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High gas prices

Corn, other crop production threatened

Agricultural producers are faced with the same high gas prices that everyone else is facing and it will have a big impact on the area's economy, according to agricultural spokespersons from throughout the county.

Farmers were already having a struggle to make ends meet under the "Freedom to Farm" act, according to Carl King, President of the Texas Corn Growers Association, who calls it the "Freedom to Go Broke" act. The loan rate should be set at the

cost of production, but farmers are not seeing anything close to that, according to King. And higher gas prices will force the cost of production even higher, especially for irrigation farmers.

A big concern for farmers recently had been water issues, but now farmers will probably run out of money before they run out of water, according to King.

Local farmer Jeff Robertson said that he has not been pumping as much water per minute as he had in

the past due to the lower water level in the Ogallala Aquifer. So it is taking more pumping (using gas-operated well motors in some cases) to get the same amount of water out of the ground. He estimated the cost at 2.4 cents per 500 gallons before the gas price increase, but said it is costing 14 cents per 500 gallons now—a six-fold increase.

"When farmers start their wells for the coming crop season, with prices tripled, it's going to be devastating," said Patricia Elliott, County Execu-

tive Director of the Farm Service Agency office for Castro County.

"If the farmers can't make it here, nobody's going to make it."

—Patricia Elliott
FSA County Executive Director

"When they [farmers] couldn't make it last year with the cost of produc-

tion so high they couldn't make a profit, if gas is at the rates we expect, it looks very bleak for them to be able to plant corn, especially, because it takes so much water."

Irrigated corn acres already were down in the county over the past two crop seasons, according to Elliott, who said that earlier years had seen irrigated corn acreage steady at 105,000 acres. But in 1999 the acres declined to 87,643 and in 2000 it was down to 85,350.

"If the gas price doesn't change, it

will be quite a bit less than that," Elliott said. "If the farmers can't make it here, nobody's going to make it."

Elliott said producers suffered some loss of production, and that will be addressed by the current disaster program that will be implemented within the next 30 days.

"Loss of production was not our problem in Castro County," Elliott said. "The loss of income at the mar-

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By Don Nelson

With our recent election debacle, we proved to the whole world that the old US of A isn't perfect.

And now some of the sophisticates in other nations are chucking up their sleeves as certain of President-elect Bush's cabinet appointees get put on the griddle by senators of the loyal (and thoroughly chapped) opposition.

In light of the ridicule our nation has received and is receiving in some other countries, it would do us well to consider this tribute from an eloquent Canadian TV commentator, Gordon Sinclair.

Sinclair, who has built an international audience of admirers, broadcast this tribute some years ago when the US was being similarly trashed around the world by those who would deny their envy by looking down their noses. His tribute is just as *apropos* today as it was then:

America: The Good Neighbor

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth.

"Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans, who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts.

"None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States.

"When France was in danger of collapsing in 1958, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it.

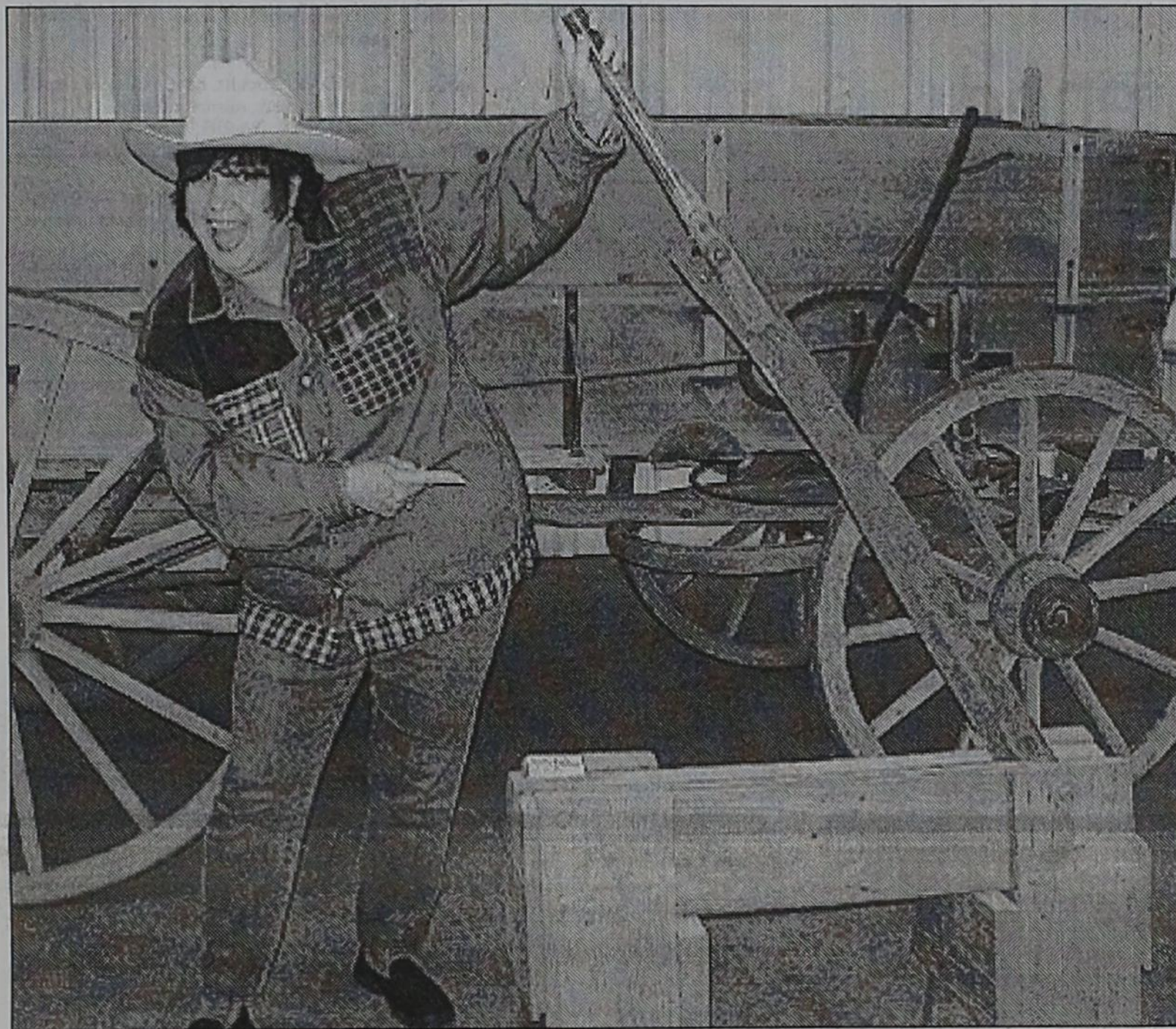
"When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

"The Marshall Plan and the Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries. Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

"I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star or the Douglas DC-10? If so, why don't they fly them? Why do all the international lines except Russia fly American planes?"

"Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technology, and you get

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OFF WITH THEIR HEADS—Cheryle Pybus will emcee the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Expo building. Outstanding citizens will be honored, and the featured speaker will be Tony Crone of Amarillo. Pybus is playing with a

wheat header that will be part of the decorations at the banquet, which has the theme of "Castro County: Cotton, Cattle, Corn 'n Cowboys." The header and other antiques are on loan from the Castro County Museum, which is open weekdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Chamber will recognize top citizens at Saturday banquet

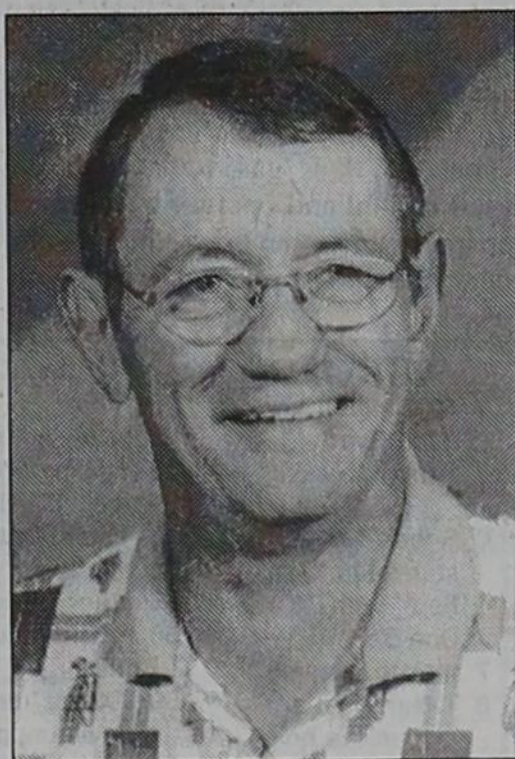
Recipients of Dimmitt's "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years," "Teacher of the Year," and "Chamber Member of the Year" awards will be announced Saturday at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet.

Castro County: Cattle, Cotton, Corn 'n Cowboys is the theme for this year's banquet, which will be held Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The men's group of the First United Methodist Church will cater the meal for the Chamber and members of Castro County's 4-H Clubs will assist with serving at the banquet.

Cheryle Pybus will serve as mistress of ceremonies at the event, which honors recipients of the Y2K Teacher of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Chamber Member of the Year awards.

Featured speaker at this year's



Tony Crone

banquet will be Tony Crone, a lifetime resident of the Texas Panhandle who is now a teacher with the Nazareth Independent School District.

the assault case.

Trejo was assessed additional attorney fees of \$250 in each case, in addition to a fine of \$1,000 and court costs of \$272.25 in the mischief case.

Miller also sentenced Trejo to 30 days in the Castro County jail, during which time he must perform community service work.

Trejo violated the terms of his previous probations by committing an offense against the laws of the State of Texas (the criminal mischief), and failing to remain in the county, to observe curfew, to pay restitution, to avoid alcohol, and to complete his community service.

King says national energy policy needed

Carl King of the Texas Corn Growers Association addressed the Dimmitt Kiwanis Club at their Jan. 8 meeting, speaking about farm and energy issues.

His remarks focused on the need for a government energy policy and how energy costs and farm policy can affect the whole area's economy.

Part of what King said follows: The whole problem we've got in energy is we haven't had an energy policy in over 15 years. That's coming back to haunt us. Whenever you have to rely on those Arabs over there to supply you with oil and gas, you've got a big problem.

You look at California with their deregulation versus their regulation and they're fighting out there about it now and these guys who voted to deregulate are really paying through the nose right now. They won't even sell it [electricity] to Los Angeles County because they're regulated. They're looking for electricity and gas, now, too, probably.

It's just a big mess all over the country and it goes back to the lack of an energy policy. Bush said he's going to get one and I hope he does.

I used to be for everything regulation, but I'm not that way any more. I do think that we've got to have regulation on some things or we're going to be in one big pickle. Look at farming as a whole. When they had regulated acreage, they paid the farmer to lay out those acres. They had a better program, a lot better, than what you've got now.

Freedom to Farm

This so-called Freedom to Farm Act—I call it freedom to go broke—it's just about broke these guys. Between low commodity prices and high energy costs—it's just not going to work.

Gas supply, demand fueling rise in prices

Demand for natural gas has been increasing, bringing with it a tightening of supply and a rise in prices. The problem is nation-wide, not just in Texas.

Experts in the energy field expect the US demand for natural gas to grow during the next decade, according to Charles Matthews, senior member of the Railroad Commission of Texas. He said that by 2010, demand is projected to be more than 30% over the 1998 level.

Matthews also noted that Texas natural gas consumption has been increasing steadily over the last six years, with the biggest driver of that growth being gas-fired electric generation.

He pointed out that on most residential and commercial gas bills, gas is a "pass-through" cost.

"Utilities make no profit on the cost of gas," Matthews said. "They simply pass through to the consumer what it costs the utility to purchase the gas in the marketplace."

He said that when natural gas costs increase, consumers face higher bills. When natural gas costs decrease, consumers pay less. Utilities make their profit from distributing the natural gas to consumers. The cost of natural gas is market-based,

subject to the forces of supply and demand, and changes frequently.

"The major cause of recent high natural gas prices has been uneasiness in the marketplace over natural gas supply," Matthews said. "Simply put, the injection rate of gas into storage was too slow to comfort the market for this winter's heating season."

Matthews said that consumption of natural gas in the summer is usually relatively low, which allows excess gas to be injected into storage. However, gas that would otherwise have been injected into storage was being used to generate electricity to run air conditioners.

Several years of relatively low prices have slowed down exploration and drilling for new sources of supply. The recent higher prices should be causing an increase in drilling opportunities, and in fact, rig counts have increased significantly from a year ago.

"However, at the commission we are seeing a decline in drilling permits and completion permits for natural gas wells," Matthews said. "This should not be happening. This shows that we have lost talented, qualified people in the industry who

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Probation modified for Trejo

Probation was modified and extended in 64th District Court Jan. 4 for John Gonzales Trejo by District Judge Jack Miller.

Trejo must serve five years of probation in three cases against him, with the sentences running concurrently.

An order was entered modifying and extending the probation he had been serving on charges of aggravated assault with serious bodily injury from an incident in May of 1998. Also, probation was modified and extended from August 1999 charges of child endangerment.

In addition, he was sentenced to two years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice State Jail Facility probated for the same five years after he entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to charges of criminal mischief over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, in connection with an incident on Nov. 18, 2000.

He also was ordered to pay \$3,327.47 restitution for damages to a pickup belonging to Jay Kent Stanton in the criminal mischief case, and he must continue restitution payments to Plains Memorial Hospital for \$660.65 in connection with

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	36	24	.09
.....	.....	.....	Trace of snow
Friday	58	22	
Saturday	52	26	
Sunday	51	21	
Monday	51	19	
Tuesday	53	22	Tr.
Wednesday	33	22	.06
.....	.....	.....	1" of snow
January Moisture	.....	0.15	
2001 Moisture	.....	0.15	

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

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you going to go the legal route, go through attorneys.

I went to the legislative route twice. What started a lot of this, about 30 years ago we took a bus load from [this area] . . . and went up there to lobby that legislature to get Energas—Enermart—before the Railroad Commission. We won it in the Senate and lost in the House by three votes.

The end result is we haven't had anybody to go to in West Texas in this area in the way of our irrigation [energy]. We're the only entity in the state of Texas that doesn't have anybody to go to—no Railroad Commission, no Public Utilities, no nothing. I'll guarantee you, there in Washington, there'll be a gas lobbyist standing on every corner at your elbow. They're tough to beat. They've got the bucks.

We're working on a different angle. I'm not going to mention what we're doing because I don't want to tip our hand to what we're trying to get done. As far as West Texas Gas, and Energas is concerned, they both have some problems, in my opinion.

We have two lawyers now and there's a state agency involved. Hopefully that won't cost us anything. The taxpayers will pay for that.

Cost of production

Unfortunately, on these farmers on that \$40 a well, I hate to assess them anything, because they're just flat broke. If there's anybody here in the banking business, they know that if you can't [generate] cash flow, you're not going to get a loan. Unfortunately, how are you going to [generate] cash flow when you're getting less on what you raised than what it cost you to raise it? The cost of production is too great.

We're not begging for anything, but unfortunately these farmers are just living off government checks—disaster checks—as well as insurance. That's the only two things they've got going for them right now. That's a sad state of affairs, fellows.

Write your Congressman

Conveying to these city congressmen what the problem is has always

been a problem. You've got more of them now, with this redistricting, you've got more of them than you've ever had. You're going to have more. . . We're going to get weaker.

We're going to have to have guys like Pete Laney. He's another good guy for us. He'll keep on trying to do a good job for us. He is a farmer. That's one plus we've got. Fortunately with Pete, he works with Republicans and Democrats alike, so he gets a lot of votes from the other side of the aisle, as well as the Democrats. He's fair.

We've gotta take these key people we've got and call them in Washington and play them up and get on the good side of them, visit with them and write them a letter and let them know what the deal is. Whenever agriculture goes down like it is now, it will take everything along with it—every agribusiness in the territory.

Write a letter to your congressman and two senators and tell them we need a national energy policy that is fair and equitable for everybody.

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ket place has had a devastating effect on the agricultural economy here.

"We had good production, but with a massive amount of money in it. If they could get the cost of production down, it would help some."

Elliott also mentioned that an increase in natural gas prices will cause a rise in the price of anhydrous ammonia fertilizer, which is produced from natural gas.

"Everything has gone up except the price [of commodities] and for some reason, that has gone down instead of up," she noted.

Local farmer Harold Bob Bennett said that it looks like the cost of gas will be tripled from last year.

"It will severely reduce corn acres, between the gas prices and fertilizer," Bennett said. "Some of it will depend on the rain we get. We will be praying and hoping for a lot of rain."

Bennett said he feels more producers will be switching cropping patterns rather than just switching from gas to electric wells for irrigation, although some are doing that and there may be more.

He predicted cropping changes such as more farmers planting wheat and grazing it out and possibly more will grow cotton.

"Corn sure is a good crop to grow, but farmers will be forced to cut back. The price won't go up enough," Bennett said.

"A big question is what the gov-

ernment will do," Bennett said. "We have a year or two more with the failed farm policy we're under. It has been a total failure for both the producers and the taxpayers. It has cost too much and done too little."

Bennett said producers are hoping the price of natural gas will go down some this summer, but "we don't know that for certain."

If producers do go with corn, Bennett predicts that there will be an increase among those who plant short-season corn.

"We will see more of the 90 to 100-day corn and a drastic reduction in the 118-120-day corn," Bennett said. "Anything just to try to cut a few waterings."

"It is a terrible situation we're in," Bennett said. "I don't know if all cotton is the answer, but we have limited choices."

Local producer Coby Gilbreath said, "Expenses were so high last year that even though a lot of farmers made good yields, and may have even received good prices because of a good marketing job, those that did make money made very little. And a large number of people lost money."

He noted that gas prices are so high that even if they get cheaper as the summer went, they're likely to be double what they were last year.

"Because we're an irrigation area of the Panhandle, the outlook for 2001 with high gas prices in addition to the high cost of farming in this area, it makes a profitable situation look hard to realize," Gilbreath said. "No matter how you run your numbers you really have a hard time coming up with something that looks good."

"As cattle prices are up, that should help some operators. It is helping now, but won't help next year," he said. "Cattle were cheaper last summer and they are higher now, but they may still be high when it is time to buy them next summer. Little calves are so high right now, it won't work. Those already in it would be helped some, but by next year it will be uncertain."

"The biggest fear this year, is more uncertainty than we have had to deal with in a long time," Gilbreath said.

Gilbreath said he has been running through budget scenarios that could reduce water needs, including planting less corn, maybe planting some grazing wheat.

"Some producers have mentioned growing all cotton, but the history in our area shows that it is not a fully dependable crop," Gilbreath said. "Not many producers are ready to roll the dice on their entire operation on a single cotton crop."

Gilbreath added that even if a farmer was tempted to get out of farming, "No one has any money to buy at farm sales, so a farmer can't even liquidate and get out."

"Some people aren't going to get financed this year. But those that do, if commodity prices go up and gas goes down, everything will be a lot better," Gilbreath said.

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radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon—not once, but several times—and safely home again.

"You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right there in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from Ma and Pa at home to spend here.

"When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Americans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

"I can name you 5,000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to help the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

"Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

I hope Canada is not one of these."

As the result of an unfortunate incident after the varsity boys' game at Shallowater Friday night, the District 2-3A executive committee has banned a Dimmitt basketball dad from all district UIL activities for the remainder of the school year.

Also, the Dimmitt ISD has received a public reprimand due to the fan's conduct. The reprimand will be announced in the next issue of the UIL's quarterly publication, *The Leaguer*.

The Dimmitt man reportedly hit a Shallowater school official after the game.

Beyond that basic, confirmed fact, it's a matter of which of seven versions of the incident you want to believe.

It should be noted that Shallowater Coach Ray Morris was quoted as telling the district executive committee Tuesday, "I want you to understand one thing about Dimmitt. I talked to my kids after the game, and there was less trash talk from Dimmitt than from any team we've played this year."

Since the incident, I understand, our school officials and some of our fans are making an extra effort to quieten the boo-birds and ref-riders and make our stands a less hostile atmosphere.

So maybe something good will come out of this incident.

For many of us who enjoy the games but not the booing, that would be good news.

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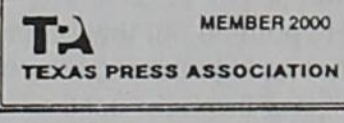
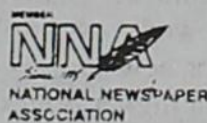


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Last Puzzle Solution: A crossword puzzle grid with words filled in, including 'CLUB', 'LOVE', 'ARAT', 'SALT', 'SIDEWALKERS', etc.



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 Jan. 18-26.

DIMMITT

Breakfast to go

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fresh fruit snack and milk.

FRIDAY: Assorted muffins, orange wedges and milk.

MONDAY: Apple cinnamon cereal bar, apple juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Apple danish, applesauce and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Donut sticks, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, grape juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches, jalapeno peppers and milk.

FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, apple slices and milk.

MONDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, savory green beans, fruit cocktail, relish cup and milk.

TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, orange wedges, garlic bread and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, French fries, pineapple sunset salad, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexpinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken enchiladas, refried beans, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or barbecued beef on a bun; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or peaches; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of hoagie submarine sandwich, beef and bean burrito with chili or

beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potatoes or savory green beans; hamburger salad, taco condiment salad or fruit cocktail; hot cheese rolls, Spanish rice or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with sauteed onions or poor boy steak; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls, or flour tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of steak fingers, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, potato salad or pasta salad; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, salmon patties or barbecued beef on a bun; vegetable medley, potato salad or mixed vegetables; tossed salad, haystack finger salad or peaches; hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

MONDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.

WEDNESDAY: McMuffin, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: French toast sticks, Canadian bacon, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger with

potato chips, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken enchilada casserole; tortilla chips, salad, corn, carrot sticks, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger and potato chips, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued rib sandwich with chips; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, spaghetti and meat sauce or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich with chips or steak finger basket; green beans, salad, sliced peaches, cherry cobbler, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or sloppy Joe on a bun with sliced cheese; French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit, pears, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, macaroni and cheese, salad, assorted fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of burrito or hot dog on a bun with chili and shredded cheese; pinto beans, peaches, gelatin dessert, carrot sticks and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Sausage and roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pocket, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Beef and bean chalupa, chef's salad, lettuce, green beans, pears, brownies and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, beans, pineapple, cookies and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Nachos or corn dogs, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, cobbler and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, pineapple, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Spaghetti and roll or pizza, tossed salad, broccoli, pears, dessert and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, pinto beans, orange, Rice Krispie treats and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: Ham, turkey or bologna sandwich or corn dog, tater tots, lettuce, corn, fruit cocktail, dessert and milk or juice.

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

More about

Chamber . . .

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The following year he came to Castro County as a part-time teacher at Nazareth High School. Well-liked by his students, Crone was invited by the 2000 senior class of Nazareth High School to speak at their commencement exercises. This resulted in his invitation to be this year's chamber banquet speaker, according to Sava.

Crone is married to the former Regina (Skip) Richards and the couple has four children and seven grandchildren. They live in Amarillo where he attends Trinity Baptist Church.

Crone is a member of the Association of Texas Professional Educators, Ross Rogers Golf Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Club.

"He enjoys golf, running, golf, working out, golf, reading and golf," said Sava.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues for ACROSS and DOWN.

On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Dr. Bill and Julia Murphy had a wonderful pre-holiday trip to Maui, Hawaii. They spent several days touring the island and enjoying the food.

They swam in the Pacific, took a helicopter ride over the Jahuai Volcano and an auto ride on the scenic Hana Road.

The last day they were there they enjoyed some fishing in the Pacific. They were hoping to catch some blue snapper. That didn't happen, but the did see a shark!

One of the highlights of their trip was a twilight ride on a boat. They enjoyed the good food. They ate a lot of seafood that is found in the Pacific Ocean.

Super Saturdays classes offered at Texas Tech

Registration is now open for the spring session of Super Saturdays at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, which is sponsored by the Institute for the Development and Enrichment of Advanced Learners (IDEAL).

The classes will meet for five consecutive Saturdays on the Tech campus, starting Feb. 3 and concluding March 3. The program is an academic enrichment program for children in kindergarten through sixth grade.

Classes offered include art, detective science, photography, creative writing, theater, cooking, and more. Instructors for the classes will include members of the Tech faculty, graduate students and public school teachers.

The average cost is \$69 per class, but fees vary according to subject. Some scholarship assistance is available. To participate, students must submit a recent report card with a B+ or better average or submit a letter of recommendation from a school teacher or school official. For more information or to register, call 806-742-2420.

MDA Lock-Up is set for today

The Muscular Dystrophy Association will be rounding up and issuing warrants for "notorious" Dimmitt citizens today (Thursday) in an effort to raise funds for local clients battling with the neuro-muscular disease.

The "jail" for the Dimmitt Lock-Up will be at K-Bob's Steak House from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Upon arriving at the "jail," the "jailbirds" will be read their rights, sentenced and given a phone to start raising their bail. They also will be given plenty of "bread and water" and have their mug shot taken.

Money raised through the MDA Lock-Ups helps provide free comprehensive medical care, monthly support groups, a summer camp for kids, wheelchair purchase and repair, and more.

For more information, call MDA at 359-3141.

P-PHM offers identification service Saturday

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will offer a rare opportunity to the public on Saturday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

"Trash, Treasure and Oddities" is a program designed for individuals to bring an item from their collection to the museum for identification by one of the museum curators. Appointments are encouraged and may be made by calling the museum at 651-2244.

However, patrons may bring their items to the museum on Saturday and make an appointment upon arrival. The appointments are on a first-come, first-served basis and there is no charge.

The curators will identify objects and offer an opinion of their historic value, but no appraisals will be made. When calling for an appointment, the caller will be asked to describe the object so that their appointment may be made with the appropriate curator.

Individuals may bring small items, historic photographs and documents, art objects, textiles and archeological items for identification. Firearms will not be allowed.

Visitors are reminded to use the east entrance, due to the current museum renovations. For more information call 651-2244.

The climate was ideal. The temperature ranged in the 70s to 80s during the daytime and around 68 at night.

You can imagine the shock when they arrived in Dallas to freezing weather and found themselves stranded there for three days.

Julia said that Christmas day away from friends and family, trapped in a Dallas hotel, is not the merriest way to spend Christmas.

By Tuesday the Murphys had given up on getting a flight out, rented a car and drove home to Dimmitt.

Mary Edna Hendrix also was stranded in Dallas over the Christmas holidays. Planes were unable to leave for Amarillo.

She just enjoyed the extra time with her daughter and son-in-law, Sue and David, and with her granddaughter, Kristin. The Vaughans and Mary Edna were not only celebrating the birth of Christ at Christmas. They also celebrated the birth of a new member of their family—6-month-old Sydney, daughter of Brent and Tiffany Vaughan of Plano. She is the only grandbaby Sue and David have and is the great-grandbaby of Mary Edna.

The group attended Christmas Eve services at the Height Baptist Church.

When the runways were cleared and Mary Edna finally got back to Amarillo, her daughter, Mary Lynn

Lankford of Amarillo, met her at the airport.

Mary Edna spent the night with Mary Lynn and came back to Dimmitt in time to see a lot of snow still covering our little village.

Dorothy Sheffy was marooned in Tulia over the Christmas holidays in the homes of her daughters, Beth Wallace; and Virginia Malone and her husband, Kevin, and their children, Quentin and Rachel.

The group attended Christmas Eve services at the First United Methodist Church and had Christmas dinner at Beth's house.

Graham and Karen Sheffy are the proud grandparents of a little girl. She belongs to their son and daughter-in-law, Gabe and Kim Sheffy. These families both live in College Station.

As Dorothy and I were visiting over the phone about her family and their holiday activities, Dorothy said, "I wasn't going to tell you this, but my Tulia families are driving up right now. They've come to take me out to dinner for my birthday."

We know she had a happy one.

Louise Mears was hostess for the Senior Citizens bridge party last week. They had three tables—all regular members. Helen Braafladt won high score and Lorann Hamilton finished second.

Kris and Jill (Davis) Keith, son of

the David Keiths and daughter of the Johnny Davises, now live in Austin.

Kris is employed with a worldwide engineering firm and Jill is working on a degree for computer management and is doing quite well.

They have recently returned from Mexico where they purchased terrazzo, a mosaic flooring, and furniture for the house they've recently purchased. They are "sprucing up" a bit.

Michael Keith, the other son of the David Keiths, is now in Granada, Spain, as an exchange student from the University of Texas.

Michael is living in a private home where no one speaks English; however, Michael has had three years of Spanish in school and communication is not a problem.

Michael's mother, Pat Keith, will keep us up-to-date on Michael's experiences. This may be through articles in the *Castro County News* occasionally as he corresponds with his family via e-mail.

Laverne Bernethy was hostess to LaWanda (Murphy) Williams and her daughter, Abigail, of Pflugerville. LaWanda stopped in Littlefield to visit with friends. She

also visited her son, K.C., who is attending Texas Tech University, before she came to Dimmitt.

Laverne's son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Kay Bernethy, and their sons, Jared and Justin, and a friend, Kim Custer, stopped in Dimmitt for a visit on their way from Round Rock to the Colorado mountains to ski. The group returned to Dimmitt to celebrate Christmas with Laverne.

Other Christmas guests were Laverne's grandson, Brad Buchanan and his sons, Bryce and Parker; and her grandson Cary Buchanan and his wife Kelly, and their children, Brittany and Brooke, all of Canyon.

Ann Widick just brought a calendar to V.C. and me from her daughter, Lisa. Lisa sent this to us from the garden shop in San Antonio where she purchased a bird bath for her parents, Ann and Terry, for a Christmas gift. Lisa lives in San Antonio with her husband and three children.

Lisa keeps up with her hometown of Dimmitt through a subscription to the *Castro County News*. She knows that V.C. and I are bird watchers.

Each month of the year the calendar has a picture of a beautiful bird that can be found in the state of Texas.

Thank you, Lisa, for the thoughtful gift.

Ann brought the calendar by our house the second day after we'd filled our bird feeder. We were afraid we'd lost "our" birds to more prompt neighbors. As it turns out, we've never had a better bird show.

V.C. counted 15 species the first day. Some of the ones we are enjoying are a blue scrub jay, one red cardinal, a rufus sided towhee and a group of cedar wax wings.

We have a faithful (he was here before we put the feeders out) red shafted flicker wood pecker. He enjoys the pecans that have fallen in our yard from the Gary Wises' pecan tree.

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Congratulations to Gilbert and Dolly Schulte on their 45th wedding anniversary. Their family gathered at Holy Family Catholic Church for Mass on Sunday morning, with Msgr. Bud Erpen of Tulia officiating. The family then spent a fun day at the Schulte home. Children of the family are Joe and Elaine Barnes of Plainview; Doyle and Rosie Kleman, Dan and Karen Gerber, Dwayne and Jolene Schulte, Calvin and Leigh Schulte and Rodney and Mona Schulte, all of Nazareth; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two grandchildren were missing—Candace of Groom and Jaret of A&M.

A large group of senior citizens gathered at the center Sunday evening for fellowship and dinner. Happy birthday was sung to the January members—James and Jerry Wilhelm, Nellie Wilhelm and Leo Durbin.

The Stork sisters and husbands all enjoyed the El Camino Saturday afternoon in Tulia and several hours of visiting at the Pohlmeier home in Tulia, including Jean and Jim Bell of Granbury, Evelyn Hill of Lubbock, Florene Leinen of Dimmitt, Dolores

and Denny Heiman, Dorothy and LeRoy Pohlmeier, and Virgie Gerber of Nazareth, and Vi and Virgil Pohlmeier of Tulia.

Terry Hill of Fredericksburg, Va., spent several days here last week with Charley and Bev Hill.

Greg and Jason Birkenfeld are home after flying to Nashville, Tenn., to attend a recording session with Dr. Leon Joplin's group, "His Messengers." They said the experience was simply incredible! They all stayed at the beautiful Grand Ole Opry Hotel, which covers over nine acres and is much, much more than just a hotel.

Jimmie Schulte has returned from a 2½-week vacation to Nashville, Tenn. Jimmie stayed with her grandchildren while her daughter Jeanie and her husband Lynn Williams, Don and Brenda Schulte and many others were on a cruise to the Bahamas. She enjoyed the return flight with Greg and Jason.

Prayers are asked for Brad Klein, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Leonard Gerber, Margaret Brockman, Tammy Drerup, Ray Schmucker, Tinie Hoelting, and Robert Fisher Sr.

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Barbecue meal, raffle will benefit Roy Stotts family

A barbecue meal and raffle are being organized by employees at Texas Equipment Company in Dimmitt and proceeds from the two will go to benefit the Roy Stotts Kidney Fund.

Stotts, an employee at Texas Equipment, has been diagnosed with glomerulonephritis, a form of kidney disease. He is currently undergoing dialysis and he is on the waiting list for a donor kidney.

The barbecue supper has been planned for Super Bowl Sunday, Jan. 28, at Country Club of Dimmitt. The meal will begin at 5 p.m. and cost is \$5 per person for a "steaming plate of barbecue with all the trimmings."

A raffle for a new John Deere LT133 riding lawn mower is being held in conjunction with the meal and tickets are currently available

from any Texas Equipment employee or at the Texas Equipment office in Dimmitt. Tickets for the raffle are \$5 each.

Bridal Show will benefit MS Society

The 18th Annual M.S. Benefit Bridal Show will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza, with proceeds to benefit the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

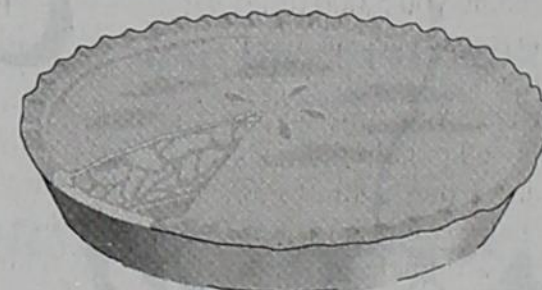
Wedding planning hints and guidelines will be offered, along with displays by bridal-related merchants and consultants. Tickets for admission are available at the door for \$3 per person.

Here's where to get your fresh baked goods

For years our Dietary Department has baked pies, cakes, cobblers, dessert breads, hot rolls, etc., to sell to hospital employees. Since they're so popular with our staffers, we thought you might like to have some, too. We do our custom baking on Thursdays and Fridays, so if you turn in your order by Wednesday you can pick it up by 3 p.m. Friday. Here is our fare and price list:

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Chocolate Meringue Pie	\$7.00
Apple, Cherry, Peach or Apricot Cobbler	\$8.00



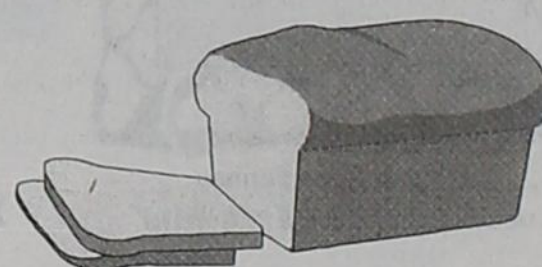
Cakes

Chocolate Sheet Cake	\$7.00
Pound Cake	\$4.00
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Orange Jello Cake	\$4.50
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Pumpkin Bread	\$4.50
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'Three Hits and a Miss' to perform

Backed by an excellent combo of piano, percussion and bass, the group Three Hits and a Miss bring to mind the original Pied Pipers, Andrews Sisters and Merry Macs, and this group will be presented in concert on Saturday in Plainview.

Sponsored by the Plainview Community Concert Association, Three Hits and a Miss will perform on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at Haral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Admission is by membership in the Community Concerts Association.

For more information or to purchase season passes, call 296-2580, 296-5728 or 296-2113.

Alzheimer's support group to meet today

In affiliation with the Alzheimer's Association, the Hereford Support Group will have a meeting today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship of Believers Church at 245 North Kingwood in Hereford.

Group co-facilitators will be Roy Puente, LSW, of Welch Home Place in Dimmitt, and Shelly Moss, social services director at King's Manor in Hereford.

The support group is for family care givers of persons with Alzheimer's Disease and related dementia. Its purpose is to give people with common problems, needs and interests a chance to share their feelings, thoughts, questions, experiences and concerns in an effort to better cope with the daily challenge they face.

The program for the meeting will be "Hospice Issues as they Relate to Alzheimer's Patients." Bilingual assistance will be available.

The "bible" for Alzheimer's caregivers is "The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to Caring for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, Related Dementing Illnesses, and Memory Loss in Later Life" by Mace and Rabins. It is available in English or Spanish at no cost by calling 364-0359.

Garcia wins scholarship

Amy Garcia of Dimmitt has been awarded the Ida Parks Thompson Scholarship from the Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences.

Garcia is the daughter of Paul and Ortensia Garcia of Dimmitt and she is a graduate of Dimmitt High School.

The school awarded over \$315,729 to 437 scholarship recipients for the 2000-2001 academic year. Awards ranged from \$300 to \$2,000 per recipient.

Programs in the college include human development; family studies; early childhood; substance abuse studies; marriage and family therapy; family financial planning; merchandising; fashion design; clothing, textiles and merchandising; interior design; restaurant, hotel and institutional management; food and nutrition/dietetics; environmental design and consumer economics; and family and consumer sciences education.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the college are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean at PO Box 41162, Lubbock 79409-1162. Applications are due Feb. 1.



Joe Burgstaller

Hereford Community Concerts to feature Burgstaller Tuesday

The Hereford Community Concerts Association will feature trumpet virtuoso Joe Burgstaller Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hereford High School auditorium.

All concert association members are encouraged to attend, and for this concert, the public is invited as well. Tickets at the door will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

He began the trumpet at age 6, and by age 12 he was a soloist with bands and at jazz clubs. By 15 he had been on national TV and was the youngest member to perform with the Virginia Opera Orchestra. Now residing in New York City, he tours the world with the acclaimed brass quintet and percussion group, Meridian Arts Ensemble (MAE).

He has appeared on PBS, NPR and other national and local TV and radio programs. He has performed with the Phoenix Symphony and Pops Orchestra (with Doc Severinsen), SEM Ensemble, ST-X Ensemble, National Repertory Orchestra and Summit Brass.

He has performed and taught in 28 states, 11 countries and hundreds of cities throughout the US, South and Central America, Europe and Asia.

Burgstaller likes to take two days at each stop in the concert tour and spends part of the time working with local band and orchestra students as a part of the Rafael Méndez Project.

This educational project is dedicated to the memory of trumpet great Rafael Méndez, who began playing the trumpet at the age of 5. After coming to the US, he was quickly

Young performers competition is set

The Amarillo Symphony Guild will host the Young Performers' Competition Feb. 24 at Amarillo College Concert Hall, with winners in four areas of competition receiving a cash award of \$250.

The winners in the categories of piano, string, vocal, and wind/percussion also will be featured in a recital, with piano accompaniment at a youth orchestra performance.

A grand prize winner will be selected overall and will receive a total cash award of \$500. In addition, this winner will perform with the Randel Chamber Orchestra this spring.

The entry fee is \$25 and the deadline for receiving the entry form, fee and a photo of the contestant is Jan. 26. The competition is open to any student who has not exceeded the age of a high school graduate.

Memos by Marilyn

Hydration critical for senior citizens

By MARILYN NEAL

While we tend to think of it as a summer problem, dehydration is one of the most frequent causes of hospitalization for people over the age of 65 any time of the year.

Healthy adults of all ages need at least eight glasses of water every day. However, older adults more

often drink less fluid and are more likely to be dehydrated, according to Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences in Castro County. Increased fluid intake is highly recommended to prevent urinary tract infections.

This time of year it is easy to confuse the signs of dehydration with those of other common winter conditions. Obvious signs of dehydration include:

- ◆Thirst, dry mouth, flushed skin
- ◆Fatigue, headaches, rapid pulse
- ◆High body temperature
- ◆Increased breathing rate
- ◆Dizziness, weakness, delirium
- ◆Muscle spasms, swollen tongue
- ◆Poor circulation, failing kidneys
- ◆Dark yellow urine
- ◆If you gently pinch the skin on top of your hand and it stays in a "pinched" position

Quite often associated with other health conditions, dehydration increases the severity and lessens the ease of recovery of such conditions

as flu, colds and other common ailments.

It is fairly easy to drink eight glasses of water every day. Older adults may take frequent water breaks throughout the day. Start lunch or dinner with a cup of soup, never pass a water fountain without drinking, take a bottle of water with you, and drink 100% juice at meals. "Remember, though, that only decaffeinated beverages count toward your eight cups of fluid goal," reminds Neal.

For more information on leading a healthier life, contact the Castro County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 647-4115 or stop by the office at 205 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

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Shower fetes Karen Curl

Karen Curl, bride-elect of Britt Boozer, was honored with a shower Saturday in the home of Barbara Bain.

Greeting the guests along with the honoree and Bain were Sue Boozer of Dimmitt, mother of the prospective groom; Betty Curl of Belton, mother of the bride-elect; and Mary Curl of Stillwater, Okla., step-mother of the bride-elect.

Out-of-town guests included Merle Boozer and Tillie Boozer, both of Hereford, the future groom's grandmother and aunt, respectively; and Jane Parker of Beaumont and Julie Curl of Houston, sisters of the bride-elect.

The hostesses presented the couple with a mixer and food processor.

The serving table for the shower was covered with a mauve chintz cloth and held a winter arrangement of mixed flowers, along with crystal and gold appointments. Refreshments included cheese balls, caramel bacon, apple slices, bread sticks and almond tea.

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Agriculture conferences set in January, February

By TIM W. McALAVY
South Plains farmers can update their crop production, marketing, and management skills and learn more about diversification, energy and water management at several regional agricultural conferences hosted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in January and February.

"Our regional conferences are designed to provide farmers with a wealth of information on ways to improve their crop and livestock operations," said Jett Major, Texas Agricultural Extension Service district director for agriculture, in Lubbock. "The information presented at each conference is specifically designed to help producers in that region or county."

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

This year's conference dates and locations are:

♦ Jan. 23 - The Caprock Cotton Conference at the Plains Baptist Assembly Camp south of Floydada runs from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration costs \$25 per person up to Jan. 12 and \$35 thereafter. Topics include cotton market outlook, crop insurance, local and regional water management, managing no-till cotton, insect pest outlook, boll weevil eradication, cotton varieties and harvest aids. 3 CEUs offered. Call

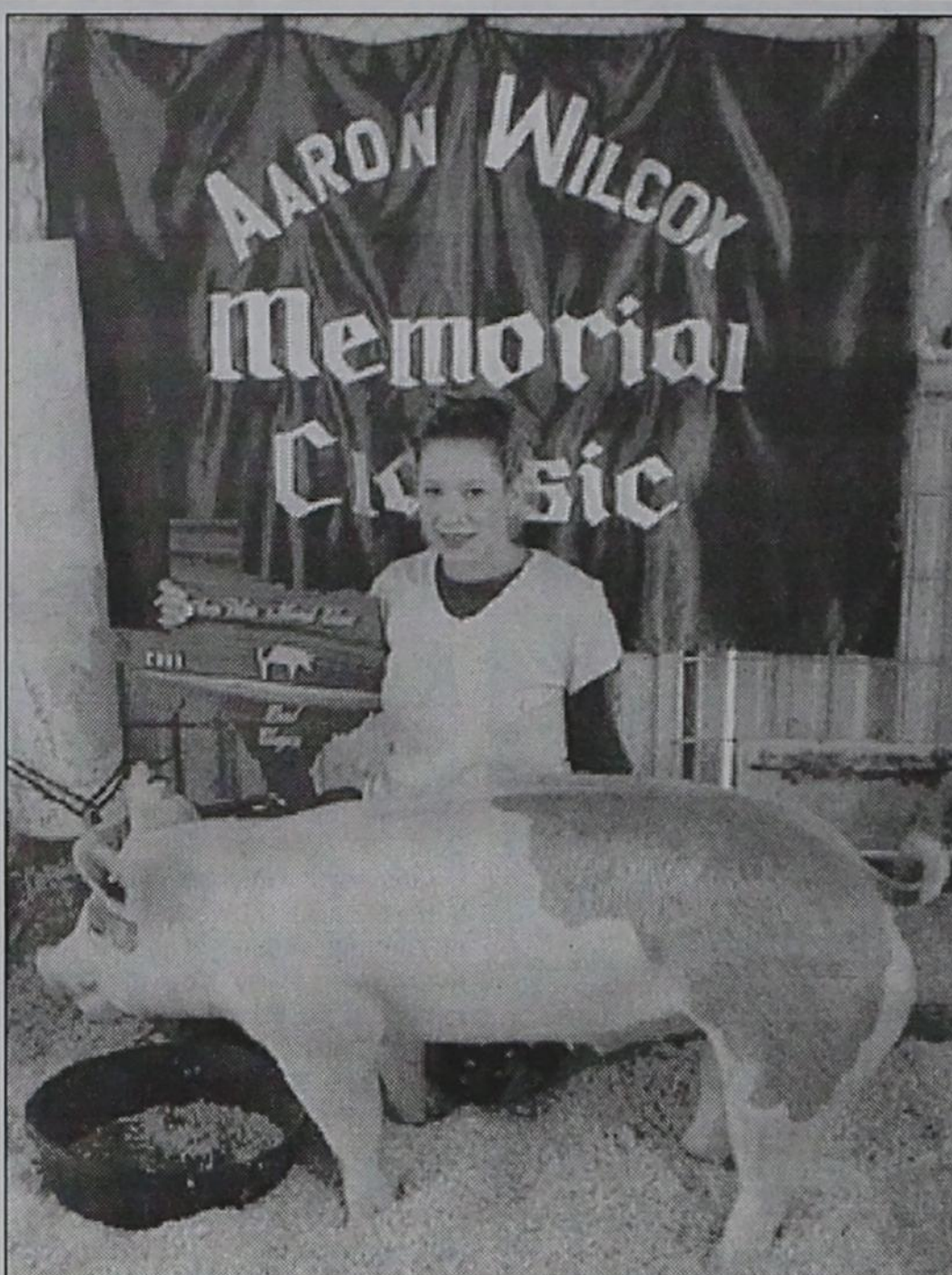
Floyd County Extension office, 983-4912, for more details.

♦ Jan. 24 - The North Plains Cotton Conference in Friona. Topics include risk management and marketing, insect update, cotton varieties, ag laws and regulations, irrigation and boll weevil eradication. 3 to 5 CEUs offered. Call Parmer County Extension office, 481-3619, for more details.

♦ Jan. 25 - The Llano Estacado Cotton Conference at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Topics include water and irrigation management, crop production and management strategies, pest control options, cotton varieties, and ag laws and regulations. 5 CEUs offered. Call Bailey County Extension office, 272-4584, for more details.

♦ Jan. 26 - The Hale County Cotton & Soil Fertility Conference at the Ollie Linder Center. Registration costs \$10 per person. A limited number of commercial booths available for \$50 each. Speakers will address cotton production and marketing strategies, alternative crops, risk management and crop insurance. 5 CEUs offered. Call Hale County Extension office, 291-5267, for more details.

♦ Feb. 20 - Sandyland Ag Conference at the Gaines County Community Building in Seminole. Topics include water and pest management, cotton production strategies, chemical safety, and marketing options. Call Gaines County Extension office, 915-758-4006, for more details.



GRAND CHAMPION BARROW AT WILCOX JACKPOT ... Owned by Mary Bradley of Dimmitt

Courtesy Photo

Bradley's barrow selected as best in memorial jackpot

Mary Bradley of Dimmitt drove her barrow to the grand championship in the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic recently and several other Castro County livestock exhibitors fared well with lamb and pig projects.

The event, which featured barrow and lamb shows, raised \$1,750 for the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund. It was held earlier this month in the quonset barns adjacent to the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Castro County's top finishers in the barrow show were Jeremy Simpson, who had the breed champion white Other Pure Bred (OPB) barrow and the reserve breed champion Hampshire; and Mackinze Standlee, who drove her black OPB

to the breed championship.

Other county youngsters entering barrows in the show were Brad Lane, Regina Montiel, Raynee Bradley, Brooke Parker, Holly Lane, Makenzie Cornett, Beau Bradley, Tyler Cornett, Landon Porsch, Taylor Bradley, Corey Lane, David Underwood, Zack McClure, Brandon Burks, Bryce Parker, Dennis Underwood and Keli Schulte.

In the lamb show, Raynee Bradley of Dimmitt exhibited the breed champion Finewool and the reserve breed champion Finewool Cross.

Other lamb exhibitors from Castro County were Mary Bradley, Trinity Robb, Chase Hatla, Cailee Gilbreath, Beau Bradley, Chauncey Gilbreath, Molly Bradford, Shae Odom, Jinna Wright, Cliff Wright and Eric Odom.

FSA is taking applications for emergency farm loans

Applications for emergency farm loans to help offset losses caused by various disasters are now being accepted at the Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Dimmitt.

Castro County is one of 243 counties in Texas recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as being eligible for loans to cover part of actual production losses resulting from various disasters.

Ed Luebken with Castro County FSA said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 80% of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75%.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30% loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Luebken said.

"Farmers participating in the Federal Crops Insurance Program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss."

Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Aug. 20, but farmers should apply as soon as possible.

"Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Luebken said.

FSA is a credit agency of the US Dept. of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who are US citizens and to farming partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which US citizens hold a majority interest.

Ag financial management is topic of future workshops

Area agricultural producers and financial managers of farm and ranch operations can learn about the Quicken 2000 for Windows financial software and the BUDPRO budget projecting software for crop and livestock enterprises at workshops slated during January and February in Canadian, Wheeler and Amarillo. All sessions begin by 9 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m.

The first of four workshops on Quicken 2000 will be held Jan. 23-24 in Canadian. Two separate two-day sessions will be held in Amarillo at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center on Jan. 25-26 and Feb. 19-20. The last workshop will be held in Wheeler on Feb. 22-23.

Registration fee is \$75 and that covers computer lease payments and educational materials. Couples are encouraged to attend and will only be charged one fee if they share a computer.

The single-day BUDPRO workshop will be held Feb. 21 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center and registration fee for this is \$50.

BUDPRO is a stand-alone, menu-driven package that helps producers make budget projections for the various commodities they may produce. In addition to generating enterprise budgets, the package calculates break-even prices and provides sensitivity analysis for varying prices and quantities produced.

The new Windows version of the program has an irrigation cost calcu-

lator among the other features added in the latest update. Each registered participant will receive the software package.

Steve Amosson, Extension farm management economist and workshop instructor, said the courses are more popular than ever. The mobile computer lab filled with more than a dozen laptops now serves the needs for group education around the state.

The economist first introduced the traveling lab project to promote early adoption of computer age technology and financial records management software by producers and agribusiness operators. The concept has worked almost too well because space is now limited to the number of laptops available.

"It's a great problem to have so we've added a series of workshops to serve the needs of more people," said Amosson.

Payment for the workshops must be attached to the registration form before enrollment will be complete. Checks should be made payable to the Extension Service and mailed to Amosson at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo 79106.

Contact Amosson at (806) 359-5401; fax to (806) 358-9718; or e-mail p-dillard@tamu.edu.

First Ag Credit approves \$14.7 million in dividends

The board of directors of First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services, recently approved a \$14.7 million capital and cash patronage dividend to its members.

Approximately \$9.9 million was in the form of a stock retirement, effective Dec. 1, and the remaining \$4.8 million will be paid as a cash patronage dividend in early 2001. Stock refunds will be applied automatically to outstanding loan balances or placed in funds held accounts.

"The capital strength of the association, built through the hard work and performance of our members and their loans, allows for this reduction while still maintaining the necessary capital to provide for the organization's continued growth and stability," said Terry Dane, the association's chief executive officer. "Just as important is an effort to reduce our members' cost of borrowing money, by returning the fruits of their efforts in cash."

"For example, the cash patronage amount represents between a .5% to a 1% reduction in rate," Dane said.

The agricultural lender provided the stock refund by lowering the amount of stock that borrowers purchase when they obtain their loans. The directors voted to lower the stock requirement to the lesser of 2% or \$1,000 of the original loan balance. This stock rate is the lowest allowed by law.

The refund is one benefit of the stockholder-approved merger between First Ag Credit, FLCA; Ag Credit of Texas, PCA; Wichita Falls PCA; and El Campo PCA. This con-

solidation was effective Jan. 1, 2000.

The lowered stock requirement will apply to members of First Ag Credit, FLCA, Wichita Falls PCA and El Campo PCA. Members of Ag Credit of Texas, PCA, previously had their stock rate lowered to the minimum amount.

First Ag Credit, FCS, is an agricultural lending cooperative that specializes in both short-term and long-term financing for farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses and rural landowners.

Hart plans stock show

The Castro County Junior Livestock Show is just around the corner on Feb. 9-10, and Hart students are gearing up for that show as well as their own, which is being planned for Feb. 8.

The Hart Junior Livestock Show will be held on Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and 24 Hart students are expected to exhibit their livestock projects in the show.

The Hart Buyers Club is among those organizing the club show and they are also seeking donations to help with their purchases in this year's county sale.

Members of the buyers' club will be asking for donations from local business and/or individuals over the next two weeks, and also will accept donations at the show.

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Brucellosis herd count down to zero in Texas

Texas cattle producers are starting the new year with a big zero, and livestock health officials say it's cause for celebration and strengthened resolve to keep it that way.

"For the first time in the 50-plus year battle against cattle brucellosis, none of Texas's 153,000 cattle herds are under quarantine," said Dr. Terry Conger, state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

Conger said this brings the state a giant step closer to wiping out the bacterial infection that struck more than 8,300 cattle herds in the state during the past 14 years. More than 20,000 Texas cattle herds were infected in the mid-1950s, when brucellosis eradication efforts were initiated. While infection can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves, or produce less milk, he said, most affected cattle display no signs of disease. This can create a frustrating situation for producers and animal health officials alike, he said, as infected animals, despite appearances, must go to slaughter.

"In the past 12 months, we found six infected herds—one each in Panola, Henderson, Orange, Medina, San Patricio and Navarro counties," said Dr. Max Coats, who heads TAHC's field operations. "These herds were depopulated, and the owners received an indemnification for their animals, from a combination

of state and federal funds, and the slaughter value of animals."

"I don't know how long Texas will stay at zero quarantined herds, since we're actively testing and looking for those last hard-to-find infected herds," said Conger, a 25-year veteran of brucellosis eradication efforts. "Now is the most important time to be vigilant for this disease."

He predicted that several infected herds will be found before the state will stay clean and qualify for the "free" classification. Conger said adult cattle are required to be tested prior to change of ownership or entry into the state, and slaughter plants collect blood samples from adult cattle for testing. When an infected animal is detected, information from backtags and ear tags is used to trace it back to its herd of origin. The herd is tested for the disease and neighboring and "at-risk" herds also may be tested.

"South Dakota has just achieved their victory over cattle brucellosis, joining the other 45 states classified as "free" of the disease. Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Florida are in the final stages of eradicating the disease," said Dr. Jon Lomme of the US Dept. of Agriculture's Veterinary Services in Texas, which works closely with the TAHC. To earn the USDA's "free" designation, a state must have no infection for 12 consecutive months, while maintaining a high level of disease surveillance.

Lomme explained that cooked meat from infected animals is safe to eat. Depopulation of infected herds, he said, prevents the spread of disease to other herds and "speeds up" the eradication program by avoiding the minimum one-year quarantine period and testing program for the infected herd.

"By depopulating an infected herd, a producer can be back in business shortly with clean cattle," he said.

"Our progress can be directly credited to producer cooperation and the testing team comprised of TAHC staff, USDA veterinarians and private veterinary practitioners committed to this disease eradication program," Coats said. He also gave kudos to the state-federal laboratory system, which runs more than 2.5 million blood and tissue samples yearly, and to the RB-51 vaccine, which provides protection against brucellosis but does not cause confusing "false-positive" laboratory test results.

"We are so close to eradication," Conger said. "If we become complacent now and leave even one infected herd out there, we could lose all this progress, and compromise the sacrifices producers have made through the years. In this new year, we must remain resolved to eradicate brucellosis."

Cotton talks

By SHAWN WADE

True to form, the 2001 Beltwide Cotton Conferences are delivering a fair amount of interesting commentary and data for cotton producers across the Belt.

As of press time, cotton producers and industry representatives in attendance have heard from a wide variety of speakers. They have been presented with more than a little discussion of key issues and focused significant attention on those destined to play important roles ensuring the industry's long-term health.

William B. Dunavant Jr., of Memphis presented the conference with his annual assessment of cotton's domestic and world outlook over the next marketing year.

His projections for some modest price recovery garnered a significant amount of interest. Dunavant noted that despite prospects of a 19 million-bale crop in 2001, US growers should wait on pricing new crop cotton until December futures reach the 68-cent level.

He said he expects growers to get this opportunity at some point as a result of the eventual depletion of certificated cotton stocks delivered on either the March or May contracts.

On the legislative front, Dunavant also noted several areas he feels Congress needs to address to benefit growers and improve the current economic situation. Among his suggestions was support for some increase in the base loan rate.

He tempered his support for that increase by saying that while the marketing loan would not necessarily cause large production increases by US growers, it could spur additional foreign production that could have adverse effects down the line.

He said it makes little sense for growers to end up with less per pound than they netted the previous year, after loan deficiency payments were included, when current crop futures have averaged five to eight cents per pound higher.

According to Dunavant, growers need to be provided with a realistic safety net and he reiterated the need for retaining the marketing loan concept, maintaining export and domestic certificate programs and finding common ground on a modest increase in loan rates for cotton.

Dunavant and several other speakers noted the need for a renewed focus on fiber quality in cotton breeding efforts to better meet the demands of a struggling domestic textile sector.

Dunvant concluded by noting that the future appears significantly brighter for the industry than it has in the past even though legislative hurdles remain to be cleared to improve the safety net protecting growers from outside influences.

A familiar theme echoed by many speakers, including Dunavant, was the need to refocus cotton breeding efforts to enhance fiber quality. Producers say that past quality improvements have resulted only in short-term benefits to growers through better prices.

Doing so is necessary to maintain US mills' ability to utilize the newest technologies, stay competitive, and capitalize on the opportunities created by the Caribbean Basin Initiative and sub-Saharan Africa trade bills passed last year.

Producer panelists described their continuing search for creative ways to cut production expenses without losing their ability to be profitable.

Producers were reminded of the important role their input could play in trying to determine the right road for cotton and the rest of agriculture as legislators and commodity organizations begin the tough job of hammering out a new or at least an improved farm policy.

Pesticide applicators have more options for obtaining continuing education credits

Pesticide applicators have more options than ever to earn the continuing education units (CEUs) necessary to renew their license, according to Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and noncommercial applicators, face a Feb. 28 renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Sunday deadline.

"We believe education is important for safe pesticide use," Combs said. "Applicators need to stay informed of changing regulations, as well as new products and new application methods."

The Texas Integrated Pest Management Foundation has become the second company to offer credits over the Internet. Applicators can check out the site [www.tipmf.org] or call 512-836-5221. Pestnetwork.com (512-288-8288) has been offering courses over the Internet for about a year.

TDA and other government and private groups offer traditional classroom courses. Applicators can also obtain some credits at home through self-study options. Applicators can obtain a list of approved courses or other information on CEU courses by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or 512-463-7622 or by logging on to TDA's web site: [www.agr.state.tx.us/oesticide/ceuh

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

Applicators will receive a certificate of completion at the end of each course. They should hold onto these for a year after they have renewed their license. The certificate contains the course number and CEU hours completed. The applicator transfers this information to the renewal form he or she receives in the mail.

TDA mailed renewals to private certificate holders back in November. Renewals for all other licensees will be mailed in mid-January. Private certificate holders who also hold a private applicator license will receive their renewal in January.

This renewal cycle will be especially large, Combs said. "More than 26,000 private applicator licenses or certificates will be due for renewal, which is more than twice the normal number."

Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and two in laws and regulations.

Licensed private applicators can-

not retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license in place of getting the CEUs. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can retake the private applicator training test.

Private certificate holders must also obtain 15 CEUs to keep their certificate current. While the certificate never expires, an applicator cannot purchase or apply restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regulated herbicides unless the CEUs are kept up-to-date. A certificate holder who has never obtained a private applicator license may take the private applicator training and obtain a private applicator license instead of earning the CEUs. However, they will be required to earn 15CEUs over the next five-year cycle.

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

Applicators should be sure TDA has their correct address to avoid a delay in receiving their renewal on time and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes to: rrivera@agr.state.tx.us.

Food retailers heading up the food chain

The National Farmers Union recently released a study commissioned by the family farmer and rancher organization detailing the implications of increasing concentration in the retail food and dairy industries.

NFU President Leland Swenson was joined by report authors Mary Hendrickson, Ph.D., and William Heffernan, Ph.D., to present the report, *Consolidation in Food Retailing and Dairy: Implications for Farmers and Consumers in a Global Food System*, depicting the rapid

increase of consolidations in the two industries and the detrimental results for consumers, farmers and the markets that serve them.

"The findings of this report show how competition and choice are being lost every day on our farms and at our dinner tables," said Swenson. "The consolidated control of large conglomerates in the food system is diluting the power of both consumers and farmers. With the acceleration toward seed-to-plate, market-wide control seen in today's market, it is time for Congress to look at how consolidation is affecting family farmers and consumers."

Wes Sims, President of the Texas Farmers Union said, "The findings of the report show that vertical, horizontal and global integration in the food retail sector has rapidly increased in the past three years. Today, the top five food retail chains account for 42% of the retail sales.

"Three years ago they accounted for only 24%. As a result, food retailers are becoming disproportionately dominant in the food chain."

Sims also said, "In addition to the oligopoly-like power this market concentration represents, the retail chains are exerting their control over the food system through agreements with large food processors by charging slotting allowances, display fees, presentation fees and other payments from manufacturers that make up more than half of the total net profit for the large retailers.

"The report shows that vertical integration in recent years in the dairy industry is resulting in extremely low farm prices and loss of equity for dairy farmers," said Sims. "The low farm prices have not been passed on to consumers and in some instances, retail consolidation has allowed retailers to charge artificially high prices."

Band Boosters to meet today

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will meet today (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School band hall and the parents of all band students are invited to attend.

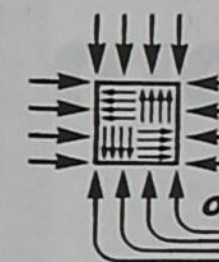
The club members will discuss the guidelines for the senior band scholarships, senior blankets, and funds for the band trip.

"Parents of all band students in grades 5 to 12 are invited to attend," said club president Carolyn Harman. "But it is imperative for the parents of senior band members and high school band members to attend."

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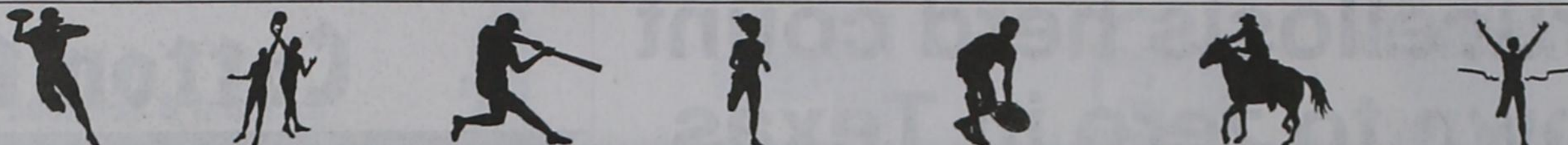
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Sports



Fillies top Bobbies

Mustangs stun Bobcats in 2-3A opener

The Bobcats started their District 2-AAA season at Shallowater Friday by stepping off of the bus and right into a Mustang stamped.

Before you could say "Whoa, Nellie," the fast-charging Mustangs had the Bobcats in a 15-2 hole in the first 3½ minutes.

The Bobcats spent the rest of the game trying to catch up, and got within a point in the third quarter, but the 9-9 Mustangs—seemingly unaware of Dimmitt's state ranking—refused to give up the lead and forced a 54-50 win.

Shallowater started the game by scoring from both outside and inside while the Bobcats were missing all 10 three-point shots they put up dur-

ing the first quarter.

The score was 8-0 by the time Jacob Larra got Dimmitt's first basket on a fast-break layup at the 5:57 mark, then the Mustangs stretched their lead to 15-2 before Austin Sherman fed Brent Josselet for a layup off of a two-on-one fast break with 3:58 left in the quarter. At the end of the first period it was 20-5.

Dee Norman, Daniel Proffitt and Sherman led a Dimmitt charge in the second quarter that brought the Bobcats within six points at 28-34 by halftime. Norman nailed Dimmitt's first three-pointer early in the quarter, and later hit two more bombs within half a minute of each other before Sherman sank a nice double-

pump layup with five ticks left in the half to make the score more respectable.

Proffitt sank a trey and a fast-break layup off of a steal, and Matthew Wright swished a pair of free throws to round out Dimmitt's 23-point surge in the second quarter, and Bobcat fans breathed easier.

Larra opened the second half with a trey, and later Norman hit another trey and a pair of layups to close Shallowater's lead to 39-38. But the Mustangs—who dominated their offensive board for second and third shots—refused to give up the lead.

The third quarter ended with a three-point play by Shallowater's Dusty Janssen and a three-pointer by Josselet at the buzzer, making it 42-41 going into the fourth.

During the whistle-filled fourth, the Bobcats sent the Mustangs to the free-throw line nine times, and the hosts sank 12 of 18 for their total point output in the final frame.

That was enough, because the Bobcats could muster only nine points on a pair of treys by Proffitt and Sherman and a three-point play off of a rebound by Norman.

After Sherman's trey with 1:50 left pulled Dimmitt to within 50-52, the Bobcats got another chance when Shallowater's Eric Morris committed a double-dribble at the 1:43 mark, giving Dimmitt possession. Proffitt took the shot from three-point range, but it rimmed out and the ball went out of bounds to Shallowater after a mad scramble.

Dimmitt sent Clay Christy to the line for a double with 1:00 remaining and he missed both of them. Matthew Sandoval got a key rebound after the second miss, and the Bobcats stalled until only 13 seconds remained, then called time out.

After the inbound pass, Sherman drove toward the basket and dished off but was whistled for a charge—his fifth foul.

In the final six seconds, Shallowater's Morris and Janssen each



SCRAMBLE—It's anybody's ball and everybody wants it during the second quarter of the District 2-3A opener between Dimmitt and Shallowater Friday night at Shallowater. Dimmitt's Brent Josselet (dark

uniform) goes to the paint with a Shallowater player as they battle for a rebound while Dimmitt's Daniel Proffitt (11) and Shallowater's Keenan Kitchens (4) rush to the ball. The Mustangs won, 54-50.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Scoreboard

FRIDAY
Bobbies 49, Shallowater 70
 Dimmitt 11 19 10 9 —49
 Shallowater 17 10 25 18 —70
SCORING: Dimmitt—Tamara Robertson 18, Heather Black 10.

Lady Horns 44, Bovina 47
 Hart 11 8 11 14 —44
 Bovina 6 15 12 14 —47
SCORING: Hart—Crystal Diego 19, Lacie Curry 9.

Swiftettes 102, Lockney 37
 Lockney 13 9 6 9 —37
 Nazareth 39 27 15 21 —102
SCORING: Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 29, Tara Klemm 23, Wendy Black and Whitney Hoelting 14.

Bobcats 50, Shallowater 54
 Dimmitt 5 23 13 9 —50
 Shallowater 20 14 8 12 —54
SCORING: Dimmitt—Dee Norman 22.

Longhorns 56, Bovina 44
 Hart 13 12 18 13 —56
 Bovina 11 18 3 12 —44
SCORING: Hart—Keith Finch 17, Jordy Rowland 14.

Swifts 76, Lockney 53
 Lockney 8 6 17 22 —53
 Nazareth 15 17 23 21 —76
SCORING: Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 27, Eric Schilling 17.

JV Bobcats 59, Shallowater 80
 Dimmitt 18 9 12 15 —59
 Shallowater 26 14 18 20 —80
SCORING: Dimmitt JV—Kenneth Worsham 17, Colby Williams 16, Brandon Furr 13.

JV Swifts 64, Lockney 28
JV Swiftettes 68, Lockney 14
JV Lady Horns 30, Bovina 24
JV Bobbies 50, Shallowater 42
JV Longhorns 32, Bovina 27

TUESDAY
Bobbies 59, Muleshoe 49
 Muleshoe 11 9 18 11 —49
 Dimmitt 15 19 9 16 —59
SCORING: Dimmitt—Heather Black 25, Rachel Fabela 11, Tamara Robertson 10.

Bobcats 62, Muleshoe 53
 Muleshoe 9 9 17 18 —53
 Dimmitt 13 16 19 14 —62
SCORING: Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 20, Dee Norman 19, Matthew Wright 14.

Lady Horns 51, Kress 44
 Kress 6 11 12 15 —44
 Hart 9 18 11 13 —51
SCORING: Hart—Lacie Curry 19, Crystal Diego 10.

Longhorns vs. Kress, N/A
JV Lady Horns 29, Kress 53
JV Bobbies 47, Muleshoe 42.

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The Nazareth Knights of Columbus will hold a benefit steak dinner Sunday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall.

Sponsored by the KC's and the Nazareth Christian Mothers, the meal will benefit the Brad Klein medical expense fund.

Cost of the meal is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu includes steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, and dessert. Take-outs will be available.



DIMMITT'S RACHEL FABELA (40) confronts a Shallowater player early in the third quarter of Friday night's District 2-3A game at Shallowater. The Bobbies fought on even terms with the much taller Fillies in the first half, but fell behind in the second half and suffered a 70-49 loss.

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Dimmitt posts twin wins over Muleshoe Tuesday

The Bobbies and Bobcats made it a double with victories over Muleshoe here Tuesday night.

Senior guard Heather Black scored virtually half of Dimmitt's points as the Bobbies improved their District 2-3A record to 2-2 with a 59-49 win over the Lady Mules.

And the Bobcats maintained a double-digit lead through most of their game, but needed seven free throws in the final two minutes to preserve a 62-53 win after the Mules had pulled within two points.

Despite the threat of snow and ice, Cleveland Gym was almost full-up for the games.

The speedy Black was unstoppable in the varsity girls' game as she lit up the scoreboard with 29 points, including all nine of her team's points in the third quarter.

After a 15-11 first quarter, the Bobbies outscored the Lady Mules 14-7 in the second for a solid 34-20 halftime lead.

They needed all of that lead, though, when the Lady Mules charged back in the third with 18 points. Black kept the Bobbies ahead by scoring all nine of Dimmitt's third-quarter points. By the end of the third, the Lady Mules were within five at 43-38.

Black scored eight more points in the fourth, including a fast-break layup to open the quarter, and Audrey Saenz added an eight-footer, but the Bobbies still couldn't shake the Lady Mules, who stayed within four or five points.

Lori Schulte and Rachel Fabela closed it out, though, with a perfect 6-0 run from the free-throw line in the final 1:03 to build Dimmitt's winning margin to 10.

The Bobcats took command early and stayed in control most of the way, thanks to the Mules' 12-of-32 free-throw shooting. But they saw a 15-point lead melt down to two points as the Mules staged an 18-8 run in the fourth.

Muleshoe's Darrell Lewis turned a three-point play to draw the visitors to within 55-53 with 2:25 left.

But after a Dimmitt time-out, the Bobcats wrote the ending by forcing the Mules to commit their 10th foul of the half, then connected on seven-of-eight free throws in the final 2:06 to seal the win.

Matthew Wright swished four, Austin Sherman two and Dee Norman one in the Bobcats' game-ending free-throw clinic.

Sherman scored 20, Norman 19 and Wright 14 to lead the Dimmitt point parade. Daniel Proffitt, Marcus Larra, Sherman, Norman and Wright all scored high on floor-play credits, and Wright was Dimmitt's top rebounder with 10.

Although the Bobcats connected on only 14% of their three-point shots (2/14), they were sharp on their inside game, hitting 18-of-31 two-point shots (58%), mostly in the lane.

The Bobcats are now 14-7, 1-1, while the Mules are 6-4, 1-1.



GOING FOR IT—Dimmitt's Heather Black cranks up the speed as she drives for the basket in the third quarter of Friday night's district game at Shallowater. The towering Fillies managed to hold the speedy

Black to 10 points in a 70-49 Shallowater win, but Black came back Tuesday night with 29 points to lead the Bobbies to a 59-49 victory over Muleshoe here. Photo by Carter Townsend

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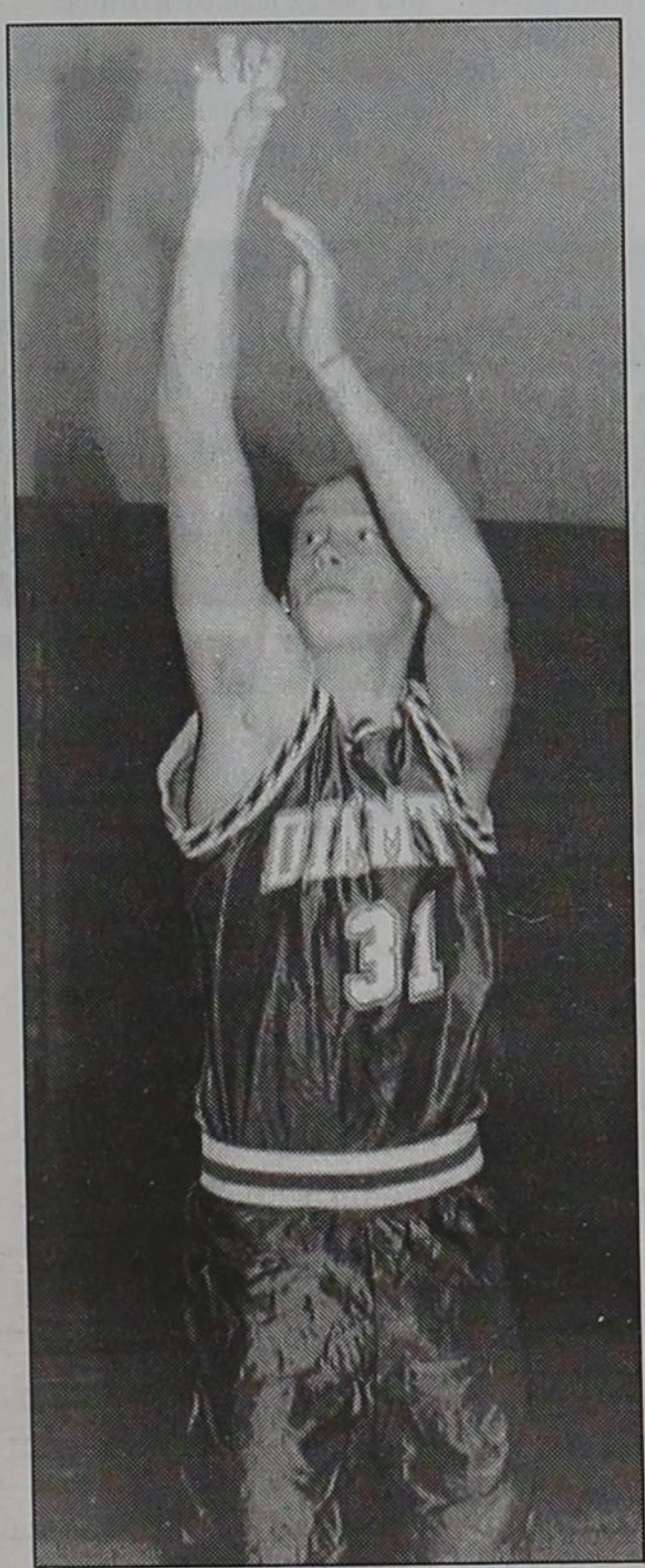
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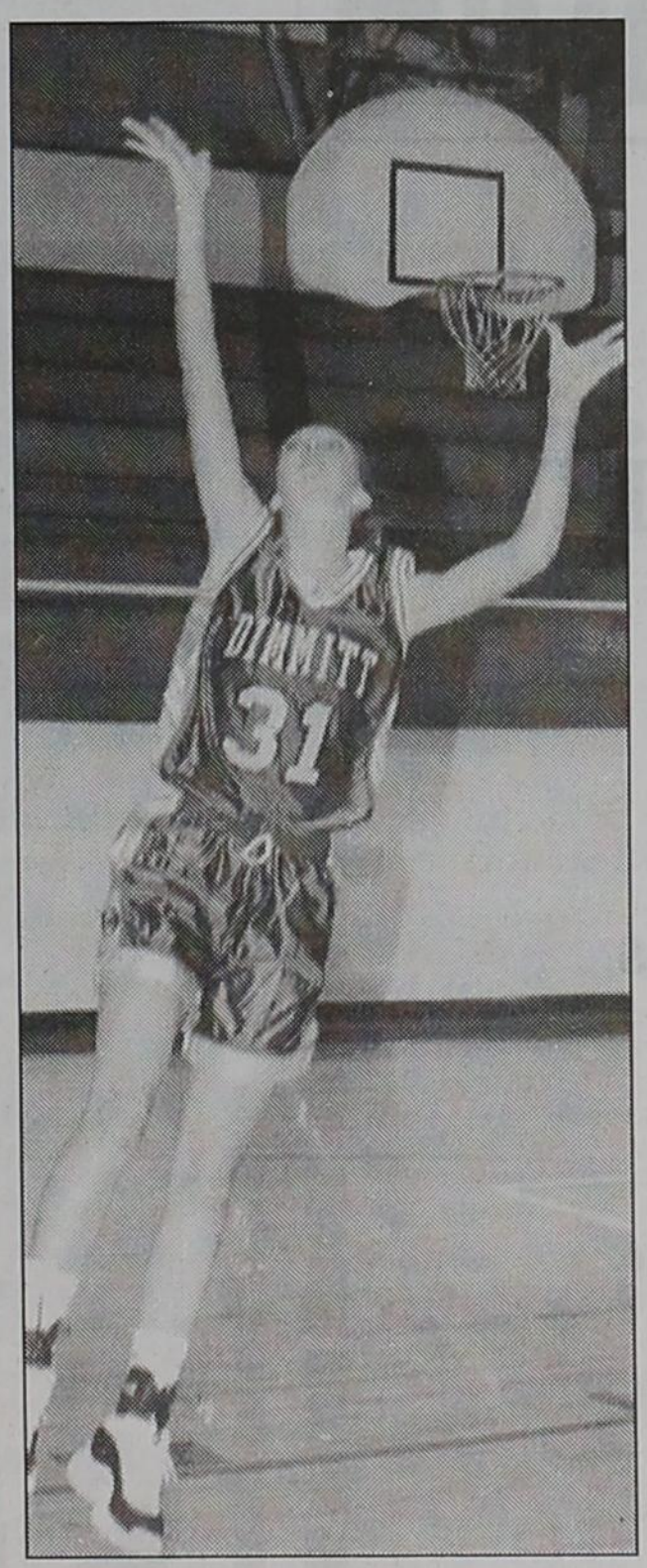
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ALL-OUT EFFORT—Eric Schilling (41) of Nazareth leaps high, snatches an offensive carom and puts it back through the hoop Friday night and all Lockney defenders can do is watch in amazement. The Swifts' defense held Lockney at bay for most of the game Friday, and Nazareth claimed a 76-53 win. Schilling finished with 17 points in the game.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Big first half boosts Swifts over Lockney

A solid first-half defensive effort lifted the Nazareth Swifts to a solid halftime advantage over Lockney, then the offensive energy picked up in the second half, allowing the Swifts to post a 76-53 win Friday night at home.

Nazareth's defense limited Lockney to 14 first-half points enroute to a 32-14 advantage by the break.

Lockney struggled with the handle on the ball in the first half, turning it over 14 times, but the Longhorns only gave it up six times in the second half. It was Nazareth that lost the turnover battle for the game, though, losing control 25 times. Lockney outrebounded the Swifts, 32-26.

Three-pointers were on target for Nazareth in the first half, with six of the Swifts' 12 field goals coming from outside the arc. For the game, the Swifts counted 10 threes.

Kade Wilcox, who finished with six threes and 27 points, opened scoring with his first three-pointer, then hit another with 1:37 left in the quarter for a 15-8 Nazareth lead.

Lockney stayed with Nazareth for half of the first period, and tied the game at 8 when Brandon Alvis counted a pair of free throws with four minutes left.

Nazareth took the lead for good on an inside jumper by Justin Kleman. Kleman picked up his second straight bucket on a turn-around jumper with two minutes left for a 12-8 Swift lead. Wilcox's final three of the quarter gave Nazareth its 15-8 first-quarter lead.

Wilcox opened second quarter action with a long three, then made a pair of free throws after a Lockney technical foul. That boosted the Swifts' lead to 10.

Eric Schilling scored on an offensive putback, then swished a pair of three pointers from the top of the key for a 28-14 advantage.

Baskets by Wilcox and Daryl Pohlmeier over the final minute-and-a-half gave Nazareth a 32-14 lead at the break.

The Swifts outscored Lockney 23-17 in the third quarter, and Wilcox paved the way with a pair of threes and a couple of free throws.

Alvis attempted to spark Lockney in a fourth-quarter comeback, scoring nine of his 23 points in the

stanza, but the Swifts used a balanced attack to hold the Longhorns at bay.

Wilcox finished with 17 points while Schilling added 17 for the Swifts.



Here are the District 2-AAA, District 4-A and District 3-A standings through Tuesday night's games.

DISTRICT 2-AAA

Girls		
District	Overall	
Shallowater	4-0	20-4
Muleshoe	3-1	13-10
Lubbock Roosevelt	2-2	17-7
Dimmitt	2-2	10-13
Lubbock Cooper	1-3	5-16
Littlefield	0-4	5-15

Boys		
District	Overall	
Shallowater	2-0	11-9
Lubbock Cooper	2-0	10-12
Dimmitt	1-1	14-7
Muleshoe	1-1	6-4
Littlefield	0-2	11-7
Lubbock Roosevelt	0-2	12-10

DISTRICT 3-A

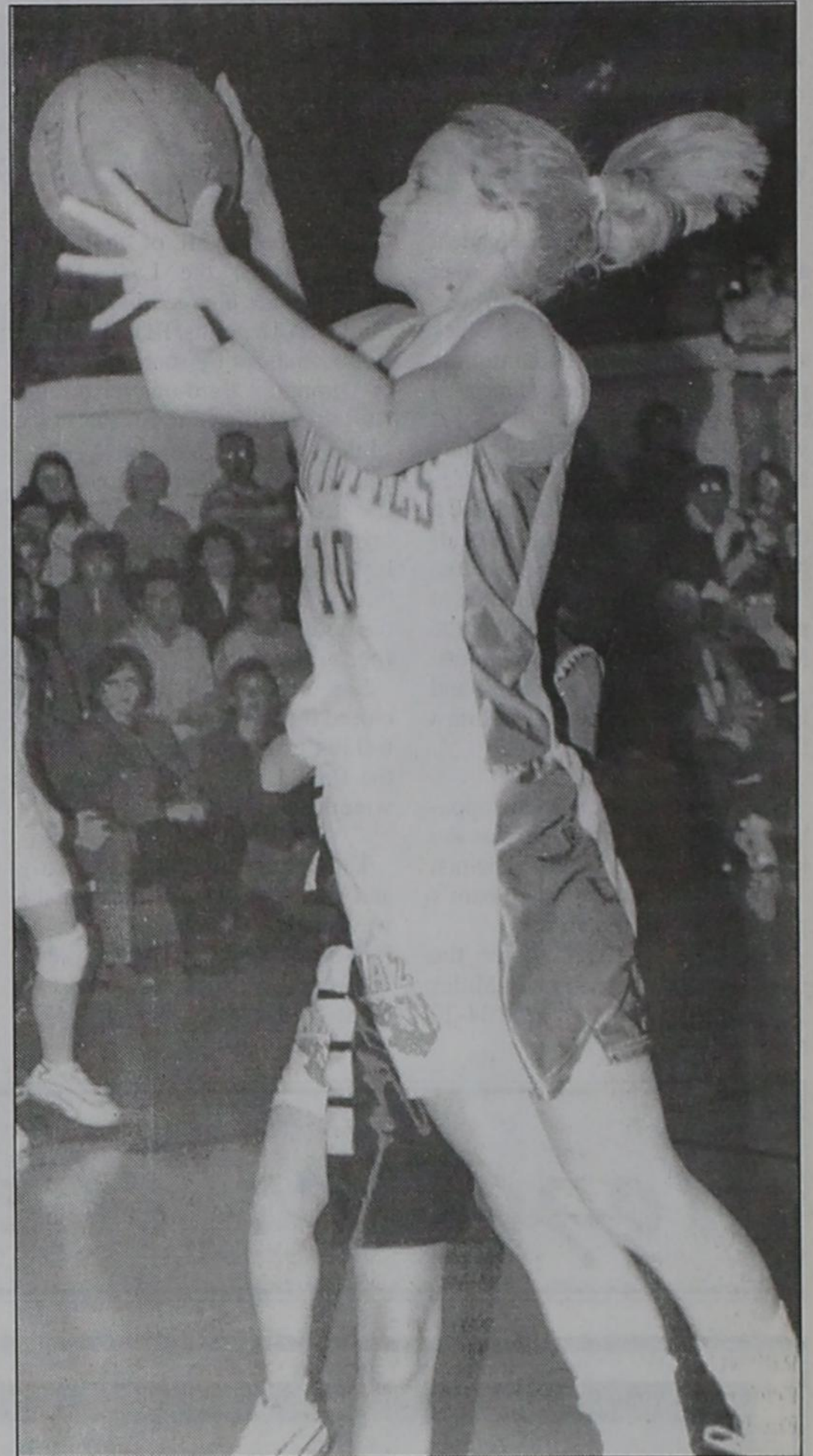
Girls		
District	Overall	
Sudan	4-0	14-4
Farwell	3-1	13-9
Bovina	2-1	8-10
Springlake-Earth	1-2	9-13
Hart	0-3	9-11
Kress	0-3	N/A

Boys		
District	Overall	
Farwell	3-0	16-5
Sudan	2-1	14-7
Bovina	1-2	11-8
Springlake-Earth	1-2	6-9
Hart	1-2	8-11
Kress	1-2	4-16

DISTRICT 4-A

Girls		
District	Overall	
Nazareth	0-0	20-4
Valley	0-0	13-4
Happy	0-0	11-10
Silverton	0-0	12-11

Boys		
District	Overall	
Nazareth	0-0	14-7
Silverton	0-0	12-8
Happy	0-0	11-8
Valley	0-0	9-7



FOUL!—Nazareth post Erica Gerber (10) is hacked by a Lockney defender as she makes a move inside Friday in Nazareth. The Swiftettes out-ran the Lady Longhorns from the opening tip, and topped the century mark for the first time this season with a 102-37 decision.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Swiftettes break century mark in win over Lockney

With just over two minutes left in the game between Nazareth and Lockney Friday night, Nazareth's Mandy Hoelting penetrated the lane, pulled up and popped a jumper that swished the net and moved the Swiftettes into triple digit scoring for the first time this year.

Nazareth scored more points in the first quarter Friday than Lockney managed in four periods and cruised to the victory, 102-37.

Lockney couldn't shut down or slow down the explosive Swiftettes, who poured in 39 points in the first eight minutes of action.

The Swiftettes hit 12 three-pointers in Friday's game, but the bulk of their 102 points came from the transition game—fast-break layups. Nazareth shooters sank 16-of-18 free throws, too.

The Nazareth domination didn't end on the offensive end of the floor, either.

An aggressive Swiftette defense forced Lockney into committing 25 turnovers and Nazareth won the rebound battle, 36-16.

Leading Nazareth's offensive attack was Stephanie Thiel, who

poured in 29 points, 21 of which came from her seven three-point shots. Tara Kleman finished with 23 while Whitney Hoelting and Wendy Black added 14 each.

Lockney was able to tie the game at 6 early in the first quarter, but Nazareth would go on a 26-0 run after that and virtually put the game away with just over a minute left in the opening stanza.

Steals and layups provided the bulk of Nazareth's offense during the assault, but an occasional three by Lesley Brockman and Thiel added to the offense.

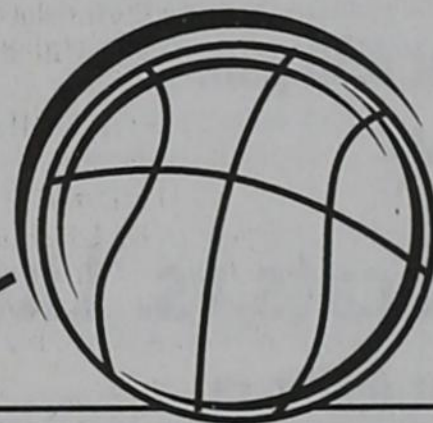
By the end of the first quarter, Nazareth was up 39-13.

Nazareth continued its domination into the second quarter as Kleman got hot, hitting 11 of her 23 points.

The Swiftettes held Lockney to nine points in the quarter and raced to a 66-22 lead by halftime.

Nazareth's offense slowed down in the second half, but still managed to outscore Lockney 36-15 for the big win.

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Lady Horns lose heartbreaker

Hart boys grab first district win



RISING ABOVE the Bovina defense, Hart's Keith Finch is able to score Friday night and helped lead his team to a 56-44 District 3-A victory. Finch finished with 17 points as Bovina was unable to control the athletic post. Photo by Tracy Rich

Bovina managed just three points in the third quarter against Hart Friday night and the Longhorns took advantage, exploding with 18 points to overtake the Mustangs and claim a 56-44 district win at Bovina.

The Lady Horns weren't quite as lucky, falling to the Lady Stangs in a heartbreaker, 47-44.

The win Friday boosted the Longhorns' overall record to 8-11 and 1-2 in District 3-A play.

The Lady Horns dropped to 9-11, 0-3, with Friday's loss.

Lady Horns 44, Bovina 47

After jumping out to an early lead against Bovina, Hart's girls fell behind in the second quarter and never recovered, falling to the Lady Mustangs, 47-44.

The Hart ladies started off in great shape against Bovina, applying a pressure defense that rattled the home team and limited the Lady Mustangs to six points.

By the time the first quarter was in the books, Hart had jumped out to an 11-6 advantage.

Bovina regrouped during the break between quarters and turned the tables on Hart.

Hart managed just eight points in the second quarter while Bovina rattled off 15 to claim the lead by halftime, 21-19.

The teams battled virtually basket-for-basket in the second half and Hart couldn't grab and maintain control of the game.

Bovina led 32-29 after three quarters and preserved the win down the stretch.

Hart's Crystal Diego poured in 19

points to lead the Lady Horns while Lacie Curry contributed nine.

Jennifer Cantu took over for Bovina in the second quarter and sparked her team in the comeback. She finished with 19 points while teammates K'Leigh Scroggins and Marissa Rodriguez added 10 apiece.

Longhorns 56, Bovina 44

The Longhorns had to play come-from-behind-ball to earn a victory Friday, but the team pulled together and did just that enroute to the 56-44 win—their first in district play.

Keith Finch finished with 17 points to lead Hart while Jordy Rowland added 14.

Hart owned a very slim 13-11 lead in the opening period, but that disintegrated quickly in the second stanza.

Bovina rallied to outscore the Longhorns 18-12 in the second quarter and the Mustangs were in posses-

sion of a 29-25 lead by the break.

The back-breaker for Bovina occurred in the third quarter.

Hart was on fire on both ends of the floor, shutting down the Mustang offense with an aggressive defense, then scoring almost at will on the opposite end of the court.

The 18-3 Hart rally in the third would be enough for the eventual win.

With the 43-32 lead headed into the final period, the Longhorns were brimming with confidence and breezed through the fourth quarter to claim the victory.



HART'S LACIE CURRY goes up strong inside against a swarm of Bovina defenders and is able to pick up two of her nine points Friday in a District 3-A game at Bovina. Hart came close to picking up the victory, but Bovina prevailed at the end, 47-44. The Lady Horns bounced back with a district win over Kress Tuesday, 51-44. Curry finished with 19 points in that game to lead the Lady Horns. Photo by Tracy Rich

TABC Rankings

Here are the latest Top 10 rankings for Class AAA and Class A as released Monday by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC).

CLASS AAA

Boys: 1. Kountze, 2. Mexia, 3. Waco La Vega, 4. Everman, 5. Graham, 6. Wharton, 7. Dimmitt, 8. Mabank, 9. Hearne, 10. Sour Lake Hardin-Jefferson.

Girls: 1. Mont Velview Barbers Hill, 2. Winnsboro, 3. Perryton, 4. Shallowater, 5. Luling, 6. Crandall, 7. Groesbeck, 8. Abilene Wylie, 9. Quinlan Ford, 10. Waco La Vega.

CLASS A DIVISION 1

Boys: 1. Weatherford Brock, 2. Lorenzo, 3. Tenaha, 4. Lipan, 5. Kennard, 6. Sudan, 7. Paducah, 8. Evadale, 9. LaRue LaPoynor, 10. Crosbyton.

Girls: 1. Weatherford Brock, 2. Moulton, 3. Windthorst, 4. Merit Bland, 5. Kennard, 6. Sudan, 7. LaRue LaPoynor, 8. Wortham, 9. Ivanhoe Sam Rayburn, 10. Smyer.

CLASS A DIVISION 2

Boys: 1. Goodrich, 2. Nazareth, 3. Laneville, 4. Round Top-Carmine, 5. Fort Elliott, 6. Jayton, 7. Calvert, 8. Gary, 9. Waelder, 10. Stephenville Huckabay.

Girls: 1. Nazareth, 2. Brookesmith, 3. Throckmorton, 4. Stephenville Huckabay, 5. Strawn, 6. Guthrie, 7. Saitillo, 8. Rochelle, 9. Dodd City, 10. Jonesboro.

Third graders are honored

Third graders at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt were honored recently for the second nine weeks grading period. They were honored for perfect attendance, citizenship, hard work, and good grades.

Students who won awards are listed below by classroom.

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HARDEST WORKERS: Cody Essary, Isabel Garcia, Gilbreath, Martinez, Edgar Meza, Olmos, Schilling, Saenz.

CITIZENSHIP: Andre Aleman, Essary, Daniel Esquivel, Gilbreath, Terence Hernandez, Briana Lopez, Martinez, Schilling.

HONOR ROLL: Cluck, Essary, Gilbreath, Martinez, Meza, Olmos, Schilling, Saenz.

Merritt

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Marissa Martinez, Irashema

Medrano, Jill Miller, Jonathan Mireles, Sid Sheffy.

HARDEST WORKERS: Martinez, Medrano.

CITIZENSHIP: Miller.

HONOR ROLL: Beau Bradley, Gabriel Calderon, Medrano, Miller, Mireles, Sheffy.

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HONOR ROLL: Eric Fuentes, Cruz Maldonado, Amanda Jackson, Jeff Bishop, Dustin Gilbreath, Reagan Hunter.

BEST CITIZEN: Ashley Almanza, Fuentes, Gilbreath, Travis Harris, Hunter, Jackson, Maldonado, Monique Marmolejo, Melissa Molina, Valerie Quiroz, Virginia Reyes, Brenda Salas, Amy Torres, Clarissa Acevedo.

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PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Hunter, Maldonado, Torres, Reyes, Fabian Reyna.

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CITIZENSHIP: Miguel Zepeda, Braden Nelson.

HONOR ROLL: Sara Acevedo,

Nicole Sanchez, Ivonne Alvarado, Sinfo Arguijo, Caleb Penny, Zepeda, Adriana Marquez, Kimberly Ruiz.

HARDEST WORKER: John Wait.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Zepeda, Wait, Chris Stanley, Tyler Gilliland, Quincy Duran, Arguijo, Acevedo, Brigette Flores.

Padilla

CITIZENSHIP: Diana Arredondo, Laura Chavez, Anna Diaz, Melissa Escamilla, Jose Flores, Claudia Gallardo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Martin Hernandez, Yannin Marquez, Jennifer Olivas, Viviana Porras, Jacqueline Ramirez, Tracy Silva, Ricardo Velasquez.

HARDEST WORKER: Arredondo, Marquez, Velasquez.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Arredondo, Chavez, Diaz, Claudia Gallardo, Elizabeth Gallardo, Hernandez, Rigoberto Lopez, Marquez, Olivas, Porras, Ramirez, Velasquez, Danny Sanchez.

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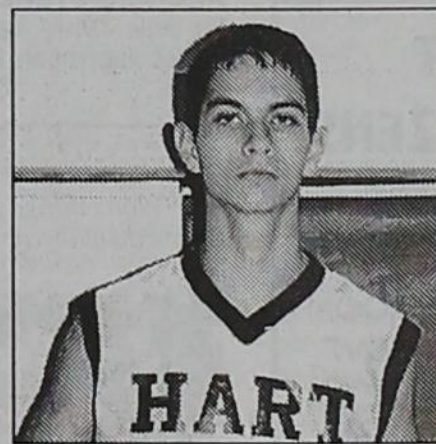
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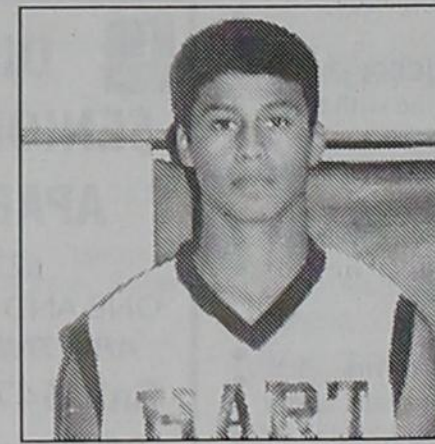


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7—Garage Sale

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3—Real Estate For Rent

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22—Notices

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24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
Many thanks to the following sponsors for their support of our recent Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic, which was held this month at the Castro County Expo Building: Bar G Feedyard, First United Bank, North Gin, Rafta 3 Feedyard, First Ag Credit, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Kirby, DENN Aerial Spraying, Dimmitt Vet Clinic, Dennis, Denise and Jayden Kirby, Texas Equipment, Paxton Tire Co., Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., Dimmitt FFA, Jerry and Nancy Mathis and Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.
Thanks also goes to the following people who worked to make the show a great success: Dennis and Denise Kirby, Danice Wright, Jerry Mathis, Rick Auckerman, Kyle Auckerman, Charlie Lane, Cindy Cornett, Greg & Jackie Odom, Mike Odom, Cliff Wright and Jinna Wright.
Proceeds from the lamb and barrow show will benefit the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is awarded annually in memory of a great young man and friend, Aaron Wilcox.
Thanks again to all.
AARON WILCOX MEMORIAL CLASSIC 24-42-1tx

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-40-4tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
The County and District Clerk in Castro County, Texas, is now accepting bids for computers: (1) 386-20 MHZ 2 MB RAM, 80 MB hard drive, ethernet card; (1) 386-25 MHZ 16 MB RAM, no hard drive; (1) 386-25 MHZ 2MB RAM, 40 MB hard drive—bad (monitor needed); (1) 486-66 MHZ 8 MB RAM, no hard drive, ethernet card. Computers were used in County/District Clerk's office.
Separate sealed bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. Jan. 26, 2001, at the County Judge's office. Information may be obtained at the clerk's office. Bids will be opened at Commissioners Court on Feb. 12, 2001.
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JOYCE M. THOMAS
County/District Clerk
Castro County, Texas
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RES honors second graders

Second graders at Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School were honored with awards at the end of the second nine-week grading period recently.

Students were honored for perfect attendance, penmanship, reading improvement, hard work, spelling, and math skills. Honor winners are listed below by classroom.

Echevarria
PENMANSHIP: Maribel Alanis, Albert Martinez, Erasmo Meraz, Estefani Olivas, Cesar Ontiveros.
READING IMPROVEMENT: Olivas.
TOP SPELLERS: Alanis, Ricky Gonzales, Meraz, Olivas.
MATH WHIZ: Alanis, Javier Ayala, Gonzales, Jose Hernandez, Meraz, Olivas, Gustavo Ruiz, Javier Vargas.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Ruiz, Martinez, Vargas.
HARDEST WORKER: Gary Gil.

Johnson
MATH WHIZ: Karina Abrego, Makenzie Cornett, Bethany Garza, Danielle Sandoval, Sam Wales.
TOP SPELLER: Abrego, Cornett, Garza, Mari Peña, Josue Quiroz, Sandoval, Wales.

PENMANSHIP: Abrego, Garza.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Johnny Marmolejo, Quiroz, Sandoval, David Velez, Wales.
HARDEST WORKER: Abrego, Cornett, Eric Davis, Garza, Devin Hernandez, Alex Herrera, Wales.
READING IMPROVEMENT: Herrera, Marmolejo, Eric Mendoza, Quiroz.
Waggoner
ATTENDANCE: Elida Favela,

Eric Gil, Juan Martinez, Katrice Perez, Jessica Martinez.
MATH WHIZ: Juan Martinez, Megan Wilkerson, Anthony Wall, Danielle Prieto, M.T. Morrow, Rudy Martinez, Melissa Gomez, Anthony Cisneros, Wendy Bradford.
HANDWRITING: Wilkerson, Jessica Martinez, Gomez, Joseph Barrios.
SUPER SPELLER: Bradford, Wilkerson, Wall, Cisneros, Micheal Lucas, Prieto, Morrow, Rudy Martinez, Gomez, Larissa Corral.
READING IMPROVEMENT: Michael Kirven, Cody Harris.
HARDEST WORKER: Rudy Martinez.

Gilliland
HARD WORKER: Angel Ramirez, Desiree Lopez, Geena Steffens, Salvador Ramirez, Shea Myatt, Steven Sustaita, Robert Salazar, Liset Soto, Bruce Aldridge, David Underwood.

MATH WHIZ: Steffens, Salvador Ramirez, Myatt, Sustaita, Matthew Vigil, Aldridge, Underwood.
SUPER SPELLER: Steffens, Karina Casas, Myatt, Aldridge, Underwood.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Sustaita, Nikki Ward, Salazar, Soto, Aldridge, Underwood, Ernesto Ortiz, John David Martinez, Sergio Ibarra, Desiree Ewing, Kimberly Dove, Steffens, Casas, Salvador Ramirez, Myatt, Mercedes Villanueva.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Villanueva, Aldridge, Underwood.
PENMANSHIP: Vivian Sanchez, Steffens, Lopez, Casas, Myatt, Salazar, Aldridge, Underwood.

Venhaus
HARDEST WORKER: Alonso Bygoytia, Carle Thomas.
MATH WHIZ: Natasha Aguilar, Bygoytia, John Hazel.
IMPROVED PENMANSHIP: Alex Esquivel, Annabel Garcia, Ashley Howell.
PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Hazel, Tori Hinojosa, Angel Juarez, Daniella Oliviero, Stephanie Reyes, Eric Reyna.
READING IMPROVEMENT: Cody Collins, Rodrigo Grado, Hinojosa, Oliviero, Roman Ovalle, Reyes, Reyna, Ruben Rodriguez.
SUPER SPELLER: Brianda Aguiro, Aguilar, Bygoytia, Jeremy Davis, Hazel, Rodriguez, Thomas.

Thames
TOP SPELLERS: Joe Aguiro, Charlene Calderon, Jonathon Casas, Kris Cline, Marissa Flores, Tanner George, Phylissa Kinser, Nikki Lara, Emily Rodriguez, Jerry Velasquez, Monica Paz.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Casas, Cline, George, Kinser, Ruben Martinez, Gracie Ortega, Jacob Rials, Caleb Williams.

READING IMPROVEMENT: Aguiro, Calderon, Casas, Cline, Flores, George, Kinser, Lara, Martinez, Ortega, Rials, Velasquez, Paz, Renee Buskirk.

PENMANSHIP: Calderon, Flores, Shyleigh Harris, Lara, Ortega, Rodriguez, Velasquez, Paz, Buskirk.

MATH WHIZ: Aguiro, Calderon, Casas, Cline, Flores, George, Harris, Kinser, Lara, Johnny Lopez, Martinez, Ortega, Rials, Rodriguez, Velasquez, Williams, Paz, Jonathan Garcia, Buskirk.
HARD WORKERS: Calderon, Cline, George, Kinser, Paz.

DMS names honor students

Dimmitt Middle School recently named honor roll students for the second nine-week grading period and also for the first semester.

In addition, seventh and eighth grade students were honored in subject areas.

In the eighth grade, subject area honors went to Nyssa Martinez and Layne Penney for English, Alejandra Velasquez and Ryan Miller for history, Penney for Algebra I, Rigo Presas for pre-algebra, Velasquez for reading, Elias Zepeda for science, Miller for Industrial Arts I, Chuck Cruz for Industrial Arts II, Weldon Allison for Mechanics, Velasquez for Spanish, Nicole Heard for Home-making I, Angelica Quiroz for Homemaking II, Kelly Reyes and Robin Beames for band, and Norma Guzman for choir.

In the seventh grade, subject area honors went to Hayli Wise for English and health; Ryan Hunter for history; Sean Hunter for pre-algebra, science, and computer; Ross Hunter for pre-algebra, and health; Gabriel Mirelez for math; Mandi Ebeling for reading; Marcos Perez for industrial arts; Anthony Navarro for mechanics; Kathy Amador for health; Heidi Villalba and Darcy Fisher for computer; Fabian Diaz and Vanessa Caballero for band; and Anayeli Uribe for choir.

Honor roll students are listed below by grade level.

FOURTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A HONOR ROLL: Juana Arredondo, Stephanie Castro, Taron Clark, Samuel Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Kellie Martinez, Brooke Parker, Laura Rodriguez, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith, Ethan Wales,

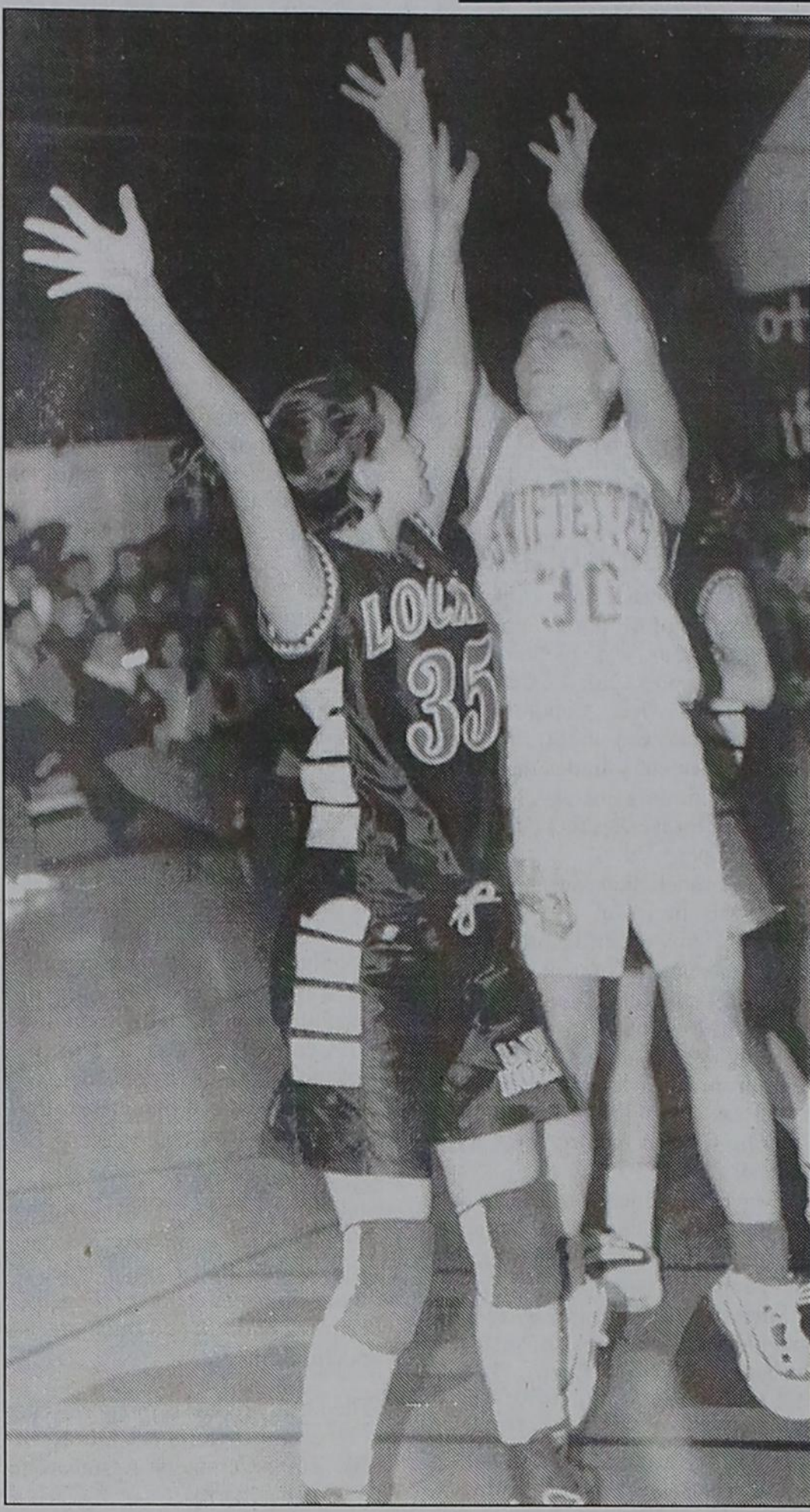
Hanna Wise.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Paul Acker, Jeffery Addison, Mayra Aguilar, Abraham Aguirre, Adriana Aldaco, Robert Arguijo, Michael Barrera, Jake Ebeling, Casey Eby, Christian Fuentes, Juan Gonzales, Chase Hatla, Austin Heard, Anthony Jackson, Andrew Larra, Jessica Leivas, Michael Luse, Kimberly Martinez, Stephanie Mendoza, Antonio Molina, Bailey Nutt, Devonee Ortiz, Erik Porras, Viviana Quiroz, Julian Rodriguez, Shawn Ryan, Alyssa Saenz, Rubi Sanchez, Chance Taron Clark, Sam Hazel, Elizabeth Hill, Kellie Martinez, Bailey Nutt, Brooke Parker, Laura Rodriguez, Cornelio Salinas, Keshia Smith, Ethan Wales, Hanna Wise.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Paul Acker, Jeffery Addison, Mayra Aguilar, Abraham Aguirre, Adriana Aldaco, Robert Arguijo, Michael Barrera, Roberto Barrios, Joel Cardona, Francisco Castro, Stephanie Castro, Jessica Dennis, Jake Ebeling, Casey Eby, Brittany Flores, Christian Fuentes, Damian Gauna, Juan Gonzales, Chase Hatla, Austin Heard, Anthony Jackson, Andrew Larra, Kimberly Martinez, Klarissa Martinez, Stephanie Mendoza, Antonio Molina, Devonee Ortiz, Felipe Perez, Erik Porras, Noe Puento, Viviana Quiroz, Oralia Rodriguez, Shawn Ryan, Alyssa Saenz, Rubi Sanchez, Chance Schilling, Jazzalyn Sepeida, Mark Sheffy, Matthew Sheffy, Nickolas Tijerina, Dustin Venhaus.

FIFTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A HONOR ROLL: Erin Black, Michael Cline, Cameron Cluck, Tyler Cornett, Courtney Garza, Chauncey Gilbreath, Shaira Gonzalez, Kaden Griffith, Ross Myatt, Eric Odom, Michael Rasor, Lana Reinart, Kamryn Steffens, Kalan Steinle, Houston Sutton.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Laraine Aguiro, Brittany Allen, Molly Bradford, Klay Clearman, Naoli Corral, Anthony Enriquez, Haylee Evans, Ashley Fleeks, Cynthia Gomez, Marcus Herrera, Nayeli Monsivais, Lourdes Neri, Ana Olmos, Landon Porsch, Anna Reyes, Vanessa Fuentes, Rubie Sanchez, Dustin Thomas, Dennis Underwood, Valerie Villarreal.

SIXTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A HONOR ROLL: Jessie Lara, Joshua Norman, Rye Patton, Micaela Salinas, Brandy Smith, Edward Wait, Daniela Zepeda.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Jessica Arguijo, Anna Brockman, Chelsea Buckley, Arica Cisneros, Noe Marquez, Zane Matthews, Brittany Nelson, Bryce Parker, Gladys Ruiz, Dana Sandoval, Kashandra Sherman, Edith Velasquez, Sverre Vogt.
First Semester
A HONOR ROLL: Rye Patton, Micaela Salinas, Brandy Smith, Sverre Vogt, Daniela Zepeda.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Jerry Acevedo, Schilling, Jazzalyn Sepeida, Mark Sheffy, Matthew Sheffy, Nickolas Tijerina, Dustin Venhaus.

SEVENTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A HONOR ROLL: Kathy Amador, Darcy Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Ashlee Nino, Hayli Wise.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Marisa Allison, Vanessa Caballero, Jorge Ceniceros, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Jonathon Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Haley Heard, Clarissa Herrera, Rodrigo Jackson, Casey Maurer, Jennifer Montes, Samantha Neri, Sabrena Patlan, Laura Rasor, Kristy Reyes, Zjhon Smotherman, Esther Velasquez, Maria Villalba, Brittany Williams.
First Semester
A HONOR ROLL: Kathy Amador, Mandi Ebeling, Darcy Fisher, Ross Hunter, Ryan Hunter, Sean Hunter, Ashlee Nino, Brittany Williams, Hayli Wise.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Marisa Allison, Vanessa Caballero, Monica Dozal, Jonathon Flores, Jennifer Fuentes, Joshua Green, Haley Heard, Clarissa Herrera, Rodrigo Jackson, Casey Maurer, Emilio Mendoza, Pedro Mirelez, Samantha Neri, Sabrena Patlan, Laura Rasor, Kristy Reyes, Timothy Sandoval, Sergio Saucedo, Tucker Self, Brenda Silva, Zjhon Smotherman, Victoria Tarango, Anayeli Uribe, Shenea Wright.

EIGHTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A HONOR ROLL: Kayla Acker, Shelly Burk, Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Viktorya Navarro, Layne Penney, Alejandra Velasquez, Salud Zepeda.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Lilliana Aguilar, Jared Bell, Corrie Black, Raynee Bradley, Jaime Cavazos, Carlos Cruz, Jorge DeLaTorre, Marissa Demster, Marisol Fuentes, Stevie Hays, Meggie Lemons, Kristin McClure, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Jeremy Norman, Chrystina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Nallely Reyes, Charley Saenz, Felisha Starling.
First Semester
A HONOR ROLL: Kayla Acker, Shelley Burk Paxton, Nyssa Martinez, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Alejandra Velasquez, Salud Zepeda.
A-B HONOR ROLL: Lilliana Aguilar, Vicente Alvarez, Jared Bell, Corrie Black, Raynee Bradley, Jaime Cavazos, Carlos Cruz, Marissa Demster, Norma Guzman, Stevie Hays, Jacquelyn Hinsley, Meggie Lemons, Kristin McClure, Ryan Miller, Callen Mixson, Viktorya Navarro, Jeremy Norman, Chrystina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Nallely Reyes, Charley Saenz, Felisha Starling.



NAZARETH POINT GUARD WENDY BLACK (30) attacks the Lockney defense, penetrating the middle and hitting a short jumper Friday when the two teams squared off in a game at Nazareth. The Swiftettes were on fire Friday, and scored more points in the first quarter than Lockney managed for the game. Nazareth won the contest, 102-37, and Black was one of four Swiftettes to finish in double figures. Photo by Dwayne Acker

Hawkins winners are announced

The scholarship committee of the First Presbyterian Church of Dimmitt has awarded Bea Hawkins Memorial Scholarships to two local Texas Tech University students.

Recipients of the scholarships are Vandon Lee Jeter, son of Kent and Teresa Lindsey, and Zackery Lee Morgan, son of Jerry and DeAnne Davidson. Jeter is a freshman at Tech, majoring in business; and Morgan, also a freshman, is majoring in business economics. Both will be attending Tech during the spring semester.

The one-time scholarships were made possible by Mrs. Josephine Seip of Michigan City, Ind., and Mrs. Irene Reager of Reedsport, Ore., sister and niece of Hawkins.

Hawkins was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a long-time educator, who taught first grade in the Dimmitt Independent School District for many years. After retiring she moved to Lubbock where she resided until her death in 1999.

She was dedicated to education and to her students throughout her career, a spokesperson said.

CASA sets meeting for Tuesday

CASA of Lubbock, Inc., will have a community meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Rainbow Room in Plainview and the public is invited.

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. It is a non-profit organization that trains volunteers to speak up for the best interests of abused and neglected children in court proceedings.

The CASA program is expanding into Castro County, along with Hale, Terry, Yoakum, and Swisher counties, thanks to a grant received from the Governor's office.

Anyone interested in learning more about CASA is invited to attend the meeting on Tuesday.

"We want to reach the citizens of these communities and make them aware of our program and how it will benefit children in their community," said Kimbra Willings-Orozco, outreach coordinator for CASA of Lubbock.

She said that CASA volunteers are trained and appointed by the courts to investigate, monitor, report, and serve as advocates in court for abused/neglected children.

"Too often these children are abused again—by a network of public agencies too overburdened to pay close attention to each child in care," Willings-Orozco said. "CASA volunteers work to ensure that these children do not fall through the cracks, by helping to secure a permanent placement in a safe and caring environment for the child for whom he/she serves as a voice in court."

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Rayphard Smithson at 647-4519 or Joyce Davis at 647-5362.

Haywood receives new appointment

Last week, State Senator Tom Haywood (R-Wichita Falls) of District 30 was appointed to the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs and Military Installations.

He is joined on the committee by Sens. Carlos Truan (D-Corpus Christi) as chairman, Eliot Shapleigh (D-El Paso) as vice chairman, and Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay) and Leticia Van de Putte (D-San Antonio).

"I am very gratified by this appointment," Haywood said, "as it will give me a chance to show my support of Sheppard and Dyess Air Force Bases in my district. I look forward to serving on this committee and attending to the needs of these and other military bases across Texas, as well as the great many veterans living in the area."

Haywood also serves on the Senate Finance Committee, Natural Resources Committee, and Nominations Committee. Additionally, he is the chairman of the Sub-Committee on Agriculture.

First graders receive awards

Richardson Elementary first graders were presented with awards for citizenship, attendance, writing, homework and improvement in their work recently, and the recognition was for work performed during the second nine-week grading period.

Those receive awards were:

ROBERSON'S ROOM
Citizenship: Tori Addison, Gabby Aguilar, Clarissa Anes, Janet Carranza, Mayra Hernandez, Kale Johnson, Brittany Lindley, Destiny Lugo, Ty Morrow, Alberto Nicolas, Jessica Ross, Jose Salas, Shekana Thomas, Mario Velasquez and Coby Venhaus.
Attendance: Addison, Aguilar, Alex Ibarra, Johnson, Nicolas and Thomas.
Most Improved: Michael Reyes.
Homework: Addison, Aguilar, Ibarra, Johnson, Lindley, Morrow, Nicolas, Ross, Salas, Velasquez and Venhaus.
Writing: Aguilar, Anes, Carranza, Johnson and Velasquez.

SHANNON'S ROOM
Citizenship: Josiah Burzynski, Adam Reinart, Stephanie Bryan, Karina Dozal, Brittany Luna, Alma Melendez, Tiffany Oliviero, Kristarae Silva, Michelle Waite, Abby Oliviero, Armando Otega and Israel Marquez.
Attendance: Reinart, Dozal and Waite.
Most Improved: Melendez, Silva, Waite, Dozal, Reinart, Burzynski and Marquez.
Homework: Burzynski, Michael Oliviero, Reinart, Israel Rodriguez, Bryan, Dozal, Luna, Melendez, Silva, Abby Oliviero and Waite.
Writing: Justice Bell, Otega, Reinart, Tramaire Kirven, Israel Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez and Marquez.

KEITH'S ROOM
Citizenship: Katrina Barrios, Kelsie Grantham, Tiffany Medrano, Candace Munoz, Eric Oliviero, Briana Prieto, Andres Rodriguez, Priscilla Reyes, Lakana Thomas, Andrew Saenz and Brandon Salazar.
Attendance: Barrios, John Falcon, Prieto, Rodriguez, Thomas and Salazar.
Most Improved: Oscar Navarro and Joshua Garcia.
Homework: Barrios, Medrano, Munoz, Oliviero, Rodriguez, Blake Sullivan and

Stacy Uvalle.
Writing: Grantham, Medrano, Munoz, Navarro, Oliviero, Rodriguez, Reyes, Uvalle and Saenz.

VILLARREAL'S ROOM
Citizenship: Gerardo Bojorquez, Lilliana Castillo, Crystal Escamilla, Maribel Fabela, Karen Guadiana, Yvette Hernandez, Juan Hernandez, Karla Munoz, Veronica Porras, Alonso Sanchez, Criselda Sandoval and Marisol Soto.
Attendance: Juan Hernandez, Marco Medrano, Porras, Uriel Rodriguez and Sandoval.
Most Improved: Juan Hernandez and Munoz.
Homework: Bojorquez, Castillo, Escamilla, Fabela, Guadiana, Juan Hernandez, Yvette Hernandez, Jorge Jaramillo, Munoz, Sanchez, Sandoval and Soto.
Writing: Bojorquez, Guadiana and Juan Hernandez.

MATTHEWS' ROOM
Citizenship: Manuel Acevedo, Monique Aleman, Jeffery Almanza, Haley Bonilla, Gabby Cantu, Austin Cluck, John David Flores, Jonathan Gamez, Meranda Garcia, Marissa Jackson, Codi Jenkins, Cassidy Nutt, Bo Puento, Kelsey Schilling, Amy Smith and Josslene Torres.
Attendance: Aleman, Almanza, Bonilla, Cluck, C.J. Dennis, Noe Jackson and Torres.
Most Improved: Codi Jenkins and Sanchez.
Homework: Aleman, Almanza, Bonilla, Cantu, Cluck, Garcia, Puento and Torres.
Writing: Flores, Garcia, Nutt, Puento, Schilling and Smith.

LITTLEJOHN'S ROOM
Citizenship: Matthew Aguilar, Katy Aljoe, Brittany Enriquez, Jennifer Fernandez, Aimee George, Tanner Gilbreath, Carter Hill, Patrick McGrorey, Angel Robles, Nallely Salas, Amber Sanchez, Carsyn Steffens, Richard Torres, Mazie Triana and Bridget Ward.
Attendance: Hill.
Most Improved: Torres, Nacho De La Cruz and Gilbreath.
Homework: Enriquez, George, Gilbreath, Hill, McGrorey, Robles, Salas and Steffens.
Writing: Ward, Steffens and Johnny Ray Dones.

January sales tax rebates drop in Dimmitt and Hart

Sales tax rebates issued during January to the cities of Dimmitt and Hart dropped sharply when compared with the same period in 2000, while Nazareth's January stipend was slightly higher.

Rebates issued in January were for local sales taxes collected by monthly tax filers in November which were reported to the Texas Comptroller in December.

The City of Dimmitt received a rebate totaling \$21,816.76, 21.78% lower than the January 2000 rebate of \$27,894.33. Dimmitt collects a

1.5% sales tax. Nazareth saw a 9.87% increase in its rebate from January 2000 to January 2001, as this month's payment of \$974.86 was up from the 2000 stipend of \$887.21. Nazareth collects a 1.5% sales tax rate.

Hart's rebate was down 34.21% for January. The city earned a rebate of \$1,174.96 this month, compared with \$1,786.02 a year ago. Hart collects a 1% sales tax.

The comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Feb. 9.

Police Calls

A 20-year-old Dimmitt man was assaulted by a suspect who also broke the center back glass on a 1991 Chevrolet pickup on Sunday evening. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$100.

Police are still investigating the burglary of a home on Howe Street in Dimmitt. The residence is owned by two Amarillo women. Items taken included a jewelry box, two 25-inch televisions, some collectibles, a mixer, blender and a kitchen set, a mirror, and an acoustic guitar. Value of the items was estimated at over \$1,000. The burglary was reported Sunday afternoon.

Daniel Jesus Perez told police Jan. 9 that someone burglarized a house on West Grant, taking a 46-inch television belonging to Color Tyme and valued at \$2,442.07. Also taken were a circular saw and a drill. Investigation is continuing.

Kelby Bradley told police Jan. 9 that someone took a well motor belonging to Lance Louder while it was at Texas Equipment. The motor was valued at \$4,500.

Sunday at 12:59 a.m., a 19-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for driving with an invalid license.

Sunday at 9:20 p.m. a Clovis, N.M., man was jailed for driving with license suspended, driving with

an invalid license, displaying a fictitious inspection sticker, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no seat belt.

At 10:32 p.m. on Sunday, a Hereford man, 23, was jailed for no driver's license.

Jailed on warrants and court matters during the past week:
 —Jan. 9, a Dimmitt man, 24, on a warrant for no proof of insurance.
 —Jan. 10, at 4:07 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 20, was jailed to serve time after court on charges of DWI and driving with license suspended; and at 5:07 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 29, was jailed to serve time after court on charges of displaying a fictitious inspection sticker; and at 6:33 p.m., a 25-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed to serve time after court for criminal trespass.

—Saturday, a 26-year-old Amarillo man was jailed on warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Also arrested on warrants were:
 Jan. 9, a suspect with an outstanding warrant for arrest; a suspect Saturday in the 100 block of Southwest Fifth on a municipal traffic warrant; suspects Sunday at the Expo building on municipal warrants; and Monday a suspect in the 100 block of Northwest 11th on a municipal traffic warrant.

Obituaries

Geneva DeLozier

Funeral services for Geneva DeLozier, 93, of Hereford, and a former resident of Castro County, were held Saturday at 10 a.m. at Parkside Chapel Funeral Home of Hereford, with Rev. Carl DeLozier officiating.

Burial was in Rest Lawn Memorial Park in Hereford under direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. DeLozier died Jan. 11 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

She was born May 18, 1907, in Sevierville, Tenn., the daughter of Adam and Nancy Tarwater. She married Elbert DeLozier on Sept. 19, 1931, in Sevierville. He preceded her in death on July 20, 1995. The DeLozier family moved to Castro County in 1947 and bought a farm. Their children all grew up here and graduated from Dimmitt High School. They were members of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt. Mrs. DeLozier was a homemaker and lived in Hereford for the past six years.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, two sisters, and a granddaughter.

Survivors include a son, Ed DeLozier of Hereford; two daughters, Mary Smith of Dimmitt and Pat Crooks of Carthage; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Kings Manor and West Gate Nursing Center.

Kris Ryan Gerber

Funeral services for Kris Ryan Gerber, 27, of Amarillo, and formerly of Nazareth, were held Friday afternoon in Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth, with Fr. Fern Couture officiating, assisted by Jim Bell and Al Maurer, deacons.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Rosary was said last Thursday in the CCD Building at Nazareth.

Mr. Gerber died Jan. 8 in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 21, 1973, in Tampa, Fla.

He is survived by a daughter, Kory Fielding of Amarillo; a son,

Kane Fielding of Amarillo; his mother, Donna Gerber Charanza of Nazareth; a brother, Bryan Charanza of Nazareth; his grandmother, Virgie Gerber; and several aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorials to the Kris Ryan Gerber Children's Fund, P.O. Box 171, Nazareth 79063.

Alphonse Koranek

Funeral Mass for Alphonse Koranek, 80, of Moulton, father of a Dimmitt woman, was celebrated Jan. 12 in St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Moulton by Fr. Jerry Caponi.

Burial followed in St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Smith's Funeral Chapel in Moulton. Rosary was recited Jan. 11 at the Chapel.

Mr. Koranek died Jan. 9.

He was born July 9, 1920, in Lavaca County to Emil Koranek and Rose Rosenauer Koranek. He married Elizabeth Kubicek on Sept. 12, 1944, in Moulton. He was a farmer for many years, and retired after 25 years from Lavaca County Precinct 2. He was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Moulton, and a member of the SPJST.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Dan Koranek and Herman Koranek; and a grandson, Brent McLean.

Survivors include his wife; five daughters, Carolyn Janak of Victoria, Barbara Jacob of Cuero, Peggy McLean of Taylor, Ginny Wyatt of Marshall, and Patrice Hill of Dimmitt; two sons, David Koranek of Lake Jackson and Tom Koranek of Grapevine; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were grandsons, Chris W. Janak, Kevin Jacob, Darby McLean, Dillon Wyatt, Travis Koranek, and Christopher Koranek.

The family suggests memorials to St. Joseph's Church Cemetery or to the American Heart Association.

James Oler

James L. "Jack" Oler, 73, of Tulia, brother of Emma Jean King of Sunnyside, died last Thursday, Jan. 11, at Tulia Care Center.

Services were held Monday afternoon at First Presbyterian Church in Tulia with the Rev. Perkins Patton

officiating, assisted by the Rev. Drew Travis. Burial followed in Tulia's Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mr. Oler was born July 10, 1927, in Castro County. He grew up and attended school here. He served in the US Maritime Service during World War II. He married Mary Lynn Pollard on May 2, 1948.

He was a longtime resident of Tulia and worked as a farm machinery mechanic for 20 years.

He returned to school in 1973 at East Texas State University in Commerce and received his teacher certification in vocational education for the handicapped. He taught at Tulia Junior High School for 18 years.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Tulia for 52 years, and he served as a deacon, elder and trustee of the church. He was a leader for junior high and senior high youth fellowship groups.

He was a longtime supporter of and volunteer at the Tulia Satellite Work Center. He served as a member of the board and as president of the board. He was a member of the Tulia Senior Citizens.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Walter Oler of Lubbock; a daughter, Karen Sandlin of Plainview; a sister, Emma Jean King of Sunnyside; a brother, Thurman Oler of Dinero; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church of Tulia, Tulia Cemetery Association or a favorite charity.

Juanita Fulfer Williams

Graveside services for Juanita Fulfer Williams, 84, of Kingston, Okla., former Dimmitt resident, were held Monday afternoon at Westlawn Memorial Park in Dimmitt with the Rev. Van Earl Hughes, retired minister, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Williams died Friday at her home in Kingston.


She was born Aug. 10, 1916, in Childress. She married Bradley Fulfer in 1934, in Pampa. They moved to Dimmitt and raised their family here while operating several businesses. She worked at Castro County Hospital District as a nurse and was remembered as having a caring heart. She worked for Cobbs and The Village Shop before she moved to Hale Center to help with her daughter's children.

After moving to Hale Center she contributed many hours to the high school and to many projects of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Fulfer preceded her in death in 1990. She then married Calvin "Chubby" Williams on May 21, 1993, in Chillicothe.

Survivors include her husband, Calvin "Chubby" Williams of Kingston; a son, Kenneth Fulfer of Daingerfield; a daughter, Wynema Adams of Bonham; a sister, Olene Schrack of Worland, Wyo.; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

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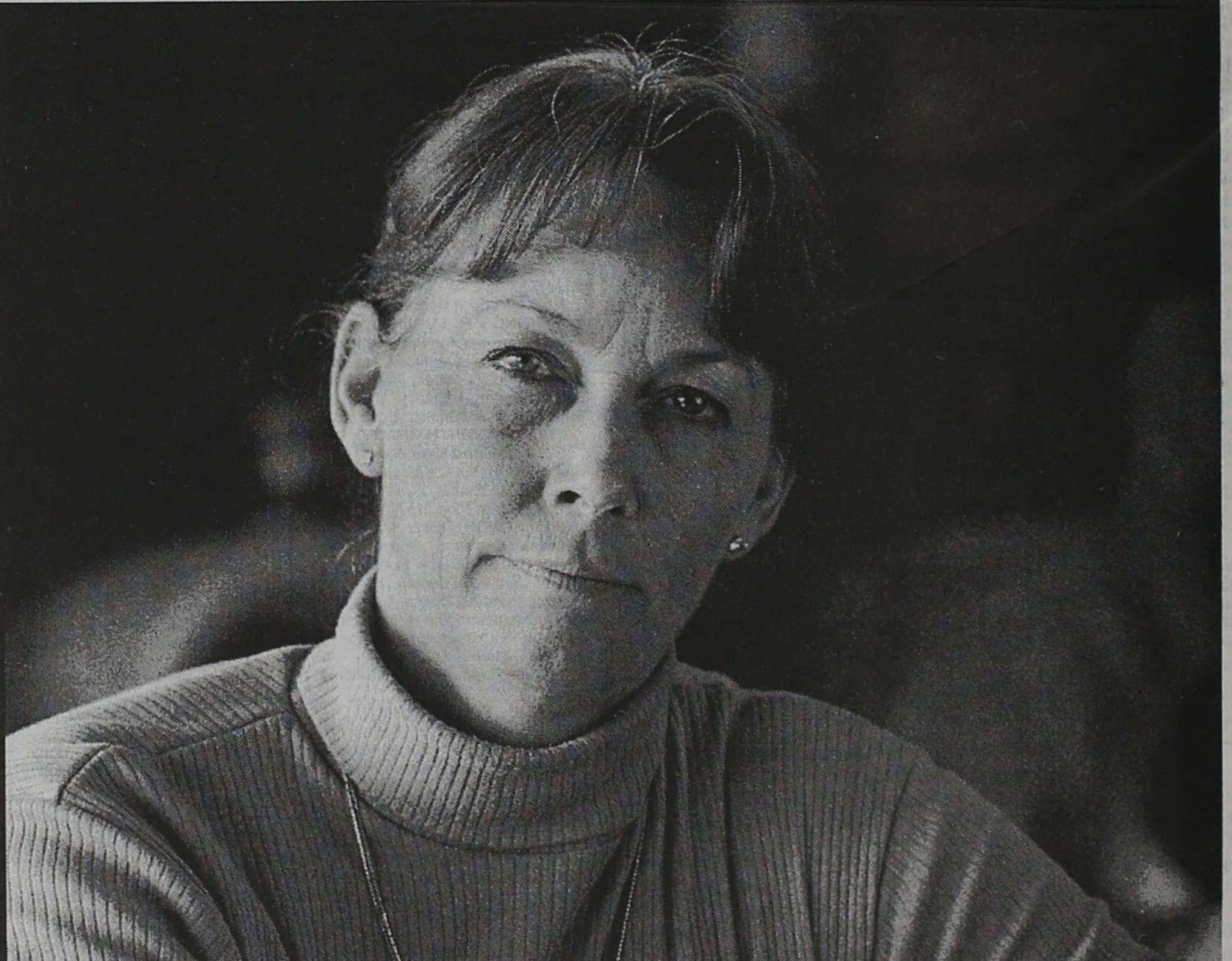
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