



While Dimmitt fans leap and cheer in the stands, Lincoln Stewart (14) hangs onto the rim after the final buzzer, following his last-second slam-dunk that put an exclamation point on the Bobcats' 91-58 victory over the Littlefield Wildcats in an important District 2-AAA game here Friday night. Below the basket is Littlefield's Justin Johnson (44). The victory cinched a first-place tie for the Bobcats in the first half of the district race, despite their forfeit of their victory over Muleshoe. See related story, Page 10.

Photo by Don Nelson

County audit termed 'clean'

The outside audit of Castro County's accounts for the fiscal years 1990 and 1991 revealed several items that needed attention.

Carol McDonald of Davis, Kinard & Co. of Abilene, the firm hired to perform the audit, told the County Commissioners' Court at its Monday meeting that the examination of the county's bookkeeping practices showed several "reportable conditions" (small problems) and one "material weakness" (a big problem).

The county's big problem was that the cash accounts were not reconciled in 1991. She said they

needed to be reconciled each month, and added that the procedure already has been incorporated into the county's bookkeeping system for the current fiscal year.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said it has been completed through the end of the year.

Some of the small problems needing attention included documentation in personnel files regarding salary amounts, check copies not promptly voided, and two accounts held by the county clerk's office that needed to release excess funds to the county treasurer.

McDonald emphasized that her firm issued a "clean opinion" of the county's accounting practices, saying "the financial statements present fairly the accounts of Castro County."

The commissioners accepted the audit report, and asked McDonald

if an annual audit would be better than doing it every two years. She said annually would be better, because any problems could be corrected sooner.

Next on the agenda, the commissioners voted to purchase outright two Monroe copiers with sorter attachments for \$5,640 each. One will be used in the county extension office and the other will be used by the county treasurer and county auditor.

Included in the purchase price is three months' maintenance, but then a maintenance contract will have to be negotiated. The contract on the old copiers was budgeted at \$565 each per year. The commissioners agreed to sell the old copiers on a bid basis.

After comparing costs with other copiers, including a Xerox model

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Who is your Valentine?

In its Feb. 13 issue, the *News* is planning to feature the best Valentines of all: grandchildren.

That is, if enough proud grandparents are willing to brag.

For a \$10 fee, your favorite Valentine's picture will be featured in a decorative frame, identified by his or her name and the grandparents' names. (The parents get too much credit for your grandchildren anyway.)

If you're a grandparent and would like to show the rest of us your favorite Valentine(s), bring the picture to the *News* office by 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. A wallet-size picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is. And we'll return your picture to you, unharmed.

TAAS results are released

Preliminary results from the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) tests which were administered to county students in October, show that the majority of Dimmitt's and Hart's students' scores were below the state average while students in Nazareth tested above the state average.

Students in the third, fifth, seventh, ninth and 11th (exit level) grades across Texas were tested on reading, writing and math in October.

In order to pass each test, students were required to correctly answer at least 70% of the questions. That percentage was raised from last year, when students in the third and fifth grades were required to pass 65% of the questions and students in the seventh, ninth and 11th grades were expected to answer 60% of the questions correctly.

High school students are given an "exit level" test when they are juniors, and they must pass each portion of the test before they can graduate from high school.

Dimmitt and Nazareth students scored above the state average on all phases of the exit level test (reading, writing and math).

Juniors from Nazareth aced the writing portion of the exit level test, but only 79% mastered the math and 95% passed the reading.

In Dimmitt, 11th graders showed an 89% mastery in writing, 65% in reading and 59% in math.

Hart juniors showed 81% mastery in writing, which is above the state average; but were lower than state figures in reading (59%) and math (50%).

But local educators say the test scores don't accurately reflect how the students are doing in relation to other students unless they are grouped in the same economic or ethnic category.

"These scores should not be used to compare school district to school district," said Hart High School Principal Mark Stroebel. "Sure we want to do well compared with the state averages, but we are more concerned with how our campus fared in relation to other schools in our 'group.'"

The group Stroebel refers to is a number of school districts with similar numbers of students, percentage of minority students, numbers of economically disadvantaged children, mobility and tax bases.

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has separated schools with similar characteristics into separate groups, and when the state studies each school's TAAS scores, it will compare those scores to those of other school districts in that special group.

Across the state, students who are termed "economically disadvantaged" or who are members of an ethnic minority scored the poorest on the TAAS test, and Shirley Barnes, HISD counselor, said about 79% of Hart's students fall into the "economically disadvantaged" category and a high percentage of the student population is minority.

Dimmitt schools also face the problem of teaching a high percentage of economically disadvantaged children—especially at the elementary level 72.9%. That percentage improves once students reach junior high (56.4%) and high school (37.9%), according to school officials. The Dimmitt school has a 70% minority population.

The following graphic illustrates how county students fared on each of the three parts of the test, as well as the statewide average from each grade level in reading, writing and math:

1991 TAAS Results Percent Passing

Grade	State	NISD	DISD	HISD	
Grade 3	Reading	80%	91%	69%	65%
	Writing	61%	82%	44%	40%
	Math	84%	94%	65%	79%
Grade 5	Reading	61%	65%	50%	36%
	Writing	75%	83%	60%	44%
	Math	56%	74%	30%	31%
Grade 7	Reading	48%	65%	39%	29%
	Writing	57%	90%	47%	31%
	Math	49%	75%	40%	36%
Grade 9	Reading	58%	83%	54%	55%
	Writing	61%	100%	51%	62%
	Math	42%	76%	46%	50%
Grade 11	Reading	71%	95%	65%	59%
	Writing	77%	100%	89%	81%
	Math	56%	79%	59%	50%

Hart Elementary cited

Hart Elementary School is one in a million—well, anyway, it's one of 82 in 2,000 according to the Texas Education Agency.

HES has been selected as a participant in the Partnership Schools Initiative, which will team local campuses with regional education service centers and the TEA for a three- to five-year period. The focus of the program will be how to improve student learning and close the achievement gap between different student groups.

Texas Commissioner of Education Lionel "Skip" Meno characterized the program as an effort to "jump start" the process of education reform by removing real or perceived barriers of regulation.

"These 82 schools will be pioneers in an effort to achieve excellence and equity in student performance through reduced regulation and increased flexibility," Meno said.

"Primarily, we will receive just about anything we need as far as changes in standard education practices, including changes in the length of school day, length of school year, length of staff day and number of staff development days," said HES principal Darla Underwood-Baggett.

Hart was chosen for the program "because the principal and staff demonstrated a commitment to abandon the status quo and embark upon an adventure that could be-

come a model for improving student performance state-wide," Meno said in a letter to the Hart school.

"In our application, we specified reading and language arts as areas that need improvement in our school," Underwood-Baggett said. "We would like to look at possibly hiring more reading teachers, and set up blocks of reading time with

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ASCS chief to explain disaster relief program

A meeting explaining the 1990-91 disaster relief program will be held today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The meeting will be conducted by Scotty M. Abbott, county executive director of the Castro County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

Sign-up for the disaster relief program is slated to begin Monday and will continue through March 13.

Abbott said producers who will file an application for disaster benefits for either 1990 and/or 1991 crop losses need to attend today's meeting.

The meeting is intended to provide producers with information concerning the disaster packets which were mailed recently, as well as other provisions of the program.

"The sign-up period is short and the informational meeting is intended to provide producers with adequate information to assist them when they come to the county

We're No. 1

Dimmitt is used to seeing the No. 1 designation in connection with school sports and other competitions, but this time the honor is going to the City of Dimmitt itself.

Dimmitt's plan for establishing a park on the south edge of town was rated No. 1 among all the proposals received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and over \$121,000 in grant funding was awarded for completion of the project.

The city will match those funds, but not all in cash. Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said the city may provide a small portion in cash, with the remainder made up in labor and materials.

The park will encompass the play lake area just north of FM 3215, also known as Butler Boulevard (or the bypass road).

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By Don Nelson

"Let's see if I've got this straight now," Bubba said at the coffee shop this morning. "Bush is still pushing for a reduction in the capital gains tax, right?"

"Right," I said, "but Congress isn't gonna give it to him."

"Why not? He said 90% of the people who will benefit from it are taxpayers making under \$50,000 a year. That's you and me, ain't it?"

"He's just spinning numbers," I said. "The Democrats say that 80% of all the money from a capital-gains tax cut will go to people who make \$100,000 a year or more."

"But he says the capital gains tax cut will create jobs, jobs, jobs."

"Jobs where?" I asked. "Maybe you haven't heard that other little

part of the Republican package."

"Oh yeah?" Bubba said. "So what else?"

"Well, he also wants the luxury tax taken off of yachts."

"Why?"

"Because the guys who own them need them for business."

"How so?"

"To cruise down to Mexico and invest their capital-gains savings to create more jobs, jobs, jobs."

The envelope was mailed from Santa Ana, Calif., to a Nazareth man. There was no return address.

Inside was a folded newspaper sheet—Pages D17 and D18 of *The Herald*, dated May 2, 1991. A Post-

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Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

	Hi	Lo	Pr.
Thursday	49	20	
Friday	48	20	
Saturday	60	27	
Sunday	58	29	
Monday	43	35	.17
Tuesday	41	36	.02
Wednesday	48	33	Tr.

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1992 Moisture .073
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US Weather Observer

On the Go Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Ruth Cochran, Maxine Myers and Ed and Betty Freeman attended the meeting of Palo Duro Presbytery on Friday and Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.

Dr. William Lytle of Albuquerque, N.M. led a workshop on "wholeness" Friday afternoon and was the preacher at the communion service of "wholeness" on Friday evening.

Revs. Malcolm and Jean Carrick, who have been Presbyterian missionaries in Japan for 40 years, spoke Sunday evening after a church family dinner at the Presbyterian Church. Five Tulia residents were in attendance at the gathering.

The Carricks were overnight guests in the home of Ed and Betty Freeman.

Randy Morgan accompanied his parents, Mearle and Buster Morgan; and his brother and his wife, Rick and Kim Morgan of Bovina; to the wedding of his nephew, Jonathan Harris. It was held in Blanchard, Okla. Jonathan is the son of Deanna and Garcy Cooner and Charles and Kay Harris. He married Leigh-Anne Moore on Jan. 11.

Randy and Rick served as groomsmen and Kim was a bridal attendant. Jonathan's sister, Amy, also was an attendant. Charles Harris conducted the ceremony.

Jonathan and Leigh-Anne have moved to Dimmitt and live on the farm. Jonathan is working for Randy.

The Girl Scout Troop #414 toured the Museum last Thursday afternoon. Troop leaders are Elaine Heard and Linda Shannon. Members enjoying the tour were Kristin Welch, Rachel Diane Harmon, Ashley Jackson, Kylie Webb, Cherie Bell, Krystal Woolbright, Kendra Shannon, Gina Hernandez, Alby Holcomb, Lyndsey Heard, Stephanie Casas, Sonya Hernandez, and Daphne Burrows. Kylie Webb served cookies and fruit juice to those present.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum included Andy Gardenhire

of Memphis, who had been superintendent at the Hart schools several years ago.

On Thursday evening Pro-Family Forum met in the home of Don and Ann Ethington. 15 members attended and Diane Clark presented a video tape of the comedian, Victor Borge, who is in his 80s. He is a concert pianist as well as a comedian. Ann served pick up foods, cake and punch to those present.

Helen Braafladt was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge.

Alma Kenmore won high score and Louise Mears won second high score. Others playing were Mary Small, Ferne Dickey, Ina Rae Cates, Edith Graef, Bernice Hill, Johnnie Vannoy, Dude McLauren, Susie Reeves, Oleda Schumacher, Cleo Forson, Neva Hickey and Lorannell Hamilton.

Deanne Clark and Ann Ethington were honored with a joint birthday luncheon Wednesday. Hostesses were Martha Rhynes, Gwen Bryant, Doris Lindsey and Patsy Franks. Diane wrote a poem and read it to the guests and everyone brought a birthday card for the "honored duo." Friends enjoying the special occasion were Ed and Betty Freeman, Percy and Margaret Parsons, Bill Clark, Carolyn Jones, Brenda Seely, Lorannell Hamilton, Tina Rawlings, Marguerite McLain and her grandson John Darrell, Jean Petty, Karen Sheffy, Martha Jo Hyman, Dorothy Hopson and Polly Simpson.

Beck Bridges' great-granddaughter, Erin Bridges, won grand champion at the Littlefield Stock Show and Beck's great-granddaughter Christina Bridges showed the Reserve Breed Champion. Later at the Earth show, Erin granded the steer show with a different calf and Christina showed the reserve grand. Robin Bridges won first in her class, Shana Bridges' animal was third and Jonathan Bridges' entry finished fourth.

Betty Renfro of Amarillo was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Mary Small won high score and Cleo Forson finished second high. Others playing were Ruth Coleman, Ina Rae Cates, Neva Hickey, Alma Kenmore and Retta Cluck.

Grace Morgan brought the devotional at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home last Thursday morning. She talked on the subject, "The Greatest Personality in the Bible."

Richard Young sang "My God and I." He was accompanied by Phyllis Mooney. Others singing were Ysleta Ball, Irene Carpenter, Mauzee Youts and Mary Edna Hendrix.

I went with Kate Beecher to the basketball games Friday night and watched Dimmitt beat Littlefield. Kate wanted to see her niece play. We enjoyed all the games, but we especially liked watching the very young children playing basketball. As usual, they stole the show!

SCS to hold essay contest

The Soil and Water Conservation District is accepting entries for its annual essay contest.

The subject of the 1992 essay contest is "Soil and Water Conservation." Essays submitted should be at least 300 words and must be entered by boys and girls ages 18 and under.

Winners in the essay contest will receive savings bonds in the following amounts: first place, \$100; second place, \$75; and third place, \$25.

Essays may be brought to the Soil Conservation office, located at 114 W. Belsher in Dimmitt, by Feb. 12.

For more information call 647-4324.

A HIPPO CAN weigh as much as 4 tons, even though they are seldom as tall as 5 feet.



ROBYNE BOYD, daughter of Acie and Margo Boyd of Dimmitt, has been named the Kiwanis Club Sweetheart for 1991-92. Boyd, a senior at Dimmitt High School, is active in many school organizations. She is a four-year member of the FHA, and served as is currently serving her second term as its president. She participated in athletics, the Spanish Club, Interact Club and Key Club for two years. She belonged to the Speech Club, Thespians, Art Club and FFA for a year. She plans to attend Texas Tech University after graduation.



SECOND LT. LANCE BROCKMAN, son of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman of Nazareth, recently received his pilot's "wings" during graduation ceremonies at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. Brockman will be assigned as a service officer at March Air Force Base in California, and he will fly either KC-10 or KC-135 tankers. Brockman is a 1985 graduate of Nazareth High School and a 1989 graduate of Texas Tech University.

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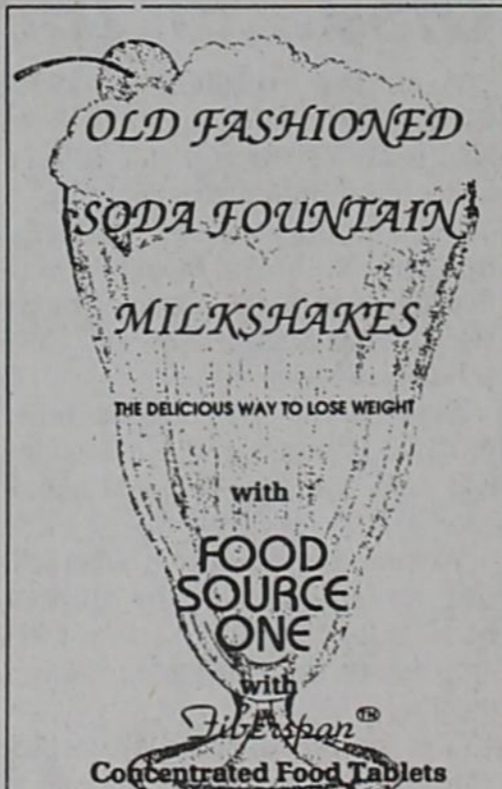
Who's New?

PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a boy for Agnes Garcia and Joe De La Garza Jr., both of Hart. Their son, Isaac, was born on Jan. 19 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz. and measured 22 inches. He has three older siblings including Richard Garcia Jr., Israel Garcia and Yvette Garcia. His paternal grandparent is Elmina Garcia of Hart. Maternal grandparents are Joe and Flo De La Garza of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Jose and Rene C. Jackson.

Out-of-town

Cindy and Mike Pottorff of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Patrick Michael, who was born at 3:55 a.m. Sunday at Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia. He weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence J. Brungardt of Gorham, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. James Pottorff of Douglass, Kan.



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Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

Harmony Fletcher and Kevin Bural were baptized as part of the Sunday morning services. Several visitors were present including Harmony's grandparents, Gene and Jo Fletcher, and John and Doris Armes, all of Gruver; Clara Vick's grandchildren including Jennifer and Jade Vick of Dimmitt; Dr. Myles Sadler of Lubbock, who was visiting his parents, Embree Roy and Willie Mae Sadler; and Rita and Eric Bural.

Glenn Wilson video taped the baptism.

It started raining early Sunday morning but the temperature stayed above freezing all day. .30 of an inch of rain was recorded Sunday and Sunday night.

Teeny Bowden was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital Friday afternoon after walking to the mail box against the strong wind on Wednesday; and seeing two specialists in Amarillo on Monday and two more on Tuesday.

Rita Bural drove Teeny to Amarillo on Tuesday and spent the day with her Wednesday, keeping the doctors informed of how she was doing. It was the heart condition protesting the lack of rest. Rita will drive Teeny to Amarillo Monday to see a neurosurgeon.

David Sadler came down with the flu on Friday; and Gay Sadler called Walter Roye of Hobbs, N.M. to meet her and pick up the grandchildren, Shaina and Samuel, so

they wouldn't get the flu again. The grandchildren were visiting the Sadlers.

Sharon Sadler spent the week in Muleshoe helping care for Kristen Hurtado, who was sick with the flu. Sharon returned home Saturday and wasn't feeling well—it wasn't the flu, just exhaustion.

Emma Jean King and the Republican Women's Organization hosted Beau Boulter at the January 15 ROW meeting. He served as the guest speaker.

Ezell and Verba Sadler attended the Rock Club meeting Friday night in Hereford.

The farmers have suffered a great loss this year and the delay in getting to prepare the land for the next crop may hurt, also. Perhaps the moisture will do more good than damage. There are still snow drifts north of my house.

DEER HAVE BEEN seen playing games like children. The one that is "it" actually tags the other with its hoof.

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We Salute

Our Senior Citizens

If you're 50 or older, the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center needs your help. It's easy. All you have to do is sign up.

The Castro County Senior Citizens organized about 15 years ago with 31 charter members. They first leased the American Legion Hall as a gathering place, and in 1977 they signed a purchase contract on the present large building at Southwest Third and Jones, and established the Senior Citizens Center. They paid off the note on it in 1984.

As the activity increased, so did the membership, which reached a peak of 250. There were quilting parties, painting classes, craft group meetings, bridge parties, domino games, worship services—in fact, every kind of activity that anyone wanted to organize. Also, the Senior Citizens started preparing and serving public lunches five days a week for just \$3 per member or \$4 per non-member.

Many of us have come to take the Senior Citizens Center for granted. It has a large gathering room, three separate meeting rooms, plenty of easy chairs and tables, a big, well-equipped kitchen and other facilities. All of us, of all ages, use it. It's a major meeting place for anniversary receptions, class reunions, family reunions, recreation clubs, etc.

But now the continuation of the Senior Citizens Center is in jeopardy. It's a matter of money.

Not enough eligible people have been joining the Senior Citizens Association to offset the natural loss of older members. As a result, the membership has dwindled. The current paid-up membership stands at 78—out of hundreds who are eligible.

The Senior Citizens Center benefits all of us. It's there for all of us to use—and you probably have used it at one time or another.

It's especially important to the senior citizens among us. Many still have a spouse to share life with, but many others live alone. The center is a place to meet friends, indulge in hobbies or visiting, and eat a low-cost lunch.

We need to make sure the center stays open.

Members are needed to make the center self-sustaining. The dues are very modest—only \$15 per year.

If you're 50 or older, please go by and sign up. Sooner or later, you'll be glad you did.

We salute our Senior Citizens. We're proud of you, and grateful to you for what you have done for us. We hope that individuals throughout the community will now return the favor.

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Honor students are named at NISD

Nazareth Independent School District has released its honor rolls for the third six weeks of school.

Students listed on either the "A" or "B" honor rolls include:

FIRST GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Adam Acker, Nicole Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Wendy Black, Carson Gerber, Erica Gerber, Justin Kleman, Shane Kleman, Laci McLaurin, Justin Myers, Kristi Ramaekers, Eric Schilling, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte, Rose Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

B HONOR ROLL: Rey Bermea, Karen Birkenfeld, Jenna Braddock, Dorothy Cameron, Tyler Ehly, Reece Hales, Evan Huseman, Koty Huseman, Ben Irlbeck, Luke Price, Teri Ramaekers, Veronica Rodriguez and Chase Schulte.

SECOND GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Blake Birkenfeld, Jason Birkenfeld, Lesley Brockman, Laura Gerber, Mandy Hoelting, Megan Hoelting, Quentin Jones, Elizabeth Olvera, Danette Ramaekers, Trinity Robb, Kyla Schacher, Ky Wilcox.

B HONOR ROLL: Patricia Acker, Marsha Black, Timothy Braddock, Shana Huseman, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Jase Merritt, Adam Williams Mendez, Darryl Pohlmeier, Kade Wilcox and Jennifer Wilhelm.

THIRD GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, Lindsie M. Gerber, Tara Kleman, Matty McLain, Brooke Moyers and Bryce Pohlmeier.

B HONOR ROLL: Sage Annen, Jaclyn Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Jason Huseman, Nichole Huseman, Erin Jones, Mark Lange, Holly Myers, Wade Price, Adam Schulte and Cody Waide.

FOURTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Melanie Book, Lisa McLaurin, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

B HONOR ROLL: Cassie Birkenfeld, Andrea Braddock, Meredith Braddock, Clay Hoelting, Bo Hunter, Cameron McLain, Shawn Nelson, Dawn Ramaekers, Judy Schacher, David Verkamp and Karen Wilhelm.

FIFTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Susan Book, Alyssa Irlbeck, Susan Jones, Jessica Kern and Ann Wilhelm.

B HONOR ROLL: Amanda Birkenfeld, Laura Birkenfeld, Mitchell Brockman, Stephanie Gerber, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Jessica McGilvray, Tiffany Schmucker and Vanessa Wilhelm.

SIXTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Sara Birkenfeld, Joy Long, Amy Pohlmeier and Kaci Wethington.

B HONOR ROLL: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, Becca Garza and Barry Hoelting.

SEVENTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Justin Bingham, Marcus Brockman, Margie Durbin and Angela Fortenberry.

B HONOR ROLL: Misti Ball, Bryan Braddock, Nicholas Gerber, B.J. Kern, Tracy Maurer, Sarah Olvera and Jill Ramaekers.

EIGHTH GRADE

A HONOR ROLL: Jaimye Bingham, Allyn Garza and Robin Schulte.

B HONOR ROLL: Casey Hoelting, Courtney Hoelting, Kelly Jones, Robby Schmucker and Carie Wethington.

FRESHMEN

A HONOR ROLL: Scott Brockman, Denia Durbin, Amber Irlbeck, Colby Pohlmeier, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

B HONOR ROLL: Kelley Boyd, Alston Farris and Thonda Maurer.

SOPHOMORE

A HONOR ROLL: Sabrina Acker.

B HONOR ROLL: J.J. Bermea, Kristin Brockman, Kandal Derrick, Lena Durbin, Lynette Kleman and Mary Ellen Ramaekers.

JUNIORS

A HONOR ROLL: Jaime Hatla, Ashely Hoelting, Jill Pohlmeier and Brent Wilhelm.

B HONOR ROLL: Melinda Birkenfeld, Kim Dobmeier, Adrian Farris, Bill Hochstein, Nicole Kleman, Vicky Lange and Michael Schmucker.

SENIORS

A HONOR ROLL: Alisha Ball, Christy Birkenfeld, Jodi Johnson, Marion Lorber and Kalina Pohlmeier.

B HONOR ROLL: Mac Annen, Bridget Birkenfeld, Garrett Dobmeier, Tracy Drerup, Hugh Durbin, T.J. Garza, Peggy Huseman, Trey Johnson, Ricky Leavitt, Lynn Nelson and Travis Schulte.

Three locals earn degrees

Degrees have been conferred on three Dimmitt students attending West Texas State University in Canyon who completed academic requirements during the 1991 fall semester.

Students from Dimmitt who received bachelor's degrees were Jerry D. McMillon, Kirtekumar T. Patel and James D. Wright.

McMillon was awarded a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting, a bachelor of business administration degree in management was bestowed upon Patel and Wright earned a bachelor's degree in general studies.

Senior Citizens

MONDAY: Chicken casserole, corn, salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

TUESDAY: Roast beef and gravy, potatoes, vegetable salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

WEDNESDAY: Fish, French fries, vegetable salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

THURSDAY: Pork chops, sweet potatoes, vegetable salad, bread, dessert, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY: Barbecue on a bun, beans, potato salad, dessert tea and coffee.



ELEMENTARY CITIZENSHIP awards for the third six weeks of school were presented to (back row, from left) Clay Hoelting, fourth grade; Alyssa Irlbeck, fifth grade; and Mark Lange, third grade; and (front row, from left) Laura Gerber, second grade; Carson Gerber, first grade; and Brett Hoelting, kindergarten.

Courtesy Photo

Letter

Balance trade to help job situation

Dear Editor:

If the United States wants its jobs back, balance the trade with other countries. Products we buy from foreign countries deprive the people of the US of a job. All we have to do is trade our products with the foreign countries for their products, and this will balance our trade.

When the US requires more from the employer than the foreign countries do, the US employers will go to the foreign countries to get their products made at a lower price using cheap labor. Many of the jobs are being sent overseas to the foreign countries by our government.

If the government will stop this, then the people of the US can find

work to do.

I read in the news that GATT would destroy agriculture, according to the Texas Corn Growers' Association, but GATT could save agriculture if we would balance our trade. The whole world would have food to eat if they could trade their labor for our food.

The trade problem in the US is depriving most of the people in the world, and is helping a few who are able to buy cheap products made in a foreign country with cheap labor. (They don't get enough for their labor to even buy food with.)

Why does the labor department claim less than 10% to be unemployed, when we have over 50% unemployed?

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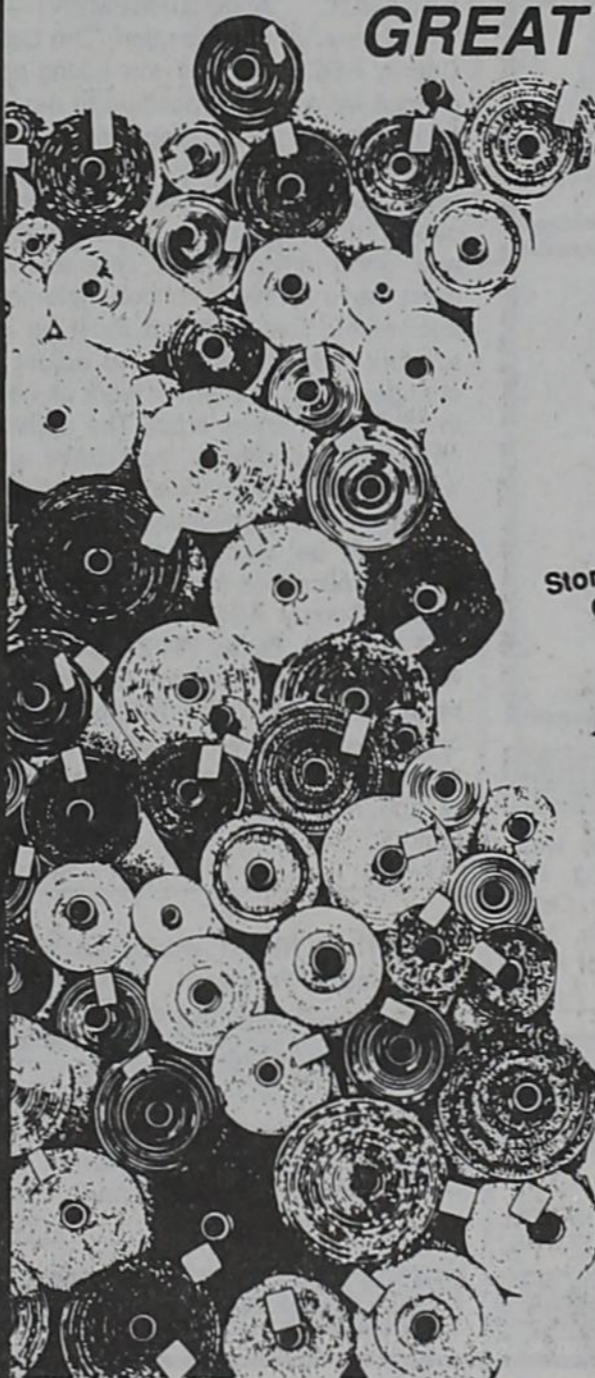
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TOP CITIZENS at Nazareth Junior High School during the third six weeks of school were (from left) Justin Bingham, seventh grade; Robby Schmucker, eighth grade; and Barry Hoelting, sixth grade.

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Given under my hand this 6 day of January, 1992.

LONNY RHYNES
Sheriff, Castro County, Texas
15-40-3tc

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed bids addressed to the City of Dimmitt, Texas, will be received at the City Hall until 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 3, 1992, and then publicly opened and read for furnishing all plant, labor, materials and equipment, and performing all work required for approximately 37 blocks of seal coating.

Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes upon the blank form of the proposal attached hereto and marked in the upper left hand corner.

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If contract is over \$25,000, the successful bidder must finish performance and payments bonds upon the forms which are attached hereto in the amount of 100% of the contract price from an approved surety company holding a permit from sureties acceptable to the owner.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in bids received.

Plans, specifications and bidding documents may be obtained from McMorris & Associates, Inc., 6300 Canyon Drive, Amarillo Texas 79109, by qualified general contractors on deposit of \$50 per set.

CITY OF DIMMITT, TEXAS
By: WAYNE COLLINS, MAYOR
15-41-2tc

More about

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it note was attached, with the handwritten message: "Paul, try it. This works!" It was signed "R."

All over both pages were "stories" about an amazing anti-aging formula. The only "ad" on either page was a clip-out order form.

The Herald was a fake newspaper. So was the dateline, and good friend "R," and probably all the stories and testimonials.

The scam is obvious to an editor. No self-respecting newspaper would give its news columns over to promoting a patent "cure" for aging. But those not in the profession might not recognize that.

Paul is forwarding the packet to the regional postal inspector in Lubbock.

If you receive a similar mailing with a personal note attached, do the same thing—or at least trash it.

In our continuing crusade to expose recession-era scams, here are three more, uncovered by the Better Business Bureau. These have to do with the new Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), which took effect this week.

THE PITCH: A firm may contact you and imply that the ADA will "shut you down" unless you attend its expensive seminar(s) or buy its educational material.

FACT: Most of the ADA provisions are common sense and written in simple English. Many sources of advice are available free.

THE PITCH: The small business owner is approached with tales of disaster if he or she doesn't install expensive ramps, lower equipment, etc. One firm explains that you get a \$5,000 tax credit for remodeling, and all of its "suggestions" seem to

cost \$4,999.

FACT: Some remodeling may be necessary, but perhaps not. One firm that was told it had to lower all water fountains to make them wheelchair-accessible instead discovered that placing a paper cup dispenser nearby would comply. A drycleaner who worried about installing expensive access ramps learned that he could take care of disabled customers simply by providing curbside pickup and delivery.

THE PITCH: Some firms are pretending to be "certified," "approved" or "official" experts on the ADA. One even designed an official-looking seal which it uses in ads.

FACT: Neither the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission nor the Dept. of Justice "certify" anybody as ADA consultants.

And don't forget this other scam that nearly all of us deal with nearly every day:

THE PITCH: You may be the winner of \$1,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

FACT: The chances are 20,000,000 to 1 that you aren't. So what else is new?

We hear all this talk about the recession, and it just occurred to me that some people may not know, technically, just what a recession is and is not.

When 20 million people aren't working, that isn't necessarily a recession. But when at least eight million of those are unemployed—that's a recession!

Updating an old saw:
A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single two-hour delay before takeoff.

Police Calls

Around 10:50 a.m. last Thursday, a Cadillac collided with a cotton module hauler on US 385 just south of Sunnyside at the intersection with a dirt road, County Road 629.

Three passengers from the car were taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital with reportedly minor injuries. Driver of the car was Coy Dunn of Dimmitt.

Damage to the truck was rated light, according to an observer of the accident's aftermath, Sheriff's Deputy Don Williams. Repairs to the car were estimated at \$2,500, according to Dunn's insurance agent.

The truck had been heading east on the county road. According to reports, the air brakes failed and the truck rolled out onto the highway into the path of the car.

An 18-year-old Dimmitt man is serving 120 days in jail after violating the probation he was serving on

DWI charges filed in Deaf Smith County. His violation stemmed from a DWI arrest Jan. 9 in Castro County.

A 30-year-old Plainview man was jailed last Thursday on a revocation of probation.

On Jan. 21, Pat Pugliese, manager of the Dimmitt Dairy Queen, reported that a sign at the business apparently had been shot at sometime during the previous week. Repairs were estimated at \$2,000.

Two vehicles collided last Thursday as they were backing out of driveways in the 1000 block of West Grant in Dimmitt.

Damage to both vehicles was light and no injuries were reported. Both drivers were ticketed: Maria Stella Ortiz, 36, driving a 1981 Lincoln, was cited for backing without safety; and Loretta Mendoza, 28, driving a 1974 Chevy, was cited for no driver's license.

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NEW 1992 Ford Aerostar XLT, EXT Length	92A2	22,488	20,800	750	20,050
NEW 1992 Ford Crown Victoria LX	92CV4	23,257	20,495	1,000	19,495
NEW 1992 Ford Crown Victoria LX	92CV5	24,299	21,580	1,000	19,580
NEW 1992 Ford Escort LX	92ES1	12,000	11,900	500	10,400
NEW 1992 Ford Escort LX	92ES2	12,000	11,900	500	10,400
NEW 1992 Ford Ranger, 4X2, S/Cab	92R1	15,896	14,570	750	13,820
NEW 1992 Ford Ranger, 4X2	92R2	10,440	9,580	750	8,830
NEW 1992 Ford Ranger, 4X2, S/Cab	92R3	12,930	11,900	750	11,150
NEW 1992 Ford F150 S/Cab Pickup	92T3	18,048	16,050	500	15,550
NEW 1992 Ford F150 S/Cab Pickup	92T10	18,987	16,850	500	16,350
NEW 1992 Ford F150 S/Cab	92T5	18,891	16,805	500	16,305
NEW 1992 Ford F150 4X4 Pickup	92T2	17,139	15,350	500	15,850
NEW 1992 Ford Explorer, 4X4	92X2	22,793	20,835		
NEW 1991 Ford Bronco Wagon	91B1	22,809	20,200	1,000	19,200
NEW 1991 Ford Van W/Mark III Pkg.	91E1	26,143	20,643	1,000	19,643*
NEW 1991 Ford Festiva GL	91FV1	9,109	8,558	1,000	7,558
NEW 1991 Ford Bronco Wagon	91FV2	9,264	8,703	1,000	7,703
NEW 1991 Ford Probe GL	91PR1	14,825	13,866	1,000	12,866
NEW 1991 Ford F150 V8 Pickup	91T16	16,869	14,705	400	14,305
DEMO—1992 Ford S/Cab F250 Diesel	91T13	25,357	22,357	500	21,857
DEMO—1991 Ford Taurus LX	91TR1	22,067	18,000		
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1989 Ford F150 4X4, Tan/White	91T24A	8,900	8,400
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1985 Dodge Ram, Red	92T11B	3,950	3,900
1976 Utility Bed W/Free Chevy Pickup	8L3C	400	350
1974 Chevrolet Cab & Chassis	82MAC2	2,000	1,900
FACTORY CAR—1990 Probe LX, V6	90PR4		9,300
1988 Honda Civic, 4 Dr., Red	91T23A	6,525	6,025
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BREAKFAST BURRITO	99¢	WILSON HOT LINKS \$99¢
BURRITO BEEF & SALSA	\$1.19	SAUSAGE ON A STICK \$1.59
DELICIOUS CHEESEBURGER	79¢	SAUSAGE & BISCUIT \$79¢
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People



Opha and Charles Burks

Pair to celebrate 50th anniversary

The family of Charles and Opha Burks of Dimmitt is honoring them with a reception in observance of the couple's 50th wedding anniversary. The celebration will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens' Center at 218 W. Jones. On Feb. 1, 1942 in Dallas, Opha Sims married Charles Burks, a native of the Arney Community. The pair soon moved back to Dimmitt, where they have been engaged in farming. The two have three sons, Larry of Amarillo, Ronnie of Dallas and Gregg of Happy. Eight grandchildren complete the family picture.

Girl Scout cookie sales are underway

If you're longing for a Thin Mint, a Chalet Creme Assortment, Trefoils or other varieties of Girl Scout cookies, now's the only time you can order them.

Local Girl Scouts will be selling cookies through Feb. 10, and they are asking for the public's support.

Seventy-eight girls from the kindergarten through fifth grades are registered in Girl Scouts, and this number is up from 57 last year. 70 of these girls (in the first through fifth grades) are selling cookies. Girls through the 12th grade are eligible to join Girl Scouts.

The annual cookie sale is one of the most common fundraisers of the local Girl Scout troop. Funds raised during the drive help pay for council-sponsored activities and help with funding for Camp Rio Blanco near Crosbyton.

The Girl Scouts participate in several activities throughout the year, and this year they toured a cotton gin and Canterbury Villa; and took a field trip to the Lubbock Planetarium.

They plan to hold a camp-in at the Science Spectrum in Lubbock. The Brownie Troop will participate in a "come-along" at Camp Rio Blanco. Several girls are planning to attend a summer camp. Another visit to Canterbury Villa also is on the Girl Scouts' agenda of activities.

The focus of troops within the Caprock Girl Scout Council is protecting the environment, and cookie sale incentives focus on this theme.

Suzzie Hubble of Dimmitt, Troop 278 leader, said the local troop still needs more adult volunteers.



WE HAVE A FLAVOR to please even the most discriminating taste, say Brownie Girl Scouts Amy Hubble (left) and Dana Gonzales, members of Dimmitt's Troop 278. The pair show off a box of Thin Mints and Chalet Creme Assortment, two of

the varieties of Girl Scout cookies which are being sold now. Cookie sales will continue through Feb. 10, according to Troop 278 Leader Suzzie Hubble (center). Photo by Anne Acker

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Anyone who has ever watched a wildlife special on PBS knows that wolves and certain other creatures in the animal kingdom mate for life.

But I wonder how many of you realize that appliances also share in this practice. Yes, if one electrical gadget in your home bites the dust, you can bet your maintenance agreement that something else with a plug and a purpose is about to do the same.

And they're tricky about it, too. They'll sit there humming knowingly behind your back, and they'll never reveal their chosen partner until the repairman has to make the second house call. (What, they have a computer panel and you thought they didn't have a brain?! Wake up and smell the Mr. Coffee!)

So, shortly after Christmas when my dishwasher thoughtlessly choked on a popsicle stick, I began a constant vigil over my other appliances, just waiting for one of them to throw itself on the funeral pyre.

Then last weekend, it happened. My water heater, no doubt grief-

stricken over the dishwasher's demise, decided to squelch its pilot light forever.

I'm usually a "take it in stride" kind of gal. My child comes home and announces, "By the way, I need a pioneer costume for social studies tomorrow," I make a pot of strong coffee and station myself at the sewing machine.

My husband queries, "Could you possibly enter all of last year's farm checks in the computer before I meet with the accountant in the morning, dear?," and after the Visa changes hands, I hit the keyboard.

But, I'm ashamed to admit, the loss of an appliance can push me right over the edge. I knew I needed help when, after my dishwasher's untimely passing, I caught myself standing over my daughter, badgering her to "HURRY UP" and finish her ice cream so I could wash the bowl. (The poor little thing's tongue was turning blue.) My son didn't even get ice cream because he foolishly waited to ask for some until after I had drained the dishwasher.

It was just a matter of time before I started making them cup their hands if they wanted some juice.

And now the water heater is broken! I know what you're saying — "Bless those poor children's hearts, she's sticking them in a cold tub." Give me some credit. I tried a cold shower myself first—made it in as far as my toe and decided it was a really bad idea.

I tried heating water on the stove for baths and came to the conclusion that pioneers must have worn a lot of perfume and avoided close contact.

But now the repairman is on the way, my appliance couple is in spare-parts heaven, and all is right with the world — or is it? The freezer seems a little weepy and distant this morning.

PERHAPS THE MOST interesting musical sounds were once played in China by pigeons flying overhead with whistles tied to their tails.

Thank you for shopping Dimmitt!

You are invited to a **Wedding Shower** honoring **Mr. & Mrs. David Barton** Saturday, Feb. 1 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the home of **Beth Joiner** 604 Pine St., Dimmitt
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Center calls for memberships

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens' Center is facing a decline in membership, and possibly could be forced to close its doors if the numbers don't increase, according to Center president Sal DiCuffa.

DiCuffa said the current membership list has 171 names, and only 78 of those had renewed their dues for 1992 as of Friday. Those numbers represent a considerable decline from the peak membership of 250.

He remarked that many former members have died, moved away or gone into nursing homes, and others who are moving into the over-50 age bracket haven't shown an interest in joining.

With 31 charter members, the senior citizens first began meeting together back in the mid 1970s, and the American Legion Hut was leased as a gathering place. The present facility was acquired in 1977. Remodeling and renovations were completed in 1979, and the note on the building was paid off in December of 1984.

"January is when the annual membership fee of \$15 per person is due," DiCuffa noted. He said the money from the dues is mainly used to pay the insurance premiums on the facility.

The center opens each weekday at about 9 a.m. and closes around 2 p.m. or "when everyone gets ready to leave." A hot lunch is served from about 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$3 a plate for members and \$4 for non-members, and the public is welcome to eat there.

Bridge clubs are one of the mainstays of the lunch program, with players taking time out to enjoy the meal before continuing the day's play.

"We have clubs that meet weekly on Wednesdays and Thursdays and one that meets every other Friday,"



IT'S YOUR TURN—These avid bridge players are making use of one of the party rooms available at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens' Center. Rooms are available for a fee or free for members of the

center. Lunch is also available during the day. Several bridge clubs meet at the center, as well as domino players, a quilt club, and other organizations.

Photo by Linda Maxwell



Lisa Diane Peralez and Levi Colby Reynolds

February wedding set

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Peralez of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lisa Diane Peralez, to Levi Colby Reynolds, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Reynolds of Dimmitt and Laura Taylor of Lowell, Ore.

The bride-to-be is pursuing a degree in medical technology at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is employed by Chas S. Middleton & Son Real Estate in Lubbock.

The prospective groom is currently employed by Rod's Exquisite Mobile Car Care in Lubbock.

Following the wedding, the couple plans to live in Lubbock.

The couple plans to wed on Feb. 29 in the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes are scheduled to meet Sunday morning at 10.

"Three Deadly Words" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the communion worship service Sunday at 11 a.m.

The mid-week service will be held at the Manse on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The subject of the Bible Study will be "David: Learning from your Mistakes," I Chronicles 13-15.

Ministerial Alliance

Vernon O'Kelly will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Matthew 26:68-75.

Tuesday morning at 10 at the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

The Bible study conducted by Deacon Tony Garza has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Wednesday night at 7:30 in Mark's Room. The 7 p.m. Wednesday mass has been cancelled. There will be a mass every Thursday night at 7 in Mark's Room, followed by a Charismatic Prayer Meeting.

A school (escuela) for the Cursillistas will be held at 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the West Community Center.

Loya Marie Harrison
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Portales Inn Navajo Room

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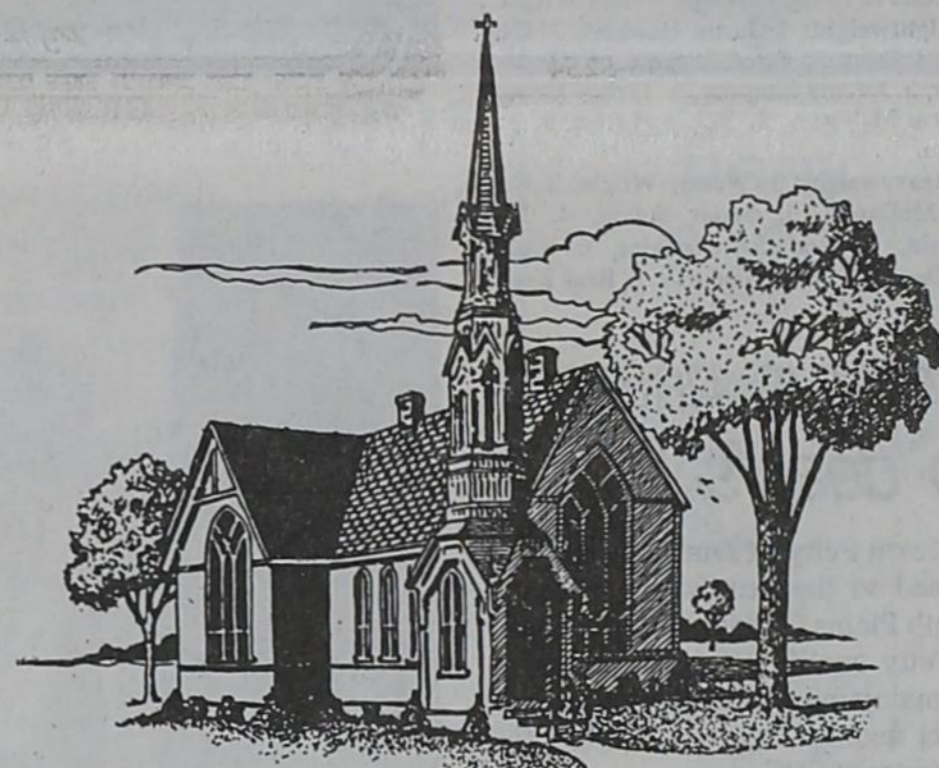
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Ruben Velasquez

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When men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were fair; and they took to wife such of them as they chose.
Genesis 6:1-2

Church of God of the First Born
611 E. Halsell, Dimmitt

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James Alexander

Rosa de Saron
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598

St. John's Catholic
Hart
Norbert Choong.....647-4219

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Benny Baker.....647-4435

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407 NE 4th, Dimmitt

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Claude Henricks.....647-5662

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Paul Kenley.....647-3115

Lee Street Baptist
401 SW 2nd, Dimmitt
Don Webster.....647-5474

Church of God of Prophecy
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647-3403

First Christian
600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
David Keller.....647-3115

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4-H'ers show 148 animals

Beau Hill, Korie Bagley, Jason May and Wesley Wright showed the grand champion steer, lamb, heifer and barrow, respectively, at the 1992 4-H Stock Show recently.

A total of 148 animals were exhibited by 4-H'ers at the annual show, which was held Jan. 18 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The morning half of the show featured a learning opportunity for 4-H'ers, as they participated in livestock clinics for each species of animal entered in the show. County adult volunteer leaders conducted the clinics. They explained and demonstrated livestock management techniques and provided helpful hints on improving showmanship skills.

The show is held each year just prior to the Dimmitt Young Farmers' Castro County Junior Livestock Show and it is designed to help 4-H members increase their livestock knowledge and gain self-confidence through a positive learning experience.

Individual winners in the show follow:

HEIFERS

Grand Champ: Jason May.
Reserve Grand Champ: Janie May.
Individuals: 1. Jason May, 2. Janie May, 3. Kristin Hales.

STEERS

Grand Champ: Beau Hill.
Reserve Grand Champ: Jason May.
Showmanship: Coby Summers.

ENGLISH

Breed Champion: Jason May.
Reserve Breed Champ: B.J. Hill.
Small Frame: 1. Tawnee Mathews, 2. Jason May, 3. Coby Summers, 4. Kristin Hales.
Large Frame: 1. Jason May, 2. B.J. Hill, 3. Justin Sutton, 4. Taylor Mathews.

CROSS

Breed Champ: Beau Hill.
Reserve Breed Champ: Aaron Wilcox.
Small Frame: 1. Beau Hill, 2. Aaron Wilcox, 3. Justin Sutton.
Large Frame: 1. Beau Hill, 2. Amber Mathews.

LAMBS

Grand Champ: Korie Bagley.
Reserve Grand Champ: Ky Kirby.
Showmanship: Shane Furr.

FINE WOOL

Breed Champ: Shaun Furr.
Reserve Breed Champ: Cory Mays.
Individuals: 1. Shaun Furr, 2. Cory Mays, 3. Mary Bradley, 4. Jason May, 5. Wesley Wright, 6. Shawn Pohlmeier.

CROSS

Breed Champ: Korie Bagley.
Reserve Breed Champ: Wesley Mays.
Lightweight: 1. Wesley Mays, 2. Wesley Wright, 3. Jeremy Furr, 4. Lori Schulte, 6. Mac Annen, 6. Shawna Kenworthy.
Heavyweight: 1. Korie Bagley, Shawn Pohlmeier, 3. Mary Bradley, 4. Cody Annen, 5. Kodie Bagley.

MEDIUM WOOL

Breed Champ: Ky Kirby.
Reserve Breed Champ: Korie Bagley.
Lightweight: 1. Jason May, 2. Saige Annen, 3. Mitchell Brockman, 4. Shane Furr, 5. Jeremy Furr.
Mediumweight: 1. Carol Summers, 2. Shane Furr, 3. Stephanie Major, 4. Shaun Furr, 5. Coby Summers, 6. Bill Hochstein.
Medium heavyweight: 1. Ky Kirby, 2. Cory Mays, 3. Stephanie Major, 4. Bill Hochstein, 5. Justin Sutton, 6. Eric Mays, 7. Cody Annen, 8. Shawn Pohlmeier.
Heavyweight: 1. Korie Bagley, 2. Carol Summers, 3. Shawna Kenworthy, 4. Mac Annen, 5. Aaron Hart, 6. Mac Annen.

SOUTHDOWN

Breed Champ: Kodie Bagley.
Reserve Breed Champ: Bryce Pohlmeier.
Individuals: 1. Kodie Bagley, 2. Bryce Pohlmeier, 3. Aaron Hart.

BARROWS

Grand Champ: Wesley Wright.
Reserve Grand Champ: Justin Hawkins.
Showmanship: Coby McDaniel.

BERKSHIRE

Breed Champ: Aaron Wilcox.
Reserve Breed Champ: Shawna Kenworthy.

Lightweight: 1. Aaron Wilcox, 2. Shawna Kenworthy, 3. Mitchell Brockman, 4. Van Jeter, 5. B.J. Kem.

Heavyweight: 1. Jacy Buckley, 2. Amber Mathews, 3. B.J. Klein, 4. Mathew Kem.

CHESTER

Breed Champ: Shawna Kenworthy.
Reserve Breed Champ: Jeff Bennett.
Lightweight: 1. Derek Buckley, 2. Wesley Harkins, 3. Dagon Newton, 4. Tawnee Mathews, 5. Wesley Mays, 6. Kourtney Robertson, 7. B.J. Klein.
Heavyweight: 1. Shawna Kenworthy, 2. Jeff Bennett, 3. Mathew Kem, 4. Josh Merritt, 5. Paula Abundez, 6. Timmy Barnes, 7. B.J. Kem.

DUROC

Breed Champ: Josh Merritt.
Reserve Breed Champ: Colby McDaniel
Lightweight: 1. Colby McDaniel, 2. Rusty Wooten, 3. Stuart Sutton, 4. Carol Summers, 5. Jeremy Simpson, 6. Van Jeter, 7. Aaron Hart, 8. Timmy Barnes, 9. Justin Hawkins, 10. Bill Hochstein.
Heavyweight: 1. Josh Merritt, 2. Coby McDaniel, 3. Dagon Newton, 4. Cassie McLean, 5. Cory Lust, 6. Brad Keel, 7. Mitchell Brockman.

HAMPSHIRE

Breed Champ: Wesley Wright.
Reserve Breed Champ: Kourtney Robertson.
Lightweight: 1. Kourtney Robertson, 2. Derek Harkins, 3. Rusty Wooten, 4. Jason Kem, 5. Derek Buckley, 6. Taylor Mathews, 7. Cory Lust, 8. Aaron Hart, 9. Matthew Kem.
Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Wright, 2. Cassie McLean, 3. Brandon Stroebel, 4. Dustin Buckley, 5. Dan Mathews, 6. Amy Mathews, 7. Jacy Buckley, 9. B.J. Klein, 9. B.J. Kem.

SPOTS

Breed Champ: Aaron Wilcox.
Reserve Breed Champ: Jason Wooten.
Lightweight: 1. Aaron Wilcox, 2. Jason Wooten, 3. John Emery, 4. Jason Kem.

YORKSHIRE

Breed Champ: Kourtney Robertson.
Reserve Breed Champ: Colby McDaniel.
Lightweight: 1. Kourtney Robertson, 2. Colby McDaniel, 3. Josh Merritt, 4. Jeremy Simpson.
Heavyweight: 1. Ryan Harkins, 2. Colby McDaniel, 3. Brandon Stroebel, 4. Sonia Gonzales.

CROSS

Breed Champ: Justin Hawkins.
Reserve Breed Champ: Wesley Wright.
Lightweight: 1. Justin Hawkins, 2. Cassie McLean, 3. Jason Wooten, 4. Heather Jeter, 5. Jeremy Simpson, 6. Timmy Barnes, 7. Dan Mathews, 8. Bill Hochstein, 9. B.J. Klein.
Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Wright, 2. Colby McDaniel, 3. Stuart Sutton, 4. Josh Merritt, 5. Rodolfo Gonzales, 6. Colby McDaniel, 7. Amy Mathews, 8. Brad Keel.

Petty is named to dean's list

Kevin Petty of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's honor list at South Plains College in Levelland.

Petty qualified for the honor after maintaining at least a 3.25 grade point average during the 1991 fall semester at SPC.

Honor students must carry a minimum of 12 semester hours.

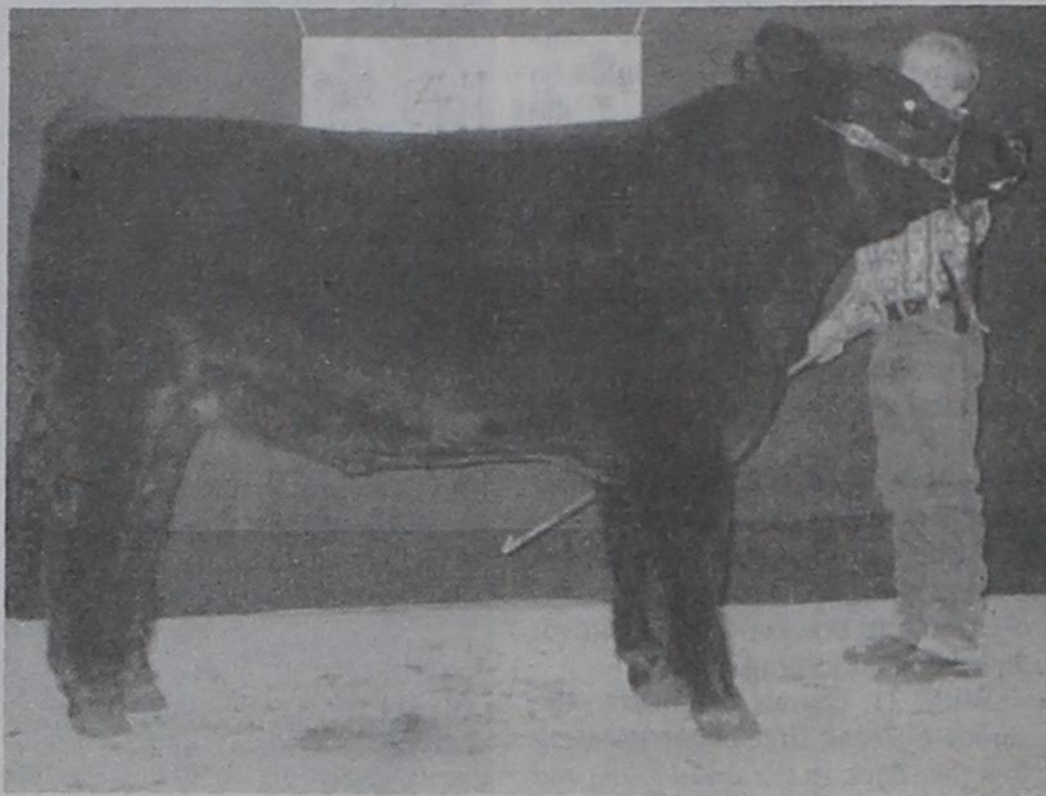
"It is appropriate that these students who have achieved high academic success should be recognized for their efforts by the institution," said Dr. Otton Schacht, dean of arts and sciences. "Hopefully, peer recognition also will encourage others to establish and reach high academic goals."

Museum meeting set

The Castro County Historical Museum Association will hold its regular monthly meeting today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the museum.

Members are encouraged to attend, and interested persons are invited.

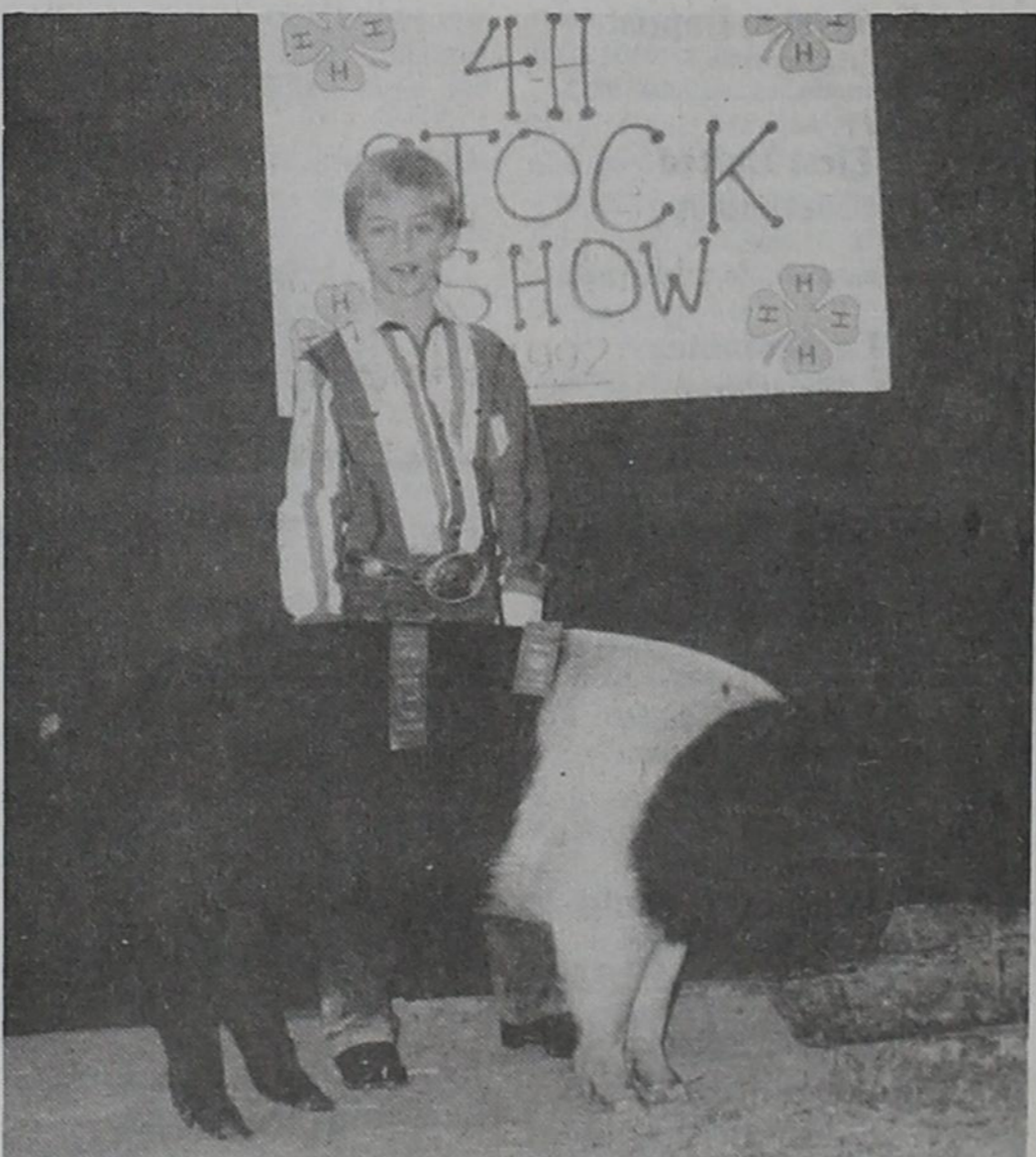
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GRAND CHAMPION STEER
... Shown by Beau Hill



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB
... Shown by Korie Bagley



GRAND CHAMPION BARROW
... Exhibited by Wesley Wright

Students tour farm

A group of Dimmitt High School students from the agriculture and wildlife class of David McCormick toured the Gerald Floeck farm at Tucumcari, N.M. recently.

Floek raises ostriches. He told the students that a mating pair of ostriches is worth from \$55,000 to \$60,000, and he priced a fertile ostrich egg at \$1,500. He added that an infertile egg is worth \$30 just as a novelty item.

Floek has 200 ostriches on his ranch and an incubation house capable of holding 1,200 eggs. He said that the ostrich lays eggs year round and produces an average of 70 eggs per year.

"He told us that an ostrich could easily kill a human with a kick to the head or by trampling over them," said Kris Keith, one of the students who made the tour.

Floek also showed the students his trophy room, filled with 168 different wildlife species. Of those, 136 of his specimens were "in the record books." His trophy mounts included a 12,000-pound elephant, a 1,600-pound antelope, a mountain

bush lion, a 6,000-pound hippopotamus, a fully stuffed giraffe, a mongoose, and a "Texas slam" of sheep (the four main species of wild sheep in Texas, which he had taken all in one day).

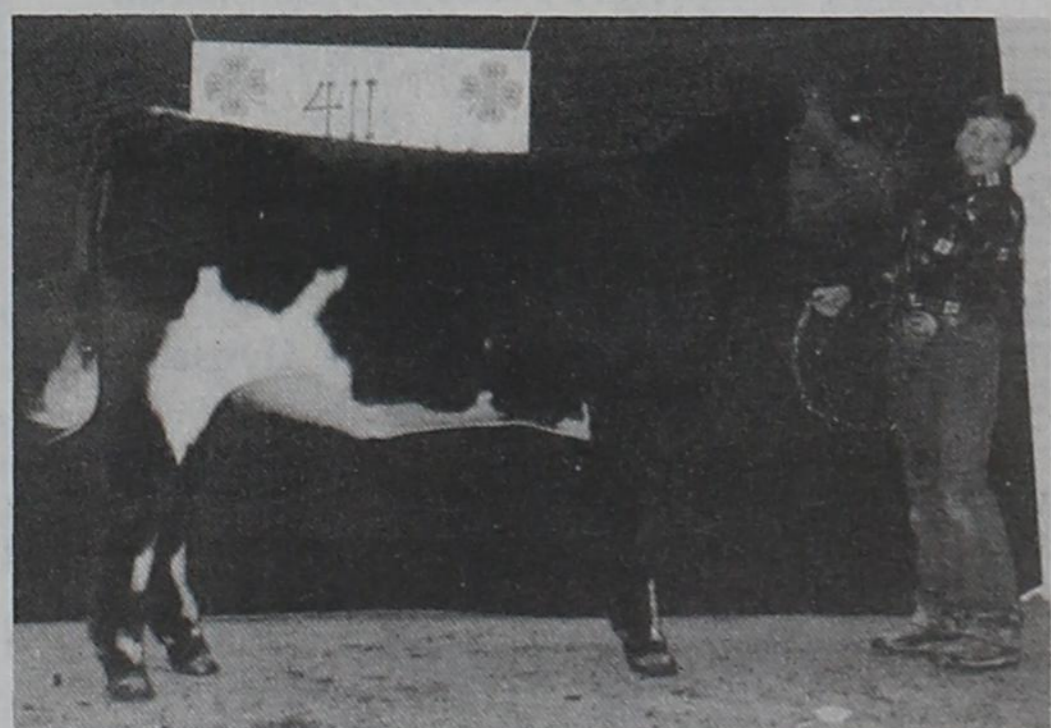
The group of 16 students also observed some water habitat and saw some deer at the Conchas Dam Reservoir.

PCS gets funding

Panhandle Community Services of Dimmitt has received funds which will enable it to assist elderly, handicapped, disabled and low-income families with utility assistance, subject to income criteria.

For more information call the local PCS office at 647-3244 or go by the office at 114 W. Jones.

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Sports



SKINNING THE CAT—Although blocked away from a loose rebound by Littlefield's Jennifer Brown (30), Dimmitt's Halley Bradley (21) shows there's more than one way to skin a cat as she tips the ball to teammate Genice Bossett in the second quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA game here. The Bobbies won, 69-32, to continue unbeaten in district play. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Bobbies nail playoff berth

It wasn't easy, but the Bobbies cinched a playoff berth Tuesday night by edging the stubborn Friona Squaws 50-44 here to win the first-half championship in the District 2-AAA race with a 5-0 record.

In the process, they learned that the Squaws are for real—and are one of the most underrated teams around.

While the long-shooting Friona girls were suffering a five-minute scoring drought in the fourth, the Bobbies came from behind and sank six of seven free throws in the final 1:03 to capture the six-point win.

It was the only district loss so far for the Squaws, and left Dimmitt and Friona 1-2 in district with defending state champion Tulia in third place.

"This was a really good win for us," Bobbies Coach Richard Wood said. "I don't think it was the best that we can play, though."

"I'm just glad we didn't lose our composure when we got behind," he added. "I kept trying to stress, 'Hey, this is our home floor, and this means the playoffs, girls,' and they responded each time."

The Squaws — sporting funky long shorts and black shoes — stationed four players outside the three-point line and whipped the ball around, with post Alicia Widner rolling with the ball inside.

"They really like to shoot the three-pointers — they hit five tonight," Wood said. "They practice that, and when they crash the boards they know about where it's going to rebound to."

On defense, the Squaws used a sticky man-to-man, with Widner and Dimmitt's Halley Bradley battling it out on near-even terms inside.

The Bobbies jumped to an early 9-2 lead on a three-point opener

and layup by Michelle Schumacher, a pair of Bradley free throws and a layup by Tara Grand.

"But then we just kinda quit—we got out of what we had done, and just started going down and losing the ball," Wood said.

Friona closed the gap to 15-11 in the first quarter and 25-22 by halftime.

The Bobbies opened the second half with another surge as Bradley sank two baskets and Grand one for a 31-24 lead. But the Squaws came back with a pair of treys by Gina Willard and a third-try put-up by Widner to take the lead for the first time at 32-31. From then on it was a seesaw battle until the final minute.

After Dimmitt's Michelle Garcia sank an 18-footer to break a 34-34 tie at the third-quarter buzzer, Friona went up by three, 41-38, on a pair of inside baskets by Widner.

But Michelle Schumacher and Tori Matthews sank back-to-back long shots to give the Bobbies a 42-41 lead, and after a Friona miss, the Bobbies got the rebound and made the Squaws come after the ball.

Bradley sank two free throws at 1:03, Wendi Ethridge swished a pair at 0:39 and Matthews rang up two more at 0:25 to put the game away at 48-41. Friona's Renee

Martin hit a trey with eight seconds left and Bradley put up a follow shot at the buzzer to close out the scoring.

"Now our goal is to win the second half — to win the thing outright and not have to go into a playoff," Wood said. "One thing in our favor is that we have Tulia here (Friday night), and I really feel like Tulia will beat Friona at Tulia. And you know, we may not be able to beat Friona at Friona. But if we can beat Tulia here and Tulia can beat Friona at Tulia, then we can at least tie for the second half and that will

put us in without having to have a district playoff.

"At least, whether we win or lose now, we're in there — and that really helps."

In the boys' varsity game, the Bobcats raced to a 16-2 first-quarter lead and romped to a 90-50 victory over the cellar-dwelling Chieftains.

Richard Saucedo hit four treys in the game en route to a whopping 36-point personal total. Lincoln Stewart added 19 and Richard Newman 13.

Forfeited game forces Cats into tie with Tulia

The Dimmitt Bobcats are 4-1 and "undefeated" in District 2-AAA play, and they have to settle for a first place tie with Tulia in the first half.

That's because the Bobcats were forced to forfeit their Jan. 17 victory over Muleshoe (88-55) due to the participation of an ineligible player.

The student and the coach thought the player's grade had been reported as a 70 for the six weeks and later learned that the printout report showed a 65, which is below eligibility levels.

The forfeiture of the Jan. 17 game marked the first time Dimmitt has forfeited a game, Coach Ken Cleveland said.

Once the mistake had been discovered, the situation was reported to the District 2-AAA Chairman at Floydada. After a called district meeting, participating schools voted to give Dimmitt the lightest penalty, which was forfeiture of the game in which the ineligible player participated.

That means the Bobcats have to accept a loss in the first half of District 2-AAA play, and that forces them into a tie with Tulia (OR LITTLEFIELD).

"It all boils down to who wins the second half," said Cleveland.

"We don't have the district won by any means. If we go undefeated in the second half we can still be district champs without playing a playoff."

"I still don't feel good. It's going to be one of those situations where I won't feel good until we win the district. And if we don't win district, I'll never feel good. People say we still won't have any trouble winning it, but you never know—somebody could get hurt or sick. And Tulia could play awfully well in the second half."

"If we don't win district, that means that we'll finish second and we'll have to play Canyon first. I'd rather win district and play Canyon in the regional finals," Cleveland said.

The situation could have been worse, according to Cleveland and DISD Supt. Bob Barrett. If the ineligibility of the player had not been discovered until later, Dimmitt could have faced stiffer penalties, and that could have meant more games would have been forfeited.

Cleveland said that although it was hard to accept having to forfeit a game to any team, he's just glad that it wasn't Tulia, because that would have allowed the Hornets to win the first half.

Swiftettes hope to sadden Happy Friday

The first of two district battles between Nazareth and Happy, two of the state's toughest Class A girls' teams is scheduled Friday night at Happy. Tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m.

The two teams have battled for the Region 1-A championship for the past three years, and they are among the favorites to be vying for the title again this year. Both hold a 1-0 record in district play headed into Friday night's showdown.

Nazareth Head Coach Ritchie Tarbet said that although Silverton and Lazbuddie (the other teams in District 13-A) will have good teams, he feels like the district championship will be decided between his Swiftettes and the Happy Cowgirls.

Happy lost three of its five starters to graduation, and another 1991 starter who was expected to be back this year, quit to pursue other interests. The loan returning starter is Christy Payne, a 5-8 post player. She has been among the leading scorers for the Cowgirls this season. She gets help inside from 5-8 post Lori Moudy. Leading the trio of starting guards will be Jill Mayfield (5-1), Elaine Moudy (5-7) and Jana McManigal (5-5). The Moudy sisters, Mayfield and McManigal all saw extensive playing time last year.

Although the Cowgirls are young (there's not a senior on the team), they have posted victories over many bigger schools and currently

hold an 17-8 record headed into Friday night's game with Nazareth. "Happy is playing well right now," said Tarbet. "I think it's going to be a good matchup. They were beaten by Anton in the Sudan Tournament a few weeks ago, but they turned around and beat Sudan by 10 points Friday night."

Tarbet said his team will have to concentrate on stopping Payne inside, because she has been the team's leading scorer this season.

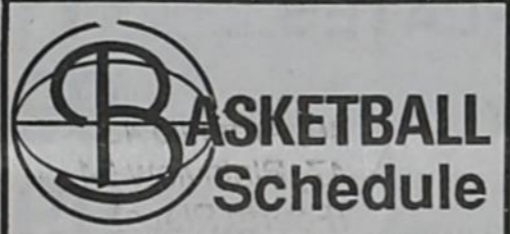
The Swiftettes also will have to concentrate on defending against the Moudy sisters.

He said the Cowgirls usually run a man-to-man press and like to trap ballhandlers in the backcourt.

"We'll have to stay away from their half-court trap and execute our offense to be successful. We've got to take care of business and shut down their offense. If we can do that we should be able to come away with the win."

Illness may be another problem the Swiftettes have to contend with; however, as one starter and two girls who see a lot of action, Jill Pohlmeier and Jenny Jones and Kristin Brockman, respectively, have been out with colds and flu.

Brockman and Jones did not play against Palo Duro Friday night, and Pohlmeier saw only about five minutes of action in the contest. Tarbet added that the trio seemed to be on the road to recovery and he hopes that the rest of the team can avoid the illnesses.

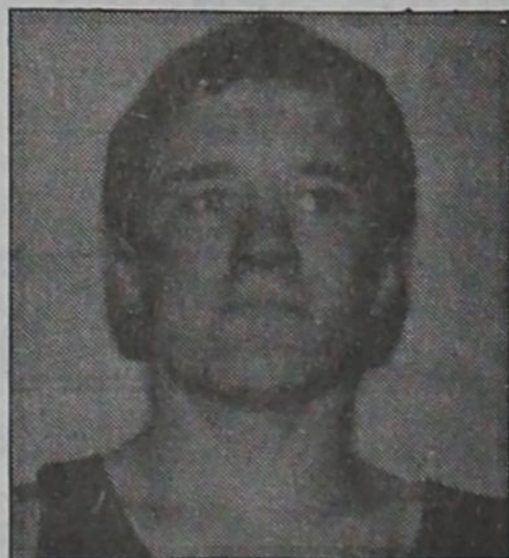


FRIDAY: Swifts and Swiftettes at Happy; Longhorns and Lady Horns vs. Springlake at Hart; Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Tulia in Dimmitt.

TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats at Muleshoe; Longhorns and Lady Horns at Hale Center; Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Lazbuddie in Nazareth.



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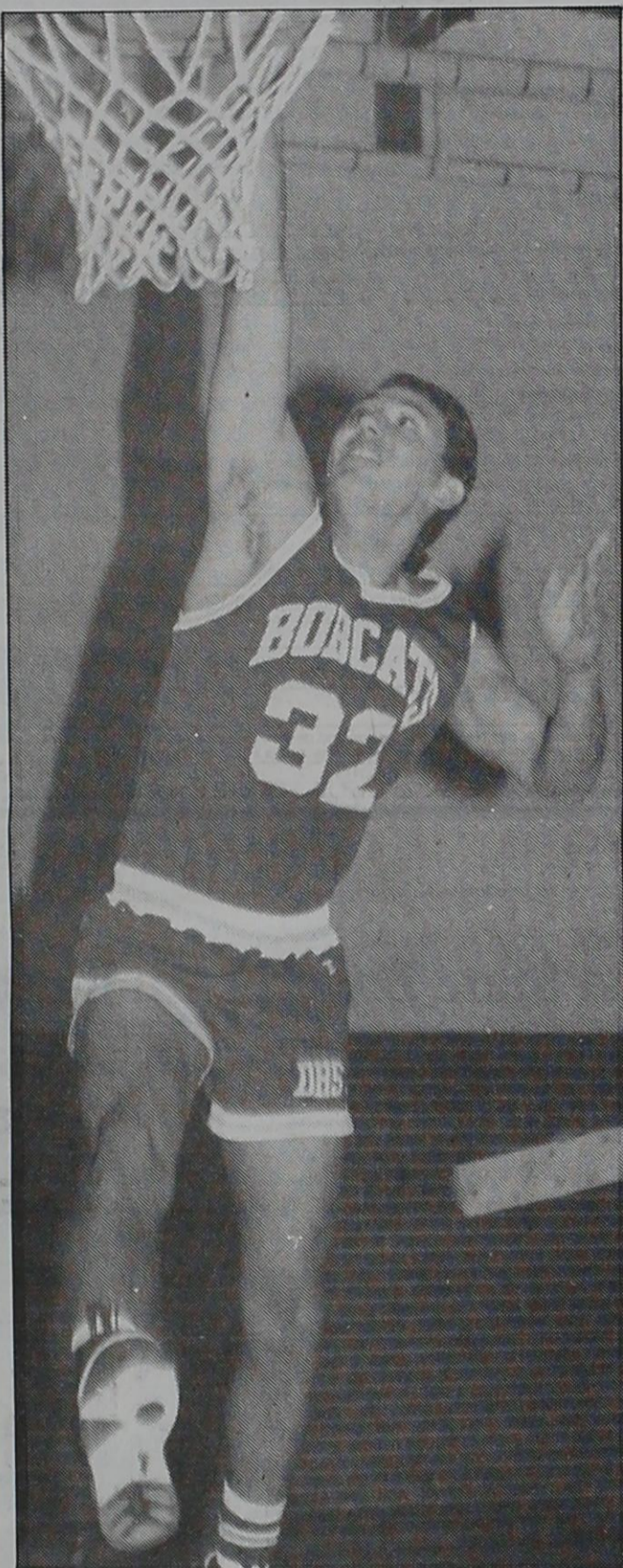
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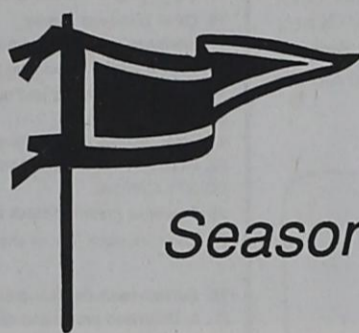
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Season Records

Bobcats:

104, River Road 56
 56, Levelland 59
 67, Palo Duro 58

Borger Tournament:

69, Palo Duro 51
 50, Amarillo 63
 65, Borger 61
 (Third Place)
 79, Brownfield 73

Pioneer Classic:

47, Levelland 52
 77, Slaton 75
 73, Estacado 51
 (Consolation)

81, Hereford 49
 65, Slaton 49
 64, Plainview 48
 74, Randall 69

Caprock Tournament:

75, Dunbar 50
 60, Coronado 47
 76, Levelland 33
 75, Estacado 71
 53, Monterey 50
 (Championship)
 87, Seminole 68
 70, Hale Center 56
 63, Canyon 64
 63, Seminole 58
 90, Tulia 62
 0, Muleshoe 2*
 85, Floydada 58
 91, Littlefield 58
 90, Friona 50

(* Forfeited

Season Record: 23-5
 District Record: 4-1

Bobbies:

68, River Road 53
 37, Levelland 38
 60, Palo Duro 45

Queens Classic:

64, Nazareth 36
 49, Canyon 33
 45, Randall 50
 (Second Place)

Levelland Invitational:

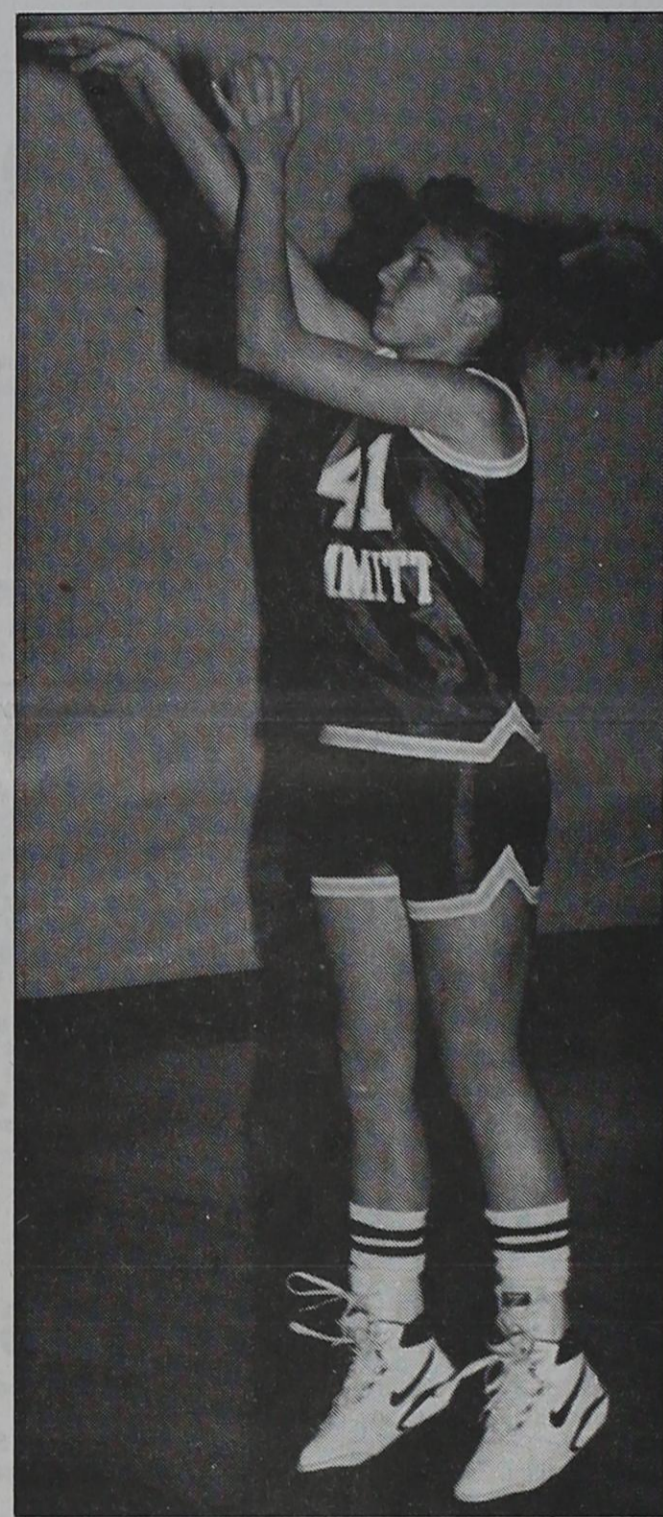
30, Denver City 22
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Caprock Tournament:

69, Midland Lee 56
 36, Stephenville 48
 52, Cooper 39
 27, Tulia 36
 54, Seminole 44
 33, Canyon 35
 56, Seminole 42
 50, Tulia 43
 64, Muleshoe 36
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 69, Littlefield 32
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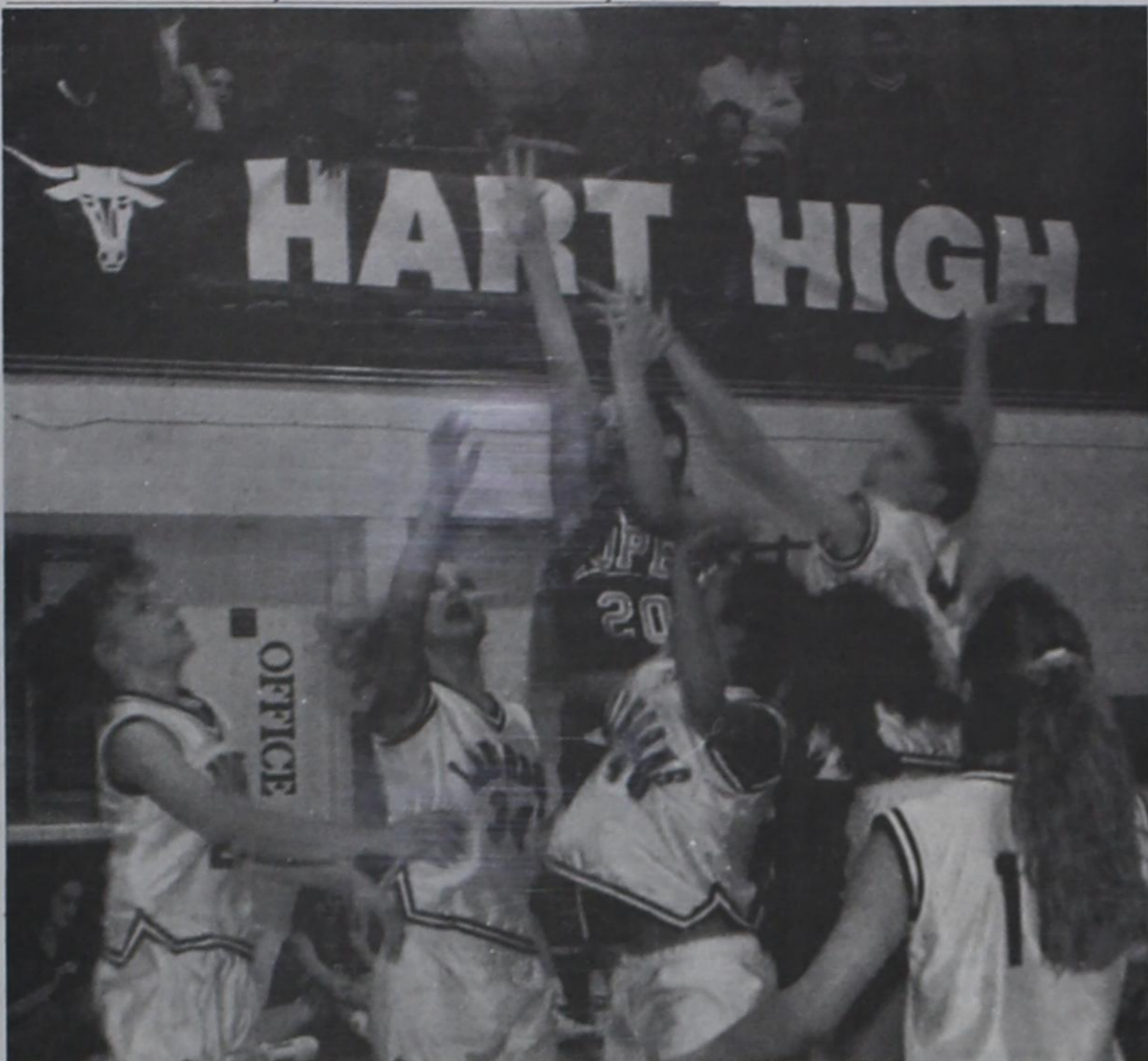
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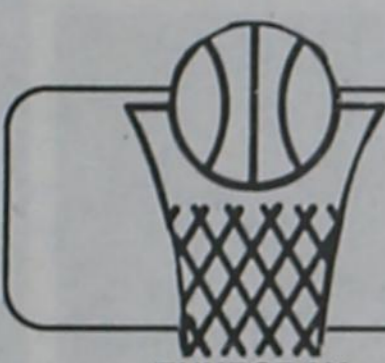
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PRESSURE DEFENSE—Hart's Lady Longhorns apply pressure defense on an Abernathy post player and prevents her from scoring during action in a District 3-AA matchup Friday night. Lady

Horns pictured from left are Kim Grossman (24), Shea Bennett (34), Chris Diaz (40), Tracy Knox and Angie Dyer (10). The Lady Horns were defeated, 33-55. Photo by Deana McLain



Scoreboard

THURSDAY		Longhorns 45, Abernathy 80	Bobbles 50, Friona 44
Freshman Bobbles 30	Hart 11 15 12 7 — 45	Dimmitt 15 10 11 14 — 50	
Denver City 34	Abernathy 24 20 17 19 — 80	Friona 11 11 12 10 — 44	
Dimmitt 5 12 7 6 — 30	SCORING: H — Bryan Welps 16,	SCORING: D — Halley Bradley 16,	
Denver City 9 9 6 10 — 34	Anthony Washington 10; A—Norris 23,	Wendi Ethridge 13; F — Widner 14,	
SCORING: D—Carla Petty 14,	Patton 18.	Downey 11.	
FRIDAY		JV Bobcats 64, Littlefield 38	Swifts 81, Silverton 38
Bobcats 91, Littlefield 58	JV Bobbles 54, Littlefield 31	Nazareth 19 19 27 16 — 81	
Dimmitt 28 21 21 21 — 91	JV Longhorns 44, Abernathy 46	Silverton 11 19 6 2 — 38	
Littlefield 10 13 13 22 — 58	SCORING: D—Lincoln Stewart 21,	SCORING: N—Johnson 25, Adrian	
SCORING: D—Lincoln Stewart 21,	Freshman Bobbles 28, Slaton 51	Farris 20, Michael Schmucker 19; S—	
Miguel Saucedo 20, Richard Newman	Dimmitt 6 13 6 2 — 28	Bredlove 10.	
18; L—Bond 17, T. Blair 12.	Slaton 23 14 15 — 51		
	SCORING: D—Jill Gfeller 8.		
MONDAY		Longhorns 59, Lockney 60	
Bobbles 69, Littlefield 32	Freshman Bobbles 38, Floydada 37	Hart 22 16 12 9 — 59	
Dimmitt 22 14 22 11 — 69	Dimmitt 10 10 5 13 — 38	Lockney 8 11 16 25 — 60	
Littlefield 9 7 4 12 — 32	Floydada 6 8 6 17 — 37	SCORING: H—Bryan Welps 22, R.	
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 20,	SCORING: D—Lupe Mendez 10.	Garcia 15, I. Garcia 13; L—J. Vargas 19,	
Halley Bradley 18, Michelle Garcia 10; L		Bradley 14.	
—Short and Waldrop 8.			
TUESDAY		Bobcats 90, Friona 50	
Swiftettes 46, Palo Duro 47 (OT)	Swiftettes 93, Silverton 18	Dimmitt 16 26 29 19 — 90	
Nazareth 18 5 9 12 4 — 46	Nazareth 23 26 27 17 — 93	Friona 2 23 11 14 — 50	
Palo Duro 10 14 8 12 5 — 47	Silverton 8 8 0 2 — 18	SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 36,	
SCORING: N—Peggy Huseman 22,	SCORING: N — Jodi Johnson 30,	Lincoln Stewart 19, Richard Newman 13;	
Jodi Johnson 18; PD—Maura Young 20,	Peggy Huseman 26; S—Francis 8.	F—Duke and Rogers 10.	
Sharon Campbell 12.			
Lady Horns 60, Lockney 64			
Lady Horns 33, Abernathy 55	Hart 18 12 16 14 — 60		
Hart 6 12 9 6 — 33	Lockney 13 19 20 12 — 64		
Abernathy 14 12 18 11 — 55	SCORING: H—Shea Bennett 23, April		
SCORING: H—Bennett 9; A—Prather	Bennet 22, Chris Diaz 11; L—Turner and		
22.	Butler 15.		

Swifts gear up for district foes

The Nazareth Swifts picked up an impressive 81-38 victory over Silverton in the District 13-A opener Tuesday night, but there's a tough road ahead toward the district championship. And that road runs through Happy and Lazbuddie. The Swifts are scheduled to take on the Cowboys Friday night in

Happy; and will face Lazbuddie in Nazareth on Tuesday. Lazbuddie beat Happy 58-49 Tuesday and is currently tied with the Swifts in district play. The Swifts racked up a 76-46 victory over Happy on Jan. 3, but Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said Happy concerns him. "I thought Happy should've beaten them (Lazbuddie)," Makeever said. "I don't know what happened, but in a small district like we're in (four teams), you've just got to cross your fingers and hope you don't have an off night—one bad week and you're out of it." Happy starts three players standing at 6-3 or better, including Brandon Clark, who is listed at 6-5. He's been the Cowboys leading scorer this season, and Makeever hopes his defense will be able to contain him inside. He added that if Happy runs its three big men in the game at the same time, the Swifts' press defense should be effective. The Cowboys have been running a man-to-man press in recent weeks, and then drop back into a man-to-man defense. "If Happy wants to press us, we'll be ready. That's right up our alley," Makeever said. The Swifts could have a problem at the guard position, with the loss of starter Lynn Nelson, who has an injured foot. "We sure could use his steadiness on the floor," Makeever said. "He's a solid, consistent player and one of the leaders on the floor. He could play Friday night, but we're not sure. We'll just see how things go."

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ASSETS		Dollar Amounts in Thousands		
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1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions:	a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin		6601	1.a.
	b. Interest-bearing balances		-0-	1.b.
2. Securities			31088	2.
3. Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell in domestic offices of the bank & of its Edge & Agreement subsidiaries, & in IBFs:	a. Federal funds sold		13125	3.a.
	b. Securities purchased under agreements to resell		-0-	3.b.
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6. Premises and fixed assets (including capitalized leases)			1240	6.
7. Other real estate owned			641	7.
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9. Customers' liability to this bank on acceptances outstanding			-0-	9.
10. Intangible assets			99	10.
11. Other assets			3410	11.
12. a. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)			114943	12.a.
b. Loans deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823 (j)			-0-	12.b.
c. Total assets and losses deferred pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1823(j) (sum of items 12.a and 12.b)			114943	12.c.
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16. Other borrowed money			-0-	16.
17. Mortgage indebtedness and obligations under capitalized leases			-0-	17.
18. Bank's liability on acceptances executed and outstanding			-0-	18.
19. Subordinated notes and debentures			-0-	19.
20. Other liabilities			746	20.
21. Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)			106478	21.
22. Limited-life preferred stock and related surplus			-0-	22.
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23. Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus (No. of shares outstanding)		-0-		23.
24. Common stock (No. of shares: a. Authorized b. Outstanding)		150,000		24.
		150,000		
25. Surplus (exclude all surplus related to preferred stock)			3300	25.
26. a. Undivided profits and capital reserves			3665	26.a.
b. LESS: Net unrealized loss on marketable equity securities			-0-	26.b.
27. Cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments			-0-	27.
28. a. Total equity capital (sum of items 23 through 27)			8465	28.a.
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QUARTERLY REPORT—JANUARY 1992



Windbreak Trees

A windbreak tree system can help protect life and property for forty years or more if it is properly designed and maintained. You can help decrease the cost of heating your home in the winter and the cost of cooling your home in the summer with a properly planned windbreak system. Windbreaks also help reduce soil loss and damage to crops. They can be used to provide shelter for livestock and supply proper habitat for wildlife. Windbreaks also will significantly increase the monetary value of a homesite and the aesthetic quality of rural life.

When designing a windbreak system, always plan on placing the trees at right angles to prevailing winds. In this part of the country, windbreak trees are generally planted on the north and west sides of a farmstead or homesite. They should be planted 100 feet from the nearest structure and extend 100 feet beyond the farmstead.

Windbreak trees planted around the border of agricultural fields should also be planted at right angles to the prevailing winds in order to give maximum protection to the soil and/or growing crops. A mature windbreak system will give you protection for a distance of up to 15 times the height of the windbreak trees.

If you are planting trees for livestock protection, they should be planted at an "L", "U", or "E" configuration open to the south or southeast. The trees will need to be protected from the animals. Two or three rows of conifers will provide good winter shelter for livestock. Seedlings should not be planted in old feedlots since dissolved salts can stunt or kill a tree.

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District is currently taking orders for windbreak tree seedlings. Ordered trees will be delivered around the third week of March. There are some varieties that are currently sold out but there is still a good selection to choose from. For further information about windbreak tree planting and care, or for information about ordering trees, please contact the Soil Conservation Service at 114 West Belsher, Suite B in Dimmitt or call 647-4324.



Wetlands On The Farm

There are literally thousands upon thousands of depressions that dot the land surface of the Great Plains states. These depressions are often referred to as playa lakes or just plain old playas. Castro County has its due share of these playas. It just so happens that a very large percentage of these playas will meet certain requirements which puts another label on them, one which we have come to know as "WETLANDS."

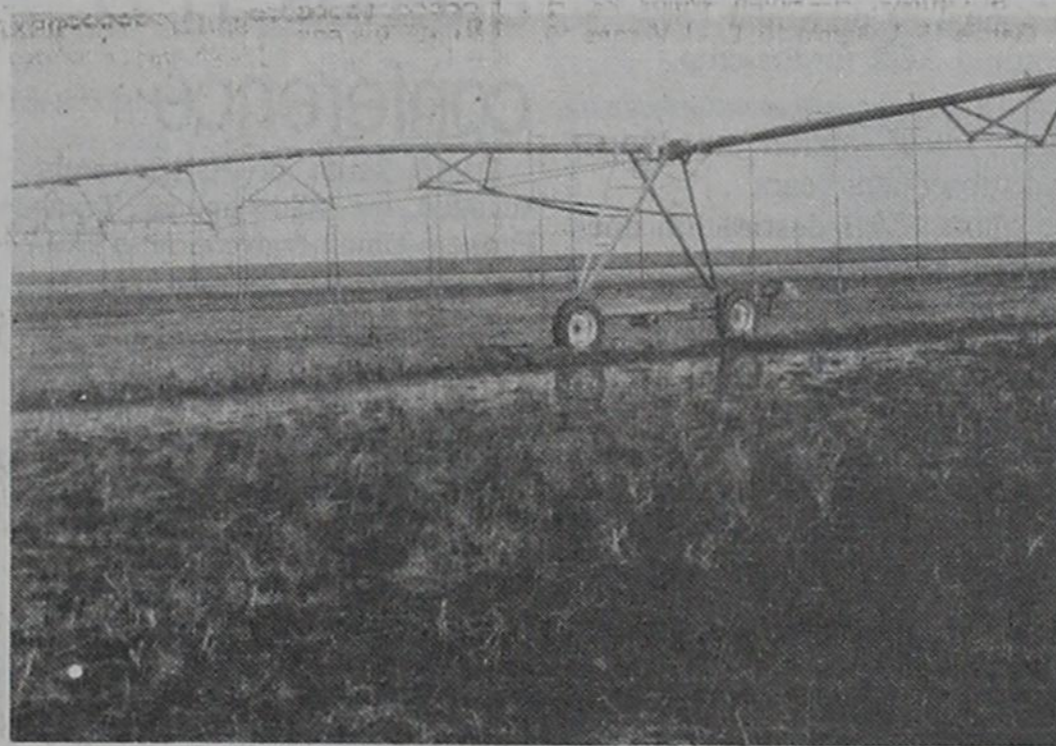
There is a very small number of farmers in Castro County who do not have to deal with one or more of these wetlands in their day to day farming operations. Since these areas are always in the lower part of a farm, they normally catch a lot of runoff water from rainfall or irrigation. These areas also have a type of soil which prevents the water from filtering down into the soil profile as fast as other soils might allow. As a result, the water may stand in these areas for an extended period of time, preventing the farmer from using that land in any profitable way. There have been numerous tailwater pits built in these wetland areas in the past to help conserve irrigation and rain water. These pits and drainage ditches to the pits require a certain amount of maintenance to keep them functioning properly. Any type of maintenance requires work being done in a wetland area.



All of this brings us to the meat of the matter. If you are a farmer who is farming land which has one or more of these wetland areas on it, you are limited as to what you can and cannot do in these wetland areas without jeopardizing your USDA Program Benefits.

If you have a wetland area and there have been tailwater pits, ditches, canals, terraces, waterways, etc. in this wetland area prior to Dec. 23, 1985, then you have the right to maintain these structures. You can maintain them to the degree they were when they were first constructed. Before performing maintenance operations on these existing structures, you should contact your local ASCS and SCS personnel. Explain your intentions to these people and make sure that everything is in order before you proceed with your maintenance operations.

The installation of center pivot systems on a farm has presented farmers with another dilemma. The pivot will have to cross through a



wetland area in order to make a full circle. There will be times when it may be too wet in these areas for the pivot to walk through a wetland area. The solution has been to construct dikes for the pivot tracks to walk over. This constitutes construction in a wetland and could present a major problem if proper steps are not taken. Once again, you need to contact your local ASCS and SCS offices to make sure that what you intend to do will not affect your program benefits.

Some items that farmers would like to do in these wetland areas today are going to require the issuance of permits from other governing agencies.

If you are planning any type of maintenance work in a wetland area or have plans of modifying one of these areas in any form or fashion, make sure that you check with the local ASCS office and the Soil Conservation Service personnel before you proceed. It could save you a lot of headaches and possibly a lot of money down the road.



January 1, 1995

This is the date you should have marked on your calendar if you are a farmer and farm on land which is highly erodible. If you have not completed the conservation plan developed on your highly erodible fields by Jan. 1, 1995 then you will be considered out of compliance and your USDA Program Benefits will be jeopardized. Now is the time to double check your plan and see how you stand on completing the required practices to stay in compliance. It would probably be advisable to check with the local Soil Conservation Service office to see if everything is in order on your farm and if everything is going as planned. Don't wait until the last year and find out you are going to have problems completing the required conservation practices as outlined in your conservation plan.

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Provisions of 1992 farm program are explained

Sign up for the 1992 farm program will begin on Feb. 10 and will continue through April 17, according to Scotty Abbott, county executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

of the estimated deficiency payment rate. The following table shows applicable acreage reduction percentages, target prices, loan rates, projected deficiency payment rates and advance payment rates for the 1992 program year:

Cash advance payments will be made on 40%

Advance Payment Rates

(The following figures are provided per bushel on wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley and oats; and per pound on cotton).

	Wheat	Corn	Sorghum	Cotton	Barley	Oats
Target Price	\$4	\$2.75	\$2.61	\$.729	\$2.36	\$1.45
Weighted National Loan Rate						
Before Reduction	\$2.58	\$2.01	\$1.91	N/A	\$1.64	\$1.03
After Reduction	\$2.21	\$1.72	\$1.63	N/A	\$1.40	\$.88
Deficiency Payment Rates						
Estimated	\$.65	\$.48	\$.46	\$.15	\$.35	\$.15
Advance	\$.26	\$.192	\$.184	\$.06	\$.14	\$.06
Acreage Reduction % of CAB	5	5	5	10	5	0

The 0/92 provisions are available for wheat, barley, oats, corn and grain sorghum. The 50.92 provisions are available for cotton. The estimated deficiency payment rates are the minimum guaranteed payment rates for producers participating in the 0/92 and 50.92 programs.

0/92 acreages for wheat, corn, grain sorghum, barley and oats may be planted to a minor oilseed such as sunflower seed, safflower, flaxseed, canola, rapeseed and mustard seed. If minor oilseeds are planted on this acreage, producers must choose whether to retain deficiency payment eligibility and waive price-support eligibility or retain price support eligibility and waive deficiency payment eligibility.

Sesame and crambe may be planted on 0/92 and 50.92 acreages for the 1992-95 crops and producers will retain deficiency payment eligibility. Price support programs for crambe and sesame will not be offered, according to Abbott.

Corn and sorghum permitted acreages will be combined. The planting mix between the crops is to be at the producer's discretion. Planting history for corn and grain sorghum will be pro-rated based on the current year crop acreage base (CAB) ratio. Program payments will be based on applicable payment acreage associated with each corn and sorghum CAB, not on current year plantings.

Dry peas (limited to Austrian peas, wrinkled seed, green, yellow and umatilla) and lentils may be planted on acreages up to 20% of a wheat and feed grains CAB. Such acreage will be considered as planted to the program crop for planting history.

For crop years 1992 through 1995, eligible producers of upland cotton will be allowed to increase individual CABs above the levels of CABs that were established in 1992 using the three-year average to restore total CABs on the farm for the 1992 through 1995 crop years to the same level as the total of CABs on the farm for 1990.

Eligible producers will be those producers of

upland cotton that the County Committee determines were required to reduce one or more individual crop acreage bases on the farm in 1991 because of crop acreage bases exceeding cropland and the change in calculation of cotton crop bases to a three-year formula as provided in the 1990 act.

These producers must have also participated in the Acreage Reduction Program (ARP) in 1991 and each subsequent year through the current year.

1991 exceptions to the minimum size and width requirements for Acreage Conservation Reserve (ACR) and Conservation Use for Pay (CU for Pay) acreages won't be effective for 1992. An exception to this is that the technical corrections amendment provides that there is no minimum size and width requirement for CU for Pay for areas between skips in an established cotton skip-row pattern. The technical amendment also provides that producers participating in ARP for a program crop shall be required to plant or maintain as an annual or perennial cover, at least 50% of the required ACR for the crop.

The 1991 winter wheat option no longer applies for 1992 and subsequent years.

The corn and sorghum CAB destination does not apply for 1992.

Crops prohibited on the 1992 flex acreage will be the same as those prohibited in 1991, except that mung beans will be allowed this year.

Planting of soybeans is allowed on optional flex acreages for 1992. This does not apply to normal flex acreages. The planting of industrial and other crops on 0/92 and 50/92 CU for Pay acreages won't be permitted.

Targeted option payments will not be available. Other program provisions will be announced as they become available.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established without regard to marital status, race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap or national origin.



IT'S OFFICIAL — Castro County Judge Polly Simpson (seated) signs a proclamation declaring Feb. 3-7 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week" in the county. Looking on are (from left) local Bureau membership chairman Ray Bradley and Bureau president Charles Summers. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Farm Bureau Week declared

Castro County Judge Polly Simpson has signed a proclamation designating Feb. 3-7 as "Farm Bureau Membership Week."

The week is part of a statewide observance during which county Farm Bureaus will make a special effort to enroll new members, according to Charles Summers of Dimmitt, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

Ray Bradley of Dimmitt is chairman of the membership committee. Other committee members are Tommy Stanton, Terry Hill, Joe Lust and Randy Schilling. The local organization has 648 member families and is seeking to exceed that figure in 1992.

The 211 county Farm Bureaus in

Texas are comprised of 296,000 member families, and they form the foundation of the grass-roots organization, the proclamation states.

Farm Bureau is a general farm organization that seeks to improve income and living conditions of farm and ranch families, and represents the farmer and rancher at the

local, state and national level. It has exerted influence in both state and national affairs on behalf of agriculture.

Non-farm families are also welcome to join.

Contact the local Farm Bureau office at 647-5106 for more information.

Local farmer attends TFU conference

David Smith of Hart recently attended the 88th annual Texas Farmers Union convention in Dallas.

Texas Farmers Union members from across the state debated policy issues including a special order of business that was adopted on international trade.

The special order relates to a pending agreement developed under the international General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). Farmers in the US are disgruntled over the direction of the negotiations relating to farm policies and programs.

"Whereas the US GATT negotiators have failed to achieve a fair agreement that allows true competition for world markets," the order stated. "We recommend that the US reject (the agreement)."

"This agreement stands to hurt Texas family farmers. The US should reject it," said Smith.

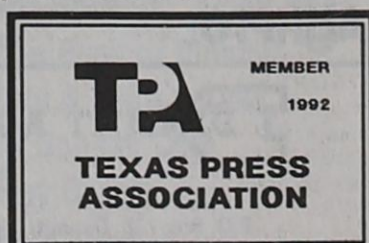
Another portion of the policy also recommends that "no new nuclear facility be constructed without stringent and public examination of the need for such a facility and its health and environmental impacts."

Texas Farmers Union delegates are concerned that expansion of nuclear facilities in the state are a threat to groundwater supplies and agricultural production.

During elections held during the convention, TFU President Joe Rankin of Ralls was reelected and H.R. Pruet of Slidell was elected vice president.

The group heard from a number of elected officials including Lieutenant Governor Bob Bullock and US House Agriculture Committee Chairman Kika De La Garza. National Farmers Union President Leland Swenson addressed the convention banquet.

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Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Congratulations to Vincent and Bert Huseman on their 45th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated Saturday evening at the Nazareth Community Hall. The event was hosted by the couple's children and grandchildren including David and Yvonne Ehly of Amarillo; Dan and Kathy Richardson of Tulsa, Okla.; Kenneth and Joye Huseman of Houston; Ted and Deanna Huseman of Amarillo; Bob and Theresa Birkenfeld of Nazareth; Gary Huseman of Seminole; and Tim Huseman of Nazareth. Guests included Father Neal Dee and relatives and friends from Dimmitt, Umbarger, Happy, Eldorado, Canyon, Hereford, Amarillo and Nazareth.

Clint Allan, infant son of Darrell and Jody Huseman, was baptized Sunday morning in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee, pastor, officiating. The baby's godparents are Ken and Anita Fischbacher of Amarillo.

Max Acker recently returned from visiting her family, Tom and Clarice Acker in La Grange. She reported seeing lots of water and flooding in that area because of all the recent rains. She also visited her son, Kenneth Acker and family in Lubbock on the way home. She also visited her daughter, Pauline Dea.

Francis and Connie Backus hosted a dinner recently at their home in Hereford for Glenn and Kendra Backus, who will be moving to Grapevine. Glenn will work in Irving. Kendra's parents, Clyde and Angie Venhaus of Dumas; her brothers and Glenn's brothers all enjoyed the day's activities. Also present were the couple's grandparents, Marie Venhaus, Alma Conrad, Helen Backus and Leonard and Alvina Gerber.

Clarice Acker of La Grange spent the past week here visiting with her parents, Clarence and Odie Schulte and Max Acker.

She left Sunday morning for Stephenville to visit with her daughter, Donna, before returning home to La Grange. Donna coaches an eighth grade basketball team.

A "pink and blue" shower honoring Kendra Backus was held Sunday afternoon in Amarillo at the home of Cyrilla Brockman. Many

relatives and friends were present. They enjoyed visiting and viewing the many pretty and useful gifts. Attending from Nazareth were Joan Backus, Catherine Huseman, Jane Gerber, Mary Beth Gerber and Alvina Gerber.

Sister Cassilda Conrad, 90, died Jan. 11 in San Antonio at the Incarnate Word Retirement Center. Mass of Christian burial was held at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Groom on Jan. 15. Co-celebrants for the mass were Bishop L.T. Matthiesan of Amarillo and Rev. Richard Neyner.

Sister Cassilda was born on March 11, 1901, in Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include a brother, Leo Conrad of St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle; and a sister, Sister Margaret of Houston, who is a Dominican sister; and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Cassilda worked in convents, hospitals and orphanages as an Incarnate Word Nun. She worked many years as office manager at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Prayers are asked for Regina Steffens, who underwent surgery last Friday at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. She is staying in Room 461.

Nathan and Sandee Hoelting spent Friday night in Lubbock with Cory and Wade Hoelting, Todd Hill and Marsha Hoelting. On Saturday morning, Nathan took the SAT test for the Duke University Talent Search Identification Program. It was a good experience for him and other junior high students from area schools. During the test, Sandee and Wade enjoyed watching Noel Johnson practice with her basketball team at Texas Tech University.

The eighth grade basketball tournament, sponsored by the Nazareth Booster Club, was enjoyed by many Saturday. The Nazareth eighth grade boys' team won first place while Hale Center finished second. In the girls division, Nazareth's eighth graders were edged out of first place by Borger.

Dianne Norris of Dallas is spending time here caring for her mother, Ella Hoelting and her

brother, Leonard.

Florence and Hilda Heiman, Meta Guyce and Isabell Skidmore of Amarillo visited their sister, Amy Schmucker and her family last Thursday. They also visited with Florence's sister, Ella Hoelting.

A surprise 30th birthday party was held Saturday evening at the Legion Hall for Norman Gerber of Nazareth and Doretta Gerber of Pampa. Many friends and relatives enjoyed the evening.

Phillip Durbin is home in Lubbock after a cruise in the Caribbean with the US Navy. He spent Christmas and New Year's in Norfolk, Va., visiting with classmate Kenneth Wilhelm. Phillip will be commissioned as a navy aviator on Feb. 21.

More about We're No. 1

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Collins said property owners are being asked to donate the land to the city since the park would benefit the entire community and make the site much more attractive.

"The grant funding does not include money for any land purchases, and the city does not have funds available. We plan to solicit volunteer labor on part of the project, too, to ease the city's cost," he said, adding that the city will make provision for land donors to get credit on their taxes for a charitable donation.

The project will include dredging and grading the lake, and the area surrounding the water will be converted to a park with jogging or walking trails, RV hookups, picnic tables and even a fishing pier.

Collins reported that no schedule has been set yet on the construction work. A letter from the Parks and Wildlife Dept. pointed out several requirements before proceeding any further with the project.

"We have to close some streets first and get clearance from the Army Corps of Engineers," Collins said. "Also, the lake has more water in it now that it has had in quite a while, and that will be a hindrance for a while."

The east edge of the park will run along the plat line for Southeast Third Street and the west boundary will come to the alley between Southwest Second and Southwest Third Streets. It will encompass the equivalent of possibly 10 square blocks.

The full proposal will be presented at Monday's meeting of the city council at 6:30 p.m.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from Jan. 30 to Feb. 7.

DIMMITT

MONDAY: Rib-b-cue on a bun, tater tots, dill spears, carrot sticks, apple-sauce cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Burritos, buttered rice, lettuce and tomato salad, chocolate pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chili and beans, fried okra, buttered potatoes, cornbread, Jello and milk.

THURSDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, candied sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Soft tacos with cheese, shredded lettuce, whole kernel corn, fruit and milk.

HART

MONDAY: Fajitas, Spanish rice, salad, tortillas, pineapple cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Cheeseburgers, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Pizza, salad, corn, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, peanut butter cake and milk.

FRIDAY: Taco boats with cheese, lettuce and tomato salad, corn, pears and milk.

NAZARETH

MONDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, hot rolls, apple cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Chili dogs, pork and beans, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, dill pickles, pineapple cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Chalupas, corn, grapes and milk.

FRIDAY: Ham, fried okra, scalloped potatoes, cornbread, peach cobbler and milk.

More about

County audit . . .

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and a Canon model, the commissioners decided to avoid additional finance charges and make the purchase outright. The Monroe copiers will be obtained from Monroe Systems for Business, Inc. of Lubbock.

Daniel Odneal of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission gave a report on the progress of the 9-1-1 emergency communication network that is being installed throughout the Panhandle.

He told the commissioners that Castro County's system, which will be handled through the sheriff's office, should be ready to begin installation in a couple of weeks.

After a period of testing and training, the decision to go "public" with it will be made within 30 days. Odneal said some systems have gone on line as soon as two weeks after installation.

Odneal said that the 9-1-1 network likes to host a public ceremony to inaugurate new systems, with local officials and emergency workers invited to attend, as well as the public. He added that special decals will be distributed at that time for placement on emergency service vehicles, and reminder stickers will be handed out for placement on private phones.

In order to accommodate the computer response equipment for the 9-1-1 system, the dispatcher's room in the sheriff's office will have to be moved and some remodeling will be required.

Sheriff Lonny Rhynes presented a rough estimate of \$6,000 for the job. The commissioners agreed to award the remodeling to Ed Harris Lumber, the electrical work to Newton Electric, and moving the radio equipment to West Texas Rural Telephone, as long as they do not go above the estimates given.

The commissioners also authorized Rhynes to advertise for bids for two new cars for the sheriff's department with bids to be opened at the Feb. 24 meeting.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson was appointed as Loss Control Coordinator for the county in an effort to comply with requirements for reducing the county's

Workers' Compensation insurance rates, which have been steadily increasing over the past few years due to a higher experience rate.

County Treasurer Oleta Raper told the commissioners that Mike Strawn of the Texas Association of Counties will come and demonstrate to Robertson how to conduct safety programs for the county workers and fill him in on other aspects of the job.

Castro County shares expenses for district court personnel and probation office personnel with Hale and Swisher counties. The amounts are divided according to the population served in each county. Due to Castro County's decline in population, according to the 1990 Census, the county's portion of the expenses will decline from 18% of the total to 17% of the total. Hale pays 67% and Swisher pays 16%.

The commissioners discussed the disposition of a parcel of property in the Summerfield community, and voted to go with the earlier decision to seek bids for purchase of the property with title as is. The bids will be opened at the Feb. 24

meeting of the court.

It had been suggested to allow the Summerfield church to lease the land for a nominal amount or to make an outright gift of the land, but County Attorney Jimmy Davis pointed out that the county could not make a gift to a church. The commissioners repeated earlier objections that a lease would only prolong the problem if any changes in the situation arise later.

In other business, the commissioners:

—Agreed to seek bids on the county agent's pickup as is, with bids to be opened Feb. 24.

—Approved purchase of two field sobriety testing machines for use by Dept. of Public Safety troopers at an estimated cost of \$495 each.

—Decided to advertise for bids on insurance for county equipment and buildings.

—Gave permission for the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club to use the county's vacant lot near the Expo building for a circus that is coming to town, if the club will provide cleanup afterward.

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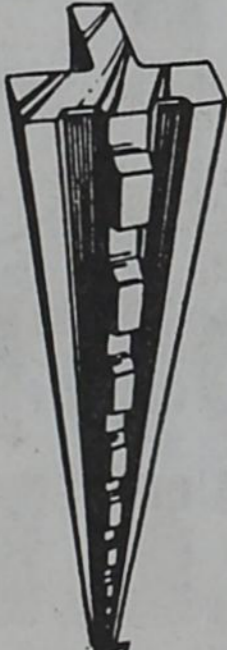
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More about

Hart school . . .

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intensive tutoring during the day." She added that another part of the program would involve volunteer tutors to share in the reading times throughout the day, encouraging students to read, read and read some more.

"We can ask for nearly anything to be waived that we feel is impeding us from helping our students have the best possible test scores," Underwood-Baggett said.

Five schools in Education Region 16 were selected to participate in the program. They are Hart Elementary, Travis Middle School in Amarillo, Shirley Intermediate School in Hereford, Lamar Elementary in Pampa, and Swinburn Elementary in Tulia.

The Region 16 Education Service Center will provide one employee to work directly with those five schools.

Meno pointed out that TEA will not dictate to the partnership schools what methods should be tried. The purpose of the program is to find out how the schools would do business differently if given the flexibility to do so.

Underwood-Baggett commented that part of the Hart plan will include parent and community involvement. She added that the school must have its plan fully developed by July 1, with implementation set for the 1992-93 school year.

Funding for putting the plan into action is another matter.

"That part isn't clear yet," Underwood-Baggett said. "We had planned to expand our programs, anyway, even without the partnership selection."

She noted that some of the larger schools participating may receive corporate sponsorship, and added that any financial assistance for the Hart program from businesses would certainly be welcomed.

She said the Hart school will be taking the program step by step.

"As we explore it together, we will decide what will work to give our kids a better learning opportunity. We have 100% commitment from our staff to pursue this program, and our superintendent and school board have been extremely supportive," Underwood-Baggett said.

The initiative program was kicked off with a banquet Sunday in Austin, with Underwood-Baggett in attendance, along with Hart Supt. Phil Barefield and teachers LaDawn Schulte, LeaAnn Malone and Peggy Neinast. These three were selected to attend because of their work on the various committees that put the program proposal together. Another ceremony was set for Monday afternoon at Palmer Auditorium in Austin.

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Obituaries

Marie Dillard

Funeral services for Marie Dillard, 79, of Lockney, a former Dimmitt resident, were held Thursday afternoon in Lockney's First United Methodist Church, with Rev. Tommie Beck, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Lockney Cemetery under the direction of Moore-Rose-White Funeral Home.

Mrs. Dillard died Jan. 21 in her home.

She was born in Collin County and married R.W. "Bob" Dillard on Dec. 18, 1954 in Lovington, N.M. He died in 1976. After living in Dimmitt for a while, Mrs. Dillard moved to Lockney in 1980. She graduated from high school in Lockney and was a retired beautician.

Survivors include two sisters, Martel Stewart of Dallas and Rosemary Salzmann of Mabank.

Juanita Garcia

Juanita G. Garcia, 23, of Plainview, died Friday.

A prayer meeting was held Monday night in Lemons Memorial Chapel in Plainview.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Plainview Cemetery with Joe Camargo officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Garcia was born in Dimmitt and had attended school in Plainview.

She married Andres Garcia Jr. in 1984 in Plainview. She attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Kimberly Evette Garcia of the home; a son, Iasiah Jeremiah Garcia of the home; her parents, Juan Guitierrez of Friona and Linda Perales of Iowa; two brothers, Andrew Guitierrez and Frankie Guitierrez, both of Iowa; a sister, Evalee Gonzales of Friona; and her grandmother, Alcie Hernandez of Plainview.

Mateo Porras

Funeral Communion services for Mateo Corrales Porras, 65, of Dim-

mitt will be held today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Deacon Tony Garza officiating.

Burial will be in Castro Memorial Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home. Prayer service had been scheduled for Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the West Community Building of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, where the body had been lying in state.

Mr. Porras died Tuesday in Plains Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Mexico and married Angelita Quezada on Dec. 13, 1945 in Guadalupe, Mexico. They moved to Dimmitt in September of 1991.

Survivors include his wife; five sons, Ernesto, Faustino, and Victor of Dimmitt, Eugenio of Hereford, and Roque of Praxedis, Mexico; five daughters, Licha and Adela Porras, Margarita Ramos and Linda Perez, all of Praxedis, Mexico, and Gabriela Cuevas of Hereford; three brothers, Doreteo of Pasadena, Federico of Chichucha, Mexico, and Jesus of Praxedis, Mexico; 29 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Nota Mae Wells

Services for Nota Mae Wells, 95, of Plainview, were held Tuesday in Wood-Dunning Colonial Chapel with Gene Polvado, minister of the Wharton Church of Christ and

Dean Brookshire, elder of the Ninth and Columbia Street Church of Christ in Plainview, officiating.

Burial followed in Plainview's Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Wells was born in Groesbeck and married Herbert Wells on Jan. 1, 1926, in Beckham County, Okla. He died in 1955.

The couple moved to Castro County in 1930. In 1943, they moved to Hill County, settling in the Liberty community, outside of Plainview. They were farmers.

She moved to the Arlington Heights Nursing Center in Fort Worth six years ago. She was a member of the Ninth and Columbia Street Church of Christ and the Liberty Home Demonstration Club.

Survivors include two sons, Hadley O. Wells of Fort Worth and Harley C. Wells of Plainview; a brother, Carl B. Hudgins of Mount Pleasant; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Financial aid workshop set

A workshop will be held tonight (Thursday) to help parents and students plan for financing an education after high school.

The workshop will begin at 7 p.m. at Dimmitt High School's library and will be conducted by Jeanette Head, assistant director of financial aid at West Texas State University in Canyon.

"If your son or daughter is planning to attend a college or university, or a trade/technical school, then you should make plans to attend this very important meeting," said Sue Summers, DISD counsellor.

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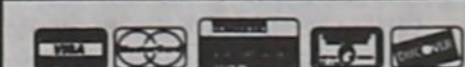
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