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Bradley, Nelson, Jordan exhibit grand champions



THE GRAND CHAMPION STEER at the 1999 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 1,320-pound cross shown by Shawn Nelson (back right). The steer was purchased for \$1.50 per pound

by North Gin of Dimmitt, represented by Jim Bradford (back left). Holding the championship banner and plaque is Chapman Royall.

Photo by Anne Acker

Raynee Bradley, Shawn Nelson and Chandra Jordan saw what hard work can accomplish Friday when judges picked their animals as the best in Castro County's Junior Livestock Show.

Bradley claimed top honors in the sheep show with a 130-plus pound jumbo medium wool lamb. Nelson granded the steer show with a 1,320-pound cross. Jordan drove her 260-pound Yorkshire hog to the grand championship in the barrow show.

This year's show drew 294 entries—194 barrows, 90 lambs and 10 steers—each vying for the grand champion title.

Giving Bradley, Nelson and Jordan a run for their money were Kirsti Edwards, Meggie Lemons and Keli Schulte, who exhibited the reserve grand champion lamb, steer and barrow, respectively, of the show.

Showmanship winners in the junior division were Bradley for sheep, Jordy Rowland for barrows and Lemons for Steers.

Senior showmanship winners were Cliff Wright for lambs, Clay Hoelting for barrows and Taylor Matthews for steers.

"We had a really successful show again this year," said Greg Odom, president of the Dimmitt Young Farmers who coordinate the show and sale every year. "The number of animals were down, but the prices seemed to hold up throughout the sale. We had been a little worried about that because of the problems farmers have had over the past couple of years."

The Young Farmers were still tallying sale totals at press time, but hope to have a sale total by next week.

Auctioneer Jack Howell sold the floor first at Saturday's premium sale, accepting bids from Dan Cure of Olton for \$68.25 per hundredweight on sheep and \$24 per hundred on hogs. The floor on



RAYNEE BRADLEY (right) of Dimmitt showed the grand champion lamb at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday morning. Bradley's jumbo medium wool lamb was purchased by her great-uncles, Mike Baca and Andy Rogers, for \$14 per pound. Pictured with Bradley are (from left) her sister, Taylor Bradley, her aunt, Mary Bradley, and her brother, Beau Bradley. Raynee Bradley also captured junior showmanship honors in the lamb division Friday.

Photo by Anne Acker

steers went for \$64 per hundred.

Bradley's grand champion lamb was the first to enter the sale ring, and she earned a bid of \$14 per pound from her great-uncles, Andy Rogers and Mike Baca.

North Gin provided a bid of \$1.50 per pound for Nelson's grand champion steer.

The grand champion barrow owned by Jordan drew a bid of \$5 per pound from the three local cooperatives—Castro Co-op Gin, AgriFarm Industries and Dimmitt Consumers.

The reserve grand champion lamb, a 119-pound light-heavyweight medium wool exhibited by Edwards, was purchased for \$7 per pound by buyers Gene and Shari

Bradley.

The Dimmitt Buyers' Club provided a bid of \$1.25 per pound for the reserve grand champion steer, a 1,135-pound cross owned by Lemons.

Schulte's reserve grand barrow, a 242-pound heavyweight cross, earned a total of \$7 per pound, with Marvin Schulte and Tulia Livestock Auction Co. providing \$4 and Gene and Shari Bradley adding another \$3.

The Young Farmers raffled off a stock trailer, selling 120 tickets for \$100 each, and winner of this year's raffle was F&F Cattle Co. or Richard and Gerald Franks.

Bobbies, Bobcats, Swifts gear up for playoff action

The Dimmitt Bobcats will face Littlefield and the Nazareth Swifts will meet Adrian in bi-district games this week while the Bobbies have enjoyed a bi-district bye and are preparing for area action against Slaton.

The Bobbies and Slaton will square off in a Class AAA area playoff Friday night at South Plains College's Texan Dome in Levelland. The time is tentatively set for 7:30 p.m., according to Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards.

Nazareth, the District 8-A

champion, will face District 7-A runner-up Adrian Tuesday night at 6:30 at the Caprock Activity Center in Amarillo.

The Bobcats, who finished second in District 1-AAA, know they'll play Littlefield (District 2-AAA's No. 3 seed) in bi-district, but when and where is up in the air.

Dimmitt Coach Alan Steidle said he's not sure when the game will be played yet, but it could be Monday or Tuesday at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview or Tuesday in the Levelland area.

Bobbies vs. Slaton

The Bobbies earned a bi-district bye after winning the District 1-AAA title, but now they enter the sudden death playoffs and first up is District 3-AAA No. 3 seed Slaton.

The Lady Tigers (21-8) are no strangers to post-season play, and they proved themselves Tuesday night by thrashing Crane, 59-36, in bi-district action.

The Lady Tigers like to work the ball inside for easy shots and that's what killed Crane Tuesday night.

All-state post player Shannon Krajcovic (5-9), 5-9 forward Brittany Huddleston and Latasha Smith controlled the game inside the paint, combining for 39 points and 19 boards.

Slaton isn't just an inside team, however. Guards Linsey Boyd (5-10) and Allyson Lewis (5-6) are capable of nailing shots from the perimeter.

"Slaton's quick and Huddleston is probably their best player. She likes to post up but she can also shoot from outside, too," said Edwards.

"Slaton is fundamentally sound and they don't make many mental mistakes. They're not as quick as they have been in the past. I think we will match up with them pretty well as far as height goes. They're a lot like us."

Edwards said Slaton's tradition is always a factor when the playoffs

roll around.

"They know what the playoffs are all about. They're always tough this time of year. We just need to stay focused and get our defense going and we should be fine."

The winner of the area playoff will advance to the Region 1-AAA tournament, slated for Feb. 26-27 at the Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

Bobcats vs. Littlefield

Dimmitt, 23-10 on the year, has beaten Littlefield (21-10) once this year—60-56 early in the season.

The Wildcats finished third in District 2-AAA, but had to beat Friona in a playoff for that third seed Monday night.

"Littlefield will play aggressive man-to-man defense and will try and force you to turn the ball over," Steidle said. "We're going to have to do a good job of taking care of the basketball and we've got to have balance on offense."

Littlefield features a starting lineup that's tall and quick, Steidle said.

Big Steven McCain, a 6-5 post, is one of Littlefield's key offensive threats along with 6-3 forward Joseph Hood, who can play inside or outside. Wing players are 5-8 E.T. Rosemond and 5-11 Jason Brashear. Point guard is 5-8 Morris Randle.

"Their offensive strength is definitely their size and quickness," Steidle said. "They have some balance on offense. They like to go

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Candidate filing in local elections started Monday

Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins, and at-large council members Trish Elliott, Lyman Schroeder, and Clint Seward.

No candidates have filed.

DISD: Terms are expiring for Place 3 representative Chevo

Lumbrera; Place 6, Debbie Annen; and Place 7, Steve Buckley.

In Place 3, Albert Acevedo has filed.

Hart

City: Mayor Tony Leibel's term is expiring, as well as the terms for

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DISD continues DHS scheduling discussion

The Dimmitt School Board members heard a presentation at their Feb. 8 meeting by Dimmitt High School Principal R.L. Stockstill concerning the school's use of the accelerated block schedule.

He told the board he viewed information in favor of and against block scheduling. He said he felt he had adequate information to make the recommendation to the board to continue with the block schedule.

Stockstill said students and teachers responded to an anonymous survey, and results showed overwhelming support for the accelerated block schedule, rather than a modi-

fied block or the former seven class-period schedule.

Stockstill addressed questions that had been raised at last month's board meeting about the block schedule.

—He said the problem with sequencing of math and language courses existed before the block schedule and will continue to present difficulties for students at different times. He said he feels the problems with too-full Spanish classes will be alleviated some next school year when the first students enter high school who have already had Spanish I in eighth grade.

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Extended calling ballots being mailed

Subscribers of the Dimmitt telephone exchange are already receiving new ballots to express their choice in the expansion of the local calling area.

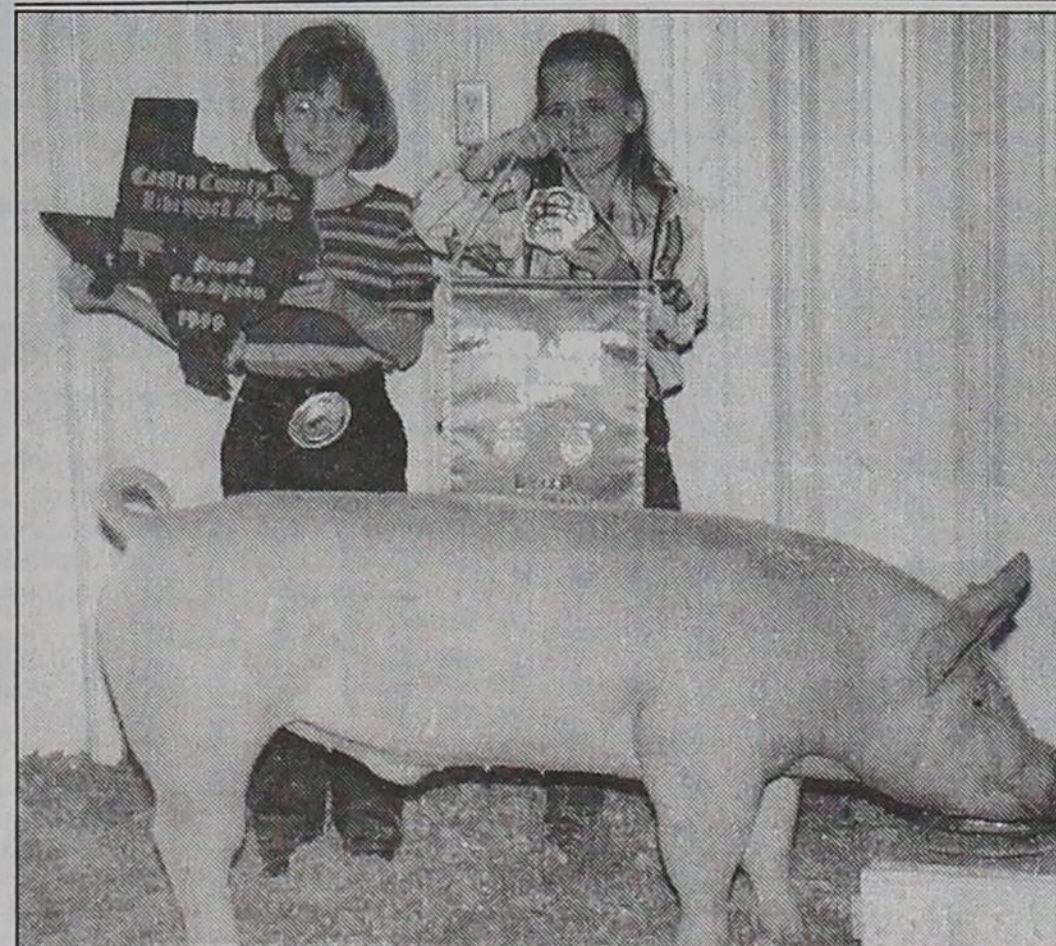
If the measure passes and gains final approval by the Public Utilities Commission, phone subscribers in Dimmitt will be able to call Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Plainview and Tulia without a long distance charge. To be included in the extended calling area, each city must receive at least 70% approval among all the votes that are cast.

Those who have received a ballot need to get it marked and sent back in with a postmark dated no later

than Feb. 26. If you have not received a ballot, contact petitioning coordinator Betty McClure at the Dimmitt City Hall, 647-2155.

Even though the extended calling area will give toll-free calling to the approved communities, there will be an additional per-line charge for all subscribers, whether they vote in favor of it or not. The monthly charge will be \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.

An earlier try at voting on the matter was invalidated because a large number of subscribers did not receive ballots.



CHANDRA JORDAN'S (right) heavyweight Yorkshire was named grand champion of the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday afternoon. Jordan's pig was purchased for \$5 per pound by the three local cooperatives—AgriFarm Industries, Castro Co-op Gin and Dimmitt Consumers. Macee Schulte is holding the grand championship plaque presented to Jordan.

Photo by Anne Acker

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	77	28	
Friday	40	17	
Saturday	55	20	
Sunday	63	23	
Monday	72	25	
Tuesday	74	28	
Wednesday	54	26	

February Moisture 0.01
1999 Moisture 1.58

Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

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Winners are named at junior livestock show

Here are the results from the 1999 Castro County Junior Livestock Show:

LAMB SHOW

GRAND CHAMPION: Raynee Bradley.
RESERVE GRAND CHAMP: Kirsti Edwards.

MEDIUM WOOL

BREED CHAMPION: Raynee Bradley.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Kirsti Edwards.

Lightweight: 1. Lacey Acker, 2. Stanton Wethington, 3. Tyler Waggoner, 4. Bryan Hall, 5. Kristin Hales, 6. Kendra Puente, 7. Kaden Griffith, 8. Reece Hales, 9. Jennifer Wilhelm, 10. Eric Odom, 11. Brad Lane, 12. Meggie Lemons.

Mediumweight: 1. Trinity Robb, 2. Chauncey Gilbreath, 3. Kristin Hales, 4. Brandon Burks, 5. Heather Lindsey, 6. Lyndee Behrends, 7. Kendra Puente, 8. Adrienne Hart, 9. Ryan Hunter, 10. Garrett Behrends, 11. Andrew Brockman, 12. Justin Lively, 13. Anna Brockman, 14. Anna Brockman.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Kirsti Edwards, 2. Lauren Waggoner, 3. Trinity Robb, 4. Sage Annen, 5. Stanton Wethington, 6. Bryce Pohlmeier, 7. Jenna Acker, 8. Adam Acker, 9. Ross Hunter, 10. Eric Odom, 11. Aaron Hart, 12. John Emery, 13. Lauren Waggoner.

Heavyweight: 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Rusty McDaniel, 4. Cliff Wright, 5. Shae Odom, 6. Brandon Burks, 7. Holly Lane, 8. Justin Lively, 9. Keli Schulte, 10. Tyler Waggoner, 11. Andrew Brockman, 12. Ben Coleman, 13. Curtis Thomas.

Jumbo: 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Cliff Wright, 3. Carol Summers, 4. Sage Annen, 5. Tine Casneuf, 6. Keli Schulte, 7. Mary Bradley, 8. Cory Lane, 9. Mark Lange, 10. Jenna Acker, 11. Meggie Lemons, 12. Lyndee Behrends, 13. Tucker Waggoner.

SOUTHDOWNS

BREED CHAMPION: Jinna Wright.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Rae Odom.

Lightweight: 1. Rae Odom, 2. James Lindsey, 3. Dustin Thomas, 4. Daniel Coleman.

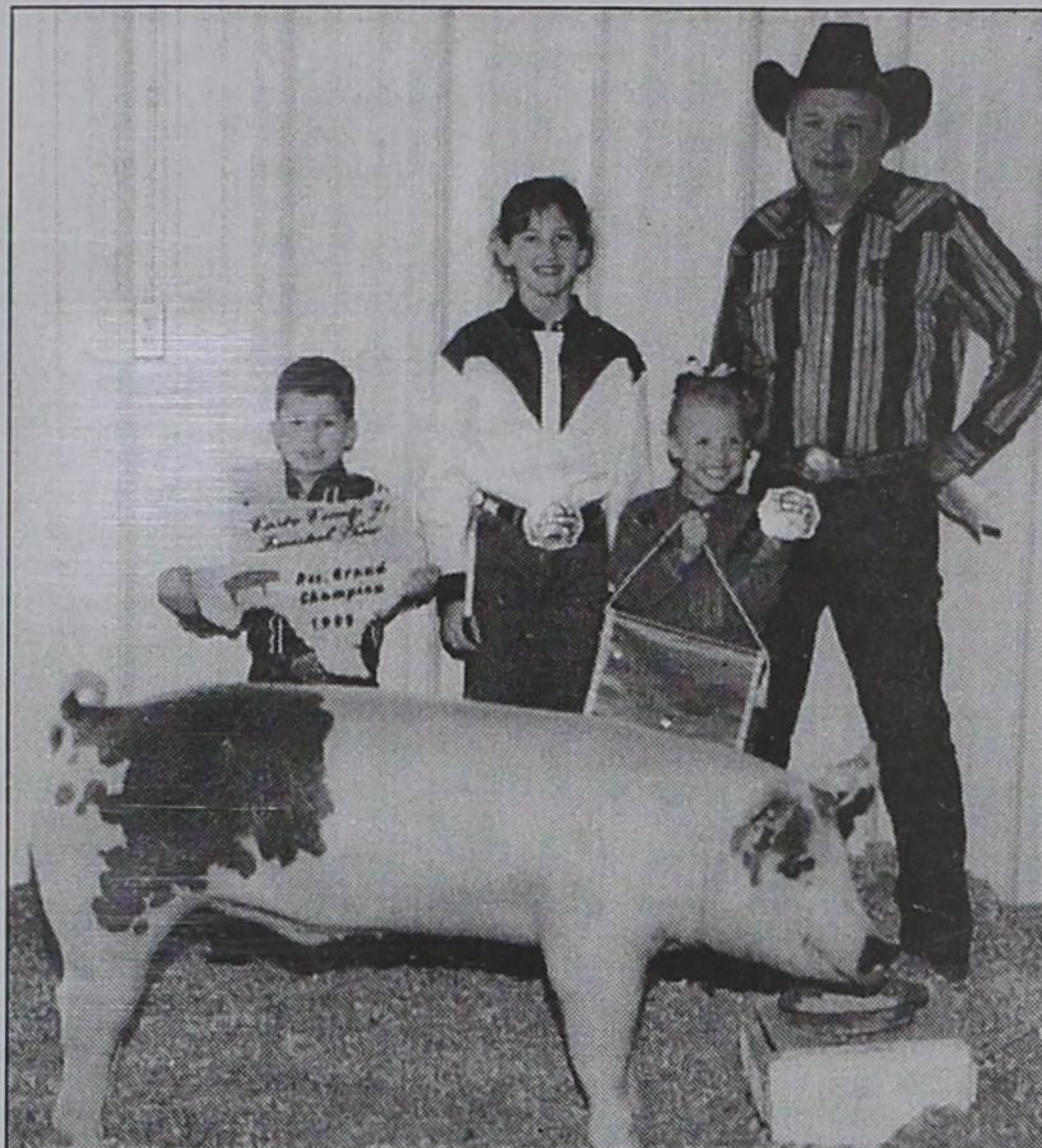
Heavyweight: 1. Jinna Wright, 2. Kirsti 7. Brandy Smith, 8. Bridget Hochstein, 9. Bryce Parker, 10. Jorge Rey, 11. Clifford Gerber, 12. Rebecca Olvera.

CROSS

BREED CHAMPION: Keli Schulte.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Garrett Kleman.

Lightweight: 1. Mary Bradley, 2. Evan Huseman, 3. Ashley Davis, 4. Wesley Wright, 5. John Johnson, 6. Brittany Nelson, 7. Ben Coleman, 8. Chauncey Gilbreath, 9. T.R. George, 10. Zachary Farris, 11. Wade Price, 12. Justin Lively, 13. Jessica Kern, 14. Deacon Buckley, 15. Brandon Allison, 16. John Emery.

Mediumweight: 1. Garrett Kleman, 2. Jamie Villareal, 3. Trinity Robb, 4. Jared



KELI SCHULTE (second from left) drove her 242-pound heavyweight cross to the reserve grand championship in the barrow division Friday at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The barrow was purchased for \$7 per pound, with Marvin Schulte (right) and Tulia Livestock Auction Co. furnishing \$4 per pound and Gene and Shari Bradley providing \$3. Schulte's brother, Landon, is holding her reserve grand championship plaque and Kenley Kleman is holding the banner.

Photo by Brenda Bruton

Aven, 5. Elizabeth Olvera, 6. Brad Lane, 7. Jinna Wright, 8. Adrienne Hart, 9. Zane Farris, 10. Justin Hawkins, 11. Brandi Kern, 12. Shantell Self, 13. Ashley Martinez, 14. Heather Lindsey, 15. Cliff Wright.

Heavyweight: 1. Keli Schulte, 2. Macee Schulte, 3. Meagan Farris, 4. Timmy Barnes, 5. Lyndsey Heard, 6. Mary Bradley, 7. Evan Huseman, 8. Cory Lane, 9. Jill Schulte, 10. Matt Martin, 11. Eric Odom, 12. Jarod Griffith, 13. Holly Lane, 14. China Foster, 15. Brandi Kern.

BERKSHIRE

BREED CHAMPION: Brady Schulte.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Luke Price.

Lightweight: 1. Brady Schulte, 2. Zack McClure, 3. Bridget Hochstein, 4. Christopher George, 5. Rae Odom, 6. Matthew Olvera, 7. John Emery.

Heavyweight: 1. Luke Price, 2. James Lindsey, 3. Tanner Griffith, 4. Kendra Huseman, 5. Kellie George, 6. Susan Kern, 7.

Landon Porsch.

CHESTER WHITE

BREED CHAMP: Whitney Nutt.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Trevor Barnes.

Lightweight: 1. Whitney Nutt, 2. Trevor Barnes, 3. T.R. George, 4. Jeremy Simpson, 5. Zane Farris, 6. Deacon Buckley, 7. Heather Lindsey, 8. Adrienne Hart.

Heavyweight: 1. Timmy Barnes, 2. Tanner Self, 3. Raynee Bradley, 4. Tyler Cornett, 5. Taylor Matthews, 6. Matthew Olvera, 7. Adam Schulte, 8. Brandon Wilhelm.

FINEWOOL

BREED CHAMPION: Tine Casneuf.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Rusty McDaniel.

Lightweight: 1. Rusty McDaniel, 2. Thomas Brockman, 3. Jason Wilhelm.
Heavyweight: 1. Tine Casneuf, 2. Shae

Odom, 3. Adam Acker, 4. Dustin Thomas.

FINEWOOL CROSS

BREED CHAMPION: Carol Summers.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Bryce Pohlmeier.

Lightweight: 1. Jinna Wright, 2. Houston Sutton, 3. Macee Schulte, 4. Chauncey Gilbreath, 5. Ryan Hunter, 6. Jennifer Wilhelm, 7. Lacey Acker, 8. Ross Hunter.

Heavyweight: 1. Carol Summers, 2. Bryce Pohlmeier, 3. Daniel Coleman, 4. Mark Lange, 5. John Emery, 6. Holly Lane, 7. Jason Wilhelm, 8. Thomas Brockman.

STEER SHOW

GRAND CHAMPION: Shawn Nelson.
RESERVE GRAND CHAMP: Meggie Lemons.

Lightweight: 1. Meggie Lemons, 2. Dennis Underwood, 3. Taylor Matthews, 4. Reece Hales.

Heavyweight: 1. Shawn Nelson, 2. Taylor Matthews, 3. Adam Hunter, 4. Russell Rickert, 5. Blake Jones.

BARROW SHOW

GRAND CHAMPION: Chandra Jordan.
RESERVE GRAND CHAMP: Keli Schulte.

YORKSHIRE

BREED CHAMPION: Chandra Jordan.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Jeremy Simpson.

Lightweight: 1. Justin Hawkins, 2. Matthew Wright, 3. Zachary Jones, 4. Jordy Rowland, 5. Matthew Kern, 6. Dennis Underwood, 7. Lindsay Martinez, 8. James Lindsey, 9. Brandon Allison, 10. Aaron Kern, 11. Landon Porsch, 12. Trent Barnes, 13. Daniel Coleman.

Heavyweight: 1. Chandra Jordan, 2. Jeremy Simpson, 3. Aaron Hart, 4. Garrett Kleman, 5. Raynee Bradley, 6. Clay Hoelting,

DUROC

BREED CHAMPION: Macee Schulte.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Adam Wright.

Lightweight: 1. Adam Wright, 2. Kelsey Hochstein, 3. Jordy Rowland, 4. Ross Myatt, 5. Tucker Self, 6. Wesley Nutt, 7. Holly Lane, 8. Jake Porsch, 9. Jessica Kern, 10. Michelle Davis, 11. Jarod Griffith, 12. Van Lindsey.

Mediumweight: 1. Tanner Self, 2. Jonathan Stevens, 3. Tyler Cornett, 4. Tanner Griffith, 5. Matthew Wright, 6. Whitney Mitchell, 7. Zachary Farris, 8. Adam Schulte, 9. Kellie George, 10. Zachary Smith, 11. Zachary Jones, 12. Charley Nutt, 13. Matthew Kern.

Heavyweight: 1. Macee Schulte, 2. Clifford Gerber, 3. Cory Lane, 4. Jeff Stovall, 5. Ross Schulte, 6. Lyndsey Heard, 7. Charlie Rundell, 8. Trevor Barnes, 9. Cliff Wright, 10. Bryce Parker, 11. Eric Odom, 12. Ashley Martinez.

HAMPSHIRE

BREED CHAMPION: Wesley Wright.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Dennis Underwood.



THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB at Friday's Castro County Junior Livestock Show was shown by Kirstie Edwards (front left), daughter of Chris and Jennifer Edwards (back row, from left). Her lamb, a 119-pound light-heavyweight medium wool, was purchased for \$7 a pound by Gene Bradley (back right).

Photo by Brenda Bruton

Lightweight: 1. Keli Schulte, 2. Lindsay Martinez, 3. Trent Barnes, 4. Adam Wright, 5. Jared Aven, 6. Aaron Kern, 7. Jonathan Stevens, 8. Ben Coleman, 9. Jeff Bennett, 10. Rebecca Olvera, 11. Wade Price, 12. Whitney Nutt.

Mediumweight: 1. Michelle Davis, 2. Susan Kern, 3. Karis Kleman, 4. Blake Jones, 5. Brad Lane, 6. Van Lindsey, 7. Brandy Smith, 8. D'Neise Smith, 9. Jake Porsch, 10. Kaden Griffith, 11. Meggie Lemons, 12. Taylor Matthews.

Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Wright, 2. Dennis Underwood, 3. Jill Schulte, 4. Charley Nutt, 5. Matt Martin, 6. Ross Schulte, 7. Brady Schulte, 8. China Foster, 9. Ashley Davis, 10. Charlie Rundell, 11. Shae Odom.

POLAND CHINA

BREED CHAMPION: Chandra Jordan.

RESERVE BREED CHAMP:

Tucker Self.

Lightweight: 1. Brittany Nelson, 2. Clay Hoelting, 3. Kelsey Hochstein, 4. John Johnson.

Heavyweight: 1. Chandra Jordan, 2. Tucker Self, 3. Ross Myatt, 4. Zachary Smith, 5. Meagan Farris, 6. Kendra Huseman, 7. Aaron Hart.

SPOT

BREED CHAMPION: Elizabeth Olvera.
RESERVE BREED CHAMP: Jody Stovall.

Lightweight: 1. Elizabeth Olvera, 2. Luke Price, 3. Whitney Mitchell, 4. Meggie Lemons, 5. Jeff Bennett.

Heavyweight: 1. Jody Stovall, 2. Christopher George, 3. Karis Kleman, 4. Shantell Self, 5. Jinna Wright

Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of 25 locals in 1997

Cardiovascular disease claimed the lives of 25 people in Castro County in 1997 and that number is 40.3% of the 62 county residents that died during the year.

Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer in Texas, claiming the lives of 57,050 people in 1997. That translates into two of every five deaths. As a comparison, in the same year cancer was the state's second-leading cause of death, claiming 32,144 lives. Accidents accounted for 7,150 deaths and 1,196 people died of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection in 1997.

On an average day in Texas, 156 residents die from cardiovascular diseases, according to data released by the American Heart Association. The AHA compiled these statistics using 1997 mortality information recently released by the Texas Dept. of Health.

During 1996, 30 Castro County residents died from cardiovascular disease, which is 42.9% of the 70 total deaths that year.

In 1995, 25 of the 65 deaths in the county were related to cardiovascular disease.

Nationally, statistics show that from 1986 to 1996 the number of deaths from cardiovascular disease has declined only 2%. One reason for this small decline is that the total

US population, and particularly the population of middle-aged and older people, is increasing. Another reason is that recent advances in medical treatment have allowed more people to survive previously fatal cardiovascular events, and now these people are dying of subsequent cardiovascular illnesses.

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. To accomplish this, the association concentrates its efforts in four areas: education, community service programs, research and revenue generation. Last year the Texas affiliate reached over five million

The Pekinese was the royal dog of old China and at one time only people of royal blood could own the dog.

people in Texas with interactive programs and awarded over \$7.4 million in research funding in Texas.

To reduce your risk of heart attack and stroke, the American Heart Association recommends having your blood pressure checked regularly, not smoking, eating nutritious foods in moderate amounts, having regular medical checkups and exercising.

If you feel that you might be one of the 60 million people in the United States who has some form of cardiovascular disease, call your local American Heart Association office for more information or call 1-800-AHA-USA1.

DISD has new home on web

Dimmitt Independent School District has a new home page on the World Wide Web, offering information about the school district and the community.

Claudia Stockstill, secretary to DISD Supt. Les Miller, is the designer and editor of the web site: <www.hiplains.net/dimmittisd>

The site opens on a purple (of course) page with darker purple "buttons" that can be clicked, leading to sections for Richardson Elementary School, Dimmitt Middle School, and Dimmitt High School.

Features include a school calendar, school menus for the current week, and a listing of school administrative personnel. Most have an e-mail address and those are listed, along with phone numbers for contacting them. Service personnel also are listed.

Stockstill said she plans to add more to the site, including photographs of each campus and possibly some of the personnel.

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Fighting Heart Disease and Stroke

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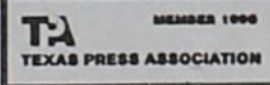
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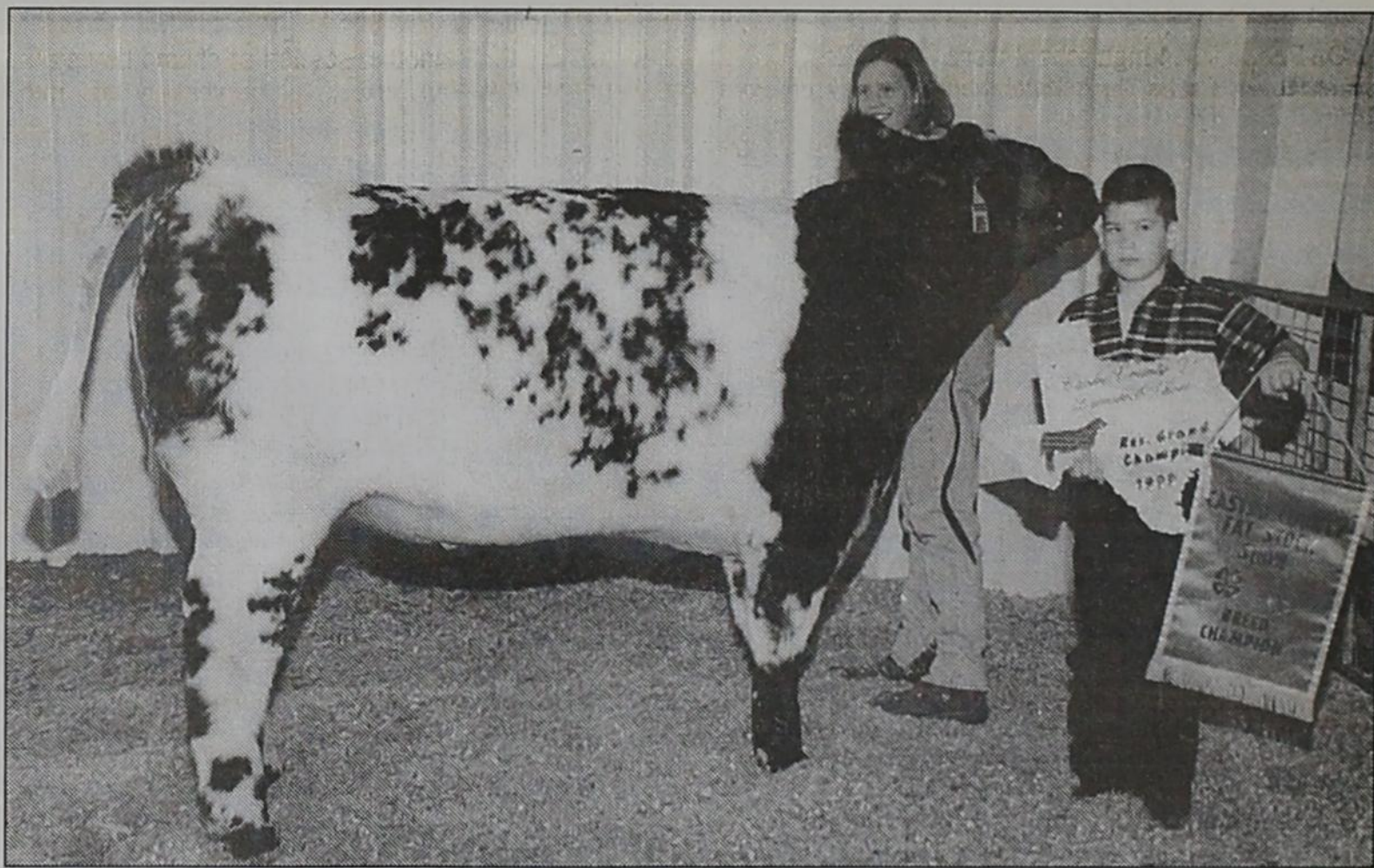
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Personal Items.....5 p.m. Monday
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MEGGIE LEMONS' 1,135-pound cross steer was named reserve grand champion at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday morning. At Saturday's premium sale, the Dimmitt Buyers' Club

purchased the steer for \$1.25 per pound. Houston Sutton is holding Lemons' banner and plaque.

Photo by Brenda Bruton

ACROSS

- Cowboy starts: kick—
- TXism: "couldn't buy hay — nightmare" (poor)
- Cowboy Aikman
- showy actors
- agcy. that monitors air of TX cities (abbr.)
- feathery scarf
- TXism: "if — any better the sheriff wouldn't allow it"
- TXism: "couldn't hit the — — barn"
- Corpus Christi: "The Sparkling City by —"
- TX Indians used this flower to make dye & jelly
- Aikman toss
- historic Washington Co. site: — Houston House
- homemade brew: sour —
- calf meat
- TXism: " — shave" (near miss)
- ex-Cowboy — " — Tall" Jones
- steamed rice dish
- in Austin: State Library —
- accommodation at Day's Inn (2 wds.)
- Las Colinas Mandalay waterway
- coffee additive
- TXism: " — as a lamb"
- peculiar
- TX tradition
- TX Ranger film: " — Wolfe McQuade"
- Sea — State Park
- TXism: " — piece"
- woman at A&M
- TXism: "it don't — up"
- this Beatty starred with TX Jimmy Dean in "Big Bad John"
- Dallasite founder of the Family Stone

DOWN

- TXism: "they're eatin' out — bag" (associated)
- TXism: "buying pearls (wasting money)"
- TXism: "wouldn't know him —"
- "Simon —"
- TX tree: " — d'arc"
- El Paso-Mex. link: "Bridge —"
- Aledo is '98 state champ of this class
- TXism: "call — day"
- Telegraph & TX Register was " — the TX Revolution"
- TXism: " — seeing eye to eye"
- it's bigger than TX
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- historical period
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- Tex Beneke sang these for Glenn Miller
- TXism: "weak — —day-old kitten"
- White of the "Wheel"
- get in the contest
- TX lake: El — del Rey
- Houston — the army at San Jacinto
- Pepe — Pew
- to make over
- TXism: "I'm — to know you"
- Waller of film "Bandit King of Texas"

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD
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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Thursday Bridge Club met. There were 15 members playing and a guest player, Ben Hill. Dwight and Beth Joiner were host and hostess. They served beef stroganoff over egg noodles, fruit salad, bread sticks, and pound cake with strawberries. Needless to say, we stuffed ourselves. Bernice Hill was high scorer, Opha Burke was low scorer and Virginia Crider won the deuce prize.

Just a friendly reminder, again. 1999 dues for the Senior Citizens

members are due. The cost is \$25 and we encourage everyone to come join us.

The Quilters were busy again today. They are working on a quilt project that they will raffle off. I think it is everyone's dream to win one of the club quilts. This quilt is very pretty and unusual. Drop by and get a sneak peek at it. The quilters have their own rooms for work in the Senior Citizens Center. Drop by and see all the improvements that have

been made.

The Friday night group met and had dinner at the El Sombrero. Those in attendance were the Hopsons, Doris Flynt, Martha Jo Hyman, the Sidesees, Percy and Margaret Parsons, their daughter and son-in-law Rhonda and Jim Murphree and their five daughters, Margaret's sister, Florine Knight of Sayre, Okla., and Margaret's niece, Karron Rhodes also of Sayre. They were all here to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary

of the Parsons on Saturday.

Dorothy Hopson and Carolyn Sides prepared a memory table for Percy at the party. One of the episodes was Percy getting tripped up in Deanne Clark's red purse strap when he was to introduce someone at church. I'm sure you have your own memories of Percy and Margaret.

Jo came down to Dimmitt from Amarillo to do some work Saturday. Leigh and Aubrie Durbin joined Jo and me, and we went to the Village

Shop to choose a "Valentine gift." We had a nice visit with Gail Bruegel and Val Davis.

Jo and I went to Seminole Sunday to check on my folks. They are doing as well as expected. We spent the day with them, then went on to Lubbock for appointments on Monday. We can surely get into trouble if we don't watch it.

My sympathy and regards to Bill and Deanne Clark in the death of her father, Alan Hagar of Lubbock.

My 5-year-old miniature dachshund, Oscar, is looking for a new home. He is generally good natured, except for children. Give me a call if you are interested.

Griffitt, and Oneida Hutto. Those interested in joining the group are invited to attend the next monthly meeting, which will be March 12 at 10 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center.

The community extends sympathy to Wanda Stevens in the death of her husband, Joe, who was a former administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital. Wanda said she has missed Dimmitt. Her friends may write to her at P.O. Box 2185, Whitney, TX 76692.

Lee Street Baptist Church had a preacher candidate, Jeff Addison of Slaton, speak at the Sunday morning service, which was followed by a fellowship meal. After the meal, there was a get-acquainted session for the congregation to ask questions of Jeff and his wife, Christina. They have three children, Jeffery, Victoria (Tori) and Kaylee. Christina played the piano for a couple of songs during the get-acquainted session. Jeff spoke again for the Sunday evening service and Christina sang a song. The service was followed by a business meeting. The congregation voted to extend the invitation to Jeff to be the new minister, and he accepted. He will begin his duties here on March 7.



READ ALL ABOUT IT!—Darlene Collins, president of the Ogallala Quilters' Society board, shows the 1999 edition of the society's newspaper promoting the upcoming Ogallala Quilters' Festival and all its activities. The 12-page, two-color publication was

mailed this week to more than a thousand quilters in Texas and surrounding states, inviting them to come to Dimmitt for the festival April 8-10. The newspaper's artwork and design follow the festival's theme, "Nostalgia."

Photo by Don Nelson

Sales tax rebates are issued

February sales tax rebates issued to the cities of Hart and Nazareth were up while payments sent to the city of Dimmitt and to Castro County were down from this time a year ago.

Nazareth's rebate jumped 71.44% from \$1,588.36 in 1998 to \$2,723.20 this year. So far this year Nazareth has earned \$3,055.77 in sales tax rebates from its 1.5% tax rate. That's 13.12% higher than the 1998 payments of \$2,701.20 through February.

Hart's rebate for this month was up 17.51% from \$1,843.52 to \$2,166.44. That brings Hart's year-to-date total to \$3,000.54, up 11.66% from \$2,687.21 paid in 1998.

Dimmitt's rebate was down 7.96% during February. This year's February payment of \$34,478.34 was down from the \$37,460.70 issued in February 1998. The \$58,242.40 paid to Dimmitt so far this year is 4.02% higher than 1998 payments of \$54,067.47.

Castro County's sales tax rebate was slightly lower than the \$16,236.19 paid in 1998. This month's check for \$16,196.45 brings the county's yearly rebate total to \$24,215.24, up 5.20% from \$23,017.39.

This month's payments to cities and counties include sales taxes collected by monthly filers in December, which are reported to the Comptroller in January; plus quarterly returns for sales in October, November and December; and returns from annual filers for the entire year of 1998.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

On Feb. 6-7, 44 high school teens from Holy Family Church attended their first-ever weekend retreat at Ceta Canyon Methodist Camp. The retreat was led by Father Jerry Stein and 14 young adult leaders.

The retreat started Saturday morning with opening prayer, praise and worship and concluded with a Life Teen mass late Sunday afternoon.

The teens reflected on why they came, what they wanted to get out of the retreat and any fears they had about attending.

They looked at how God created each one and the different personalities that are found.

They looked at how important "Trust" is in their lives and relationships and how trust should really be placed in the Lord.

They reflected on the areas in their lives that they are blind to and in what areas they need the Lord's healing. They discussed scripture readings where Jesus asked, "What do you want me to do for you?" (From Matthew 9:27-30 and Mark

8:22-25).

They enjoyed lots of praise and worship throughout the weekend. On Saturday evening they experienced a powerful reconciliation service and concluded the night with a campfire and praise and worship service.

Sunday morning began with praise and worship, a hike to the waterfall and sharing of feelings of faith and how God is active and alive in their lives.

Several parents joined the group for the concluding mass.

It was a very rewarding weekend that won't be forgotten.

A large group of Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner and an evening at the Center Sunday. They were treated to some lively entertainment during dinner, courtesy of Mike and Chad Culwell of Vigo Park. The Culwells are a father and son team of musicians.

Everyone enjoyed a lot of good laughs.

Brigitta Dobmeier won the door prize, which was a box of Valentine candy.

Cards and dominoes were enjoyed later. Those attending were asked to pray for Regina Steffens, a member of the group, who has started

another session of chemotherapy in an effort to prevent going into Hospice care.

The Nazareth Knights of Columbus sponsored a free throw contest Sunday afternoon at the Nazareth High School gym.

Winners were Kendra Huseman and Dustin Schulte, 10-year-old division; Jamie Birkenfeld and Jake Hoelting, 11-year-old division; Kimberly Brockman and Tyson Schulte, 12-year-old division; Kristi Ramaekers and Brock Birkenfeld, 13-year-old division. District and regional playoff dates are not known yet.

Rick, Robbie, Jessica and Nick Gerber of Austin spent the weekend here with Virgie Gerber and other family members and with the W.J. Albracht family in Hereford.

Robbie stayed in Hereford for a few days because her dad was readmitted to the Hereford Hospital Friday evening.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Regina Steffens, Norma Schacher, Angela Acker and Florene Brockman, who was admitted to a hospital in Amarillo on Sunday.

Scholarship deadline nears

The deadline for Castro County seniors to apply for the State 4-H Scholarship is Friday.

Completed application forms must be turned in to the Castro County Extension Office by 5 p.m. that day.

For more information about the scholarship or for help filling out the application, contact Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal at 647-4115.

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Hargrove named to dean's list

Jason Hargrove of Dimmitt has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 1998 semester at Texas Tech University.

Hargrove, son of Randy and Jan Hargrove of Dimmitt, maintained a 3.5 grade-point average during the semester.

We will not be showing a movie this week.
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People



Amarillo Little Theater show set here April 16

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the musical, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, in April at Dimmitt High School.

The show is a production of the Amarillo Little Theater and will be presented in Dimmitt on April 16.

The Amarillo Little Theater's *Always Patsy Cline* and *Smoke on the Mountain* played to packed houses throughout the Panhandle last year, said Bill Sava, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce.

Kindergarten will play in Amarillo Jan. 21-31, then will start touring the Panhandle.

"We're very fortunate to get this quality of a production in Dimmitt," Sava said.

The appearance of the show in Dimmitt is partly underwritten by the Texas Commission of the Arts.

Based on the award winning series of books by Robert Fulgham, *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* has been called a "revue in the key of life."

Six storytellers take the audience through the entire life-cycle from kindergarten through adolescence to adulthood, old age and even death.

Sometimes whimsical, often poignant and generally hilarious, this play combines some of Fulgham's best stories with innovative staging and a fabulous rhythm and blues score.

The show offers inspiring lessons of love, loss and life.

'Public reading' and concert planned in Nazareth next week

A special "public reading" event and concert will be hosted by the Promised Land Network next week at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth.

Local residents will participate in a "Reader's Theater" covering the 1995 novel by Wendell Berry entitled, *A World Lost*. The readings will take place over four evenings at Home Mercantile.

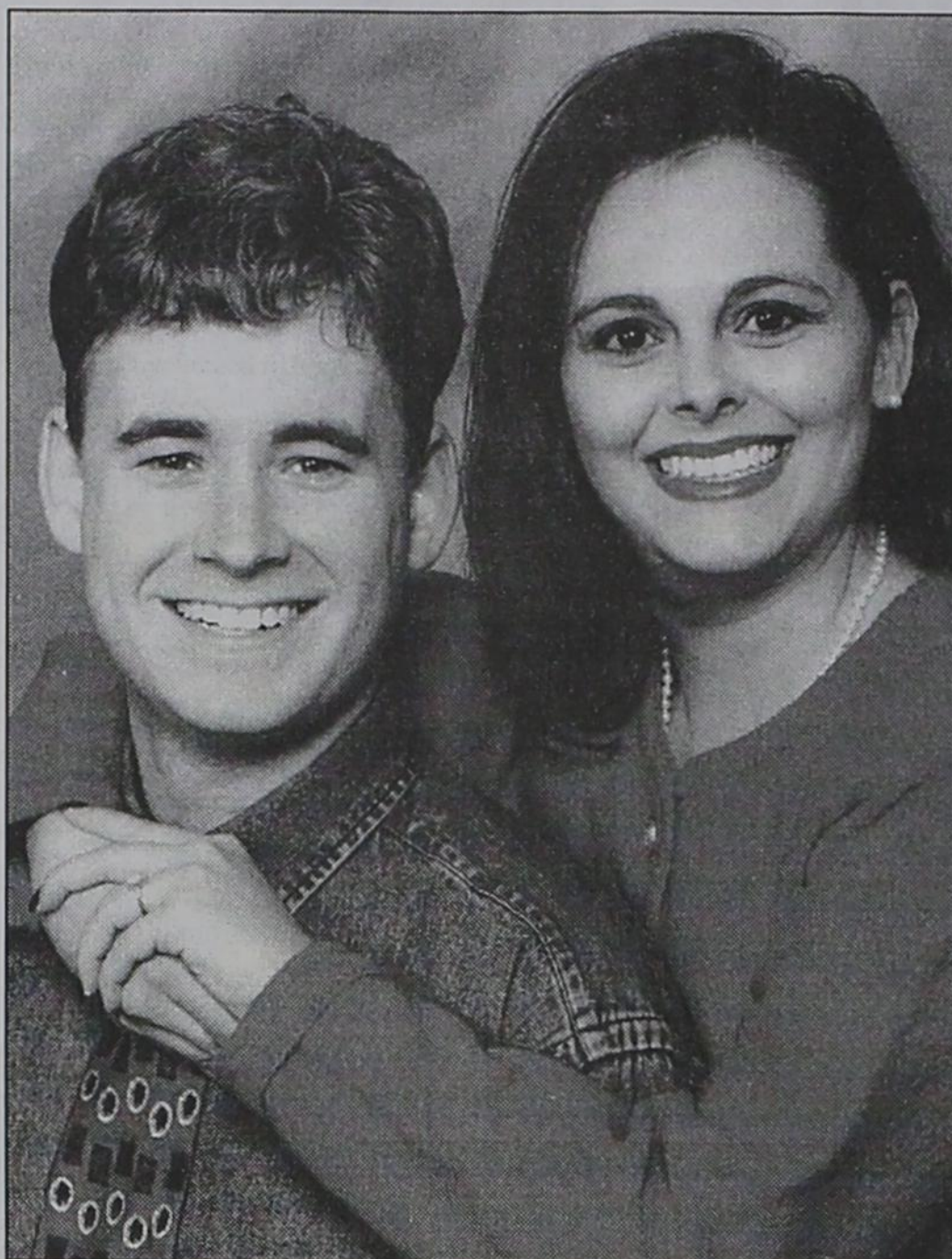
The first evening of the oral reading will be Sunday at 6:30 and those attending are invited to bring along a dish for potluck supper. Following the meal there will be a reading of five chapters of the novel, followed by discussion until 9 p.m.

Subsequent public reading will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. each night. For more information call the Promised Land Network at (806) 945-2444.

A World Lost is set in the 1940s in rural Kentucky and elegantly mirrors themes of rural life found across the US, unfolding a marvelous story that balances tragedy and quiet, shy humor. Wendell Berry is one of America's foremost rural writers, having authored over 35 books of prose, poetry and essays.

A concert also has been planned for Feb. 26 at Home Mercantile from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. The concert will feature local musical giant Lloyd Maines, formerly of Lubbock, and rising folk singer-songwriter Terri Hendrix of San Antonio.

The duo work closely together, with Maines having served as producer of both of Hendrix's albums. Admission to the concert is \$10 per person. CDs and cassettes will be on sale during the intermission.



Kyle Kenmore and Annette Christine Serrano

April wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Serrano of Lubbock announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Annette Christine, to Kyle Kenmore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Kenmore of Muleshoe.

The couple plan to exchange wedding vows on April 3 at the Caprock Winery in Lubbock.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. She holds a master's degree from Texas Tech University. She is employed by Covenant HealthCare Systems in Lubbock.

The prospective groom attends Texas Tech University and is employed by Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and University Medical Center in Lubbock.

WTRTC announces scholarship deadline

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is now accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded in May.

The scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Applicants also must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, have completed high school, or have received their GED.

The 1999 scholarships are open only to eligible, qualified applicants from the school districts of Hereford, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Lazbuddie, Dimmitt, Adrian and Vega. Scholarship monies will be disbursed in increments per semester.

Applications and rules may be picked up at the high school counselor's offices in all the school districts, except Hereford. Those must be picked up at the WTRT office on South US 385 in Hereford.

The official application form must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher, principal or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending or attended.

To be considered, the applications must be fully completed, have no attachments other than the two required letters of recommendation,

and must be received at the offices of WTRT, Box 1737, Hereford 79045, no later than April 12.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview at the discretion of the WTRT board.

WTRT scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

Recipients must maintain a minimum of 12 credit hours throughout each semester, or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

It is important that as soon as enrollment or pre-enrollment for the fall semester is completed, that recipients send the cooperative a confirmation from the registrar's office. Should a recipient drop out of school for any reason, the unused portion of the scholarship will be rescinded.

At the end of each semester, recipients are requested to send a report of their grades to WTRT Cooperative at the above box number.

The first presidential mansion was at No. 1 Cherry Street in New York City, the first U.S. capital (1789-90).

The first mechanical pencil was patented in 1879.

Deaf Smith REC to award scholarships

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

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals or counselors. Selection will be based on grade point average,

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

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

Applications must be received no later than March 12. Awards will be announced within 60 days of this date.

Rajko Ensemble to be in Hereford

The Hereford Community Concert Association will present a unique musical experience next Thursday (Feb. 25) at 7:30 p.m. with the Rajko Song and Dance Ensemble.

This is a company of professional musicians and fiery dancers who have been enjoying an international career for many years.

"The exceptional professional skills of Rajko Ensemble are due to a special educational method that concentrates on preserving a natural aptitude for improvisation," a group spokesperson said. "The dancers are known and highly regarded for their virtuosity. The company has a flexible and colorful repertoire that enables them to perform the music and dances of many genres, such as the lowlands pastoral dances of the people of Eastern Pennsylvania, and operettas, opera music, minuets and Viennese waltzes.

The ensemble has toured Europe, North and South America, Australia and the Far East. They have often appeared on national television and radio in Hungary and have a number of recordings. They are touring the US with the "Splendor of Europe"

program.

The company singers, musicians and dancers, resplendently clad in costumes, will perform everything from energetically authentic folk repertoire to waltzes and court dances, including the romantic music of Liszt and Brahms and the passionate music of the Gypsy culture.

There is one remaining concert for the current Hereford Community Concert season. Soprano Mary Burt will be featured later in the year.

Memberships for these concerts will be available at the door for the Rajko Ensemble performance or by calling any member of the group's board. For more information call 806-364-5584 or 647-3493.

Screening set March 4

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic on March 4 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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

Hamilton is listed

Dimmitt native Wesley H. Hamilton, a biology major at Howard Payne University, was named to the Dean's List for the 1998 fall semester.

He is the son of Evan and Kathleen Hamilton.

Students must record a grade point average of 3.65 to 3.99 to be included on the Dean's List.

Uh-Oh!



Anni & Ethan Scholl
Grandchildren of Guy & Yvonne Scholl, Jeanette Gaddy and Charley & Beverly Hill
Great-grandchildren of Virgie Gerber

Tarleton honors Mays

Mechell Renee Mays of Dimmitt has been listed on the A Honor roll and the Distinguished Student list for the Fall semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville.

Those on the A Honor Roll must have a 4.0 grade point ratio on the 4.0 system and are taking a minimum of 12 hours.

Distinguished Students include freshman and sophomore students who have a minimum GPR of 3.25, with no grade lower than C, and juniors and seniors who have a minimum GPR of 3.5, with no grade lower than C, and who are in good standing.

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Fish fry is Friday

The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church will hold a fish fry every Friday night through March 26. The first of the weekly fish fries will be Friday at the church's cafeteria. The menu will include fried fish, red beans, potato salad, rolls, cornbread, homemade dessert, tea and coffee. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Take-out plates will be available. Proceeds from the meals will help fund ongoing projects at the church.

Hospice Care offers training

Hospice Care, a division of the Castro County Hospital District, will offer free training classes beginning in March. The series of classes will be held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m., starting March 1. The class is for hospice volunteers, professionals who wish to enhance their training, or individuals desiring personal growth and enrichment. Volunteers are needed to become direct patient care volunteers, along with administrative volunteers. Federal regulations state that 5% of the total patient care hours must be provided by volunteers. "We are always looking for volunteers in any capacity," said Connie Nutt, director of the agency. "Volunteers can be utilized in almost anything, from reading to patients, sitting, office help, or helping in the Thrift Shop." The Hospice Care Thrift Shop is run solely by volunteers, with proceeds benefiting the local hospice patients. The volunteer course encompasses 30 hours of training in a wide variety of topics. Communication skills, grief and bereavement, and general hospice facts are among some of the topics that are covered. Those interested in registering for the classes may call Nutt, or Shelly Rice, RN, at 647-3785. You will be required to schedule an interview before beginning the hospice classes. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, but the above scheduled classes will not work for you, please call the hospice office to discuss alternative dates and times.

Public hearing set on needs of older Texans

The Area Agencies on Aging of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission and South Plains Association of governments in collaboration with the Texas Dept. on Aging (TDoA) will hold a public hearing on the current and future needs of older Texans. The hearing will be Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Swisher County Senior Citizens Association located at 619 SE Second in Tulia. Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) hold these meetings to collect public comment on area plans for services they intend to fund. Required services include information and referral, benefits counseling, case management, and nursing home ombudsman. The Dept. on Aging reviews and approves the area plans of the 28 AAA's in the state and distributes federal and state funds to the local level. These 28 plans are then folded into a state plan, which is submitted for approval to the governor and the federal Administration on Aging. The federal Older Americans Act (the federal law under which TDoA and the AAA's operate) requires both the state and area offices on aging to solicit the public's views about needs and concerns of older people. In the public hearing scheduled for this region, the hosts are asking local people not only to speak up about current and future aging concerns, but also on how funding decisions are made, how services being provided now are doing, and what gaps in services need to be filled. Serving on the hearing panel and receiving public comment will be representatives from the Texas Board on Aging, the TDoA, the AAA and a member from each AAA's local citizens advisory council. For more information on the public hearing, call 1-800-642-6008. You also may submit your views and concerns in writing to the Texas Dept. on Aging, Attention Policy and Planning Division, P.O. Box 12786, Austin 78711; or e-mail them to Christy@tdoa.state.tx.us



Kaci Schulte

Schulte presides over Texas 4-H

Kaci Schulte of Dimmitt knows the meaning of the adage, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." The freshman at West Texas A&M University spent 11 years climbing the 4-H ladder, teetered near the top, but finally reached the pinnacle. Schulte, an animal science major, is not only a member of the WTAMU collegiate 4-H Club, she is also president of the Texas 4-H Council, which presides over 640,000 4-H members. "It's an honor to be president of 4-H this year," Schulte said. "It's exciting because I have met more people this year than I ever have before." At the beginning of her senior year in high school, Schulte represented 20 counties at the District 4-H Roundup. Her campaign for presidency landed her in the final run-off election for the coveted seat. But she barely was able to give one last campaign speech before rushing home to attend the Dimmitt junior/senior prom. As a result of her early departure, Schulte's name was taken off the ballot. Fortunately, Schulte was 17 and still eligible for one more year in school-age 4-H. Elected to the 1998 District 4-H Roundup she ran again for president and won. During her reign, Schulte has met with the Texas Agriculture Commissioner and has spoken to many area 4-H groups. This month she will be making appearances at the Houston and San Antonio Livestock Shows. Wherever she goes, Schulte is proud to announce WTAMU is her school. "My brother, Royce, helped me decide to come to WT," Schulte said. "He was involved in Student Government and I saw how the university affected his life and how he affected the university." Greta Schuster, assistant professor of integrated pest management and campus 4-H advisor, said Schulte is enthusiastic about spreading the word about WTAMU and collegiate 4-H. "You can see it in her eyes," Schuster said. "When you talk about 4-H, her eyes light up. Her personality makes her a good leader." Chartered in September, WTAMU Collegiate 4-H revolves solely around community service projects, unlike school-age 4-H, which involves a variety of individual projects. "This lets us give back to the 4-H clubs we grew up in," Schulte said. Schulte's term as state president will end Sept. 1, 1999, allowing her

to devote even more time to collegiate 4-H. She and other members are currently helping local school-age 4-H kids plan and organize contests. Fundraisers are in the works as well. The club is growing ivy to sell at the Lions Club district conference, and the annual 4-H dance is also being planned. The funds will be used to host another leadership workshop next year.

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Spring Gardening Checklist

By JOHNNA L. PATTERSON
County Integrated Pest Management Agent

Here is a checklist for spring gardening.

- Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.
- Make flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it's fun to page through the garden catalogs.
- Sow seeds in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather arrives. Dr. William C. Welch suggests that petunias, begonias and impatiens be sown in early January. Warm weather plants such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds and periwinkles should be sown in late January or early February.
- Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plantings. Use one-half pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every four to six weeks, depending on rainfall. Dried blood meal is also an excellent source of fertilizer for pansies.
- You should prepare beds and garden areas for spring planting.
- Select and order gladiola corms for February and March planting. Plant at two-week intervals to prolong flowering period.
- Check junipers and other narrow-leaf evergreens for bagworm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch and start the cycle again by emerging in the spring to begin feeding on foliage. Hand removal and burning of the pouches are ways of reducing the potential damage next spring.
- The life of the plant received as a Christmas gift can be prolonged with proper care. Keep the soil moist, but provide drainage so that excess moisture can flow from the

pot. Keep the plant out of range of heating ducts and away from heating units. Keep in a cool room at night, preferably at 60 to 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

- Don't fertilize newly set out trees or shrubs until after they have started to grow and then only very lightly the first year.
- When buying plants, the biggest is not always the best, especially when dealing with bare-root plants. The medium to small sizes (4 to 6 feet) are usually become established faster and are more effective in landscaping than the larger sizes.
- Prune bush roses during February or early March. Use good shears that will make clean cuts. Dipping shears in a bleach solution of one part bleach to 10 parts water is suggested for disinfection. Remove dead, dying and weak canes. Leave four to eight healthy canes and remove approximately one-half of the top growth and height of the plant.
- Now is an excellent time to select and plant container-grown roses to fill in those bare spots in your rose garden.
- When pruning shrubs, first prune out any dead or damaged branches, then thin out by removing about one-third of the canes or stems at ground level, removing the oldest canes only. Then shape the rest of the plant, but do not cut everything back to the same height.
- Plant dahlia tubers in late February and early March.
- Water foliage plants as well as other container plants only when needed and not by the calendar.
- Climbing roses should be trained but not pruned. Weave long canes through openings in trellises or arbors and tie them with jute twine or plastic/wire plant ties. Securing canes now will prevent damage from

winter winds and contributes toward a more refined look to the garden when roses are blooming. Wait until after the spring flowering period to prune climbing or once-blooming shrub roses.

School candidate workshop slated

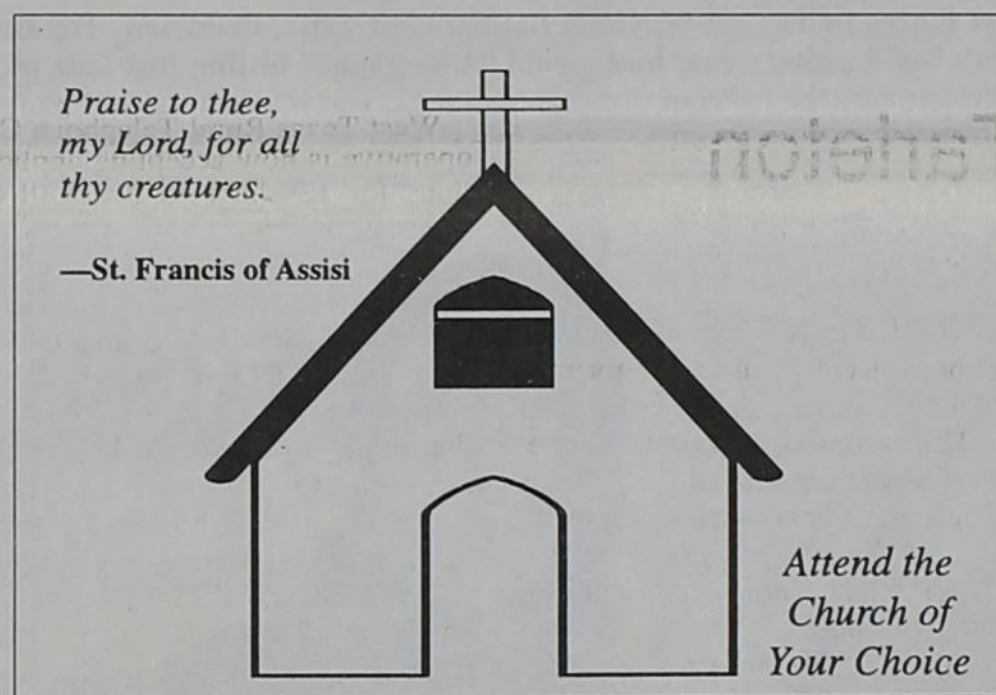
Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop next Thursday (Feb. 25) at the Region 16 Education Service Center (1601 S. Cleveland) in Amarillo. The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain the key responsibilities of board members and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view A Call to Service, a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information, call Lisa Carothers at TASSB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6161

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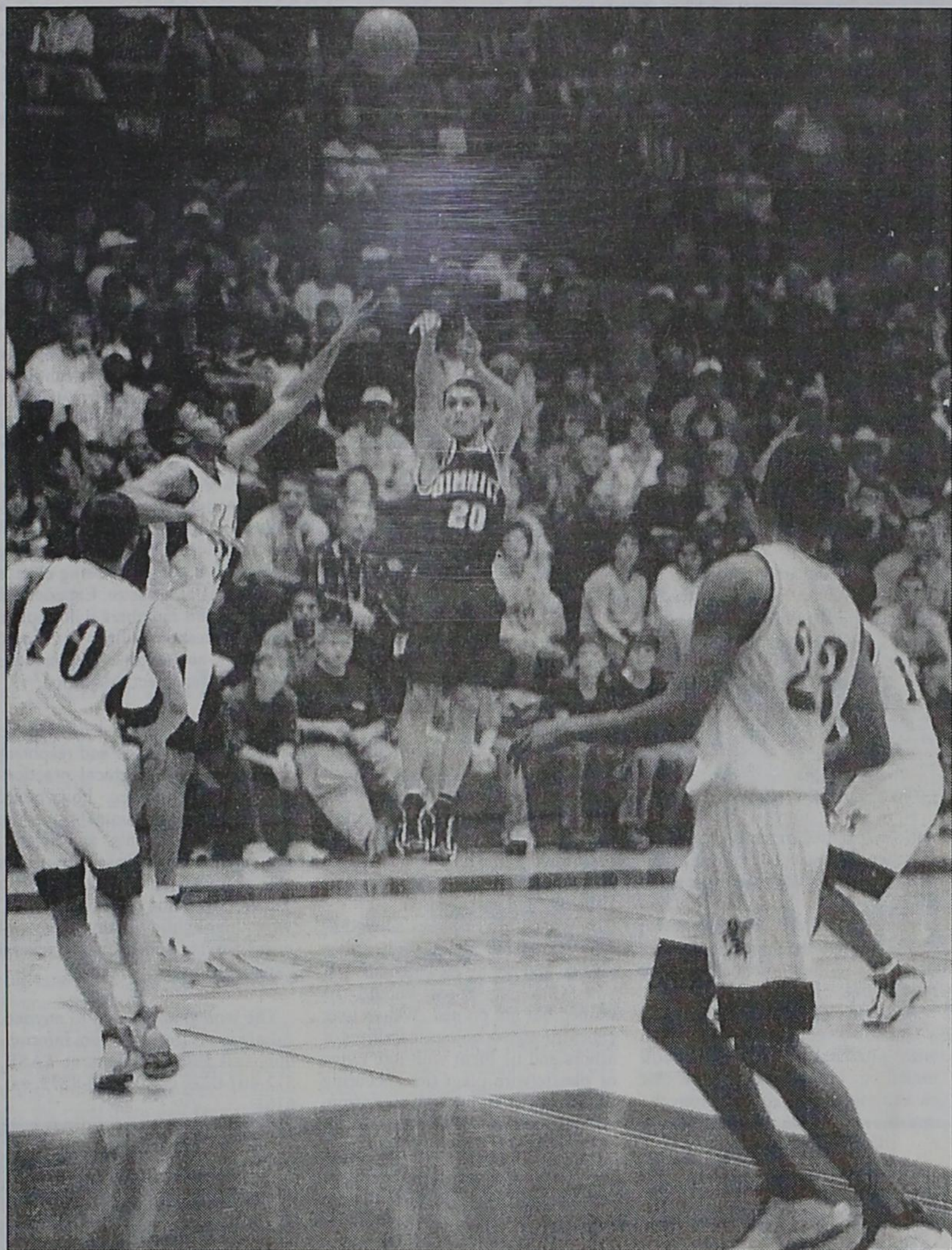
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Sports



QUICK OPENING—Dimmitt's Daniel Flores finds just enough open space outside of Tulia's ball-hawking defense to get off a three-point attempt in the District 1-AAA championship playoff Monday night

at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview. The Bobcats had a cold "long game," hitting just four of 27 from three-point range, and it was a major factor in a 47-43 loss to the Hornets. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

Hornets wrest 1-AAA crown in ragged 47-43 playoff game

It was a whale of a defensive battle, with the Bobcats leading most of the way.

But when the smoke cleared, Tulia's Hornets owned the District 1-AAA championship with a 47-43 victory in Monday night's playoff at Wayland's Hutcherson Activities Center in Plainview.

Dimmitt had won the first game at Tulia, 54-45. Tulia had won the second one at Dimmitt, 54-35.

It appeared that Monday night's tie-breaker would be a repeat of that first meeting as the Bobcats built a 17-11 lead in the first quarter and stayed in control with a 25-17 halftime advantage despite cold shooting.

But after the halftime break the tall, quick Hornets altered their offensive attack, cranked up their defensive intensity and turned it into a nip-and-tuck game.

Then in the fateful fourth quarter, while the Bobcats' shots continued to rim out, the Hornets sank 12 free throws in the last five minutes to ice the win.

Only four field goals were scored in the ragged fourth quarter—two by Tulia's Josh Barrow early, and two by Dimmitt's Jacob Larra and Daniel Flores in the final 45 seconds.

"In the first half we just made very, very poor decisions in shot selection, and showed very little patience," Tulia Coach Tommy Miller said as his jubilant players cut down the net after the game. "I thought in the third quarter we did a much better job."

"I thought the third quarter was the key," he said. "We finally came out on offense and got the ball inside some and showed some patience. That was the big key. That's what we felt like we needed to do going into the game, but sometimes in the emotion of the game, you forget that."

In fact, the Hornets got downright rattled in the first period as the Bobcats established a 16-6 lead with Derek Buckley hitting 11 points and Wesley Wright five.

It appeared that the Bobcats' long game was clicking as Buckley hit two treys and Wright one in that first-quarter run.

But in the second period, fierce defense made both offenses look ugly as the two teams went scoreless for the first three minutes of the quarter. Dimmitt scored only eight points and Tulia seven in the second.

The Bobcats rebounded against the taller Hornets much more effectively this time than in the previous two meetings. Jerry Thomas led the way with 13, and Jacob Larra and Daniel Flores snared seven each while doing a superb job of gaining position and blocking out.

Larra also paced the Bobcats in floor credits with 14, including three assists and two steals.

"I feel like they did a much better job of keeping us off of the offensive boards," Coach Miller said. "I'm sure that was their game plan, because really, that had been our whole

offense the other two games. They concentrated on Mikey (all-stater Mikey Marshall), I think, and that opened up some other things."

But you can't win if your shots don't fall, and the Bobcats logged only five field goals in the second half—three of them by Thomas, who scored all eight of Dimmitt's third-quarter points while his teammates' shots were rimming out.

"We got good looks at times, but just didn't get the ball down," Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle said. "The same shots that we've had all year weren't falling. It's going to happen, and when it does you don't look as good."

But he added, "I couldn't be prouder of our kids, the way they battled. They played hard and never gave up."

"You know, it appears that you're not doing very well when you don't score. But we were doing so many good things that the box score is not going to show, but we just didn't score."

"I hate to say neither team played well," Steinle said. "I'd say neither team shot well."

While the Bobcats were holding Marshall to nine points and 6-3 Josh Barrow to 10, Sims stepped up and became the game's top scorer with 19.

Pacing Dimmitt's scoring were Thomas with 14 and Buckley with 11.

The loss sent the Bobcats into a bi-district game against Littlefield, the third-place team in District 2-AAA. That game must be played either Monday or Tuesday; the time and place will be worked out this weekend, Steinle said.

As the district champion, Tulia draws a bye to the area round of the playoffs, but is also in the same bracket with No. 1-ranked Seminole.

So if there is to be a fourth meeting in this year's red-hot rivalry between the Bobcats and Hornets, the Tulia lads will have to knock off the Indians first.

"I hope we'll play them again," Coach Steinle said after Monday night's set-to.

Bobcats 66, Perryton 59

Jacob Larra popped a career-high 32 points to lead the Bobcats to a 66-54 win over Perryton's Rangers in the final regular-season game here Friday night.

Larra swished six three-pointers—three in the second and three in the third—and racked up 15 points in the second quarter alone to keep the Bobcats comfortably ahead of the taller Rangers.

He got his 32 points in just three quarters, then watched most of the fourth from the bench as his teammates coasted to a 12-point win.

"I didn't realize I had that many points," Larra said after the game.

"They had good jumping ability, and we guards had to step up. I was open and I just took the shots."

Larra did realize that he was "on" ("I just felt it"), and his teammates knew to feed the hot hand.

It was a good thing, too, that Larra was "on," because most of his teammates were having an off-night.

Derek Buckley with 17 was the only other Bobcat to finish in double figures. He hit three of 12 three-point attempts and was 4-of-4 inside.

Larra, Buckley and Jerry Thomas did all the Bobcats' scoring in the second and third periods. Thomas, who was doubled and tripled inside by the tall Rangers, finished with seven points.

"Jacob played probably his best game as far as scoring," Coach Alan Steinle said. "He always finds a way to help us."

It was the final game on the District 1-AAA schedule, and the win gave the Bobcats a tie with Tulia for the championship.

"I was proud of our whole team," Coach Steinle said. "Everybody played pretty well; we just didn't shoot like we know we can. But Jacob hit well and that was a big help."

The Bobcats put together a balanced 19-point barrage in the opening quarter while holding the Rangers to 10 points, six of them by 6-2 senior Cory Dear underneath.

The Rangers stayed within six to 10 points until late in the third, when Larra knocked down three quick treys and recorded a steal-and-layup and Sammy Prieto added a three-pointer—all within the final 1:40—to give the Bobcats a huge 56-39 advantage going into the final frame.

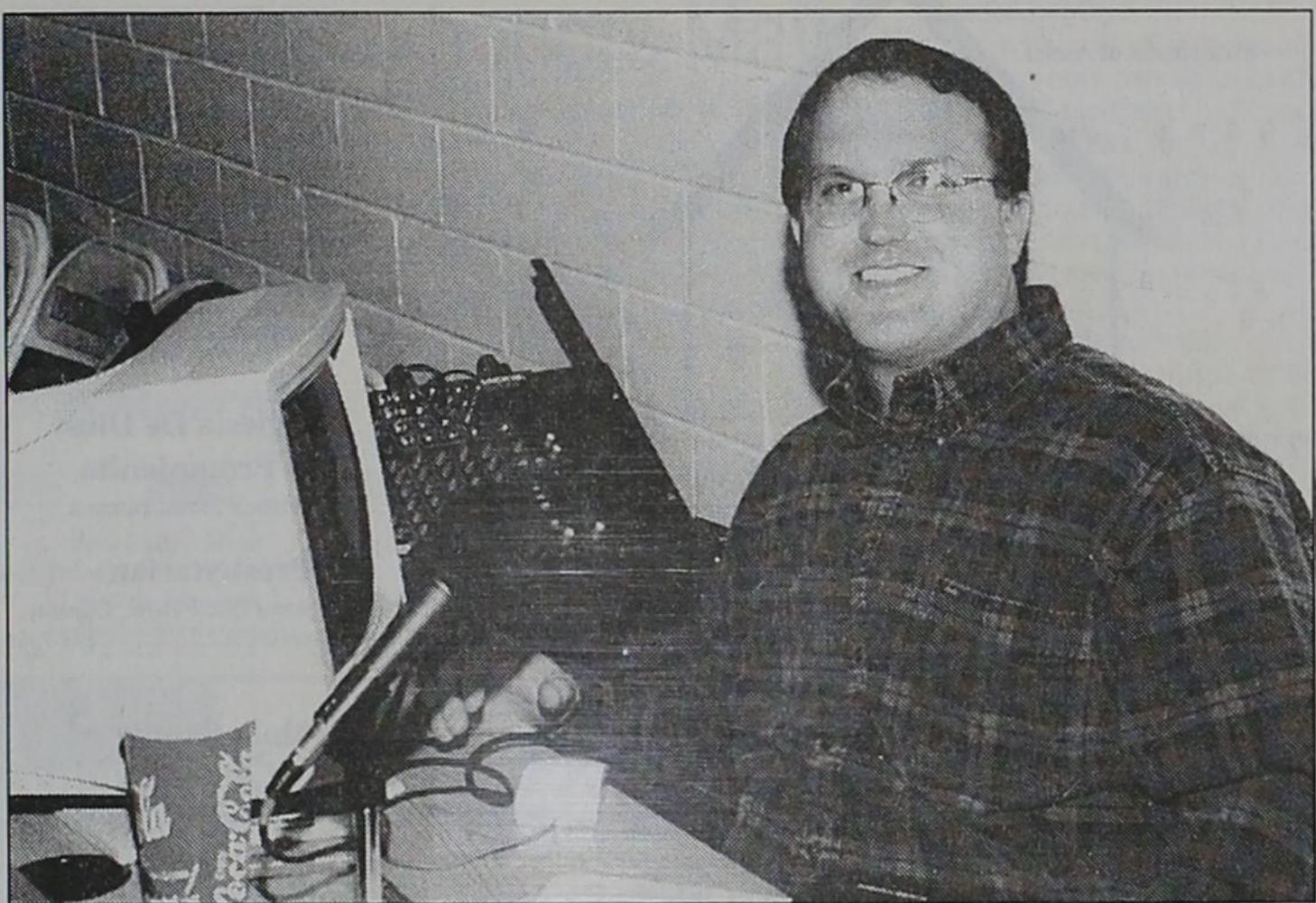
In the fourth, after treys by Buckley and Wright, a steal and snowbird layup by Buckley and a rebound and put-up by Taylor Matthews, the Rangers scored the game's final 13 points, reducing a 66-41 deficit to 66-54 by the final buzzer.

Of Dimmitt's 66 points, 33 came from three-pointers.

Larra hit six of 11 three-point shots (55%) to go with 5-of-8 from two-point range and 4-of-5 from the free-throw line.

Larra also snared 10 rebounds and racked up 16 credits on his floor play to complete a monster game. He was charged with only one mistake.

Thomas led in team rebounding with 11, while Flores was the team leader in floor play with 17 credits.



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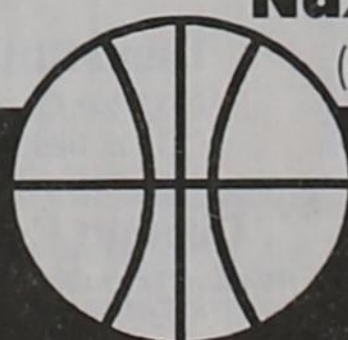
(against Slaton Friday at 7:30 p.m., tentative)

Dimmitt Bobcats in Bi-District

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inside to the posts, but if you cover too much inside, they'll kick it back out to the guards for a three. Their point guard is good at penetrating, too.

The winner of the Dimmitt-Littlefield bi-district game will face District 4-A champion Crane in the area round.

Nazareth vs. Adrian

Adrian (8-18) beat Texline, 56-48, Tuesday night to claim the No. 2 spot in District 7-A, and Adrian will face Nazareth in a bi-district game Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Caprock High School.

Adrian, 8-18 on the year, features Jason Hall and Matt Briggs, who finished with 19 and 18 points, respectively, against Texline on Tuesday.

Hall is Adrian's point guard and has been one of his team's leading scorers this season, along with Briggs, who is one of the featured players in the paint.

Nazareth Coach Mike Scarbrough said he's not very familiar with Adrian yet, but was expecting to get game films on the team Wednesday afternoon.

"I know that their two posts

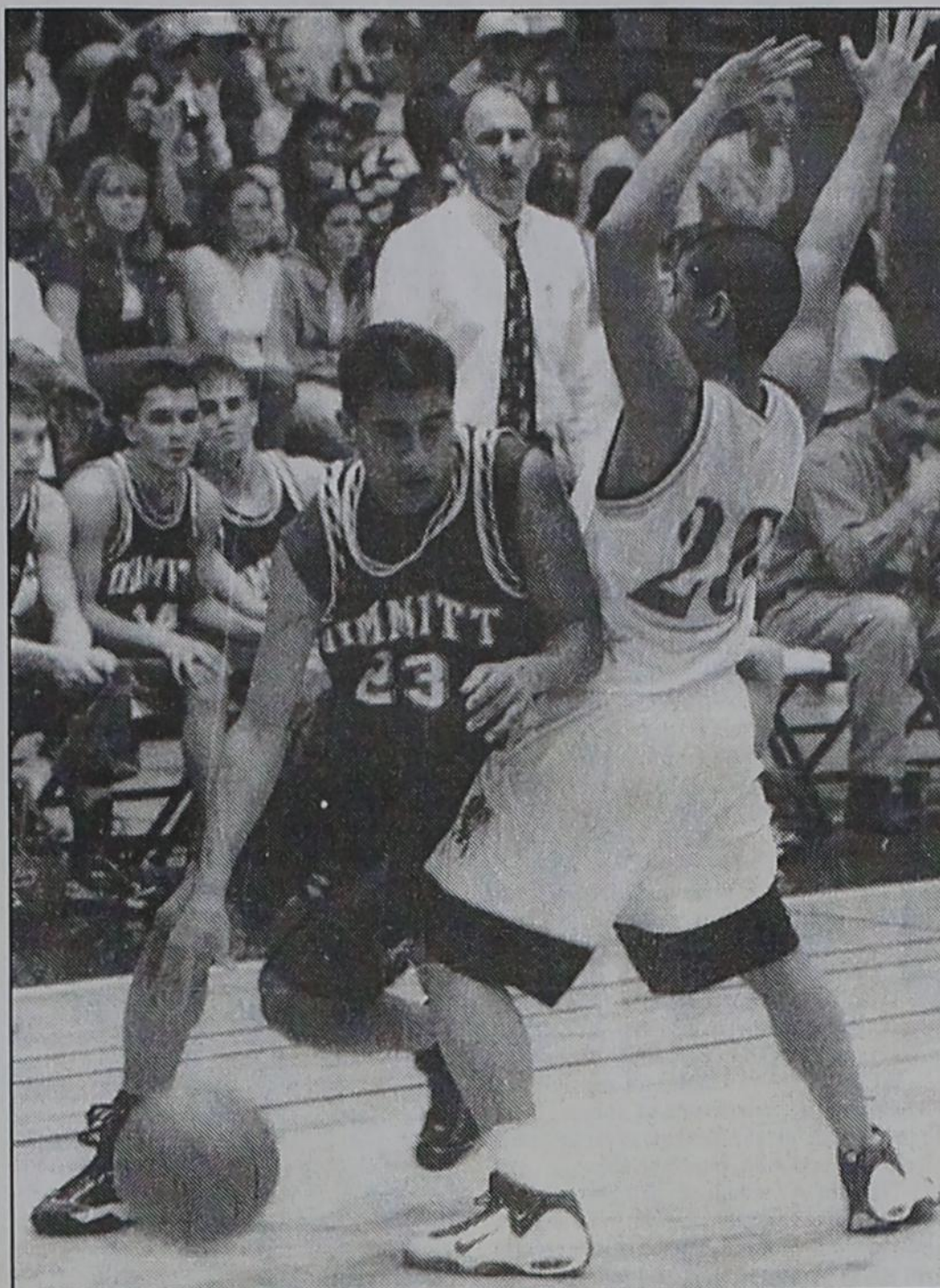
inside are about 6-1, so they don't have tremendous size. They play a zone on defense and they're fundamentally sound," Scarbrough said.

He said the Swifts (15-11) must improve in several areas if they hope to win bi-district and keep advancing in the playoffs.

In a practice game against Farwell Tuesday night, the Swifts blew a 12-point lead in the third quarter, missed some free throws down the stretch and turned the ball over late in the game, allowing Farwell to come from behind for a 71-65 overtime win.

"We didn't execute well enough to win a good, close game, and we're going to have to improve our consistency," Scarbrough said. "Two areas that we've got to improve on are rebounding and defense. We've got to step it up in those areas. We're getting better on offense, we just need to stay focused on defense—that's what got us here."

If the Swifts beat Adrian, they will face either Gruver or Allison in the area round.



PUSH!—Dimmitt's Jacob Larra (23) runs into a lot of resistance from Tulia's Kevin Gomez (20) as he tries to drive inside during the District 1-AAA championship playoff game in Plainview Monday night. In background is Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle. The Hornets won the closely fought game, 47-43. Photo by Carter Townsend

Corn growers to meet

Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, has announced that the group's 26th annual meeting will be held Feb. 26 in Dimmitt at the County Expo Building.

Featured speakers will include Larry Mitchell of the USDA Farm Service Agency in Washington, D.C.; David Senter, a consultant for the American Corn Growers and TCGA; Keith Dittich of Nebraska, president of American Corn Growers; and Ray Joe Riley, local farmer.

Registration for the event will start at 8 a.m., with sessions slated to begin at 9:30 a.m. The Expo building is located at 403 SE Fourth in Dimmitt. There is no registration charge and a luncheon is included.

The meal is sponsored by the TCGA and prepared by local members of W.I.F.E. (Women Involved in Farm Economics). The menu will include brisket, potato casserole, beans, cole slaw, rolls, tea, and chocolate cake.

In addition, credit for 2½ Continuing Education Units will be offered for those who attend the Extension portion of the program in the afternoon. It will be moderated by Johnna Patterson, Extension Agent for Castro and Lamb counties-Integrated Pest Management.

Presenters for the Extension will include: Clay Salisbury of Amarillo, Calvin Trostle of Lubbock, Leon New of Amarillo, Pat Porter of Lubbock, and Patterson.

Scoreboard

FRIDAY		TUESDAY	
Bobcats 66, Perryton 54		Practice Game	
Dimmitt	19 19 18 10 —66	Swifts 65, Farwell 71 (OT)	
Perryton	10 18 11 15 —54	Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 23, Cameron McLain 10. Record: Nazareth 15-11.	
Dimmitt—Jacob Larra 32, Derek Buckley 17. Perryton—McLarty 12. Records: Dimmitt 23-9, 9-1.		Practice Game	
MONDAY		Bobbies 61, Palo Duro 76	
For District 1-AAA No. 1 Seed		Dimmitt 18 17 7 19 —61	
Bobcats 43, Tulia 47		Palo Duro 14 17 28 17 —76	
Dimmitt	17 8 8 10 —43	Dimmitt—Tonya Robertson 17, Shawna Kenworthy 14, Heather Wise 12. Palo Duro—Jackson 38, Harper 13. Record: Dimmitt 20-10.	
Tulia	11 7 13 16 —47		
Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 14, Derek Buckley 11. Tulia—Sims 19, Barrow 10.			

Good Luck to our District Champion Bobbies
in your Area Game against Slaton.
 (Tentatively set for Friday, 7:30 p.m. at South Plains College Texan Dome in Levelland)

Good Luck, Bobcats
in your Bi-District Game against Littlefield.
 (Game to be played Monday or Tuesday night. Game site and time to be announced.)

Bobbies	Bobcats
22, Randall 42	61, Randall 69
32, Levelland 52	81, Levelland 72
56, Borger 49	61, Borger 43
Queen's Classic	67, Farwell 48
58, Lockney 66	49, Hereford 54
80, Ray 75	Pioneer Classic
72, Vega 62	59, Lubbock High 61
<i>Consolation Champions</i>	67, Lubbock Estacado 44
43, Hereford 32	75, Plainview 48
54, Amarillo High 66	47, El Paso 52
57, Muleshoe 42	70, Muleshoe 82
Seminole Tournament	Seminole Tournament
87, Hobbs 76	50, Denver City 62
66, Andrews 38	77, Andrews 53
63, Seminole 66	71, Pampa 57
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>Consolation Champions</i>
54, Friona 43	56, Friona 37
52, Coronado 90	44, Coronado 54
Caprock Tournament	Caprock Tournament
38, Whiteface 49	62, El Paso Bowie 51
74, Lubbock Estacado 80	66, Lubbock High 61
72, Trinity Christian 48	58, Frenship 69
50, Littlefield 38	65, Trinity Christian 70
35, Slaton 52	60, Littlefield 56
58, Perryton 48	76, Slaton 42
60, Tulia 45	74, Muleshoe 70
60, River Road 43	54, Tulia 45
58, Sanford-Fritch 46	71, River Road 45
75, Dalhart 56	62, Sanford-Fritch 56
57, Tulia 37	71, Dalhart 50
86, Perryton 80	35, Tulia 54
53, Sanford-Fritch 34	64, Perryton 60
65, River Road 57	66, Sanford-Fritch 64
63, Dalhart 57	79, River Road 53
61, Palo Duro 76	60, Dalhart 48
District Record: 10-0	66, Perryton 54
Season Record: 20-10	43, Tulia 47
	District Record: 9-1
	Season Record: 23-10



Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas (22) attempts a shot over Tulia's Mikey Marshall (23)

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 18-26.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh banana and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, pineapple juice and milk.
MONDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple slices and milk.
TUESDAY: Corn Pops cereal, apple juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh banana and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Sloppy Jane on a roll, Spanish rice, gelatin and milk.
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, savory green beans, peaches and milk.
MONDAY: Fish nuggets, tater tots, fruited gelatin, hot cheese rolls and milk.
TUESDAY: Hamburger on a bun, Frito corn chips, hamburger salad, cherry cobbler and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas, orange wedges, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Cheese enchilada with sauce, refried beans, guacamole salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, whole new potatoes, mixed vegetables, hot wheat rolls and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of beef taco, sloppy Jane on a roll or chicken tetrazzini; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice or southern collard greens; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of sliced ham, chicken pot pie or Chili Fritos; savory green beans, baked potato or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, peaches or pineapple sunset salad; tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of barbecued hot links on a bun, beef enchiladas with sauce or fish nuggets; vegetable medley, tater tots or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or fruited gelatin; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a bun, lasagna with ground beef or beef stew; Frito corn chips, broccoli with cheese sauce

or baked beans; tossed salad, hamburger salad, cherry cobbler or cauliflower salad; garlic bread, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak, beef tamale pie or chicken taco; mashed potatoes and gravy, seasoned black-eyed peas or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; banana bread squares, hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of turkey and dressing surprise, nachos with cheese or fajitas with sauteed onions; whole new potato, candied sweet potatoes or mixed vegetables; fruit fantasy, tossed salad, coleslaw or pears; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast sausage pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Waffles, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast burrito with salsa, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, banana muffin, assorted fruit juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancakes, peanut butter, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or steak finger basket; rolls, gravy, green beans, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets; cornbread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or nachos with ground beef; salad, gelatin dessert, pinto beans, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fruit juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or

steak finger basket; rolls, gravy, green beans, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or pizza, macaroni and cheese, salad, carrot sticks, gelatin dessert, royal brownies, ice cream and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or oven-fried chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli and cheese, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets; cornbread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk.

High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of steak finger basket or chicken sandwich; rolls, gravy, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, chicken sandwich or enchilada with tortilla pieces; salad, fruit cocktail, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, burrito or nachos with ground beef; salad, dill pickles, gelatin dessert, pinto beans, salad, fruit cocktail, assorted fruit juice and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of steak finger basket or submarine sandwich, peaches, green beans, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of burrito, corn dog or pizza; macaroni and cheese, salad, carrot sticks, gelatin dessert, royal brownies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, corn dog or oven-fried chicken, rolls, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli and cheese, carrot sticks, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of Fish sandwich, corn dog or fish nuggets; cornbread, potato wedges, salad, fruit cocktail, fresh fruit, peanut butter cookies and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.
MONDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
TUESDAY: Waffles and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Burrito or baked potato with chili, salad, pinto beans, apples, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Bean chalupe or cheese pizza, salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Chili dog or baked potato, salad, corn, fruit and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Ham sandwich, ham and turkey hoagie or corn dog; tater tots, lettuce, applesauce, dump cake and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Nacho or corn dog, salad, beans, fruit and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Fried chicken or steak fingers, salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, dessert and milk.
FRIDAY: * Bean chalupe or cheese pizza, tossed salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, cherry dessert and milk or juice.



BATTLE IN THE PAINT—Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas (22) and Derek Buckley (10) battle Tulia all-stater Mikey Marshall (23) for a rebound during the District 1-AAA championship playoff game Monday night at Wayland Baptist University, Plainview. In background is Dimmitt guard Wesley Wright. The taller Hornets snared 37 rebounds to the Bobcats' 28, and won the game, 47-43. Photo by Carter Townsend

ACGA expects continued growth of oxygenated fuels

Those who are singing the blues over future market growth for oxygenated fuels are ignoring the reality of expanding demand and optimistic forecasts, according to officials with the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA). ACGA believes that 1999 will bring continued growth to this important industry. While lower prices for ethanol and MTBE (the current California

dilemma), and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new standard for reformulated gasoline beginning in 2000 are hurdles that need to be overcome, the long range projections for both oxygenates looks very promising, according to ACGA officials. The development of OxyDiesel and the commercial of ETBE only add more confidence to market increases, according to ACGA.

The success of the reformulated gasoline (RFG) program, comprised on MTBE and ethanol, is unquestioned in cleaning up America's air and in reductions in respiratory disease. This same RFG program is why the Freedonia Group, an international research company, forecast a 10.8% growth in the demand for oxygenated fuels.

For ethanol, the news is equally optimistic. Expansion of ethanol production caused by the growing demand for ethanol in RFG areas, coupled with the OxyDiesel and ETBE markets is good news for corn growers and ethanol producers. Attempts to duplicate the Minnesota model for a 2.7 oxygen mandate in Iowa, Nebraska and other corn-belt states and the realization that California will open some of its market to ethanol this coming year also adds to the feelings of hope and encouragement.

Established industries that have superior environmental benefits. The desire for Americans to breathe cleaner air and to reduce our dependence on foreign sources of oil are the major factors for continued growth of all oxygenated fuels.

WIC clinic sets Saturday hours

The WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Office in Dimmitt at 113 W. Bedford will be open Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to meet the needs of working families. The office is open on the third Saturday of each month, in addition to its regular hours during the week. No appointment is necessary, and walk-ins are welcome. For more information, call the local office at 806-647-4240 during regular business hours.

Clover Kids to meet Wednesday

The Clover Kids from Castro County will meet Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Extension office. This month's program will be on seat belt safety. All kindergarten, first graders and second graders are invited to attend.

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Water management course is continuing

The Dryland Agriculture Institute and the Continuing Education Center at West Texas A&M University is utilizing the Panhandle Information Network (PIN) on three evenings—two in February and one in March—to present a course on water management.

The first session of "Agricultural Water Management" was held Feb. 16. The second session will be from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, and again on March 2 at Hart High School through PIN, an Internet consortium that links dozens of Panhandle school districts to the information superhighway. The course also will be available at high schools in Spearman and Sunray. It will originate from the Hastings Electronic Learning Center of WTAMU's Cornette Library, and may be attended there as well. Participants at each site will be able to communicate via PIN's interactive televisions.

Cost of the course, which will focus on basic principals of water conservation and water-use efficiency, is \$45. The first session dealt with the relationship between soil and water. The second will pertain to

the relationship between crops and water, and the final one will be aimed at soil fertility. Participants must sign up for the course in its entirety, even if they are unable to attend all three sessions.

Continuing education units will be awarded to participants attending the course, which is particularly valuable for crop advisors who need periodic re-certification in Texas.

The course is being taught by Dr. Bob Stewart, distinguished professor of agriculture and director of the Dryland Agriculture Institute, and by Dr. Clay Robinson, assistant professor of plant science.

Farmers, county agents, resource conservationists, crop consultants and other professionals interested in maximizing the use of precipitation and limited irrigation resources are encouraged to enroll in the course.

This is the university's fourth year to offer the course, but it is the first time it will be presented through PIN.

For more information or to register, call the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.



THANKS!—Mary Bradley (right) of the Dimmitt FFA presents auctioneer Jack Howell with an engraved, hand-made pen in appreciation for his help with the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and Sale. The club presented pens to each of the auctioneers who worked the sale Saturday afternoon. Photo by Anne Acker

Disaster assistance provisions to be outlined at meeting here

A meeting outlining the disaster assistance program will be held today (Thursday) in the meeting room at Dimmitt City Hall.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and all producers who think they might qualify for the program are urged to attend.

The final date to sign up for the disaster program hasn't been established yet.

"If you did not have insurance and suffered a loss during the 1998 production year, you should take a production evidence form to your elevator or gin for completion and bring it with you to the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office at your designated appointment time," said Trish Elliott, FSA county executive director.

"If you had 1998 insurance, we will use the production evidence records downloaded to us from the Risk Management Agency (RMA) and the production evidence form will not be needed," Elliott said.

"If you are applying for 1998 cotton, then you will also need a recap showing average loan quality."

Elliott said FSA staff members will be taking appointments for the disaster program sign-up during the public meeting, but those who cannot attend the meeting should call 647-2153, Extension 2, to make an appointment.

The basic provisions of the disaster assistance program are as follows:

Types of Assistance

Farmers are eligible for compensation either for losses suffered to the 1998 crops (single

year) or losses in any three or more crop years between 1994 and 1998 (multi-year). Farmers can receive payments under either the single-year or multi-year provisions, but not both. USDA will make payments at the higher of the two levels.

Eligible crops

The 1998 single-year provisions of this program are as follows:

* Insured crops—crops insured with either catastrophic (CAT) or buy-up coverage of 50/100 or greater insurance.

* Uninsured crops—Crops for which crop insurance was available, but not taken.

* Non-insurable crops—Crops for which crop insurance was not available.

The multi-year provisions of this program covers both insured and non-insurable crops.

Payment calculation

For 1998 single-year losses, farmers will be compensated if their losses exceed 35% of historic yields. The payment formulas below provide greater benefits to farmers who bought insurance on their eligible crops.

Farmers with eligible losses of insured crops will be compensated at 65% of crop insurance market price elections.

Farmers with eligible losses to uninsured crops will be compensated at 60% of the crop insurance market price elections, and must agree to buy crop insurance for the 1999 and 2000 crop years.

Farmers with eligible losses of

non-insurable crops will be compensated at 65% of the five-year average National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) price. Non-insured crop disaster assistance program (NAP) area loss triggers will not apply.

Historic yields will be based on the greater of the five-year average NASS county yield, the crop insurance yield or the NAP expected yield.

Under the multi-year provisions of this program, USDA will compensate insured farmers with losses in three or more years from 1994 through 1998 with an additional payment equal to 25% of insurance claim payments made during that period.

USDA will compensate farmers with eligible losses on non-insurable crops with an additional payment equal to 25% of what their NAP payments were or would have been had they received NAP payments. NAP area loss triggers will not apply.

Incentive to buy crop insurance

Up to \$400 million will be used as an incentive for farmers to buy higher levels of crop insurance in the future.

All farmers will get a special 25 to 35% premium discount on buy-up coverage.

This incentive is the first element of USDA's plan to strengthen the crop insurance portion of the farm safety net for future years.

Adjustments and limits to benefits

Payments to farmers will be prorated after all applications are reviewed in order to stay within the program's requirements and budget. No farmer will receive more than \$80,000 under this program nor more than \$80,000 in crop insurance incentive.

No one with an annual gross income of \$2.5 million or more is eligible.

Beef checkoff report available

Texas beef producers who want details on how their beef checkoff dollars are invested can call the Texas Beef Council (TBC) at 1-800-846-4113 for a copy of the fiscal year 1998 state/national annual report.

"The annual report is a low-cost, low-budget look at how our checkoff dollars go to build demand for beef," said Clay Birdwell of Canyon, chairman of TBC's communications committee. "Producers who want additional information can also request an audited financial statement from TBC."

Beef producers also may write to request either the summary or the audited financial statement. Contact TBC at 8708 Ranch Road 620 North, Austin 78726.

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25—Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CASTRO

By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Judicial District Court of Castro County in the following cases on the 27th day of January, 1999, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell at 11 a.m. on the 2nd day of March, 1999, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the OFFICIAL door of the Court-house of said CASTRO County, in the City of DIMMITT, Texas, the following described property located in CASTRO County, to-wit:

Cause No. 94-04-B-6767-CV, Castro County vs. Glover, Nadine, as Executrix of Cornelius Garfield Estate. All of Lot No. Two (2) in Block Number Fifty-one (51) of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. B6963-TX-0895, Castro County vs. Martinez, Jose P. All of Lot Nos. Fourteen (14) and Fifteen (15) of a Subdivision of the Northeast part of Section 84, Block M-7, lying North of US Highway 385, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. 97-06-B-7219-TX, Castro County vs. Rogers, Leitha, Malissa Rogers. All of Lot Number Twelve (12) in Block Number Five (5) of the Original Town of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.

Cause No. A7010-TX-1295, Castro County vs. Cordova, Juan. TRACT 1: All of Tract No. 80, of Coronado Acres, a Subdivision of 436.46 acres out of the Southwest part of Section 84, Block M-7, lying Southwest of US Highway 385, in Castro County, Texas.

BID NOTICE
The Dimmitt Independent School District will accept proposals to purchase one (1) gasoline- or diesel-powered school bus. The proposals shall be in the Dimmitt School District's business office at 608 West Halsell Street, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, no later than 3 p.m. on Feb. 26, 1999. Proposal envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner, "School Bus Proposal."

Specifications may be obtained from Mr. Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, at the School Administration Office.
Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive formalities. 25-45-2tc

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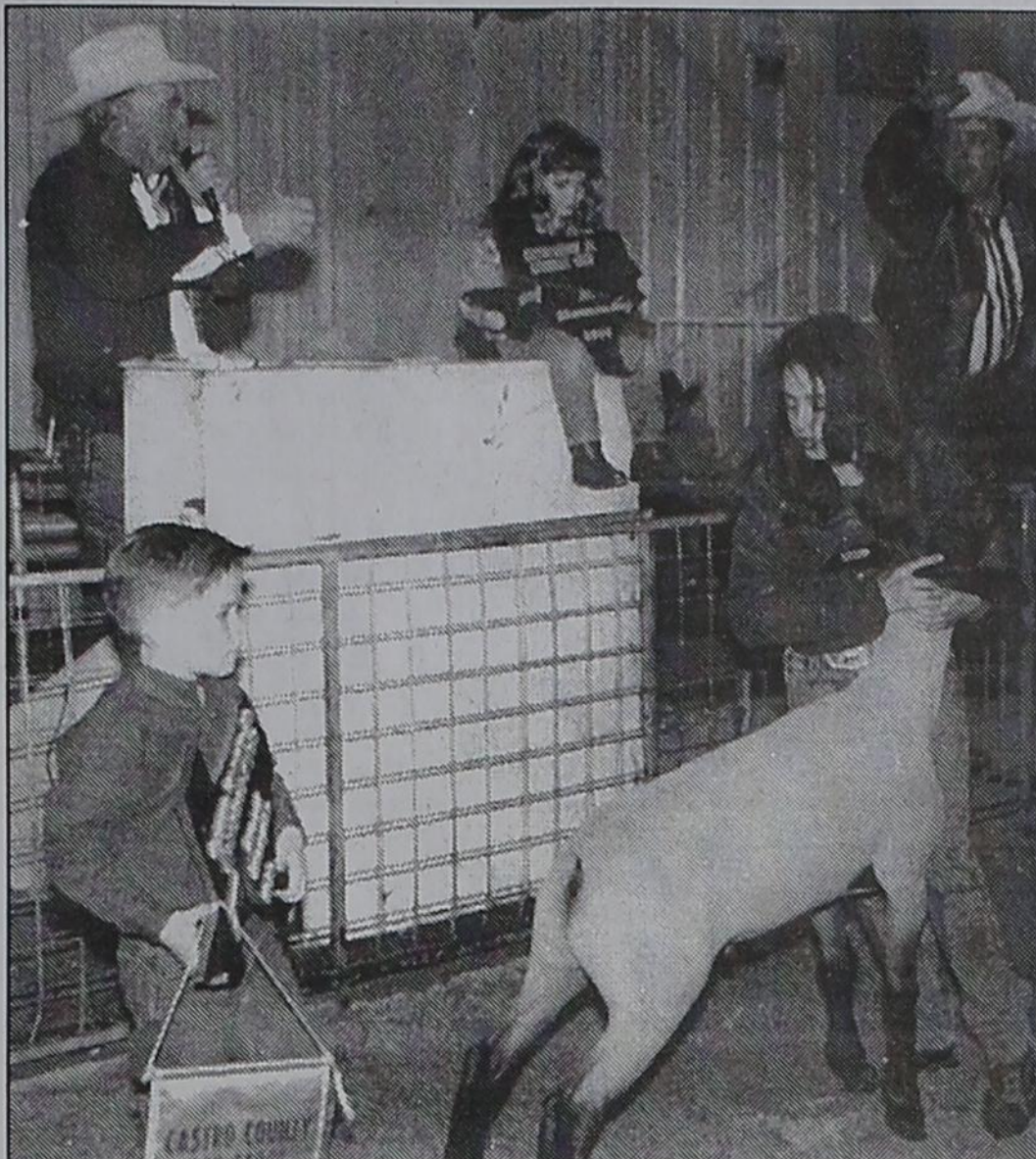
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Dimmitt Independent School District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any formalities on quotes received.

Dimmitt ISD is not required to select the lowest quote, but shall take into consideration other factors such as ability to service the contract, past experience and financial stability.

Specifications and instructions can be obtained from Johnny W. Hill, Business Manager, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027; (806) 647-3101 or (806) 647-5433 fax. 25-46-2tc



LEAD-OFF BIDDING—Raynee Bradley of Dimmitt leads her grand champion lamb into the sale ring Saturday afternoon to kick off this year's premium sale held in conjunction with the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Working to earn Bradley a top bid is auctioneer Jack Howell. Bradley's little brother, Beau, is holding her championship banner. Photo by Don Nelson

Register vehicles in county of residence

Texas residents who register and title their motor vehicles in other states are being warned that their actions are subject to penalty. The Texas Dept. of Transportation is calling on motorists to correct any discrepancies that might exist.

"The law requires Texans to register and title their motor vehicles in their county of residence," said Jerry Dike, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division. "Registering and titling a vehicle in a neighboring jurisdiction robs the State of Texas and its counties of valuable transportation dollars."

In Texas, the majority of registration and titling fees go into a special highway fund that's used for state transportation projects. During fiscal year 1998 (Sept. 1, 1997 to Aug. 31, 1998), TxDOT deposited \$679 million of registration fees into the highway fund and another \$14 million in titling fees. The state's 254 county tax assessor-collector offices kept \$359 million for being TxDOT's statutory agents for registration and titling, as well as for county roads and bridges.

Individuals aren't the only ones who have been registering and titling vehicles in neighboring states. Some motor vehicle dealers are also engaged in the practice. When a Texas consumer buys a vehicle from a Texas dealer, state law requires that the dealer register the vehicle in the county where the vehicle was pur-

chased or financed, or the county where the buyer resides. A dealer may apply for registration in another state only if the customer is a resident of that state.

"We actively enforce the regulations that require dealers to apply for title and registration of vehicles on behalf of their customers," said Brett Bray, director of TxDOT's Motor Vehicle Division. "We will seek additional penalties when we determine that a dealer has registered vehicles outside of Texas in violation of this law."

Several jurisdictions have stepped up enforcement of motor vehicle registration and titling. In El Paso, police have set up random checkpoints to ensure compliance. The New Mexico Dept. of Motor Vehicles also is contemplating a policy that would require motorists to show verifiable proof of New Mexico residency before issuing registration and titling.

Police Calls

A 38-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Sunday night in the investigation of an incident of sexual assault.

Vernon Hasley of Dimmitt told police Sunday morning that someone had struck his fence on Southwest Fifth Street and did an estimated \$50 in damage to it.

On Feb. 9, Tuffy Dement at C&T Fertilizer told deputies that someone had taken a Honda GX 160 engine and pump from the business the previous day.

Saturday, Glen Salyer told deputies that \$5,080-worth of items have been taken over the last six weeks from one of his Gifford-Hill brand center pivots. His farm is in the northwest part of the county.

Suspects jailed during the past week in incidents involving alcohol included:

—Two Dimmitt men, ages 35 and 19, who were jailed Feb. 10 to serve time after court for DWI, first offense.

—Early Saturday, a Tulia man, 31, for DWI, first offense, breath test refused.

—Early Sunday, two Dimmitt men, ages 29 and 20, for DWI, first offense; and Sunday afternoon, a Dimmitt man, 41, for public intoxication.

—Early Monday, a Dimmitt man, 28, for DWI, first offense.

Jailed on warrants or for violation of probation during the past week were:

—A Dimmitt man, 42, on Feb. 10 for violation of probation out of Farmer County, stemming from theft of livestock and also for failure to identify.

—A Dimmitt man, 37, on Feb. 10 on a warrant for theft over \$500 and under \$1,500.

—Last Thursday morning, an Amarillo man, 28, on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from DWI charges.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 25, for violation of probation on deadly conduct charges out of Hale County; a 25-year-old Friona man on a DPS warrant for speeding; an 18-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for telephone harassment.

Feb. 8, a 1995 Chevrolet Camaro driven by June Norman, 36, of Dimmitt, was eastbound on West Etter and failed to yield right of way at a yield sign, striking a 1986 Ford pickup driven south on Northwest Third by Sharlene Pennington, 32, of

Dimmitt. Damage to the car was rated light to moderate, while the pickup had light damage. Norman was not injured, while Pennington was listed with possible injuries. Norman was given a ticket for failure to yield right of way at a yield sign.

Feb. 10, a 1977 Dodge driven by Joe Anthony Beams, 44, of Dimmitt backed out of a parking area at a business in the 200 block of Southeast Third and struck a 1992 Mercury Marquis which was parked behind the Dodge. The Mercury was driven by Jewell Connell, 80, of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light and no injuries were reported. Beams was given a ticket for backing without safety, and Connell was ticketed for parking on the wrong side of the street.

Monday morning, a 1994 Ford pickup driven by Doris Wait, 51, of Dimmitt, backed out of a driveway in the 500 block of Southwest Fourth, and struck a 1990 Buick Skylark driven by Luz Zambrano Sifuentez, 36, of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light, and no injuries were reported. Wait was given a ticket for backing without safety.

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ring.

The Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal* had a really good feature story on Junior Sunday, on the front page of the sports section. It was written by staffer Sam Scott as part of the newspaper's Black History Month series.

Both Junior and Sam had some glowing things to say about Dimmitt, a town where Junior said he could be himself, grow and blossom among friends who didn't worry about skin color.

It had not been that way in South Central Texas where he spent his boyhood before moving to Dimmitt, he said. He described Dimmitt as "an oasis."

The A-J article recalls again—as we have done several times in this paper—the story of the lifetime friendship that developed when a white classmate tossed the new black kid a basketball and asked if he'd like to shoot a few.

The black kid had never played basketball before, but would become an all-star at it.

The white kid would become a US congressman and later chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission — Kent Hance.

They and their high school teammates lived history, and blazed a story of their own across Texas that

rivals the classic "Hoosiers" in human interest.

"The big thing was the parents and the city," Junior said of his Dimmitt experience. "Most young kids react to their parents and their surroundings. It has to be attributed to parents who believed there was good and bad in every person and every race. That's the way they taught their kids, to accept people the way they were and to not pass judgment."

Another Dimmitt High School sports legend, the late Coach Ken Cleveland, was featured recently in the *Amarillo Globe-News*.

That article prompted Christopher Black of the *Childress Index* to write in his column, "The Paperboy":

"I noticed where Kenneth Cleveland, former Dimmitt High School boys' basketball coach, was named one of the 20th century's top sports figures on the Golden Spread.

"Cleveland took over at Dimmitt when he was 24 and coached until his death in 1993, when he was struck by lightning near Las Vegas, N.M. He was 57 years old.

"In his 32 years at Dimmitt, Cleveland was 887-227 overall, ninth best in the US at the time of his death. He also won district 27 times including 18 in a row, and led the Bobcats to 10 state tournaments, winning (the state championship) three times.

"When I was a senior at Lubbock Coronado, we were playing in the second round of the Caprock Holiday Tournament against Dimmitt at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum.

"During the game, I tore my anterior cruciate ligament, ending my career. Dimmitt upset us that day by two points, but it was what happened after the game which will stick with me forever.

"Already on crutches, I remember sitting in a somber dressing room after the game when Coach Cleveland and his entire team entered.

"Without saying a word to anybody, Coach Cleveland came up to me and shook my hand and told me how sorry he was to see that happen to me. Not only that, but every member of his team came up to me and shook my hand. I was very touched by the gesture and to this day it has remained a significant memory.

"I would have never thought about it had Dimmitt just gone to their own dressing room. Instead, Coach Cleveland thought it was important enough to visit me. Not only was the guy a winner on the court, he was a genuine person and a gentleman off the court."

(My thanks to Anne Carter, "Dan and Amy Matthews' Childress grandmother," for sending Blackburn's column to me.)



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Richard and Yvonne Barrientos of Hereford are the parents of a baby girl, Cassandra Lizette, born Feb. 9 at 3:20 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 2.4 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. Big sister is Marissa Lynn, 1. Paternal grandparents are Juan Barrientos of Arizona and Alicia Barrientos of Hereford. Maternal grandparents are Tomas Lamas and Irma Lamas of Hereford.

It's a boy, Diego Lorenzo Rodriguez, for Cynthia Rodriguez of Dimmitt. The infant was born Feb. 6 at 5:57 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 11.8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Francisco and Elena Rodriguez of Dimmitt, and great-grandparents are Francisco and Olga Rodriguez and Juan and Teresa Sifuentez.

OUT OF TOWN

Eric and Dondra Bott of Fresno, Calif., are the parents of a baby girl, Savannah Leigh-Bott, born Feb. 9 at 4:32 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 14 ounces and measuring 20 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Lynn Bott of Madelira, Calif., and Tom and Donna Stafford of Las Vegas, Nev. Great-grandparents are Rex and Dorothy Sheffy of Dimmitt and Florene Britt of Slaton.

Blair receives Dodson Award

Senior Airman Timothy Blair, son of Rocky and Sandra Blair of Shallowater and grandson of Ray and Joan Robertson of Dimmitt, has been selected as the Dodson Award winner for outstanding weather observation in the Pacific Air Forces Command.

Blair is with the 51st OSS Weather Flight and he was featured in the MiG Alley Flyer published at Osan Air Force Base in Korea.

Blair, airman in charge of the weather flight's observations section, "is one shining example of the high standard of dedication and professionalism at the flight," according to the article. "Lauded by his supervisors for his expertise and maturity, he was their obvious choice to take the reins of the section."

"Most shops have a staff or tech sergeant in charge of the observations section," said Master Sgt. James Minyon, chief of weather station operations for the squadron's weather flight. "We rely heavily on his professionalism. He has proven himself more than capable."

Blair was recognized for his nearly 12,000 weather observations with a remarkable overall accuracy rating of 98 percent.

More about

Election ...

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Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez. No candidates have filed.

HISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Coy Myrick and Roy Gonzales. No candidates have filed yet.

Nazareth

City: City Commissioner Glen Ehly's term is expiring. No candidates have filed yet.

NISD: Terms are up for Rex Ramaekers, who had been filling one year of an unexpired term; and Julius Birkenfeld and Danny Gerber. No candidates have filed yet.

Hospital District

Terms are expiring for Jerry Annen, Henry Ramaekers and Carolyn Sides. No one has filed yet.

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Obituaries

Allen Haggard

Graveside services for Allen H. Haggard, 84, of Lubbock, the father of former Dimmitt resident Deanne Clark, were held Monday afternoon in Rancho Cemetery in Nixon, with Rev. Floyd Lewis of Christ Presbyterian Church in San Antonio officiating.

Burial was under the direction of Ellis Funeral Homes.

Mr. Haggard died Feb. 12 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Feb. 24, 1914, in Rockwood, Tenn., and married Lois Barlett in Bernalillo County, N.M., on July 24, 1959. She died March 26, 1994. He was a World War II Army veteran, a member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, and Christ Presbyterian Church. He was an accountant until he retired in 1968. He was a former resident of San Antonio.

He is survived by two daughters, Deanne Clark of Lubbock and Susan Hinton of Granbury; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the attention of G.D. Ripple at the Parkinsons Referral Center, 4102 24th St., Ste. 501, Lubbock 79401.

Eloisa Mendoza

Funeral services for Eloisa Casares Mendoza, 51, of Tahoka, the sister of a Dimmitt man, were held Monday morning in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Olton with Glen Rosendale officiating.

Burial followed in Olton Cemetery under direction of Calvillo Funeral Home of Lubbock. Rosary was said Sunday night at the church.

Mrs. Mendoza died Feb. 13 in Covenant Medical Center.

She was born March 29, 1947, in Karnes City. She married Santana Mendoza Jr. on Dec. 27, 1969, in Olton. She was a Catholic. She retired from the Tahoka Independent School District.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Albert of Lubbock; a daughter, Rebecca Mendoza of Garland; seven brothers, Roberto Casares, Mike Casares, Johnny Joe Casares and Luis Casares, all of Olton, Jerry Casares of Dimmitt, and Riemundo Casares and Serbando Casares Jr., both of Littlefield; seven sisters, Rosemary Gonzales and Sandy Casares, both of Garland, Aurora Medrano of New Orleans, Amelia Luera of Olton, Maria Saucedo of Plainview, Elena Ruiz of Kansas, and Cindy Taylor of Rowlette; and a grandchild.

Francisco Rodriguez

Funeral mass was celebrated for Francisco C. Rodriguez, 79, of Abernathy, formerly of Hart, on Saturday morning at St. Isidore Catholic Church with Rev. Luis Dussan, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in the Abernathy Cemetery under the direction of Abell Funeral Home of Abernathy. Rosary was said Friday night at the church.

Mr. Rodriguez died Feb. 10 in Plainview's IHS Healthcare Center.

He was born April 2, 1919, in Claireville. He married Catarina Jimenez on Oct. 1, 1945, in Bolton. He moved to Abernathy in 1967 from Hart. He was a member of St. Isidore Catholic Church and was a member of the Cursillistas. He was a Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus. He was preceded in death by a son Rudy Rodriguez, on Aug. 10, 1981.

Survivors include his wife; 10 sons, Cleofus and Santiago Rodriguez, both of Lubbock, Sabino Rodriguez of Odessa, Freddie, Michael

and Joseph Rodriguez, all of Loveland, Colo., Frank E. Rodriguez of Vista, Calif., Roger W. Rodriguez of Jacksonville, N.C., Richard Rodriguez of Aurora, Colo., and Charlie R. Rodriguez of Abernathy; seven daughters, Rosa L. Gonzales of Hart, Maria Estella Rodriguez of Amarillo, Maria Oralia Rodriguez of Hale Center, Frances Rodriguez of Loveland, Colo., Racheal Ann Baeza of Tioga, Paula Rodriguez of Plainview, and Diana Martinez of Abernathy; two brothers, Cruz Rodriguez of Edinburg and Pedro Rodriguez of North Lake, Ill.

Joe Milton Stevens

Graveside services for Joe Milton Stevens, 65, of Whitney, a former administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in Holland Cemetery under direction of Heartfield Funeral Home of Belton, with Rev. Stephen Lee officiating.

Mr. Stevens died Feb. 9 in a Temple hospital.

He was born March 18, 1933, in Slaton, to Joe Bob Stevens and Vera Marie Remy Stevens. He married Wanda Lee Breeding on Sept. 21, 1956, in Holland. He worked in the field of hospital administration for 20 years and was retired from the US Air Force. He served as hospital administrator in Dimmitt from April of 1987 to November 1993.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Scott K. Stevens of Belton; a daughter, Vickie L. Brown of Virginia Beach, Va.; his mother, Vera Stevens Meester of Hale Center; a brother, R.C. Stevens of Plainview; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Scott and White Development Office Cancer Research 2401 S. 31st, Temple 76508; or to a favorite charity.

Buckley makes Tech honor list

Jacy Buckley of Dimmitt, daughter of Darrell and Beth Buckley, made the President's List at Texas Tech University for the fall semester.

She had a grade point average of 4.0 while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work.

She is a freshman majoring in elementary education.

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DISD scheduling discussion . . .

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—Stockstill pointed out that the three-minute attention span per year of age is accurate, unless there is student interaction involved, and then attention span increases. He said there is more time for student interaction in the block schedule.

—He said that the school is not losing ground on ACT test scores.

"I am not attempting to show vast gains over what we had before, but we are at least equal to what we had before," he said. However, board member Earl Behrends pointed out that the ACT composite scores from 1998 were down slightly from what they had been in 1995, the last year of the seven-class schedule. He asked why it had been necessary to change scheduling if it has not made much difference on scores.

Stockstill said it had been recommended to make the school day more tolerable for students and teachers and to avoid having to add more teachers.

High School Counselor Sue Summers said one reason why ACT scores are not as high as before is that more students are taking the test, including more students who are not college bound.

School Board President Steve Buckley said the board is still gathering information before taking a recommendation from the administration.

Also, several members of the public addressed the board about the block schedule.

Teresa Fuentes, who has been a substitute teacher at the high school, said that the block schedule gives more time for students to master material, allows more one-on-one interaction between students and teachers, and allows more student use of technological resources, such as computers.

Bill Harman asked the board to at least consider a split block before Dimmitt becomes the only 3A school in the area without a band.

Carolyn Jansa asked for administration cooperation and support in encouraging the growth of the music program in the high school, for both band and choir. She asked that every child be treated as an individual and be offered every chance to participate in their areas of interest.

Jansa also asked why Dimmitt has had so many music instructors since 1986. She said they come with high hopes, then end up walking away, going elsewhere and establishing a

successful program.

Carolyn Harman asked, "Who decided that students cannot do all three (band, honors and athletics)? We are limiting and shutting the

doors of opportunity."

"If we are spending over \$5,000 on each student (with the state average at \$4,000) why are we not able to present a schedule with band,

honors and athletics?" she asked.

She said she understands that every child has to make choices, but it is difficult when the same child has to make choices year after year.

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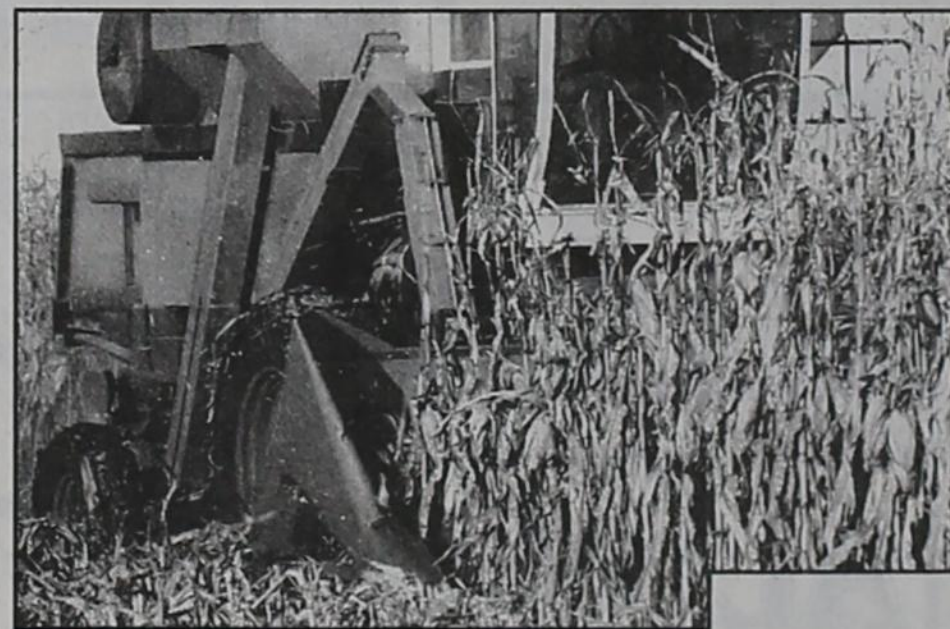
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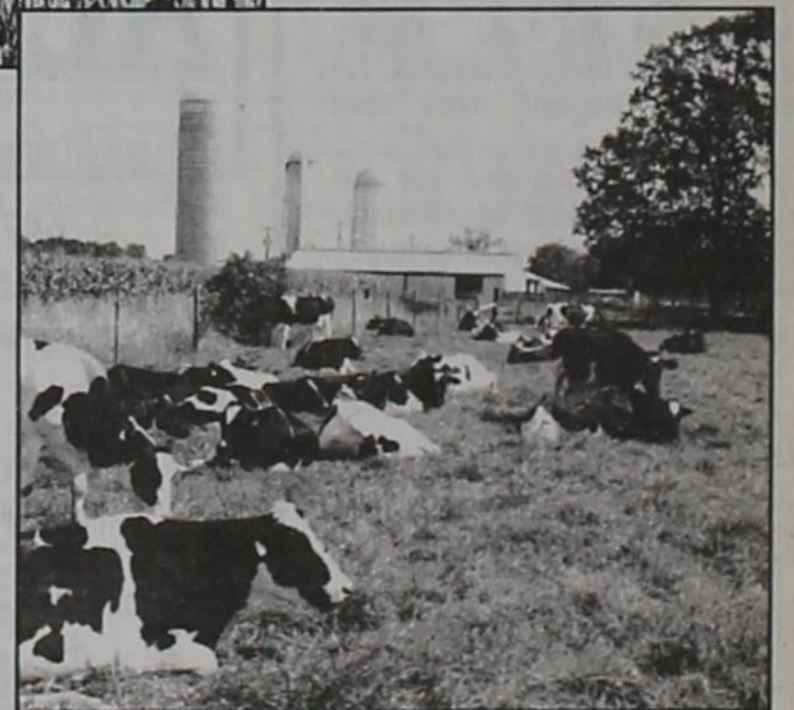
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