Wilson and Robert Duke.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Hank Warren

Funeral services for Henry Junior "Hank" Warren, 62, of Dimmitt were held Saturday afternoon at Coulter Road Baptist Church of Amarillo with Windell Taylor, Chaplain of the Amarillo VA hospital, officiating.

Burial followed in Llano Cemetery of Amarillo under direction of Schooler Funeral Home of Amarillo. Mr. Warren died Nov. 25 in Amarillo.

He was born Sept. 22, 1936, in San Angelo and married Loretta Carol Hollis on Oct. 25, 1958, in Manassas, Va. They moved from Hampton, Va., to Canyon in 1975, and later to Dimmitt. He was a veteran of the US Marine Corps and the US Air Force, having served 11½ years in each branch. He was employed as the adult probation officer for Castro and Swisher counties.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, J.B. and Wallace Warren, and a sister, Wanda Shahan.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Belya Elizabeth York of Guymon, Okla.; a son, Guy Edward Warren of Odenton, Md.; a brother, Jack Warren of Canyon; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

The family suggests memorials to the Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice or to a favorite charity.

--Memorial--

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Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery under direction of White Funeral Home of Lubbock.

Mr. Cartwright died Dec. 1 in Lubbock.

He was born June 29, 1912, in Estacado to Edwin O'Dell Cartwright Sr. and Lena Cone Cartwright. His father preceded him in death in 1914, and his mother in 1975. He had a sister, Edith Thurman, who preceded him in death in 1973. He was raised in the Cleo Community and graduated from Hereford High School in 1933. He was an all-district football player and captain of the basketball team. He worked his way through high school working at the local drugstore.

He married Bettye Elizabeth Miller in 1933, and they had four children, Edwin O'Dell Cartwright I, Jacqueline Joy Cartwright Phillips, Dera Ka Cartwright Lowe and Jerry Keith Cartwright.

He lived in California for seven years and owned a dry cleaning business, before realizing everyone's dream there was to have a farm and live in the country—which he could do right here in Dimmitt, Texas, Castro County! He and his family loaded up what they could in an old pickup and came back home and farmed from 1940 until 1955 when he was elected sheriff of Castro County. At that time horses and farming became "just" a full time hobby! He retired from law enforcement in 1976. He continued with his passion of horses and farming until his death.

He was preceded in death by his son, Edwin O'Dell Cartwright I in 1974; his wife of 42 years, Bettye Elizabeth Miller Cartwright, in 1985; and his grandson, Logan Keith Cartwright, in 1997.

He has left behind to carry on his memory three children, 11 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Grandsons and great-grandsons will be pallbearers.

The family suggests memorials to the Edwin and Logan Cartwright Memorial Fund in care of First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. The fund benefits children with special needs.



DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL band members clown around before their concert on the square Nov. 19 for the "Santa's Open House" celebration in Dimmitt.

The band played several numbers and the high school choir sang several selections. Both are directed by Robin Stephens. Photo by Linda Maxwell

More about

Cotton harvest . . .

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"I'd say we've got nearly 90% off the stalk right now," said Jim Bradford of North Gin. "I think we can still get finished by Christmas. It wouldn't take them but another 10 days or two weeks to get it all harvested if the weather cooperates."

Bradford said heavy rains "did hurt the quality, but I think the quantity was hurt more. I think the wind that we got that Monday after the rain did more damage than all of the rain—in some cases blowing cotton off the stalk and in some cases the

entire boll. In some fields close to town, they thought they lost close to 30%. I think some of the good cotton that was making 2-1/2 bales probably lost 200 pounds per acre."

Bradford added that because of the weather he thinks "we missed out on what could have been one of our best years. It might not have been as good as 1996, but I think we could have beaten last year's crop."

He said a lot of the cotton tested short staple length due to stress.

"They had a lot of that kind of cotton to the south also because of the drought, so there's a whole lot of it on the market, and quite a bit of discount on the short-staple cotton right now."

The best yields he's heard so far have been between 2-1/2 to three bales, "but there's not much of that." He estimated overall average between 1-1/2 and two bales.

"That's a good break-even yield with the 60¢ price," Bradford said.

He added that the price of cotton is lower than he expected, "considering the crop disaster they had down south. But with the government loan deficiency payment, I think most of our growers will get in the lower to middle 60¢ range for their cotton."

Dodd Gin is just about finished with harvest, too, according to Virgil Morton.

"We're about 95% finished with stripping the cotton and we hope to be through ginning by the end of the week, weather permitting," Morton said.

"Yields have been running between 3/4 of a bale per acre to 2-1/2 bales, depending on where they were able to water. Where there wasn't any water, the cotton was hurt," Morton said.

Morton said grades were better in earlier cotton, but after the late-October and early-November wet spell, grades have dropped slightly.

"It's carrying a little more leaf trash. It's a little short on staple and

the strength is light, which makes it tough to move," Morton said.

Harvest and ginning are about 75% complete west of Dimmitt at Bruegel Bros. Gin, according to Carl Bruegel.

"We've still got a few pretty good sized patches still in the field. We just need some clear weather to get it all out," Bruegel said. "The grades have been pretty disappointing. They were good at the beginning, but they've fallen off during the past couple of weeks. The rain really takes it out of the yield and grades; it works against you."

Bruegel said the quality also was better during the earlier stages of harvest.

"It has deteriorated immensely since we started," Bruegel added.

Sunnyside Gin hopes to wrap things up in 10 days to two weeks, according to James Norrell.

"Harvest has been pretty fair considering the weather," Norrell said. "We've still got one farmer still stripping, but most are finished."

Norrell said yields in the Sunnyside area are averaging between one and three bales per acre.

Farmers in that part of the county suffered some high wind and hail damage late in the season, and 10% to 15% of the crop was totally lost, Norrell said. Grades have been "pretty good, in general" on the remaining cotton.

Ben Royston at Royston Gin said harvest is going well, with about 75% of it complete.

"We just need the rain to stay away from us," Royston said. "We got .60 of an inch of rain Sunday."

He said about 15% of his customers' cotton is still on the stalk.

The crop looks good, he said, adding that the bad weather in early November didn't affect the grades as bad as he had thought.

He said yields are running between one and three bales, with most growers averaging 1-1/2 bales per acre.

FBC children's choir to present Christmas show

The children's choir of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will present its annual Christmas musical Sunday at 6 p.m. in the church's auditorium.

The public is invited to attend. This year's musical will be *A Star is Born*. The unique musical presentation will tell the Christmas Story in such a way that people of all ages will be able to understand and enjoy its message.

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Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston.

Not bad for a guy who spent part of his boyhood in an orphanage.

That's right. He and Joyce both lived at the Buckner Orphans' Home "for several years" after their dad was killed in an oil-field accident at Luling.

I wonder how much the people at the Buckner Home had to do with Joyce and Glen growing up to be such contributors and care-givers.

Vic Brockman of Midland sent this prayer. He picked it up from the Lawrence, Neb., *Locomotive*:

Dear Lord, so far today I've done all right.

I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent.

I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot more help!

Amen.

Financial aid hotline open this weekend

Students and parents with questions about how to obtain financial aid for college will have an opportunity to ask those questions of qualified individuals Saturday and Sunday when the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators presents its financial aid hotline.

Those interested in talking with representatives may call (877) 782-7322 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Representatives from Texas institutions and agencies will help families and students throughout Texas find out how to apply for financial aid, discover their options for paying for college and will offer answers to other questions about planning for the future.

For more information about the hotline or financial aid, contact Sue Summers at Dimmitt High School, 647-3105.

Greetings deadline set Dec. 14

Those who wish to have their names included in Community Christmas greetings that will be published in the Christmas issue of the *News* must sign up by Dec. 14.

Local residents are asked to make a donation in the amount they would normally spend to send Christmas greetings to local friends.

In Dimmitt, the greeting project is sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and proceeds help purchase needed items for the hospital. Those wanting to make donations may contact any auxiliary member or make donations at First United Bank, 201 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

In Hart, the greeting project will benefit the Hart Cemetery Fund. Those wanting to make donations can contact Hale County State Bank Hart Banking Center at 424 Broadway in Hart.

In Nazareth, funds received will benefit the parish Charity Fund. Those wanting to make donations may contact Fr. Jerry Stein at 945-2616 or Vera Ramaekers at 945-2598.

Honor society sets coat drive

The Dimmitt High School National Honor Society is having a coat drive, which will continue through Dec. 11. The coats will be donated to the needy in this area.

Boxes for depositing donated coats have been placed at school campuses in Dimmitt and at eight Dimmitt churches.

Participating churches include First Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Lee Street Baptist Church, First Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the Assembly of God.

Art show planned in Plainview

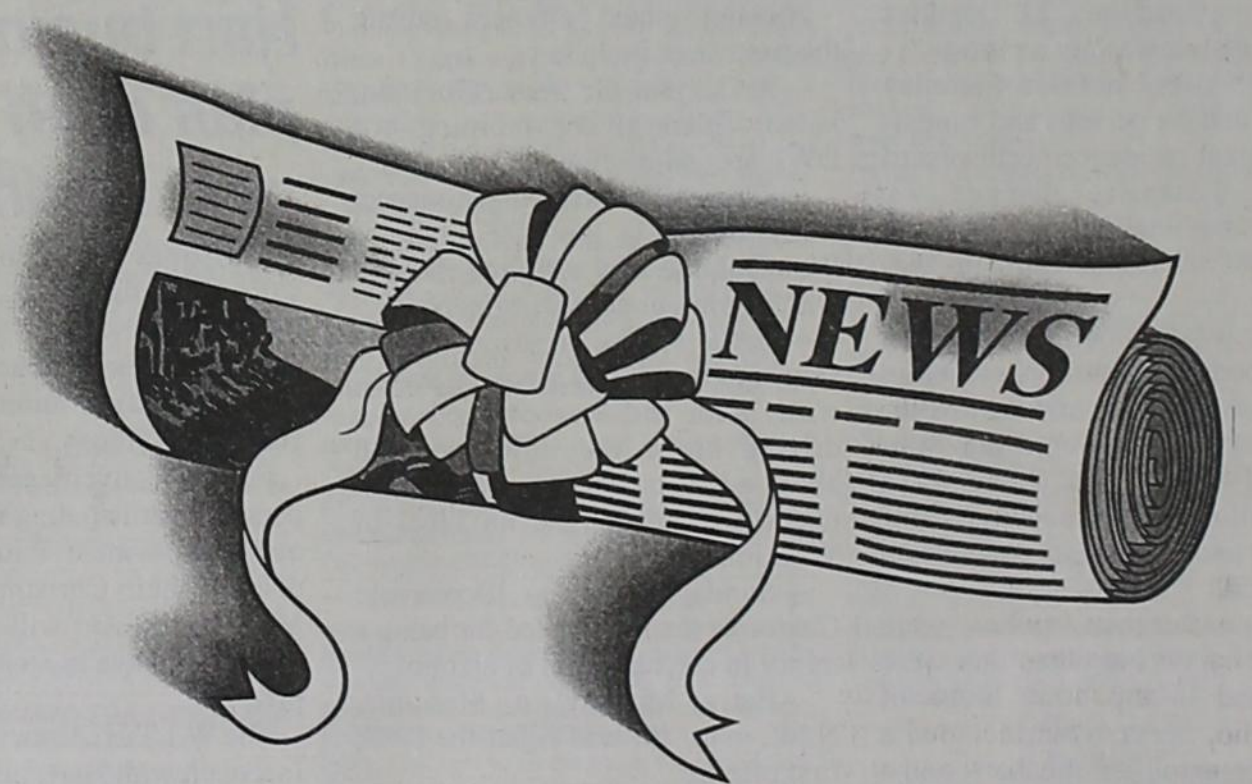
Hondo Light, a show and sale of art work by Linda Miller of San Patricio, N.M., will be held at the Museum of the Llano Estacado in Plainview Dec. 6 through Dec. 13.

A special reception honoring the artist will be held Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

The show is being sponsored by the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, Plains Art Association and Plainview Cultural Council.

The show and reception are open to the public.

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Warm, wet weather having varied effect on industry

Angie Grand Pre
Assistant Editor

The unseasonably warm weather in the past few weeks is having both good and possibly bad effects on the agricultural industry, according to area extension agents. In summary, the weather is good for the wheat, cotton and cattle but may play a role in increasing the number of insects next year.

Abnormal high moisture started out the year, producing an excellent wheat crop, but most of the summer wheat crop was missed because of extreme dry weather, according to Randall County agent Robert Devin.

"Prior to the most recent heavy rain, the weather was extremely dry," Devin said. "There was basically no dryland summer crop and little grass."

He said a lot of wheat planting was delayed this season because of the lack of moisture.

"The rain did come," Devin said. "It came at a time when we were nearing harvest for irrigated milo, cotton and some haygrazer. The rains provided needed moisture for the wheat crop."

Swisher County agent Michael Clawson echoed the relief the moisture provided for the wheat crop.

"The wheat is up and going good," Clawson said.

In Floyd County, J.D. Ragland said the rain was beneficial to the wheat and the crop responded well to it, but that they could use additional moisture.

In Castro County, according to assistant agent, Benny Martinez, because of the moisture, cattlemen are getting to turn livestock out on the wheat quicker than normal.

And the cattle being turned out are healthier than normal, according to Clawson.

"A lot of guys are getting cattle in, and there's not a lot of illness problems," Clawson said. "Illness arises from temperature swings, and with the recent weather you don't have drastic temperature changes."

Also in Swisher County the weather is allowing farmers to harvest their cotton and sorghum. Clawson said dew in the early mornings delay harvesting, but by 10 or 11 a.m. farmers can get in the



ANGIE GRAND PRE

Krista Irlbeck checks a pen of cattle for illness at her family's processing yard between Wayside and Happy. Because of the unseasonably warm weather both in the daytime and the evening, cattle are less apt to get sick.

"In terms of cotton, the warm weather is good, that's what we want."

Benny Martinez

field.

Ragland said the weather has been excellent in terms of allowing producers to harvest their crops. He said 85 percent of Floyd County's cotton harvest is complete.

"Most years, cotton harvest is complete by Christmas," Ragland said. "But this year it will be closer to the Thanksgiving holiday."

Both Floyd and Castro counties need a little drier weather to finish the cotton harvest.

"In terms of cotton, the warm

weather is good, that's what we want," Martinez said. "That's what we need to get the cotton out of the field. But we need dry weather to strip it. The cotton still in the field won't be as good if it's not out in a month."

Martinez explained that rain on the cotton after the bolls open reduces its quality. Besides the moisture taking a slight toll on the cotton, the lack of a hard freeze also is affecting the crop. The cotton has not completely defoliated, according to Martinez.

In Floyd County the lack of a freeze is delaying some of the cotton harvest.

"We need a really good hard freeze to harvest the cotton that didn't have any defoliating applied to it," Ragland said.

The delayed lack of a freeze also will play a role in the number of insects next year.

"If it stays warm, there will probably be a high infestation of insects

next year," Clawson said. "From that standpoint, (weather) is not good. But from the standpoint of the way everything is going, you couldn't ask for anything better."

Devin echoed the predicted problem.

"Abnormally warm temperatures and the delayed frost are setting the stage for the possibly of additional insect problems next year," Devin said. "There has been no bad weather to reduce the populations."

According to Clawson the normal temperature is colder, but the precipitation is normal. He said the lowest temperature thus far has been 29.

"The average daily highs have been in the upper 60's and 70's," Clawson said. "The average is probably 55."

The next six to 10 day forecast calls for highs in the 60's, lows in the 40's and a possibility of moisture.



ANGIE GRAND PRE

Steve, Krista and Chance Irlbeck, of Happy, take advantage of the warm weather to check their wheat cattle. A playa lake is visible in the back.

CALENDAR

**December 1-3
Farm and Ranch Show**

The 14th annual Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show will be held in the Amarillo Civic Center from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. Admission is free, but for more information, call 1-800-827-8007.

**December 3
Symposium & Meeting**

The 27th Wheat Symposium and 48th Annual Meeting of the Texas Wheat Producers Association will be held in cooperation with the Amarillo Farm Show at the Civic Center. Registration is at 8:30. The topic of the meeting is "Facing Challenges in a Global Economy."

**December 15
Master Marketer Program**

Deadline for applications for the 1999 Master Marketer Program is this day. The program will be held Jan. 6-7, Feb. 20-21, Feb. 3-4 and Feb. 17-18 at the TAM Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-5401.

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

Note: There will be no January edition of the High Plains Ag Reporter.

**December 31
Nomination Deadline**

Nominations for the 1998 Rural Minister of the Year award are being accepted by the Minister Selection Committee of the Texas Conference of Churches. For more information, call Monique Dorsett at (409) 862-8561 or your local Texas Agricultural Extension Service agent.

**January 19
Cotton Conference**

The annual Caprock Cotton Conference will be held in Floydada at the Plains Baptist Assembly Camp. For more information and to pre-register, call the Floyd County Extension Office at (806)983-4912.

**January 22 - February 7
Stock Show**

The Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show will be held at the Will Rogers Center in Fort Worth. For information, call (817)877-2400.

**February 24-26
Women in Agriculture**

A business management program for women in agriculture is being offered at the Holiday Inn in Lubbock. For more information, call (409)845-7171.

Combest speaks to producers

Renee' Fikes

Special to the Ag Reporter

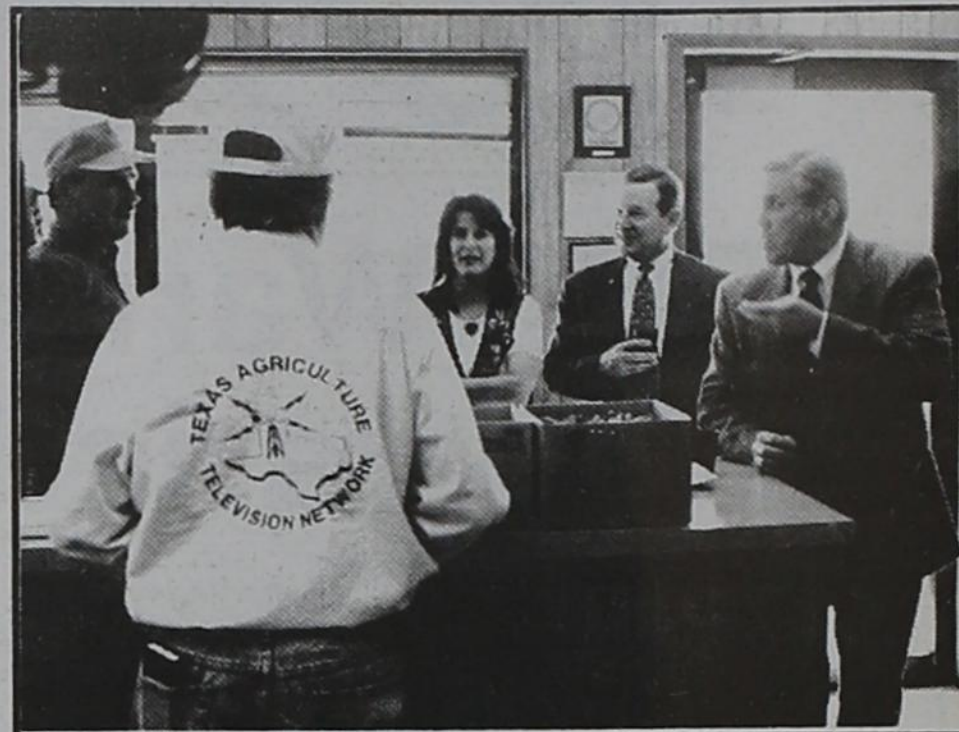
Texas agriculture will have even more representation in congress. U.S. Representative, R-Lubbock, Larry Combest, announced that he will be the chairman of the House Agriculture Committee for the next congressional session, November 9, at the Acuff/McClung Gin.

Combest told Acuff and Idalou area producers that he plans to be an advocate for farmers, telling their stories to congressmen of other states.

"A lot of my colleagues don't recognize the fact that you don't bring your cotton down here and tell how much you want for it like you go in and buy a gallon of milk in the grocery store and there will be a price on it," said Combest. "A farmer doesn't go in and say, 'I'm going to sell you my wheat for \$4.50.' You take what the market is allowing."

The West Texas native is well suited for his new position as chairman of the Agriculture Committee. He understands the West Texas farmer's plight from farming with his parents. He worked for the USDA and served as an agriculture advisor for Senator John Tower.

Combest has served on the Agriculture Committee ever since he was elected to congress in 1985 and helped write three farm bills. He also has served as chairman for the House Intelligence Committee and vice chairman for the Small Business Committee.



RENEE' FIKES

US. Rep. Larry Combest shares locally grown peanuts with farmers and ranchers at the Acuff/McClung Gin in Acuff.

As chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Combest plans to develop a risk management program that will reform the present crop insurance.

He said that the insurance needs to be adequate and with a reasonable return.

Combest believes that areas of other committees, such as clean air and water, food safety and tax issues also should fall under the jurisdiction of the Ag Committee.

The congressman also said that increasing foreign markets and leveling the playing field for the farmers are some of the bigger items on his agenda.

Combest expressed that he feels positive about the apparent ascension of U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston, R-La., to the House speaker's post. He said that Livingston has always been helpful on agriculture issues.

"He understands agriculture policy better than other potential speakers would and he understands the realities of it," said Combest. "He has been extremely helpful as the chairman of Appropriations Committee on a lot of ag policy."

Attending the news conference were multi-generational producers such as Gary and Cecil Haralson. See Combest on page 6



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Abernathy FFA returns with win

Team members compete with restored 1950 John Deere tractor

Scott Luce

Special to the Ag Reporter

Abernathy FFA's General Ag Mechanics class from last year went to Kansas City last week and returned with a \$1,500 first runner-up cash prize.

The team restored a 1950 John Deere Model R tractor during the last school year. It is now on display in the old Chevrolet house at the corner of Main St. and Ave. D.

There were 204 tractors all over the U.S. and approximately 46 completed the restoration process, FFA advisor Gerald Kelley said. Eight were selected to go to Kansas City.

The tractor did not go to Kansas city, but the team took a picture album, documenting the various stages of restoration. They made a 15-minute presentation and answered questions from the six judges for another six minutes.

The team members were Miles Riley, Sky Stephenson, Blake Oswald, Ryan Lambert, Ryan Harrison, Brandon Hughes, Shane Springer and David Howard.

"The judges told me that our group was one of the most clean-cut and courteous groups in the contest. I think that's a tribute to their parents," Kelley said.

"We want to thank Jimmie and Gale Davis. They acted as sponsors and drove us to Kansas City and back."

A Missouri team, which entered the first year of the contest last year, won first and \$2,500 this year. Abernathy's prize money will be used for chapter activities.

A new Abernathy team will begin restoring a 1951 Model 70 John Deere diesel tractor for the next Amoco-sponsored contest.

"It was one of the best tractors John Deere made at the time," Kelley said. "It's a row-crop tractor."

"The other one was a wheat-land tractor. This one has two engines and hydraulics that the other one didn't have. That will make it more competitive."

The tractor cost about \$1,500 and was bought by Kelley with another one earlier this year. It was supposed to have been operational but this year's team has not been able to start either motor.



SCOTT LUCE

Competing against seven other FFA chapters from across the United States, Abernathy FFA won second place and a \$1,500 cash prize for its tractor restoration project. Team members, from left (standing), that made the presentation in Kansas City last week were Sky Stephenson, Blake Oswald, Brandon Hughes and Ryan Lambert. Kneeling, from left, are Miles Riley, Shane Springer, David Howard, Ryan Harrison and FFA advisor Gerald Kelley.

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Robert Lee

LONGTIME RESIDENT FROM HAPPY

The truth about Santa

Anyone with a lick of sense knows that Santa Claus can't be all over the world at Christmas time. Even with all the help that those funny-looking little elves give him, he still can't do it. Rudolph and the other reindeer help a lot, but he still can't do it.

Now I'm not saying that Santa Claus doesn't exist, because he does. I can prove it. It's very simple how he is able to cover so much territory. It's done with a lot of loving volunteers.

For many years, it was my privilege and my pleasure to be a Santa's helper. When and if Santa's schedule got a little too full, I would step in as a Santa's helper at churches, schools, etc. It was possibly the only time in my life that I really got serious. Santa Claus is serious business to my little friends.

When my duties as a Santa helper first began, we associated with a couple that had a precocious, redheaded, freckled-faced little girl with an IQ of 199, at least. She and I were special buddies.

I was very concerned about being Santa because I was afraid that she would recognize me. I removed all rings, watch, glasses and everything that I felt she might recognize. It worked the

first year.

The second year, she told her mother, "Mom, Santa has eyes just like Robert Lee's"

One Christmas at the church's Christmas tree, I had a rather independent, gruff little boy sitting on my lap. I asked the usual questions and then asked, "What do you want for Christmas?"

He looked at me in a surprised and rather disgusted way and said, "I wrote you a letter."

"I know, but won't you tell me again?"

"No," he said. "Read the letter."

That bull-headed little rascal never did tell me what he wanted for Christmas.

Another Christmas, I, in all my Santa Claus rigging, was sitting in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church, waiting for the program to be over and my work to begin. I heard a "clump, clump, clump," coming down the hall.

The door opened and a little fellow stuck his head in and said, "Hi, Santa."

He was very relaxed and laid back, visiting with me for several minutes. Finally he said, "I'm going to the bathroom."

In a second he was back.

"Santa, will you come and turn the light on for me?"

I turned the light on and returned to my post.

Just as the program ended and the children were rushing in one door to see Santa, here came my little buddy in the other door. He was holding his pants together and walked up to Santa to get his pants zipped and his belt buckle fastened. After all, Santa was his friend. Friends help each other and Santa was more than happy to help with this little chore.

I'll never forget the Christmas that I had this young man sitting on my lap who I knew was a little bit ornery. I asked him my usual questions, but when I asked him if he had been good, his eyes became large and he answered with an emphatic, "Yes!"

I said, "Now, don't fib to old Santa. He knows when you've been good or bad."

"I've been good, Santa. Honest."

"Let's tell the truth. You haven't really been all that good, have you?"

I really had him squirming. Then he grinned and said, "I know what the problem is, Santa. You have me mixed up with my brother."

Some people have a problem meshing Santa Claus with their religion. I personally fail to see the problem. Santa Claus is a symbol of something far better and greater. He is a symbol of the spirit of giving that should remind us of the greatest gift ever given—the birth of our Savior and gift of our salvation.



Burt Rutherford

COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR OF TCFA

The more things change, the more they stay the same

Consumers, according to Harry Balzar, are a study in contrasts. While changes in individual consumer behavior affect the beef business in many ways, consumers really change very little overall, he told cattle feeders at the 1998 TCFA Annual Convention in Fort Worth the end of October.

That's because we all live in life stages, and even though some trends have been pervasive throughout all aspects of a consumer's life—the desire for more convenience chief among them—where you are in life will largely dictate your buying and eating habits.

Balzar, vice president of the NPD Group's Consumer Consulting Service, gave cattle feeders an example of how this works. He has a diary from a housewife named Mrs. Barker who recorded her meals for a week in 1955.

"She prepared all 21 of those meals in her home in 1955. She took 29 minutes to prepare each meal and coffee was her top beverage." To find out how she changed, she was surveyed again in 1997. "Out of 21 meals, only 11 were made at home. The only meal we could count on her eating at home was breakfast. She spends nine minutes preparing a meal and now soft drinks are her top beverage."

Then, to compare, they surveyed her daughter. "Out of 21 possible meals, she made 18 in her home. She spent 20 minutes preparing a meal and coffee was her top beverage. Her daughter looked more like her mother in 1955 than she looked like her mother today. As an individual, Mrs. Barker changed and you will change, too. But as you leave your life stage, somebody else will come in and take your place."

So, for the beef industry to position itself as a consumer's food of choice, an understanding of demographics and population changes is necessary. That's because, to meet consumer expectations, cattlemen need to

know what is important to consumers at each life stage. Groups that have grown in numbers in the last 10 years are babies and children under five, school age children, preteens, older families and empty nesters. There are fewer young adults out on their own, which means there will be fewer moms and dads until the preteens and school age children move into that life stage.

"The groups that will be growing are older families and empty nesters," he said. "Think empty nesters will behave differently than families? Will they eat differently?" he asked. The answer is, like the woman surveyed in 1955 and again in 1997, they won't prepare many meals.

"They still want to eat at home, but they don't want to cook. They want somebody else to prepare their meals."

Which brings up the main driver in consumer behavior today—time. "What really causes change is time," Balzar said, adding the main question consumers have of the food industry is, "Can you save me time? The number of meals made in the home last year was the lowest we've ever seen and the number of meals prepared in a restaurant is at an all-time high."

But only recently has the trend been weighted toward consumers eating those meals at the restaurant. "We've actually decreased going out to eat and actually sitting down to eat at the restaurant. It's only in the last couple of years with good economic conditions and fewer kids that we're going out to eat again. Growth of the restaurant industry has been supported entirely by takeout. And where has this takeout been going? Home."

Another trend that accompanies an older population is health. But it might surprise cattlemen to learn the direction the health trend is taking. "The

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Market News

Cattle

The latest Cattle-on-feed Report came out showing that the placements were about 2 percent higher than expected. The On feed and placement numbers came in as expected but the report was called neutral to bearish. The biggest surprise was the 800+ weights that were placed in the yards. This number came in almost 100,000 larger than a year ago. After the report the futures were sharply lower and cash came in at \$61.

Many analysts feel that the fundamentals really don't look that bad but nothing demonstrates the force of momentum more than a large group of spooled traders on margin call. The feedlot trade has been cleaning up the showlists but not much more than that. Hedgers seem to be the only happy campers around with the basis strengthen to the most attractive levels seen in months.

The Chicago Mercantile Exchange will start trading stocker cattle futures and options on November 30. Stocker cattle contracts will be 25,000 pounds of 500 to 599 weight medium frame steers and large frame #1 feeder steers. This contract will mirror the CME's feeder cattle contract with trading months in

Jan., Feb., March, Oct., Nov. and Dec.

Technically the February live cattle have support at 6165 and 6100 with resistance at 6340 and 6450. The main trend is down with a cycle bottom on November 19 and a trend reversal price of 6620.

Corn

The corn market for the better part of the month of November has been seen as a follower. They have been following the wheat and soybean markets with no real market-moving news about the corn. The news that the USDA is pushing a \$1 billion credit for South Korea has helped all of the grains. \$320 million could be used for corn imports along with \$150 million for soybeans. Commercials have been light buyers lately but that seems to be testing the market more than making any real purchases. There has been limited farm selling but loan entries have risen sharply lately. This has had end-users coming into the market to start booking their future needs. The US farm exports for the first nine months of 1998 are \$3.25 billion, down from \$4.19 billion in 1997.

Some traders (mostly in the Corn Belt area) have been talking to people in Washington, D.C. about the Cargill plan to acquire

Continental's grain business. Some Senators and Representatives are comparing this current plan to the 1983 acquisition of Spencer Beef by Excel, which is said to have set the stage for the consolidation in the meat packing industry.

Technically we see March corn with support at 229 1/2 then 228 and resistance at 235 and 238 1/2. The main trend is up with a cycle top on December 1 and a trend reversal price at 227 1/2.

Wheat

Just before the Thanksgiving holiday we saw the wheat market really take off higher. A cut in projected Argentine supplies, planting delays in Europe, ideas that the Chinese crop is in some trouble and a technical bounce from trend line support have all helped wheat prices. Many analysts feel that the gains have been limited by the increased availability of Canadian and Australian supplies. There also hasn't been any final work on the details of the aid package to Russia. Some traders are saying that the Russians might refuse to ink a deal with the US. They could favor a less stringent agreement with Europe or Australia. The US officials want guarantees from Moscow that any grain aid to the country will not be used as collateral and resold in the open market for hard currency.

There is talk of trades with South Korea for around \$1 billion in export credits for fiscal year 1999. The best guess is that

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Tax Relief Plan for Hard-Pressed Farmers and Ranchers

These are tough times for Texas farmers and ranchers. On top of one devastating weather disaster after another, farm prices are as low today as they have been in many years. Farmers who experienced crop losses due to adverse weather are in dire straights even if they have federal crop insurance. Insurance indemnities will help, but will make up only a portion of the lost income.

In the final budget worked out by Congress in late October, there is a \$4 billion emergency farm relief tax-cut package. In addition to some tax relief provisions, the plan provides \$1.65 billion in market loss payments and \$2.35 billion more in disaster payments.

This emergency package, combined with assistance already available through the 1996 farm bill, provides a substantial federal response to the economic situation facing farmers.

This tax relief package will help farmers and ranchers cope financially with some of the devastating losses they've had to absorb this year.

The agricultural tax-cut plan includes four provisions:

- To help an estimated 100,000 farmers nationwide who suffered losses, the plan contains immediate tax relief. Net operating losses for farmers and ranchers will be given an extended carryback period, instead of the general two-year carryback allowed. As a result, farmers and ranchers may be eligible to receive a tax refund using the net operating loss carryback.

- Income averaging for farmers will be made permanent. It restores for farmers the three-year income farmers from unintended tax consequences that result from wild income fluctuations unique to the agricultural economy. Farmers have little or no control over wide swings in their income or losses caused by weather conditions, unpredictable overseas markets and other factors. The Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 allows farmers to average their incomes over a three-year span, but only through 2001. This section would make the provision permanent.

- Farmers will be protected from having to pay taxes on farm program payments until the year in which those payments are actually received. This is simple, common-sense change. Why should anyone be taxed on income they haven't yet received?

- Farmers who are self-employed will be able to deduct 100 percent of their health insurance costs by 2003, instead of 2007 as provided for in the old law. Enabling farmers and ranchers to fully deduct the cost of their insurance premiums is one of the most important provisions in the bill. Finally, when this bill is fully implemented, farmers and ranchers will enjoy the same tax treatment as our nation's largest corporations.

Congress can't control the weather, but it can control the tax code. These changes not only are good tax policy, but represent a helping hand for people who need and deserve tax relief.

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number of people who say they are concerned about fat in food, cholesterol in food, sugar, preservatives, caffeine are declining.

In fact, 1990 was probably the peak year as far as eating 'less harmful' foods in this country." The same holds true for total calories. "The number of people who say they're conscious of the number of calories in the meals they serve is the lowest ever at 26% of the population."

Now, he said, the health trend is to include what are perceived as healthy foods in the diet, rather than avoid foods that are perceived as unhealthy. Now, the question consumers are asking is, "What's in your food that's good for me?"

However, in the long run, Balzar told cattle feeders that if they want to bet where the long-term changes in consumer eating patterns will be, it's in those things that save time. "Figure out ways to make it easy to prepare food in the home," he urged. "When you talk about consumer

use of food, the person you're really talking to is mom. Mom is the primary meal preparer in this country and she always has been." But females are cooking less. Five years ago, 71% to 72% of females prepared at least one meal in the home. Today, it's 68%. "So what you've got to think about is how to make the woman's life easier."

And that doesn't mean coming with some exotic new food.

Balzar said the top foods in 1990 eaten at home as the entree at lunch or dinner were ham, peanut butter and jelly, hot dogs, pizza, cheese sandwich, hamburgers, baked chicken, macaroni and cheese and bologna sandwiches.

Today, he said, it's the same list, it's just reordered itself.

"Anybody want to guess what we'll be eating 10 years from now, in 2008?"

It will be the same list. The difference will be how it's delivered to us, how it's packaged, how it's priced."

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about \$100 million will be used to import US wheat. There should be an announcement on this matter after the Thanksgiving holiday. Also the USDA may expand the wheat donation program because of the number of proposals from private organizations regarding donations to individual countries.

Technically March KC wheat shows support at 330 then 327 and resistance at 340 1/2 then 345. The main trend is up with a cycle top on December 1 and a trend reversal price of 326.

Cotton

The cotton market has taken a mind of its own lately. During the third week of November we saw two days of heavy losses with a third day of buying trying to correct the oversold conditions. There are starting to be indications that US Delta cotton supplies are very limited. With over 80 percent of the cotton here in the High Plains harvested, we are starting to see this year's small harvest. But a fact that could be important is the idea that the

quality could be much lower and could have a large effect on prices. Many analysts are not surprised about the fact that export offers have diminished sharply. Rising loan deficiency payments and low cash prices have restricted grower selling, hampering shipper efforts to cover outstanding export sales. Rolling of positions from Dec. to March and other months continued head of December's first notice day, which helped stabilize the market. Some speculators have become very happy with the fact that the December cotton had gotten close to their downside target of \$62.50.

Many traders have cautioned that speculators have not changed their bearish attitudes and are happy to hold to them.

Technically March cotton has support at 6300 with resistance at 6495 and 6600. The main trend is down with a cycle bottom on November 25 and trend reversal rice at 6865.

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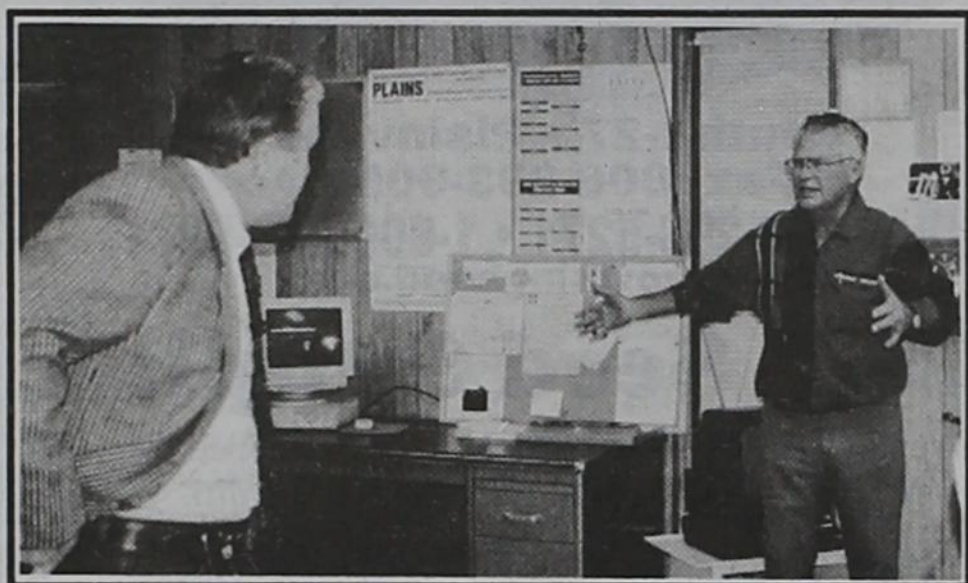
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This semi is one of three used by Cal-Maine to ship eggs five days a week from Sunnymead Poultry Farm to egg buyers as far away as El Paso.



RENEE' FIKES

Congressman Combest, in line to be the next chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, discusses agriculture issues with H.R. "Shorty" Donaldson, manager of the Acuff/McClung Gin shortly before a news conference held at the gin.

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Jere, Brady, Marty and Susan Mimms and Bobby and Brad Brown. Other second and third generational producers attending were Bud Bamett, Bobby Park, Earl Hammett and Joe Alsbaugh.

Seed representative and producer, Johnson, said that he is a big supporter of Combest.

"West Texas is very fortunate to have him as chairman of the Ag Committee," said Jere Mimms.

Business at Cal-Maine Foods is 'egg-cellent'

Brooke Beavers

Special to the Ag Reporter

Did you know that approximately 5.5 billion eggs are produced by almost 300 million chickens per year in the United States? Surprisingly, 480 million eggs a year are produced in Idalou at the Sunnymead Poultry Farm.

The large number of eggs that are being produced by Sunnymead and the demand of them from retailers finds nine employees at Cal-Maine Foods "eggs-tremely" busy.

Cal-Maine Foods, Incorporated relocated from Post to Idalou in June of this year. Since Cal-Maine handles all of the marketing for the Heckville based Sunnymead Poultry Farm, the move allowed them to be closer to the distribution center.

Orders are received from wholesale egg buyers and then delivered to food service companies and major grocery store chains within a 380 mile radius.

Egg buyers from as far away as El Paso place orders with Cal-Maine. The company's three semi-trucks ship out orders five days a week. Roy Winkler, general manager, said that movement on an average week is close to 400,000 dozen eggs.

Cal-Maine Foods, Incorporated is headquartered in Jackson, Miss. The company primarily engages in the production, processing, and distribution of fresh shell eggs and egg products. According to reports, first quarter results, that ended in August of this year, they are currently the largest producer

and distributor of fresh egg shells in the United States. The majority of eggs in approximately 26 states are sold across the southwestern, southeastern, Midwestern, and mid-Atlantic regions in the U.S.

In Idalou, Cal-Maine unites with Sunnymead Poultry Farm to hatch chicks, grow pullets, manufacture feed and produce and distribute top quality eggs.

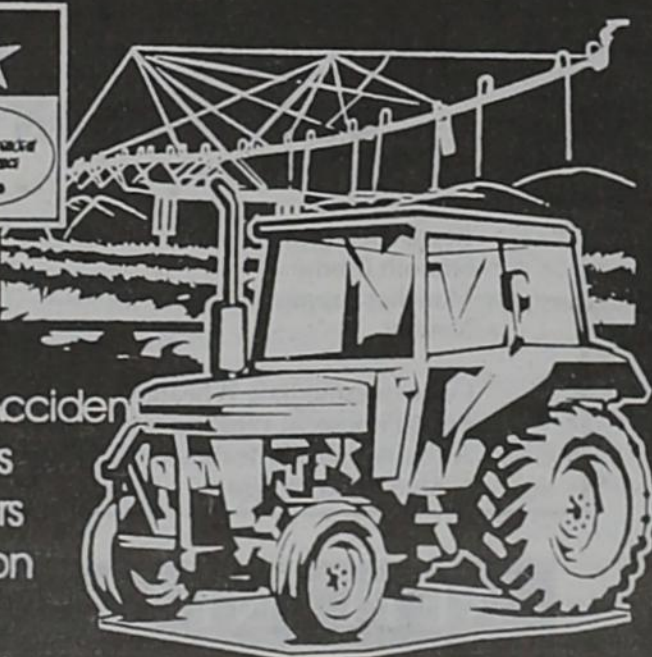
According to Fred Adams, Jr., chairman and CEO of Cal-Maine in Mississippi, domestic demand for eggs is good.

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'Nut'in' wrong with using peanuts as a rotate crop

Richard Porter

Special to the Ag Reporter

The need to diversify in a volatile global marketplace is prompting farmers in West Texas to experiment with a new crop—peanuts.

Although much of the activity is taking place in Gaines, Terry, and Dawson counties, according to Dr. Mike Schubert, assistant professor and researcher in agronomy and plant physiology with the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station in Lubbock, the northern part of the South Plains is taking a hand in that experiment.

A total of 1,591 acres in Lamb County and 870 in Floyd County are planted in peanuts, he said.

Much of the work is being driven by concerns over the boll weevil and the desire of area farmers to find an alternative crop to complement cotton, Dr. Terry Wheeler said.

Wheeler is an assistant professor and researcher in Plant Pathology for the Experiment Station, and she is excited about peanuts.

Her excitement stems from the potential the crop offers the area and the challenges farmers and researchers face in adapting the crop to this area.

Dr. Wheeler explained that, if used correctly, peanuts can benefit the region by adding a marketable crop to the list being grown already. It can offer a better option than vegetables because those

have such specialized requirements, she said.

Even better, many farmers can benefit the primary crop—cotton—by developing a rotation system that includes peanuts.

"We've got a lot of root knot nematodes in the cotton out here. It also is found in corn and vegetables. The only plant we can grow here during May through October (that is not affected by that) would be peanuts. I think the cotton really responds well after peanuts if nematodes are a problem (for the grower)," she said.

Another reason for her optimism is the sandy soil found in counties such as Lamb. That soil makes it easy to harvest the crop, which must be dug from the earth.

"You've got to be able to get the peanuts out of the ground without ripping them off the plant," she said.

Peanut specialists from College Station and Stephenville continually are coming out to West Texas to work on better adapting the crop to the region's growing conditions.

One producer taking advantage of that influx of knowledge is Lamb County farmer David Smith. He has 60 acres of peanuts and his brother, Danny, has 120. Smith is interested in Dr. Wheeler's comments on nematodes because he is struggling to control that problem.

"She tells us if we grow peanuts out here it will help clean up these

fields," he said.

Smith has begun to purchase quotas from other parts of Texas so he can participate in that government-sponsored program, one of the last in agriculture.

He explains that peanuts grown to be sold in the United States must be registered in the quota program. If not, they must be exported.

The advantage to the grower at the present time, he said, is in prices. He gets \$610 per ton for his quota peanuts but only \$305 per ton for his additional.

Dr. Schubert addressed some challenges of growing the crop. Many of them relate to the climate, soil and water conditions in the region. For instance, he said, the altitude of the high plains and the short length of the growing season allow producers in northern areas to only grow two of the four peanut types available. As fate would have it, the Runner and Virginia types are the most marketable, but the Valencia and the Spanish types are the ones that grow best in this area, he said.

On the subject of soil and water, Schubert said that peanuts are a lot less tolerant of salt than is cotton. Soil and water that would be OK for cotton may have too high a salt content for peanuts.

In addition, it takes more water to grow peanuts than cotton. Schubert said that peanuts probably are going to need 24 inches of



RICHARD PORTER

Charles Brockelhurst, of Brownfield, levels his load as he prepares to haul a trailer of peanuts off David Smith's farm in Lamb County, south of Olton. The trailer has a heater built into the bottom to circulate hot air through the load and dry the peanuts.

water per season to grow. To adequately water peanuts, producers need to be able to apply 1.75 inches of water per week.

Schubert pointed out that peanuts must be rotated to avoid the occurrence of soil-borne diseases.

He said a proper rotation would be peanuts every third year.

"Our advantage (over other parts of Texas) is high yield. If we do things which lower that yield—like failing to rotate—we lose that advantage," Schubert said.

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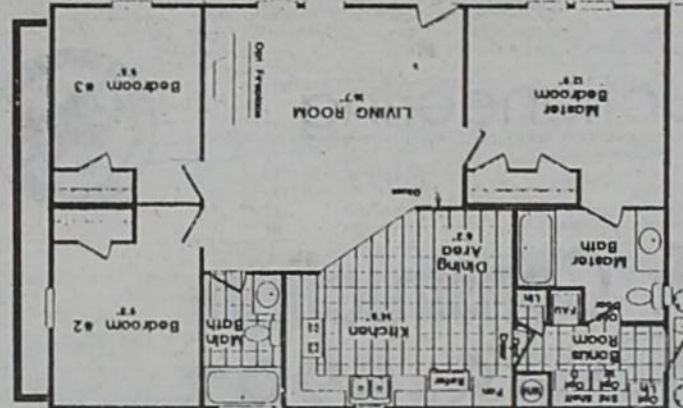
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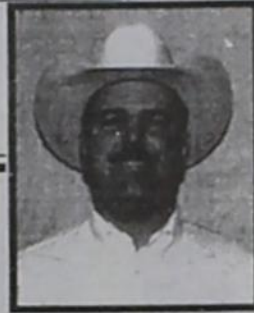
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Around the Counties

What's going through the mind of your county agent

J.D. Ragland

FLOYD COUNTY



On the other hand, for cattle grazers, wheat has responded well to recent rains.

Many stocker cattle producers have recently turned out on some really good looking

wheat fields anticipating when they get ready to come off breaking-the-bank! And I am hoping that means making money and not owing it.

4-H happenings couldn't be busier. County 4-H Food Show just finished up last Saturday with over 70 participants. A total of 12 county 4-Hers will be competing at District this Saturday.

Swine project hunting is winding up. Swine validation is in progress and on top of all this we're taking stock show entries.

This is, in addition to all the year end reports due, EPC Annual Meeting, lining up Focus Forum, Cotton Conference and County Stock Show.

Sure hope I'm still around to make it through Performance Review!

You think I'm exaggerating, but I'm not, and all county agents out there can relate! O'well, we'll get it all done, always have, and as I have always said, with a county extension agent - your tax dollars are always at work!

Well, better run, got to get to 4-H meeting tonight. Ya 'll come to see us! Til next time, Howdy, cause I just hate to say goodbye!

Howdy folks, straight from down town Pumpkin Capital USA, Floyd County America.

Yes we did survive the big Pumpkin Day Celebration held on Saturday, October 31st. It was a huge event—arts, crafts, lots of pumpkin games and even a Cow Pattie Bingo.

Needless to say I wasn't the winner. The fact is, most cows know right where I am, especially when they get ready to do their thing. Course some things are just hard to plan, when ya gotta go, ya gotta go!

Floyd County cotton harvest is progressing well.

We recently received about 1 1/2 inches of rain in the 1st week of November, which slowed down harvest, but with the beautiful weather mother nature has brought us this week producers have put a big dent in harvest.

Yields have been pretty good in places, irrigated averaging 1 1/2 - 2 bales per acre. Approximately 75% of the cotton in Floyd County has been harvested at this time, and if weather holds maybe we'll get close to finishing by Thanksgiving.

Peanut harvest should start up in Floyd County next week. Yield reports around us, which include Lubbock and Crosby counties, have been extremely wide ranged, anywhere from 2,500 - 5,000 lbs. per acre.

Rebel Royall

CASTRO COUNTY



your room. It meant did you milk the cow and chop the firewood so I can feed you tonight.

When dad said "Son did you clean that rifle like I taught you?" It wasn't because he

wanted it to look pretty in the gun case. You might have needed it to protect yourself and family sometime pretty quickly!!

I could go on and on but you probably kinda get the point. We take so much for granted in the world in which we live. There are people in the world who still wonder from where their next meal will come. My biggest worry is whether all is well with my 4-hers and if my family is tucked safely away in bed. Some folks don't even have a bed to put their kids in. 4-h is a luxury in which most folks around the world would only dream of.

The farmers in our country are harvesting a bumper crop of cotton. Too bad in harvest season the price always seems to fall! In what seems to be the worst summer I can remember in Agriculture, the one crop that can pull them out has fallen \$12 cwt in the last two weeks.

Pilgrims were farmers. They didn't have to worry about stock exchanges or brokers. Whether China had too much cotton stored up or Russia didn't need wheat this year really didn't matter. They just were worried about feeding their


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I'm setting here tonight, the night before Thanksgiving, trying to get this column in, yes Angie I know you called two weeks ago, but I was busy! It's been hectic here lately to say the least! Anyway to explain myself, I was going to get this in today during working hours, yes it was going to be three days late, but things just didn't work out. First, swine validation has been going on, and somehow I seem to have to be at every validation. Second, major show entries have to be in the mail next Tuesday. Finally, my Ag Increment Report is due on Wed., not to mention, every family member my wife or I have expects us to see them in the next three days. Anyway I'm not one to complain right? Some people I know well, would accuse me of being "stressed" like a few other people we know, but I would tend to argue with them. Anyway, this is the time of year we are supposed to be thankful. Sometimes I wonder what those pilgrims must have been thinking.


When dad said "Son did you feed the hogs?" It probably did not mean did you take care of your \$500 show pigs. It probably meant did you feed those hogs that are going to put food on the table to help us make it through the winter.

When mom said "Son did you take care of your chores?" It probably didn't mean did you take out the trash and clean up

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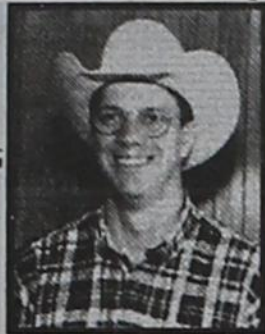
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Michael Clawson

SWISHER COUNTY



November is one of the busiest months in the life of an agricultural Extension agent. I am looking forward to December with the hopes that it will pass at a slower pace. It seems that we are constantly completing one task and jumping directly into the next. In today's society, everyone is going in all directions with work schedules, meetings, school and church activities. Whatever happened to the days when we

had the time to slow down and enjoy our friends and family, and take a break from our

hectic schedules? Maybe tomorrow will be one of those days!

In the stock show world, we have completed pig buying, swine and lamb validation and approximately 270 show pigs on feed. With 4-H members entered in all the major livestock shows

and the county stock show set for January 16-18th, there will not be much time for 4-Hers, parents, leaders and myself to take much of a break in December.

The Swisher County 4-H Achievement Banquet was held on Sunday, October 25th in Tulia. In celebration of the 90th Anniversary of 4-H in Texas, we recognized the oldest living male and female 4-H alumni living in Swisher County.

Mr. Ted Sprague received the honor as the oldest living male. Mr. Sprague began his 4-H career in Swisher County in 1932 and

has been an active 4-H leader ever since. Mrs. Pauline Teaff Thornton was recognized as the oldest living female. She joined 4-H in 1922 in Floyd County and served as a 4-H leader in Swisher County for over 20 years. Other 4-H alumni honored at the Banquet included Rhonda Obenhaus and Ron Lashmet. They received the 4-H Alumni of the Year Awards.

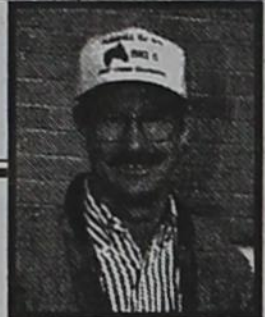
4-H Members receiving awards included the following: Outstanding First Year 4-H Girls - Kendra Finck and Kayla Lashmet; Outstanding Junior Record

Books - William Hulsey and Tyrel Lashmet; Junior Progress Awards - Kate Harman and Derek Finck; Senior Progress Awards - Christopher Gibson and Genie Boel; Teen Leader Awards - Mallory Vestal and David Lee Hulsey; "I Dare You" Awards - Amanda Landis and Blaine Barnes; and the Fara Moore Memorial Award - David Lee Hulsey.

One hundred and twenty four project pin and certificates were presented to 4-H members for their involvement in the 4-H program.

Robert Devin

RANDALL COUNTY



The Indian Summer continues in Randall County with the trees as colorful as I can remember. Our unseasonably warm weather made for one of those Thanksgivings that the kids could play outside. Which reminds me of the conversation at the coffee shop the other morning. It turned to reminiscing about the holidays when some of us were just kids and the memories of trips to the farm to visit Grandma and Granddad. There were stories of playing Annie-Over, Kick the Can, Red Rover and the list went on and on. There were also tails of old combines and other farm equipment the served as some space voyager the carried us to distant planets or as a battle ship that carried the last hope for

mankind into wars we always won. The equipment sure was not OSHA approved,

nor did it bare any seal of approval by some agency that checks out the safety of stuff for kids, but we all survived.

Oh, what will our grand kids remember about the holidays? You can bet that very few will have memories of anything related to the farm or where our food comes from. For lots of our grand kids the stories they tell at the coffee shop or to their grand kids will likely be quite different than those of ours. Therefore it seems like it might be important to make sure that some of their roots are communicated and even

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Colleen Chadwick

HALE COUNTY



Cakes, buttery cookies and lots of chocolate are always popular holiday fare. But entertaining friends and family doesn't have to mean serving up fatty favorites. Here are some tips for low-fat cooking that will keep your waistline from expanding during the holidays.

• Make your own sweetened condensed milk by using this recipe.

Mock Eagle Brand Milk

- 1 cup non-fat dry milk solids
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup boiling water
- 3 T melted margarine

Combine all ingredients in blender container; process until smooth and sugar is dissolved. Refrigerate until ready to use; will keep for several weeks. Makes 1

¼ cups. • Use applesauce or pureed prunes to replace butter, margarine,

oil and shortening in your favorite moist, soft and chewy baking recipes. Simply use half the amount of applesauce for the amount of fat in the recipe, and then omit all the fat. Use ½ C applesauce for 1 cup fat, ¼ cup plus 2 T, 1/3 cup for 2/3 cup, ¼ cup for ½ cup, 1/6 (2 T plus 2 tsp.) for 1/3 cup, or 1/8 cup (2 T) for ¼ cup.

Try one of my favorite cookie recipes for your holiday snacking:

Macadamia White Chocolate Cookies

- ½ C margarine or butter
- ¼ C vegetable oil

- 2 ½ C all-purpose flour
- ¾ C brown sugar, packer firm
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1 T baking powder
- 4 ozs. White chocolate baking, chopped
- 1 - 3 ½ jar macadamia nuts, chopped (¾ cup)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Cream margarine or butter and oil together with an electric mixer. Add half of the flour and beat well. Mix in brown sugar, eggs, vanilla and baking powder. Beat in remaining flour. Stir in white chocolate and nuts. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until edges are lightly browned. Cool. Makes 48 cookies. (One serving of 1 cookie = 90 calories, 12 g. carbohydrates, 1 g. protein, 6 g. fat, 28 mg. Sodium, 32 mg. Potassium, 8 mg. Cholesterol).

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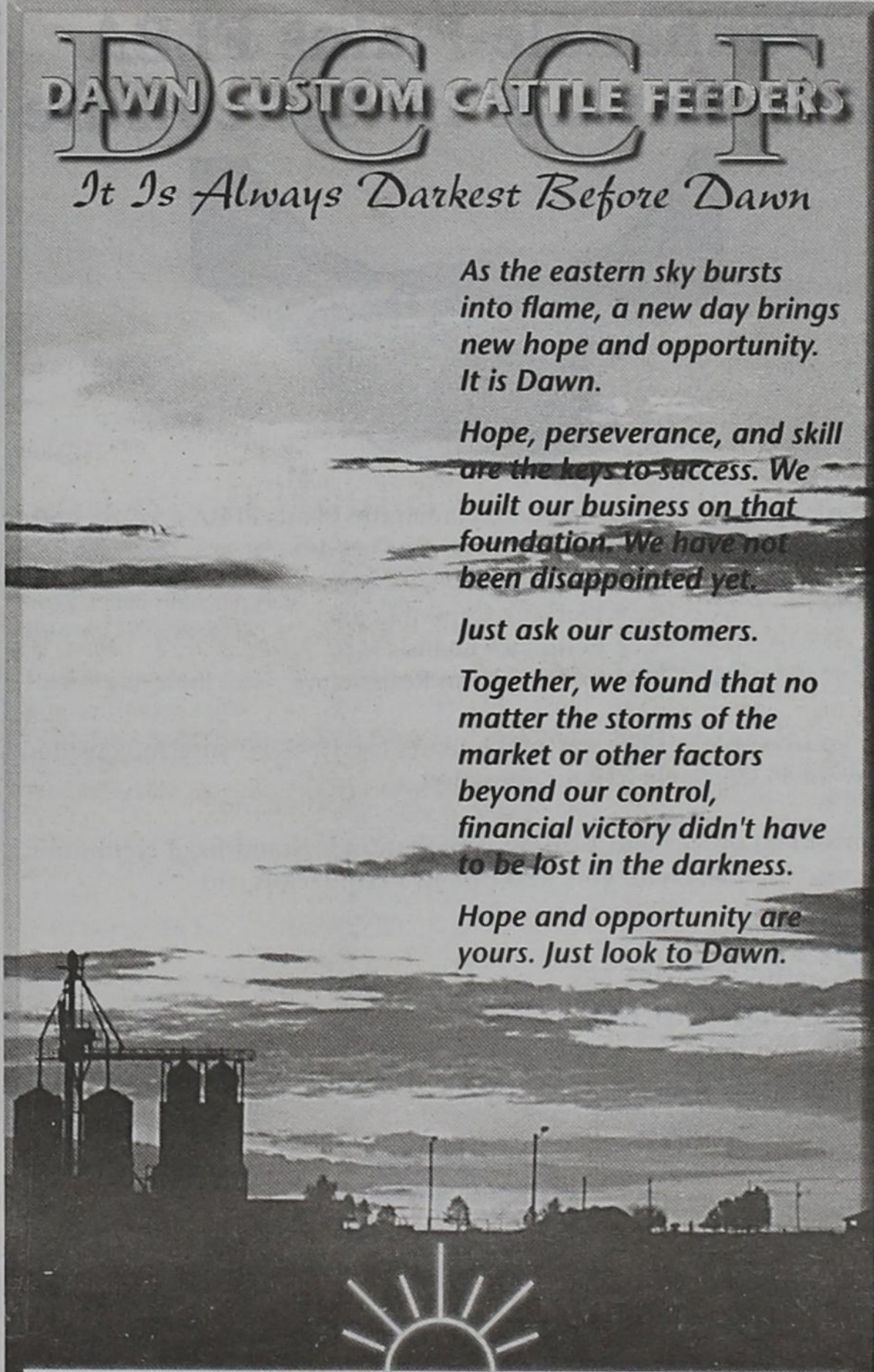
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family and keeping them safe. Most farmers today are of the same mind, but they are forced to deal with bigger issues. Global economy, farm plans, exportation, importation, risk management, etc. are in the forefront. The way dad did it is obsolete and will put you in the poor house.

Sad? I agree. My family at home has a farm and ranch that has been in the family several generations. I would sell my soul to the devil rather than watching that piece

of ground go to the highest bidder. My great-grandfather, his brothers and father made that piece of ground what it is, and it is a part of all of us who worked, hunted, fished and roamed there.

I close with this. Be thankful for what you have, who you are, and what you believe. In an instant it can all be taken away. We live in the best place on earth. Life is tough sometimes, but we have the advantage. Don't take it for granted. Life is what you make it, live it!!

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experienced if possible. After they are the ones who will man the next battle ship that carries the last hope for mankind.

Most of the milo has finally been harvested even though we have not had a hard freeze yet. The above average temperatures have sure provided the wheat an opportunity to make excellent growth and provide some much-needed pasture for cattle. Along with the growth we have seen some unusual insect pests in the crop. The Winter Grain Mite has been found in the northern part of the Panhandle. Infestations are not heavy enough to get concerned at this time, but we need to monitor the spread of this pest.

A new Stocker Cattle contract is scheduled to begin trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange on November 30th. Both futures and options will be offered. The proposed contract specifies 25,000 lbs. of 500 to 599 pound, medium frame #1 feeder steers and medium and large frame #1 feeder steers. For more information, contact the CME or your broker.

Which reminds me that there is still time

to get signed up for the FARM-A-SYST program offered through the Extension Service to assist producers in evaluating risk and developing a plan to address those items identified. See your County Agent for more information.

As some of you know, USDA has announced a Livestock Assistance Program to compensate producers for 1998 losses because of drought and other natural disasters that reduced grazing vegetation. Sign up for the program is scheduled to begin November 23 in counties that suffered at least a 40 percent grazing loss for 90 or more consecutive days. Contact your FSA office for details.

I guess the next time we visit it will be 1999! That means that I only have one year to get this computer fixed before it self-destructs.

But for now I have to help some guy with formulating a high-energy ration for reindeer. He was in last year about this time but he said that EPA is requiring him to reduce the emissions.

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Area 4-H member's recipe

Pinecone Cheese Ball
from Christi Reese

Ingredients

- 1 (8 oz) container garden vegetable cream cheese
- 1 (8 oz) container roasted garlic cream cheese
- 1 C (4 oz) shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 3 green onions, chopped
- 2 C pecan halves, toasted
- Fresh rosemary sprigs



Directions:

- Stir together first 4 ingredients. Shape into an oval; chill 2 hours.
- Arrange pecan halves over cheese oval in overlapping rows beginning at bottom and working upward.
- Arrange rosemary sprigs at top of pinecone. Serve with crackers.

Yield: 16 servings.

Christi is a member of Hale County 4-H.

Veggie Bites
from Rita Rodriguez

Ingredients

- 2 pkgs. (8 oz each) Crescent rolls
- 2 pkgs. (8 oz each) cream cheese
- 1 pkg. (1 oz) Ranch Style Dressing Mix
- 1 C mayonnaise or salad dressing
- 3/4 C shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 different kinds of fresh vegetables (broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, etc.)



Directions:

- Unroll crescent rolls and place in the bottom of a 15x10x1 inch jelly roll pan or cookie sheet, pinching edges to seal.
- Bake at 375 degrees for 11-13 minutes. Cool completely.
- Finely chop vegetable in a food processor.
- In a bowl, combine mayonnaise or salad dressing, cream cheese and dry salad dressing mix; beat until well blended.
- Spread mixture over crust and sprinkle with cheese and vegetables.
- Chill and cut into bite sized pieces.

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"We just couldn't believe no one in Texas has caught on to this," Cameron Silveus, agent for the Silveus Crop Insurance Agency based in Lubbock, went on to explain. "No one in Texas is presenting this plan to area cotton growers!" Cameron practically explodes with enthusiasm as he runs me through the details and payment history of the pro-

gram. "What a shame that this has essentially been hidden from Texas cotton producers." What he called, "The best kept secret in crop insurance," has been "literally swept under the carpet, by companies who would rather market more profitable plans to the producers," he said. "In a nutshell the program provides more dollars of protection, up to as little as a 10% deductible, and dollar for dollar coverage, a lower premium for the producer. Is it any wonder the companies don't promote this one?" he asked. "Not only does this have higher odds of payment, but I can show any producer just how much and when

"What a shame that this has essentially been hidden from Texas cotton producers."

Cameron Silveus

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