

# The Castro County News

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## Filing begins Monday for May elections

Filing dates are near for persons wishing to file for places on the Dimmitt city commission and school board and the Castro County Hospital District board of directors.

The municipal elections will be held May 7. Persons not currently registered to vote must register by April 7 to be eligible to vote in the May elections.

### City council

Four spots on the Dimmitt city council are up for election this year. The terms of Lloyd White, District 1; Larry Gonzales, District 2; Wayne Proffitt, District 3; and Roger Malone, District 4, are expiring. Monday is the first day to file for a place on the ballot or to declare write-in candidacy. Filing closes March 23. April 7 is the last day to declare for a write-in candidacy.

### Hospital district

The terms of Mildred Bradford and Stanley Schaeffer will expire this year on the Castro County Hospital District board.

Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Steve Goode said petitions are available at the hospital for potential candidates. The petitions must be returned, with 20 signatures, no later than March 23.

### School board

The terms of John Nino and Frank Welch are expiring this year. They drew one-year terms after the Dimmitt Independent School District went to single-member districts last year.

Potential candidates may file beginning Monday at the DISD Administration Offices, 608 W. Halsell, or with board secretary Debbie Annen.

## Democrat candidates will speak at forum

Candidates in local contested races on the Democratic Party primary ballot will participate in a forum Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

Sponsored by the county Democratic Party, the agenda includes remarks by all candidates in county races. District Judge Jack Miller will also be at the forum; his opponent, "Pink" Dickens, has been invited but has not yet responded to the invitation.

## Landfill changes entrance to north

Dimmitt's city landfill will only be accessible from a new north entrance beginning Monday, city officials announced this week.

The new entrance was constructed to help the city continue to meet new rules from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission. The city purchased a set of used scales to weigh the amount of refuse brought into the landfill.

The new entrance will be a mile north of Dimmitt on US Highway 385, then a mile east on County Road 613. New highway signs pointing to the "Sanitary Landfill" have been erected north of town.

"All vehicles and trailers will need to stop at the green building and be weighed before entering," said City Manager Reeford Burrous. "People taking their items to the landfill will also need to check with the attendant on duty for the proper place to empty their refuse."

Landfill hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in winter (until 6 p.m. in the summer) Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday.

Dimmitt residents taking garbage or other items to the landfill need to take proof of residence along. Otherwise, they will be charged \$25 per ton like any persons who are not city residents.

"People that live in Dimmitt are already being charged for garbage, so we don't want to charge them twice," Burrous said. "We just want to be sure they take something with them, a check stub or something, to prove they live in the city."

"We also want to encourage residents who can take large items to the landfill. It's better if they do it if they can than if the city has to haul those things off."



THE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB at this year's Castro County Stock Show was this 120-lb. mediumweight Medium Wool lamb shown by Asia Kirby (holding banner). The animal earned a bid of \$10 per pound from the Willis sisters, including (from left) Jan Baca, Shari Bradley and Kay Rogers.

Photo by Anne Acker



TYE BACA (holding reins) drove his 1,310-lb. heavyweight Cross steer to the Grand Championship in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday. The youngster's animal was purchased for

\$3 per pound by (from left) Gene Bradley, Andy Rogers, Ronnie Gfeller and Donnie Nelson. Also pictured is Raynee Bradley (holding banner).

Photo by Anne Acker



TOP PIG—The Grand Champion Barrow at the Castro County Livestock Show was exhibited by Jay McCormick (kneeling, right). The 253-lb. heavyweight Cross earned a bid of \$8.50 per pound from 11 local buyers including Les Davis, James Simpson, Vic Nelson, W.J. Hill, Gene Bradley (hidden), Ronnie Gfeller, Mike Baca, Donnie Nelson, Andy Rogers, Brent Self and Don Moore. The Grand Champion banner is being shown by Mandi Moore, who won the Junior Showmanship award in the barrow division. Photo by Anne Acker

## Stock sale nets \$220,700

The floor prices might have been down on steers and lambs at this year's junior livestock sale, but buyers made up for that by shelling out top dollar for animals paraded through the sale ring.

Dimmitt Young Farmers, who organize and run the annual show and sale, estimate the sale raised \$220,700, with approximately \$21,000 of that going to benefit the proposed 4-H Project Center.

"That's just a rough estimate, but it's within \$100," said Kent Kirby, president of the Young Farmers.

Auctioneers Jack Howell, Kenneth Gregg, Greg Odom, Johnny Davis and Leslie Davis kept the bids up from beginning to end.

They sold the floor first, with Jay Jackson of J-Bar Cattle Co. winning the floor on barrows with a bid of \$46.20 per hundredweight and claiming the floor on lambs with a top bid of \$55.25 per hundredweight. The floor on steers went to Dimmitt Feed Yard, who entered a bid of \$74 per hundred.

The floor prices on lambs and steers were a lot lower than the 1992 prices of \$71.25 on lambs and \$82.25 on steers.

The Grand Champion Barrow, a

253-lb. heavyweight Cross shown by Jay McCormick, brought a bid of \$8.50 from a group of several local buyers including Vic Nelson, Donnie Nelson, Mike Baca, Gene Bradley, Andy Rogers, Les Davis, W.J. Hill, Brent Self, James Simpson, Ronnie Gfeller and Don Moore. That bid gave the youngster a total of \$2,150.50 for his work.

Tye Baca drove his 1,310-pound heavyweight Cross steer to the Grand Championship and earned a bid of \$3 per pound from Ronnie Gfeller, Gene Bradley, Andy Rogers and Donnie Nelson for a total of \$3,930.

Kay Rogers, Jan Baca and Shari Bradley bought the Grand Champion Lamb, paying \$10 per pound. The 120-pound mediumweight Medium Wool lamb which was selected as the top lamb in the show earned its exhibitor, Asia Kirby, a total of \$1,200.

The Reserve Grand Barrow, a 220-lb. lightweight Cross, was shown by Jason Wooten and it brought a bid of \$5 per pound from the three local cooperatives — Dimmitt Agri Industries, Castro Co-op Gin and Dimmitt Consu-

mers, earning the youth \$1,100.

Chad Rogers' Reserve Grand Steer, a 1,260-pound heavyweight Cross, brought a bid of \$2.75 per pound from Mike Baca and Gene Bradley, giving the youngster a total of \$3,465.

McCormick's Reserve Grand Lamb was purchased by the Dimmitt Buyers Club for \$4 per pound. Add-ons after the sale from donors who wished to remain anonymous, brought the total price for the lamb to \$9 per pound, earning McCormick a total of \$1,170 for his 136-pound heavyweight Medium Wool animal. (Top pay weight on lambs is 130 pounds.)

Senior Showmanship awards were presented to Toby Crow in the lamb division and to Baca in the steer division.

Junior Showmanship winners were Carol Summers for steers and Wesley Wright for lambs.

Wesley Mays was named the top Senior Showman in the barrow division while Mandi Moore was nabbed as the best in the Junior competition.

See all the show results, Page 13

## Q's & A's

### Why were rural health clinics started?

(First of a series)

*Editor's Note: In a lengthy question-answer session, News Publisher Don Nelson queried officials of the Castro County Hospital Board and Castro County Community Clinics about the "Rural Health Clinics" system which the hospital district has established here. Today's article goes into the reasons why they chose to establish this new system for providing primary health care for Castro County residents. Answering questions were James Welch, hospital board chairman; Stanley Schaeffer, hospital board member; Dr. Gary R. Hardee, medical director of the Hardee Community Family Clinic; and Cenci Hardee, administrator of Castro County Community Clinics.*

**What was it that attracted you to the rural health clinic concept to start with?**

DR. HARDEE: Basically, we were coming to the realization that we needed to do something to be able to stay in the rural setting because the reimbursement for the Medicare/Medicaid population — which there is a large percentage of

in this area, especially in Dimmitt — was inadequate to pay the bills.

So we had to do something to enable us to stay in the rural setting in Dimmitt, which is where we wanted to stay. One of the things that's really good about the rural health clinic is that it does help reimburse those populations in a different manner, where you get paid on a cost reimbursement system. You get paid more for that (Medicare and Medicaid care) than you do any other way. It's still not an extravagant amount, but at least you can do well enough to not lose money.

That's the only method we could find of doing that that was basically effective.

**So it was basically a decision dealing with Medicare and Medicaid?**

DR. HARDEE: Pretty much. What people don't understand about health care is that people who have insurance and are "private pay" are basically subsidizing Medicare and Medicaid in two ways. They're subsidizing it in the sense that their tax money is paying for it,

and they're subsidizing it in a secondary fashion in that since the doctors are losing money seeing Medicare and Medicaid patients, they have to raise prices to the other people to help offset that. So they (private pay patients) are getting stuck two different ways. So this is a way to help reduce that cost.

**Are the Medicare and Medicaid payments through the rural health clinic comparable to what doctors receive in metropolitan areas (through Medicare and Medicaid)?**

DR. HARDEE: That's the whole basis of it. When the law was made back in the 1970s by Bentsen, that was to help take into account the differential between metropolitan and rural areas. I don't know exactly what a doctor in Lubbock or Amarillo gets paid for various services; I have know way of really knowing that, but I assume that it's comparable to what we're getting paid here.

**The hospital allocations were much higher for metro hospitals**

**than they were for rural hospitals under Medicare, weren't they?**

DR. HARDEE: Yes, that's true. In DRG's and for everything else, even for the same diagnosis you get paid more in a metropolitan area than you do in a rural area.

**How is the rural health clinic concept working so far, in everyday practice? Patient care, patient load—that sort of thing.**

DR. HARDEE: This has been sort of an unusual year in that we've not had as much influenza-type illness as normal, and our patient load hasn't been as heavy as when we've had a heavier flu outbreak. But we're seeing on the average more patients, I think, on a daily basis, and I think they're waiting a shorter period of time to receive treatment. There are going to be days when that's not true, such as on days when I'm called out to do a delivery and that sort of thing, and get behind.

But as to how it's affecting the delivery of care, I treat the patients now the same way I've always treated patients—I try to do the best job I can.

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## Weather

Temperatures and precipitation are recorded each day at 7 a.m. by KDHN Radio, official NWS observer.

Thursday	32	6
Friday	56	20
Saturday	69	28
Sunday	42	10
Monday	55	12
Tuesday	56	22
Wednesday	58	23
February precipitation: none		
1994 precipitation: .15		

## Playoff Hoops

Ready for playoff basketball?

Here's the schedule:

Girls
Friday:
Hart vs. Hartley
6:30 p.m., Randall High School
Nazareth vs. Amherst
7:30 p.m., Kenneth Cleveland
Gymnasium, Dimmitt Middle
School
Boys
Feb. 24
Nazareth vs. Whitharral
7 p.m., Olton High School
Feb. 24-26
Dimmitt vs. Canyon, TBA



# On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The WMU of the First Baptist Church met Monday evening and since it was Kristi Peggram Pennington's birthday, Dorothy Hopson placed a call to her in Caracas, Venezuela and we all sang Happy Birthday to her. Some of us talked to Kristi, who is the daughter of Jim and Shirley Peggram, formerly of Dimmitt and Nazareth.

Kristi and her husband, Mike, are missionaries in Venezuela.

The WMU elected new officers and Ysleta Ball is the new president; Faye Mohon, vice president; Sue Howell, secretary; Mauzee Youts, treasurer; Maxine Tidwell, mission study; Dorothy Hopson, mission support; and Linda Fitzgerald, mission action; Barbara Kenley, Acteens; Sue Summers and Debbie Annen, G.As and Shelly Smith and Elaine Heard, mission friends.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met on Wednesday morning with Jackie McLeroy presiding over the business meeting. Ricky Hunter was guest speaker and he gave an informative report on "first aid." Everyone is urged to call 9-1-1 when they need help, he said.

The Auxiliary's bake sale was postponed until April 1.

The Dimmitt Book Club met on Wednesday afternoon with Debbie Mathews presiding over the business meeting and Cindy Adams reading the minutes and calling the roll. Irene Blanton introduced her guest reviewer, Marie Howell, who reviewed the book, *The Sheriff of Nottingham* by Richard Kluger. Doris Flynt and Carole Dyer were hostesses for the social hour and they served decorated Valentine cookies, assorted nuts and cinnamon tea.

On Thursday morning the Town and Country Extension Homemakers club met with Rose Acker presiding over the business meeting. Oneida Hutto gave a very informative program on "Creating a Healthy Home Environment." She suggested we read labels in the grocery store. When using disinfectants, we should be sure to have open windows and keep them out of children's reach. Air pressure cans should be wrapped in newspapers and put in a paper sack when discarding in a dumpster. Each member answered roll call with a healthy home tip. Rosetta Bellinghausen was hostess for the social hour and she served sandwiches, potato chips, cakes and a pretty Valentine cake to members Acker, Hutto, Betty Freeman, Vernice Green, Wannie Stevens and Mary Edna Hendrix.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch of spaghetti and peach and cherry cobblers. Johnnie Vannoy was hostess and she served cookies for snacks. Loranel Hamilton was

high score and Johnnie won second high. Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Susie Reeves, Dude Mc-Lauren, Ina Rae Cates, Mary Small, Louise Mears, Elizabeth Huckabay, Emily Clingsmith, Fernie Dickey, Virginia Crider, Edith Graef, Alma Kenmore, Bernice Hill and Neva Hickey.

Last weekend was exciting for all the kids who have worked for months to prepare animals for showing competition at the junior livestock show.

Since I have many little friends showing animals, I went on Friday to watch. The Extension Homemakers Club members each furnished two pies, which were sold by individual slices during the show and sale. I took my pies, stayed and ate lunch and visited with several parents and grandparents of children showing animals. Buford and Dorothy Newton of Odessa, former Dimmitt residents, were here to watch their grandchildren, and Evelyn Hill of Lubbock was here visiting her sister, Florene Leinen.

Karen Ballinger and children, Brandon and Bryce, of Lubbock spent the weekend with her parents, Spurgeon and Oneida Hutto.

John Pitts of El Paso spent a few days with his mother, Ruby Ramsey, last week. They went to Amarillo one day to visit Charles Pitts and they took their mother out to eat. On another day, John took his mother and aunts, Oleada Hance and Phoebe Claborn, to Hereford to eat at Sirloin Stockade.

The First United Methodist Church honored its widows on Saturday evening with a Valentine banquet in the Fellowship Hall.

The walls were decorated with red and white balloons and red hearts. Pink and red roses graced the centers of tables. The widows were presented with a beautiful corsages. The Methodist Men prepared and served steaks, baked potato, tossed salad, iced tea and ice cream. Betty Freeman asked Dale Winders for chocolate syrup for her plain vanilla ice cream and he brought a bottle of ketchup and apologized that it was all he could find.

Bill Sava furnished the entertainment for the evening. He sang several selections including *Leap of Faith, Before the Next Teardrop Falls, He Stopped Loving Her Today, Love Don't Feel Like a Ball and Chain to Me* and *I Thank God for You*.

The 73rd annual Panhandle Pastors' and Laymen's Conference will be held Monday and Tuesday at the Herral Memorial Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. Paul Kenley is the president of the conference and some Dimmitt laymen will be on the program. Bill Newland will direct the congregational

singing. Dr. Charles Vandiver will give the benediction and Alan Steinle will give his testimony at 7:10 on Monday evening.

Johnny Pittman and her daughter, Gaylene Cox, went to Granbury for the weekend. They reported having a good time driving around and seeing all the beautiful homes, antique and gift shops. There are many bed and breakfast homes for tourists and a lake that has pleasure boats for your entertainment. There are 92,000 pecan trees in the area.

Alyson Smith of Amarillo spent the weekend in Dimmitt with her grandparents, Bobby and Wanda Murdock. Bobby took his little granddaughter to the stock show on Saturday.

My granddaughter, Lauren Feazell, called her mother, Mary Lynn Lankford in Amarillo, twice on her birthday. The first time she wished her mother Happy Birthday and the second time to tell her it was snowing in Houston. She said most of the residents in the apartment complex were out on their balconies watching it snow.

Dan and Oma Dee Heard have been doing quite a bit of traveling recently. The last of January they went west to their place in Ruidoso and spent a few days. While they were there it snowed about a foot. Oma Dee said the snow falls so pretty up there and it stacks up on the pine trees. They drove about 35 miles in the snow to attend Trinity Baptist Church in Capitan, N.M.

They returned to Dimmitt and spent a couple of days before heading east. Their first stop was in Possum Kingdom, where they enjoyed a couple of days of uneventful fishing. Then they traveled to Olney to visit an aunt and uncle in a nursing home. From there they went to Arlington and the Fort Worth area for three days. In Fort Worth they visited John and Dorothy Street, former pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Then at Arlington they spent two days and nights with Barbara and Johnny Burnett, also former staff from FBC. The Burnetts have been missionaries in Brazil for more than 25 years. They are in the states on a medical furlough. All four of their children were there, including Barry Burnett, who is pastor of a Baptist Church in the Dominican Republic; Bret, Claudia and Amanda Burnett of West Yuma, Ariz., where Bret is pastor of Yuma Baptist Church; Bruce Burnett, who is with TCBY in Little Rock, Ark.; and Belinda Burnett, also of Little Rock, who is completing her medical work and schooling.

Barry has a son, Erik. Bruce has two daughters and Belinda is not married. Also at the Burnett home

was Barbara's mother, Mila Evans and brother Raymond of Tawonda, Kan. Another brother lives in Fort Worth.

They also visited with Tutor and Linda Smithson, former Dimmitt residents.

All send their greetings to Dimmitt relatives and friends.

From there the Heards went to Sherman and visited with the families of Bonnie Heard and with Nona Heard and family. Bonnie's services were held Wednesday in Sherman.

They traveled on to Bonham to visit with an aunt of Oma Dee's and with lots of cousins. Pottsboro was their next stop, and they visited more cousins. In Frisco they spent the night with longtime friends, Hank and Betty Greene and their daughter, Georganna.

Their trip from Bonham to Frisco was on iced roads and sleet and snow was falling. It wasn't as pretty as the snow in Ruidoso.

From Frisco they traveled to Possum Kingdom and Graham and visited relatives. They found out Becky (Street) and husband John Holms and their two boys live in Graham, which is right down the street from Dan's cousin so Oma Dee called Becky.

From Graham they traveled to Booker to visit the Whites where their grandchildren, James and Jennifer were showing pigs at the Lipscomb stock show.

They attended the Church of Christ with the Whites on Sunday. Walter is the preacher. They went to Perryton to K-Bobs for lunch and Dan's cousin, Larry and Ann Heard of Pampa came in. They were visiting a church in Perryton. Larry is an area missionary in that area, so they all had a good visit.

Finally on Sunday afternoon the Heards arrived back in Dimmitt.

One Dimmitt resident and three former residents kept tradition and celebrated their Aquarius birthdays in Lubbock Saturday at the lovely condo of Linda Roberts Mires.

Ruby Moultrie, now of Level-land; Deanne Clark and her mother, Elva Forrester; Linda and her mother, Helen Smith; included Dickie Holcomb Ballard and her mother, Edna Reinhardt in enjoying a tasty lunch prepared by Linda and Dickie. They opened cards and gifts. Edna now lives in Lubbock Village and she loves it. Be sure to ask her about Dr. Mac. Bea Hawkins also lives at Lubbock Village and she also loves the place.

Bill Clark is in Lubbock Methodist Hospital after having by-pass heart surgery on Monday. Tonya Clark Brewer of Wilmette, Ill. and Greg Clark of Denton flew in for the surgery. Bill has enjoyed seeing his friends and family. He sends thanks to all.

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## Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden

Hershel Wilson returned home Saturday from a Llanos Altos Baptist men's mission.

Hershel led the singing and brought special music. He also helped with the plumbing, roofing and electricity repairs on a church and dormitory that were under construction.

The Wilsons stayed at Big Ben or Steady Butte Baptist Church. They went into Old Mexico for supplies and were carried back across the river in boats pulled by donkeys.

Debbie Elders has been doing well since her surgery, except she is developing fluid on her lungs. She is up and around all the time. Debbie and her husband, Ken Elders, were at Hershel and Retha Wilson's home Sunday to help Samantha celebrate her birthday. They also celebrated Angelia's birthday because it was Saturday. Flossie Jones, Mrs. Zeda Epperson, and Johnny and Barbara Epperson of Hobbs, N.M. were there along with the Collinses of Ropesville and many friends from Dimmitt.

Ray Joe Riley attended the meeting in Dimmitt which honored Judge Jack Miller.

Billie and Emma Jean King spent the day with Francis and Mary King in Amarillo.



### FIND "NEWSY"

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# Nazareth

By Uirgle Gerber, 945-2669

The Junior Catholic Daughters were honored during mass Sunday in Holy Family Church. Each one served as a lay minister.

Holly Kern, infant daughter of Michael and Candy Kern of Dallas, was baptized Sunday morning in Holy Family Church with Father Neal Dee, pastor, officiating. Her sponsors were Kenneth Kern of Dallas and Patricia Butler of San Antonio.

A good group of Senior Citizens enjoyed a Valentine party at the Center on Sunday afternoon. Most played cards and one group enjoyed the game of "chicken feet." After a good lunch, the door prize was won by Mary Acker.

Enjoying the annual "Smorgasbord" at St. Joseph's Church in Amarillo on Sunday were Laurence Schmucker, Lynn Ehly, Bert Huseman, Denis and Catherine Huseman, James and Pearl Acker, Lavem and Ronnie Wilhelm and Alvin and Matilda Anderle.

Henry and Ginger Gerber of Amarillo and Frances Gerber of Umberger visited with Gerber relatives in Nazareth on Sunday.

Cecil Wilhelm and Shari Breax were united in marriage Saturday at a scripture service in Holy Family Church with Rev. Neal Dee, pastor, officiating. A reception was held at the Nazareth American Legion Hall with many friends and relatives attending.

Dale Wilhelm and Janette Stephan were married Saturday afternoon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Plainview. After a reception was held in Plainview, another reception and dance were well attended by friends and relatives in Nazareth

at the Community Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Albracht of Newman Grove, Neb. visited in Nazareth last Wednesday with Max Acker and Greg and Tinie Hoelting. They were on their way to Albuquerque, N.M. to visit a grandson.

Ashley Birkenfeld, infant daughter of Philip and Mary Birkenfeld of Amarillo, is a patient at Children's Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. She underwent heart valve replacement surgery on Monday morning. At noon that day she was reportedly doing fine. She is the granddaughter of Carol and Millie Birkenfeld.

C.B. Wilhelm, Florene Brockman and Bud and Rita Kern drove to Friona Sunday afternoon to visit C.B.'s nephew, Joe Wilhelm. After many weeks in the hospital, Joe is now living in the Friona Nursing home. He is the son of Ray Wilhelm of Hereford.



**DMS HONORS STUDENTS FOR FEBRUARY**—Students of the Month for February have been named at Dimmitt Middle School. Honored were (standing, from left) Bradley Kinser, Cody Brockman, Kristin Doss and Jacy Buckley; (bottom, from left) Stacy Saenz, Van Jeter, Kristie Bryan, Gina Hernandez, Audrey Saenz and Adam Guzman.

Photo by John Brooks

## Class of '74 needing help

Addresses and telephone numbers are needed for several members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1974.

Plans are being made for the 20th reunion. Information on persons listed below may be given to Liz Murphy, 309 NW Fourth in Dimmitt, 647-2047; or Flo Touchstone, 6124 Nashville, Lubbock 79413, 792-3323.

Addresses and phone numbers are needed for Florence Acevedo, Minerva Acevedo, Darla Bostick, Benita Barba, Wesley Batterman, Billy Carver, Sandra Casas, Helen Crespin, Jose Ramon Constancia, Gilbert Espinoza and Leonor Guardiola;

Also, Cody Harkins, Ronnie Heathington, Steve King, Paul Langford, Rick Oldfield, Andrea Hernandez, Carlos Ortiz, Santos Gonzales, Cecilia Presas, Richard Presas, Ofelia Quinonez and Steven Reed;

Also, Delia Rodriguez, Johnny Rodriguez, Ramiro Reyes, Loretta Sandlin, Elvia Sandoval, Rosa Sepeda, Angela Spinherne, Griselda Sandoval, Rose Spencer, Dean Smithson, Linda Vasquez and Rhonda Wright.

## Shot clinic is Wednesday

A special clinic to administer immunizations will be held Wednesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. at the Texas Dept. of Health office, 108 SW Second in Dimmitt.

The office is in the old Sears store. Appointments are encouraged, and may be made by calling 647-2404. Walk-ins may sign up at the door and will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Immunizations covering a wide range of illness are available to anyone. Shots offered will include Polio, DPT, Td, MMR and HIB for appropriate ages, and Hepatitis B for infants and high risk adolescents.

Fees for the shots will be based on a sliding scale according to income.

## Sarah Hill wins amethyst ring

Sarah Hill of Dimmitt won the 7.9 carat amethyst ring set in 14-carat gold by J.R. Brown in a drawing held Monday afternoon in the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office.

According to Chamber Executive Director Delores Heller, the chamber sold 240 tickets on the ring, starting with the annual banquet on Jan. 29.

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## Johnson named to Who's Who

Janay Johnson, a junior art major from Nazareth, has been named to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Johnson is attending Sul Ross State University at Alpine.

Johnson plays on the Lady Lobo basketball team, is the research and evaluation chair for the Program Council, and was a delegate to the National Association of Campus Activities convention.

## Recertification planned Feb. 23 for commodities

Persons receiving commodities from Panhandle Community Services will need to recertify on Feb. 23.

The recertification will be held at 10 a.m. at the Castro County Expo Building.

Persons wishing to receive commodities must bring an identification card (driver's license, state-issued identification or passport card) and proof of residency (utility bills or rent receipt).

# Castro County Democratic Forum for District and County Candidates

Thursday, Feb. 24  
7 p.m.  
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Each candidate for county office will speak, followed by a brief question and answer session.

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# Op-Ed

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## GOP choice: Collins

We urge Castro Countians who plan to vote in the Republican Primary Election to cast their ballots for Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins in the 13th Congressional District race.

Two others are seeking the Republican nomination: Flavius Smith and Mac Thornberry, both of Amarillo. The winner in the primary will face incumbent Congressman Bill Sarpalius (D-Amarillo) in the November General Election.

Collins, we believe, would be a welcome addition to Congress. He is a problem-solver and an innovator. He has proven these qualities time and again during his 15 years on the Dimmitt City Council, his 11 years as Dimmitt's mayor and his 10 years as a board member of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

The late Tip O'Neill, long-time speaker of the House of Representatives, observed that "all politics is local." Wayne Collins is living proof of that. He knows from experience how government and politics work "where the rubber meets the road." He knows how the different strata of government—federal, state, county and city—actually apply at the local level.

He has dealt successfully for years with federal agencies and regulations to benefit his city — in airport expansion, landfill development and easements, wetlands improvement, voting rights.

He also has done his homework through the years on state laws and regulations, and has worked successfully to bring their full benefits to the city through the establishment of an enterprise zone, home-rule charter, industrial park and other state-sanctioned development projects.

As chairman of Dimmitt's Economic Development Committee, Collins was instrumental in putting together the proposal that brought the city within a hairsbreadth of being named the site of a new state prison. (Dimmitt, which was a finalist in the statewide competition among cities of all sizes, may yet realize results from this effort.) The

prison bid was one of many economic development packages Collins has helped put together. Several of these proposals have won praise from state officials and industrial prospects for their professionalism.

Collins is not a party-line Republican. Rather, he is a problem-solver, a realist, a pragmatist, a cooperator, a public servant who knows how to practice "the art of the possible." Although most of his public service has been nonpartisan in scope, he is, as he says, "conservative by nature"—a trait he shares with many of us.

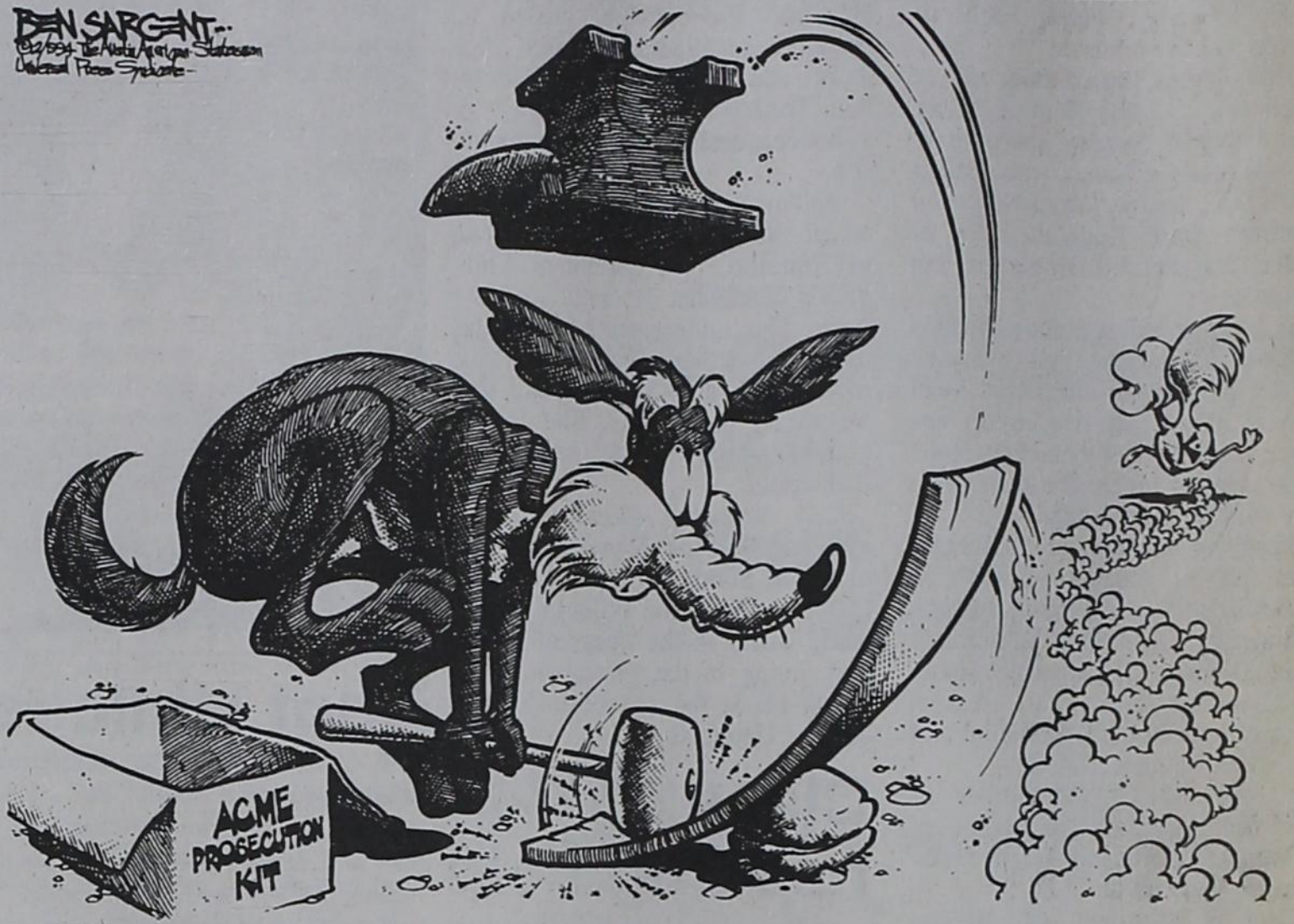
Neither is he an impulsive candidate. He holds a Texas Tech degree in political science, has served 15 years in government, and has received regional and state acclaim in intra-government activity. He served as board chairman of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission; received the PRPC's Regional Service Award as the Panhandle's outstanding public servant in 1992; and recently was elected vice-president of the Texas Association of Regional Councils.

Moreover, he is a business owner and has been a successful farmer—two other realms of experience that would add to his practical value as a congressman representing Texas' 13th District.

Many Castro Countians already have voted for Wayne Collins many times. He has been re-elected mayor of Dimmitt time and again during the past 11 years—without opposition, in fact. He has been a popular and effective mayor. Largely as a result of the work which the City Council and administration have accomplished under his mayorship, Dimmitt is now one of the best-developed cities of its size in Texas, and enjoys a property-tax rate that's actually lower than when he first took office more than a decade ago.

That's a good track record. We've heard the comment several times that Wayne Collins "is too nice a guy to send to Washington."

Perhaps a few more nice guys are just what Washington needs. —dn



**State Capital**

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
By Lyndell Williams and Ed Sterling  
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Telephone Records Released**  
Gov. Ann Richards last week released nine months of resurrected long-distance records pieced together through computer data tapes.

Also released were all cellular calls made since Richards took office in 1991, all incoming toll-free calls and copies of calls made by employees on state-issued credit cards.

The governor's office has been criticized for its decision last August to destroy more than two years of the telephone records, which under the law are public records.

**Hannah's Prison Warning**  
Secretary of State John Hannah Jr. warned last week that despite reports of 6,000 empty prison beds, state penitentiaries are near their legal capacity.

Hannah, who has been nominated to become a federal judge, said his investigation showed that any attempt to increase the prison population "would immediately get the state back into federal court."

Gov. Richards asked Hannah to look into the case of empty beds and report whether any could be used to ease the overflow of state inmates in county jails.

The question of the empty beds surfaced last month in preliminary findings of a prison system audit by Comptroller John Sharp's office.

**Teachers Group Endorses**  
Texas' largest teacher organization has endorsed incumbent Democrats for the top six statewide offices and Democrat Jim Mattox for the U.S. Senate.

The 95,000-member Texas State Teachers Association said the endorsements were based on the candidates' positions on public schools, education funding and opposition to private school vouchers.

"What happens to education in the 1995 Legislature will be determined by what happens in the March 8 primary," TSTA president Richard Kouri said. "We will press that hard reality on our members during the campaign cycle."

Receiving endorsements were Gov. Richards, Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, Attorney General Dan Morales, Comptroller John Sharp, Treasurer Martha Whitehead and Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, all Democrats.

**Job Growth in Valley**  
Cities in the Rio Grande Valley remained among the national leaders in job growth in a recent 12-month period, according to a report from the Economic Outlook Center at Arizona State University. An employment growth rate of 5.4 percent, or 5,900 jobs, made the McAllen-Edinburg area fifth best among all U.S. metropolitan markets from November 1992 to November 1993.

Victoria in South Texas climbed from 72nd place to sixth place nationwide with 5.3 percent job growth. Close behind were Laredo, ranking 10th at 4.5 percent, and Brownsville-Harlingen, ranking 11th at 4.3 percent.

**Quotes of the Week**  
• "Despite all its political leverage, the federal government can't buy nuclear submarines inexpensively, so why should Americans believe government-run health care will be inexpensive?" — U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas.  
• "President Clinton's health-care plan is so complex it makes

the Pentagon bureaucracy look like a single ballerina going across the stage." — Dallas billionaire Ross Perot.

**Other Highlights**  
■ Texas officials moved closer to implementing major health-care reform last week, selecting Blue Cross and Blue Shield to administer the first state-authorized insurance pool for small businesses. The Texas Insurance Purchasing Alliance, created last year by the Legislature, aims to make health insurance more affordable and accessible for businesses with three to 50 employees.

■ Laredo was the second fastest growing metropolitan area (11.4 percent) in the United States in the early 1990s, the Census Bureau reported last week. Las Vegas topped the list with a growth of 13.9 percent. The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission area ranked fourth with a growth of 9.8 percent.

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## CAPITOL COMMENT

By KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON, US Senator

Once in a great while a legislative idea strikes a chord across the entire political spectrum, from left to right.

One of those occasions occurred Feb. 2 when Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-Maryland) and I announced the introduction of a bill that will put an end to discrimination against homemakers in retirement opportunities.

Our bill will allow homemakers to make the same contributions to an Individual Retirement Account that those who work outside the home can now make. Believe it or not, the tax code currently discriminates against women, and a growing number of men, who work inside the home. This must be changed.

Women have longer life expectancies than men, generally make less money, and lose more time due to pregnancy and care for their families. Because of this, women begin saving for retirement much later in life than men, and when they retire, they have less security. We can correct that with this bill.

Under current rules governing IRAs, married couples are restricted to a deductible IRA contribution of \$2,250 per year if only one spouse brings home a paycheck. But if both spouses in a household work outside the home, each is permitted to contribute up to \$2,000 annually to an IRA — that's a combined contribution of \$4,000 per year.

This difference over a 40-year period would mean an additional \$70,000 in contributions. At 6% interest, the couple would have almost \$300,000 more in savings for their retirement needs.

Wouldn't the retirement demands of the one-income couple be the same as that of the two-income family?

In fact, they may be even greater due to the fact that the one-income couple has earned less money to set aside for the future. We can help them meet that need by giving them the incentive and opportunity to save.

The current lack of fairness in IRA savings also has a negative effect on the future economic strength of our country. Personal savings rates in the United States are shockingly low in comparison to other industrialized nations.

In Japan, for example, over the past three years, the personal savings rate averaged more than 14%, while the personal savings rate for Americans averaged less than 5%.

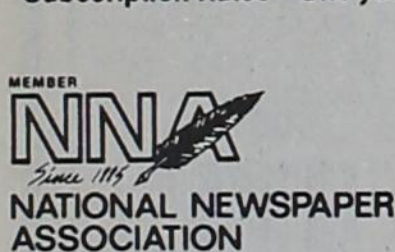
IRA funds are not stashed under a huge mattress in Federal Reserve buildings across the country. They are lent by banks to businesses for investment. The new savings created by increasing the IRA deduction for wives and husbands who work at home will be invested in the economy to create jobs and increase federal tax revenue.

As Sen. Mikulski said recently: "This legislation reflects the values of our nation, it rewards good parenting and families, and it recognizes that not all work is done in the marketplace. The work done at home is just as important. It is a real way for government to show we are pro-family and pro-community."

The legislation is gaining momentum as women and men, Democrats and Republicans, Senators and Representatives, recognize this as an effort to promote good, sound policy that all Americans can be proud of.

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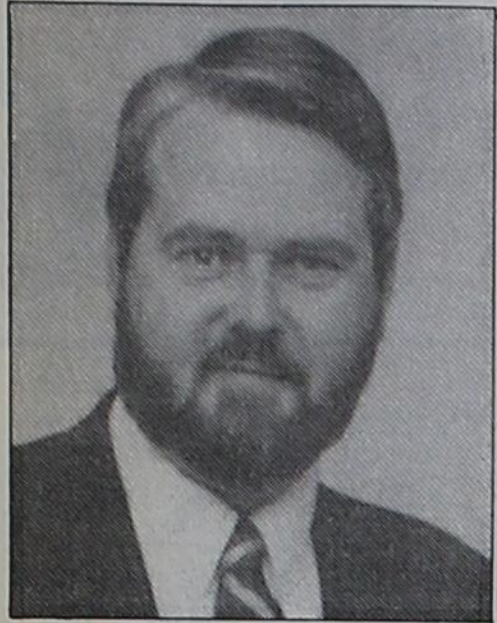
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- TXism: "sidekick"
- TXism: "a day and a dollar short"
- Richards T-shirt: "a woman's place \_\_\_ the dome"
- activity of TX ranch hands (2 wds.)
- he had an "Achy Breaky Heart" (init.)
- between Edwards and Bandera (2 wds.)
- TXism: "strike while the iron \_\_\_ hot"
- TXism: "got misery up to my arm \_\_\_"
- TX "Babe" jumped it to win gold in '32
- TX Sam Bass hideout: Longhorn \_\_\_
- "no muss, no \_\_\_"
- UT's Royal perfected the wish \_\_\_ offense
- "Bum" Phillips
- TXism: "happy \_\_\_ two tails"
- TX Ella Morse and actress West
- TXism: "the \_\_\_ was flying" (flight)
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- this Glenn starred in '40s film "Texas"
- Oilers CB Dishman
- TXism: "you're buying oats for \_\_\_ (waste of time)"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ a bull give milk?" (no)
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- TX Rayburn served \_\_\_ in Congress
- "\_\_\_ in your pipe and smoke it"
- new payroll limit for Cowboys and Oilers: salary \_\_\_
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- TXism: "he's out to \_\_\_" (brainless)
- TXism: "buck naked"



# ABI Agriculture Business Industry

## MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

### Not my game

(Last of two parts)

Last week in part one, I shared with you that we had decided to buy a new (used) car. I explained that we dreaded the process and that we were reluctant to play the "How much will you give for it" game.

Like most customers, we would prefer to find the car we like, have the salesperson quote the best price possible and decide whether or not to buy. Unfortunately, that is not how the process works.

Most dealerships force you to play their game. They want to make the most profit possible and they use many methods to maximize their returns.

Please don't misunderstand what I'm writing. I am in favor of profit and profitable dealers. We want the dealer we do business with to make a profit so they can provide service when we need it. We just don't want them to make this month's profit entirely from our purchase. And...And, we

don't want to play the game.

### How much is it?

It sounds silly, but try to imagine this game at other businesses. Could you envision a Wal-Mart store with no prices on their products?

When you ask a salesclerk how much a bottle of shampoo is, the clerk counters with "What price did you have in mind?"

"Around \$2.49," I reply.

"Oh my, we couldn't possibly go that low," the clerk responds.

"Well how about \$3.49?" I offer.

"I'll ask the manager," the clerk responds as he strides away. In a few minutes the clerk returns. "I'm sorry, but we have to make a little profit," the clerk says. "Couldn't you go a little higher?"

"How much higher?" I ask.

"Well, we could fix you up with a payment plan," the clerk answers.

"I can't afford that much," I reply as I replace the bottle on the shelf.

A silly example, but that is exactly the routine we endured at not one, but four dealerships. Not once did we get a direct answer to the question, "How much is it?" Even when we found the ideal car at a solid dealership with an excellent reputation, we couldn't get a firm price.

Finally, we entered into the game. We were ready to buy a specific car and were prepared to write the check. We made a serious offer.

Obviously, our first offer was too low. The CATS--Customers Aren't Too Smart--sales system teaches that every customer is good for three "bumps" or "ups," that is, price increases. We couldn't solicit a counteroffer. The response was "we couldn't possibly, etc." So we "bumped" our first offer about a week's pay. It wasn't enough.

We'll never know if we were \$200 or \$2,000 apart. We never did get a firm price. We walked and we won't be a "be-back." We won't be a "grape" or a "lay down" either.

### A better way

It looks like we'll spend a few hundred more on the old cars and be patient. Someday, somewhere a dealer is going to come up with a better way. A truly customer-oriented dealer will choose not to insult customers whose IQ's are over 40. Then I'll get in line--and there will be a line--and buy my car of choice and go home happy.

Or maybe I'll get into the car business myself. I believe with a calculator I could determine the mark-ups to cover costs and profit. We would need to raise some money. I wonder if David Glass, Paul Carter or any of the other folks at Wal-Mart have ever considered getting into the car business? Would any of you readers like a no hassle deal from Tay-Mart Motors?

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67, Amarillo 79105.

## Soil moisture profile shows fields are dry

Castro County producers need 2 to 10 inches of water from precipitation or irrigation to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity according to the 1994 spring planting, according to pre-plant soil moisture survey data released by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and the USDA-Soil Conservation Service.

Readings indicate the driest parts of the county are in the Easter and Jumbo areas between Dimmitt and Hereford, and in the far eastern part of the county. The southern half of the county is the area in least need, with most of the southern half needing less

than six inches of irrigation or precipitation to wet the top five feet of soil to field capacity.

Soil moisture readings are taken by lowering a neutron probe into a permanently-installed aluminum access tube at each monitoring site in the water district. These sites are chosen based upon the soil type, the variations in the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer which indicates possible well yields and typical farming operations in the area.

Soil moisture sites were also analyzed by crop type. For cotton, soil moisture readings indicate an average of .20 inch per foot in the top three

feet, increasing to .70 inch at the five foot depth.

Sorghum shows an average of .35 inch of available soil moisture per foot in the top three feet, increasing to .75 in the next two feet. Wheat shows .70 inch available in the top foot of the soil, .40 inch at the three foot level, and .70 inch at the five foot layer.

Corn has the highest available soil moisture, due to irrigation. The top foot shows .90 inch of available soil moisture, .60 at the three foot level and 1.10 inch at the four and five foot levels.

Generally, each foot of soil holds two inches of soil moisture or a total of about 10 inches in the five foot root zone soil profile.

Data was collected at the Castro County soil moisture sites in late November and early December. Since then, very little precipitation has fallen to replenish the soil moisture. Recent snows have added small amounts of moisture, but farmers are encouraged to check moisture conditions at the two and three foot levels.

Historical data shows that above-average crop yields are more likely when the five foot root zone soil profile is at or near field capacity at planting. Any precipitation received between now and the start of planting will improve soil moisture conditions and influence prospective crop yields.

Furrow diking will help maximize the benefits of any rainfall that occurs prior to spring planting. Maintaining furrow dikes during the growing season will continue to benefit crops by keeping rainfall on the field to be soaked into the soil.

The annual pre-plant soil moisture survey data informs irrigators about general plant-available soil moisture conditions across the 15-county HPUWCD area.

"Irrigators can use this information to estimate the amount of water needed to bring their soil to field capacity without over-irrigation," said Willie Crenwelge, USDA-SCS soil scientist. "Producers should remember that this information reflects general soil moisture trends and should not be used in place of individual testing on their farms.

## School board okays pacts for principals, supervisors

Contracts of Dimmitt school administrators were renewed for two years Monday at the monthly meeting of the Dimmitt school board.

Earning renewals were principals Doug Setliff, R.L. Stockstill and George Rasor, assistant principals Judy Stewart and Lyman Schroeder, and Gainell Minnick, Doricell Davis and Kay Gfeller in the administration office. The contracts were extended for two more years.

Board members considered plans for revamping air conditioning and heating systems at all school campuses. They eventually voted to refer information to the District-wide Educational Improvement Committee (DEIC) for a decision on which campuses need improvements first.

Joe Grimes of Grimes and Associates in Lubbock presented cost estimates to the board for wall mounted and roof mounted units, and for window coverings that could result in savings of 20% on utility bills. For all campuses to receive window coverings and treatments and new heating and air conditioning, the cost would be about \$1.3 million.

"We obviously don't have that kind of money," said Supt. Les Miller. The plan best accepted by the board Monday would be a complete re-do of the systems at the Middle School.

Rasor, DMS principal, said the school's heating system requires attention every day, with thermostat settings in most rooms having no impact on what actually is produced by heaters.

Miller said adding air conditioning at Dimmitt schools is becoming a must. "We have summer school throughout our system, and it's barbaric to have kids and teachers in there with no air conditioning. The only air conditioning we have is provided by teachers, and this is the only district I know of where teachers have to provide their own air conditioners."

The board, in a fairly light session, also:

--Reset the March board meeting to March 7 instead of March 14, because of spring break.

--Agreed to the purchase of about

\$35,000 worth of computers and other needs for Dimmitt Middle School.

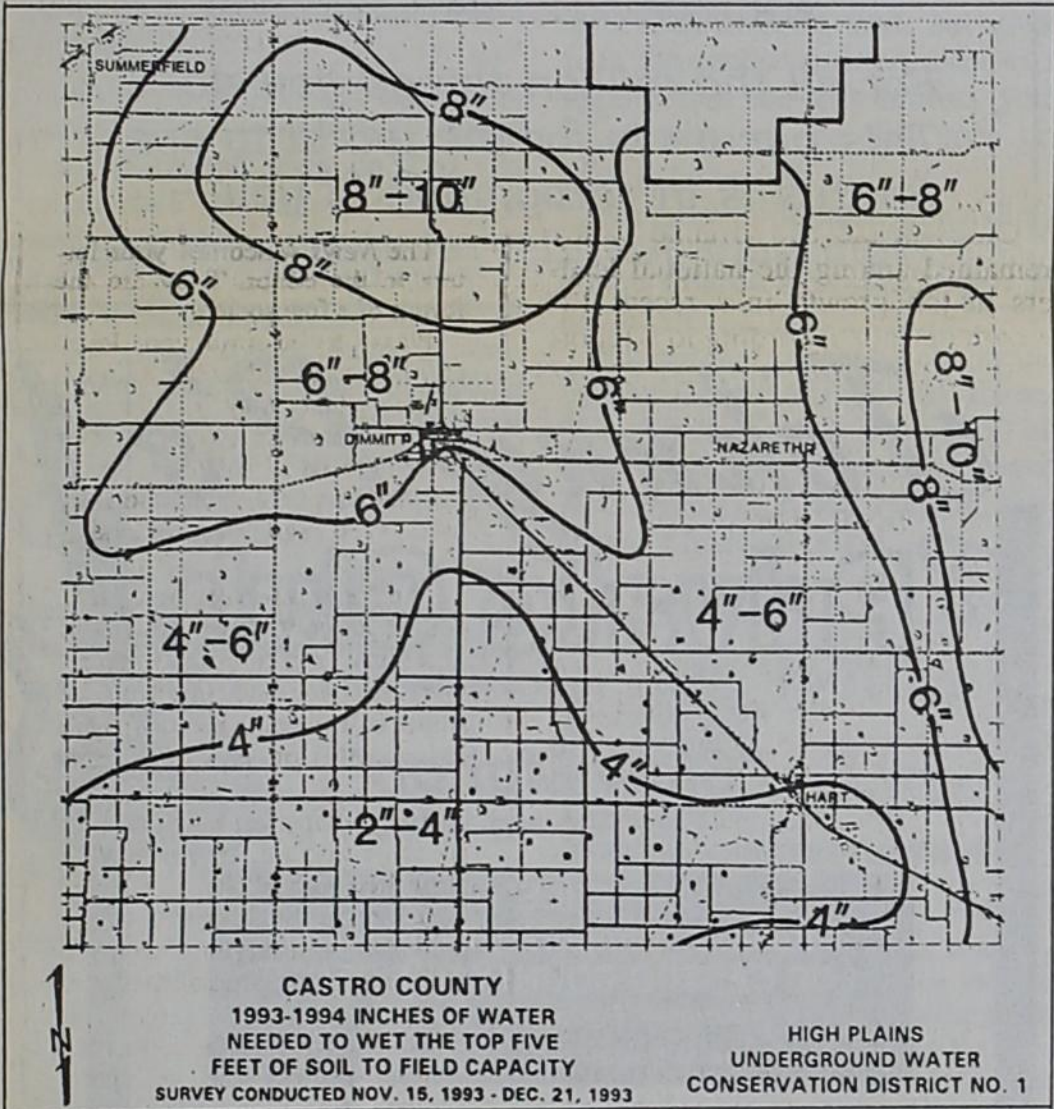
--Changed third-party insurance administrators to RH Associates from Alpha Data, in a move to better pay claims and serve school employees.

--Allowed Grimes and Associates to do the asbestos re-inspection, required by federal law every three years.

--Permitted Miller to go ahead with a school employee wellness program in conjunction with the Texas Dept. of Health. The program will cost about \$500.

--Called the trustee election for May 7, with the terms of John Nino and Frank Welch expiring this year.

--Approved three transfer students.



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# People

## CPS plans fundraiser

Child Protective Services Board will hold an all-you-can eat Mexican Fiesta Sunday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

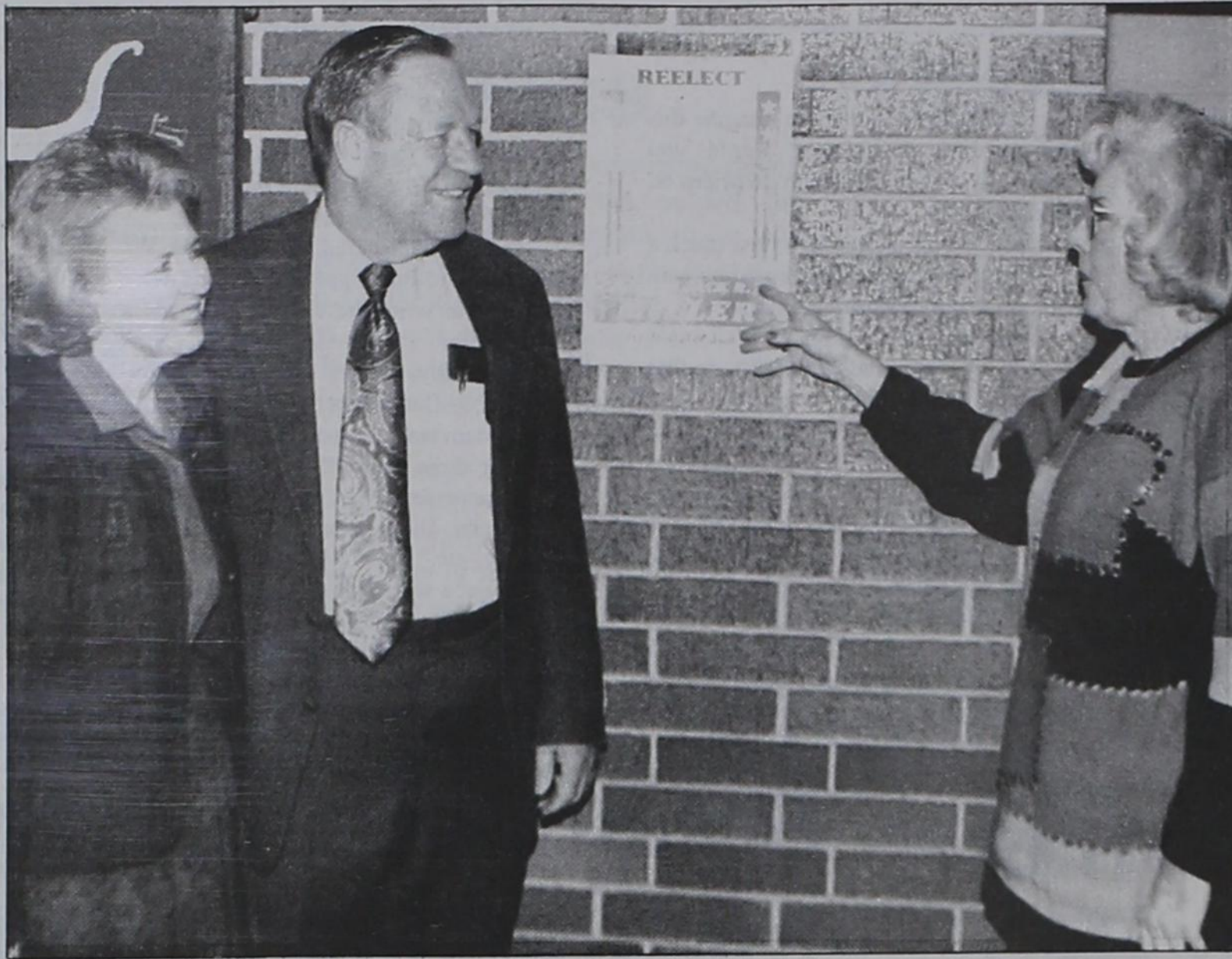
Cost for the meal is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Children under 3 may eat free. Those purchasing meal tickets will be able to stack up a Mexican food feast.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to provide for children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or neglect.

Tickets for the meal may be purchased at the door or in advance from any Child Protective Services board member.

The board appointed a nominations committee including Clara Patton and Joan Aalbers who will contact possible nominees and report back to the board in April. The board still needs one member and anyone interested in serving should contact Toni Waldo at 938-2118 or Randy Smithson.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and preliminary plans were made about activities to make people more aware of the problem. It plans to continue its essay and picture contest which was so successful last year.



CAMPAIGNING for judge of the 64th Judicial District Court is Jack R. Miller. He and his wife, Murna, (left) are viewing one of his campaign posters at an organizational meeting held on his behalf last week in Dimmitt. With the Millers is Castro County Democratic Chair Carole Dyer (right). Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Miller launches campaign

Castro County native Jack R. Miller plans to run on his record in his re-election bid for judge of the 64th Judicial District Court.

Miller has held the position as judge since he was appointed to the post in September 1981, and won election bids in 1982, 1986 and 1990.

Miller has drawn an opponent in his current try for the post—J. "Pink" Dickens, a Plainview attorney. The 64th Judicial District covers Castro, Hale and Swisher Counties.

"I encourage the voter to look at my record over the past 12 years, and judge by how they may have been treated by me in my court-

room, either as a jury member or litigant," Miller said.

He added, "I can only say that I will try to do a good job as I serve the voters of this district."

Miller was born in Dimmitt and lived here most of his life, only recently having moved to Plainview.

"As far as I know, I am the first and only person from Castro County who has been selected as a district judge," Miller said.

A campaign organizing meeting on Miller's behalf was held in Dimmitt Feb. 9, with about 35 persons attending, according to County Democratic Chair Carole Dyer.

Carl King, of the Texas Corn Producers' Board and Texas Corn Growers' Association, has volunteered to be Miller's local campaign contact person.

At the meeting last week, King said he will lead a block committee door-to-door campaign about two weeks before the March 8 primary.

Ronnie Parker of Dimmitt volunteered to coordinate a telephone campaign on Miller's behalf the final week before the primary.

Also, Miller will participate in the candidate forum for Democratic candidates scheduled for Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt City Hall meeting room.

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FHA students do more than just cook and sew — typical homemaking activities.

They also learn about child development, computer work, nutrition and more.

During the year, a group of students in the Advanced Child Development class, one of the branch projects of FHA, toured the birthing facilities at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The FHA advisor, Joanne Snider, has created a computer lab with the help of funds from various grants and the lab is used by vocational students.

The FFA holds a spaghetti sup-

per each year as one of its fundraisers and the top three ticket salesmen are awarded cash prizes. This year's winners were J'Amy Stewart, first place; Meredith Morgan, second place; and Ramiro Rivera, third place.

Another specialized class FHA members can take is Food Science and Nutrition. In this class, students learn how to serve a formal meal.

For more information about the FHA chapter, contact Snider at DHS.



FORMAL DINING—This group of students from Dimmitt High School learn how to serve a formal meal through a project in their Food Science and Nutrition class. This class is one of many that Future Homemakers of America can participate in. Others are child development, computers and more. Feb. 14-18 is National FHA Week.

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# What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from Feb. 17 to 25.

### DIMMITT

**THURSDAY:** Chicken strips, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Ham, pinto beans, cheese cubes, fried okra, buttered potatoes, cornbread, cherry cobbler and milk.

**MONDAY:** Hot dogs with chili, tater tots, catsup, pork and beans, fruit and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Soft tacos, lettuce and tomato salad, whole kernel corn, chocolate clusters and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Pizza, corn on the cob, carrot and celery sticks, fruit and milk.

**THURSDAY:** No school.  
**FRIDAY:** No school.

### HART

**THURSDAY:** Sloppy Joes on a bun, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle spears, potato chips, fresh fruit and milk.

**MONDAY:** Enchilada casserole, salad, corn, tostados, pineapple pudding

and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Chicken strips, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Cheeseburger, sliced tomatoes, lettuce, pickles, French fries, fresh fruit and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Meat loaf, scalloped potatoes, pinto beans, fried okra, cornbread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

**FRIDAY:** No School!

### NAZARETH

**THURSDAY:** Nachos, corn, tossed salad, peanut butter cup and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Fish, macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, cornbread, syrup, peaches and milk.

**MONDAY:** Soft tacos, lettuce, cheese, sour cream, beans, fruit salad and milk.

**TUESDAY:** Roast, potatoes and gravy, green beans, pudding, rolls and milk.

**WEDNESDAY:** Hamburgers, French fries, lettuce, onions, pickles, dessert and milk.

**THURSDAY:** Mexican casserole, sopapillas and honey, tossed salad, fruit and milk.

**FRIDAY:** Fish, corn, pineapple, hot rolls and milk.



**HAROLD BOB BENNETT** (right) of Hart greets President Bill Clinton during the President's recent visit to Houston. Bennett currently serves as state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). *Courtesy Photo*

## Bennett meets with President Bill Clinton

Harold Bob Bennett of Hart met recently with President Bill Clinton in Houston.

Bennett, who has served as state executive director of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) since last August, was invited to meet with Clinton.

As one of the ASCS state executive directors from the southwest (which includes 10 states), Bennett was elected as area spokesperson for that group.

In September he was chosen to serve as chairman of the Livestock Feed Program and Disaster Program sub-team of the National Policy Review Task Force, a group

which is in charge of writing the ASCS handbook with the goal of simplifying and streamlining government.

Bennett was elected chairman of the National Service Delivery Task Force in December, and this task force consists of 15 US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) agency heads from across the nation. It is responsible for implementing President Clinton's reorganization bills at the national, state and local levels.

"I feel this Clinton Administration is committed to allowing more state and local control of government," Bennett said. "Many Texans are playing a vital role in this commitment."

## Church Happenings

### Presbyterian Church

Sunday is the first Sunday in Lent.

Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10.

"Peace and Blessing" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11.

"The Shoes of Readiness" will be the subject of the Lenten mid-week Bible study Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the manse.

### Ministerial Alliance

Bill Newland will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Revelation, 2:18-29 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

### First United Methodist Church

The First United Methodist Church will hold a revival Sunday through Tuesday with Dr. David Ray presiding over the services.

Sunday services will be held at 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Services on Monday and Tuesday will begin at 7 p.m. and a breakfast will be held Tuesday at 6:45 a.m.

A nursery will be provided during the services.

### First Christian

A fellowship dinner will be held following the morning worship services at Dimmitt's First Christian Church in celebration of the congregation's 34th anniversary.

All are invited to worship with the congregation and join in the pot luck dinner.

The morning message will be brought by Bro. Roy Barringer, as well as the evening message.

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If you're just recovering from last year's Christmas spending and starting on this year's gift buying, ask yourself why you buy gifts you cannot afford. Studies of compulsive spenders observe that spending more for gifts than you can afford may be for one or more of the following reasons:

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- ◆ To feel accepted.
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- ◆ Feeling it is expected.

◆ Not wanting to look cheap.

◆ You don't shop often, so you over-spend when you do shop.

◆ You like to see the satisfaction of the recipient of your gift.

◆ Guilt. You feel the need to treat everyone the same or to keep up a pattern of spending set in more affluent times.

When you understand why you spend as you do, you can begin to seek the results you want by other means. Send a personal message with an affordable gift that may take more time to find, but gives both the sender and the receiver a feeling that the gift affirms your relationship as one that does not have to be bought.

For more information on handling your money, contact Marilyn Neal, Castro County Extension Agent, at 647-4115.

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### Who's New?

#### Out of Town

It's a boy for Steve and Deidre Henderson of Hewitt. Eric James Henderson was born at 11:23 a.m. on Jan. 23 at Hillcrest Baptist Hospital in Waco. He weighed 6 lbs., 1 oz. and was 18-3/4 inches long. He has a sister, Kirsten, who is 4. Maternal grandparents are Genell Craig of Dimmitt and Randall and Joan Craig of Austin. Paternal grandparents are Janet and Royce Meyers of McAllen and Frank and Doris Henderson of Borger. His great-grandparents are Neto Craig of Austin and Maxine Reed of Brownwood.

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# Sports

## Bobcats roar back to post victory Friday

Any child, from a small infant to teenagers (maybe even adults) know *The Look*.

It's worse than the "If looks could kill, you'd be dead" look. It's worse than an icy stare. It's worse than a scowl.

*The Look* is what parents use when their kids have embarrassed them in public. *The Look* is what parents give to communicate millions of thoughts and ideas and emotions without saying a word. *The Look* is what parents use on their kids when they're so mad they can't say anything.

Dimmitt boys coach Alan Steinle came out of the halftime dressing room Friday at Muleshoe sporting *The Look*.

It was anger and remorse and embarrassment and sadness and more.

When the Bobcats left the court at halftime Friday, they led by just three, 26-23. This was against a Muleshoe team they should be wearing out worse than a bad pair of jeans, Steinle thought.

"I couldn't think of a thing to say to them, so I didn't," Steinle said. "They went into the dressing room, and I was

in there for just a minute and didn't say a thing. I left and stood outside for about five minutes, then went back in and told them who was going to start the second half."

The whole time, Steinle said, he was wearing *The Look*. When he came out on the court he still had *The Look*.

The *Look* may not go down with Grant Teaff's worm swallowing or Knute Rockne's "Win one for the Gipper" speech, but was just as effective. Dimmitt outscored the Mules 54-17 in the last two quarters for an 80-40 win.

The victory gave the Bobcats an 8-2 finish in District 2-3A. Dimmitt had sewn up a playoff berth Thursday with a win over Tulia, so a victory meant nothing except...

"We needed to play well because we didn't play that well Thursday night," Steinle said Friday night.

Dimmitt's post players, who have held their own most of the year, took a break in the second quarter Friday as Muleshoe's 6-6 Mark Miller scored eight points to give the Mules the lead

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**JUBILATION**—Dimmitt's Bobbies celebrate their 52-50 upset of the Tulia Lady Hornets after the final buzzer here last Thursday night. In center background, Tulia Coach Dale Morris rushes onto the court to protest a referee's ruling that a final three-point basket by Tulia's

Tami Altman was too late. Bobbies in photo are (from left) Dolores Dimas (34), Leslie Nelson (43), Katrina Acker (40) being hugged by Kara Josselet, Amy Ethridge (31), Kim Thomas (23) hugging Tiffany Wilcox, and Randa Wood (10). See story, Page 10. Photo by Don Nelson

## Hart, Naz girls begin playoff swing

It's old hat for Nazareth and something almost brand new for Hart as the girls' basketball playoffs begin next week.

Two other veterans, the boys' teams from Nazareth and Dimmitt, will begin their playoff swing next week.

The Swiftettes, 107-8 in the post-season since 1974, begin their quest for a national record 13th state championship. Hart's girls will be in the playoffs for just the second time.

Nazareth plays Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium at Dimmitt Middle School. The Swiftettes will face Amherst, runner-up in District 8.

The Swiftettes will be facing a Lady Bulldog team that features a big scoring threat.

"They have one player that will score from 20 to 30 points a game," said Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet. He added that the Swiftettes still have some rough spots, including injury problems, to work out. Post player Lena Durbin is almost ready to go after suffering a foot injury eight weeks ago. Post player Kelley Boyd played against Cotton Center since injuring her foot in mid-December. Tarbet said Boyd experienced some soreness after the game but should be able to go near full strength Friday.

For Hart, it's an almost-new experience for the Lady Horns. The only other time the Hart girls were in the playoffs was 1983.

"We don't have the playoff experience that other teams have, and that's why we played a practice game this week," said Rachelle Wilcox, Hart's coach. "For a team that's not used to the playoffs, we need to keep things as normal as possible. Normal is playing two games a week, so we did."

The Lady Horns played Panhandle, a perennial Class 2A power, in a practice game. Panhandle was well-rounded, but Hartley will focus mainly on one player.

Sara Frantz was the freshman of the year two years ago and the sophomore of the year last year on the Amarillo Globe-News Super Team.

"She shoots the ball very well and will be the biggest challenge for us in the game," said Wilcox. "We'll be focusing more on what we need to do, to diversify some of our scoring and working on our team defense."

The bi-district game's exact site and time were still up in the air at press time. Hart Supt. Mike Smith said the game was likely to be played Friday at 6:30 p.m. at either Canyon High School or Randall High School.

On Monday or Tuesday, the teams will be in area play. Nazareth will face Groom or Valley if the Swiftettes defeat the 12-15 Lady Bulldogs. If the Lady Horns beat the 20-5 Hartley girls, they will play either Claude, Follett or Booker.

Nazareth's boys, third in the state in Class A, will face Whitharral next Thursday at 7 p.m. at Olton High School.

Nazareth beat the Panthers earlier this year, 67-36.

"They play a 2-3 zone and are very patient on offense," said Nazareth coach Mark Makeever. "They don't give up much inside, they have on 6-4 kid (Chris Wade) but overall they are not as big as we are."

"They try a lot of penetration to try to get the ball to the post. Their best guard is Julian Amalla, and we'll have to contain him."

Dimmitt will not have its playoff site set until today or Friday. The exact date and site was left up in the air because one of five potential schools that could meet in the bi-district round between District 1-3A and District 2-3A didn't want to play in the Cal Farley Coliseum at the Amarillo Civic Center.

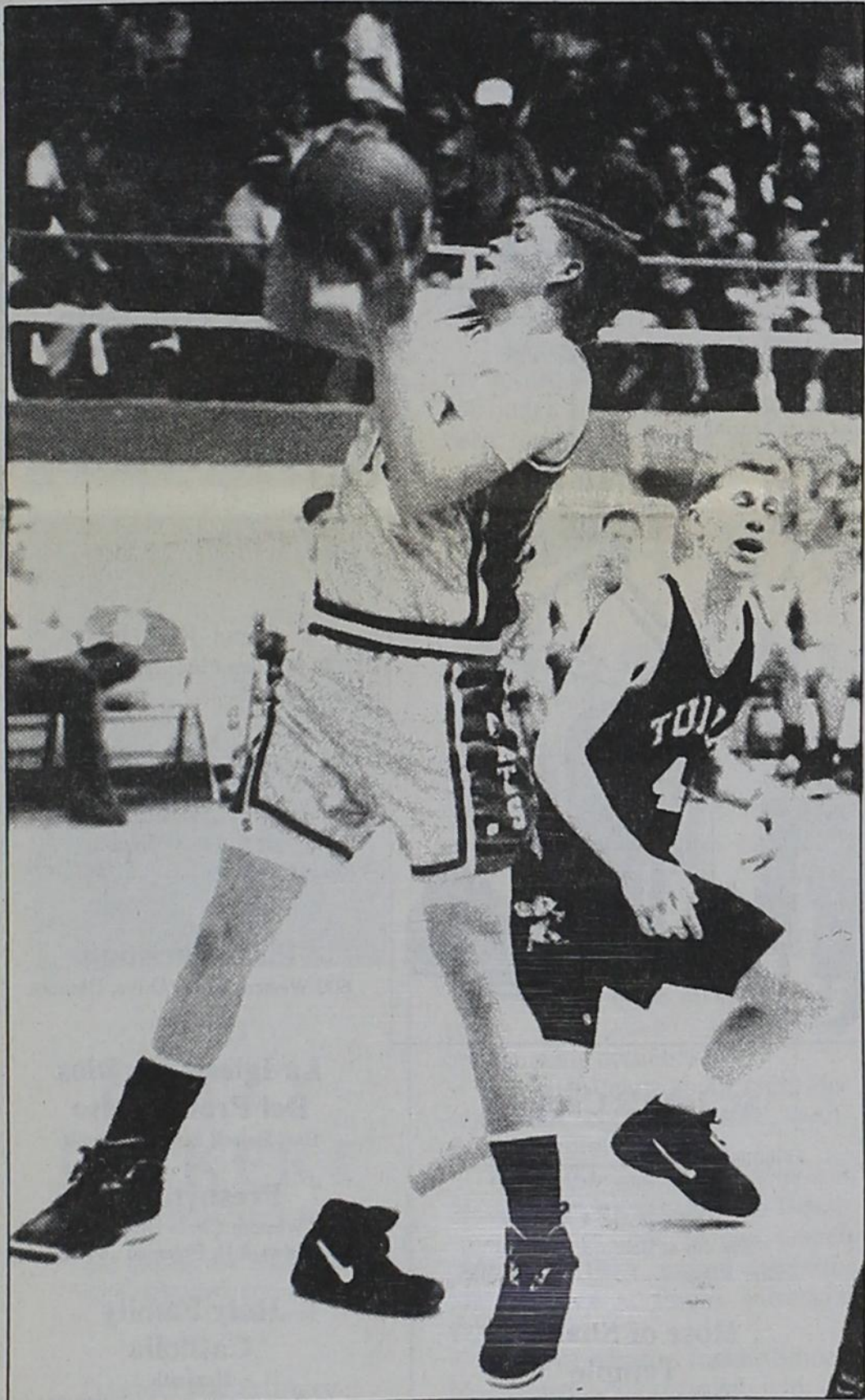
What's not up in the air is who Dimmitt will play: Canyon, winner of District 1 and the No. 1 team much of the season in Class 3A. The Eagles were flying high until Childress upset Canyon a month ago.

Kyle McDaniel, Jason Bentley and Toby Cotter are back to lead Coach Dan Hamrick's Eagles. Bentley and Cotter, both guards, were all-district last year. They helped lead the Eagles past the Bobcats, 53-38, in last year's bi-district. Canyon fell to Graham in the area contest last season.

McDaniel started the first part of the 1992-93 season before hurting his knee over the Christmas holidays. He's back this year, as are Kurt Richardson, Jason Lindmark and Aaron Evans.

Lindmark is 6-6 and could give the Bobcats fits inside, while the others provide for strong outside scoring for the Eagles.

Coach Alan Steinle is counting on the Bobcats much improved defense and offense to make things closer this year than last. In last year's game, the Bobcats were cold from the field while the Eagles couldn't miss in what turned out to be the last game coached by Kenneth Cleveland.



**IT'S MY BALL, NOW GET OUT OF THE WAY**—Dimmitt's Chad Ellis hauls down a rebound and twists away from Tulia defender Lee Bartram during Thursday's game at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. Ellis and the Bobcats beat Tulia, 60-52, to clinch the second playoff berth in District 2-3A. Photo by Don Nelson

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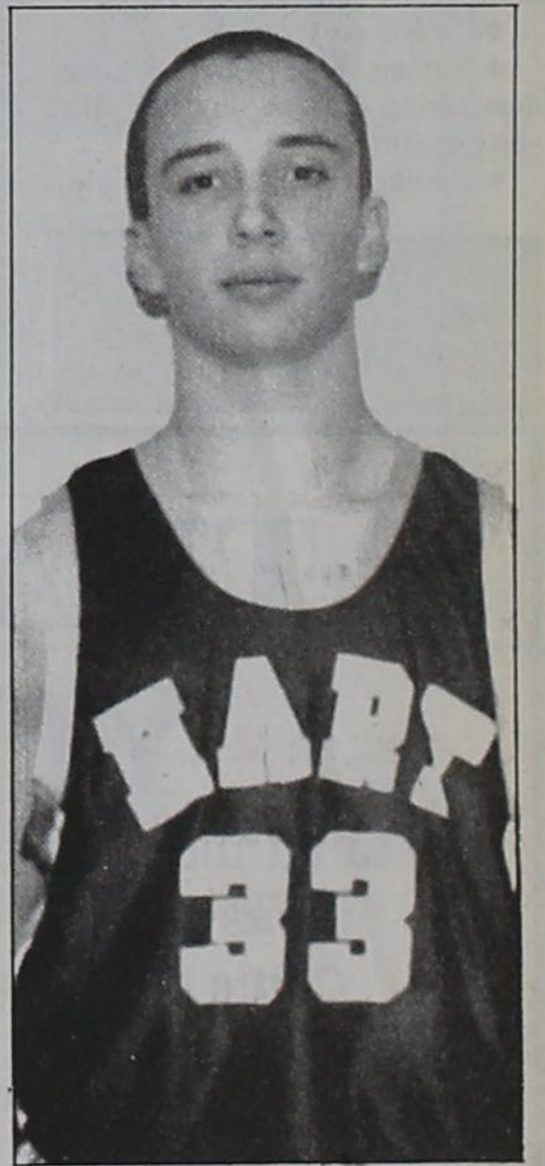
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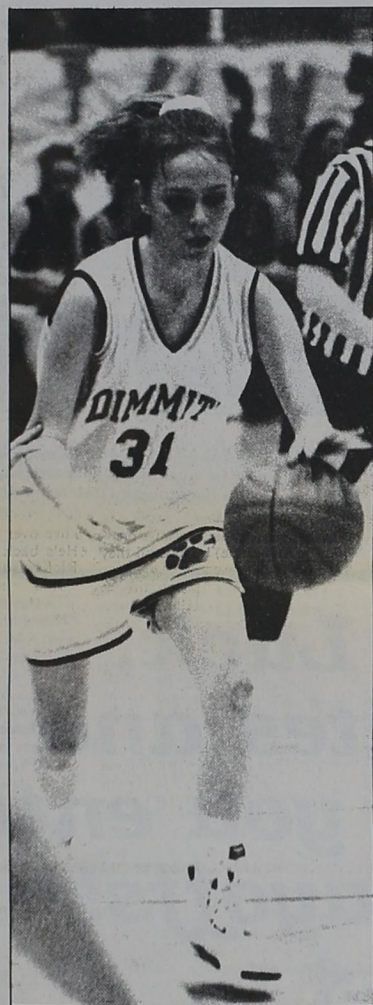
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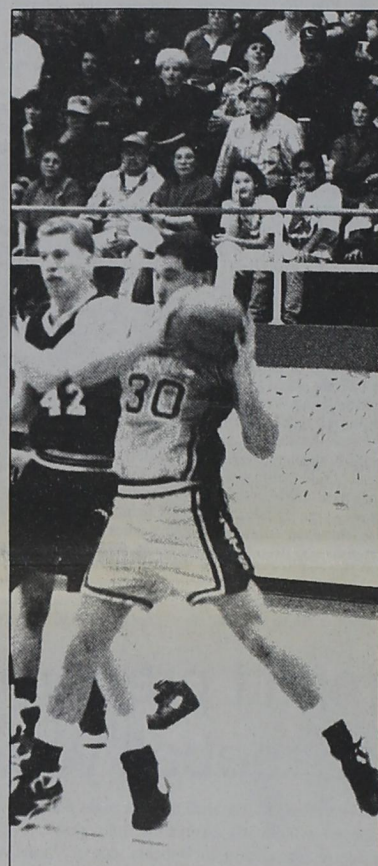
AMY ETHRIDGE runs the Bobbies' four-corner offense during the final minute of their 52-50 upset win over the Tulia Lady Hornets here last Thursday night.  
*Photo by Don Nelson*



**Schedules and scores:**

- Bobcats 85, River Road 78 (OT)
- Bobbies 47, River Road 33
- Bobbies 38, Levelland 51
- Bobcats 42, Levelland 61
- Bobbies 28, Berger 60
- Bobcats 55, Berger 77
- Queens Classic:
- Bobbies 51, Amarillo High 84
- Bobbies 62, Plainview 61
- Bobbies 36, Levelland 56 (Sixth Place)
- Bobcats 62, Randall 68
- Bobbies 47, Petersburg 33
- Bobcats 73, Petersburg 44
- Levelland Tournament:
- Bobbies 33, Denver City 48
- Bobbies 49, EP Montwood 46
- Bobbies 44, Abernathy 38 (Bobbies win consolation)
- Pioneer Classic:
- Bobcats 71, Andrews 32
- Bobcats 48, Plainview 77
- Bobcats 61, Estacado 73 (Bobcats place fourth)
- Bobbies 43, Monterey 69
- Bobcats 51, Hereford 48
- Bobbies 78, Estacado 28
- Bobcats 56, Slaton 55
- Bobbies 55, Petersburg 37
- Bobcats 65, Petersburg 56
- Brownfield Tournament
- Bobcats 34, Snyder 46
- Bobcats 57, Slaton 61
- Bobbies 49, Ralls 45
- Bobcats 46, Sudan 54
- Caprock Tournament
- Bobbies 47, Lubbock Christian 51
- Bobbies 70, Midland Lee 63
- Bobbies 58, Coronado 59
- Bobcats 73, Lamesa 61
- Bobcats 53, Lubbock High 65
- Bobcats 64, Caprock 66
- Bobbies 40, Clovis 33
- Bobcats 55, Caprock 57
- Bobbies 49, Brownfield 39
- Bobcats 61, Brownfield 59
- Bobbies 57, Floydada 56
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- Bobbies 43, Friona 65
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- Bobcats 63, Tulla 48
- Bobbies 45, Muleshoe 57
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- Bobbies 31, Floydada 29
- Bobcats 81, Floydada 57
- Bobbies 40, Littlefield 46
- Bobcats 65, Littlefield 66
- Bobbies 52, Friona 59
- Bobcats 95, Friona 54
- Bobbies 52, Tulla 50
- Bobcats 60, Tulla 52
- Bobbies 45, Muleshoe 56
- Bobcats 80, Muleshoe 40

Bobcats in bi-district—game time and place to be announced



TAIT CROW (30) completes a tip-steal in the first quarter of the Bobcats' district game against Tulia here last Thursday night. The playoff-bound Bobcats won, 60-52.  
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## More about Bobcats...

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midway through the period. Dimmitt came back to take the three-point lead at the break, but Steinle wasn't pleased with the performance.

After the halftime non-speech, the Bobcats allowed the Mules a total of four field goals, period, in the second half.

Just as the Bobcats picked up the defense, everyone began contributing on offense, too. Derrick Thomas had 11 of the 26 halftime points; he scored eight more in the second half, and everyone on the team scored at least two points. Fernando Ontiveros had 11

and Chad Ellis 10 to help the Bobcats to the easy win.

Muleshoe won its first girls district championship since 1962 with a 56-45 win over the Bobbies.

Dimmitt ended the season 15-15, 4-6 in District 2-3A.

The gym was packed for the girls game (the Muleshoe fans left in droves after the girls game) as the Lady Mules established an early 11-5 lead over the Bobbies. Dimmitt came back to within two points in the second quarter, but trailed by six at halftime, 22-16.

In the third period, the Bobbies shut down four of the five Lady Mules. Problem was, Misty Davenport scored 11 points in the period to boost Muleshoe to a 35-25 lead after three periods.

Dimmitt scrambled for 20 points in the fourth quarter, but the Lady Mules answered with 21. Muleshoe had just two field goals in the quarter but made 16 of 19 free throws in the last period. For the game, Muleshoe was 17-of-23, while Dimmitt was six-of-13.

Kim Thomas, the subject of a derogatory sign unfurled by Muleshoe students in the fourth quarter, led Dimmitt with 16 points, while Kara Josselet added 11 for the Bobbies.

Dimmitt will play Canyon in the boys playoffs, with the bi-district game to be played next Thursday or Friday.

Officials are still working on details of the contest. It could be a part of a doubleheader, or may be a single game, depending on logistics. Game sites in Amarillo and Plainview are being considered.

## Farris inducted into PSHOF

Adrian Farris, a two-time state champion in Class A boys' singles, was inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame as "Tennis Player of the Year for 1993" on Feb. 6 in Amarillo.

Farris, a 1993 graduate of Nazareth High School, advanced to the state tournament four years and came away with state titles his sophomore and senior years. During his senior year he was undefeated with a 34-0 mark.

Farris is a freshman at Tyler Junior College and is a member of the Apaches' tennis team, which is ranked first in the nation among Division I junior colleges in pre-season polls.

## Kids Inc. sign-up scheduled

Those interested in playing Kids Inc. basketball are asked to sign up today (Thursday) and Wednesday.

The Minor League, which includes students in the third and fourth grades between the ages of 8 and 10; and Major League, which is fifth and sixth graders ages 10, 11 and 12 may sign up from 3 to 4 p.m. at Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria and from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

On Wednesday, students may sign up from 3:30 to 4 p.m. at

Richardson Elementary School Cafeteria and from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce.

Cost to play in the league is \$15. Those who sign up after Feb. 23 will be charged \$20.

Kids Inc. coaches will hold a meeting Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Chamber office. Minor League coaches are scheduled to meet at 2 p.m. while Major League coaches will convene at 3 p.m.

Anyone who is interested in coaching should contact Jerry Durham at 647-4367 before Feb. 27.

## Dimmitt prepares for baseball year

Dimmitt High School's baseball team brought out the bats Monday in a scrimmage in Plainview against the Bulldog JV.

Coach Bobby Feaster said the Bobcats scored 17 runs while batting through four innings.

"I just put all 21 kids down on a list and they batted in that order," Feaster said. "We hit the ball really well up and down the lineup, and every kid got a chance to see a little action. That was the main purpose of the scrimmage, to give everybody a chance to see some outside pitching. Everybody got a little work."

Dimmitt will host River Road at 4 p.m. Friday in a scrimmage at George Howell Park. The Bobcats open the regular season Monday at 5 p.m. against Lubbock Roosevelt. The game will be played at Connie Mack Field at Mackenzie State Park in Lubbock. Levelland's junior varsity will face the Bobcats here Feb. 25 in the regular season home opener.

# Bobbies upset Lady Hornets

Overdue for a little luck, the Dimmitt Bobbies cashed in their chips Thursday for a 52-50 win over Tulia at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Tulia, which dropped to 6-3 in District 2-3A after the loss, narrowly missed out winning the game on a shot that came just after the buzzer.

Kim Thomas, who led all scorers with 17 points, made a short jumper with 2.5 seconds to play to give the Bobbies the two-point advantage. Tulia immediately called timeout to set up a final play.

Kesha Nolen fired a pass to mid-court, where teammate Leigh Dalluge caught the ball and passed to guard Tami Altman, who was about 30 feet away from the basket and easily in three-point range. She shot, but as she did referee Jim Douglass blew his whistle and wildly waved his arms, signalling the shot was after the buzzer.

The ball (of course) went off the backboard and through the basket, triggering a storm of protest by Tulia players, coaches and fans. A Tulia fan hit Dimmitt coach Richard Wood with a piece of ice, and others hurled stinging words, but Wood blew it off after the game.

"We were way overdue," he said. "These girls have played so hard all year, and they worked hard to win tonight."

As he spoke, a videotape was played several times in his office. It offered conclusive proof that Tulia's shot was made after the horn.

The game was already set in controversy: it had been scheduled for Feb. 8, but was postponed after officials provided by the Amarillo chapter of the Southwest Basketball Officials Association failed to appear. After speaking to the chapter secretary Tuesday night, Dimmitt school officials opted to go to the Lubbock chapter for officials for the Thursday game. The change may be permanent for future Dimmitt home games.

Thursday's contest was almost the opposite of the Jan. 27 game at Tulia. In the first meeting, Dimmitt led by eight at halftime, but Tulia came back to win by four. This time, Tulia led by six at the intermission, but the Bobbies

came back from the 28-22 deficit to win.

Dimmitt closed to within one, 38-37, with 1:17 to play in the third when Kara Josselet made a shot and converted a free throw for a three-point play. Tulia scored late in the period to lead by three, 40-37, going into the final period.

The Bobbies tied the score twice before Randa Wood gave Dimmitt a one-point lead, 49-48, with 1:37 to play on the strength of two free throws. Tulia came back to take a 50-49 lead with 44 seconds to play when Altman also hit both ends of a one-and-one.

With 30 seconds left, Tiffany Wilcox hit the front end of a one-and-one to tie the score at 50.

Dimmitt forced a Tulia turnover and got the ball back with 15 seconds to play. The Bobbies worked the ball in to Thomas, who went by the slower Tulia defenders for the winning basket with just less than three seconds to play.

In the boys' contest, Tulia stuck a little too close for Dimmitt's comfort, but the Bobcats prevailed late for a 60-52 win.

Derrick Thomas didn't go wild from behind the three-point line like he did against Friona six days earlier, but instead had a big night from the line. Thomas made 10 of 11 free throws and led all scorers with 24 points.

The Bobcats shut down Tulia's top scorer, Jerome Hawthorne. He had only 10 points Thursday, and made just two in the second half. In the first game he scored 24 points.

Tulia was like a pesky little tag-along most of the game. The Hornets led three times in the first period, and the teams were tied at 15 at the end of the quarter. Tulia led for much of the second period, too, before the Bobcats scored eight points in the last minute. Joey Martinez hit a three-pointer just before the halftime buzzer to give Dimmitt a 31-27 lead at the intermission.

Dimmitt never trailed again, but Tulia never went away, either. Dimmitt's eight-point lead at the end of the game was the largest of the night

for the Bobcats, who staked a six-point margin, 45-39, after three quarters.

Dimmitt scored 15 points in the fourth period; 11 of them came from the line. Thomas hit six of seven free throws in the quarter, and Chad Ellis made five of six free throws. Ellis and

Justin Newman scored the only field goals in the period for the Bobcats.

"We didn't play well, but we won," said Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle. "Our defense wasn't where it needed to be, and it seemed like our offense was missing a beat."



CESAR ENJOYS SALAD DAYS—Hart's Cesar Salas (15) outmaneuvers a Kress defender for a basket Friday in the Longhorns final game at Hart. Salas and the Horns doubled their win total with a 60-39 victory over the Kangaroos.

Photo by Neoma Williams

# Good Luck, Swiftettes and Swifts as you enter the playoffs!



Girls' Bi-District

## Nazareth vs. Amherst

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**Questions on rural health clinics ...**

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**Does it free you up, not having to handle the business management of the clinic as well as seeing patients?**

DR. HARDEE: Yes, that's one of the areas where it does help. Of course, with Cenci being my wife, I'm involved in it to some extent. I know when she's under a lot of stress. As far as the day-to-day business management aspect of it, that is removed.

CENCI HARDEE: I can say that patient care is greatly improved in a rural health clinic because we are required to go by the same guidelines as other federal facilities. We had a good clinic, but we've got a really good operation now. We have policy procedures in place on everything, protocols for all our treatment plans—things that were not written down before have been written down, and it makes you very aware of the quality of care you deliver to your patients.

**Would that have an effect on down the line, in case you were ever, say, sued for malpractice or anything like that, if you followed stated procedures?**

CENCI HARDEE: Definitely. But that has not really entered into our consideration, because we always do what we think is the best for the patient. But this has made us put down in writing and really think about what we're doing, and make sure that we're following all the federal and state guidelines.

DR. HARDEE: It's like Medi-

care for the hospital. You know, Medicare has certain guidelines that you have to follow for every little thing. The purpose of it is to try to make sure that everybody is getting treated basically the same across the country. The same thing is true in a rural health clinic. They're trying to make sure that people who are going to a rural health clinic—whether in Texas, or Wyoming, or Nevada or wherever—are getting good quality care. And they have guidelines to see that they're getting it.

**Would this concept fall under anybody's definition of socialized medicine?**

DR. HARDEE: No, I don't think it's socialized in the sense that the government... I mean, it's still an individual operation. Now, I'm an employee of the hospital district, but I still have a large say in what goes on within my own clinic in that I can treat patients how I see fit. The government isn't telling us how to treat a patient. They are telling us how to run certain aspects of the operation, but that's no different than it was before—they were already doing that to a large extent, with all the new regulations they have for clinics that have come out in the last few years. I think this may be a little bit more structured, but it's not any more socialistic.

**You're not paid by the government?**

DR. HARDEE: Well, yeah, actually, in a sense we are in that

that's where some of our revenue comes from for Medicare and Medicaid patients. But that's always been true and always will be true.

CENCI HARDEE: I think what the board has tried to do is to try to keep the control of our medical care local. If they don't put these procedures and some of these new guidelines in place, some other institutions from Amarillo or Lubbock or Dallas are going to put them in place for us and we'd have absolutely no control over how our tax revenue is being used for our hospital. The rural health clinic was a way for the board to... not take control of the medical community, but to keep the control local, so that each physician still has control of their own clinic, as far as patient care is concerned. The difference is just that it's being administered through the hospital district.

SCHAEFFER: It was not an attempt to gain control by the hospital district in any sense. It was an attempt to keep control of the medical delivery system within the community.

CENCI HARDEE: They (the hospital trustees) are elected, so the control is still local. As long as the hospital district controls medical care here, it is still local. Some governmental control of medicine, whether we like it or not—and we don't really like it that much—is here.

DR. HARDEE: It's going to get nothing but worse.

**How do you foresee the rural health clinic system here working, ultimately? Do you expect the clinics to pay themselves off? Do you expect the hospital district to be making more money out of it eventually?**

SCHAEFFER: I think we on the board expect them to pay themselves off, and maybe generate a

little revenue for the hospital district. But that remains to be seen.

WELCH: When we looked at the future development of the rural health clinics, we looked at it as a way of keeping doctors here so that their practice would work for them as well as the hospital, opening up some additional clinics, having better medical care for the county, and just make the whole deal work for everybody. As far as making a lot of money, it may not, but if it pays its way, it's a good deal for the hospital.

SCHAEFFER: But we feel like in the long run, it will save the hospital district money. One point is that we're still obligated for indigent care, whether it's done here or in Amarillo or Lubbock—and it would be a lot more expensive in Amarillo or Lubbock.

**I think this question has already been asked and answered once or twice, but will the rural health clinics cut the taxpayer cost of indigent care, and will it cut the cost of insured patients' care?**

DR. HARDEE: In the long run, it does because you're distributing the cost more evenly among the Medicare and Medicaid population and the self-pay patients.

CENCI HARDEE: The Rural Health Clinic Act is really a financing mechanism to help finance indigent care. I mean, it may be tax money, but we're just taking money away from the urban areas and putting it here in the rural areas, which is where a higher percentage of indigent patients live.

DR. HARDEE: This is a mechanism that's being tried in small communities all over the state—probably all over the nation, but especially in Texas because so many places in Texas qualify.

**County hears records management update**

Castro County Commissioners voted Monday to contact Hart Forms and Graphic about sorting through old county records.

Hart Forms submitted a bid of \$19,100 to sort through old records in each county office, and commissioners agreed to contact the business about proceeding with the project.

The county is required by law to have its records managed by Jan. 1, 1995.

Hart Forms will come in and sort through old files, mark the ones that may be destroyed and will provide the county a schedule of what files must be kept for specified lengths of time, etc.

"I think we have to do it eventually, anyway, so we should go ahead and let them get started before they get too busy," said County Judge Polly Simpson.

"I just hate to spend \$19,000 just to have our trash hauled out," said Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders.

Commissioners unanimously voted to accept Dr. D.S. Patel as the county health officer at a salary of \$183.75 per month.

Dr. B.H. Lee was serving as county health officer until his re-

irement in January.

Simpson said she contacted Patel, and he said he would be "happy to serve."

Commissioners met with Tommy Snell and Linda Wyatt about building proposals and options for the Texas Dept. of Health, but made no decision regarding a permanent site.

Snell told commissioners that the extra money he was hoping to get to help with remodeling a building would not be available after all. TDH currently is housed in the old Sears building, and the county is paying \$300 per month for rent.

TDH and the county have been looking at alternate options, including the county purchasing or renting a building which TDH would remodel to suit its needs.

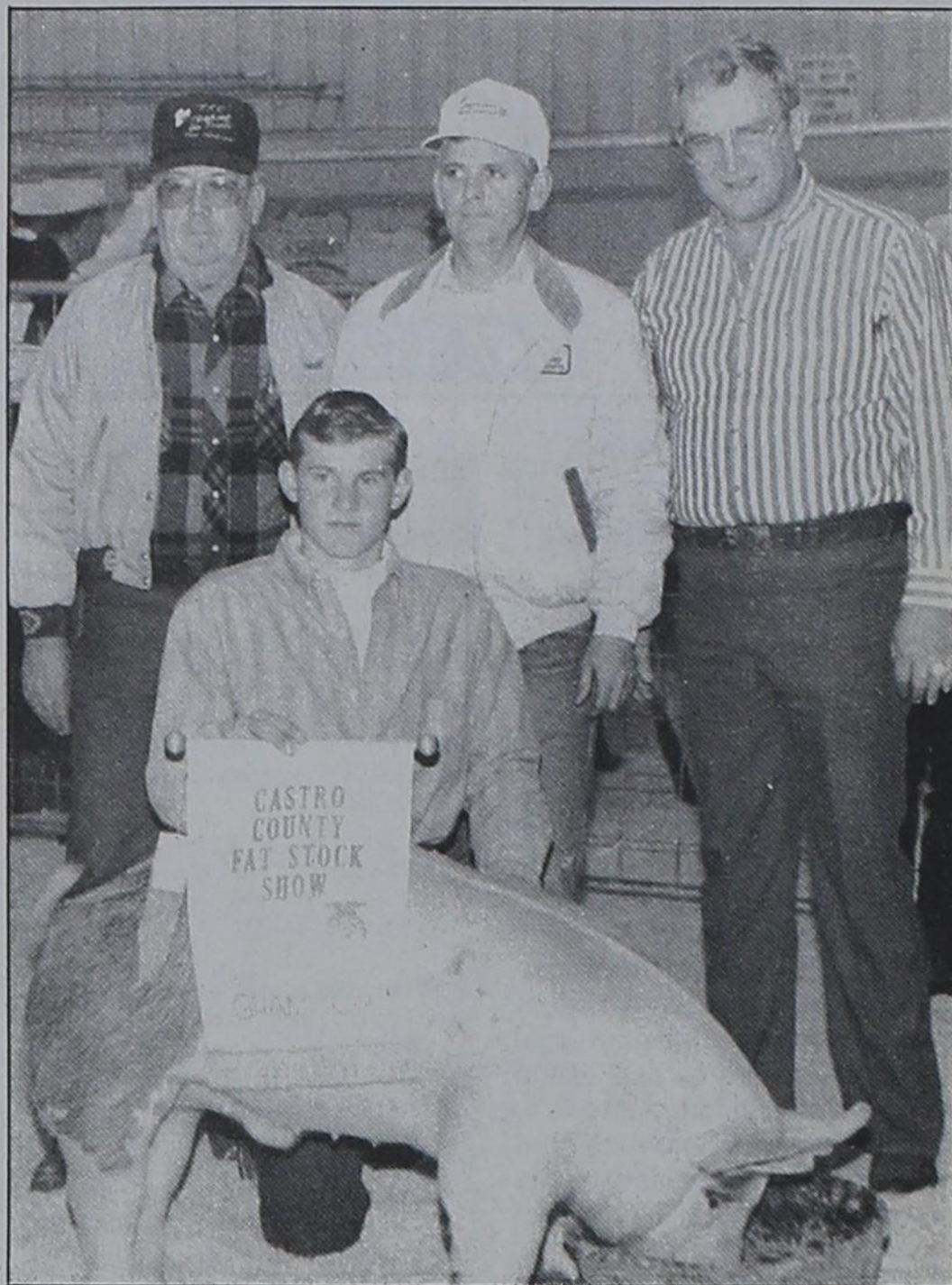
But Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson questioned the project.

"I don't think the county should be getting into the building renting business," Robertson said. "I just don't know why it's up to us to house them."

"We had 10,000 names on a petition asking us to keep them (TDH) here," Simpson answered. "I think we'll run into a lot of controversy if we don't do what we can to try and keep them here."

Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos said "I'm not against it if we can afford it, but we need to watch our spending. We're cutting things pretty close already."

In other action, commissioners approved work orders for Coy Myrick and Clinton Wright in Pct. 1, and for Derwin Huseman in Pct. 4; approved overtime in the sheriff's office for Jerry Jansa (\$31.36), Tana Young (\$57.63), Scott Wright (\$11.10) and Brian Frieda (\$11.70); approved two line-item transfers: \$5,000 from prisoner's meals to prisoner's expense in the jail budget and \$250 from gas and oil to vehicle and equipment maintenance in the constable's budget; and discussed having a safety audit performed on the county in an attempt to "get more points off on worker's compensation premiums."



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show was exhibited by Jason Wooten (kneeling). Wooten's 220-lb. lightweight Cross brought a bid of \$5 per pound from the three local cooperatives—Castro Co-op Gin, Dimmitt Consumers and Dimmitt Agri Industries, represented by (from left) Randy Small, Danny Rice and Don Graham, respectively.

Photo by Anne Acker



JAY McCORMICK (right) drove his 136-pound heavyweight Medium Wool lamb to the Reserve Grand Championship at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show and his animal earned a bid of \$4 from the Dimmitt Buyers Club in Saturday's sale. Anonymous donors gave McCormick an additional \$5 per pound after the sale, making his animal worth \$1,170. Pictured with McCormick is Mandi Moore.

Photo by Anne Acker

**SCOREBOARD**

<b>Thursday</b>		<b>Bobcats 80, Muleshoe 40</b>	
Bobbles 52, Tulla 50	Tulla 16 12 12 12 -- 50	Dimmitt 11 11 15 15 -- 52	Dimmitt: Kim Thomas 17, Kara Josselet 11.
<b>Bobcats 60, Tulla 52</b>		Tulla 15 13 11 13 -- 52	
Dimmitt 15 16 14 15 -- 60		Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 24, Chad Ellis 11.	
<b>Friday</b>		<b>Lady Horns 81, Kress 36</b>	
Kress 11 7 8 10 -- 36	Hart 26 16 18 21 -- 81	Hart: Shea Bennett 31, Jodi Card 10, Sandra Lopez 10.	
<b>(Lady Horns end regular season 25-4.)</b>		<b>JV Lady Horns 57, Kress 12</b>	
<b>Longhorns 60, Kress 39</b>		Kress 11 15 4 9 -- 39	
Hart 8 17 15 20 -- 60		Hart: J.R. Lee 13, John Welps 11.	
<b>(Longhorns end regular season 2-23.)</b>		<b>JV Longhorns 37, Kress 32</b>	
<b>Muleshoe 56, Dimmitt 45</b>		Dimmitt 5 11 9 20 -- 45	
Muleshoe 11 11 13 21 -- 56		Dimmitt: Kim Thomas 16, Kara Josselet 11.	
<b>(Bobbles end season 15-15.)</b>		<b>JV Bobbles 53, Muleshoe 48</b>	
<b>Muleshoe 50, JV Bobcats 49</b>		Muleshoe 11 15 25 29 -- 80	
Muleshoe 7 16 7 10 -- 40		Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 19, Fernando Ontiveros 11.	
<b>(Bobcats end regular season 16-12.)</b>		<b>Swiftettes 74, Cotton Center 24</b>	
Cotton Ctr 5 10 6 3 -- 24		Nazareth 10 26 17 21 -- 74	
Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 23, Kristin Brockman 13, Kandal Derrick 11.		<b>(Swiftettes end regular season 23-7.)</b>	
<b>Swifts 112, Cotton Center 41</b>		Cotton Ctr 11 10 7 13 -- 41	
Nazareth 35 27 21 29 -- 112		Nazareth: Justin Wethington 28, Scott Brockman 19, Nick Johnson 14, Gaylon Schilling 13, Colby Pohlmeier 10.	
<b>(Swifts end regular season 27-3.)</b>		<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Panhandle 55, Lady Horns 49</b>		Hart 9 13 8 19 -- 49	
Panhandle 12 14 11 18 -- 55		Hart: Shea Bennett 25, Jodi Card 8.	
<b>Tuesday</b>		<b>Clarendon 78, Swifts 70</b>	
Nazareth 18 20 13 19 -- 70		Clarendon 12 25 17 24 -- 78	
Nazareth: Colby Pohlmeier 20, Nick Johnson 16.		<b>Bobcats 78, Hale Center 51</b>	
Hale Center 12 15 14 10 -- 51		Dimmitt 17 20 18 23 -- 78	
Dimmitt: Joey Martinez 17, Derrick Thomas 12, Chad Ellis 10.			

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22—Notices

**Political Announcements**

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 8 primary.

**DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY**

**For County Treasurer:**  
Oleta Raper (I)  
Janice Shelton

**For County-District Clerk:**  
Betty Rickert  
Joyce Thomas  
Debra Ball

**For County Judge:**  
Irene Miller  
Mrs. M.L. (Polly) Simpson Jr. (I)

**For Commissioner, Pct. 4:**  
Vincent Guggemos (I)

**State Senate, 30th District:**  
Steven A. Carriker (I)

**For Judge, 64th District Court:**  
Jack R. Miller (I)

**For Justice of the Peace:**  
Marshall Young (I)

**REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

**For County Judge:**  
Robert Hawkins

**For County-District Clerk:**  
Shirley Hollums

**For US Rep., 13th District:**  
Wayne Collins

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23—Lost and Found

**FOUND**—Gray Chow dog with white feet, 6-10 weeks old. 647-2007.

23-45-1tc

24—Card Of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**

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25—Legal Notices

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The City of Dimmitt will be closing the south entrance gates to the City's Sanitary Landfill as of Monday, Feb. 21, 1994. The new entrance will be located: Go North on Highway 385 to County Road #613, turn east one (1) mile.

All vehicles and trailers will need to stop at the green building and be weighed before entering. This is to help us meet the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) new guidelines and rules and regulations. You will also need to check with the attendant on duty for the proper places refuse will be emptied.

Landfill hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., winter hours; and Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., summer hours; Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Present fee rates are \$25 per ton.  
25-45-2tc

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The board of trustees for Central Plains Center for MHMR and Substance Abuse would like to receive bids on any part of a package to provide for the insurance needs of an organization with a \$6.8 million budget, 200+ staff, and approximately 50 vehicles. Coverage is needed in the area of worker's compensation; automobile, general and professional liability; errors and omissions; property; boiler and machinery; electronic equipment; and automobile physical damage.

Bids will be received for the total or separate items desired until 4 p.m. on April 15, 1994. Send inquiries or bid material to Central Plains Center for MHMR and Substance Abuse, Attn: Seth Halbert, 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas 79072. Clearly mark all bids, "Insurance Bid."  
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1. Andy Bennett; 2. Tiffany Wilcox; 3. Jeremy Simpson; 4. Aaron Wilcox; 5. Robin Schulte; 6. Van Jeter; 7. Shawna Kenworthy; 8. Jayson Burnam; 9. Mikel Atchley; 10. Mekesha Atchley; 11. Matthew Olvera; 12. Susan Kern.

**Heavyweight**

1. John Welps; 2. Kelly Mayhew; 3. J'Amy Stewart; 4. Jacy Buckley; 5. Nathan Hoelting; 6. Jared Aven; 7. Jeff Bennett; 8. Shelly Mayhew; 9. Matthew Kern; 10. Jennifer Wilhelm; 11. Osbaldo Carrasco; 12. Kyla Schacher; 13. Mitchell Brockman; 14. Brad Keel.

Breed champion: John Welps. Reserve breed champion: Andy Bennett.

**CHESTERS Lightweight**

1. Jana Nelson; 2. Mandl Moore; 3. B.J. Kern; 4. Heather Jeter; 5. Jennifer Bradford; 6. Joe Sanchez; 7. Aaron Kern; 8. Justin Hawkins; 9. Ky Kirby; 10. Tanner Self; 11. Joey Flores; 12. Dustin Ramaekers.

**Mediumweight**

1. J'Amy Stewart; 2. Gayla Reyna; 3. Jared Aven; 4. Amy Pohlmeier; 5. Jaret Schulte; 6. She Bennett; 7. Amber Matthews; 8. Kelly Mayhew; 9. Laci McLaurin; 10. Kourtney Robertson; 11. Amanda Russell.

**Heavyweight**

1. Dagon Newton; 2. Aaron Wilcox; 3. Mandy Birkenfeld; 4. Tait Crow; 5. Jayson Burnam; 6. Trevor Barnes; 7. Trinity Robb; 8. Amy Matthews; 9. Fidel Barrera.

Breed champion: Dagon Newton. Reserve breed champion: Aaron Wilcox.

**DUROCS Lightweight**

1. Lynsey Hoelting; 2. Michelle Davis; 3. Stacey Bennett; 4. Van Jeter; 5. Nathan Boothe; 6. Lisa McLaurin; 7. Jana Nelson; 8. Colby Pohlmeier; 9. Greg Fuller; 10. Chris Hutson; 11. Summer McLean.

**Mediumweight**

1. Colby McDaniel; 2. Chad Rogers; 3. Coby Schacher; 4. Lynette Klemm; 5. Dustin Dyer; 6. Coby Summers; 7. Bridget Hochstein; 8. Jacy Buckley; 9. Robin Schulte; 10. John Welps; 11. Ashley Davis; 12. Ryan Harkins.

**Heavyweight**

1. Stacy McDaniel; 2. Matthew Wright; 3. John Bennett; 4. Shea Bennett; 5. Tait Crow; 6. Carol Summers; 7. Timmy Barnes; 8. Stanton Wethington; 9. Lyndee Behrends.

Breed champion: Stace McDaniel. Reserve breed champion: Matthew Wright.

**HAMPSHIRE Lightweight**

1. Caitlin Buckley; 2. Jason Wooten; 3. Wesley Mays; 4. Chris Hutson; 5. Kalissa Robertson; 6. Trevor Barnes; 7. Michael Gildewell; 8. Jeremy Simpson; 9. Kit Schulte; 10. Amy Matthews; 11. Wesley Wright; 12. Dominic Fortin; 13. Susan Kern; 14. Mary Bradley; 15. Sharla Kenworthy; 16. Carol Summers; 17. Chris Davis; 18. Stuart Sutton; 19. Stanton Wethington.

**Mediumweight**

1. Tucker Schumacher; 2. Amanda Russell; 3. Casey Hoelting; 4. Travis Bennett; 5. Toby Crow; 6. Mandy Birkenfeld; 7. Jason Aven; 8. Fred Reyna; 9. Kaci Schulte; 10. Dustan Buckley.

**Heavyweight**

1. Matthew Wright; 2. Jill Gfeller; 3. Tiffany Sanders; 4. Tye Baca; 5. Brian Simpson; 6. Tiffany Bradford; 7. Andy Hill; 8. Zachary Smith; 9. Cassie McLean; 10. Jimmy Ivey; 11. Daniel Matthews; 12. Michael Gildewell.

Breed champion: Matthew Wright. Reserve breed champion: Caitlin Buckley.

**POLANDS Lightweight**

1. Tucker Schumacher; 2. Derek Buckley; 3. Justin Hawkins; 4. Bridget Hochstein; 5. Jeff Bennett; 6. Angela Cartwright; 7. Travis Crow; 8. Chad Jennings; 9. Coby Summers; 10. Cassie Owen.

**Heavyweight**

1. Jennifer Wilhelm; 2. Matthew Kern; 3. Laci McLaurin; 4. Mekesha Atchley; 5. Tanya Leibell; 6. D'Lynn Hankins; 7. Joe Sanchez; 8. Sarah Olvera; 9. Brad Keel; 10. Tawnee Matthews; 11. Kyla Schacher.

Breed champion: Tucker Schumacher. Reserve breed champion: Derek Buckley.

**SPOTS Lightweight**

1. Andy Bennett; 2. Stacey Schulte; 3. Deacon Buckley; 4. Adam Schulte; 5. Evan Huseman; 6. B.J. Kern; 7. Mitchell Brockman.

**Heavyweight**

1. Chad Jennings; 2. Lyndy Mitchell; 3. Tanya Leibell; 4. Osbaldo

Carrasco; 5. Shelly Mayhew; 6. Ryan Harkins; 7. Lesley Brockman; 8. Lisa McLaurin.

Breed champion: Chad Jennings. Reserve breed champion: Lyndy Mitchell.

**YORKSHIRE Lightweight**

1. Dustin Ramaekers; 2. Summer McLean; 3. Tiffany Wilcox; 4. Kit Schulte; 5. Aaron Kern; 6. Tawnee Matthews; 7. Dagon Newton; 8. D'Lynn Hankins; 9. Michelle Davis; 10. Max Moore; 11. Tanner Self; 12. Amber Matthews.

**Mediumweight**

1. Jaret Schulte; 2. Charley Nutt; 3. Wesley Mays; 4. Phillip Michler; 5. Mandy Davis; 6. Summer McLean; 7. Mandy Birkenfeld; 8. Deacon Buckley; 9. Mark Mitchell; 10. Andy Hill; 11. Mikel Atchley.

**Heavyweight**

1. Jay McCormick; 2. Ashley Davis; 3. Daryl Pohlmeier; 4. Tiffany Bradford; 5. Zachary Smith; 6. Nathan Hoelting; 7. Gayla Reyna; 8. Vanessa Carrasco; 9. Casey Hoelting; 10. Travis Crow; 11. Ismael Carrasco; 12. Cameron Lust.

Breed champion: Jaret Schulte. Reserve breed champion: Jay McCormick.

**CROSSES Lightweight**

1. Jason Wooten; 2. Ky Kirby; 3. Daryl Pohlmeier; 4. Asia Kirby; 5. Mandy Davis; 6. Joey Flores; 7. Mandl Moore; 8. Coby Schacher; 9. Clay Hoelting; 10. Dustin Dyer; 11. Amy Pohlmeier; 12. Caitlin Buckley; 13. Taylor Matthews; 14. Carle Wethington.

**Mediumweight**

1. Colby McDaniel; 2. Travis Bennett; 3. Taylor Matthews; 4. Dustan Buckley; 5. Adam Schulte; 6. Max Moore; 7. Chris Davis; 8. Dominic Fortin; 9. Lynette Klemm; 10. Phil Thrasher; 11. Stacey Bennett; 12. Kalissa Robertson.

**Lighthweight**

1. Leon Birkenfeld; 2. Brian Simpson; 3. Tye Baca; 4. Sharla Kenworthy; 5. Tiffany Sanders; 6. Chad Rogers; 7. Timmy Barnes; 8. Stuart Sutton; 9. Matthew Olvera; 10. Wesley Wright; 11. Mary Bradley; 12. Stacey Schulte; 13. Daniel Matthews.

**Heavyweight**

1. Jay McCormick; 2. Stacy McDaniel; 3. Jason Aven; 4. Ismael Carrasco; 5. Greg Fuller; 6. Jill Gfeller; 7. Shawna Kenworthy; 8. Fred Reyna; 9. Lori Schulte; 10. Whitney Mitchell; 11. Sarah Olvera; 12. Trinity Robb; 13. Jennifer Bradford; 14. Jimmy Ivey.

Breed champion: Jay McCormick. Reserve breed champion: Jason Wooten.

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1. Carol Summers; 2. Cory Lust; 3. Taylor Matthews; 4. Tara Johnson; 5. Laura Birkenfeld.

**Heavyweight**

1. Chad Rogers; 2. Beau Hill; 3. Justin Sutton; 4. Coby Summers; 5. Kristen Hales; 6. Toby Crow.

Breed champion: Chad Rogers. Reserve breed champion: Beau Hill.

**CROSSES Lightweight**

1. Tawnee Matthews; 2. Tawnee Russell; 3. Cassidy Wilhelm; 4. Stuart Sutton; 5. Coby Schacher.

**Heavyweight**

1. Tye Baca; 2. Chad Rogers; 3. Carla Petty; 4. Jay McCormick; 5. Justin Sutton; 6. Jay McCormick.

Breed champion: Tye Baca. Reserve breed champion: Chad Rogers. **Grand champion: Tye Baca. Reserve grand champion: Chad Rogers. Junior showmanship: Carol Summers. Senior showmanship: Tye Baca.**

**Lambs FINEWOOL Lightweight**

1. Shawna Kenworthy; 2. Rose Wilhelm; 3. Tawnee Matthews; 4. Karmen Pohlmeier.

**Heavyweight**

1. Shaun Furr; 2. Wesley Mays; 3. Stanton Wethington; 4. Lauren Waggoner.

Breed champion: Shaun Furr. Reserve breed champion: Wesley Mays.

**FINEWOOL CROSS Lightweight**

1. Amy Fuller; 2. Shawn Pohlmeier; 3. Kori Bagley; 4. Carrie Bradley; 5. Sharla Kenworthy; 6. Tonya Powers; 7. Travis Crow; 8. Joey Flores; 9. Amber Matthews; 10. Amber Matthews; 11. Cliff Wright.

**Heavyweight**

1. Jay McCormick; 2. Wesley Wright; 3. Aaron Wilcox; 4. Mary Bradley; 5. Tait Crow; 6. Trinity Robb; 7. Asia Kirby; 8. Traci Knox; 9. Kodie Bagley; 10. Cody Annen; 11. Amanda Annen; 12. Lindsie Gerber; 13. Lindsie Gerber.

Breed champion: Jay McCormick. Reserve breed champion: Wesley Wright.

**MEDIUM WOOL Lightweight**

1. Jeremy Furr; 2. Shane Furr; 3. Lori Schulte; 4. Mary Bradley; 5. Kaci Schulte; 6. Shawna Kenworthy; 7. Trina Johnson; 8. A'lynn Garza; 9. Amanda Annen; 10. Chris Davis; 11. Taylor Matthews; 12. Justin Klemm; 13. Marcus Brockman; 14. Cliff Wright; 15. Ann Wilhelm; 16. Karen Wilhelm; 17. Karmen Pohlmeier; 18. Bryce Pohlmeier.

**Mediumweight**

1. Asia Kirby; 2. Dagon Newton; 3. Shaun Furr; 4. Amy Fuller; 5. Mark Lange; 6. Toby Crow; 7. Kori Bagley; 8. Becca Garza; 9. Shane Furr; 10. Clay Hoelting; 11. Matthew Wright; 12. Cody Annen; 13. Shawn Pohlmeier; 14. Clay Hoelting; 15. Reece Hales; 16. Becca Garza; 17. Taylor Matthews; 18. Sage Annen; 19. Dennis Birkenfeld; 20. Mark Lange.

**Lighthweight**

1. Wesley Mays; 2. Wesley Wright; 3. Ky Kirby; 4. Cassie McLean; 5. Ky

Kirby; 6. Cameron Lust; 7. Kodie Bagley; 8. Cody Davis; 9. Carla Petty; 10. Raymond Powers; 11. Carle Wethington; 12. Lyndee Behrends; 13. Cameron Lust; 14. Trina Johnson; 15. Marcus Brockman; 16. Casey Hoelting; 17. Tara Johnson; 18. Adam Acker; 19. Reece Hales.

**Heavyweight**

1. Jay McCormick; 2. Tait Crow; 3. Traci Hightower; 4. Dagon Newton; 5. Tiffany Wilcox; 6. Matthew Wright; 7. Carrie Bradley; 8. Scott Brockman; 9. Cassidy Wilhelm; 10. A'lynn Garza;

11. Jacy Buckley; 12. Traci Knox; 13. Aaron Hart; 14. Adam Acker; 15. Mandy Davis; 16. Cody Davis; 17. Cassidy Wilhelm; 18. Tara Klemm; 19. Scott Brockman; 20. Carle Wethington; 21. Lauren Waggoner.

**Heavyweight**

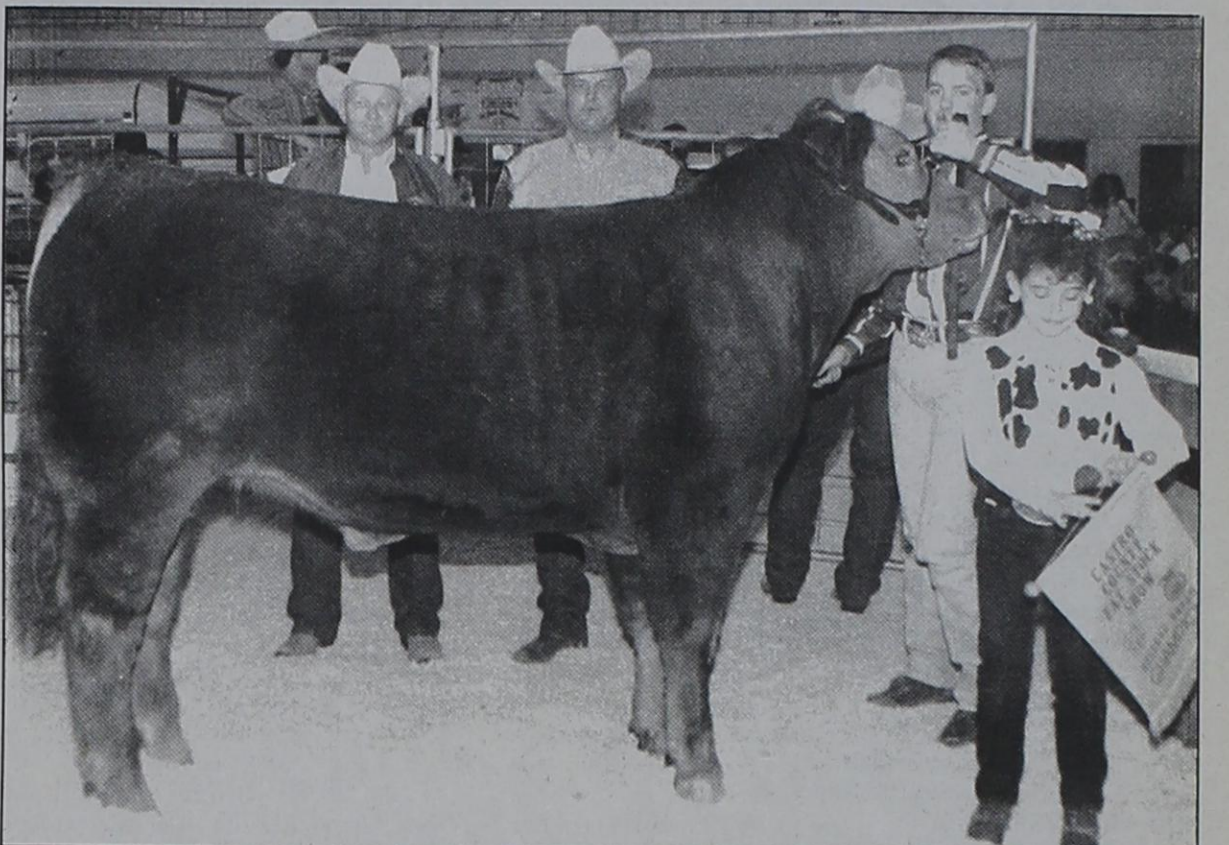
1. Justin Klemm; 2. Jeremy Furr; 3. Tara Klemm; 4. Aaron Hart; 5. Sage

Annen; 6. Sharla Kenworthy; 7. Travis Crow.

**Heavyweight**

1. Joey Flores; 2. Bryce Pohlmeier; 3. Brandon Furr; 4. Caitlin Buckley; 5. Trinity Robb.

Breed champion: Joey Flores. Reserve breed champion: Bryce Pohlmeier. **Grand champion: Asia Kirby. Reserve grand champion: Jay McCormick. Senior showmanship: Toby Crow. Junior showmanship: Wesley Wright.**



CHAD ROGERS (holding reins) exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The 1,260-lb. heavyweight Cross brought a bid of \$2.75 per pound from Gene Bradley (left) and Mike Baca (center). Also pictured is Raynee Bradley (holding banner). Photo by Anne Acker

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# Obituaries

## Leonard Dempsey

Leonard Dempsey, 74, of Dimmitt, died Monday.

Services were Wednesday at Ivey Chapel at Foskey Funeral Home with the Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Dempsey was born in Floyd County and moved to Dimmitt from Rogers, Ark., in 1939. He married Ruby Garrett on Nov. 17, 1945 in Bentonville, Ark. He was a Methodist, a retired truck driver, a US Army veteran of World War II, and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8056 in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Judy Ann Dempsey, in 1946, and a grandson, Joe Bob Schacher, in 1980.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Shirley Schacher of Nazareth, Linda King of Eldorado and Donna Sandoval of Mesquite; three sisters, Maudie Ownsby and Oleta Lynch of Amarillo and Telie Todd of Tyler; seven grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Don Hargrove, Nub Calhoun, Al Gibbs, Billy Hackleman, John Shelton and Bill Gregory.

The family requests memorials to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo 79101.

## Lisa Dodson

Lisa Dodson, 22, died Thursday.

Services were Saturday at Rocky Creek Cemetery at Lake Brownwood with the Rev. Kevin Hollowell officiating. Burial was by Davis-Morris Funeral Home.

She was born May 15, 1971, in Weisbaden, Germany. She lived in Brown County for the past three years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her parents, Jerry and Evelyn Dodson of Lake Brownwood; two sisters, Amy Dodson and Jennifer Dodson, both of Lake Brownwood; one brother, Clint Dodson of Lake Brownwood; and her grandparents, Lela Jane Dodson of Levelland and D.C. and Virginia Taylor of Dimmitt.

## Glyn Kirby

Glyn Stanton Kirby, 87, of Lubbock, died Tuesday.

Services were Wednesday in Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in City of Lubbock Cemetery.

She was born in Mount Vernon and moved to Lubbock in 1992 from Pampa. She married Turner Kirby on Nov. 28, 1928 in Lubbock. He preceded her in death. She worked in farming and ranching in Gray County. She was a member of the Cattlewoman's Association in Pampa. She was a charter member of Los Pampas DAR and United Women's Society of Pampa First United Methodist Church, and a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class at the church.

Survivors include two nephews, Jay Stanton of Shallowater and Tommy Stanton of Dimmitt; and a sister-in-law, Jewell Allen of Shallowater.

Pallbearers were Jay Kent Stanton, Steve Stanton, Adrian Stanton, Bud McLain, Joseph Reed and Brian Davis.

## John Marsh Jr.

John William Marsh Jr., 73, died Jan. 15, 1994, in Sallisaw, Okla.

Services were Jan. 19 at the US National Cemetery in Fort Smith, Ark., with the Rev. Billy Ray Jackson officiating.

Mr. Marsh was born April 4, 1920, in Moody. He was a retired truck driver and a police officer. He was a Baptist and a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include three sisters, Frances Comer of Gans, Okla., Margaret Cline of San Ramon, Calif., and Nellie Jones of Lufkin; a brother, Jimmy Don Marsh of Granbury; and many nieces and nephews, including Jackie Smothermon of Dimmitt.

## Juan Samarron

Juan Samarron Jr., 30, of Friona, died Feb. 9.

He was the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Ysrael Salinas of Dimmitt.

Services were Saturday at Templo Bautista Church in Friona with the Rev. Raymond Asebedo, pastor, and the Rev. Donny Carrasco of Lubbock officiating. Burial was in Friona Cemetery by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home.

Mr. Samarron was born Jan. 23, 1964 in Friona. He worked at Parmer County Pump Co. He married Sandra Ramos on June 26, 1993. He was an accomplished powerlifter, and won numerous awards in powerlifting. He was a member of the United States Powerlifting Federation. Mr. Samarron was an all-district football player his junior and senior years.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Sue Haye, Monica and Hillary, all of Friona; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Juan Samarron Sr., of Friona; two brothers, Jose Samarron and Richard Samarron, both of Friona; and two sisters, Delia Samarron and Elvira Arellano, both of Friona.

## Laquita Thacker

Laquita Johnson Thacker, 62, of Lawton, Okla., died Feb. 2.

Services were Feb. 5 at First Baptist Church East in Lawton with the Rev. Doug Passmore, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial Gardens by Becker Funeral Home.

Mrs. Thacker was born March 18, 1931 in Dimmitt. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1948. She attended Draughon's Business College in Lubbock and received her degree in sociology from Cameron University in 1986.

She married Warren F. Thacker on Dec. 1, 1950. He died on May 1, 1980. She moved to Lawton in 1960. She was retired from civil service at Fort Sill. She was working in the health and physical education department at Cameron University at the time of her death. She was a volunteer secretary for Cache Road Baptist Church for five years, and taught Sunday School for many years. She was a member of First Baptist Church East and the auxiliary of Disabled Veterans of America.

Survivors include a son, Warren Thacker Jr., of Lawton; a daughter, Terry Wilson of Lawton; four sisters, Aline Martinson of Grants, Neb., Imogene McKinney of Bridge City, Melba Smith of Georgetown and Beverly Russell of Lubbock; a brother, Jimmie Johnson of Lubbock; and five grandchildren.

## TDH plans blood pressure clinic today at CCSSC

A special blood pressure screening clinic will be held today (Thursday) from 9 a.m. to noon at the Castro County Senior Citizens Center.

The clinic is being sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Health. TDH staffers plan to conduct a blood pressure clinic the second Thursday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center.

Any resident of any age may come to the clinic for a blood pressure check.

## O'Neal Watson

O'Neal Watson, 86, of Amarillo, died Thursday.

Services were Monday at Memorial Park Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Amarillo with Dr. James Garret and Dr. Harold Daniel of Polk Street United Methodist Church in Amarillo, and the Rev. L.R. Green, chaplain at Northwest Texas Hospital and pastor of Pleasant Valley Assembly of God in Amarillo, officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Watson was born in Silverton and moved to Amarillo in 1937 from Tulia. He married Cleora Turner in 1938. She died in 1978. He married Sallie Brashears Northern, longtime Dimmitt resident, in 1978 at Pampa. He was owner of West Texas Barber College for many years. He was a Methodist, a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Khiva Shrine Temple, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, and was past president of the Texas Barber College Association.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Donna Faye Mitchell, in 1987.

Survivors include his wife; a son, James S. Watson of Amarillo; a brother, Obra Watson of Silverton; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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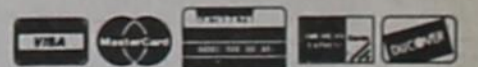
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## Umbarger farm raises chickens old-fashioned way

■ 'Full Season' farm believes its chickens to be 'full flavored'

By GORDON ZEIGLER  
AgReview Writer

**UMBARGER** — Full Season Farms, a country 'supermarket' catering to seekers of so-called "natural chicken," has found success off the beaten path on the Chris Wieck family farm near this tiny West Texas community.

Its success over three and one-half years of operation has proven that a mesh of old ways and direct farm-to-customer marketing succeeds when you're producing a product that consumers are hungry for.

Full Season Farms is a good example of how farmer and consumer both win by cutting out the middleman.

Wieck's Full Season Farm was the first small-sized chicken processors to go into business in 1994.

Since, it has become a beacon for throngs of chicken consumers from as far away as Lubbock, Amarillo, Hereford and surrounding towns.

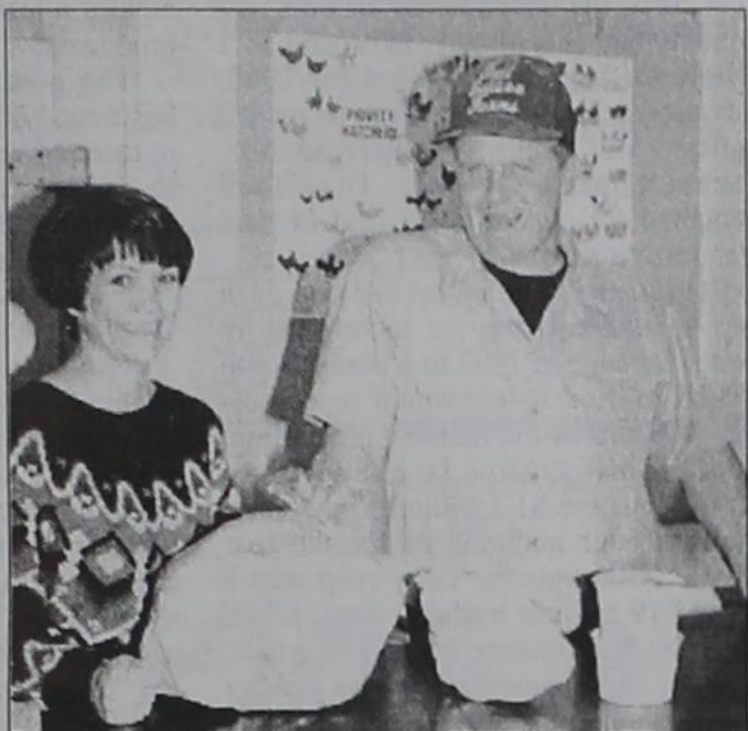
Their experience in selling direct to the housewife has taught the Wiecks about some food qualities that consumers think are missing from store-bought chicken today.

"Some have simply told us they had trouble eating meat they bought in the store," says Mrs. Wieck.

In spite of its apparent wholesomeness, the mass produced chicken just doesn't satisfy the palate with the texture and taste of farm-fed chickens, she believes. And, many chicken consumers want that today.

Chris also discovers that

### AgReview



**COUNTRY MARKET** -- Sara and Chris Wieck sell fresh chickens at a specialty meat shop located on their farm near Canyon and Umbarger.

direct marketing has helped him put out what he considers to be a superior poultry product at a price very close to today's supermarket fryer.

He admits prices have to be a bit higher, however.

"Our pork and beef prices are exactly the same as in the store," he explains. "But the reason we have to price the chicken the way

we do is to get a fair return on our money."

"We're not doing 100,000 birds a day," said Wieck. "To get a fair return on our labor it is higher. Some cuts are about the same price, but the average is 30 percent higher."

Wieck cites prices by one natural chicken firm in

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### Espy gives preview of renewed Water Act

AUSTIN (AP) — U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy says the Clinton administration is focused on bringing the most fundamental services to rural areas desperate for doctors, telephone lines and clean, running water.

Espy on Wednesday of last week addressed a conference at the University of Texas titled "Agriculture and Clean Water."

He praised farmers "as some of the greatest friends of the environment" and called on them to be the leaders in a voluntary effort to preserve water tables in rural areas.

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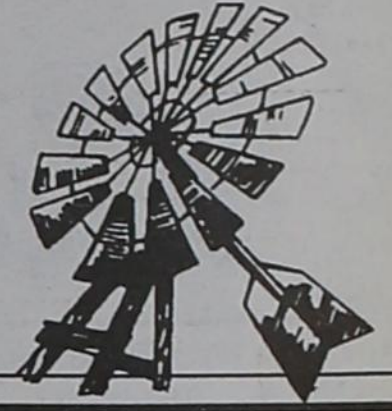
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## Sizing up Texas ag for '93

By CARL ANDERSON  
A&M Marketing Specialist

**T**exas' 1994 agricultural income may remain close to the welcomed improvement in 1993 over the year before. Last year, income received a much needed boost from higher beef cattle prices and a bumper cotton crop in West Texas.

This year, agricultural marketing statewide look favorable because strong prices for rice, corn, sorghum and cotton should more than offset slightly lower prices projected for cattle.

Net income, however, will probably remain stable as high production costs and lower government payments absorb most, if not all, of the gain from sales. A year-round marketing plan that captures higher crop prices by using forward pricing strategies appears highly advisable. With no set aside (ARP) for grain, good yields could drive prices much lower by harvest.

However, timely rains will be needed during the growing season. The western half of Texas started the year very short on moisture. Subsoil moisture is scarce over most of the state because of limited rain this winter.

Texas ranks second only to California in total ag sales. Because of productive soils, a favorable climate, diversified production, and an excellent market infrastructure — including favorable export facilities, the future of Texas agriculture looks good. Characteristics of progressive agricultural operations include diversification of enterprises, integration into businesses beyond the farm gate ownership in supply and service firms, and in some processing such as ginning, transportation and

storage. These operators use "top-notch" production and price risk management practices that are implemented through informed management decisions.

Texas' 1993 agricultural income is estimated to show a welcomed 8 percent increase over 1992 to \$13.4 billion. But, with higher farm and ranch input costs, the state's net ag income will probably rise only slightly to around \$3.2 billion, up from \$2.9 billion for 1992. Net income represents returns to owned equity and land, family labor, management and risk. Livestock accounted for almost 60 percent of total sales last year.

Cotton, the state's number one cash crop, recovered from the record loss in planted acreage in 1992 to a bumper crop of 5.15 million bales, which represents almost a third of the nation's production. As a result, cotton is expected to contribute some \$1.5 billion to ag sales, compared with about \$1 billion the year before. Although the corn crop was a record 219 million bushels, weak prices at harvest held income back. The wheat, sorghum and peanut crops were smaller with prices weak early in 1993. Rice income started the year slow but finished with the best prices in a long time, with a crop at 16.1 million cwt., 21 percent less than 1992. A poor rice crop in Japan triggered a price rally and opened the door for expanded rice exports.

Livestock income increased to around \$7.7 billion, largely because of higher prices for beef, broilers, eggs and hogs. Lower prices, however, reduced income from milk. Sales from sheep and goats were down because of weak prices.

Beef cattle, representing over 45 percent of the state's agriculture, gained in cash sales to total about \$6 billion, mostly because of strong prices. A large

beef cow herd and a strong cattle feeding business work hand-in-hand to boost the state's agriculture.

Cattle feeding in the Texas Panhandle provides a substantial amount of added value to the cattle ranching sector that produces calves in support of the feedlots. Also, the feeding of cattle creates a sizable market for Texas grain producers.

The greenhouse and plant nursery business, with an estimated \$650 million in receipts, remains strong and has grown to be the state's second largest crop in terms of cash sales. Vegetable and fruit operations are good. The 1993 pecan crop was especially large. Grower prices were low, while retail prices were high.

The ag-related activities — such as leases for hunting, fishing, outdoor recreation, horses for recreation, timber and exotic animals — are expected to pitch in some \$1 billion to total ag sales. Because the state's economy is experiencing a modest recovery, recreational activities are expanding as urban dwellers seek to enjoy nature and the "outdoors." Leasing land for hunting and fishing is a growing part of the ag economy.

Wildlife management is gaining considerable interest among landowners as the potential to increase income from harvesting wildlife looks bright. For example, with the supervision of Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists and cooperation of landowners, the wild turkey population is rapidly expanding across much of the state. The loss of the wool and mohair incentive payments is expected to be largely replaced by increasing the use of Texas' large land base for improved wild game production and resulting lease income.

## Hog production should decrease 5 percent in 1994

The December Hogs and Pigs report indicated that pork producers actually farrowed 5 percent less sows during the September-November farrowing period than a year ago. This could be construed that pork producers' profits were being squeezed by the market and that they had chosen to cut back production.

But pork producers indicate they plan to increase the number of sows farrowed during the December 1993-February 1994 period by some 2 percent. What's up? Are they going to liquidate or are they going to expand? Probably for 1994, pork production will be slightly less than the 17.03 pounds produced in 1993, since in keeping with the decrease, expand, decrease, expand tendencies, pork producers indicate that sow farrowing intentions for the March-May period will be 3 percent less than a year ago.

It does appear that pork producers intend to reduce production in 1994, to produce about 16.7 billion pounds. The breeding herd size at 7.03 million head was the smallest reported since the March 1991 report. The trend to smaller breeding herds has been going on since peaking at 7.53 million head in June 1992. The September-November 1993 pig crop was estimated at 22.91 million head. This represented a 5 percent decrease from 1992 and a 2 percent decrease from 1991. The USDA December 1 Hogs and Pigs report had some interesting statistics concerning litter size. For the September-November period, pigs saved per litter was 8A5 head, which tied the record set a year ago. But, here is the interesting part — "pigs saved per litter by size of operation was 7.3 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs in inventory on December 1; 7.6 pigs per litter for operations with 1499 head; 8.0 pigs per litter for operations with 500-999 head; 8.1 pigs per litter for operations with 1,000-1,999 head; and 8.5 pigs per litter for operations with 2000 head and more." This shows some economies of size and the reason for the trend to larger-sized operations. Larger operations generally translate to fewer operations if supply increases are not accompanied with increases in demand. The smaller, less efficient operations lost out to the larger,



### LIVESTOCK MARKET UPDATE

Dr. Ernie Davis

more efficient reduced supplies of Choice beef and pork in the first half of 1993. Also boosting 1993 hog prices were a recovering economy and another year of narrowing Ktail pork pricespreads.

The retail spread declined about 5 percent in 1993 and about 4 percent in 1992. The smaller retail price spreads indicate retail grocers are taking a smaller proportion of the dollars consumers spend on pork. Usually a declining retail spread occurs when retailers are featuring specials on a particular item. Because pork supplies have been abundant the past two years, retailers have been more prone to offer specials on pork.

Retail pork prices averaged \$1.98 per pound in 1993, the same as 1992. The winter storms of 1993 reduced pork supplies during the first haU of 1993, but not as much as the impact on beef supplies. Consequently, per capita pork supplies were not affected as much as per capita beef supplies and retailers featured more pork specials during that peAod. During the last haU of 1993, Choice beef supplies increased making wholesale beef prices more competitive to wholesale pork prices. Pork, therefore, became less attractive as a special feature and retailers switched to beef for variety. Pork retail prices increased and averaged about 3 percent above a year earlier in the fourth quarter.

The U.S. inventory of hogs and pigs on December

1, 1993 was estimated at 56.8 million head, down 2 percent from both a year ago and 1991. Market hogs numbered 49.8 million head, down 2 percent from 1992 and down 1 percent from 1991. U.S. breeding hogs totaled 7.03 million head, down 1 percent from a year ago and down 3 percent from 1991. The U.S. pig crop for September through November 1993 totaled 22.9 million head, 5 percent lower than last year and 2 percent below 1991. Sows farrowing during this period numbered 2.85 million head, 5 percent below the same period in 1992 and 4 percent below 1991 levels. The average litter size during the period was 8.05 pigs, the same as last year's record setting litter size. First quarter (January through March) of 1994 marketings will come primarily from the June through August 1993 pig crop and those market hogs weighing over 60 pounds on December 1.

The June through August 1993 pig crop was 2 percent less than a year ago and the number of pigs weighing over 60 pounds were down 1 percent. Also, towards the end of the first quarter, supplies of market hogs should be available from the earlier portion of the September through November 1993 pig crop.

The pig crop for that period was 22.91 million head, down 5 percent from last year. Market hog supplies during the first quarter should be 2 percent lower than a year ago. Second Quarter Marketings Second quarter (April through June) of 1994 marketings will come primarily from the U.S. September through November 1993 pig crop which was reported at 22.91 million head, down 5 percent. Towards the end of the second quarter, market hog supplies will come from the earlier farrowing of the December 1993 through February 1994 period. U.S. farrowing intentions for this period were to farrow 2.85 million sows, 2 percent more than last year. Market hog supplies for the second quarter of 1994 therefore, should be 3 to 4 percent below second quarter 1993 production levels.

(Dr. Ernie Davis, Livestock Marketing Specialist with Texas A&M, is an authority on hog markets)





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## Farm

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Sara Wieck discussed a family tradition of raising and processing family farm chickens stretching back almost two decades — long before their decision to go into business.

"We had always raised and dressed our own chickens," explained Sara Wieck. "We frequently heard comments from guests that our chickens tasted much better than what was available in the market."

From these reactions over the years came their basic business plan.

They've learned that old ways still work fine when it comes to the raising chickens, turkeys and beef, believe the Wiecks.

Chickens, turkeys and beef are all fed on the same real estate from which they are ultimately sold in finished form — as finished fryers and select cuts of beef. Their animals consume just about all the feed grown right on the Wieck farm.

The Wiecks became the first small to medium-sized operation in Texas licensed to process chickens. Outside their own planned operation, only mega-sized plants owned downstate by Tyson and Bo Pilgrim had survived in a market catering to Texas consumers.

Wieck processes 250 once a week while the majors are turning out more 100,000 daily.

The Wiecks believe the qualities that separate their chicken from the rest of the pack are easy to see:

Their flock of 400-500 Cornish Rocks peck for feed in pens located right on the ground. Unlike their cooped up cousins on some poultry farms, the Wieck chickens scratch eat and get plenty of sunlight on their farm.

"The chickens are cleaner and healthier on the ground. You can actually see and taste the difference when you process and

cook the meat," claims Sara Wieck, who had experience providing farm-grown chickens for the family dinner table for years before the practice became a trademark of their new ag venture here in 1990. Their cattle are also cotted.

All Wieck cattle are hand picked for superior breed characteristics, and they seem thrive on a regimen of grains — and another Full Season Farms special ingredient, fresh turnips — all grown right on the farm.

Judging from their firm customer base, the Wiecks have developed a following among West Texas homemakers, caterers and restaurants over the past three and one-half years.

Amarillo restaurants including the Big Texan, Chez 'La A and Back to Eden serve their chicken.

From their meat counters, the Wiecks offer whole, cut up or split chicken. They also offer packs of boneless breasts as well as drumsticks. In the months of November and December, regular customers clamor for other farm-fed turkeys. Due to growing demand, they've added to their turkey flocks by 100-200 Broad Breasted White turkeys every year to meet demand.

Beef offerings include quartered beef, roast, steaks and hamburger. They put the same care into the beeves they raise, which are custom processed in the area.

They sell smoked, dried Swiss Sausage and Summer Sausage using their own family recipes passed down for generations, which are low in salt, and high on fresh garlic and pepper. Several Amarillo caterers purchase their product, and it is distributed through Eat Right Health Promotion Centers.

Their main outlet is their own on-farm market located right on their land.

Full Season Farms is open to customers every Saturday. During the week they are glad to serve customers by appointment.

For them, the direct marketing of products has added a special dimension to farming that both husband and wife seem to like.

"We really like selling our product that way," explained Mrs. Wieck. "Our store is right here with our plant, just north of our house," Sara explained.

Meeting the public has been especially rewarding, she says.

Her husband agrees.

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# Farm

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"You get to meet your customers," he says. "I had always heard some say they don't like to deal with the public, that people are hard to deal with. That's not the case."

As a farmer, he says he missed out on the opportunity to sell commodities direct to the end user.

"You go to the auction and sell our livestock or to the elevator and market through regular channels," he said. "It's a lot different when you have 300 or 400 customers instead of two."

It's not unusual, Weick says,

to see a family come out to purchase 125 chickens and a half beef to stock the family freezer. Sara says the typical customer comes out every week or two to shop for chicken breasts, roast and steak.

She remembers the week the venture started — it was kicked off with a very small advertisement in the Canyon newspaper.

"It was a real simple ad," recalled Sara. "We said, 'We'll raise chickens like you used to raise if you ever lived on a farm.' We said we'd process them for them if they'd place an order. And that we'd deliver them on a certain date."

Sara said she was very surprised by the response.

"It just confirmed to us that there was a market for this type meat, that people were hungry for this type thing."

Many things go into to making Full Season Meat than meats the eye at the meat counter, explains Weick.

It all has to do with some technical practices in processing — chickens are hung up briefly to drain, ensuring very little blood residue, especially around the bones. Birds are scalded, and, unlike in automated plants, all birds are hand-eviscerated, ensuring that visceral contents are sanitarly separated from the meat by hand. Automated evisceration heightens the possibility of bursting, Weick believes.

Before eviscerating, chickens are sprayed with a mist of water, not floated in water vats. This eliminates the process of adding water content to the meat, which consumers pay for in a per-pound basis.

After processing, birds are quickly chilled, butchered, frozen, then vacuum packed and quick-frozen.

"The difference in the finished product is in the texture of the meat," claims Sara. "It is not spongy or mushy. And a lot of those qualities result from how it is processed. WE designed our plant to eliminate a lot of these problems we heard about in large plants."

Despite his success in poultry, Wieck says his mainstay continues to be the cattle business.

Spin-offs of his poultry operation include the fact he now farms about half the number of acres he used to.

What he does now is just as intense as farming, if not moreso. But it has helped him achieve other goals.

"Chris likes the meat business," explains Sara. "It is important to us to do what we like and have time for our family. So that is how we structured our business."

"We like the fun of living in a small community," she adds. "Dealing with public is something I really like to do. We want to be able to make a living and have the kind of lifestyle that is pretty stress free and flexible. The personal goals we have set are happening for us."

Daughter Salem, 15; and Seth, 13; work in Full Season Farms, and

frequently drive a tractor on the farm, but are also busy with other high school activities.

"This fits in absolutely perfectly with our operation," explained Chris. "I couldn't ask for anything more. The income and return and everything has exceeded what we expected."

Spinoffs have been many.

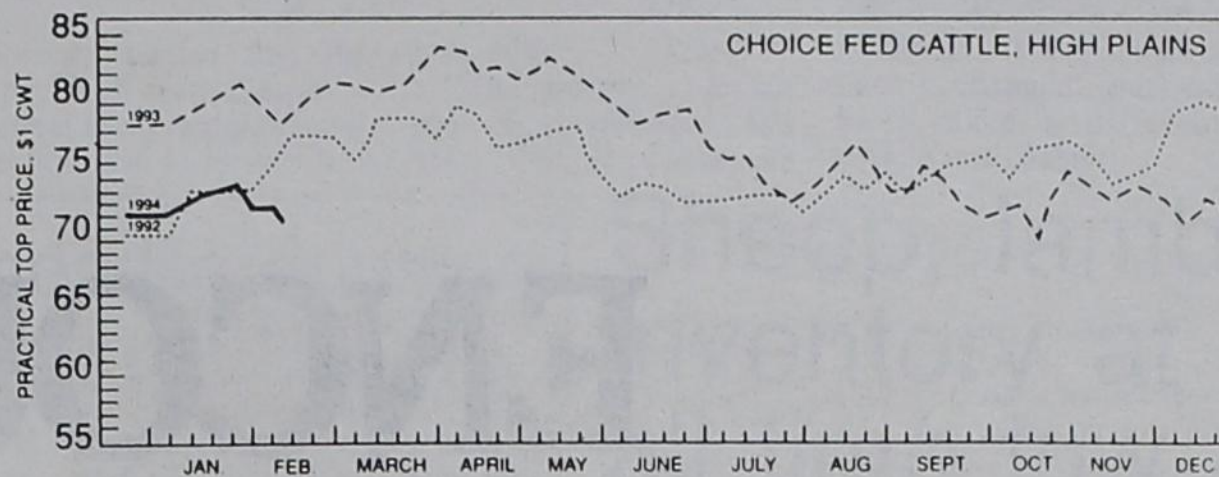
"Our soil has improved," commented Mrs. Weick. "We are cutting down on the number of acres we farm and still making a living. Our soil quality has improved — we grow everything on the farm. Our animal waste is recycled. We have been able to apply better management techniques."

The Wieck family has farmed near Umbarger since around 1920. His grandfather was a German immigrant who met and married the daughter of Swiss Immigrants and settled in the Texas Panhandle.

Chris farmed all his life, entering his first farm partnership at the age of 14. The couple began their family farm about 17 years ago, shortly after Sara's graduation from Hereford School and Chris from The couple has been very active in community and ag activities over the years.

Their new business was a member of the Texas

# Business Highlights



Courtesy Texas Cattle Feeders Association, Amarillo

## Choice fed cattle, High Plains

The above report reflects market activity through Feb. 11.

Department of Agriculture's Taste of Texas promotion and they have appeared at numerous industry trade shows.

Apart from his poultry business Chris is involved in cattle raising and is a volunteer fireman in Umbarger. He has served on the board of the Texas Farm Bureau.

Sara has just completed her term as president of the Canyon United Way Campaign. She recently was appointed as the first woman to fill a position on the Palo Duro Soil and Water Conservation District Board. She is active in the Canyon Independent School

District PTA organization.

Crops raised on the farm are used in their entirety as feed. That includes wheat, triticale and some milo. They put up their own ensilage for cattle. They also raise turnips.

"We feed turnips because cattle really gain on that and it is a good winter crop," she said.

They also raise the hay grazer, Sudex.

As for the future, they say they would be pleased to see their children come back to help run the business, but that's up to them, Weick said.

"We just want to keep

this going at about the same size," he says. "If the children ever came back to help run the business, we might consider an expansion at that time."

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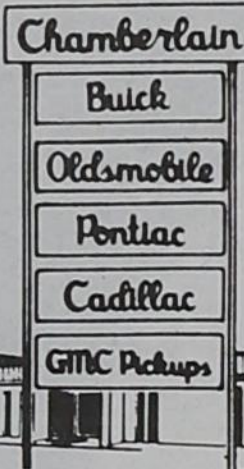
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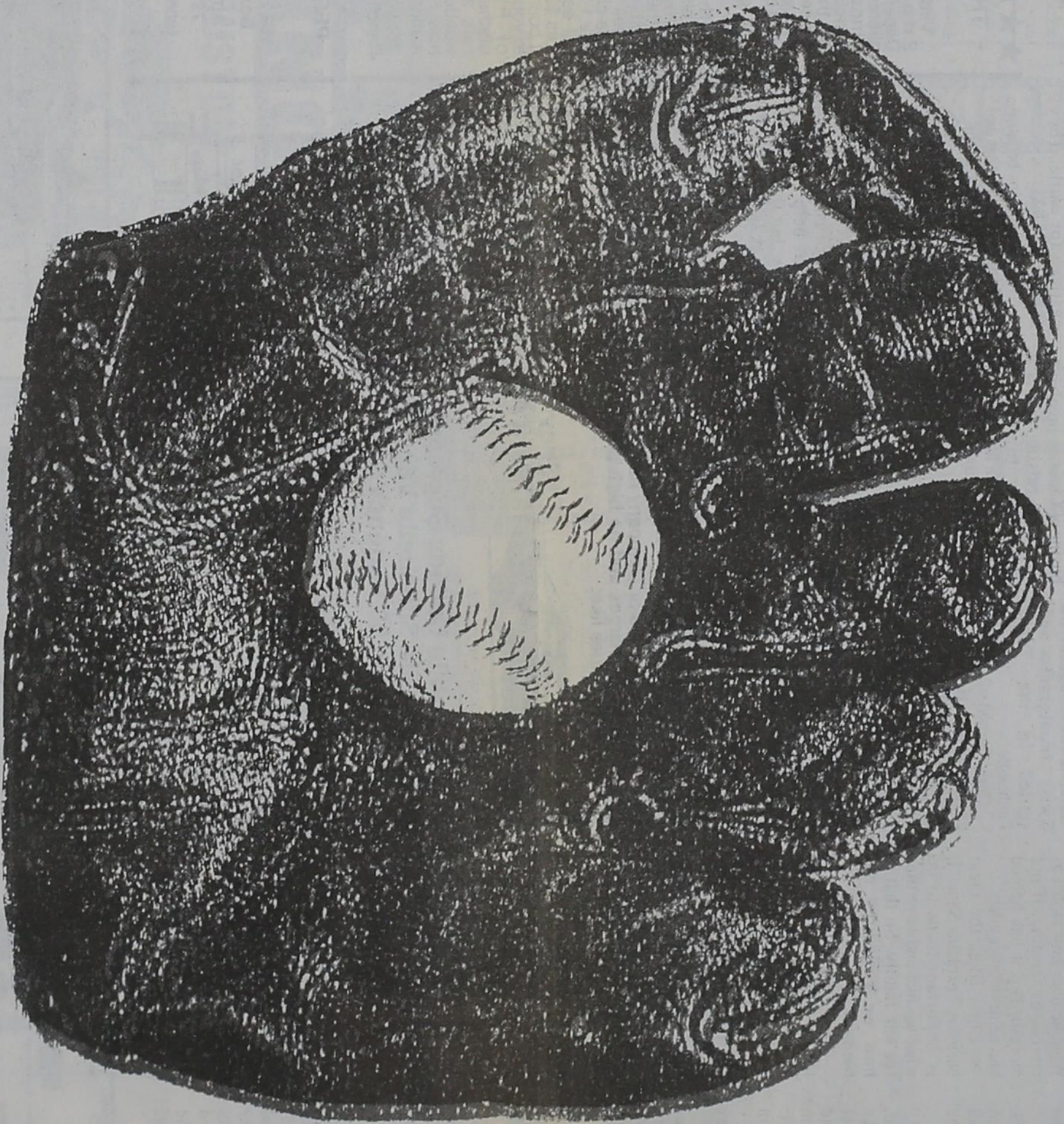
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# Babbitt to give councils say on rangeland policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interior Department said today it planned to give local advisory councils broad authority to develop rangeland protection plans, including policies on grazing.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, in a speech in Colorado, said the proposal reflects the view that "those closest to the land, those who live on the land, are in the best position to care for it."

The proposal would require that the local advisory boards include a cross section of representatives from ranchers and timber interests to sportsmen and

environmentalists.

Babbitt, in an address to the Society of Range Management in Colorado

Springs, denied that the approach represents a retreat in his rangeland protection plan to be unveiled

next month. "The process ... is not one of compromise. It's been one of consensus

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## A&M's James Bordovsky wins top research honors

HALFWAY — James P. Bordovsky of Plainview has received the 1994 Vice Chancellor's Award in Excellence for Research Support from the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.



**BORDOVSKY**

THE AWARD was given at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station 1994 Science Conference at Texas A&M Jan. 11.

Bordovsky is an agricultural engineer and associate research scientist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Lubbock. He was cited for his achievements in testing variations and management criteria for Low Energy

Precision Application (LEPA) irrigation, a concept being installed by growing numbers of irrigators.

He was also integrally involved in development of the Multi-function Irrigation System and several innovations in chemigation technology.

A NATIVE of Mart, Bordovsky is co-author of more than 60 publications resulting from his research, as well as the co-holder of three U.S. patents and one foreign patent.

He began working for the Lubbock station in 1978 as a research agricultural engineer after receiving his master's degree in agricultural engineering from Texas A&M in 1978. He had received his bachelor's degree there in 1976.

## Sheep, lamb inventory at all time low

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. sheep and lamb inventory at the first of this year totaled 9.08 million head, down 9 percent from the record low set the previous year.

The value of sheep and lambs totaled \$638.6 million, also 9 percent below a year earlier, said a recent report by the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average value per head was \$70, 10 cents above a year earlier.

"Stock sheep inventory decreased to 7.24 million head on Jan. 1, 1994, down 11 percent from 8.14 million last year," the report said. "This is the lowest level ever recorded. Ewes one-year-old and older, at 5.79 million head, were down 10 percent. This compares with the previous record low of 6.42 million head set last year."

Sheep and lambs on feed for the slaughter market in the 27 major producing states totaled 1.84 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier.

The 1993 lamb crop of 6.31 million head was down 13 percent from 1992, comparing with the lowest level of 7.21 million head set in 1988.

The 1993 lambing rate was 98 per 100 ewes one-year-old and older on hand, compared with 102 on hand as of Jan. 1, 1992.

The number of operations with sheep during 1993 totaled 98,230, down 3 percent from 1992 and is also a record low.

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# Writer uncovers story behind American french fry

By TIMOTHY EGAN

C. '93 New York Times

OTHELLO — More than 30 years ago, the king of fast food hamburgers and the patriarch of potatoes came together for a meeting that would change the American meal and create a new breed of corporate farmer.

Ray Kroc, founder of McDonald's nationwide restaurant chain, and J.R. Simplot, the food processing and chemical magnate in Idaho, forged a deal to make perfect french-fried potatoes — upright, bright, cheap and free of molds.

They would look the same whether they were sold on the Jersey shore or in a drive-through in Idaho.

The potatoes would grow

in the dry, volcanic soil of the inland Pacific Northwest, then be washed, sliced, cooked, and frozen in factories in this region before being shipped to fast-food outlets from sea to shining sea.

The combination of cheap federal hydroelectric power and irrigation water made this desert region perfect for the operation, and by the mid-1980s, more than six billion pounds of potatoes were being processed by 10 big factories owned by different companies in the Columbia River Basin, providing America with most of its french fries.

But the process of making one fry look exactly like another has come at a big

cost, according to a new report on the potato processing industry.

The demand for uniformity has created an industry that is heavy on chemicals, wastes half of every potato it processes and pollutes underground water supplies, according to the Columbia Basin Institute, a research group in Portland, Ore.

Its study was financed in part by grants from the Ford Foundation, the Aspen Institute and the Bullitt Foundation of Seattle, which is concerned with environmental issues in the Northwest.

"If you want to produce most of America's french fries this way, you should have to pay the costs — social, environmental and other," said Bill Bean,

founder of the institute and co-author of the study. "We've got a uniform french fry, but it came with a lot of hidden costs."

Industry leaders say much of the criticism is wrong or misleading. They say they have cleaned up many of the water problems, investing millions of dollars to better dispose of the water used to wash and cook a perfect fry.

They say they provide more than 4,000 year-round jobs, among the best-paying in the low-skill farm sector, mainly to Mexican immigrants.

And they say they have kept alive rural communities that otherwise might have had severe unemployment and a declining tax base.

The french fry production industry here has prospered in part because of public works projects that produce cheap electrical power and bring water to what was once an unpopulated desert.

More than 50 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt envisioned the Columbia Basin as a haven for Dust Bowl refugees who could farm the desert with

the help of irrigation water provided by federal dams and reservoirs.

The laws were written so that people who own and run small farms would be the primary beneficiaries of federal water projects coming from Grand Coulee Dam and other big dams on the Columbia River.

But over the last 30 years, the number of small farms in this region have all but disappeared, replaced by large corporate farms that have the necessary capital to pay for the heavy fertilizers and chemicals needed in growing the thick Russet potato that is used for making french fries.

Before the mass marketing of frozen fries, about 1,000 farmers grew a variety of potatoes on 20,000 acres in this area; now, half as many farmers grow mostly Russet Burbank potatoes on 115,000 acres.

The irrigated farm land in the Columbia Basin is second only to the Imperial Valley of Southern California in size and the amount of support it receives from the federal government. State funds from Washington and Ore-

gon were also used to lure the processors here.

Bean says these subsidies are "an unnecessary and gratuitous use of public funds."

The french fry producers say they probably would have come here even without the government enticements. But as long as the subsidies were offered, they said, they took them.

"We would be the first to admit that we're not perfect," said William Voss, president of McCain Foods, a large processor that received a \$5 million loan from Washington State. "But this is an industry that has brought thousands of well-paying, year-round jobs to this region."

Community leaders tend to agree with Voss.

What the government has helped to produce, in large part, is an industry that might never have come into existence if Americans did not have such a love affair with burgers and french fries.

Before the perfect fry was created, most fast food restaurants employed teenagers to wash, peel and cook fresh french fries.

## WATER

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Under a plan known as the Reauthorized Clean Water Act, Espy said the government hopes to enlist local help in locating and repairing impaired watersheds. The plan would be aided by federal dollars and take up to 15 years to be completed, he said.

Espy also said Congress is working on a plan originated by U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Texas, aimed

at downsizing the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

About \$2.3 billion can be saved through maneuvers that include downsizing the number of agencies comprising the USDA from 43 to 30 and by cutting 7,500 staff years, according to Espy aides.

"We have 11,000 county offices and there are only 3,600 counties and parishes in America. Very gently, we must cut down," Espy said.

Espy encouraged rural

cities to apply for federal assistance through a program that will target enterprise zones and provide about \$38 million to build infrastructure and create jobs.

As he concluded his 25-minute speech, Espy plugged Clinton's widely debated health plan as "full of tremendous incentives" for rural areas.

"There are incentives for emerging young doctors to relocate in rural areas," Espy said.

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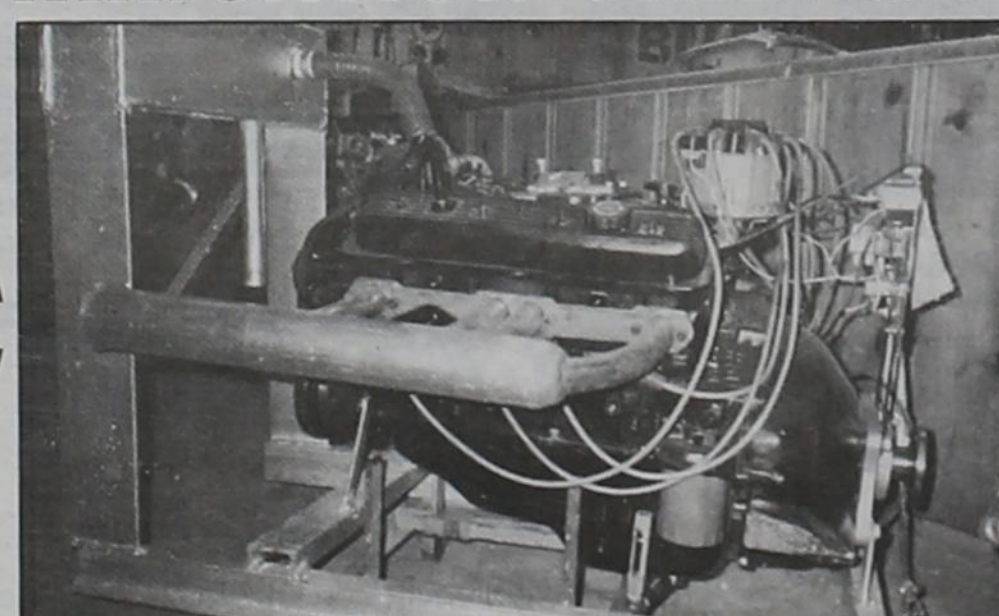
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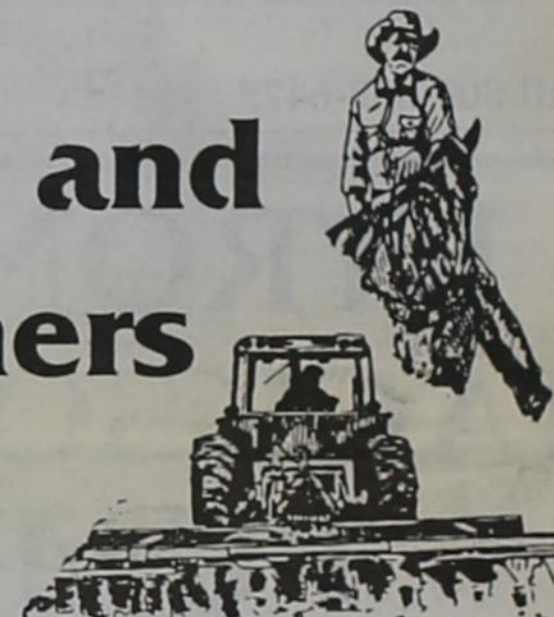
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