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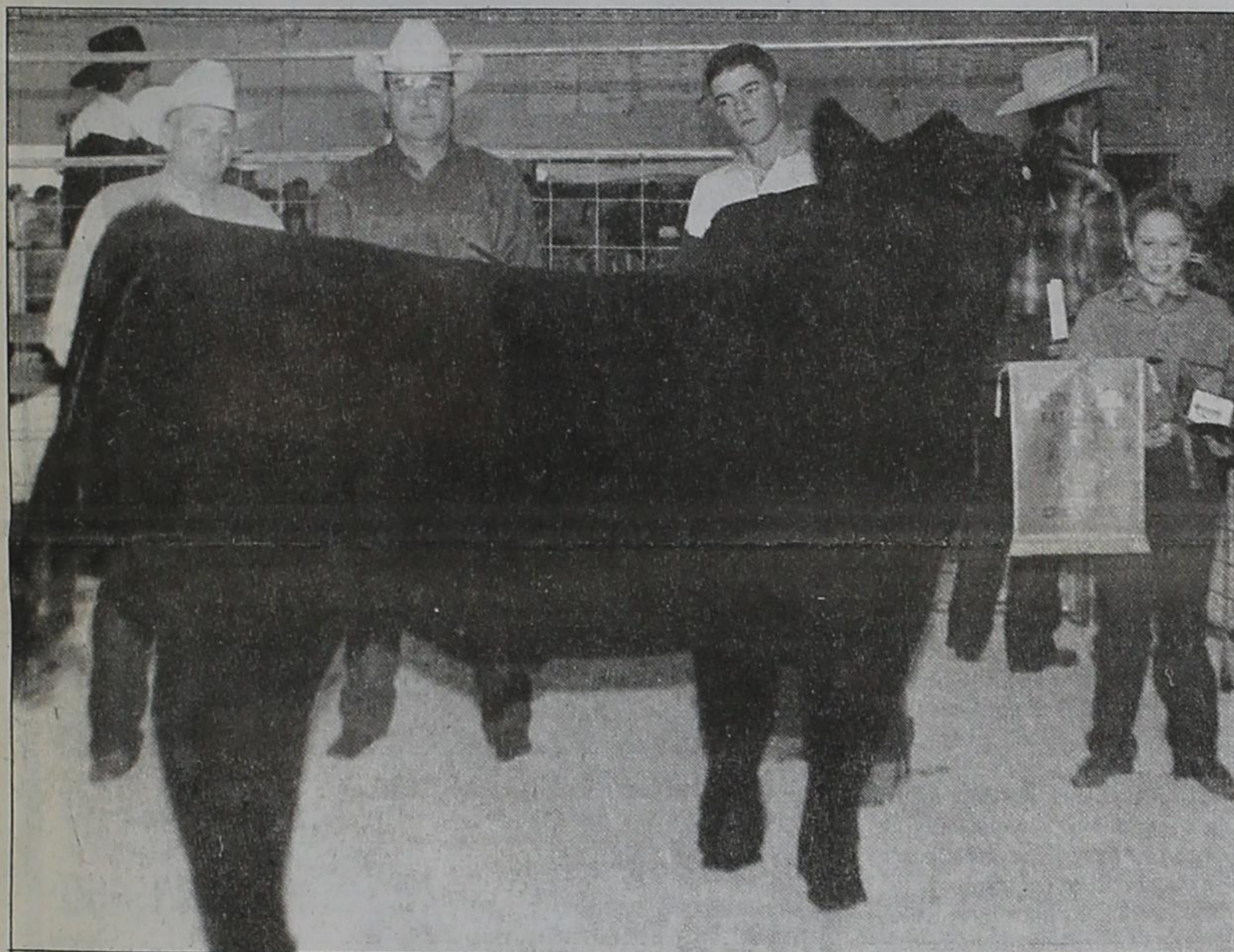
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JAY McCORMICK of Dimmitt drove his 260-lb. heavyweight Yorkshire to the grand championship in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday afternoon. McCormick's animal earned a premium bid of \$10 per pound from a group of local individu-

als including (from left) James Simpson, Leslie Davis, Vic Nelson, W.J. Hill, Andy Rogers, Ronnie Gfeller, Gene Bradley and Donnie Nelson. Also pictured is Mary Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker



THIS 1,310-LB. HEAVYWEIGHT CROSS steer granded the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday morning. The steer was shown by Jay McCormick (second from left) and it was purchased

for \$4 per pound by Rafter 3 Feedyard, represented by (from left) Gene Bradley and Andy Rogers. Mary Bradley (right) shows off McCormick's banner.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Sale is off by \$59,477

The lack of a farm bill has stressed the economy in agricultural areas like Castro County and the effect of that financial strain was felt Saturday at the Castro County Junior Livestock Sale.

For the first time in many, many years, the sale total failed to top the \$200,000 mark. In fact, it didn't even come close.

Buyers paid a total of \$166,555.49 for barrows, lambs and steers making the premium sale, then tacked on another \$3,800 in donations to Castro County 4-H and Hart FFA for a grand total of \$170,355.49—\$59,477 lower than the 1995 total of \$229,802.

Despite the lower sale, the top animals in this year's stock show brought top dollar, and the floor prices were good.

"This was the best floor we've had in a good while, compared with our current market," said auctioneer Jack Howell, who sold the floors, grand champions, reserve grand champions, breed champions and reserve breed champions to open Saturday morning's sale.

Dan Cure of Olton purchased the floor on lambs with a bid of \$79 per hundred. A bid of \$44 per hundred by Randy Hawthorn of Lubbock took the floor on barrows. Dimmitt Feed Yard bought the steer floor for \$65 per hundred.

The annual livestock show, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young (Continued on Page 13)



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB at the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 130-lb. Medium Wool shown by Dagon Newton. The three local cooperatives—Castro Co-op Gin, Dimmitt Agri Industries and Dimmitt Consumers, represented by Randy Small, Don Graham and Danny Rice, provided Newton with a bid of \$10.50 per pound for his top lamb. Houston Sutton is holding the banner presented to the winner.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Hospital board cancels Dr. Patel's contract

The hospital board voted last Thursday night to terminate the contract of surgeon D. S. Patel, to hire retired family practitioner B. D. Murphy on a part-time basis, and to turn over the operation of the Hawkins Memorial Clinic at Hart to the Texas Tech University Medical Center.

The board made its decisions after a three-hour executive session.

Dr. Patel, who has been practicing here 12 years, was given 90 days' notice on his contract to provide physician services at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Plains Memorial Hospital, and on his contracts to serve as supervising physician and medical director of the rural health clinic.

"The board decided to go to a fee-for-service program on surgery—to find somebody to come in and do our elective surgeries—rather than pay a large salary to keep a fulltime surgeon on hand," Hospital

Administrator Steve Goode reported. "If all the elective surgeries can be scheduled right, we can do them in one day a week."

The main consideration behind the board's decision, Goode said, was "the low volume of surgery which we perform here. With Medicare and Medicaid paying what they do now, there was no profit in surgery, and no justification for paying him the subsidy he was getting."

The hospital district pays Dr. Patel \$154,000 per year base salary for his work at the Medical Center of Dimmitt, plus \$25,000 per year for serving as the clinic's supervising physician and medical director. Dr. Patel charges his patients separately for their surgical procedures and for services performed while they are in the hospital—as do all other doctors under contract with the hospital district.

"Basically, the board felt it couldn't justify the cost," Goode said, "and that we needed to find

somebody who could come in a day a week."

Where does the one-day-a-week schedule leave the local patient who needs emergency surgery?

"Dr. Patel wasn't taking emergency room calls or doing emergency surgeries here anyway, since he lives in Canyon," Goode said. "It doesn't seem like many emergency surgery situations occur during the daytime. Anyway, the general-practice physicians here can do emergency surgeries such as appendectomies, etc."

He added, "The board felt it didn't work well for Dr. Patel to be on emergency-room call since he doesn't do obstetrical service. Another doctor would always have to be on call to deliver babies."

How would a one-day-a-week surgeon handle pre-surgical consultations?

"Those can actually be done over the telephone with the participation of the patient's local physician," (Continued on Page 14)

## Naz teams, Bobcats ready for post-season challenges

The long and difficult playoff trek begins this week for three county basketball teams as they prepare for bi-district action.

The Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes and the Dimmitt Bobcats each captured their respective district championships with perfect 10-0 marks and advanced to the state playoffs once again.

The Swiftettes (29-2) will tackle Lazbuddie in bi-district Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium in Dimmitt. If the Swiftettes win that contest, they will meet the Hedley-McLean winner in an area game, probably Tuesday at either Canyon High or Canyon Randall.

The Dimmitt Bobcats (27-6) will meet Dalhart in bi-district next Thursday, Feb. 22, at 7 p.m. at Tascosa Activity Center, according to Coach Alan Steinle. Steinle said he hopes the Bobcats can schedule a practice game before then, but nothing has been decided so far.

The Swifts (22-5) will take on either Amherst or Spade in bi-district. The Bulldogs and Longhorns will meet to decide who advances as the No. 2 seed tonight (Thursday) and Nazareth will play the winner of that game.

### Swiftettes

Lazbuddie (14-18) finished second in District 8-A Tuesday night after losing to Amherst by a point in overtime in a game which decided seeding. Both teams had qualified for the

playoffs after tying for first in district.

Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton said Lazbuddie is a good team and that the Lady Horns' top scoring threats are two freshmen—guard Holly Engelking and post Shana Foster.

In the playoff with Amherst, Engelking had 20 points and Foster finished with 12.

The Lady Horns have capable outside shooters in Dawn Weir and Mandy Magby.

"They'll run a 2-3 zone on defense

and they like to press a little," Hampton said.

Two of Lazbuddie's losses were 15-point drops to Nazareth's district rival, Farwell.

### Bobcats

Dimmitt's bi-district game with District 1-AAA No. 2 seed Dalhart will be the second meeting between the two this season.

Dimmitt won the first matchup, 82-52, in the Caprock Tournament in December.

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## Attorney appeals decision on fees

Judith Sanders-Castro, former attorney for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF), has filed an appeal with the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, contesting the decision by Federal Judge Mary Lou Robinson of Amarillo to limit Castro County's liability for plaintiff's attorneys' fees in a 1992 lawsuit to \$22,000.

MALDEF (based in San Antonio) had requested \$250,000 in attorney fees for its work in the discrimination lawsuit filed on behalf of Joe Crespin in connection with the redistricting of voting precincts in Castro County.

County Attorney Jerry Matthews said that the amount requested was far in advance of what is considered reasonable.

The redistricting lawsuit was finally settled in 1994, costing Castro County approximately \$376,000 in fees to its own attorneys. Robinson ruled that \$22,000 should be paid to MALDEF and others.

The appeal in the Fifth Circuit Court is scheduled for Mar. 4. Matthews will represent Castro County in the matter. He said Tuesday that a reversal of Robinson's decision is "highly improbable."

The county has set aside the \$22,000, but has never paid it, since the matter has been contested.

Sanders-Castro was the principal attorney for Crespin. She was fired by MALDEF last year after a disagreement over the method of voting by the board of directors of the Edwards Aquifer.

## Welch resigns from DISD board

The Dimmitt Independent School District School Board accepted the resignation of board member Frank Welch, elected representative of District 5, who has moved out of that district, with a year to go on his term of office.

His resignation letter was read at the Monday night meeting of the school board. The board voted to leave the position open until the next school board election.

The board voted to order the regular school board election for May 4, with positions coming open for Districts 3, 6, and 7, each for a three-year term. Also, the ballot will include a replacement to fill the unexpired term for District 5.

Candidates for the positions on the ballot may begin filing Monday at 8 a.m., with the filing deadline set for Mar. 20. The drawing for ballot position will be held Mar. 21.

In other business, the school board voted to hold a special meeting Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. to consider the bids on the heating and air conditioning project for Dimmitt High School and Dimmitt Middle School.

DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill said Joe Grimes of Grimes & Associates, engineering consultants for the project, reported that participation in the bidding process has

been "very good, better than expected." Hill said Grimes feels that the figures he quoted to the board earlier seem to be close to what they will be looking at. He had estimated the cost of the project around \$737,000.

The board discussed the merits of purchasing a new 71-passenger school bus versus having an old bus completely reconditioned, from a new motor to a refurbished interior. Board members instructed Hill to contact other school districts that have had a bus reconditioned and find out how they liked it and how well it would hold up.

Board member Paul Garcia said he read that the estimated cost of a total makeover, from bumper to bumper, ranges from \$15,000 to \$17,000, considerably less than the estimated cost of \$45,000 for a new bus.

DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill said he has heard from some who have had a bus redone that "an old bus is still an old bus."

Hill said he would have the information available at the Feb. 26 meeting of the board.

The Texas Dept. of Health will be unable to do the wellness screening for DISD personnel as it had in the

past, since the local office of TDH has been closed down.

Hill said Plains Memorial Hospital has volunteered to do the screening at the same cost that TDH had offered—\$5 per employee for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar screenings. The event is planned for late April.

In other business:

—In executive session, the board renewed the contracts of administrative personnel. Renewed through June-1998 were Stockstill; Lyman Schroeder, DHS assistant (Continued on Page 13)

## Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	74	30	
Friday	67	31	
Saturday	74	31	
Sunday	67	19	
Monday	52	18	
Tuesday	61	26	
Wednesday	73	32	

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# Op-Ed

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## Letters

# An open letter to President Clinton

President Bill Clinton  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Feb. 10, 1996

Dear President Clinton:

Thank you very much for your support of family farm agriculture in the recent congressional debate on the 1995 Farm Bill. The following organizations urge you to veto any legislation similar to the Senate decoupling version passed in the Senate on Feb. 7, 1996. Your comments at the National Rural Conference included the statement that the Farm Bill must "do no harm." We believe this version of the "Freedom to Farm" Act does great harm to rural America for the following reasons:

- ◆ Farmers cannot continue to stay in business with \$1.80 corn and \$2.50 wheat prices, which this program effectively mandates through similar CCC loan rates.
- ◆ Decoupling payments from price and yield sets a precedent which is politically indefensible. The taxpayer will not tolerate this throughout the full term of this bill.
- ◆ No allowances are made for acreage reduction programs in years of overproduction.
- ◆ No Farmer Owned Reserve provisions are allowed to protect national food security.
- ◆ Land values will be devastated, as will the rest of rural America's infrastructure.
- ◆ World market prices for corn will drop dramatically, causing undue financial stress on farmers worldwide.
- ◆ No farmer input or public debate has been allowed into the formulation of this bill.

We believe that permanent farm law is a much more acceptable approach, which would provide an adequate safety net for family farmers, by supporting market prices at little cost to the taxpayer. We urge you to implement such law if no version of a farm bill addressing the above concerns is passed by the House and Senate very soon.

In closing, we are sure the basic structure of family farmers and all of rural America will be undone by this impending legislation. We commend you for standing up for rural America when we so desperately need it. We stand ready to support you on your continued opposition to this disastrous legislation.

- GARY GOLDBERG**  
President, American Corn Growers Association
- CARL L. KING**  
Chairman of the Board, ACGA  
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Board of Directors

# HISD's much ado about nothing

By NEOMA WILLIAMS  
*Much Ado About Nothing* — I think that's one of Shakespeare's works. If I've read it, I don't remember it. But, the title says a lot in a few words.

After Monday's (Feb. 5) (HISD) school board meeting, it appears that one such "nothing" (at least it appeared to be a "nothing" to the school board) was the joint meeting held in January between the school board and the Castro County Hospital District Board.

The agenda for Monday's meeting wasn't ready in time last week for me to print it in last week's newspapers, except that I knew that one item would be about the joint meeting.

Well, lo and behold, this item was on the agenda. Steve Goode, Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator, showed up Monday night at 7 p.m., as I did. Well, Steve and I patiently sat through a discussion about the bills—"Why does it cost so much to repair football helmets?" "Does the school district own dental equip-

ment?" Then, there was a discussion on whether or not property taxes will be raised (if I were a betting person, that would be a surefire winner), how the school district will finance the state-mandated teacher salary raises, should the district borrow money to operate . . .

Then, of course, there was an executive session, not an uncommon happening for the school board. This closed session was purportedly for the matter of addressing contracts with Texas Tech doctors who come each Wednesday to the school health clinic.

Well, I, like all newspaper persons, always wonder how much discussion that really should be in open meetings goes on in these so-called executive sessions. Newspaper folks and any other media people, and you, the public, have a right to know if what goes on in the executive session is really a matter for such closed-door sessions. One way to determine this is to get a certified agenda or have a judge look into the matter.

But, unless the closed-door matter is an egregious one, we usually go on with our busy lives and chalk it up as being part of the territory.

Now, I couldn't find any place on the agenda where the contracts with the Tech doctors were to be discussed, but I figured, "What the hey!"

So, after the executive session ended, I expected (and I think so did Steve Goode) a discussion on the school clinic.

Now, it's almost 10 p.m., three hours since the meeting began. I'm all primed to write, and I think Steve was all primed to talk and answer questions.

You know, I figured somebody would say: "We are just tickled plumb to death with the school clinic. We've got ours, so you get yours we'll try to send some business your way."

You know, just something. I had pretty much figured out that nothing would change, but I at least thought the matter deserved some discussion, since the two boards had gone to the trouble to get together. Don Nelson, publisher/editor of *The Castro County News*, wrote a lengthy article about the joint meeting, and I wrote a smaller one and a long editorial.

It looked mighty strange that not one board member spoke up, except to say that no action would be taken on this. And, absolutely nothing else was said in open meeting about the matter. Of course, it was so obvious that the matter had been discussed somewhere other than this open meeting.

Now, I'm not saying that the board members haven't given the matter any consideration. I'm certain that they have. I know that Board President David Smith has. He has come up with a proposition that Hart itself might have its own health care board and manage the clinic.

But, I feel strongly that the health clinic matter at least called for some discussion at the school board meeting, just out of common courtesy to the hospital board, Steve Goode, and most importantly, to the taxpayers.

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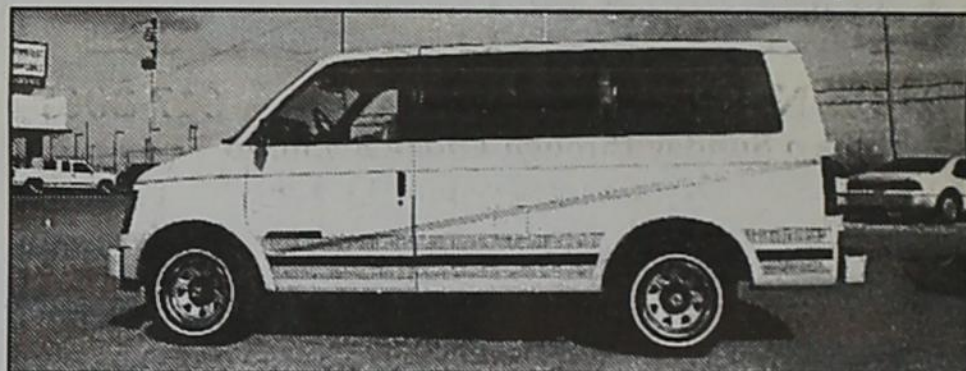
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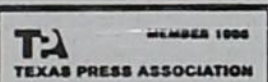
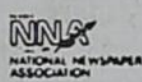
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### ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ of bones" (skinny)
- 5 TX Wiley Post was the 1st to fly \_\_\_ around the world
- 6 TX Audie film: "To \_\_\_ and Back"
- 7 West TX climate
- 8 TXism: "bought a pig \_\_\_ poke"
- 9 Switzer coached at this university
- 17 monthly collection by TX landlords
- 19 TX actor Tommy
- 20 Astros' Drabek won Young award in '90
- 21 TXism: "beats anything I \_\_\_ saw"
- 22 Cowboys league
- 24 laden with salsa mountain in Culberson Co.
- 34 Yo \_\_\_ Digo Creek
- 35 TXism: "\_\_\_ white flag" (give up)
- 36 LBJ picked up his dog by the \_\_\_
- 37 TX Kristofferson's "Sunday Mornin' \_\_\_ Down"
- 39 "mop lady" actress from San Antonio
- 43 Texans call it a sword
- 44 TX pastry product
- 45 TXism: "\_\_\_ 2-steps to his own beat"
- 46 TX McMurtry's "The \_\_\_ Picture Show"
- 48 TX Howard Hughes once dated this famous actress Jean

### DOWN

- 1 TXism: "thick \_\_\_ on a dog's back"
- 2 Cascade Caverns are near this town
- 3 airport between Denton & Ft. Worth
- 4 TX Orbison had several \_\_\_ records
- 9 good \_\_\_ boy
- 10 TXism: "hard work \_\_\_ fences up"
- 11 blue jeans Strauss
- 12 what Jerry Jones flies in (2 wds.)
- 13 1st name of Carswell AFB's namesake
- 50 TXism: "content with all creation" (overcome)
- 53 Waco native comedian & actor Martin (init.)
- 54 TXism: "\_\_\_ humid my upper lip is mildewing"
- 55 TWU's 1st woman pres.: Mary Evelyn Blagg
- 56 university that beat A&M in '93 Cotton Bowl (abbr.)
- 57 Tex-Mex restaurant chain
- 60 TXism: "it'll take a faith healer to \_\_\_" (broken)
- 61 this agency sold TX property after S & L scandal (abbr.)
- 62 Rangers Rogers' stat
- 63 "King's Salt" lake: El \_\_\_ del Rey
- 14 TXism: "happy as a kid \_\_\_ Santa's lap"
- 15 film of 53-across: "Dead \_\_\_ Don't Wear Plaid"
- 16 TXism: "thick \_\_\_ a garbage dump"
- 18 nickname of TX Earl Campbell (2 wds.)
- 23 San Antonio street: \_\_\_ Chaney
- 24 George H. to George W. (abbr.)
- 25 TX Utilities agency (abbr.)
- 26 TX Mandrell tune: "Sleeping Single \_\_\_ Double Bed"
- 27 "the \_\_\_ is worse than the disease"
- 28 periods of time
- 29 most NW county
- 31 TXism: "you \_\_\_ bet your boots on it"
- 32 TX Prentiss' "Where the Boys \_\_\_"
- 33 "no pass, \_\_\_"
- 38 TX singer "Loaf"
- 40 TXism: "beer shed"
- 41 TX high school sports assoc. (abbr.)
- 42 Texas State \_\_\_ Institute
- 47 Ft. Worth defendant Cullen (init.)
- 49 TX Ranger "Lone \_\_\_ McQuade"
- 51 TXism: "birthday \_\_\_ (naked)"
- 52 state fair's "Big \_\_\_ in 1839 & 1881, these destroyed the capitol buildings
- 59 TXism: "to boot"

### The Original

## TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

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# On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Elbert and Frances Smith went to Clovis on Wednesday to help her uncle, Alec Thomas, celebrate his birthday. Eudora Thomas was there, too.

Bill and Shirley Newland enjoyed their visit with their granddaughter, Lauren Kiddy, who lives in Arlington with her parents, Mike and Kim. Lauren is just learning to walk, so Grandma and Grandpa had a great time. The Newlands' youngest daughter, Tonya, who is a senior at Howard Payne University in Beaumont, met Bill and Shirley in Arlington for the family visit.

On Monday night the 1996 Evangelism Conference was held at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. Theme of the conference was "Vital Signs." The special music was by the group "Spirit" from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Bill Newland led the hymns of praise by the audience, and the opening prayer was offered by Bobby Broyles, pastor of Earth. The welcome was by Paul Kenley, pastor of Dimmitt First Baptist Church. Special music was by Rev. George Price and Dr. David Evans, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Amarillo, offered a message. The closing prayer was given by Dr. Steve Buckland, pastor of Littlefield Baptist Church.

Johnnie Vannoy was hostess for the Thursday Bridge Club and she served chocolate chip cookies for snacks and a pound cake for dessert. Neva Hickey and Elizabeth Huckabay served a chicken casserole and two Jell-O salads.

Johnnie finished first and Edith Graef was second. Others playing bridge were Cleo Forson, Neva Hickey, Loranel Hamilton, Helen Braafladt, Elizabeth Huckabay, Alma Kenmore, Bernice Hill, Virginia Crider, Louise Mears, Fern Dickey, Bill Thornton, Ina Rae Cates, Dude McLauren and Susie Reeves.

Once again it was fun to sit and

watch all of the people participating in the stock show this weekend at the Expo Building. A large crowd attended to watch the boys and girls showing their animals for sale and many buyers were present to bid on the animals.

Randy Gressett, youth minister, gave a very inspirational invocation. Jack Howell was honored for being the auctioneer at the stock show sale for 40 years. Congratulations Jack!

Danny Bruton said years ago he bought a lamb for the stock show and paid \$30 for it. He sold it for \$32. Times have changed!

Buford and Dorothy Newton, former Dimmitt residents were here from Odessa to watch their grandson at the show.

Ty Annen was home over the weekend from Angelo State University in San Angelo. He is a typical college kid who brings his laundry home for Mom. This news is from his sister, Amanda!

Members of the Assemblies of God held a Valentine banquet Saturday night at the Senior

## Ojeda is recognized

Francisco J. (Kiko) Ojeda, son of Ben Ojeda Sr. and Maria Ojeda, has been named student of the week from Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

He was born Nov. 27, 1984, in Lubbock. His favorite food is pizza and his favorite book is *The Golden Cadillac*. His favorite animal is the tiger and he says he is good at math, baseball and football.

He wishes he were a better basketball player.

He likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School and he admires Mrs. Damron and Mrs. Spring. When he grows up he wants to be a cop.

In his free time he likes to read.

Citizens Center. This special event was sponsored by the youth since it was a fund raiser to earn money for camp.

They enjoyed live entertainment by Los Alumnos Del Maestro and other singers. The speaker was Pete Ellis. There were door prizes and awards given to the oldest mother, the youngest mother, and the mother blessed with the most children.

Churches from other towns represented by youths were Floydada, Lockney, Plainview, Olton, Tulia, Muleshoe, Hereford and Friona.

As the guests entered, there were red and white streamers and a large, red heart. The tables were pretty with candles and red and white balloons. A large red arch with huge white

balloons made a pretty place where pictures were taken.

The meal was catered by Ben Aleman and was served by youths. The meal included brisket, potato salad, beans, cake and tea.

Brenda Bruton went to her Dad's home in Portales, N.M., for a fun visit. She also helps her Dad with house cleaning and other chores.

Fifteen youths and sponsors went to Shallowater on Friday night for the Dimmitt basketball game. The group included young people from the First United Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church. Randy Gressett is the youth director.

On Sunday evening at First Baptist Church, Dr. Leon Joplin surprised everyone by playing the piano as he sang several selections. He usually plays the guitar. He is very talented.

The Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met on Friday morning with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting and leading the group in reciting the prayer and creed.

Betty Freeman read the minutes and called the roll. Each member answered roll call by telling what they plan to do on Valentine's Day. A film was shown concerning CPR and the heimlich maneuver. Members present were Oneida Hutto, Margaret Womack, Edith Graef, Claudine Langford, Mary Edna Hendrix, Ann and Betty. All the members took two pies to the concession stand at the stock show.

Edith Graef went to Littlefield to visit her sister, Doris Graham (Bitsy). Later she went to Big Spring with Alice Graef to visit Dean Myers. Edith reported that she was doing much better.

Bill and Ann Henderson, Janie Ward and children, Austin and Jennifer, went to Edmond, Okla., to visit Jerry, Karen and Jarrett Hoelscher.

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## Nazareth

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The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed dinner at the center on Sunday. Guests were Father Neal Dee, Father Brendan Sherry, Ralph and Sharon Brockman, Virgil and Shirley Brockman, and Art and Jeanette Brockman.

A reception was held Sunday afternoon for Father Brendan Sherry, who visited in Amarillo and Nazareth during the past week. He will return to Dublin, Ireland, where he is pastor of a church and chaplain in a hospital.

Congratulations to Arnold and Katie Brockman who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Sylvia Hoelting, Edna Schilling, Bill Hoelting, Cince Schulte and Jim and Sandee Hoelting drove to Hinton, Okla., Saturday to attend the funeral for Sylvia's aunt, Anna Seurer. She was the 100-year-old sister of the late Kate Hankins.

The annual Catholic Life Insurance supper and meeting was held at the Nazareth Community Hall Sunday evening and a large number of members enjoyed the event.

Prayers are asked for C.B. Wilhelm, who is a patient at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt; for Leonard Gerber, who is recuperating at home after having back surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital; for Patti Kern, who had knee surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital; and for Vincent Guggemos and Leonard Schulte.

The Knights of Columbus' annual free throw contest was held Sunday at the Nazareth gym. Winners in the Council's free throw contest were 10-year-old Adam Acker, 11-year-old Koty Huseman, 12-year-old Daryl Pohlmeier, 13-year-old Mattie McLain and 14-year-old Bo Hunter in the boys' division. Girls' division winners were 10-year-old Erica Gerber, 11-year-old Elizabeth Olvera, 12-year-old Lindsie M. Gerber and 13-year-old Cassie Birkenfeld.

District winners were Adam Acker, Daryl Pohlmeier, Mattie McLain, Lindsie M. Gerber and Cassie Birkenfeld and they will advance to regional in Amarillo.

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80th birthday Sunday. He is Glenda Sims' father, and he and his wife, Grace, lived in Dimmitt for awhile. He is a member of the Retired Men Builders Organization and they build churches for those who need help. If you would like to send E.D. a birthday card, his address is Rt. 3, Box 135-A33, Trinity, Texas 75862.

On Sunday, Marshall (Corky) Langford celebrated his 70th birthday (he's the Langford baby). Out-of-town family members came from Littlefield, Lubbock, Plainview and Amarillo to enjoy the day and be part of the celebration.

Fiesta was served along with birthday cakes. Gag gifts were opened, too.

Bill Thornton's daughter, Irene, visited with him and the Methodists on Sunday. Larry and Teresa Gressett, new youth directors for the Baptists and Methodists, also visited.

Laurie Watts, Ralph Lambricht, Jack Flynt and Tommy Kellar are home from the hospital or other treatment stays.

Dr. Murphy has some interesting tales about his recent Ukrainian trip. Ask him about his \$200 cab fare to Warsaw.

Midland was the sight of a big birthday party for Jackie McLeroy's cousin, Mary Frances Walker, who turned 80. A large party was held at the First United Methodist Church and it was hosted by her children and three organizations. More than 300 people attended.

In the evening she had dinner for all the relatives attending from out-of-town, and some were from California, Fort Worth, Amarillo, Lubbock and Houston. Many Dimmitt residents attended as well. There were many Small and Templeton cousins together for a rare, fun time.

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It is essential that a doctor rule out some less common conditions that can bring on back pain, such as, prostate disease in males or gynecological diseases in women.

Physical exam, health history, current health, traumas, occupation, posture, and x-ray evaluation may all be part of the process necessary to determine the cause of the pain.

Three months ago I was in a car accident but had no back pain until recently. Could they be related?

In an auto accident violent forces in the crash may cause small tears in the tissues in the back.

Usually, in an accident that is not severe, these tears will heal with little need for treatment. However, sometimes even a minor accident will cause these tears and they become aggravated after the accident by our normal, everyday activities.

Over a period of days, weeks, or

sometimes months, these microscopic injuries worsen. One day we seem to have developed back pain without any recent apparent cause.

What is the difference between treatment by a physical therapist and a chiropractor?

A physical therapist is limited by training and under Texas law as to how they can treat back pain. A physical therapist treats only symptoms, e.g., using a physical therapy procedure to relieve pain or prescribing an exercise to increase strength.

In most states physical therapists are able to function only under the prescription of a doctor in the state.

A chiropractor doctor's education focuses on an extensive and exacting study of how to diagnose and treat the body, including learning how the musculoskeletal system of the body functions.

With this extensive education a chiropractor can look at the cause of your problem and develop an appropriate treatment to correct those causes. A part of that treatment might be the application of a physical therapy procedure.

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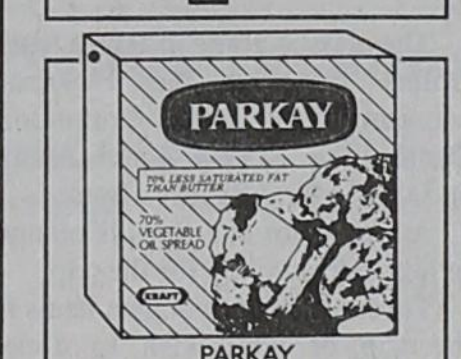
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# People



## Crystal Stevens wins twirling laurels

Crystal Stevens of Dimmitt captured first place in the 16-and-over Intermediate Miss Sweetheart and Advanced X-Strut competitions and was second in the Intermediate Solo at a recent twirling competition in Littlefield.

Stevens has been awarded a place on the Advanced National Twirl Team, which is coached by Bethany Tolley of Lubbock. The team will compete at Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., in July.

Stevens is a twirler at Dimmitt High School.

## Evangelist to speak at First Baptist

Richard Jackson, president of the Jackson Center for Evangelism and Encouragement and a noted evangelist, will speak at the Sunday morning service at 10:30 at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

Jackson pastored the North Phoenix Baptist Church in Phoenix, Ariz., for more than 20 years and during that time membership grew to more than 10,000.

Every person attending the service Sunday morning will be presented with a free pocket *New Testament* according to Paul Kenley, pastor. Using the *New Testament*, Jackson will refer to particular page numbers as he illustrates biblical truths.

Kenley said this opportunity is a rare one for this area and he urges everyone to attend. For more information contact Kenley at 647-3115.



### Plains Memorial

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sanchez, Sr. are the parents of a baby boy, Ramon Alexander Sanchez, who was born at 7:44 a.m. on Feb. 6 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has three older siblings, Victoria Lee, 6; Robert Sanchez Jr., 4; and Amber Nichole Sanchez, 3. Paternal grandparents are Reyes and Mary Sanchez of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Trinidad Jr. and Angelita Paiz of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Erminia and Teodor Tijerina, Dora Flores, Juan Gloria, Kare Sanchez, and Concepcion and Trinidad Paiz Sr.

### OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for Russell and Danelle Barber of Amarillo. Bailee Caroline was born Feb. 2 at 8:24 a.m. in Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed in at 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Big brother is Carson, almost 3. Grandparents are Dan and Ethel Schmucker of Nazareth and Dick and Rosie Barber of Dalhart. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker and Lucille Drerup, all of Nazareth, and H.E. and Florence Barber of Dalhart.

It's a boy for Angie (Kitchens) and Bobby Lewis. Clayton Ryne was born Jan. 31 in Lubbock and he weighed 8 lbs., 4 ozs., and was 21 inches long. He has two big brothers, Dylan and Austin. Grandparents are Ruth and Bunt Kitchens of Muleshoe and Margaret and Fred Lewis of Morton.

## Wedding shower honors Holcombs

Brad and Vanessa Holcomb were honored with a wedding shower Saturday evening in the home of Martha Jo Hyman.

The formal table was draped with a white Battenburg lace cloth and it held a fresh floral arrangement of roses, mums, carnations and babies' breath. Crystal and china appointments were used to serve assorted cookies, mints, nuts and punch.

Pick-up foods including sandwiches, chips, dips, marinated vegetables and soft drinks were served in the basement.

Special guests were the groom's mother and stepfather, Dickie and John Ballard and his grandmother, Edna Reinhardt, all of Lubbock. The hostesses presented the couple with a bedroom ensemble including a comforter, dust ruffle and pillow shams.

Twenty hostesses assisted Mrs. Hyman with the shower.



IMPERIAL CHINESE ACROBATS AND MAGICIANS ... To be featured in Hereford Community Concert on Sunday

## Chinese acrobats to perform in Hereford show on Sunday

A Chinese acrobatic troupe will be featured in a special performance sponsored by the Hereford Community Concert Association on Sunday.

The matinee performance will begin at 3 p.m. at the Hereford High School Auditorium and admission is by membership in a Community Concert Association. Student tickets are available, according to Bera Boyd of Hereford, and for more information, contact her at 806-364-5345.

This will be the second show of the concert season in Hereford, and the troupe performing will be the Imperial Chinese Acrobats and Magicians.

The performance is billed as being appealing to all members of the family, and it brings a message of friendship throughout the world.

The Imperial Chinese Acrobats are part of an ancient Chinese tradition that traces its history through 2,000 years and many dynasties. Founded in 1952, this troupe is based in

Kunming, the capital of Yunnan Province in southwest China. Members of the troupe have won numerous awards at international acrobatic competitions.

Members of the company were featured during the 1992-93 North American tour of the Ringling Bros. Barnum & Bailey Circus.

From March through May of 1993, several acrobats from Kunming performed in Japan as guest artists with Canada's Cirque du Soleil. Fourteen members of the Imperial Chinese Acrobats toured more than 50 cities in the United States and Canada from mid-September through early December in 1994, with many performances under the auspices of Community Concerts.

From February through November of 1995, members of the troupe toured Germany, Denmark and Luxembourg.

The Imperial Chinese Acrobats are joined by the husband-wife team of Quin Ming Xiao and Jao Jin Fen, acclaimed magicians and conjurers from Beijing's China Acrobatic Troupe. They have toured more than 24 countries, and this is their eighth tour of North America.

## Garage sale items needed

The US History AP class at Dimmitt High School needs items to be donated for a garage sale on Feb. 24.

The class is going to take a trip to Dallas to visit the Holocaust Museum at the Jewish Community Center, the Sixth-Floor Museum, and the Federal Reserve Bank.

A variety of activities is planned to help earn money for the trip.

Those wishing to donate items for the trip or who wish to donate money may contact Dana Beck at 647-3105 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"Any donation would be greatly appreciated," Beck said.

## Earth Chamber plans banquet

The Earth Chamber of commerce has set its annual banquet for Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Springlake-Earth School Cafeteria.

Tickets are \$15 per person, and will include a barbecue dinner.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Ray Stone of the Dallas Cowboy Network. The door prize will be a Cowboys football autographed by Troy Aikman, Jay Novachek, Bill Bates, Roger Staubach, Emmitt Smith, and Randy White.

For more information, call the Earth Chamber at 806-257-3365.

## Cain to meet with local voters today

Hollis Cain, Republican candidate for State Representative in Dist. 85, which includes Castro County, will be here today (Thursday) from 5 to 8 p.m. to meet local voters.

He will speak at a "Meet the Candidate" meal in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hill, seven miles south of Dimmitt on US 385. The public is invited to attend.

The meal of red beans and cornbread will be part of the come-and-go, casual-dress event, also sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Byers, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Brockman, Mr. and Mrs. David Rohrbach, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Webb.

Cain is a Lamb County rancher and businessman, having lived in the Springlake-Earth community since 1965. He is a graduate of Texas Christian University's Ranch Management School. He farmed for 17 years prior to working in the banking and insurance business.

His public service includes nine years as a trustee on the S-E school board. He was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush to serve on the State Goals 2000 Education Committee in 1995.

He has received the 4-H Spur Award, which recognizes outstanding adult leadership. He is an active

member of the first Baptist Church of Springlake, where he serves as a Deacon and teaches Sunday School.

He and his wife, Charlotte, and their three daughters were named the Outstanding Farm Family by the Earth Chamber of Commerce.

Cain said he is running for State Representative because he believes there is a need for conservative leadership that is in tough with the people of District 85.

"I will work to give Texans a voice in government through Initiative and Referendum," Cain said. "I support term limits for elected officials to reduce the power of special interests and high-dollar lobbyists."

Because of his involvement in education issues, Cain wants to continue education reform to improve academic achievement and to move more decision making to the local level.

"I will work to lower taxes and reduce government spending, and as the campaign develops, voters will clearly see there are major differences between my positions on issues and that of my opponent—differences that call for a change in leadership," Cain said.

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**SHOW TIME**—Valerie Cooksey speaks with ticket taker Dave Sandvik as she stands in line for popcorn in the refurbished lobby of the Carlile Theater in Dimmitt. The landmark structure had a grand re-opening Saturday and Sunday with the showing of *High Noon*, and attendance ranged from 60-plus at

the premiere showing, to 20-plus at Saturday's late show, and fewer than 10 at each showing on Sunday. Theater manager Susan Sandvik said she is overall pleased with the turn out and hopes for continued good showing. This week's feature will be *Golden Eye*, a James Bond thriller. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Lifeguard instructor class set

A lifeguarding instructor class will be held Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, at the Aquatic Center in Hereford.

Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

The class is designed to train instructor's candidates to teach lifeguarding training (including first aid), CPR for the Professional Rescuer, lifeguarding aide, and community water safety by developing their understanding of how to use the course materials and methods of conducting training sessions and evaluating participants' progress.

Instructor candidates must be at least 17 years of age, possess an instructor candidate training certificate and be able to successfully complete a pre-course session consisting of lifeguard training, first aid and CPR for the Professional Rescuer skills and knowledge evaluation.

Cost of the class is \$45, which includes the cost of the instructor books.

A training class for instructor candidates will be held Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at the Red Cross office in Hereford and registration fee is \$10.

Those interested in signing up for the instructor candidate class should contact the Red Cross office in Hereford before March 1.

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- Applicants may apply for one fiscal year (FY) of funding beginning September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997 only. Funding for FY98 and FY99 will be renewable contingent upon satisfactory performance, submission of acceptable interim applications, and the availability of funds.
- A Title V Bidders' Conference for prospective contractors will be held on February 20, 1996 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the meeting will be held in the Texas Department of Health Board Room, M-739 which is located on the seventh floor of the Moreton building, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas. No reservations are necessary. Due to limited space, the department requests that each organization send no more than two (2) representatives.
- If you are interested in submitting an application, call Jacqueline Underwood at (512)-458-7700 to request the RFA kit. All applications should be sent to the Texas Department of Health, Bureau of Women and Children, Room M-370, Attention: Sherri Miller, 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756, (512) 458-7700. Applications must be postmarked on or before March 26, 1996 to be considered "on time." Applicants should request a legible dated U.S. Postal Service postmark or obtain a legibly dated receipt from a commercial carrier. Private metered postmarks will not be acceptable as proof of timely mailing.

# Klingler outlines Gramm's proposal for new 'flat tax'

US Sen. Phil Gramm says he has a plan to balance the budget and downsize the government, doing away with many "unnecessary" departments. He also wants to implement a flat tax plan which he says will "get the US economy rolling again."

Hans Klingler, regional director of Gramm's West Texas office in Lubbock, was in Dimmitt on Feb. 5 and met with several local residents at the Chamber of Commerce meeting room.

Klingler outlined Gramm's proposed flat tax plan and answered questions on other congressional issues.

"The current budget debate is about what to cut and what to keep in," Klingler said. "It took us 60 or 70 years to get into this mess and we can't get out of it in 18 months."

In addressing Gramm's flat tax proposal, Klingler said those in the "mid-income tax bracket have borne the brunt of every tax increase we've had."

According to Klingler, Gramm's flat tax proposal would do away with the current income tax system in favor of a 16% flat tax as part of a sweeping program which would reduce the overall size of government, and create jobs, growth and prosperity.

Under Gramm's proposal, a family of four earning up to \$32,000, would pay no taxes. Anything over that 32,000 would be taxed at a 16% rate, according to Klingler. Capital gains would be indexed for inflation and the estate and gift taxes would be repealed. In addition, the so-called marriage penalty would be eliminated. Deductions for mortgage interest and charitable contributions would still be allowed.

The standard deduction—\$6550 for those filing "Married Filing Jointly" this year—would be increased to \$22,000, and personal

exemptions would rise from \$2,500 to \$5,000 under Gramm's proposal.

Klingler also mentioned the possibility of phasing in a national consumption-based sales tax, and said Gramm isn't opposed to the possibility of a national sales tax, but the senator would want to do away with the 16th amendment first.

"A consumption-based tax would hit everybody," Klingler said.

"Some people have talked about keeping both (sales tax and income tax)," Klingler said. "The Senator feels like any relief we can give at this point in time would be welcome."

Klingler also addressed the lack of current farm legislation and said Gramm realizes the difficulties farmers are facing.

"We do not have a farm policy yet

and people in this area are only 45 days or so away from planting," Klingler said. "What we've been hearing from farmers is 'get us something out so we can at least plant.' Well, the Senate is debating that now, but the House recessed until Feb. 26.

"The Senate is standing firm to eventually phase government out of farmers' lives," Klingler added. "How and what will happen in the interim is the big question."

## Church Happenings

**First Christian Church**  
Bro. Jim Hardwick will be bringing the Sunday morning message, and the Sunday evening series on prayer will continue.

The congregation's 36th anniversary Sunday will be Feb. 25, and the public is invited to attend. All members and former members also are encouraged to attend. There will be a fellowship luncheon following the morning worship.

The Wednesday Bible study on Feb. 21 will cover the 10th, and final, lesson from the study book on I Peter.

Mar. 6, there will be a concert instead of the Bible study at 7 p.m. The public is invited.

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## Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR



### It's the little things

(First of a two-part series)

Have you ever been bothered by a fly? Have mosquitoes ever ruined a pleasant evening on your patio? Were you enjoying the cool summer breezes until these little pests found your bare arms and legs and drove you inside?

Now let me ask a bigger question. How many of you have ever been bitten by an elephant or butted by a rhinoceros? No one? See, it is the little things that bother us. It's the little details that spoil our plans and change our lives.

In the business arena, I've heard some speakers and consultants tell business owners not to sweat the small stuff. "Focus on the major issues and the details will take care of themselves," they say. I don't agree. The details never take care of themselves. Someone must pay attention to the little things if your business is to be successful.

### The burger business

This "detail" philosophy may be best illustrated by looking at the hamburger segment of the fast-food industry. There are more than enough choices to satisfy all customers. And yet, in markets where there are already too many stores, someone often builds another.

I doubt that any of these stores are running close to peak production. Yes, they have a big lunch crowd and maybe a rush at breakfast or dinner, but most of them could do 20, 30 or even 50% more business.

I believe we have all these choices because few of these chains are totally focused on satisfying the customer. They rely on their brand name to bring customers into their stores. However, it takes quality products and caring service to bring customers back again and again. When someone figures out how to do this, they may do to hamburger chains exactly what Wal-Mart is doing to Kmart.

### Customers come first

We covered a lot of territory while visiting family at Christmas time. We found one of the dirtiest stores we've ever seen in a national hamburger chain in North Kansas City, Mo. Tables were covered with litter, ketchup and crumbs. The floors were dirty with puddles of condiments and ice cream. The chairs, windows and window ledges were all in dire need of a good scrubbing.

The only thing dirtier than the store itself was the language of two employees who were on break. Their conversation was filled with four-letter obscenities that were both profane and vulgar. For my family, it created a very negative impression of the entire chain. I don't believe Dave would be proud.

Another incident happened a couple of days later in Trenton, Mo. We noticed two "national hamburger franchises" going head-to-head in this small rural market.

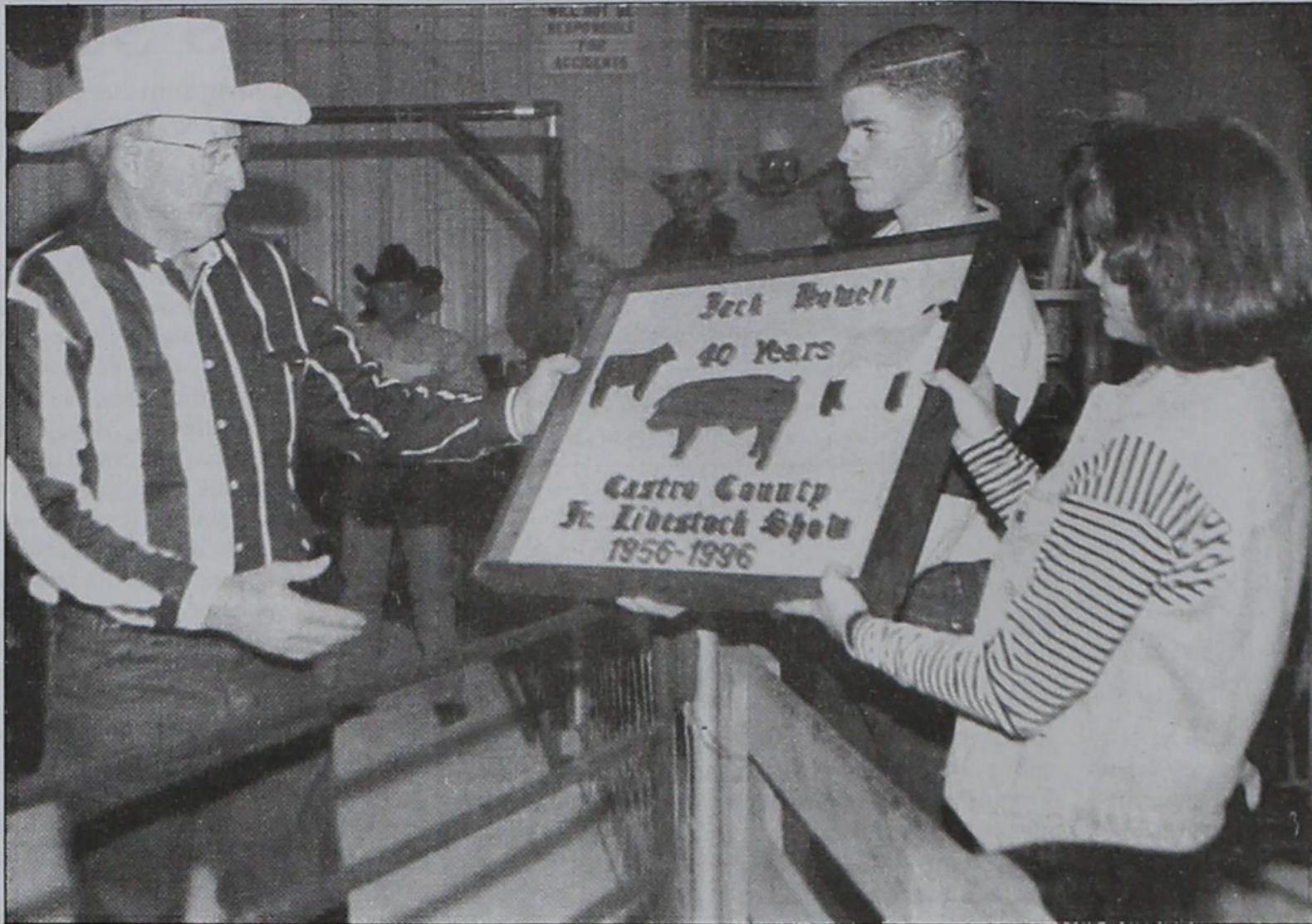
During the six days we stayed there, we noticed that one store was getting a much larger share of the breakfast business. We discovered why when we ate at the restaurant that appeared less busy.

As we went in, my wife and I realized that we were the only ones in the store. We were welcomed with a "what-do-you-want" attitude. No smiles, no friendly greeting, no desire to please.

We ordered our breakfast and then searched for a clean table. Four people behind the counter watched us wipe a table clean. When the food finally came—yes, we had to wait for it—part of it was very hot and part was already cold. Little things to be sure, but we took our business to the other restaurant for the remainder of the stay.

Next week we'll point out more of these little moments of truth, and give you some suggestions for focusing on the details. Don't miss "It's the little things" part two.

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



**IN APPRECIATION**—Jack Howell of Dimmitt (left) accepts a special plaque from Jay McCormick (center) and Tawnee Matthews Saturday at the annual Castro County Junior Livestock Sale. Howell has manned the mike during the annual sale for 40 years, and the plaque was presented in appreciation of his

volunteer service. He opened the sale Saturday by selling the floors on lambs, barrows and steers, then proceeded to sell all of the grands, reserve grands, breeds and reserve breeds from Friday's show.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Olson is Queen of Angus Association

Castro County resident Mariah Olson has been named Queen of the American Angus Association for 1996.

The daughter of Steve and Ginger Olson, she is a freshman at Texas A&M, majoring in animal science. She graduated from Hereford High School, and had attended Dimmitt schools for a while.

She was selected as Queen in November, and will receive a scholarship from the American Angus Ladies' Auxiliary. The auxiliary gives 10 scholarships to graduating seniors each year, five to boys and five to girls.

Olson was one of five finalists invited to go to Louisville, Ky., to compete for the top scholarship of \$1,100. Each contestant had to give a speech and pass an interview test, and they were judged on poise.

"There is a lot of prestige and a lot of travel that goes with this honor," said Olson's father. He said Mariah was featured in *Angus Topics Magazine*. She will be required to attend official functions of the association and to give interviews.

## Sorghum Conference planned

The 1996 Sorghum Conference, sponsored by the National Grain Sorghum Producers, will be held Sunday and Monday in San Antonio, and will have as its theme, "Exploring the Possibilities."

Registration is \$110 for full registration, \$85 for spouses, or \$35 for Monday-only participation. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel in San Antonio. For more information on the conference, call the NGSP office at 806-298-4501.

The conference will kick off Sunday with a reception. Monday will begin with a breakfast featuring humorist Dale Minnick.

The General Session on Monday morning will explore the possibilities coming in agriculture over the next few years. Speakers will in-

clude Gary Bright, NGSP president; Mike Jackson, founder and president of Agri Business Group; Jeff MacKenzie of MacKenzie Agricultural Research; and Randy Allen, a registered commodity advisor and broker.

An applied research session will be held after lunch, featuring the newest technology—global satellite positioning and how it can be applied to farming operations. Also, there will be a panel discussion of ideas for growing a better sorghum crop, using production techniques that result in better yields at less cost.

Monday evening, the national and state winners of the 1995 Grain Sorghum Yield and Management Contest will be honored at the awards banquet, which also will feature Minnick as master of ceremonies.

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## NTS Communications buys Tucson company

NTS Communications, the region's largest locally owned long distance company, earlier this month purchased Midcom, a Tucson, Ariz., based long-distance provider.

NTS made the move to broaden their customer base.

"Our goal is to both grow our customer base to one of national scope and provide the best service and quality possible to our customers," said Barbara Andrews, president of NTS.

Andrews said the acquisition of Midcom is just the first of many purchases planned this year for the growing long-distance provider.

"Through the purchase of other companies like Midcom we hope to increase NTS's revenues, which will

in effect increase dollars brought into the Lubbock economy," Andrews said.

Midcom has been a long-distance provider in Tucson since 1985. Its acquisition by NTS will allow Midcom to provide the same wide range of products and services that NTS currently offers.

NTS Communications was founded in 1981 primarily to serve the West Texas area. Since that time, NTS has grown into one of the nation's largest regionally based long distance companies. Currently, NTS switches over 100 million minutes of long distance traffic per month, with the company's 4,000-plus miles of fiber network providing quality service to all its customers.

## Reynolds enrolls in AQHA program

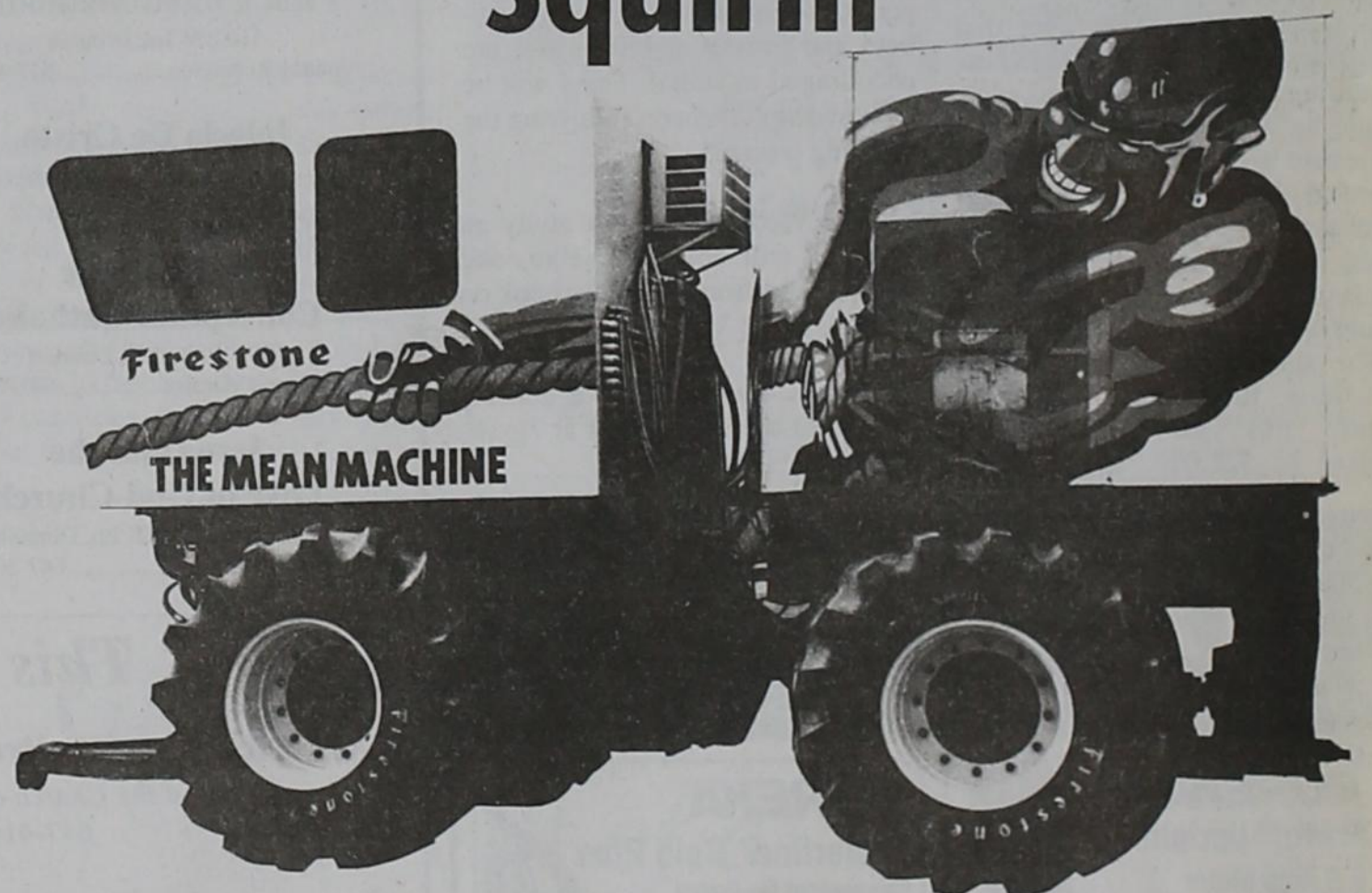
Cyndy Reynolds of Dimmitt has enrolled in the American Quarter Horse Association's Horseback Riding Program.

The program provides AQHA members with recognition for time spent riding or driving American Quarter Horses.

A unique aspect of the program is its simplicity. Current AQHA members complete a program application and pay a one-time \$25 enrollment fee. Each enrollee receives an official AQHA log sheet to record their hours driving or riding their American Quarter Horse. Participants don't have to own their own horse, but all official hours must be accrued with a registered American Quarter Horse.

The first award, a program recognition patch, is given after only 60 hours have been logged and verified. Patches and nine subsequent awards are presented at 100 and 5,000 hour levels and range from merchandise gift certificates to a trophy belt buckle at the highest level.

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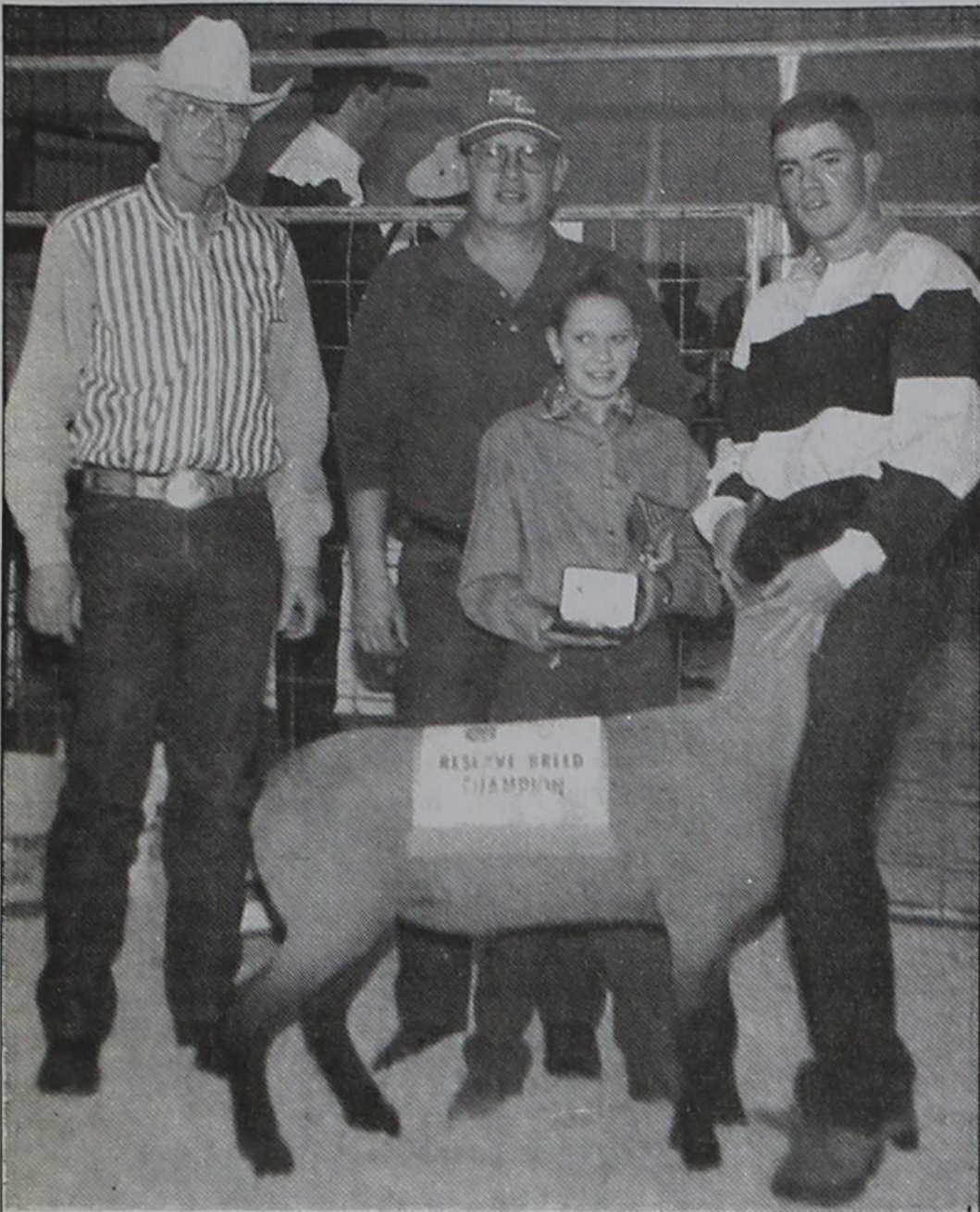
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# County stock show results are announced



**THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB** at the 1996 Castro County Junior Livestock Show was exhibited by Jay McCormick (right). The 128-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool earned McCormick a bid of \$7.25 per pound from First United Bank, represented by (standing from left) Rex Wooten and Joe Josselet. Also pictured is Mary Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker

Jay McCormick drove his 1,310-lb. Cross steer and 260-lb. Yorkshire to the grand championships at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show, and he exhibited the reserve grand champion lamb.

The lamb show was graded by Dagon Newton with a 130-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool.

Other reserve grand winners were Coby Summers in the steer show and Tucker Schumacher in the barrow show.

Showmanship in the senior division were Wesley Mays, lambs; Beau Hill, steers; and Julia McDonald, barrows. Junior winners included B.J. Hill, steers; Jeremy Furr, lambs; and Sharla Kenworthy, barrows.

Here are complete results from Friday's 42nd annual stock show.

**LAMBS**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Dagon Newton.  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMP:** Jay McCormick.

**FINEWOOL**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Aaron Wilcox.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Cody Annen.

**Lightweight:** 1. Cody Annen, 2. Sage Annen, 3. Katy Loudder, 4. Jeremy Furr, 5. Shayla Kenworthy, 6. Kami Sanders, 7. Karen Wilhelm, 8. Michael Glidewell, 9. Stacey Bennett, 10. Bryce Pohlmeier, 11. Cliff Wright, 12. Casey Hoelting, 13. Lauren Waggoner, 14. Cinnamon Trotter.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Aaron Wilcox, 2. Stacey Bennett, 3. Shawn Pohlmeier, 4. Cody Annen, 5. Trinity Robb, 6. Mary Bradley, 7. Shane Furr, 8. Sharla Kenworthy, 9. Raynee Bradley, 10. Clay Hoelting.

**FINEWOOL CROSS**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Carol Summers.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Wesley Mays.

**Lightweight:** 1. Toby Crow, 2. Travis Crow, 3. Raymond Powers, 4. Jarod Newland, 5. Rusty Wooten, 6. Rose Wilhelm, 7. Jason Wilhelm, 8. Ann Wilhelm, 9. Sage Annen, 10. Rusty Wooten, 11. Carie Wethington.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Carol Summers, 2. Lyndee Behrends, 3. Amber Matthews, 4. Dagon Newton, 5. Katy Loudder, 6. Shawna Kenworthy, 7. Amanda Annen, 8. Meggie Lemons, 9. Jake Loudder.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Wesley Mays, 2. Mark Lange, 3. Jake Loudder, 4. Shaun Furr, 5. Kristin Hales, 6. Aaron Wilcox, 7. Chris Davis, 8. Taylor Matthews, 9. Reece Hales.

**MEDIUM WOOL**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Dagon Newton.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMPION:** Jay McCormick.

**Lightweight:** 1. Jay McCormick, 2. Brandon Furr, 3. Summer McLean, 4. Lyndee Behrends, 5. Asia Kirby, 6. Justin Kleman, 7. Sha Odom, 8. Matthew Wright, 9. Angela Cartwright, 10. Shane Kleman, 11. Allyn Garza, 12. Aaron Hart, 13. Tara Kleman, 14. Justin Kleman, 15. Cassie Owen, 16. Marcus Brockman, 17. Jenna Acker, 18. Adam Wright, 19. Andrew Brockman, 20. Shane Kleman.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Summer McLean, 2. Travis Crow, 3. Brandon Furr, 4. Jessica Rae Odom, 5. Shaun Furr, 6. Marcus Brockman, 7. Tonya Powers, 8. Kami Sanders, 9. Shayla Kenworthy, 10. Adrienne Hart, 11. Raynee Bradley, 12. Trey Robb, 13. Jarod Newland, 14. Meggie Lemons, 15. Adam Acker, 16. Jessica Rae Odom, 17. Lauren Waggoner, 18. Lori Schulte, 19. Lori Schulte, 20. Carson Gerber, 21. Adam Wright.

**Light Heavyweight:** 1. Wesley Mays, 2. Wesley Wright, 3. Kori Bagley, 4. Trey Robb, 5. Caitlin Buckley, 6. Chris Davis, 7. Raymond Powers, 8. Asia Kirby, 9. Tonya Powers, 10. Becca Garza, 11. Stanton Wethington, 12. Shawna Kenworthy, 13. Matthew Wright, 14. Becca Garza, 15. Aaron Hart, 16. Mark Lange, 17. Tara Kleman, 18. Bryce Pohlmeier, 19. Sha Odom, 20. Michael Glidewell.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Dagon Newton, 2. Jay McCormick, 3. Toby Crow, 4. Allyn Garza, 5. Jacy Buckley, 6. Shane Furr, 7. Trina Johnson, 8. Trinity Robb, 9. Shawn Pohlmeier, 10. Jeremy Furr, 11. Kori Bagley, 12. Carie Wethington, 13. Mary Bradley, 14. Wesley Wright, 15. Caitlin Buckley, 16. Cliff Wright, 17. Trina Johnson, 18. Kristin Hales, 19. Amanda Annen, 20. Sharla Kenworthy.

**SOUTHDOWN**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Jennifer Wilhelm.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMPION:** Adrienne Hart, 3. Adam Acker.

**STEERS**  
**GRAND CHAMPION:** Jay McCormick.  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMP:** Coby Summers.

**ENGLISH**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Coby Summers.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Stuart Sutton.

**Lightweight:** 1. Stuart Sutton, 2. Mikel Atchley, 3. Michelle Davis.  
**Heavyweight:** 1. Coby Summers, 2. Chris Davis, 3. Toby Crow.

**CROSS**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Jay McCormick.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Beau Hill.  
**Lightweight:** 1. Taylor Matthews, 2. Tawnee Matthews, 3. Jason Wooten, 4. Wesley Mays.  
**Mediumweight:** 1. Beau Hill, 2. Ashley Davis, 3. John Welps, 4. John Welps.  
**Heavyweight:** 1. Jay McCormick, 2. B.J. Hill, 3. Trina Johnson.

**AMERICAN**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Tawnee Matthews.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMPIONS:** Taylor Matthews.

**Light Heavyweight:** 1. Tawnee Matthews, 2. Taylor Matthews, 3. Carol Summers, 4. Laura Birkenfeld, 5. Jaci Birkenfeld.

**BARROWS**  
**GRAND CHAMPION:** Jay McCormick.  
**RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION:** Tucker Schumacher.

**BERKSHIRE**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** T.R. George.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Dawn Rameakers.

**Lightweight:** 1. Lyndy Mitchell, 2. Aaron Wilcox, 3. Jayson Burnam, 4. Caitlin Buckley, 5. Amber Matthews.  
**Heavyweight:** 1. T.R. George, 2. Dawn Rameakers, 3. Trent Barnes, 4. Megan Hoelting, 5. Jeff Bennett, 6. Mikel Atchley.

**CHESTER**  
**BREED CHAMP:** Jeremy Simpson.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Julia McDonald.

**Lightweight:** 1. Charley Nutt, 2. Derrick Schacher, 3. Kit Schulte, 4. Jared Griffith, 5. Mandy Birkenfeld, 6. Mikel Atchley, 7. Daryl

Pohlmeier, 8. Shawna Kenworthy, 9. Aaron Kern, 10. Tanner Self.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Jeremy Simpson, 2. Julia McDonald, 3. Jana Nelson, 4. Shantell Self, 5. Chris Davis, 6. Zachary McClure, 7. Sarah Olvera, 8. Evan Huseman, 9. Keli Schulte, 10. Jonathon Stevens.

**DUROC**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Leon Birkenfeld.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Timmy Barnes.

**Lightweight:** 1. Leon Birkenfeld, 2. Casey Hoelting, 3. Colby McDaniel, 4. Wesley Harkins, 5. Adam Schulte, 6. Matthew Kern, 7. Matthew Olvera, 8. Trey Robb, 9. B.J. Kern, 10. Clay Hoelting.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Timmy Barnes, 2. Jared Aven, 3. Van Jeter, 4. Dustin Dyer, 5. Bridget Hochstein, 6. Ross Schulte, 7. Gayla Reyna, 8. Matthew Wright, 9. Jody Stovall, 10. Jayson Burnam.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Zach Jones, 2. Coby Schacher, 3. Jeff Bennett, 4. Dustin Dyer, 5. Bridget Hochstein, 6. John Bennett, 7. Michelle Davis, 8. Trinity Robb, 9. Raynee Bradley, 10. Jeff Stovall, 11. Jared Griffith.

**HAMPSHIRE**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Amy Pohlmeier.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Wesley Mays.

**Lightweight:** 1. Wesley Mays, 2. Tucker Schumacher, 3. Mary Bradley, 4. Will Sanders, 5. Trevor Barnes, 6. Wesley Wright, 7. Tawnee Matthews, 8. Kris Lindsey, 9. Taylor Matthews, 10. Taylor Matthews, 11. Holly Lane.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Amy Pohlmeier, 2. Dustin Dyer, 3. Adam Wright, 4. Garrett Kleman, 5. Ross Schulte, 6. Mandy Birkenfeld, 7. Michael Glidewell, 8. Jessica Kern, 9. Susan Kern, 10. Raynee Bradley, 11. Casey Hoelting, 12. Kyla Schacher.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Jordy Rowland, 2. Jill Schulte, 3. Corey Lane, 4. Adam Wright, 5. Chris Davis, 6. Shayla Kenworthy, 7. Chase Schulte, 8. Kelsey Hochstein, 9. Derrick Schacher, 10. Meggie Lemons, 11. John Bennett, 12. Tanner Griffith, 13. Larry P. Adams Jr.

**POLAND**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Ryan Harkins.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Kris Lindsey.

**Lightweight:** 1. Ryan Harkins, 2. Mitchell Brockman, 3. Tanner Self, 4. Lesley Brockman, 5. Mekesha Atchley, 6. Justin Hawkins and 7. Jeff Stovall.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Kris Lindsey, 2. Wesley Harkins, 3. Garrett Kleman, 4. Mary Bradley, 5. Jordy Rowland, 6. Heather Jeter, 7. Kyla Schacher, 8. Corey Lane, 9. Zachary McClure.

**SPOTS**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Jeremy Simpson.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Shawna Gerber.

**Lightweight:** 1. Shawna Gerber, 2. Jill Schulte, 3. Adam Schulte, 4. Coby Schacher, 5. Sharla Kenworthy.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Jeremy Simpson, 2. Allison Martinez, 3. Jody Stovall, 4. Kelsey Hochstein.

**YORKSHIRE**  
**BREED CHAMPION:** Jay McCormick.  
**RESERVE BREED CHAMP:** Keli Schulte.

**Lightweight:** 1. Keli Schulte, 2. Daryl Pohlmeier, 3. Zachary Smith, 4. Jason Wooten, 5. Kit Schulte, 6. Elizabeth Cartwright, 7. Dustin Rameakers, 8. Meggie Lemons, 9. Michelle Davis, 10. Ashley Davis.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Stacey Schulte, 2. Stacey Schulte, 3. Jana Nelson, 4. Cassie McLean, 5. T.R. George, 6. Jessica Kern, 7. Trey Robb, 8. Meggie Lemons, 9. Tawnee Matthews, 10. Justin Hawkins.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Jay McCormick, 2. Colby McDaniel, 3. Sharla Kenworthy, 4. Timmy Barnes, 5. Zachary Smith, 6. B.J. Kern, 7. Lindsey Martinez, 8. Tanner Griffith, 9. Mitchell Brockman.

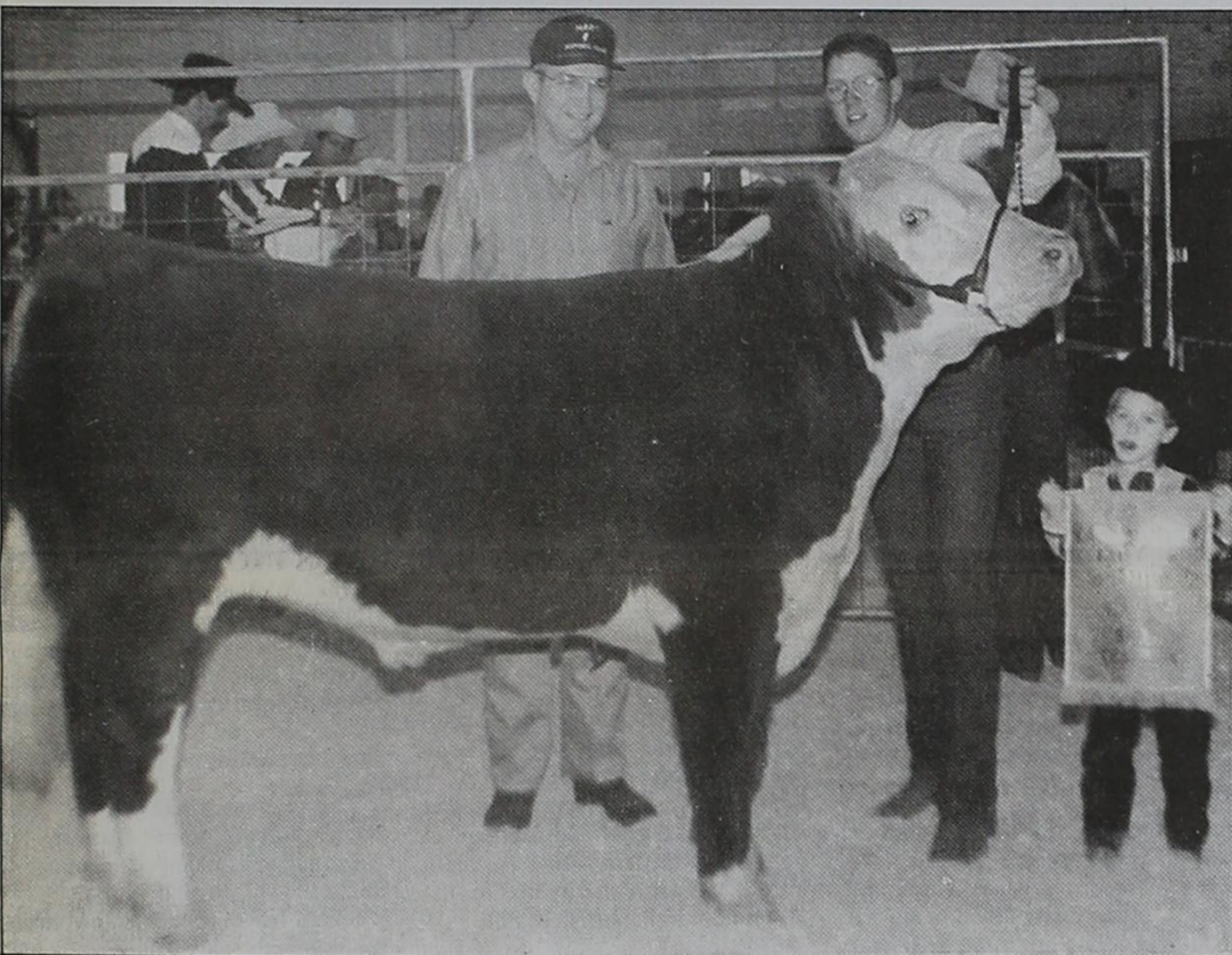
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**RESERVE BREED CHAMPION:** Julia McDonald.

**Lightweight:** 1. Dawn Rameakers, 2. Ashley Davis, 3. Shayla Kenworthy, 4. Chris Patton, 5. Heather Jeter, 6. Charley Nutt, 7. Chris Patton, 8. Jason Wooten, 9. Jonathon Stevens, 10. Michael Glidewell.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Ryan Harkins, 2. Summer McLean, 3. Trinity Robb, 4. Shantell Self, 5. Ysela Gonzales, 6. Dagon Newton, 7. Cassie McLean, 8. Jared Aven, 9. Aaron Kern, 10. Van Jeter, 11. Ashley Martinez, 12. Clay Hoelting, 13. Amber Matthews, 14. Elizabeth Olvera.

**Light Heavyweight:** 1. Evan Huseman, 2. Dagon Newton, 3. Jacy Buckley, 4. Mark Mitchell, 5. Trevor Barnes, 6. Zach Jones, 7. John Johnson, 8. Shawna Gerber, 9. Matthew Wright, 10. Matthew Kern, 11. Sarah Olvera, 12. Lindsey Martinez, 13. Whitney Mitchell, 14. Caitlin Buckley.

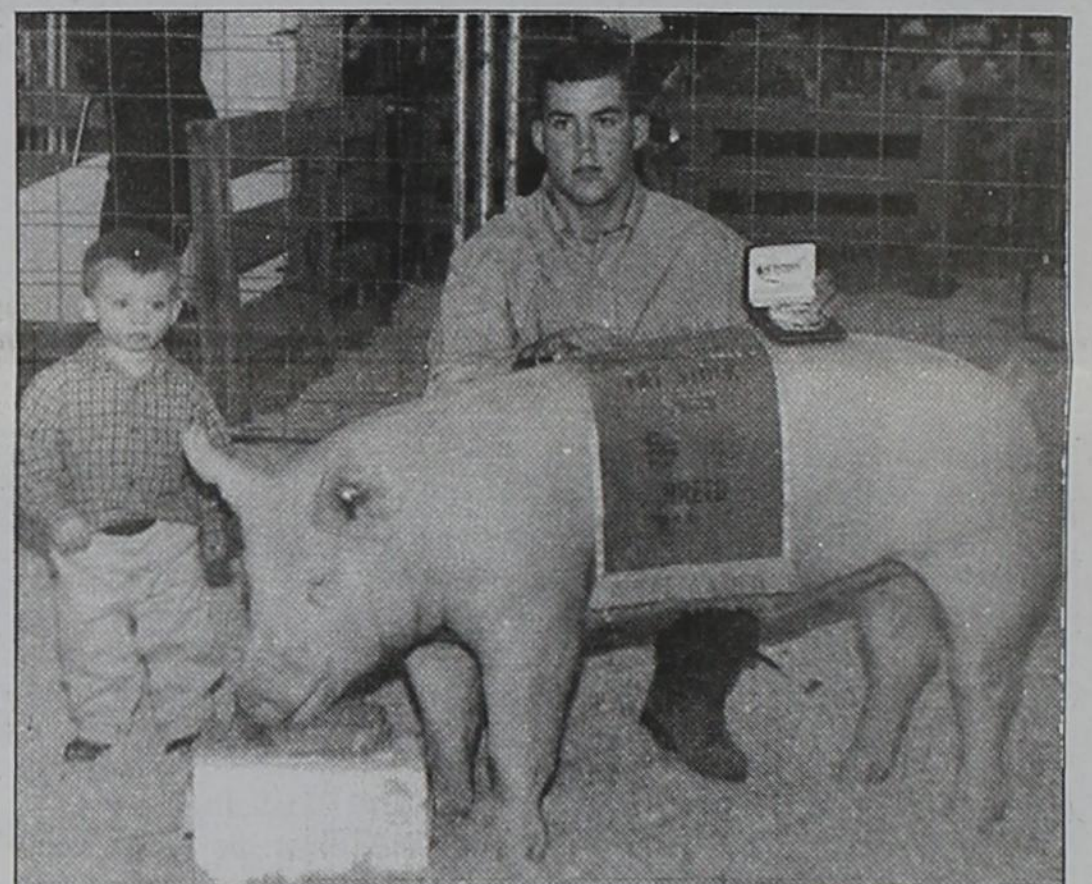
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**COBY SUMMERS** (center) drove this 1,250-lb. heavyweight English steer to the breed championship, the claimed reserve grand champion honors with the animal at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday. In Saturday's premium sale,

Summers received a bid of \$2 per pound from Dimmitt Agri Industries, represented by Don Graham (left). Holding Summers' banner is Chance Schilling.

Photo by Anne Acker



**TUCKER SCHUMACHER** (right) drove his 257-lb. heavyweight Cross to the reserve grand championship in the barrow division at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday. Schumacher sold his reserve grand champ for \$4.75 per pound to WW Cattle Co. Pictured with Schumacher is his nephew, Thomas Newman (left). Photo by Anne Acker

## GTE files request to recover expenses

GTE applied Feb. 7 with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to recover from customers \$16.6 million for revenue losses resulting from the mandated expansion of toll-free calling areas to over 250 smaller communities across the state.

The expanded calling areas were required by Senate Bill 632 passed by the 1993 Texas Legislature. The legislation allowed the PUC to set rules for communities with less than 10,000 telephone lines, and outside of metropolitan areas, to expand local calling areas where there is a community of interest, such as county government, churches, a school district, hospitals and doctors. The service is called expanded local calling (ELC).

The law, passed in 1993, allows the additional costs and investment, as well as lost long-distance revenues associated with ELC, to be recovered by assessing customers in the requesting community a monthly charge of no more than \$3.50 for each residential line and \$7 for each business line. Revision of the law in 1995 limited the number of distant calling areas that can be added to the local calling area for the \$3.50 and \$7 maximum charges to five. Additional calling areas over the five limit will include an additional \$1.50 per month for both residential and business lines for each additional calling area.

Any revenue deficiency not recovered from the capped surcharges must be collected by a

general surcharge on other customers across the state.

"GTE resisted passing the unrecovered costs and lost toll revenues to our customers; however, the losses have reached a point where we can no longer ignore the impact," said Kathy Harless, regional president of GTE.

## County youths fare well at Fort Worth show

Chad Rogers and Jay McCormick exhibited first-place animals at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth last week.

Rogers exhibited the top Class 7 European Cross steer and McCormick had the top Class 1 Cross barrow. McCormick also had the seventh-place Class 7 European Cross Steer.

Several other county youths fared well in the Fort Worth show. Local results follow.

**AMERICAN CROSS STEERS**  
**Class 1:** 2. Taylor Matthews.

**EUROPEAN CROSS STEERS**  
**Class 2:** 5. Beau Hill.  
**Class 5:** 10. Justin Sutton.  
**Class 7:** 1. Chad Rogers, 7. Jay McCormick.

**CROSS BARROWS**  
**Class 1:** 1. Jay McCormick.

**ANGUS HEIFERS**  
**Class 3:** 4. Sy Olson.  
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The Terra International operating area based in Hereford has received the company's "Area of the Year" award for achieving specific financial goals in 1995.

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## FARM FAMILIES— It's Time for Action!

On Feb. 7, the U.S. Senate passed a "Freedom to Farm" Act that actually is a "Freedom to Go Broke" Act. It contains no provisions to guard against overproduction of basic crops or to protect national food security. Also, it does not make any provision for young farmers or for anyone starting out—if they don't have a history, they can't qualify.

## PLEASE READ THE OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT!

It's on Page 2 of this issue. It details the dangers that are inherent in the "Freedom to Farm" Act, and urges President Clinton to oppose this act as written. The letter is signed by the top spokesmen for 15 national and state farmers' organizations, plus all the directors of the American Corn Growers Association.

## WRITE YOUR CONGRESSMAN!

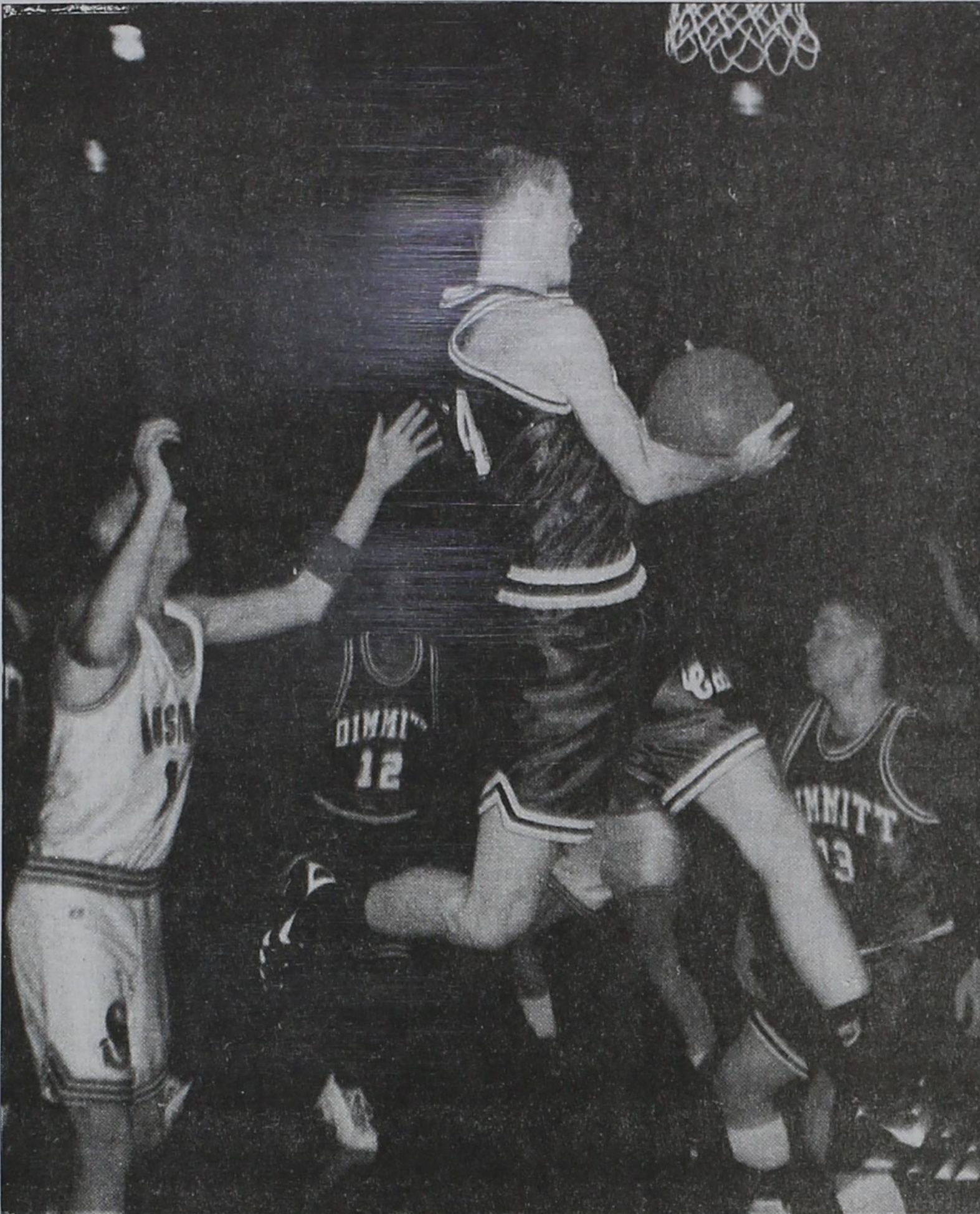
If the "Freedom to Farm" Act becomes law, it could deal the fatal blow to the American family farm. Please write to Congressman Mac Thornberry, 1535 Longworth House Office Bldg., Washington, D.C., 20515, or to Congressman Larry Combest, 1527 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, or to any member of the House Agriculture Committee. Do it today!

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# Sports



**FLYIN' HIGH**—Dimmitt's Justin Newman sails high to grab a missed Shallowater free throw during the opening quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA finale at Shallowater. Other Bobcats in photo are Brandon Smith (12) and Chad Ellis (13). The game was nip-and-tuck most of the way until

the Bobcats closed with a big finish for a 68-55 victory to ice the district championship with an unblemished conference record. Newman finished with 22 points and played a fierce defensive game inside.

*Photo by Don Nelson*

## Bobbies' loss to Shallowater forces three-way tie for second

Dimmitt's girls started out great, but a sluggish second quarter spelled the difference Friday in a 65-60 loss at Shallowater.

The loss, along with wins by Littlefield and Muleshoe, set up the three-team playoff for the second seed from District 2-AAA.

Dimmitt (15-17 after Friday's match) played without junior wing Carrie Bradley. Bradley suffered a bad ankle sprain in practice last week that kept her out of the lineup. Her absence made the difference between last Friday's five-point loss and the Bobbies' 11-point win three weeks earlier.

"We don't have anyone to match up with Carrie, and neither does anyone else in our district," said Shallowater coach Chuck Darden after the game.

Dimmitt tried valiantly to make up for Bradley's absence, but couldn't duplicate its offensive burst in the first period. Freshman guard Shawna Kenworthy made her first start, playing on the point. The combination worked well for a while.

The Bobbies jumped out to a nine-point lead in the first period and led 24-19 after one period. Shallowater was able to keep up its offensive work, but the Bobbies mustered only four free throws in the second eight minutes. The Fillies finally claimed the lead at 27-26 with a minute to go in the half, and led the Bobbies at the break, 29-28.

In the third, Dimmitt came back to take a short-lived lead before the Fillies, behind a 16-point performance by Jenny Neal, regained the lead. With 2:04 to go in the

period, Kenworthy hit a layup to tie the score at 41, but Shallowater hit the last four points of the period to go up at the end of three quarters, 45-41.

In the fourth, Shallowater extended its lead to 14 points early in the period. Dimmitt fought to get it to a 10-point game, 53-43, with 4:11 to go on two free throws by Kara Josselet. Dimmitt finally got it to eight, 60-52, with 1:58 to play on a basket by Emily Roberson. Shallowater hit another spurt before Josselet made three-straight free throws in the last minute to make it 65-57. Amy Ethridge hit a trey with eight seconds left to cut the score to the final margin.

Josselet led all scorers with 18 points, while Kenworthy and Ethridge each added 10.

## Swiftettes swarm Hornettes

Sudan's diamond-and-one defense was successful in shutting down Nazareth all-stater Melinda Schmucker in the first half of Friday night's District 7-A finale, but when Sudan was smothering Schmucker, Amy Pohlmeier was popping away from the outside.

Pohlmeier chipped in 11 first-half points as Nazareth took a 23-9 halftime lead, then Schmucker broke free from the Hornettes' stranglehold in the second half and Nazareth ran away with the game, 52-26.

The win gave the top-ranked Swiftettes an unblemished district mark at 10-0, and the girls accepted the district championship trophy after the game. Sudan was forced into a tie for second with Happy and those two teams met earlier this week to decide who advances into the playoffs.

Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton said the diamond-and-one defense applied by the Hornettes was a surprise, but the Swiftettes were able to adjust. On the other side, Sudan wasn't able to handle Nazareth's pressure man-to-man, and that was the difference in the game.

Sudan opened the game with the special defense designed to shut down Schmucker, who is Nazareth's leading scorer. It worked to a point. Schmucker had just three field goals in the game, but she made 7-of-12 free throw attempts to finish with a game-high 14 points. Pohlmeier and Misti Ball added 11 each.

"We work against this type of defense in practice, but they (Sudan) did a little better job at it than we do,

and it frustrated her and she got a little impatient," said Hampton.

Schmucker hit just one of four free throw attempts in the first quarter and had a single three-point field goal in the second for four first-half points.

Meanwhile, Pohlmeier was burning up the nets from everywhere.

She had three treys and another field goal in the first half to boost the Swiftettes to the early lead.

"Amy is a good shooter," said Hampton. "She really should shoot the ball more often."

Pohlmeier opened the game by sinking a three, then Misti Ball, nailed a turn-around from inside with 4:53 left for a 6-2 Nazareth lead.

Sudan got two field goals and a free throw from Breanne Baker, but she was the only Hornette to score and Nazareth held an 8-5 lead after the first period.

Sudan cut it to a point at the beginning of the second quarter, but then Nazareth went on a big 9-0 run before Baker ended Sudan's drought with 3:55 left.

The Nazareth run opened with a perfect inside shot by K'Lynn Gerber, who scored off of a Schmucker assist. Then Pohlmeier added a field goal and Schmucker popped her trey for a 16-7 Nazareth lead. Ball made a charity toss for the 10-point margin with 4:18 left.

After Baker scored with 3:55 left, Nazareth reeled off another six straight points on a free throw by Courtney Hoelting, another easy jumper by Gerber on a pass from Schmucker, and a three-pointer by Schmucker, and the Swiftettes were in control, 23-9.

Sudan struggled with its shooting in the first half, hitting just 4-of-14 from the field and 1-of-3 from the line. The Hornettes also turned the ball over 11 times against Nazareth's pressure defense.

The teams traded baskets to open second-half play, with Nazareth getting big baskets from Gerber and Ball to keep it close in the first five minutes. Then a Hoelting-Carrie Wethington steal turned into a layup by Hoelting off of a fast-break feed from Pohlmeier and Nazareth was on top by 16 with 2:26 left.

Schmucker finally got off a shot with 1:29 left in the third and she drained it and drew the foul. Her free throw was good and the Swiftettes were on top 32-13.

Seven seconds later Ball scored off of a Wethington steal and the game started looking like a blow-out.

Heather Bourland finally got the Hornettes back on the scoring track with 48 seconds left, but Ball answered Bourland's shot, then Schmucker hit two free throws with six seconds left and at the end of three Nazareth was on top 38-15.

The Hornettes had a little more success in the fourth quarter, but Nazareth still managed to outscore Sudan, 14-11, for the win.

Sudan let up on its defense in the fourth quarter, and Hampton contributed part of that to fatigue.

"They switched to man in the last four or five minutes and Melinda got some points out of that," Hampton said. "They got a little tired running around Melinda. She's a good athlete and is strong in track, and she can run forever."

## Cats corral Mustangs for 2-AAA title

Dimmitt was on the skids for a half, but came back with a superior defensive performance in the second half to claim the No. 1 seed in District 2-AAA with a 68-55 win Friday at Shallowater.

Shallowater was more than the Bobcats could handle—for a half. Jay Lusk had five three-pointers in the first two periods and had 19 points at halftime to buoy the Mustangs to a 36-28 lead at halftime.

The win will move the Bobcats into a bi-district match next week with Dalhart. Dalhart settled for the No. 2 seed in District 1-AAA after a 54-51 loss Tuesday to Tulia. It was also the first time the Bobcats had earned the No. 1 seed without a playoff since 1992.

Some of the Bobcats were obviously pressing in the first half, but not Joe Larra. Larra kept the Bobcats close with 10 points in the first quarter, including two treys. Larra had 14 at the break, while Justin Newman added four first-half buckets to get the Bobcats within four at intermission.

In the third quarter, the Bobcats shut Lusk out while outscoring the Mustangs 16-8 in the period to tie the score at 44 at quarter's end. Charley Sanders hit his only basket of the game with 1:15 to play in the quarter to tie it at 42, then Brandon Smith nailed a jumper with 50 seconds left to give Dimmitt its first lead of the game, 44-42.

In the fourth, Dimmitt kept up the defensive heat. Lusk had seven points in the period, but big man Cole Roberts was shut out in the last eight minutes as Dimmitt took the win. The Bobcats missed just one free throw in the fourth quarter, making 14 of 15. In fact, the Bobcats missed just two tosses all night, going 22-for-24 at the stripe. Shallowater, which suffered at the line in the first district match, made seven-of-11 on Friday.

The Mustangs were whistled for 20 fouls and committed 10 turnovers on their home court, while Dimmitt also had 10 turnovers and just 14 fouls.

## Cat sluggers top River road in scrimmage

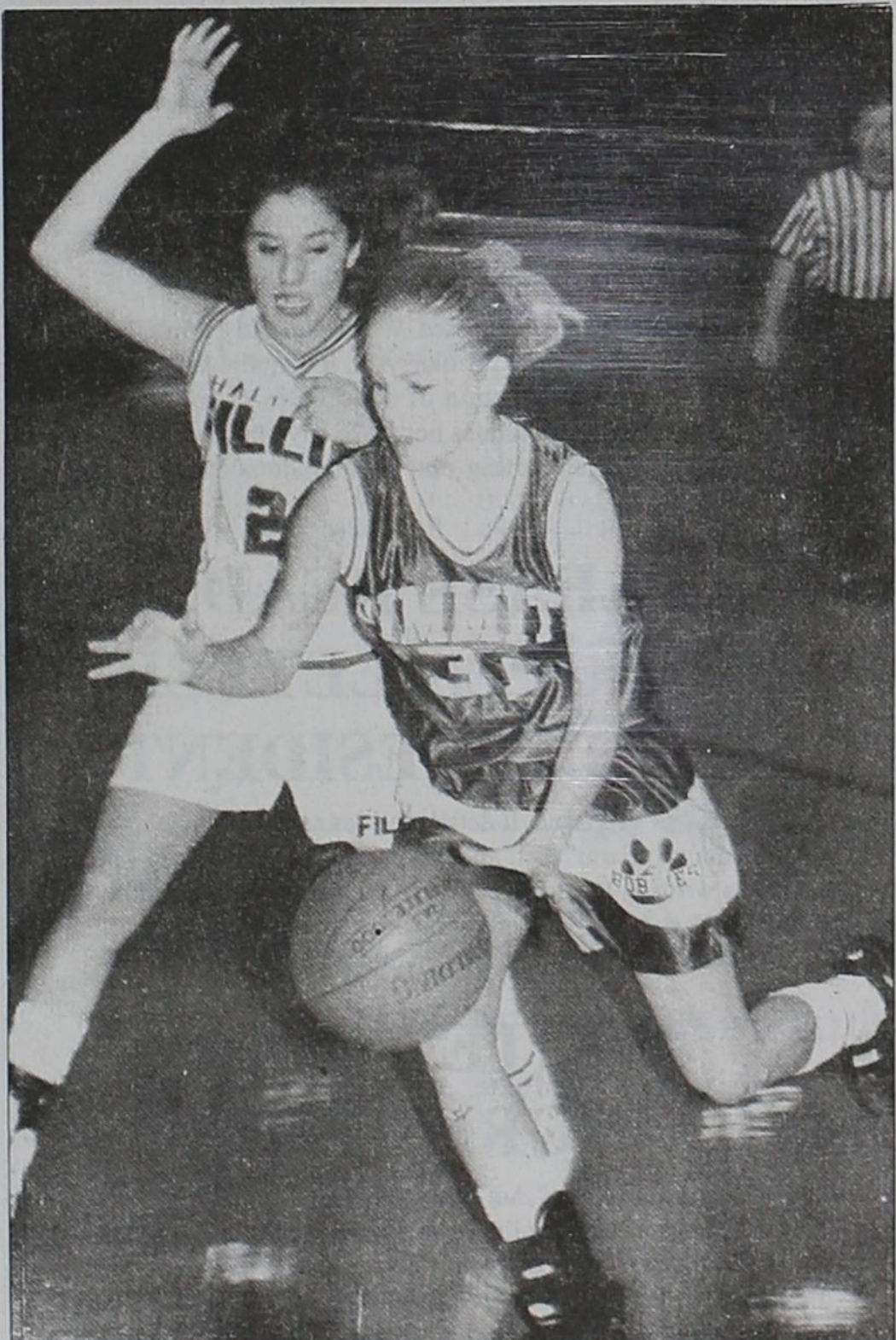
Dimmitt outscored Amarillo River Road, 6-5, in its first pre-season baseball scrimmage Saturday at George Howell Park.

"We had pretty good pitching and good overall play by all our young men," said Dimmitt coach Bobby Feaster. "We hit the ball pretty well, but we saw some places where we could have done better, and we're working on those places."

One of Feaster's main concerns now is what to do with all of his players. He has 36 boys out for baseball now, and will have several more as soon as basketball season is over. He was planning to carry 12-15 players on the varsity and around 15 on the junior varsity. One option could be to form another JV squad or a freshman team that could play some games.

"We'll figure something out," Feaster said.

The Bobcats will scrimmage again today (Thursday), hosting Hereford at 4 p.m. at George Howell Park, and will get a final tuneup Saturday at Lubbock Cooper. The Bobcats will open their season Feb. 24, hosting Sanford-Fritch for a doubleheader at 1 p.m.



**AMY ETHRIDGE (31)** drives to the basket in the third quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA game at Shallowater. Ethridge finished with 10 points and made a good defensive showing, but the Fillies pulled off a 65-60 upset win over the crippled Bobbies. Meanwhile, Littlefield upended Muleshoe Friday night to throw second place into a three-way tie between Dimmitt, Muleshoe and Littlefield, necessitating a playoff series Monday and Tuesday nights. Friona's Squaws won the district championship and first-seed playoff spot outright.

*Photo by Don Nelson*



**YOU'RE TRAPPED AND YOU CAN'T GET OUT!** Nazareth defenders (from left) Amy Pohlmeier, K'Lynn Gerber and Misti Ball corner a Sudan ballhandler attempting to work the ball downcourt against the Swiftettes' full-court press Friday night in Nazareth. The Swiftettes dominated the District 7-A

finale Friday, posting a convincing 53-26 victory in Nazareth to sew up the district title with a perfect 10-0 mark. The loss forced Sudan into a tie for second with Happy and the two teams clashed in a playoff for the playoff berth Tuesday night.

*Photo by Anne Acker*





*Hoop it up!*

# Good Luck, Bobcats

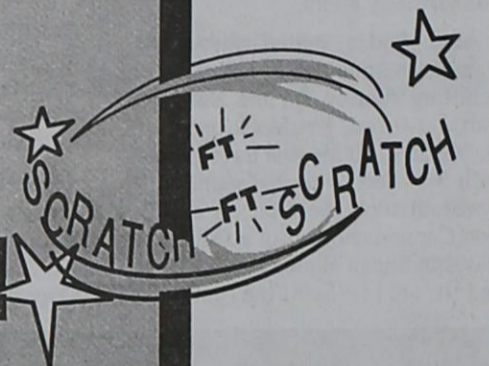
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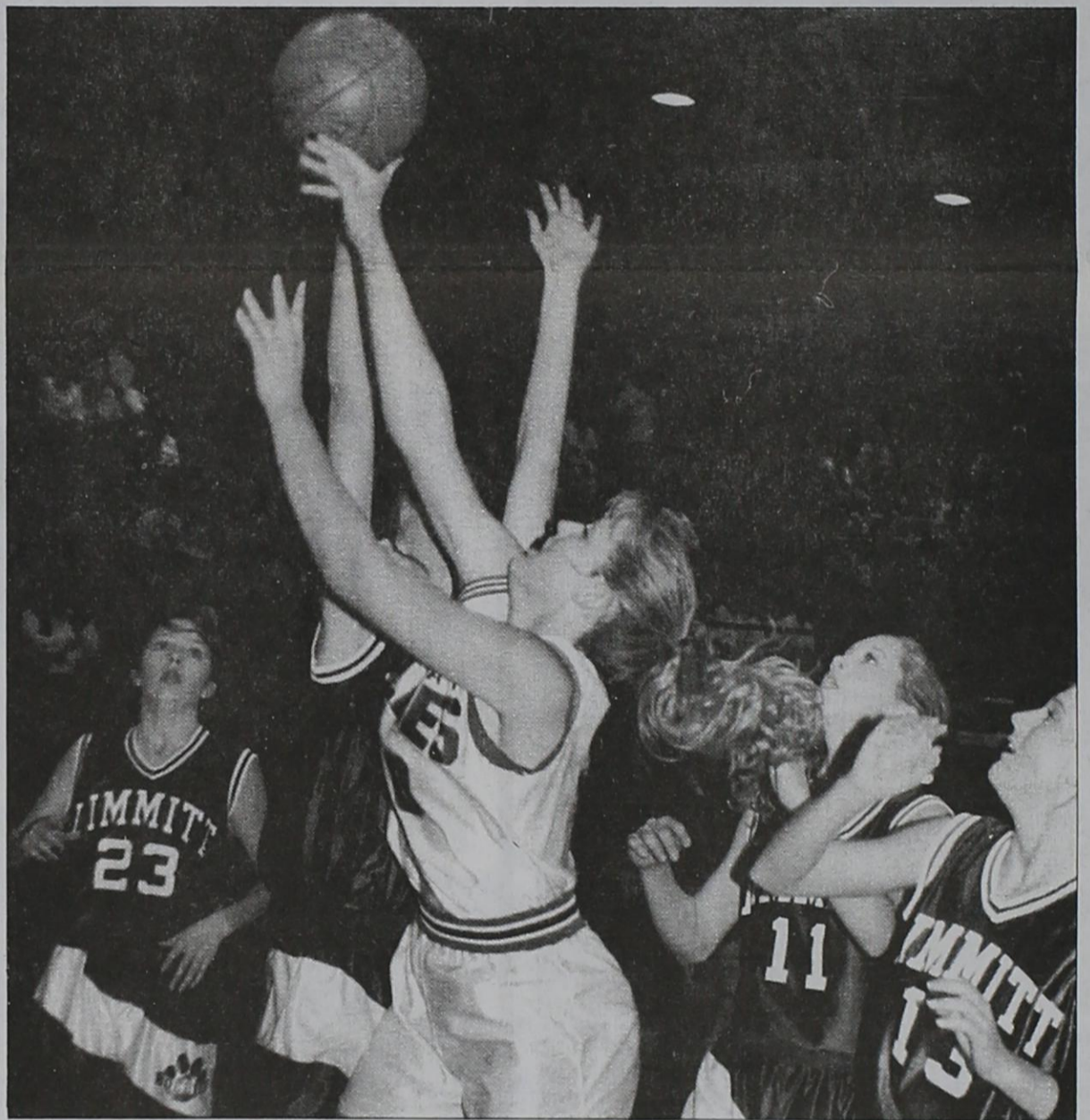
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NO, YOU DON'T!—Shallowater's Kari Shoaf sees her shot foiled by a clean block by Dimmitt's Amber Matthews in the first quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA set-to in Shallowater. Other Bobbies guarding the lane are Shawna Kenworthy

(23), Jacy Buckley (11) and Kara Josselet (13). The Fillies came from behind to upset the Bobbies, 65-60, and help throw the district race into a three-way tie for the second-seed playoff spot.

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# Fourth-quarter surge lifts Swifts over Sudan, 70-53

Nazareth's Bryan Braddock rattled the nets for six three pointers, three of which came during a crucial fourth-quarter run, to spark the Swifts to a 70-53 victory over Sudan Friday night in Nazareth.

The win capped Nazareth's district record with a perfect 10-0 mark and gave the Swifts the district championship while Sudan finished with a 7-3 tally in second place.

Braddock and the Swifts hit eight threes in the game while Sudan, playing without three-point specialist Roger Huey, sank just one.

Huey's absence didn't seem to faze the Hornets in the first quarter, though.

Sudan's big man, Chester, inside found his mark early, hitting his team's first two baskets starting a big Hornet run. Sudan started off by making its first four baskets before missing one, and that lifted the team to a 9-4 lead over the Swifts with 5:14 left.

"We were supposed to be watching for him (Chester) and we didn't seem to be able to find him early. He hurt us in the first game, too," said Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever.

Chester scored 11 points for the Hornets, with four coming on back-to-back baskets in the first quarter and another four on back-to-back shots in the fourth. Other than that he was virtually silent.

After Sudan pulled ahead 9-4, Nazareth settled down, with Gaylon Schilling scoring for the Swifts to start a 7-0 run. Braddock came off the bench to hit his first three-pointer with 3:09 left to tie the game at 9. Nazareth took the lead on a Billy Don Cannon shot off of a fast-break play, but Sudan came right back and tied it at 11. Schilling gave the

Swifts a 13-11 edge at the end of the first quarter.

Sudan cut it to a point early in the second, but never got closer than two after that.

Robby Schmucker and Bryan Braddock went on a three-point shooting frenzy in the second, with Schmucker hitting treys with 6:56 left, then again at the 3:42 mark. Braddock drained one from the top of the key with 5:03 left. In the midst of the Swifts' long-range fireworks was post man Coby Schacher, who picked up four easy inside baskets. By the time Schmucker hit his last three Nazareth was on top for good, 28-18.

Sudan's Jerimi Bourland made it 30-22 at halftime when he connected with seconds left in the first half.

Schacher, Schilling and Nathan Hoelting answered each of Sudan's baskets to start the third quarter, but the Hornets eventually pulled within seven points with 3:20 left in the third.

Braddock hit his only three of the third with 2:38 left for a 10-point lead, then he kept that margin intact with a two-pointer following one by Sudan.

After the third quarter, Nazareth was clinging to a 47-39 lead, which was slashed to five just seconds into the final period when Bourland hit a three-pointer.

Schilling, who had been out of the game with foul trouble, returned in the fourth and joined Schacher inside for big baskets in the first three minutes to keep Nazareth on top.

Then Braddock went wild. He hit a three-pointer with 4:45 left, then Hoelting scored with 3:18 left for a 58-49 Nazareth lead.

Over the next three minutes Naza-

areth held Sudan to four points and the Swifts scored 12, spurred by two more three-pointers by Braddock at the 2:38 and 1:53 marks in the fourth. Nazareth made 4-of-6 free throws down the stretch.

Makeever said the key factor in Nazareth's fourth-quarter run was its defense.

"We finally cracked down defensively. We weren't doing what we'd talked about—helping on the pen-

etration and staying with the post guys. We've also got a few set plays that work really well for us, and we started running some of those and they worked."

Braddock was Nazareth's leading scorer with 20 points. Four other Swifts reached the double-digit mark, including Schilling and Hoelting, who finished with 13 each; and Schacher and Schmucker, who tallied 10 apiece.

## Nazareth basketball district changes again

Nazareth's basketball district the next two seasons will include Happy, Vega, Lazbuddie and Farwell as the result of a UIL action after a protest filed by school officials last week.

The UIL had originally placed Nazareth in a four-team "small-school" district with Hedley, Sudan and Groom under the latest biennial realignment.

But Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson notified UIL that the school wished to remain in the "large school" division. UIL approved the request and moved the school into District 3-A. The school's football district will remain the same—District 2-A with Farwell, Happy, Sudan, Kress, Valley, Motley County and Springlake-Earth.

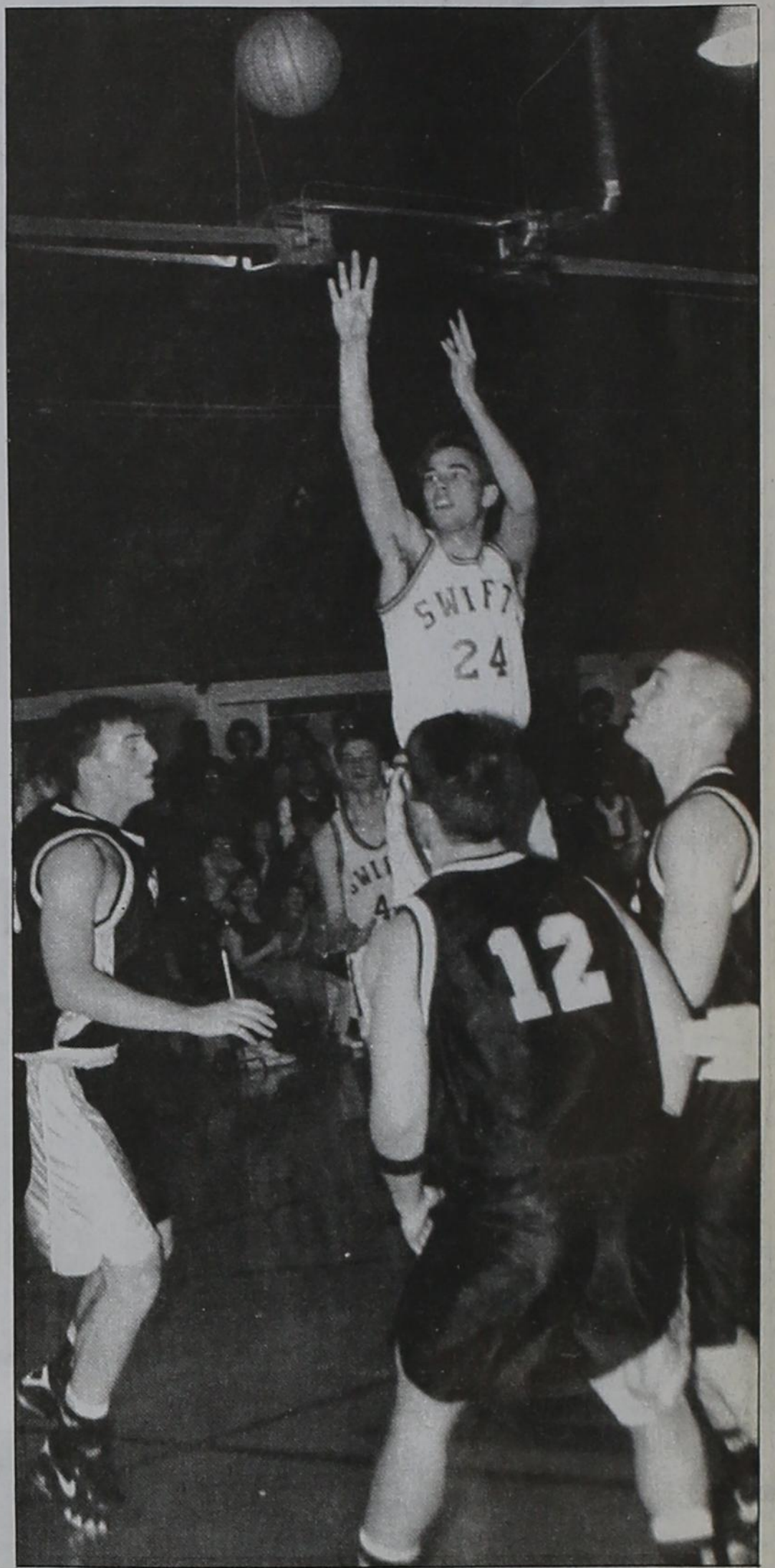
One of the main considerations Johnson said he and the board looked at was travel. He said traveling 100-plus miles to a district game wouldn't benefit the school.

"We play 11-man football and the placement of the school in the lower half of Class A places us in a basketball district and a spring meet district with schools that either play six-man football or no football at all," Johnson said. "We would drive right through towns that we play against in our football district to play basketball with the "small" schools."

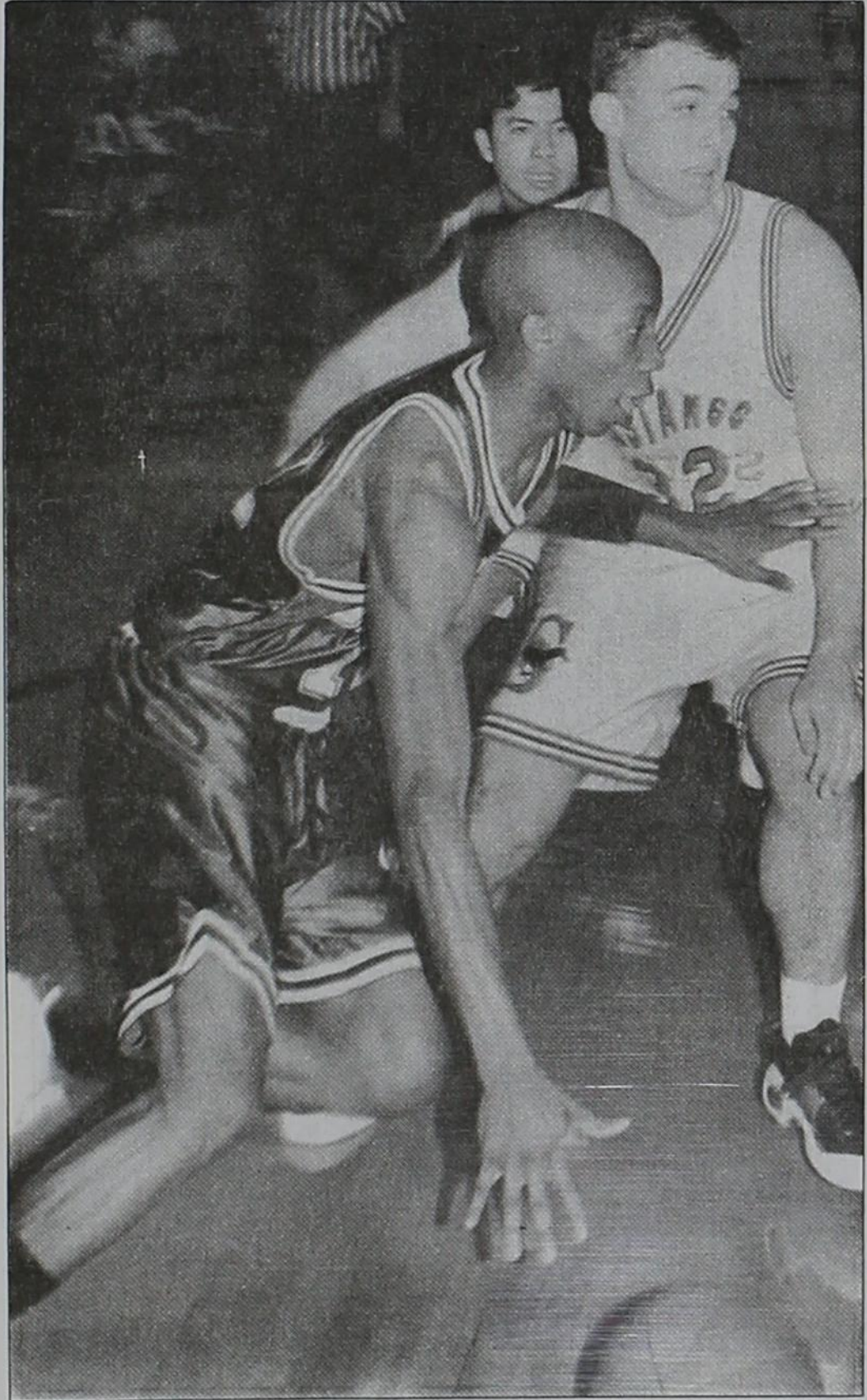
Johnson said during the last realignment two years ago the school had elected to play in the large school division and he assumed that the school would be allowed to participate at that level again because it turned in an enrollment figure of 81. But the cut-off was 82, and that kicked Nazareth into the small-school bracket.

Johnson appealed the decision and requested the school be assigned to a basketball district in the top Class A division.

In a letter to Charles Breithaupt, UIL athletic director, Johnson also said "Nazareth desires to compete at a level commensurate with our size to enable the scheduling of sub-varsity games at the junior high and high school level. Many of the schools that are smaller do not have enough students to play a seventh and eighth grade team and often they do not have either a boys' or girls' junior varsity team. This creates scheduling problems for our schools and often jeopardizes our sub-varsity programs."



GAYLON SCHILLING PENETRATES AND SCORES on a 12-foot jumper Friday night against Sudan. Schilling finished with 13 points on the night as the Swifts won, 70-53. Nazareth closed out its regular season with a 10-0 district mark and advances into the playoffs again. Sudan claimed second-place honors in district. Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld



BRANDON SMITH drives the baseline past Shallowater's Jay Lusk (32) in the fourth quarter of Friday night's District 2-AAA finale at Shallowater. Smith was fouled on his shot and made both free throws to tie the score at 49-49. The Bobcats put together a good stretch finish for a 68-55 victory to ice the district championship. Smith finished with 12 points. Photo by Don Nelson

## Consumer decision class sets meeting

The next Consumer Decision Making Class will be Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. at the Extension office.

Those participating should plan to stay until 6 p.m. for a "good workout."

"Those who have study guides, please study them," an Extension spokesperson said.

Anyone interested in Consumer Decision Making may contact Extension Agent Marilyn Neal for additional information at 674-4115.



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# Bobbies' playoff bid slips away with loss to Littlefield

Carrie Bradley had a comeback within a comeback, but her Lazarus act wasn't quite enough Tuesday at Sudan in a 76-65 Dimmitt loss to Littlefield.

Littlefield celebrated knocking off Muleshoe's girls and the Bobbies on successive nights to take the No. 2 seed in District 2-AAA. The Lady Cats (17-13) will meet Childress at 7 p.m. Friday at Hutcherson Center at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

Bradley, who had to miss last Friday's loss at Shallowater, came

back on a still-swollen sprained ankle to play in Tuesday's playoff. Bradley received an ultrasound treatment about 30 minutes before Tuesday's game and was able to play most of the first half.

During the first 16 minutes, Bradley had 13 points to keep Dimmitt in the game at the break, 34-30. In the third quarter, Bradley took two hard tumbles, including one when she was hit by Littlefield's Tori Reed. No foul was called on the play, but Bradley was forced to the bench with 2:33 to go in the third quarter.

The junior wing came back to tie the score with a three-pointer with 5:48 to go at 51, but Littlefield went on to outscore Dimmitt 25-14 down the stretch for the win.

Littlefield's Trissi Walden, who led all scorers with 28, was too much for the Bobbies to handle. Littlefield also had an exemplary night at the line, making 29 of 38 free throws. Dimmitt put the Lady Cats on the line for 22 free throws in the fourth period in an attempt to come back, and Littlefield made all but four tosses in the quarter.

Dimmitt trailed by three points most of the first quarter, with free throws by Amber Matthews and Shawna Kenworthy each cutting the lead back to one before the Lady Cats took a 14-11 lead at the end of the period.

In the second, Littlefield leapt to an eight-point advantage before Dimmitt bounced back. Bradley hit three straight free throws with 2:33 to go to make it 25-23, then make a basket a minute later to cut it back to 28-27.

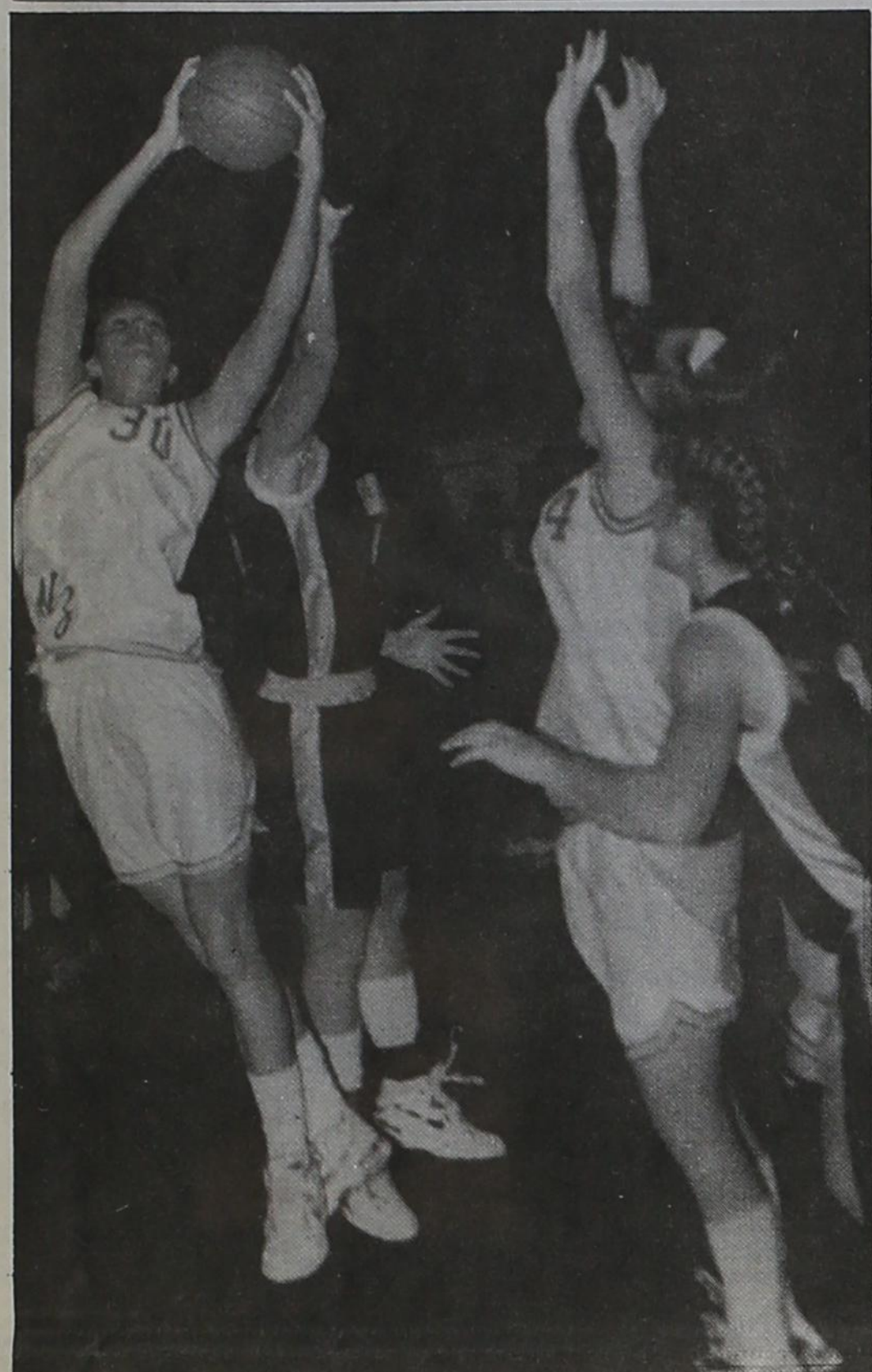
Littlefield went back up by three after Monica Silva hit her second trey of the half for the Lady Cats, but Emily Roberson hit a bucket with 10 seconds left to make it 32-30. Silva hit another basket at the buzzer to forge a 34-30 halftime lead.

Dimmitt tied it at 36 on an Amber Matthews basket with 6:32 to go in the third, but Littlefield hit another hot spot to go up 45-37. The Bobbies got back within two, 45-43, on an Amy Ethridge free throw with 49 seconds left in the period, but Littlefield posted a 49-44 lead after 24 minutes.

In the fourth, Dimmitt got strong bench play early from Tonya Robertson and Emily Roberson. Roberson had six points in crunch time, while Robertson had three free throws and two baskets during a span in the late third and early fourth quarters.

Bradley tied the game at 51 when she hit a trey with 5:48 to play, but Littlefield came on to pull away. Silva hit a trey with 4:30 to play to put the Lady Cats up 56-52, and the Bobbies were never closer than four the rest of the game.

Amber Matthews was the only Bobbie other than Bradley to score in double figures. The sophomore post had 11 points.



**GOOD REBOUND POSITION** gave Nazareth's Misti Ball (30) possession of this carom despite the efforts of Sudan opponents Friday night in Nazareth. Swiftette K'Lynn Gerber (24) also fights for position underneath. Nazareth took control of the game in the second quarter and used a balanced scoring attack to handle the Hornettes, 53-26.

Photo by Joyce Birkenfeld



**HART BIG MAN DUSTY ORTIZ** (32) is close to the rim as he lays the ball through the hoop Friday night during the Longhorns final District 3-AA game in Hart. Ortiz was Hart's leading scorer with 23 points as the Longhorns won the game, 61-46. Hart closed out its season with a 14-14 mark.

Photo by David Knox



**HART'S CHARBRA LEE** dishes off to teammate Tylene Garcia (44) Friday against Morton. The Hart girls had no problems handling Morton's Maidens,

closing out their 1996 season with a 58-43 victory. Hart finished its season with a 14-12 overall mark and finished 10-4 in district.

Photo by David Knox

# Hart teams close out seasons with victories

The Hart Longhorns and Ladyhorns finished their 1995-96 basketball seasons on a winning note Friday, handling Morton in Hart.

The Hart girls finished with a 14-12 overall mark and were third in district behind Abernathy and New Deal. The Longhorns managed a 14-14 record and finished with a 6-8 mark in district.

Both teams had no problem

beating Morton Friday, with the Longhorns claiming a 61-46 win and the Hart girls winning 58-43.

Hart's boys had Morton down in the first quarter and the Indians never regained the lost territory.

After the first quarter the Longhorns boasted a 14-6 lead which they turned into a 28-20 halftime advantage. By the end of the third quarter Hart was in definite

control with a 15-point lead, 46-31.

The Longhorns matched Morton in the final period basket-for-basket for a 61-46 win.

Dusty Ortiz led Hart with 23 points while J.R. Lee had 20.

In the girls' game, Ysa Rodriguez poured in 14 points while Charbra Lee and Tylene Garcia chipped in 11 each to lead the Ladyhorns to the 58-43 win.

Hart took a commanding 19-6 first-quarter lead and never looked back.

Morton managed to trip Hart's lead to 30-23 at halftime, but Hart regained any lost ground in the third, and were on top 43-31.

## More about Playoff games . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

Dalhart tied with Tulia for the district championship, then Tulia beat the Golden Wolves, 54-51, in a playoff for seeding Tuesday night.

The Golden Wolves, 21-8, are led by a big inside man in 6-5 Sam McLeod. Steinle says the team also has a strong outside game.

"Ryan Cunningham (5-8 guard) and Josh Reynolds (6-1 guard) are both good perimeter shooters and they like to penetrate. Dalhart is a strong rebounding team, too."

Steinle said Dimmitt forced a lot of turnovers in the first meeting between the teams, but he added that Dalhart has "really improved since

that game. They looked a lot better against Tulia's defense Tuesday night."

### Swifts

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said the Swifts will take on Gruver, the District 1-AA champion, Saturday at 2 p.m. at Amarillo Highland Park in a practice game.

Nazareth's bi-district game against either Amherst or Spade, will be played either Feb. 22 or 23, according to Makeever.

If the Swifts win their bi-district game, they will take on either Miami or Hedley for the area championship.

## Demonstration topic suggestions available

The Castro County Extension office has announced that it is time for work to begin on Method Demonstrations.

Those needing help on selecting a topic are invited to stop by the office for help or suggestions.

"We want to encourage everyone to participate in this project," an Extension spokesperson said.

## Scoreboard

### FRIDAY

**Bobcats 68, Shallowater 55**  
Dimmitt 12 16 16 24 — 68  
Shallowater 14 22 8 13 — 55  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Joe Larra 27, Justin Newman 22, Brandon Smith 12.

**Bobbies 60, Shallowater 65**  
Dimmitt 24 4 13 19 — 60  
Shallowater 19 20 16 20 — 65  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Kara Josselet 18, Shawna Kenworthy and Amy Ethridge 10.

**Ladyhorns 58, Morton 43**  
Hart 19 11 13 15 — 58  
Morton 6 17 8 12 — 43  
**SCORING—HART:** Ysa Rodriguez 14, Charbra Lee and Tylene Garcia 11.

**Longhorns 61, Morton 46**  
Hart 14 14 18 15 — 61  
Morton 6 14 11 15 — 46  
**SCORING—HART:** Dusty Ortiz 23, J.R. Lee 20.

**Swiftettes 53, Sudan 26**  
Nazareth 8 15 15 15 — 53  
Sudan 5 4 6 11 — 26  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Melinda Schmucker 15, Misti Ball 11 and Amy Pohlmeier 11.

**Swifts 70 Sudan 53**  
Nazareth 13 17 17 23 — 70  
Sudan 11 11 17 14 — 53  
**SCORING—NAZARETH:** Bryan Braddock 20, Gaylon Schilling and Nathan Hoelling 13.

### TUESDAY

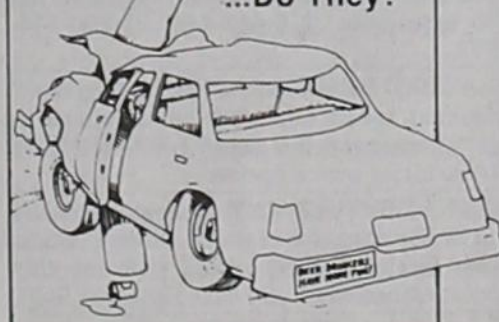
#### District 2-AAA

#### Playoff for second seed

**Bobbies 65, Littlefield 76**  
Dimmitt 11 19 14 21 — 65  
Littlefield 14 20 15 27 — 76  
**SCORING—DIMMITT:** Carrie Bradley 16, Amber Matthews 11.

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## 3 - Real Estate For Rent

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For County Tax Assessor-Collector: Billy Hackleman (i)

For Commissioner, Pct. 3: W. A. (Bay) Baldrige (i)

For County Treasurer: Janice Shelton (i) Carolyn Watts

For County Constable: James Dobbs (i)

For Commissioner, Pct. 1: Newlon Rowland (i)

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**22-Notices**

**WEIGHT WATCHERS** is now meeting every Thursday in Dimmitt. For more information, please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-33-tfc

**25-Legal Notices**

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that J.D. PHIPPS and R.E. PHIPPS, formerly doing business as partners under the firm name of BOB & J.D. PHIPPS, have dissolved their partnership effective as of Jan. 1, 1996, by mutual consent, and that after such dissolution, no person has authority to incur any obligations on behalf of the partnership. DATED effective Jan. 1, 1996. 25-45-1tp

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The City of Dimmitt is accepting bids for a riding lawn mower equipped as follows:  
 \*Tri-cycle turning /0 turning.  
 \*60-inch cut.  
 \*Front table carrier.  
 \*Engine: 3 cylinder.  
 \*Diesel.  
 \*18 HP or more.  
 Please submit bids indicating discount and delivery date.  
 Bids will need to be submitted to City of Dimmitt by March 1, 1996. Bids will be opened March 4, 1996, at the regular City Council meeting.  
 Please contact Ralph Salinas at 806-647-4492 if you have any questions. 25-45-2tc

**Too Late To Classify**

**WAITRESS AND COOK** needed, part-time. 313 N. Broadway. Apply between 9 and 11 a.m. Experience preferred. 20-45-2tc

**Sunnyside**

with Teeny Bowden

The church's 75th anniversary planning committee met with Teeny Bowden Wednesday afternoon. Those present were Gerald Elkins, Verba Sadler and Lillian Carson.

LaWanda Wilson is still not over her surgery, yet.

The letters are ready for the first mail out to former pastors, members and friends, but the group said it still needs several addresses.

Friday is the deadline the group set for mailing all the letters, and if anyone has an address for a former family member or friend of the church, they should call Bowden.

Heather Bradley underwent major surgery at Methodist Hospital in Plainview Friday morning. She was dismissed Sunday afternoon and is doing well. She, Jack and the kids will stay with Lee and Louise Bradley for a few days.

Rev. Benny Wright of Plainview filled the pulpit Sunday morning. He and his wife, Joyce, came for Sunday School as well as the morning worship. They will be back next Sunday.

Dara and Kelley Green have started work on their house in Sunnyside and have received a lot of volunteer help. They have put in a new bath, complete with new pipes and underground lines, which presented the biggest problem. They expect the rest to go easier.

Clyde and Lou Bless of Tulsa, Okla., were visitors in the Sunday morning service with Flossy Jones. Lou and Flossy are sisters. They came Friday to attend the funeral services for their brother-in-law, Curtis Jaquess, in Roswell, N.M., on Saturday.

Jerry and Audell Miller have been working on their new home east of Goldie Thompson's house since Christmas. They hooked up some heaters and have finished the sheet-rock work and are almost ready to start the kitchen and bathroom cabinets.

Sharon Sadler attended the funeral services for Mrs. Ocie Bolton at the funeral home in Dimmitt Wednesday morning.

Vivlene Duke died in Dimmitt last Thursday after a long battle with arthritis and congestive heart failure. She would have been 80 in August.

Guests in the Robert Duke home before and after the service in Dimmitt Saturday included Ada Chandler, Wynona and Wendell Payte and boys, Brendan and Justin; Kenda and Gerald Dunlap and children, Jeremy and Brandi, all of Big Spring; Wylene Light and children, Travis and Kendel of Lubbock; Wendy and Jeff Horton and children, Nicki and Jason of Grand Prairie. Sandra Duke of Canyon and Lucille Gilley of Amarillo visited briefly Saturday afternoon and all attended the memorial service.

**More about**

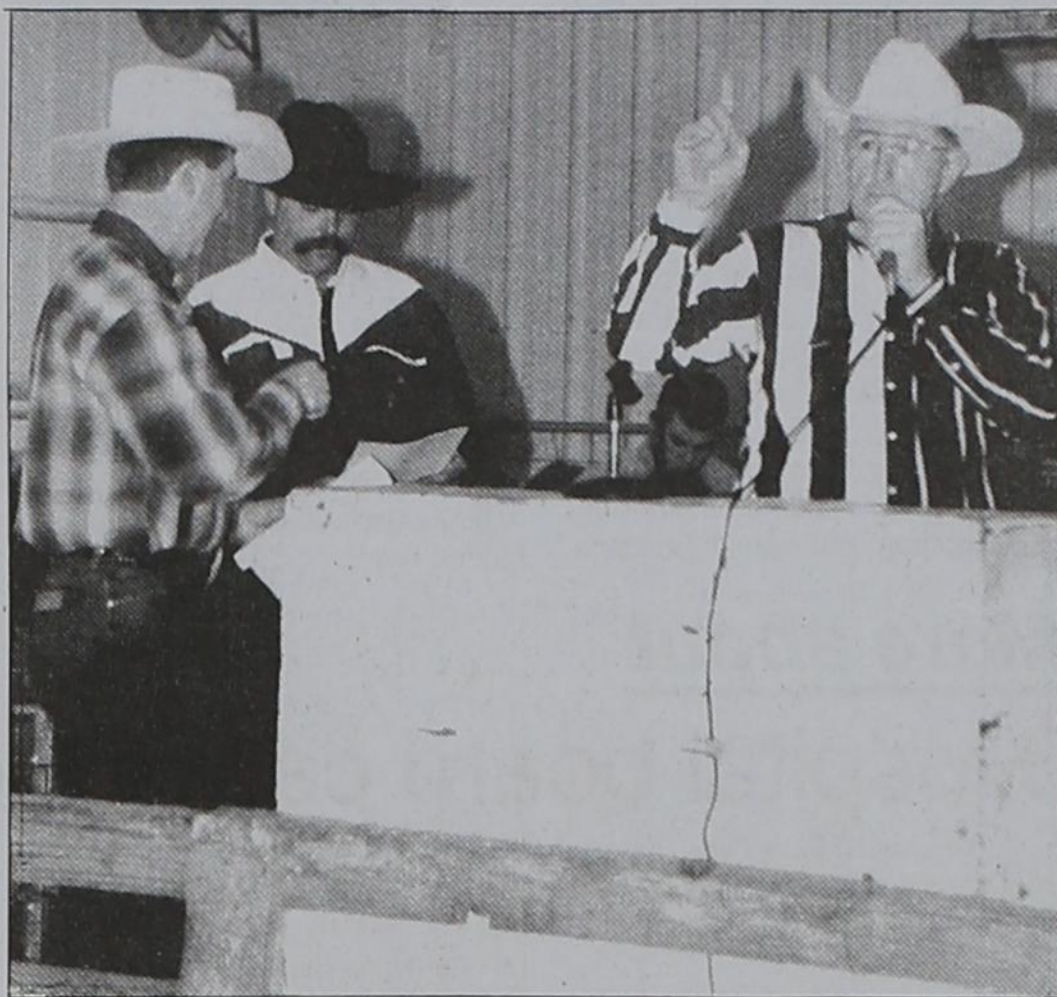
**Stock show sale total drops . . .**

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 Farmers, was held Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.  
 Jay McCormick's grand champion steer, a 1,310-lb. heavyweight Cross, was purchased for \$4 a pound by the Dimmitt FFA member a total of \$5,240.  
 McCormick also exhibited the grand champion barrow, a 260-lb. heavyweight Yorkshire. He earned \$10 per pound for the animal from a group of local businessmen including Dr. W.J. Hill, Gene Bradley, Donnie Nelson, Vic Nelson, Ronnie Gfeller, Andy Rogers, Leslie Davis and James Simpson, for a total of \$2,600.  
 The grand champion lamb, a 130-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool shown by Dagon Newton, was purchased for \$10.50 per pound by Dimmitt Agri Industries, Castro Co-op Gin and Dimmitt Consumers, earning Newton a total of \$1,365.  
 McCormick's reserve grand lamb, a 128-lb. heavyweight Medium Wool, was purchased for \$7.25 per pound by First United Bank, giving the youngster another \$928 for his work. McCormick donated half of his earnings from the reserve grand

lamb to the 4-H Project Center and the other half to the Dimmitt FFA Road Fund.  
 The reserve grand barrow was shown by Tucker Schumacher, and the 257-lb. heavyweight Cross, earned a \$4.75 per pound bid from WW Cattle Co.  
 Dimmitt Agri Industries purchased the reserve grand steer for \$2 a pound. The 1,250-lb. heavyweight English breed steer was driven by Coby Summers.  
 Awards were presented to top showmen in the junior and senior divisions. Senior winners included Beau Hill in steers, Julia McDonald in barrows and Wesley Mays in lambs. Winners in the junior competition were Sharla Kenworthy, barrows; B.J. Hill, steers; and Jeremy Furr, lambs.  
 The Young Farmers sold chances on a stock trailer and various other prizes and the winner of the trailer was Brant Baca.  
 Prior to the sale of the grand champions Saturday morning, Rodney Hunter, president of the Dimmitt Young Farmers, presented each auctioneer—Howell, Greg Odom, Kenneth Gregg, Leslie Davis

and John Davis—with a token of appreciation for their service.  
 Then Howell received special recognition for 40 years of work with the show, dating back to 1956.  
 Danny Bruton, McCormick and Tawnee Matthews then presented Howell with a special plaque for his service.  
 "Giving up something very dear for the well-being of someone else is

Rev. Paul Kenley's definition of sacrifice," Howell said after accepting the plaque. "I think you've got it backwards—it's the people of this community who have come out and made sacrifices for the young people of our county."  
 Howell also cited G.L. Willis, Bob McLean, Allan Webb and others who were involved with the sale at its beginning.



'SOLD FOR \$65!' Jack Howell of Dimmitt (right) pronounces Dimmitt Feed Yard as winner of the floor on steers with a bid of \$65 per hundred-weight Saturday morning at the junior livestock sale. Howell has served as an auctioneer at the annual sale for 40 years, and he was honored with a special presentation Saturday before he began auctioning off individual animals. Also pictured are other auctioneers, Greg Odom and Leslie Davis. Photo by Anne Acker

**More about DISD . . .**

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 principal; George Rasor, DMS principal; Doug Setliff, Richardson Elementary School principal; Gainell Minnick, secondary curriculum director; Doricell Davis, elementary curriculum director; and Kay Gfeller, special education director. Renewed through June 1997 were Hill and Clint Seward, DMS assistant principal. They are still probationary employees, not eligible for two-year contracts.  
 —In discussing the recent realignment of school districts, DISD Supt. Les Miller told the board that Dimmitt will be chairing the new district it will be moved into for the 1996-97 school year.  
 —The board voted to reschedule the March meeting of the board, from Mar. 11, which would have fallen during Spring break, to Mar. 4.  
 —Miller presented certificates of appreciation to each board member present in honor of "School Board Recognition Month."  
 —The board adopted school board policy DBBA, according to recommendation of the Texas Assoc. of School Boards and in line with a new state law. The policy deals with testing for alcohol or controlled substances in district employees who operate commercial motor vehicles.

**Police Calls**

A 19-year-old Dimmitt woman was arrested Monday for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Her victim, a 37-year-old Dimmitt woman, had to be taken to PMH, where she was treated and released. The suspect was expected to face arraignment Wednesday.  
 Police said around 5 p.m. Monday the suspect started arguing with the victim in the 400 block of South Broadway and attacked the victim with a crow bar. Reportedly the suspect struck the victim at least once, and possibly more, on the head, and also struck her on her left arm. According to police, witnesses took the weapon away from the suspect.  
 After officers arrived at the scene, the victim was taken by ambulance to PMH. The suspect was arrested and taken to jail. Investigation into the incident is continuing.  
 Casas Farms reported to Sheriff's deputies Feb. 7 that a large number of business checks had been stolen. The Sheriff's Dept. reported that several of the stolen checks have been forged and passed. One suspect in the case is in custody and another is still being sought.  
 An anonymous caller gave the Sheriff's Dept. a tip on the location of about \$3,700-worth of electronic equipment that had been stolen in the burglary of a Hereford business back in November.  
 Gary Don Kimbrell told deputies that someone broke a window out of his vehicle Friday and took a CD player and approximately 30 CDS. The vehicle had been parked at the intersection of CR 528 and FM1075, east of Arney.

A 27-year-old Dimmitt woman was arrested the afternoon of Feb. 6 for theft by check.  
 A 28-year-old Plainview man was found passed out at the gas pump at a local convenience store and was arrested for public intoxication early Monday.  
 Another man, 21, of Dimmitt, was arrested for public intoxication early Sunday, and a 49-year-old Hereford man was arrested for the same offense Friday morning.  
 Vandalism at the Nazareth Community Hall is being investigated by Nazareth City Marshall Michael Colley. He reported that a pickup belonging to a referee from Slaton and two Sudan school buses had glass broken out of them after the Friday night basketball game in Nazareth. The damages were reported by Nazareth School Supt. Dean Johnson. Investigation is continuing.  
 Colley also said a 20-year-old Nazareth man was arrested Sunday night for disorderly conduct and was ticketed for being a minor in possession of alcohol.  
 A Dimmitt youth told police that some suspects assaulted him around 9:25 p.m. Sunday at Northwest Sixth and Etter.  
 A burglary was reported at Richard's Town Pump. Around 2:47 a.m. Sunday, suspects broke in and took a case of beer valued at \$15. The beer was recovered at the location.  
 Ricardo Reyes of Dimmitt called police Sunday afternoon to report that someone had broken out a window on a van belonging to Edward Peralta.

**What's cooking?**  
 In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Feb. 15 to 23.

**DIMMITT**  
 THURSDAY: Choices of \*beef and bean burrito with chili, chicken and dumplings or corn dogs; \*Arroz Mexicano, pork and beans or potato salad; \*fruited gelatin, tossed salad with dressing or orange wedges; homemade biscuits, cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or grapes; and \*milk, punch or tea.  
 FRIDAY: Choices of \*fish nuggets, Monterrey casserole or beans and rice with sausage; \*whole new potatoes, Fideo Mexicano or baked beans; \*haystack finger salad, tossed salad with dressing or cantaloupe; \*hot wheat rolls, cornbread or saltine crackers; apple, orange or cantaloupe; and \*milk, punch or tea.  
 MONDAY: Choices of \*str-fry chicken, beef shepherd's pie or arroz con queso; \*quick bake potato, herb broccoli and cauliflower or buttered corn; \*tossed salad with dressing, cantaloupe or chilled fruit cocktail; \*white bread, biscuits or cornbread; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.  
 TUESDAY: Choices of \*hot dog on a bun with cheese, pizza supreme or chili Fritos with picante; \*savory green beans, pasta salad or mixed vegetables; \*tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or fruit fantasy; \*hot cheese rolls, cornbread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and \*milk, punch or tea.  
 WEDNESDAY: Choices of \*roast beef with gravy, meat loaf with creole sauce or chicken fried steak on a bun; \*mashed potatoes with gravy, candied sweet potatoes or peas and carrots; \*tossed salad with dressing, hamburger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; \*hot rolls, cornbread or white bread; apple, orange or grapes; and \*milk, punch or tea.  
 THURSDAY: Choices of \*barbecued sandwich, beef enchiladas or chicken filet strips; \*potato rounds, refried beans or Mexicali corn; tossed salad with dressing, macaroni salad or \*raw spinach salad; hot cheese rolls, cornbread or cowboy bread; apple, orange or watermelon; and \*milk, punch or tea.

**HART**  
 THURSDAY: Steak fingers (elementary) or chicken strips, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, variety of cobbler and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary) or burrito, pinto beans, pickles, crackers, rice krispie bars and milk.  
 MONDAY: Enchilada casserole (elementary) or burrito, salad, corn, tortillas, pears and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Chicken nuggets (elementary) or chicken strips, green beans, mashed potatoes, variety of cobbler, rolls and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Cheeseburgers (elementary) or fish sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Pizza (elementary) or lasagna, salad, corn, sliced bread, brownie and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Chili dogs (elementary) or bean burrito, pickles, crackers, fruit and milk.

**NAZARETH**  
 THURSDAY: Burritos and chili, carrot sticks, peas, apple crisp and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Chicken fried steak, potatoes and gravy, green beans, pudding, rolls and milk.  
 MONDAY: Soft tacos, lettuce, cheese, corn, pineapple and milk.  
 TUESDAY: Spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls, pears and milk.  
 WEDNESDAY: Fish, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, green beans, peaches and milk.  
 THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, cherry cobbler and milk.  
 FRIDAY: Cheese enchiladas, carrots, hot rolls, applesauce and milk.

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# Obituaries

## H.L. Axe

Funeral services for Castro County native H.L. Axe, 88, of Vega, were held Tuesday afternoon in Vega United Methodist Church. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery of Vega under direction of Vega Funeral Home.

Mr. Axe died Sunday. He was born in Castro County and had lived in Vega and Oldham County most of his life. He married Dovie Sullenger in 1931 at Tucumcari, N.M. He was a farmer and a member of Vega United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, John Axe, in 1994.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Marvin Axe of Vega and Jim Anderson Axe of Lubbock; a daughter, Zeldia Marie Anderson of Lubbock; a brother, Wilburn Axe of Canyon; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Memorial Park Cemetery, Box 496, Vega, 79092; or to a favorite charity.

## Samuel Brown

Funeral services for Samuel Wesley Brown, 80, of Hereford, were held Friday afternoon at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hereford with Rev. John Westman, pastor, officiating. Burial was in West Park Cemetery in Hereford under the direction of Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Brown died Feb. 7 in the Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born Mar. 18, 1915, in Montague County, moving to Deaf Smith County in 1938. He married Helen Jones on April 16, 1940, in Clovis, N.M. He farmed in Deaf Smith County in the 1940s; then in 1954, he opened a Texaco service station in Dimmitt, operating it for 16 years. He also had farmed in Minnesota for five years before returning to Hereford in 1978 to farm. He later worked at the Hereford Municipal Airport.

He was a member of the Castro County Riders Club. He enjoyed gardening, music and square dancing and was a member of the Hereford Merry Mixers.

He was preceded in death by a son, Toney Lindon, his parents and 11 brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Verna Griffith of Park Rapids, Minn., and Judith Scruggs of Hereford; a son, Ronnie Brown of Hereford; a sister, Bertha Poole of Dallas; a brother, Noble W. Brown of Amarillo; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Pall bearers were John Smith, Kenneth Frye, Ben Plummer, Lee Kimball, Henry Reed, and Clark Andrews.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or a favorite charity.

## Vivlene Duke

Funeral services for Vivlene Murphy Duke, 79, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning at the Fourth & Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt, with Harry Riggs, minister, officiating.

Arrangements were by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home.

Mrs. Duke died last Thursday after a lengthy illness.

She was born Aug. 18, 1916, in Mitchell County, and moved with her family to Castro County in 1922. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1936. She married H.L. Duke on May 28, 1937, in Clovis, N.M. He died in 1947. Mrs. Duke moved to Big Spring in 1952, returning to Dimmitt in 1992. She was a member of the 11th & Birdwell Church of Christ in Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Andy Murphy, Harwood Murphy and John Murphy.

Survivors include a daughter, Wynona Payte of Big Spring; two sisters, Ada Chandler of Big Spring and Elfreda Edwards of Abilene; six brothers, Frank Murphy of Graham, Verdine Murphy of Elgin, Dr. Bill Murphy of Dimmitt, Roy Murphy of Dimmitt, Ray Murphy of Amarillo, and Fawayne Murphy of New York, N.Y.; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Howard College Scholarship Fund, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, 79720.

## Samuel Lindley

Graveside services for Samuel Henry Lindley, 74, of Hereford were held last Thursday afternoon in West Park Cemetery in Hereford with Rev. Ellis Parsons officiating. Arrangements were by Rix Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Lindley died Feb. 6. He was born in Wellington and had been a Hereford resident most of his life. He graduated from Wellington High School, and married Vara Simpson in 1946 at Amarillo. She died in 1970. He married Viola Sebastian in 1972 in Dimmitt.

He was a farmer and a woodworker. He also owned a fishing dock in Brownwood and a restaurant in Friona. He was in the Coast guard during World War II and served on US Coast Guard Cutter Laurel above the Arctic Circle. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Wellington.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Wesley Lindley of Pilot Point and Lloyd Lindley of Hereford; two stepsons, Jack Sebastian and Eddie Sebastian, both of Lubbock; a stepdaughter, Susie Bainum of Summerfield; a sister, Christine Zorns of Friona; four grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

## More about

# Hospital board cancels contract . . .

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Goode said. "It can work. Many small hospitals are doing it that way."

Dr. Patel, who has practiced here since 1984, said the cancellation of his contract "was shocking to me."

"I had three surgeries Friday morning, and I was told about it between surgeries," he said. "I had not been given any indication by the board. The medical staff was not consulted either. Nobody knew about this."

"It was shocking not only for me, but for the hospital staff and my patients," Dr. Patel said. "I know that some of the nurses at the hospital cried when they heard the news."

Dr. Patel said that he generates about 90% of the surgeries performed here "because of the practice I have built here through the years. People have come to me from all over the surrounding area for surgery. And through my practice, I give thorough examinations to my patients, and sometimes you recognize surgical problems that the patient doesn't know about or is too embarrassed to talk about."

He said he was expecting surgical activity at Plains Memorial to increase as Drs. Leon Joplin and Jobey Claborn built their practices here.

"We have been doing laparoscopic surgery here for 1-1/2 or two years, and it's been going great," Dr. Patel said. "I went to two universities to learn it, and the surgical staff has worked hard to train for it, going to the metropolitan hospitals to study and observe and train."

He said he hopes the board will reconsider its decision.

"Many times they have told me they don't want to pay a surgeon's salary," he said, "but my contract is exactly the same as Dr. Claborn's. I have had extra years of specialized training, but have been working on a contract like a family practitioner's. I don't just do surgery—I'm seeing probably more patients than any other doctor in the clinic. We're all admitting patients to the hospital for different reasons — medical and surgical."

"In my wildest dreams, I never, never thought they would close surgery like this," he said. "That's what eventually is going to happen. A few minor procedures will be performed here, and all the major surgery and laparoscopic surgery will be done elsewhere."

He conceded that the surgical service is losing money, "but at the same time, OB (obstetrical service) also is losing money. You start closing this department and that

The County Commissioners accepted the audit report from Becky Roberts of Davis, Kinard & Co., P.C., which showed a "clean" audit.

Roberts also was complimentary of County Treasurer Janice Shelton and Auditor Maretta Smithson.

Roberts said the audit showed a better cash picture for the county in comparison with the previous fiscal year. She said greater cash receipts and a slight decrease in expenditures made a better picture for the general fund portion of the county's finances in comparing fiscal 1995 with fiscal 1994.

She said part of the county's improved status was because of a decrease in the amount allowed for attorney fees. Only \$92,220 was set aside in 1995, while \$198,332 was spent the previous year.

Roberts also noted that the accounting procedures for funds in regard to the DARE program were handled according to all applicable federal regulations, since it includes federal funds.

In other business, the commissioners gave approval for Sheriff CD Fitzgerald to establish a reserve officer program in connection with his department. They authorized him to have up to 10 reserve officers as they become certified.

Fitzgerald said the reserve officers will provide their own uniforms and equipment, and would be covered by the county's already existing liability coverage. The only expense for the county would be in vehicle expense. Fitzgerald said there are two Army surplus trucks the county has that aren't being used very often that could be used by reserve officers.

He told the commissioners that no reserve officers would be ready to "go it alone" for at least six more months. He said after they complete certification training they will be required to ride with another officer for at least six months to gain additional training and experience before being allowed to patrol without supervision.

Cindy Pottorff, librarian of Rhoads Memorial Library, asked the commissioners for permission to work on two projects for the library.

She said the plaque honoring memorial gift donors of amounts over \$100 has not been updated for several years. She estimated it would cost about \$40 to have the nine required name plates engraved for the plaque. The commissioners suggested she pay the expense out of the building maintenance account.

Pottorff also told the commissioners the air conditioning and heating system at the library needs some work done on it. She had an estimate for \$521 to repair the damper motor which controls air flow to the meeting room of the building. She told the commissioners that the attic vent also needs repair.

Pottorff said she was told that the return air vents around the light fixtures in the ceiling are blocked by insulation and that new vents might need to be installed.

The commissioners suggested trying to trim the insulation around the return air vents before looking at installing new ones, and advised her to go ahead with the repairs for the damper motor.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales asked the other commissioners for permission to work with Deaf Smith County Commissioners in looking at sanitation and other requirements for subdivisions out in the county, such as Coronado Acres. He said he has received inquiries about what the county requirements are and he said he would like to have some drawn up or find if any are already in place.

Harold Smith asked the commissioners to investigate whether any of the money the county paid in attorney fees during the redistricting process could be recovered. The commissioners told Smith they had consulted with an impartial attorney who told them he did not think any attorney would take the case on a

contingency basis, so it would cost more money to try to recover part of that money.

Gonzales said he would be more than happy for someone to look into it if they would do it on a contingency basis.

Smith said he would talk to the State Attorney General and another attorney on an informal basis and see if there is anything else that can be done.

He called the attorney fees paid by the county "a con."

Smith also asked the commissioners if they would pay a bill incurred during his tenure as a commissioner in 1992. The bill was for about \$4,000 from DePauw Fly Ash.

Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos said that Smith had been told at that time that the other commissioners did not want fly ash put on a county road and the representative from DePauw had been present and heard them tell him that, too. He noted that the county had not received any further billings from DePauw after the first refusal to pay the bill. No action was taken on the matter.

## Chavez named to state Red Cross committee

Lupe Chavez of Hereford, chairman of the board of directors of the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, has been appointed to the Human Resources Committee of the Texas State Service Council of the American Red Cross.

Chavez has served two terms as chairman of the local Red Cross board. He also serves as Disaster Services Chairman. He has chaired the Panhandle Community Development committee, and the South Plains Health Providers Advisory Board. He is a past member of the Panhandle Community Service Executive Board.

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## Early voting to begin Feb. 21 for March primary elections

Early voting for the March primary elections will begin on Feb. 21 and will continue through March 8.

Early voting will be held in the county clerk's office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, according to County Clerk Joyce Thomas.

Those requesting an early ballot by mail may do so now through March 5, according to Thomas.

Castro County voters will go to the polls on March 12 for party primary elections and although there are seven county offices up for grabs this year, only one of those seats will feature a contested race.

Incumbent county treasurer Janice Shelton is seeking the Democratic

nomination and she will be challenged by Carolyn Watts.

Other incumbent county officeholders seeking the Democratic nomination are unchallenged and they include County/District Attorney Jerry Matthews; Pct. 3 Commissioner W.A. "Bay" Baldrige; County Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman; County Sheriff CD Fitzgerald; Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland; Constable James Dobbs.

No Republicans have filed for the local seats.

The March primaries will feature presidential races as well as races for other national and state offices.