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TEEN COURT volunteers conduct a mock trial during their first training session Monday evening in the District Court room. Except for attorney Jack Edwards, who serves as the Teen Court judge, all those involved in the mock trial are teenagers—the defense attorneys (left foreground),

prosecuting attorneys (right foreground), court clerk (left), defendant (center), bailiff (right, next to judge), and the all-important jurors (background), who assess the sentence. When the Teen Court gets underway "for real," all trials will be closed to the public.

Photo by Don Nelson

Profits, electric deregulation and water management TCGA ready for challenges in 25th year

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That's what every good business person strives for and agricultural producers are no different.

Speakers addressing the Texas Corn Growers Association Tuesday, agreed that putting profit into production agriculture is one of the biggest challenges facing the industry over the coming years.

"The best rural development is a good farm bill and profit. It's a shame that these days you look upon prisons and other things as a part of rural development. It should be profit because if you make money, everyone will make money because you'll be spending that money," said Gary Goldberg, president of the American Corn Growers Association.

The Texas Corn Growers Association held its 25th annual meeting Tuesday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and Goldberg was one of several speakers featured on the morning agenda. Others were Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, former Farm Service Agency State Director Harold Bob Bennett, Washington consultant David Senter, Ken Carver with the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District and Charles Castleberry with Swisher Electric Cooperative.

"We have to take pride in what we do," said Goldberg. "There are three things that people need to survive: air, water and food. God provides the first two. You help provide the third. You should take pride in the fact that you're not only feeding this country, but much of the world. It's a shame that you're not getting a fair price for your investment, your risk and your time."



PETE LANEY
... Speaker of the House
Photo by Anne Acker

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

January Moisture01

1998 Moisture



25 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE—Ray Joe Riley (left) presents a plaque to Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association, in celebration of the organization's 25th anniversary Tuesday during the group's annual meeting. King has worked for the benefit of agriculture for 25 years, and was instrumental in establishment of the American Corn Growers Association and Texas Corn Producers Board as well as the Texas Corn Growers Association.

Photo by Anne Acker

Harold Bob Bennett, who returned to his family farm in Hart after stepping down from his FSA post in 1997, agreed, saying the only thing wrong with production agriculture today is that many producers are not able to show a profit.

"In Texas we were having a lot of delinquencies in the ag credit department and we were chastised pretty heavily about that," said Bennett. But I don't care who you are, you cannot make money, you cannot pay your bills and you cannot pay the bank back with \$2.50 corn, \$2.50 wheat and 40¢ cotton.

"I have never understood why a government will loan money to farmers to produce a crop, then purposely and wrongfully write policies that keep prices below the cost of production, guaranteeing that a farmer will be unable to pay that loan back," said Bennett. "I don't understand that if they're going to loan money to producers, why they don't write policies that will create a profit-oriented environment for those producers. If you can get profits back into production agriculture, then you're going to have young people in agriculture and you're going to have a viable, rural economy.

Bennett and other speakers expressed concerns over the current farm bill and what will happen when that legislation expires in 2002.

"I don't think the course we're on now is necessarily the right course," said Bennett. "I hope that after 2002 there's some kind of safety net, but I'll tell you right now that 30% insurance is not a safety net and \$1.65 or \$1.98 for corn is not a safety net. That's a recipe for disaster."

Bennett also said he feels like some people would like to do away with the Farm Service Agency, which is the "delivery system for the farm program."

"We produce the most abundant, safest, securest supply of food on the earth and we've done that for so long

because of a partnership between government, industry and individuals. Now one leg of that (government) wants to pull out. I don't know that that's necessarily good for the other two. I think it takes all three to make it work. But folks, we're on a timeline and the deadline is 2002. Then it ends."

Managing water

Water is always a source of concern for agricultural producers, especially with new legislation being implemented.

Laney told farmers that the legislature is working to ensure that "there will be an abundant supply of water for agriculture."

Carver outlined the new Ogallala Water Management Plan being drafted according to Senate Bill 1, which was passed during the last legislative session.

"The way Senate Bill 1 will work, is all underground water conservation districts in the state must put together a water management plan," said Carver. "All water management plans from groundwater districts have to be approved by the state and the Texas Water Development Board

by September.

"The law spells out how they have to evaluate these plans. Once they are certified, then that water district plan has to be incorporated into the regional water plan," Carver said.

He added that the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District had nominated 11 people from across the district to serve on a regional committee for the plan, and said that the committee could be expanded later.

Electric deregulation

Another hot topic being debated by the legislature is electric deregulation, which, if passed, could cause major problems for rural areas.

"Our concern about deregulation is that rural areas of Texas could be left in the dark," said Carl King, president of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

"A lot of people in Washington feel that deregulation is what should happen at any cost. But out here in rural America, when you look back at deregulation we've already experienced in other areas, it's not so good," said Senter. "After rail deregulation we're down to two major railroads west of the Mississippi and two east. Deteriorating service, less service, abandoned lines and higher rates, that's what railroad deregulation has meant to rural America.

"We have to be very careful when we talk about deregulating essentials such as electricity," said Senter. "Under regulation proposed, you can have a seller of electricity enter a (Continued on Page 14)



CHARLES CASTLEBERRY
... Electric deregulation update
Photo by Anne Acker

Top citizens to be feted at Chamber's golden birthday bash Saturday

The 1997 Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year for Dimmitt will be recognized Saturday when the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce celebrates its 50th anniversary with an awards banquet.

When We Came to Dimmitt: Fifty Golden Years is the theme for this year's banquet, which will be held Saturday at 6:45 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Mistress of ceremonies will be Cheryle Pybus.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased in advance at the Chamber office. Tickets also will be available at the door for \$16 per person. The steak dinner will be catered by the Dimmitt Methodist Men, who will be assisted by the Dimmitt High School cheerleaders.

Guest speaker for this year's banquet is humorist Jim Bob Solsberry, executive director for the Regan County Farm Service Agency. He is a past-president of the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce and he draws on his personal experiences in a small agricultural community for much of his speech material.

Solsberry is a Vietnam veteran and a graduate of Texas A&M University. He believes that "humor is an integral part of life" and that "a positive attitude is the driving force behind any worthwhile accomplishment."

The Chamber is celebrating its 50th year of existence this year and the theme for the banquet will focus around that. Two round-trip tickets to any Southwest Airlines destination in the United States, furnished by Southwest Airlines, will be given as a door prize.

Local businesses are invited to decorate a table, using the banquet theme and their imaginations, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Awards will be presented for the



Jim Bob Solsberry

"Most Original Idea," "Most Pleasing Effect," and "Best Theme Interpretation," among the table decora-

County Commissioners

Public hearing slated for judge's pay raise

At their Monday meeting, the Castro County Commissioners agreed to pursue a salary increase for County Judge Irene Miller, with the increase in funds to come from a state program.

The state salary supplement for county judges was authorized by Senate Bill 310, passed by the 75th Legislature. It allows payment of an additional \$5,000 per year for two years to qualified county judges who apply for the funds and whose duties include at least 40% judicial functions

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said that any time an elected official gets a salary increase, there must be a public hearing. The required hearing has been called for Feb. 9 at 9:45 a.m., followed by the regular meeting of the commissioners. The budget also would be amended at

that time to reflect the increase.

Miller said that she will not allow the county to pay the increased cost of her retirement plan and withholding taxes that will come from the higher salary. County Auditor Maretta Smithson estimated that the increase in salary for Miller would cost an additional \$704 per year in benefits.

Grandparents,

"I don't want to put an extra finan-

cial burden on the county," Miller

said. "For me to feel right about it, I

it's time for grandparents to go

It's time for grandparents to go through their photo albums and find the perfect picture of their favorite Valentines—their grandchildren.

Grandparents

who want to show off their Valentines to friends and neighbors can have grandchiltheir dren's picture printed in the Feb. 12 issue of the News. The picture will be printed in a decorative frame, identified by the child's or children's and grandparents' names, for a \$10 fee.





Grandparents who would like to show the rest of us their favorite Valentines should bring their picture to the News office at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt by 12 noon on Feb. 6. A wallet-sized picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is.

NISD plans hearing to discuss proposed bond for PE facility

Nazareth Independent School District will hold a community meeting tonight (Thursday) regarding a proposed bond issue to help fund construction of a new physical education facility

The meeting will be held at 8 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria and all parents and taxpayers are urged to attend

According to Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson, 75% of the cost for

the facility would come from "state facility money," and the remaining 25% would have to be raised by the school district through a special bond election.

Johnson said the project is still in the planning stages.

"Before we even start, we want to know if we've got the community's support," Johnson said. "We have to have community support through a bond election to be able to get the state support."

Johnson said the board is looking

Johnson said the board is looking at a cost of \$1 million for the project. Of that \$1 million, \$250,000 would have to be raised through the bond election.

Johnson said plans for the proposed facility would be presented at the meeting, and the board will solicit input from those present. Agency has been authorized to implement the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) to provide partial season snow storm.

Applications for LIP must be filed by Feb. 20 and all documentation gross income is greater than \$2.5 must be provided by that date. Incomplete applications will not be fits. approved, according to Trish Elliott, FSA County Executive Director.

Normal mortality rates have been established for each species of livestock and poultry. Losses in excess of the normal mortality rate will be covered under the LIP. LIP benefits or the production of food and buffalo storm.

The Castro County Farm Service will not be adjusted to account for or beefalo when maintained as a insurance indemnities received from cattle herd. other sources.

reimbursement to eligible producers own a substantial benefit interest in direct result of the storm described, istered by FSA to help livestock aliens in the United States. If a pro- suffered losses in the county, producers who suffered losses from ducer suffers losses on multiple opertween Oct. 1, 1996, and June 12, separate application for each opera-

> Producers whose qualifying annual million are not eligible for LIP bene-

Livestock that died during the show storm are covered by the LIP. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, horses used for human food

Applications for LIP must be filed Eligible producers are those that in the county FSA office where the cattle were located when the loss for livestock losses that occurred last the eligible livestock, have a finan- occurred. Regardless of whether or April as the result of a heavy, late- cial risk, suffered a loss that is the not a producer has farming interests in Castro County, they should file LIP is an emergency effort admin- or are citizens of or legal resident their LIP application here if they

If a person suffered losses in multinatural disasters that occurred be- ations, they will be required to file a ple counties, he or she would be required to file an application in each county where losses occurred, said

All payments will be issued using direct deposit. A deposit slip or voided check from your back is a good source of documentation to set up for direct deposit.

When filing an application, a producer will be required to provide proof of verifiable evidence of losses sustained as a direct result of the

FROM TH' FRONT OFFICE. WE NEED T' LAY LOW FOR A WHILE



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Third-grade students who fail the reading section of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test would move into "appropriate instruction to advance" and barred from promotion under a proposal by Gov. George W. Bush.

Such a program, Bush said at a news conference last week, would be devised by local school officials and funded by a \$32 million program approved by the 1997 Legislature. Bush also wants to bar promotion for fifth- and eighthgraders who fail any portion of

"I think it would be incredibly cost-effective for the state," Bush said of the proposal. "Any time you solve a problem before it gets too late, you save taxpayers money. But I am willing to spend the money to get the problem solved.

The 81,000-member Texas State Teachers Association, however, does not support Bush's proposal.

Annette Cootes, TSTA spokeswoman, said that offering students who fail a second chance to pass would make Bush's plan more acceptable.

Bush Leads in Finances

Campaign finance reports filed last week show that Republican Gov. Bush is maintaining a big lead over gubernatorial challenger Garry Mauro, who is running unopposed in the March Democratic primary.

Bush, who had a 50 percentage point lead in a recent Texas Poll, raised almost \$8 million in the last six months of 1997, while Mauro, who entered the race in November, took in about \$800,000.

"Governor Bush's support comes from every part of Texas, from Republicans, Democrats and Independents," Karen Hughes, the governor's spokeswoman, told the Austin refused to revive a lawsuit seeking American-Statesman. "And," she added, "it's a clear sign that the people of Texas appreciate the job he is doing as their governor."

Hughes said Bush's finance report shows the governor has about \$12 million in his re-election campaign war chest.

Last week, Mauro said he had spent about half of the \$800,000 he had raised, but that he was "going to spend my money a lot better than (Gov. Bush) is going to spend his money."

Sex Education Law Clarified

The State Board of Education does not have the authority to adopt required curriculum or textbooks for sex education, but it can adopt guidelines for such classes and books, Attorney General Dan Morales has ruled.

In a legal opinion released last week, Morales said state law leaves it up to local school boards to determine what, if anything, will be taught about human sexuality, sexually transmitted diseases and

Education Commissioner Mike Moses and Jack Christie, president of the State Board of Education asked Morales for a ruling after the state board adopted a health curriculum that included sex educa-

Debbie Graves Ratcliffe, agency spokeswoman, said Christie and Moses wanted the law regarding the state board and local boards' powers clarified.

Taxes Rebates Up 12 Percent Texas Comptroller John Sharp

last week delivered a total of \$155.7 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,090 Texas cities and 118 counties.

We're beginning another promising year," Sharp said. "Sales tax rebates to cities and counties are 12 percent higher in January than those for the first month of last year."

Other Capital Highlights

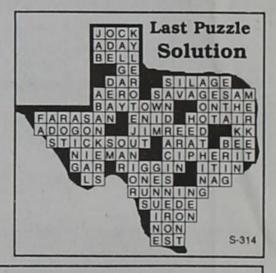
■ More than 50,000 Texas students enrolled in low-scoring schools will be eligible to transfer to better campuses this fall under the state's school choice law. The Texas Education Agency has released a list of 575 campuses where students have the right to transfer out next school year. The list represents 8.4 percent of the 6,875 campuses in the state. ■ The U.S. Supreme Court to make certain that Texas voters who are blind or otherwise disabled get to cast a secret ballot. The court let stand a federal appeals ruling that said state officials have no legal duty to make sure local election practices comply with a federal law barring discrimination against disabled people.

■ The state Board for Educator Certification last week backed off a plan requiring current teachers with lifetime certificates to renew their state certification every five years. The proposal would have required all teachers to complete 150 hours of continuing education every five years to keep their certificates active. Board Chairman Jim Nelson, said the board still intends to require those who later enter the profession to be subject to renewal requirements.

■ Texas upland cotton production for 1997 is expected to total 5.3 million bales, 22 percent above 1996, according to figures released by Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. The harvest is practically complete, however, some modules remain to be ginned on the Plains. State Statistician Dennis Findley



It was an old custom in England to draw lots for sweethearts on Valentine's Day, the person drawn being given a present, sometimes of an expensive kind, but more often a pair of gloves. The custom is said to have had its origin in a pagan practice connected with the worship of Juno on or about this day.



Cotton Talks Currently, that threshold is 51.92¢

With cotton prices stagnating below 60¢ per pound, High Plains cotton producers are looking for light at the end of the tunnel.

Speculation about why the current price is at this level has not provided any satisfactory answers at the farm level.

Producers are beginning to wonder whether or not the situation will trigger some of the safety net features built into the 1996 Farm Bill, specifically, the Loan Deficiency Payment (LDP) or POP payments.

adjusted world price for cotton, payment limitation. released by the US Dept. of upland cotton marketing loan level. Corp. loan program prior to the

and Texas A&M University will

sponsor a training program for

commercial and non-commercial

applicators licensed in right-of-way

The program will be held at 6500

Those attending will be able to

earn 5-1/2 Continuing Education

Units (CEUs), one hour in laws and

regulations, one hour in integrated

pest management, one hour in drift

minimization and 2-1/2 hours in

The program opens at 9 a.m. when

Clay Salsbury of the Texas A&M

Extension Service, discusses weed

At 10 a.m., Alex Mimms of Tri-

Drift minimization will be the

64th District

called today

The 64th District Court, originally

scheduled to convene on Tuesday,

Jan. 27, for jury selection, has been

Jury selection will begin at 9 a.m.

rescheduled for today (Thursday).

State Chemical will talk about Dept.

general information.

identification and control.

of Transportation regulations.

Court jury

Amarillo Blvd. West and is open to

category on Feb. 10 in Amarillo.

the public.

per pound. The latest adjusted world price calculation comes in at just over 56.7¢ per pound.

Regulations governing the LDP program state that LDPs will be made available when the adjusted world price drops below the loan rate. LDPs can be requested under these circumstances by eligible commodity into the loan.

Producers who agree to keep their of up to one million acres. cotton out of the loan in exchange for the LDP will be subject to a \$75,000 LDPs are triggered when the per person marketing loan gain

Agriculture (USDA) falls below the cotton into the Commodity Credit

After a lunch break, Sam Peters of

Wylie Spray Center will talk about

equipment calibration, then Gary

Rich with Pro-Chem Sales will talk

will be addressed by Pierson at 2:30

Levon Harman of the Texas Dept.

of Agriculture will wrap up the pro-

gram with a session on pesticide laws

For more information about the

program, call the Texas Dept. of

Agriculture at (806) 358-7285.

Weed control in low maintenance

about safety.

and regulations.

Vegetation management session

set for right-of-way applicators

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture Chemicals at 11 a.m.

adjusted world price dropping below the loan rate have the option to redeem their cotton at the lower of the adjusted world price or the loan principal plus storage and interest.

Most speculation at this time indicates that the likelihood of the adjusted world price dropping another 6 to 8¢ are unlikely. As US producers develop plans for the 1998 producers who agree not to enter the crop year, estimates of planted acreage already indicate reductions

High Plains producers are no different. Insect concerns, current prices and weather factors have already prompted growers to make Producers who enrolled their plans for fewer cotton acres in 1998.

> The 1997 Census of Agriculture currently being conducted by the National Agricultural Statistics Service is the only source of uniform farm-related data compiled down to the county level on agricultural production and inventories.

Producers across the state of Texas and across the United States are being encouraged to cooperate with the survey process in order to keep this data up to date.

All individual responses to survey questions are confidential and are not subject to the Freedom of Information Act so growers can be assured that the information they provide is not going to be seen by anyone except sworn NASS employees.

The census is conducted every five years and the 1997 data will replace information collected in 1992.

RWSWCD now taking windbreak tree orders

Seedlings to create windbreaks, produced by the Texas Forest Sertopic of oward Pierson of Estes vice West Texas Nursery in Lubbock, are now available for order through the Running Water Draw Soil and Water Conservation Dis-

> Stock is limited and landowners are encouraged to order trees as soon as possible, according to an official of the Texas Forest Service.

Farmstead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from a homestead or ranch headquarters, block the hot, dry summer winds depending on the

"As a result, windbreaks increase today (Thursday) and all jurors a residence's heating and cooling summoned for Tuesday's court date efficiency," said Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester in Lub-

bock. "Multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic."

To ensure maximum performance, Fewin recommends a four-row farmstead windreak: an outside shrub row, providing low density protection; two interior evergreen rows, supplying year-round security; and an inside tall deciduous row, extending the zone protection.

To create a farmstead windbreak this spring, order windbreak seedlings through the RWSWCD; or for more information, contact the Texas Forest Service at 806-746-5801.

should appear at that time. The Castro County News 647-3123 (FAX 647-3112) e-mail: ccnews@hiplains.net P.O. Box 67, Dimmitt, TX 79027

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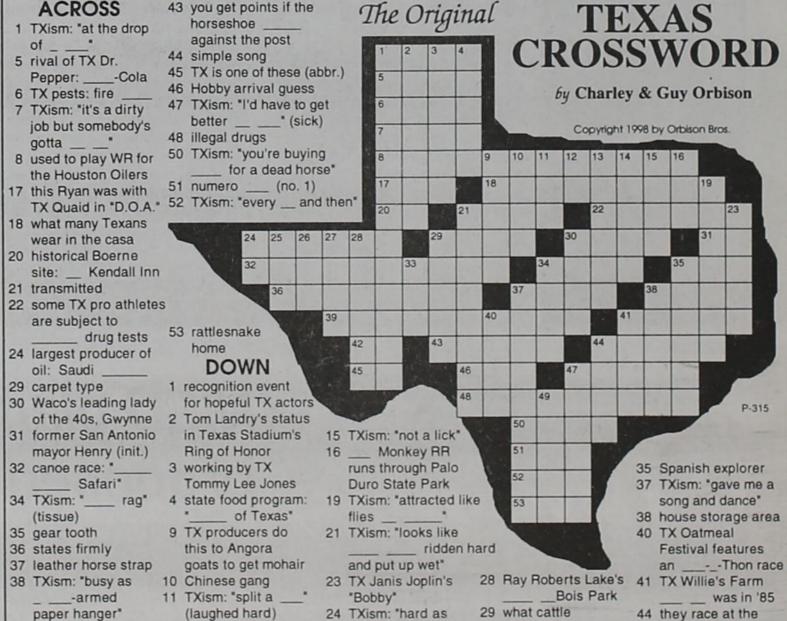
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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Noemi Ponce and Deanne Clark Janet Hand Smith, Clark and Ponce. pizza and Clark opened birthday celebrated their January birthdays with tennis friends following a tennis provided the entertainment. match on Tuesday evening.

Margaret Parsons served a fiesta meal to Linda Langford, Debbie

Nazareth fans enjoyed many bas-

ketball games this weekend as the

seventh- and eighth-grade boys

competed in the Bushland

Both teams captured first place in

the eight-team tournaments, and beat

Bushland in their final games.

Coaches Buster Brown and Colby

Waldrop have done very well with

I'm sorry there was no news last

week, but I had a wonderful trip to

Denver, Colo., with Gene and Susie

Gerber of Odessa and their foreign

We spent several days with Natalie

(Gerber) and Ralph Grosser in their

new home at Highland Ranch, Colo.

The weather was beautiful for what-

ever we wanted to do, even though

there was snow wherever we went.

That made the mountains more beau-

Ralph and Natalie both had days

off from their jobs. Natalie pilots for

Gulf Canada Oil and Ralph pilots for

United Airlines. It was a very enjoy-

Talent sought

for benefit show

If you can sing, dance, play an

instrument, make people laugh, sign,

tumble or have any other talent, you

are invited to perform in a benefit

talent show and dinner Feb. 1 at the

The meal will begin at 5:30 p.m.

and will be followed by the talent

show. Proceeds from the show will

Nazareth school cafeteria.

Wood at 945-2231.

exchange student, Janos Varadi.

Tournament.

these boys.

tiful than ever.

able trip.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Opening of cards and photographs cards Friday.

Bobbie Bruegel, Polly Simpson, Gwen Bryant, Merl Bryant, Doris Fewell, Kay Kellar, Doricell Davis, Flynt and Deanne Clark enjoyed

A birthday party honoring Gerald

Braddock on his 50th was held

Tuesday night at the home of Floyd

and Dorothy Schulte. It was also a

celebration for Gene and Susie

Gerber, who were celebrating their

30th anniversary. It was a big sur-

A birthday party honoring Marie

Venhaus on her 85th birthday was

held Jan. 17 in Dumas at the parish

hall. A reception and dinner was

enjoyed by a great number of family

Congratulations to Ben and Brenda

Schacher on the birth of a girl, Shnia

Jane, Jan. 22 at Methodist Hospital in

Plainview. Grandparents are John

and Norma Schacher of Nazareth and

Marvin and Carol Hoelting of

Westminster, Colo., spent several

days here with Greg and Tinie

Hoelting and Carol's family. They

watching

Schmucker play with Texas Tech's

Lady Raiders in Lubbock, and they

watched the Swifts and Swiftettes

Marvin and Carol both enjoyed the

sport as Nazareth students and enjoy

Jones, Janice Fisher, Rosemary

Wilhelm, Paul Venhaus and J.R.

Stephanie Waldo is home after

John Birkenfeld is home after

getting a good report from tests he

spending a few days at Plains

Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

watching the teams now.

Melinda

Louise Sanders of Amarillo.

and friends.

enjoyed

against Farwell.

prise for both parties involved.

Several people from Dimmitt saw Smoke on the Mountain in Amarillo these past two weeks. The play is the traveling production for the Amarillo Little Theater, and the group had to move the show from the Amarillo

auditorium. Dwight Clark is performing in the presentation of Smoke on the

Little Theater building because the

Oprah Winfrey Show is being taped

there. The Little Theater production

was held at Amarillo High School's

Local residents attending were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Langford, Mr. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes, Patsy Franks of Hart, Kaye Stevens, Donna Underwood and Deanne Clark.

The hospital board held its annual training retreat in Lubbock at the Holiday Inn Parkway with Kevin Reed, attorney from Austin; Bill Parrish, CPA from Waco; and Dr. Charles Lundry of Houston as the up pecans out of Pam's yard. featured speakers.

Local board members attending the retreat were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ramaekers, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Annen, Carolyn and George Sides, Dr. and Mrs. Gary Hardee, Joe and Maria and Dee Sloan, Vada Wilcox, Tisha Rice and Linda Rasor.

Lois Waggoner, Sara Salinas and Nell DiCuffa went with the Hereford Senior Citizens to Branson, Mo. They arrived at Branson at 6 p.m. and had dinner at the Green Mountain Cafe. Then they took the Tour of Festival of Lights which features 75,000 lights and 500 Christmas trees.

The tour of snowflakes and holly wreaths were so pretty. This was a married, and Trish has two little five-mile trip. They saw seven shows girls. Prayers are asked for Marvin including the Andy Williams Christmas Show, Presley's Ozark Jubilee Christmas Show, Buck Trent Walzing Waters, Braschler Christmas Music Show, the Shoji Tabuchi Christmas and the Mickey Gilley Show. They enjoyed all the shows, especially the Shoji and the Presleys Jubilee.

They ate a lot of good food and

weather was wet and cold, but there was no snow or ice.

Lois Waggoner went to Tulsa, Okla., to spend Christmas with her daughter, Zelma, and her family, Brent, Jeremy, Brandon and a greatgrandson, Darren Mathis. She had a really nice Christmas and a good visit. She missed out on the snow that was in Dimmitt during the Christmas holidays.

I received a letter from Oma Dee Heard. She and Dan are living in Graham now. They spent the weekend at Bullard with Pam White and family. They drove to Rusk and met Pam and the kids (that's where Pam teaches and the kids attend school), then they all drove to Corrigan to watch part of three basketball games.

After a few hours sleep they took James, 16, and Jen, 13, to Rusk to board the bus for the UIL Regional Band Concert.

Dan and Oma Dee had time to pick

Then they went to Nacogdoches where Jen was playing in the Symphonic Band which is quite an honor. She got fourth chair flute.

On the way home, Dan and Oma Dee stopped at Tool to visit with Ted and Shirley Easter. Ted was youth director at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt during the 1970s.

The Eatons have a challenge at Tool since this is a resort community. There were 12 people attending church when they moved there and now there are about 100 attending. The church seats 400 and there is an educational building and gym. It's a quiet, country-type setting. Shirley's 90-year-old mother lives with them. Both of the Eatons' daughters, Trish and Shulene, are

Dan and Oma Dee enjoyed Christmas with wall-to-wall grandkids for a week. James and Dan went hunting and brought in two deer. Oma Dee met a lady who owns a dress shop and she said Kenneth Jackson is her cousin. The Heards

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greetings to everyone.

They see Gene and Eva Mae Morrison, former Dimmitt residents nearly every Sunday.

Elizabeth Huckabay was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club assisted by Cleo Forson and she served a delicious cherry chocolate cake. Dude McLauren won high score and Loranell Hamilton won second high score.

Others playing were Helen Braafladt, Carol Lantz, Virginia Crider, Edith Graef, Emily Clingingsmith, Susie Reeves, Louise Mears, Bill Thornton, Opha Burks, Retta Cluck, Martha Dannevik, Bernice Hill and Neva Hickey.

Susan Combs, the Republican candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, was scheduled to be in Dimmitt on Tuesday and the local Republican party was planning to host a dutch treat stew and cornbread lunch at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

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It was a great day at the First Baptist Church on Sunday. They were celebrating 65 years of Baptist Men's Day. The choir was filled with 35 men, and it was directed by Wayne Proffitt with Jerry Heller at the organ and Walter Maynard as

The Sheffy Family, Scott, Shawn, Stuart and Sidney welcomed the guests. Jack Howell gave the children's message and he tried to do some tricks with a rope that the kids

A commissioning service was held for Don and Paula Graham, who will be doing missionary work in

Eddie Sutton voiced a prayer for

miss their Dimmitt friends and send the search committee as they seek a minister of music and minister of senior adults.

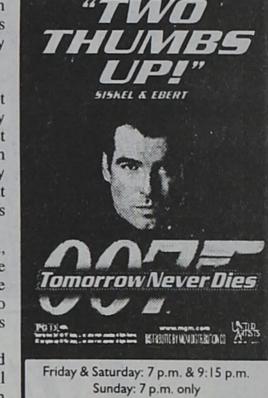
The First Baptist Men, Wayne Proffitt, Freddie Upshaw, Greg Odom, Jerry Heller and Ed Garbin sang "Heaven Come Down."

Alan Steinle and Bruce Dollar brought the morning message. They both gave a wonderful message. Following the morning service the Cattle Call Restaurant of Amarillo catered a dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Out-of-town visitors at the museum last week were Darron White of Lubbock and Urban and Rosetta Bellinghausen of Munday.

The "Birthday Babes" celebrated Nancy Fuller's January birthday on Tuesday at Waurayne Hughes's

Nancy, Waurayne, Brenda Bruton, Martha, Dannevik, Trudy Jackson, Joyce Bolton, Sue Stahl and Glenda Sims enjoyed the delicious snacks, birthday cake and looking at photos taken at a Christmas party in December. The Christmas party was hosted by San Tally, who now lives in Ama-

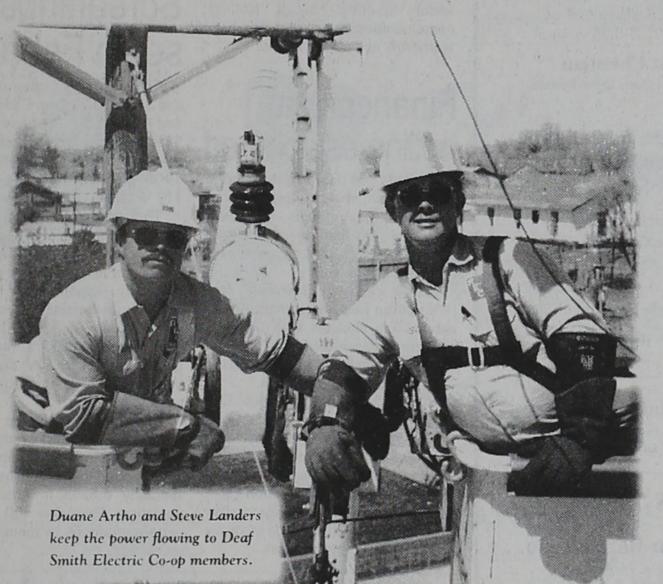


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benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundaunderwent at an Amarillo hospital. had two afternoons to shop. J.R. Stork is still a patient at Bap-Entry fee is \$10 and those who There were 45 on the bus and they tist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amawish to enter should contact Don were all really nice people. The



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Tulia CofC to present melodrama

Crossroads; or Tempted, Tried and True Feb. 7 and Feb. 14 in the Memorial Building.

The program is being sponsored by the Tulia Chamber of Commerce purchased the rights to the melodrama and is providing the sets for the production. Members of the cast are responsible for their own costumes.

Each performance is slated to begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$7.50 per who love, hate and love to hate them. person for limited reserved table

Tulia residents will present a seating and \$5 for general admission melodrama entitled Dirty Work at the seating. Tickets may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce Office or any of the Tulia banks. For more Redmon Room of the Swisher information, contact the Tulia Chamber of Commerce at (806) 995-

The melodrama, written by Bill as a fundraising event. The Chamber Johnson, takes place in a small Connecticut town in the 1890s. Dirty Work at the Crossroads tells the twisted tales of Nellie Lovelace, an innocent country girl; of Adam Oakhart, the blacksmith's son; of Munro Murgatroyd, the big-city villain; and of the lives of the people

Pam Edwards, who has taught

theater in Abilene and Amarillo, is the director for the melodrama. Performers are Tulia residents and other aspiring actors and actresses who responded to advertisements placed in Tulia newspapers.

Larry Simpson, a mechanic and business owner, plays Adam Oakhart. He said being in the melodrama is fun and exciting. "You get to act silly without scrutiny," he

"We still laugh at some of the lines in the play and we've heard them a million times," said Edwards.

Audience participation is an important part of the success of any melodrama. "Boo" and "Hiss" signs will be included in the performance, but the audience won't be able to throw popcorn at the actors, she said.

"It's been fun," said Edwards. "I've done lots of laughing and I would do it again."



OUT OF TOWN It's a boy for Michael and Deidra Poore of Fresno, Calif. Their son was born at 10:10 a.m. and he has been named Andrew Thomas. Andrew weighed 8 lbs., 6 ozs., and was 21-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Tom and Donna Stafford of Lubbock and John and Rosemary Poore of Madera, Calif. Great-grandparents are Rex and Dorothy Sheffy of Dimmitt and Florene Stafford of Lubbock.

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NEW YORK THEATRE BALLET IN ACTION—The New York Theatre Ballet will perform in Hereford next Thursday, Feb. 5, in one of the Hereford Community Concert Association shows. The ballet will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Hereford High School Auditorium and admission is by membership in the association. Courtesy Photo

'Bed and breakfast' sites are sought by Chamber

Dimmitt will be the site for the first Ogallala Quilters Festival on April 3-4, and more than 500 people are expected to attend the event.

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is currently searching for Dimmitt residents who would be willing to rent out spare bedrooms in their homes to visitors attending the festival.

"Residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the festival for one to three nights, and to provide breakfast each morning," said Bill Sava, chamber executive director. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid, and the Chamber will handle arrangements.

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Sava at 647-2524, or from any member of the Ogallala Quilters Society.

The Ogallala Quilters Society is an organization of more than 185 members from the tri-state area.

The Dimmitt convention will feature quilting classes, lectures, entertainment, demonstrations, appraisals and a quilt show.

Financial aid hotline established

Students and parents interested in learning more about college financial aid can have their questions answered by calling a toll-free number between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Feb. 7 and 8.

The special financial aid information line is designed to help parents and students with financial aid options, teach them how to apply for financial aid, and offer answers to other financial aid questions.

The toll-free number is 1-800-323-

The information line is being sponsored by the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and Education First, exclusive marketing representative for federal education loans made by The Chase Manhattan Bank

Buckleys feted with shower

Dustan and Brooke Buckley were honored with a wedding shower on Jan. 17 in the home of Doris Swinburn of Dimmitt.

The serving table was covered with a Damask cloth and it held a centerpiece of fresh fruit and fresh flowers.

Guests were served miniature cream puffs, assorted cheeses, apple dip and coffee and almond tea.

Out-of-town guests were the bride's mother, Gwen Sinclair; the bride's grandmother, Lil Pollard of Muleshoe; and Paralyn Moore of Canyon, friend of the groom's fam-

McLean wins TTU scholarship

Summer Lynn McLean of Dimmitt has been awarded the Ernestine and Waggoner Carr Scholarship at Texas Tech University's College of Human Sciences.

The school awarded over \$259,500 to approximately 425 recipients for the 1997-98 academic year. Awards ranged from \$200 to \$2,000 for each recipient.

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

In the fall of 1997, approximately 2,162 students were enrolled in ten undergraduate, seven master's and six doctorate programs.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the college are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, PO Box 41162, Lubbock, Texas 79409-1152. Applications are due Feb. 16.

Screenings set in February

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct breast cancer screening clinics on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

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

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

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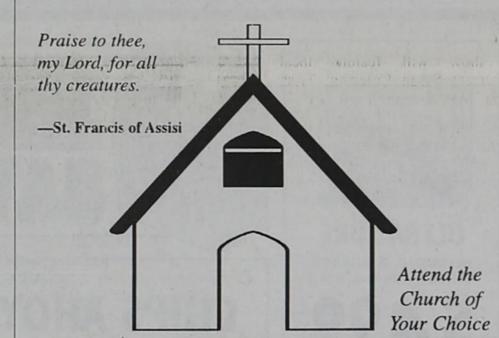
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Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 29 to Feb.

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Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, mashed potatoes, honeydew melon, wheat rolls and milk

FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, French fried potatoes, macaroni salad, cornbread and milk. MONDAY: Italian spaghetti with ground beef, savory green beans, tossed salad with dressing, French bread and milk.

TUESDAY: Hamburger on a roll, potato rounds, hamburger salad and milk. WEDNESDAY: Pizza supreme, mixed

vegetables, cantaloupe and milk. THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, fresh watermelon and milk.

FRIDAY: Corn dogs, pork and beans, fruit fantasy and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken and dumplings, red beans and rice or beef enchiladas; mashed potatoes, orange wedges or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or honeydew melon; combread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, shepherd's pie or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, herbed broccoli and cauliflower or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, macaroni salad or coleslaw; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of Italian spaghetti with ground beef, ravioli with meat sauce or beef taco; savory green beans, potato wedges or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or cucumber and tomato salad; French bread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, com tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger on a roll, grilled cheese sandwich with a bowl of chili or beef and bean burrito with a bowl of chili; potato rounds, refried beans or fresh watermelon; hamburger salad, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; crackers, assorted muffins, cornbread, tortilla chips or Spanish rice; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza supreme, lasagna with ground beef or green enchilada casserole; mixed vegetables, Mexipinto beans or cantaloupe; tossed salad with dressing, raw spinach salad, applesauce or taco condiment ter of the "Make A Wish" foundasalad: French bread, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos with cheese and peppers; mashed potatoes with gravy, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrot and raisin salad; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and choco-

late, lowfat or skim milk FRIDAY: Choice of baked Cajun fish, corn dogs or enchiladas; potato wedges, pork and beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, fruit fantasy or coleslaw; combread, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk

HART **Elementary School** THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito

Here are the school lunch menus for or fish strips; cornbread, macaroni and cheese, basket or stromboli, lettuce, tomato and picksalad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and

> FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, beef stew or barbecued ribs on a bun, salad, sliced pickles, pinto beans, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, lettuce, tomato and pickles, gelatin dessert, corn, apricots, fresh fruit,

potato chips, ice cream and milk, punch or tea. WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

Junior High and High School THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish strips; cornbread, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches, and

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced peaches, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, beef stew or barbecued ribs on a bun, salad, sliced peaches, pinto beans, ginger cookies and milk,

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger

les, gelatin dessert, com, apricots, potato chips, fresh fruit, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, gelatin dessert, cherry cobbler, carrot sticks, wheat rolls, and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk,

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit, salad, gelatin dessert, ice cream, banana pudding and milk, punch or

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: * Chicken fried steak with roll or pizza, salad, beans, fruit and milk or

FRIDAY: * Barbecue on a bun or hamburger, French fries, lettuce, pinto beans, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, corn, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Lasagna or corn dog, salad, beans, peaches, fruit cocktail and milk or juice. WEDNESDAY: * Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, green beans, pears, dessert and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Frito pie or pizza, salad, carrots, cornbread, applesauce, peaches and

FRIDAY: * Enchiladas and roll or com dog, salad, corn, apricots, Jell-O and milk or juice.

(Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students, while secondary school students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

'Make A Wish' benefit set here

All former band members in Dimmitt are invited to participate in a benefit concert set for April 18, with proceeds to go to the area chap-

Dimmitt High School band director Robin Stephens said that selected members of the high school, junior high, and sixth grade bands, along with two fifth graders, also will participate in the concert.

Rehearsals are slated to begin Feb. 19, and will be held each Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the DHS band

"We want everyone who is interested to come out and help make this a really special concert,"Stephens

He said anyone with band training and their own instrument is invited to participate, not just those who used to be in the Dimmitt band.

"We think this will be a lot of fun, both for those playing, and for those listening," Stephens said.

There will be no admission charge for the concert, but donations will be

"We have a goal of raising \$5,000," Stephens said. "The Make A Wish Foundation is a very worthy cause and has benefited many people in our area."

Stephens said any who are interested or who want more information may call him at 647-3105 (school) or at, 647-3659

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Larry Buchanan

Buchanan to perform at Carlile

Larry Buchanan and Friends will be featured in a Carlile Country Showcase production on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 7 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Carlile Theater in Dimmitt. Admission to the show is \$5 for advance tickets and \$6 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office, located at 115 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

Buchanan is a singer, songwriter, actor and entertainer from Portales, N.M. His credits include parts in the movies "Desperado," "Longarm," "Young Guns," and "White Sands." he has appeared on ABC's Prime Time and has done recordings and theater. He was music director and balladeer for the "Billy the Kid" drama in San Jon, N.M. He was the male lead and narrator for "Stage 66" in Tucumcari, N.M.

Local audiences may remember him from the Johnny Gimble Show, which played in Dimmitt last summer. He has also appeared in special events throughout the area, and has worked with Tom T. Hall, Andy Wilkinson, Ace Reid, the Maines Brothers and Waylon Jennings.

The "Larry's Friends" segment of the show will feature local performers Susan Coleman, Trish Elliott, Max Ellison, Tami Griffitt, Wayne Proffitt and Jim Hardwick.

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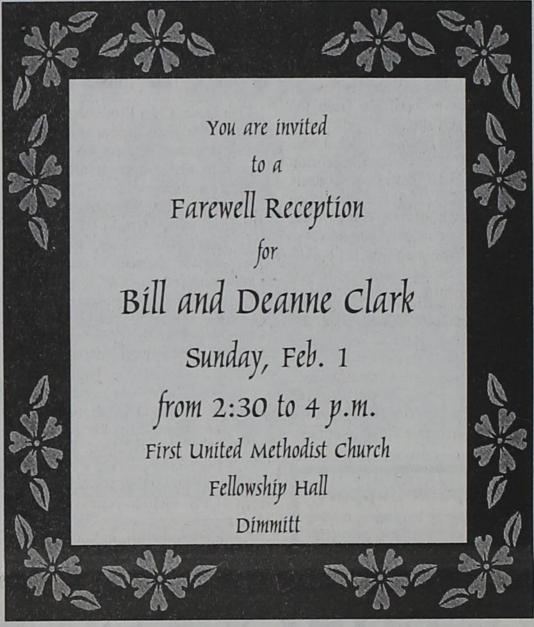
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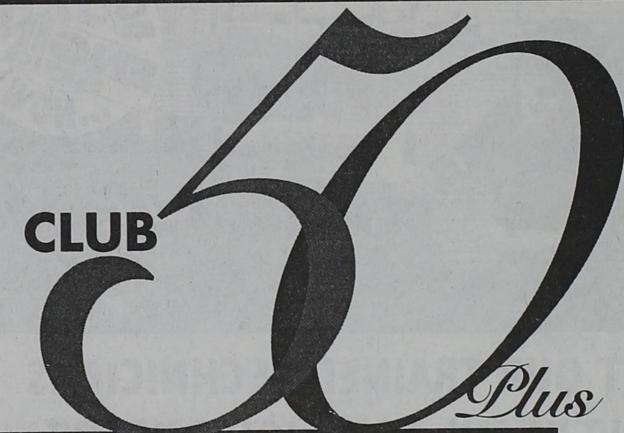
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Forms were sent out three to five weeks ago, and the USDA reports that most forms have been returned.

Farmers and ranchers who are holding their forms because their financial records are not available should complete their forms using their best estimates. Those who received a Census of Agriculture form but haven't returned it because they don't operate a farm or ranch should make a note of that on the form and return it so they will not be contacted again.

Farmers and ranchers who are thinking about not returning the form are reminded that they are required by law to answer the census. Each mailed form, reminder or personal visit from a census taker costs time and money and delays the release of data, currently schedueld to begin in the spring of 1999.

Assistance in completing census report forms is available from the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Austin or in your local area from USDA's Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency staff. Farmers can call the National Agricultural Statistics Service's toll-free number at 1-888-4AG-STAT for assistance or to obtain a report form.

All information collected in the census of agriculture is kept confidential by law. This census will provide benchmark agricultural statistics for decision-making for the next five years for the US, for Texas and for each of the nation's 3,100 counties.

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DIMMITT MAYOR WAYNE COLLINS (seated) signs a proclamation designating the week of Feb. 2-6 as Farm Bureau Membership Week in Castro County. On hand for the signing are membership

committee members (from left) Chris Cogburn, Lonnie Robb and chairman Norman Gerber. The local Farm Bureau has 587 member families.

Photo by Anne Acker

TCPB to elect five board members

The Texas Corn Producers Board will hold elections in four of its eight voting regions to elect five board members where current members' seats are expiring.

The election will be conducted by voting regions. There are two seats open for election in Voting Region One, which includes Castro and Lamb counties.

Nomination applications must be submitted to the Texas Corn Producers Board and must be signed by the applicant and 10 other eligible voters in the election. Nomination forms will be available at the county Extension offices in Texas, or can be requested by mail directly from the TCPB, 218 East Bedford, Dimmitt 79027 beginning on Feb. 18. If you request a nomination form by mail from TCPB, include your county of residence.

Nomination forms must be postmarked by March 20 and applicants.

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In addition to the local seat up for election, there is one seat open in Voting Region Two, which includes Bailey, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Hartley and Parmer counties.

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Minding Your Own Business By DON TAYLOR



Missing the Mark(et):

Some history lessons When I hear someone say that marketing is easy, I flinch. Marketing is not easy. It never has been and

probably never will be. It may actually be getting tougher to hit your target market because there are so many ways to miss a

market. For example, some businesses fail to realize when a market has peaked. Other firms actually bring products to the marketplace with no target in mind. Still others pick out a target, but don't

come close to hitting it. Missing the mark in marketing is not just a small-business problem. It happens to large firms as well. We can study some marketing mistakes by big companies if we look back in history just a few years.

A classic mistake

Twelve years ago, Coca-Cola changed the formula of the best-selling soft drink in the world. The company wanted a new product to compete for the younger "Pepsi Generation." They moved away from the baby boomers who had made the brand so popular.

The boomer generation was 21 to 39 years of age when Coca-Cola introduced the "New Coke." Most boomers would rather fight than switch, so Coke quickly brought back the original boomer-generation product.

Coca-Cola Classic is still the drink of choice for a powerful market demographic. The lesson here is to remember who your best customers are and give them what they want.

A mini-mistake

Ten years ago the fashion industry decided to do a re-run of the mini-skirt. They soon found that the women who had embraced the fad 20 years earlier were now older, had jobs, families, fuller figures and more modesty.

These older female buyers were already disillusioned with high clothing prices and they said "no thanks" to the fashion industry's offer of less material for more money. The lesson here is just because it worked once, doesn't mean it will work again.

A leader gets lost

The best way to become a leader in marketing is to become a follower. A follower of your customer's needs and wants, that is. In 1990, Sears lost its number one retail position to Wal-Mart. Actually, Sears fell to third place as K-Mart also blew by the former retail powerhouse.

Sears, a retail leader for more than three decades, had lost its way. The bigbox'discounters offered more choices and lured customers away with everyday

Sears had settled into the comfortable rut of serving a middle-class There is one seat open for election consumer with middle-class products and pricing. As the middle-class family declined, interest rates climbed and real income diminished. The customer demanded value and Sears didn't respond. Now, seven short years later, Wal-Mart is nearly three times the size of Sears.

> The lesson here is to stay close to your customer. How big you are is not nearly as important as how quickly you respond to your customer's needs and

Miscellaneous marketing mistakes

Of course there are other major marketing mistakes. For example, the A person is eligible to vote in this classic "all-of-our-kids-in-one-cabbage-patch." Coleco found that variety is the best way to outlive a short-term fad in the toy business.

Burger King tried a Herb-the-Nerd promotion that bombed because consumers were led to believe that only nerds went to Burger King. Ford Motor Company didn't think the world needed a big, fat station wagon, Consequently, Lee Iacocca produced the market share-grabbing mini-van when he headed at Chrysler a few years later.

In marketing, mistakes are expensive. Missing the mark is easy. As we roar This includes owners of farms and into the next century, niche marketing will intensify. Stay close to your customers and remember your marketing history lessons.

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

Buyers' clubs seeking donations for stock show

stock Show is just around the corner, and that means representatives from businesses give generously to the buyers' clubs in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazreth will be asking for donations.

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> But the buyers clubs can't fund without money and the money the clubs bid with comes from dona-

Donating to a buyers' club is ideal for a person who wants to participate, but who doesn't want to buy an animal. Contributions to buyers' clubs may be made before, during or after the show. Each club has its own table set up at the Expo Building during the show and sale.

If you want to donate to one of the clubs but haven't been contacted, you can either stop by the club's table at the Expo or contact one of the following individuals:

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The first annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic was held Jan, 17 at the fair barns in Dimmitt, with approximately 95 entries from throughout the area.

A medium wool lamb shown by Whitney McDonald of the Dallam 4-H won Grand Champion of Show honors, while Reserve Grand Champion of Show went to a medium wool lamb shown by Stuart Sutton of the Dimmitt FFA.

Judging for the event was done by Ronny Dennis of Olton.

Complete placings are listed be-

FINEWOOL Light

1.T.J. Randolf, Friona FFA; 2. Lacey Acker, Nazareth FFA; 3. Travis Crow, Dimmitt FFA; 4. J.W. Wagner, Oldham 4-H.

Heavy

1. Ky Kirby, Dimmitt FFA; 2. Jinna Wright, Dimmitt FFA; 3. Tanner Griffitt, Castro 4-H; 4. Truett Schlabs, Deaf Smith 4-H; 5. Valerie Gordon, Dallam 4-H.

Breed Champion: Kirby. Reserve Breed Champion: Wright.

FINEWOOL CROSS Light

1. Kirby; 2. Janie Wagner, Oldham 4-H; 3. Randolf; 4. Sarah Fox, Deaf Smith 4-H; 5. Raynee Bradley, Castro 4-H; 6. Daniel Coleman, Dimmitt FFA; 7. Adam Acker, Nazareth FFA; 8. Whitney McDonald, Dallam 4-H. Medium

1. Ericha Albracht, Deaf Smith 4-H; 2. Stuart Sutton, Dimmitt FFA; 3. Albracht; 4. Gordon; 5. Jackie Patton, Hereford FFA; 6. Joni Johnson, Friona FFA; 7. Meggie Lemmons, Castro 4-H; 8. Mark

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Those interested should contact Janet McDaniel at 647-3764 or the County Extension Office at 647-

Grain elevator workshop set

Weeds, insects and disease control pose concerns for farmers as preparations for the coming crop year begins and these concerns will be addressed at the Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop on Feb. 5 at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

The workshop will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue through 3:45 p.m.

The workshop has been accredited by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) to award five continuing education units (CEUs) toward recertification of commercial or noncommercial pesticide applicators. Included in these CEUs will be one unit for laws and regulations and two units given in integrated pest management.

Registration fee for the workshop

is \$25 per person. Among the topics to be addressed are developing changes in state and federal laws and regulations, obtaining effective non-crop weed control and the growing concern of sorghum ergot in the High Plains. The workshop also will focus on how to produce a high quality grain and maintaining it by using storage management practices through fumigation and insect control.

For registration information, contact Dr. Carl Patrick, Texas Agricultural Extension Service at (806) 359-5401.



Lange, Nazareth FFA.

Heavy

1, M'Kell Jarecki, Friona FFA; 2. Gary Schlabs, Deaf Smith 4-H; 3. Teddy Lindsey, Oldham 4-H; 4. Bryce Pohlmeier, Castro 4-H; Truett Schlabs, Deaf Smith 4-H; 6. Clayton Patton, Hereford FFA; 7. Fox. Breed Champion: Albracht. Reserve Breed Champion: Kirby.

SOUTHDOWN

1. Keith Hunt, Friona FFA; 2. Tim Schlabs, Deaf Smith 4-H; 3. Janie Wagner; 4. Cody Matsler, Deaf Smith 4-H.

Breed Champion: Hunt. Reserve Breed Champion: Tim Schlabs.

MEDIUM WOOL Light

1. Jared Griffitt, Castro 4-H; 2. Mary Bradley, Castro 4-H; 3. Jenna Acker, Nazareth FFA; 4. Mary Bradley; 5. Janie Wagner; 6. Raynee Bradley; 7. Rae Odom, Dimmitt FFA; 8. Trinity Robb, Castro 4-H; Janae Schlabs, Deaf Smith 4-H; 10. Ross Hunter, Castro 4-H; 11. Shae Odom, Dimmitt FFA.

Medium

1. Janie Wagner; 2. McDonald; 3. Kelley Schlabs, Deaf Smith 4-H; 4. Ryan Hunter, Castro 4-H; 5. Shae Odom; 6. Cassie London, Friona FFA; 7. Tim Schlabs; 8. Gordon; 9. Kaden Griffitt, Castro 4-H; 10. Jenna Acker; 11. J.W. Wagner; 12. Lacey Acker.

Medium/Heavy

1. Crow; 2. London; 3. Jarecki; 4. Jarecki; 5. Raynee Bradley; 6. Johnson; 7. Hunt; 8. Carol Summers, Castro 4-H; 9. Thomas Brockman, Castro 4-H; 10. Wright; 11. Cody Brockman, Castro 4-H.

Heavy 1. Sutton; 2. Lindsey; 3. Johnson; 4. Cliff Wright, Dimmitt FFA; 5. McDonald; 6. Raynee Bradley; 7. Adam Acker; 8. Lange; 9. Cody Brockman; 10. Lemmons.

Jumbo

1. McDonald; 2. Jarecki; 3. Jarecki; 4. Truett Schlabs; 5. Janae Schlabs; 6. Cliff Wright; 7. Hunt; 8. Pohlmeier; 9. Matsler; 10. Lemmons. Breed Champion: McDonald

Reserve Breed Champion: Sutton GRAND CHAMPION: McDonald RESERVE GRAND: Sutton.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION honors at the first annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic Lamb Show went to this lamb belonging to Stuart Sutton of Dimmitt. It is shown here by Travis Crow (right). Also shown are (from left) Vada and Rick Wilcox, parents of the late Aaron Wilcox, and Ronny Dennis of Olton, who was the judge for the show, which was held Jan. 17 in Dimmitt. Photo by Gamer Ball

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Star Auctioneers and anyone interested in selling equipment or machinery on the sale should contact Brian Ramaekers at 945-2331 or 945-2409 (mobile), Lonny Huseman at 945-2458 or 647-7663 (mobile),

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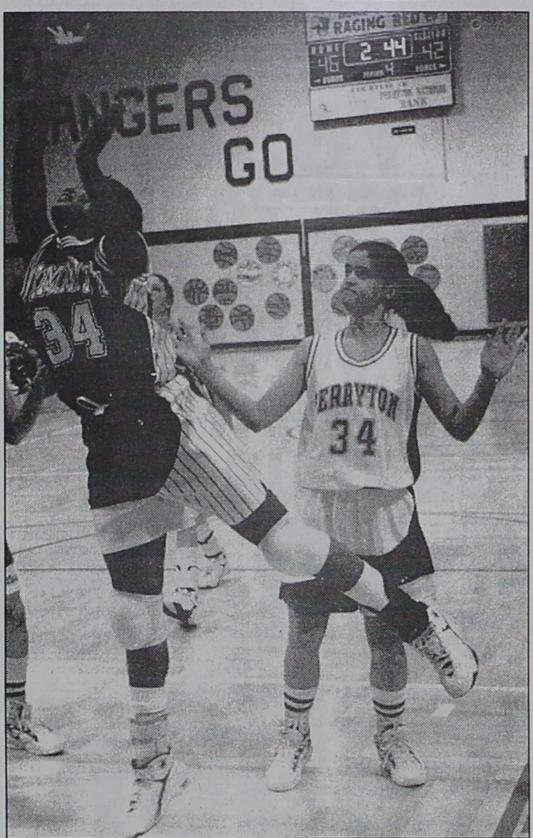
Sports

Hornets win first round, 54-48

the state's No. 1 and No. 4-ranked teams started at close range, with the first eight points coming on layups as

The much-heralded battle between Dimmitt's Jerry Thomas and Casey Smith staked the Bobcats to an early 6-2 lead.

Then the game moved outside the



TONYA ROBERTSON scores a layup to bring the Bobbies within two points of the Perryton Rangerettes, 44-46, in Friday night's District 1-AAA game at Perryton. Kimberly Newland followed with the tying basket less than a minute later and the game appeared headed for overtime until the Rangerettes sank a free throw after the buzzer to hand the Bobbies a Photo by Carter Townsend 47-46 loss.

and Tulia's Corey Mahaney shot the lights out with six treys in less than four minutes as the Tulia High School gym rocked from the noise of 1,050 excited fans.

And in the end, it was long-range bombs-three of them in just over a minute by Tulia's Reed Underwood-that propelled the top-ranked Hornets to a 54-48 win in the battle of District 1-AAA powerhouses.

In all, there were 13 three-pointers mixed with fast-break layups, pull-up jumpers, back-door plays, baseline reverses and an alley-oop as the two super-talented teams showed their stuff in the most exciting boys' game of the season so far in District 1-AAA.

The Bobcats dominated the first quarter, roaring to an 18-9 lead behind Buckley's four treys, a pair of inside baskets by Thomas and a fastbreak layup by Smith. At the same time, the Bobcats controlled the boards and denied the defending state finalists many second shots.

The two teams toc-to-tocd it in the second, with the Bobcats still owning a 27-19 lead at halftime.

The hot-handed Buckley scored 19 of Dimmitt's 27 first-half points, matching the output of the entire Tulia team.

Tulia Coach Tommy Miller altered his 2-3 zone defense to put a defender man-to-man on Buckley in the second half. Still, the junior guard finished with a game-high 27.

With Mikey and Philip Marshall and Mark Dyer leading the way, the Homets closed Dimmitt's lead to 38-37 by the end of the third quarter.

Then the Hornets went ahead for the first time on the first shot of the fourth-a fast-break jumper by Mikey Marshall.

After a three-point play by Thomas, the Bobcats built their lead back to four, 43-39, when Charley Sanders sank a basket underneath on a drawand-feed by Stuart Sutton.

The Hornets closed it to two on a pair of Philip Marshall free throws. Then, after a patient minute of perim-

perimeter. Dimmitt's Derek Buckley eter work, Underwood—who had not scored yet-sank his first trey at 3:31 to put the host team up 44-43.

Thomas gave the lead back to Dimmitt with a 15-foot jumper, but then Underwood sank two more treys back-to-back to put the Bobcats in a 45-50 hole.

Buckley rang up another trey with 51 seconds left to make it 48-50, then Sutton and Smith teamed on a tipsteal when the Hornets' inbounded, and Dimmitt called a time-out.

As the clock ticked down, the Bobcats worked for a good shot, only to lose the ball out-of-bounds on a bounce pass that went awry.

The Bobcats were forced to foul, and Dyer collected four free throws in the final 23 seconds to give the Hornets their final victory margin,

(It was the Hornets' biggest winning margin over the Bobcats in two seasons. Last year, both games between the two teams were decided by a single point.)

"They've got a good team, and that's why they're 24-0 now," Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle said. "They have lots of people to have to

"We couldn't get our inside game on track like we'd like to," he added. "I believe we can do better with our balance the next time.

"It wasn't any one thing that killed us," he said. "They got it done and we didn't."

It was only the first district loss for the Bobcats, who are now 17-7, 6-1. The Hornets' season mark is still a squeaky-clean 24-0, 7-0.

The girls' game was the Amber Matthews Show. The 6-1 senior post scored Dimmitt's first 10 points and finished with 33 as the Bobbies won,

Carol Summers was the only other Bobbie in double figures. The sophomore guard finished with 13. Between them, Matthews and Summers accounted for all but four of the Bobbies' points in their second conference win over the Lady Hornets.

Matthews rang up 16 points in the first quarter alone. Many of her firsthalf baskets were set up by Jacy Buckley's nifty inside lobs or drawand-feed drives.

But Bobbies Coach Jan Newland said that feeding the ball inside to Matthews wasn't part of any grand

"We go with who's hitting and stay with who's hot," Newland explained.

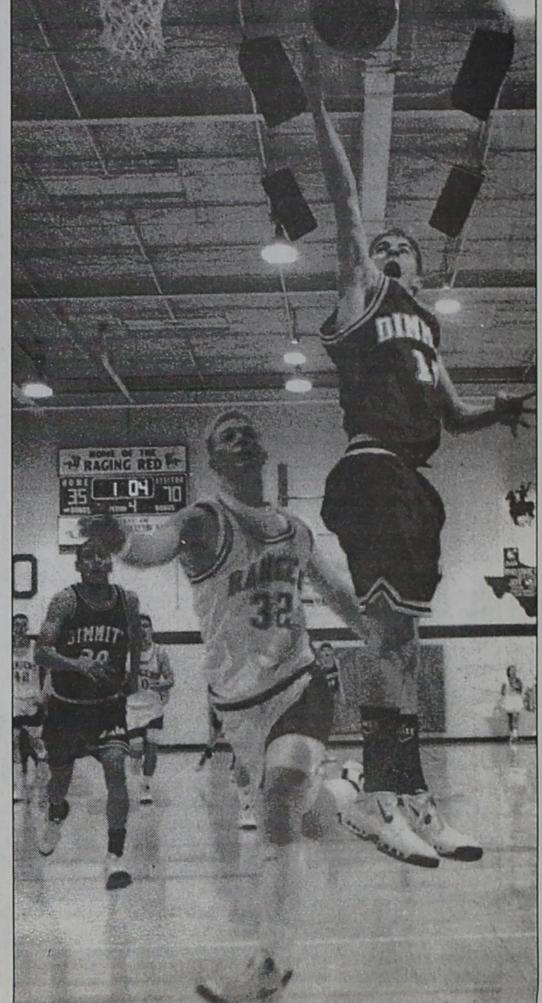
The line outside of the Tulia High School gym stretched almost two city blocks an hour before the first game. But Tulia school officials rose to the challenge of a certain overflow

Because of fire regulations, school officials had to restrict the gym crowd to 1,050.

Make that 1,051. The last person admitted was Norman Hays of Dimmitt.

"Kim (his wife) was right in front of me in line, and she was No. 1,050," Hays explained. "I told them, 'Hey, I'm with her,' and they let me go on in."

To handle the overflow, school officials had set up an additional 500 chairs and a big-screen TV in the school cafeteria, which is just across the foyer from the gym and concession stand.



WESLEY WRIGHT scores a fast-break layup after a steal for Dimmitt's final basket in the Bobcats' 72-35 victory over the Perryton Rangers Friday night at Perryton. Following Wright's shot is teammate Daniel Photo by Carter Townsend Flores (20).

Rangerettes upset Bobbies with after-buzzer free shot

Maybe it was the altitude. Or the long trip. Or the absence of point guard Shawna Kenworthy, who is out with a thumb fracture.

Whatever.

Perryton's Rangerettes threw the District 1-AAA girls' race into a three-way tie for the lead with a 47-46 upset win over the Bobbies Friday night at Perryton.

The win evened the Bobbies and Rangerettes at 1-1 against each other. The Bobbies had won the first game easily, 61-44, in Dimmitt last month. Friday night's game wasn't decided

until after the final buzzer. With the score tied at 46-all after a Kim Newland turn-around jumper with 1:30 left, the Bobbies stole the ball and worked the clock down to 0:04, only to turn it over on a bad

Perryton's Leigh Ann Ogden got off a shot at the buzzer. It rimmed

out, but she was fouled.

Stepping to the line for two free throws, Ogden missed the first one. But the second one fell through to give the Rangerettes the win.

The Bobbies trailed the determined Rangerettes throughout the game. The hostesses raced to a 20-13 firstquarter lead and stretched it to 30-19 in the second quarter before Stephanie Hinojosa, Amber Matthews, Heidi Weaver and Carol Summers cut it to four points, 30-26, in the final 1:24 before halftime.

The Rangerettes threw up a cloying defense that frustrated the Bobbies' inside game. The only Dimmitt field goal in the first seven minutes of the second period was a three-pointer by Matthews.

In the third, the ball-stealing Rangerettes built their lead back to eight points, 44-36, and stayed in control until Amber Matthews, Tonya Robertson and Kim Newland sank three field goals in a row to tie it up with 1:30 remaining.

Amber Matthews finished with 21 and Jacy Buckley with 12 for the Bobbies.

Perryton Coach Deanne Robertson was elated after the game.

"This was the biggest win by farthe biggest and greatest-to beat the first place team," Robertson said.

"Dimmitt is a good team."

She added, "Matthews is just so good that you're not going to stop her, and she got her points, but we managed to cut her scoring some in the seond half. We went to a zone defense and it helped. But it scares you to be in a zone because of Dimmitt's good outside shooters."

For Dimmitt Coach Jan Newland, that fatal free throw wasn't the game. "I told our kids after the game, 'One shot at the end of the game is not going to win or lose it," she said. "What we needed to do was to come

first half, and we didn't do that. "We had to play catch-up the whole time, and you just can't do that with the teams in our district, because they're all just so evenly matched."

out and take care of business in the

Dr. Gary R. Hardee For almost 13 years, Dr. Hardee Dr. Gary R. Hardee is one of the most owned and operated the Hardee Famfamiliar faces in the local medical community. He practices family medicine

at the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Plains Memorial Hospital. Michelle, here. Born and raised at Sweetwater, Dr.

Hardee attended Texas Tech, where he earned a BS degree in zoology in 1973. He attended the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, receiving his M.D. degree in 1978.

He joined the US Air Force and served his internship and residency in family practice at Carswell AFB Regional Hospital.

He later served as a family physician and chief of the Family Practice Clinic at Altus AFB Regional Hospital in Okla-

He was honorably discharged from active duty with the rank of major in 1985. That's when he and his family came to Dimmitt.

ily Medicine Clinic in Dimmitt. In the meantime, he and his wife, Cenci, raised their two children, Ryan and

Dr. Hardee joined the Medical Center of Dimmitt last July 1 as a family practitioner.

He is a fellow in the American Academy of Family Physicians, a diplomate on the American Board of Family Practice, and a member of the Texas Medical Association, Tierra Blanca Medican Society and American Academy of Family Physicians.

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Swift win over Happy gives Naz new life in playoff race

The Happy Cowboys couldn't buy a basket on their home court Tuesday, and the Nazareth Swifts couldn't hold onto the ball, but when the debris settled in Cowboy Corral, the Swifts had escaped with a 49-46 win to stay alive in the playoff chase.

The Cowboys had been tied with Lazbuddie for the District 3-A lead before Tuesday's game and Nazareth was just a game behind, but the Swifts' win over the Cowboys moved them to 3-2 and into a threeway tie for second with the Cowboys and Farwell. Lazbuddie was open

Happy attempted 63 shots in the game and only hit 18 of them. They struggled at the line, too, counting only six of 15 attempts.

Nazareth's problem was handling the ball. The Swifts had 25 turnovers Tuesday, but when they did keep control, they had some success, hitting 20 of 47 shots from the field and six of 10 shots from the line.

Nazareth led by 11 early in the third quarter before Happy finally

started hitting, and early in the fourth quarter the Cowboys held a onepoint lead.

The game was tied at 44 with 1:36 left, but over the rest of the game Happy went cold, missing three free throws and hitting just one of five

Baskets by Shane Ethridge and Jerad Birkenfeld and a free throw by Mitch Brockman in the last minute gave the Swifts the win.

quarter, sparked by six points from Barry Hoelting. Hip Saenz cut the Nazareth lead to

four with 6:55 left in the half, but Happy would only get one point over the next six minutes. The Swifts got two baskets from

Barry Hoelting and others from Ethridge, Billy Don Cannon and Darren Huckert to take a 24-11 lead with 1:11 left in the half.

But Happy got five straight points on a shot by Sonny Calhoun and a steal and three by John Mark Moudy to cut it to 24-16 at halftime.

Nazareth would regain its doubledigit lead early in the third, but Happy kept it within reach, and a three by Calhoun to close out thirdquarter scoring at the 1:24 mark made it 36-30, Nazareth.

Calhoun opened fourth-quarter scoring and pulled the Cowboys within three, then he was fouled by Cannon and sank both charity tosses to make it a one-point Swift lead.

Saenz scored with 6:49 left, giving Nazareth led 14-8 in the first Happy a one-point advantage that lasted for almost two minutes. Then two free throws by Birkenfeld put Nazareth back up by one and another by Kit Schulte gave the Swifts a twopoint edge.

A Huckert basket with 2:57 left made it 43-39, but Happy would eventually tie it at 44 with a bankedin three from the top of the key with 1:36 left. Ethridge and Birkenfeld each hit baskets in the last minute to lift Nazareth to the win.

Ethridge finished with 13 points to lead the Swifts while Hoelting had 12 and Huckert added 11.

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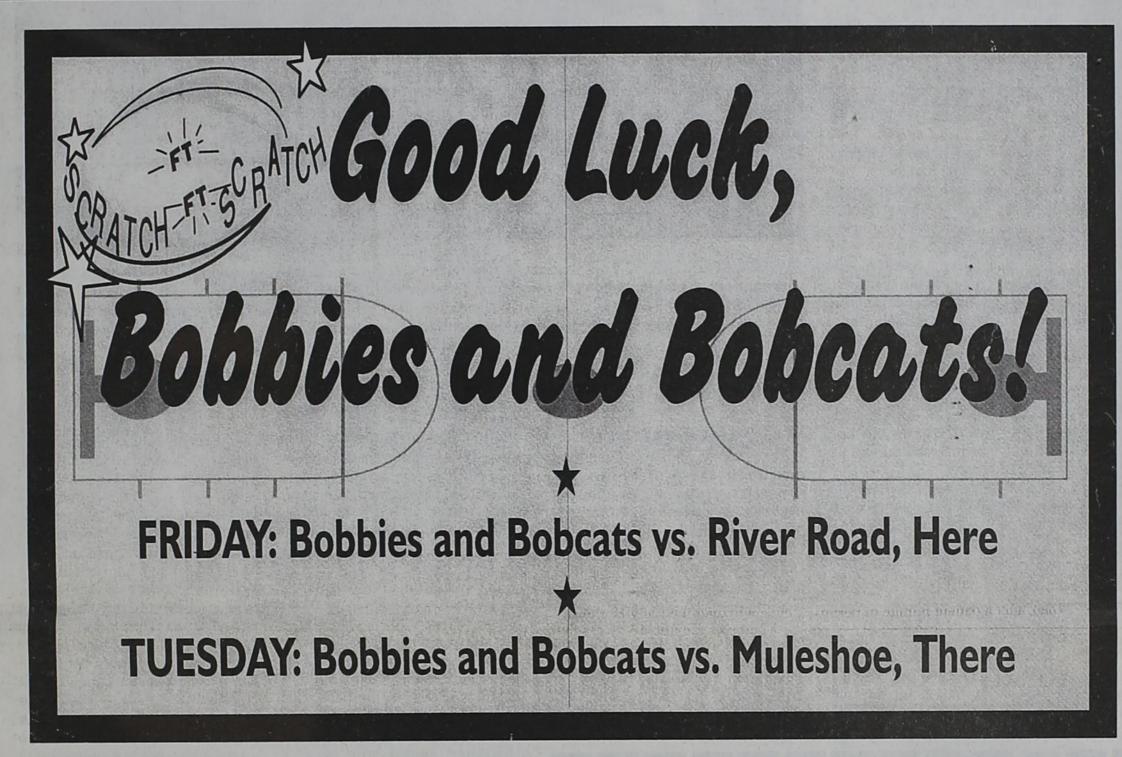
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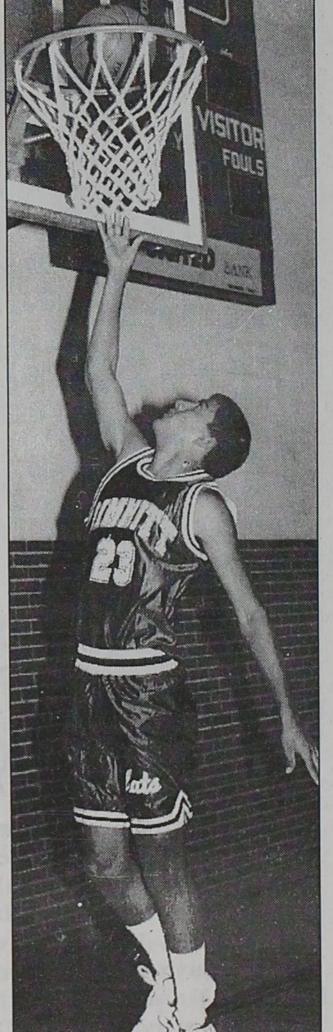
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Lazbuddie outlasts Swifts, 74-71, to clinch share of District 3-A lead

By SARA BIRKENFELD

The Swifts barely missed an opportunity to share first-place they lost a close, hard-fought battle with Lazbuddie in the final minutes, 74-71.

moved into a tie for first place with Happy (3-1) with the win while the Swifts dropped to 2-2.

Nazareth held a 44-42 lead over Lazbuddie at halftime thanks to a three-pointer buzzer-beater by Barry Hoelting. Nazareth held the lead many times throughout the second half, but couldn't put the game away and Lazbuddie was able to squeak out the three-point victory.

Hoelting was Nazareth's leading scorer with 21.

Nazareth got its first points from Hoelting on a put-back, but Jason Thomas picked up two for Lazbuddie off of a jumpshot and hit a free throw total

to give the Longhorns a 3-2 lead. honors in District 3-A Friday when after counting shots by Cade Morris scored on an inside shot to keep the and Brandon Foster, but Billy Don Cannon ended the run with a free throw for the Swifts. Jerad Lazbuddie, 3-1 in District 3-A Birkenfeld added a shot to tie the open the second quarter and tie the game at seven.

The Swifts were down 9-13 with a little over a minute to play in the first quarter, but Josh Merritt was fouled while shooting a three-pointer and he sank all three charity tosses to pull the Swifts within one.

Lazbuddie after scoring off of a by four, 33-29. jumpshot and following it with a free throw, but Merritt nailed a jumpshot off the dribble to make it a two-point

more times before time expired in the first and added two to the Horns'

Hoelting hit a free throw for the Lazbuddie started to pull away Swifts, then Mitchell Brockman game close, but Lazbuddie still led at the end of the stanza, 20-17.

> Cannon nailed a three-pointer to game at 20.

A Hoelting trey less than two minutes into the quarter gave the Swifts a 27-25 lead.

But Lazbuddie ran off eight unanswered points to regain control. The spree was ended by a Cannon Thomas added three more for layup, but Lazbuddie still controlled

Nazareth chipped away at the Lazbuddie lead, and with 39 seconds left to play, Brockman hit a threepointer, Hoelting followed with one Thomas returned to the line two of his own and added another at the buzzer to put the Swifts up at the break, 44-42.

> Brockman extended the Swifts' lead to four at the beginning of the third quarter, but two baskets by Thomas and Chris Smith, and a three-pointer by Foster gave the Longhorns a 49-46 lead.

With 4:02 left in the third, Birkenfeld scored to give the Swifts a 52-49 lead.

Lazbuddie responded with a shot and free throw by Robert Nail to tie the game at 52 with 3:49 left in the third.

Lazbuddie took a two-point edge, but Kit Schulte tied it at 54.

The Longhorns were able to take a four-point lead before Huckert scored to cut it to two and Lazbuddie led, 58-56, after three.

Hoelting led off the fourth-quarter scoring with a trey to put the Swifts on top by one. Brockman added four more points off of a layup and a jumpshot underneath to make it 63-60, Nazareth.

Less than two minutes into the fourth, Lazbuddie was able to tie the game at 63 when Josh Morris made the first of two free throw attempts and Smith got the rebound on the second and scored.

Huckert added four points over the next minute to give the Swifts a 67-

The Longhorns scored six points over the next three minutes before Cameron McLain scored on a putback with 2:46 remaining in the fourth to trim the Lazbuddie lead to 72-69.

The Longhorns added two more free throws and Hoelting added a put-back at the buzzer for the final 74-71 score.



SWIFTETTE TRAP—The Nazareth Swiftettes surround a Lazbuddie ballhandler and force her to cough up the ball Friday in a District 3-A game at Lazbuddie. Nazareth used a punishing defense like

this, applied by Sara Schulte (20), Celina Braddock (14), Amy Pohlmeier (34) and a teammate, to handle Lazbuddie, 68-34. The Swiftettes led the district with Photo by Brenda Schulte a 4-0 mark after the win.

Swiftettes breeze by Lazbuddie

By SARA BIRKENFELD

a first-half sweep of District 3-A opponents Friday night, romping over the Lazbuddie Lady Horns, 68-34, in Lazbuddie.

Nazareth was led by K'Lynn Gerber, who finished with a gamehigh 16 points; and Whitney Hoelting, who added 13. Amy Pohlmeier and Tiffany Schmucker nailed three treys apiece and finished with 11 and nine points, respectively.

Nazareth improved to 4-0 in district with the victory and 19-5 overall.

Cassie Birkenfeld scored on a The Nazareth Swiftettes completed reverse layup minutes into the game to put the Swiftettes on the board. Lazbuddie tied the game with a pair of free throws by Holly Engelking, but the Swiftettes quickly regained the lead when Gerber hit on an inside jumper for a 4-2 lead that Nazareth would continue to build upon

> through the rest of the game. Gerber made it 8-2 with 4:30 left after she scored on a layup, then seconds later Birkenfeld picked up another bucket to make it 10-4.

> Gerber added a put-back and Birkenfeld hit her second of two free throws to give Nazareth a 13-4 lead. A Hoelting jumper with about a minute left gave Nazareth a 15-8 lead at the end of the first stanza.

> Nazareth outscored Lazbuddie 21-5 in the second quarter to take a commanding lead.

Gerber hit two shots from the free 34 at the buzzer. throw line, but Roxanne Warren tossed in one for the Lady Horns to make it 17-9. About a minute later, Pohlmeier drilled her first threepointer to make it 20-11.

With less than four minutes remaining in the first half, Shawna Gerber scored back-to-back layups off of two steals that put Nazareth up 25-13. In the final seconds of the second quarter, Pohlmeier nailed another trey and converted a steal into a layup and the Swiftettes led 36-13 at intermission.

Warren opened second-half scoring with a jumpshot and Lazbuddie cut the deficit to 21. Over the next three minutes, Nazareth hit three treys, two by Schmucker and another by Pohlmeier, and that accounted for nine of the Swiftettes'

15 points in the quarter. Lazbuddie was held to a mere six points by the Swiftettes pressure defense.

Nazareth led 51-19 at the start of the fourth quarter and coasted through the quarter for the win.

K'Lynn Gerber scored on a layup less than a minute into the fourth, but Kia Morris added a basket inside in retaliation. Schmucker hit her final three with 3:06 left to play and that gave Nazareth a 62-24 lead.

Hoelting added four points in the stanza, connecting on a jumpshot off the dribble, followed by a pair of free throws to extend the Swiftettes' lead to 66-28.

Lazbuddie got six points off of jumpers from Laura Via and free throws by Scotty Brown with less than a minute to play.

Jayme Schmucker finished scoring with two free throws to make it 68-

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Also pictured is Nazareth's Kit Schulte (20).

NAZARETH'S CAMERON MCLAIN (40) takes a Lazbuddie defender

to the hoop Friday during action in a District 3-A game in Lazbuddie. The

Swifts and Longhorns were battling it out for the district lead, and the

hard-fought battle was won by Lazbuddie in the waning minutes, 74-71.

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Hart teams swat Hornets Friday

late Highland Park rally Friday to half, then coasted to a 50-36 win. claim their first District 3-AA win of the season, 52-50, while the Lady Horns virtually shut down the Hor- fourth in District 3-AA with High-

The Hart Longhorns staved off a nets offensive production in the first land Park and Olton. The Hart girls

The Longhorns improved to 8-13 overall and are in a three-way tie for

maintained their tie for second with the win over Highland Park and improved to 3-1 in loop play. The Lockney girls led the district race with a 4-0 mark while Hart was tied with Hale Center for second after Friday's action.

In the boys' game, Hart jumped out to a 14-10 lead in the first quarter, then matched Highland Park point for point in the second to maintain that four-point edge at the break,

Highland Park took control in the third quarter and managed to outscore Hart, 14-11, but the Longhorns still clung to a one-point lead headed into the game's final eight minutes.

Over that period, the teams swapped basket after basket before Hart finally managed to claim the 11. slim two-point win.

Jeremiah Velasquez sparked Hart in the fourth quarter, but the first-half with an 11-point performance Friday while teammate Lupe DeLaFuente chipped in 10 points.

The Hart girls didn't have a problem swatting the Hornets in Amarillo Friday.

The Lady Horns' offense was clicking in the first quarter, but it was defense that did the job. Highland Park managed just one

basket in the first quarter, allowing Hart to mount a big 16-2 lead. The Lady Horns continued to score

at will in the second stanza and held Highland Park to just six points for a 32-8 halftime lead. Hart repeated its 16-point-a-quarter performance in the third, and

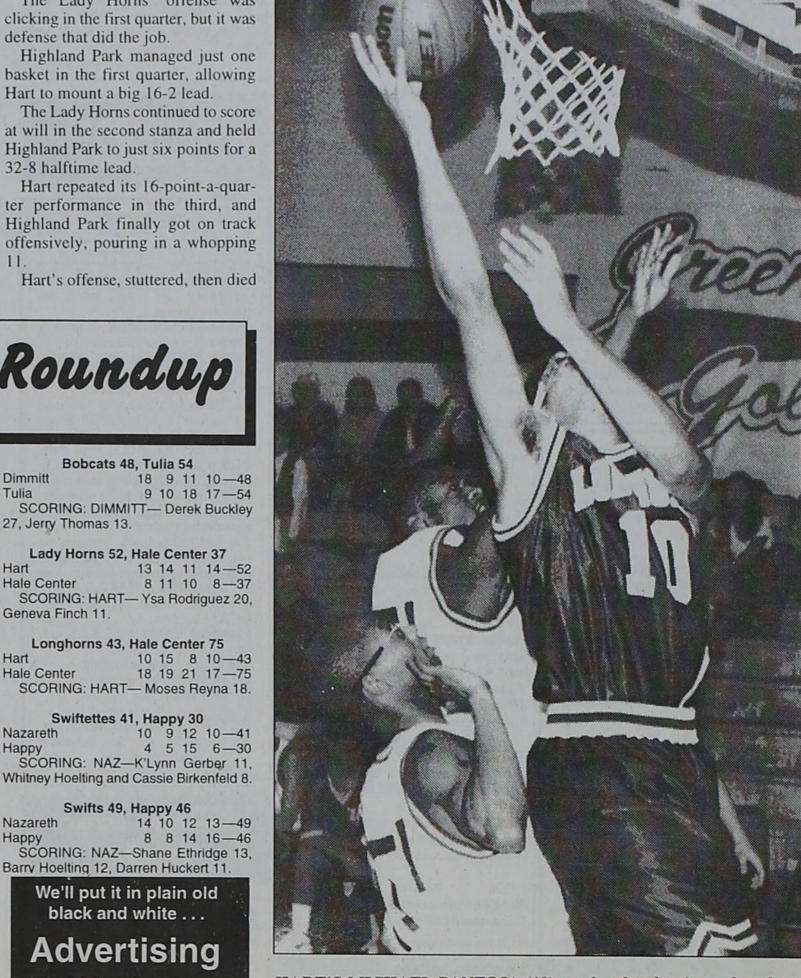
Hart's offense, stuttered, then died

advantage was enough to keep the Lady Horns on top.

Hart led 48-19 at the end of the third quarter, but the Lady Horns would see just two more points the entire fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, the Hornets were on fire, adding 17 to their total, but it wasn't enough.

Hart's girls were paced by Geneva Finch, who tallied 14 points; and Charbra Lee, who finished with



HART'S MICHAEL PANTOJA (10) reaches for the rim and settles a shot through the hoop despite being surrounded by a pair of Highland Park defenders Friday. Hart picked up a close win over the Hornets, 52-Photo by David Knox



LANE BATTLES—Hart's Angelica Peralez (12) and Selina Carrasco (25) fight for position and concentrate on snatching a rebound away from Highland Park girls Friday in District 3-AA action. The Lady Horns won the game, 50-36, and are currently in sole possession of second place in district. Photo by David Knox

Hoop Roundup

Tulia

FRIDAY

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Swifts 71, Lazbuddie 74 Nazareth 17 27 12 15—71 Lazbuddie 20 22 16 16-74

SCORING: NAZ- Barry Hoelting 25, Geneva Finch 11. Mitchell Brockman 13 Lady Horns 50, Highland Park 36

16 16 16 2-50 Highland Park 2 6 11 17-36 SCORING: HART- Geneva Finch 14, Charbra Lee 8.

Swiftettes 68, Lazbuddie 34 Nazareth 15 21 15 17-68 8 5 6 15-34 SCORING: NAZ- K'Lynn Gerber 16, Whitney Hoelting 13.

Perryton SCORING: Matthews 21, Jacy Buckley 12.

Bobcats 72, Perryton 38 14 18 22 18-72 9 4 7 18-38 SCORING: DIMMITT- Derek Buckley 16, Casey Smith 14.

TUESDAY Bobbies 50, Tulia 40 19 7 15 9-50 12 11 10 7-40 SCORING: DIMMITT-

Matthews 33, Carol Summers 13,

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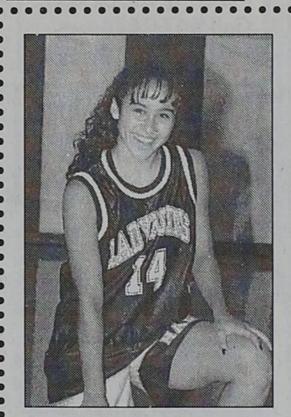
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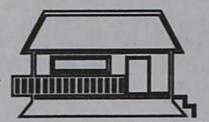




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Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 10 primary.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY For County/District Clerk: Joyce Thomas (I)

For County Treasurer: Janice Shelton (I)

For Justice of the Peace:

Garner Ball Paul Durbin Gloria G. Hernandez Leon B. Sandoval, Jr. Avery Thrasher Tana Young

For Precinct 4 Commissioner: Richard Hunter

For County Judge: Norman Hays Irene Miller

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

For 64th District Court Judge: Rob Kinkaid

For 242nd District Court Judge: Edward L. Self

For Precinct 2 Commissioner:

Clyde Harold Damron

For Precinct 4 Commissioner:

Dan Schmucker (I) For County Judge:

Wayne Collins

For County Treasurer: Carolyn Watts

Political advertisement paid by candidates.



LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of proposed changes in salary and allowances for Castro County Judge.

FY - 1998 Proposed State Supplement **Total Wages**

5,000.00 \$36,776.00 Public hearing will be conducted on Feb. 9, 1998 at 9:45 a.m. in the County

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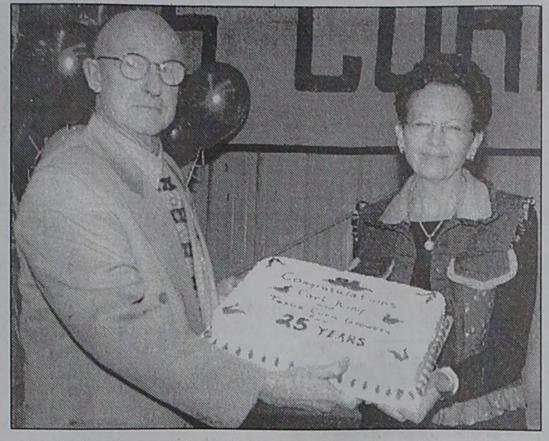
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CONGRATULATIONS, CARL!-Lois Wales, member of Women Involved in Farm Economics, presentes Carl King with a cake celebrating the silver anniversary of the Texas Corn Growers Association Tuesday at the group's annual meeting. King founded the organization and still works as its president today.

Swiftettes outlast Cowgirls, 41-30

The Nazareth Swiftettes built a 13point lead over the Happy Cowgirls Tuesday night in Happy, then watched that lead dwindle to three in the fourth quarter before they eventu-

ally prevailed, 41-30. The Swiftettes controlled Happy with tough defense in the first half, allowing the Cowgirls just nine points.

Happy more than doubled its halftime score in the third quarter, but never managed to overtake the Swiftettes, who only trailed once, early in the first quarter.

Nazareth took a two-game lead in District 3-A with the win and improved to 21-5 overall and 5-0 in conference play. Happy fell to 13-11,

Cassie Birkenfeld turned a Tiffany Schmucker steal into two points to open scoring, but Happy countered with two off of an inside post move by Buffy Croy to tie it at two. Happy took its only lead of the game with 4:12 left in the first on a pair of free throws by Lacy Pearson.

Birkenfeld got a steal and layup to knot it at four, then K'Lynn Gerber put Nazareth on top for good with 3:12 left in the stanza.

Happy wouldn't score again in the quarter, and the Swiftettes used shots by Sara Schulte, Gerber and Whitney Hoelting to take a 10-4 lead.

Happy finally broke its six-minute scoring drought with a pair of free throws by Jacy Cumby, but didn't score again until Cumby hit a layup

at the 2:56 mark. After Cumby's free throws, the Swiftettes embarked upon a 10-3 run, starting with a three by Shawna Gerber, and they led 19-9 at the

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the first annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic Lamb Show a success. We appreciate all who worked and who made donations for prizes and other expenses, including: First United Bank, North Gin Inc., Cornett Equipment, First United Methodist Church, Dimmitt Ready Mix, B&W Aerial, Dimmitt Veterinary Clinic, Terra International, Dimmitt Consumers, Jerry and Nancy Mathis, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, L&W Feed, Anthoney and Mary Mays, Higginbotham-Bartlett Co., J.W. Lindley Inc. Mineral & Feed, Thrasher's Auto Sales, Novartis Seed Inc., J.W. Lindley Inc., and Katy Wright.

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In the first half, Happy made just 2-of-14 shots from the field while Nazareth connected on 9-of-23 at-

The second half was a little more successful for the Cowgirls, thanks to

Birkenfeld hit back-to-back shots in the third to give Nazareth a 24-11 lead with 5:24 left, but it didn't last

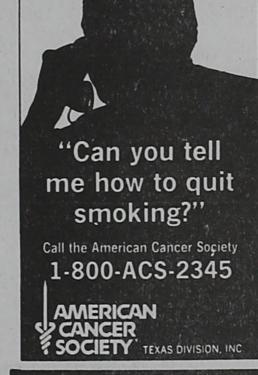
Cumby scored at the 3:48 mark, but her shot was answered by K'Lynn Gerber.

Cumby wasn't through, though. A back-door play netted her two more, then she got another two to pull Happy within nine with 2:35 left. She made it a seven-point game 13 seconds later with a steal and layup before Nazareth asked for time.

Happy got within four on a shot by Pearson, but the Swiftettes regained a seven-point lead by the end of the quarter, hitting 5-of-6 free throw attempts.

The first four points of the fourth belonged to Pearson and Jonann Petty and that pulled Happy within three, 31-28, with 5:15 left in the game. But Nazareth's defense silenced the Cowgirls for the remainder of the game, giving up just a pair of free throws with five seconds left in the game.

The Swiftettes were paced by K'Lynn Gerber's 11 points while Birkenfeld and Hoelting had eight apiece. Happy was led by Cumby with 15.



Police Calls

Two juvenile suspects were taken into custody Friday in connection with the burglary of a habitation at Coronado Acres in Castro County. The two have been transported to the Youth Center of the High Plains. The burglary was reported to deputies Thursday night by Judy Busby.

Martin Martinez, 22, of Dimmitt, told police Sunday night that some suspects assaulted him by kicking and punching him. The incident happened in the 400 block of Northeast Fourth Street.

Jerry Torres, 33, of Dimmitt, told police Friday that he had allowed a suspect to use a 1997 Ford Ranger pickup, but the suspect had not returned the vehicle. Torres valued the vehicle at \$15,000.

A Dimmitt man, 23, was jailed Saturday afternoon on charges of possession of a controlled substance Photo by Anne Acker (methamphetamine).

> Jan. 21 at 4 p.m., a 20-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for failure to identify and no driver's license. Also at 6:13 p.m., a suspect was reported in the 900 block of West Bedford for driving with license suspended. The same charge was listed in an incident Friday morning in the 800 block of South Front Street.

Friday afternoon, a 17-year-old was jailed on a warrant for burglary of a habitation.

Sunday morning, a Hereford man, 24, was jailed on a theft warrant out of Potter County.

Jan. 21, a two-vehicle accident in east Dimmitt resulted in no injuries. Police reported that Travis Earl Hampton, 62, of Dimmitt, was driving a 1984 Chevrolet pickup east on SH 86 and pulled into a private drive to make a U-turn. As he turned across the intersection of SH 86 and Northeast Sixth, his vehicle was struck by a 1971 Chevrolet pickup driven by Arturo Leyva Rueda, 40, of Dimmitt., who was pulling out of another private drive and heading east on SH 86. Damage to the 1984 pickup was rated light, while the 1971 had moderate damage. Hampton was ticketed for failure to yield right of way.

Local candidates speak to ROW

Three candidates vying for the Republican nominations in local races spoke to the Republican Organization for Women last Wednesday at K-Bob's Steakhouse in Dimmitt.

Kaye Stevens introduced the candidates, Bob Kincaid, an attorney from Plainview who is a candidate for district judge; Wayne Collins, candidate for Castro County Judge; and Carolyn Watts, candidate for Castro County Treasurer.

Fourteen members and eight guests attended the ROW meeting. Doris Flynt, president, presided over the business meeting and she announced committee assignments for the coming year.

The group discussed the coming visit of Susan Combs, candidate for agriculture commissioner.

Cathy Hill discussed the Three Rivers Authority project for legislative interest.

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Nancy Neal is candidate for State Board of Education post

Nancy Neal has announced her candidacy in the Republican primary for election to the State Board of Education from District 15.

The position is currently held by Montie Hasie of Lubbock who is not seeking re-election.

District 15 covers 47 counties in the Texas Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin and Concho Valley, and Castro County is included in that

"I have been very active in the public schools of Texas as a parent, an elected school board member, school nurse and mentor," said Neal. "It is my goal to bring my experience in both the public schools and in higher education to the State Board of Education to effectively represent the citizens of District 15 and be an advocate for the school children of our region.

"I have enjoyed the opportunity of working closely with school administrators, teachers, parents and students. My daughter is currently a second-grade teacher in the public schools. So I am deeply committed to our public school students in Texas," said Neal.

"I have received support and encouragement from a large number of people throughout this vast district. I am running for the State Board of Education to help continue the important initiatives of our governor in public education."

Neal is a homemaker and a nurse. She was elected to the Lubbock Independent School District board of trustees from 1986 to 1992. She served as president of the board for two years. She was a public school health nurse at Wheatley Elementary requiring people to cover their in Lubbock from 1993-96.



January 29, 1998

Nancy Neal

Gov. George W. Bush appointed Mrs. Neal in 1997 to serve on the board of regents of the Texas State University System, which governs five universities across Texas, including Angelo State University in San Angelo.

She currently serves as a member of the Wayland Baptist University Advisory Council in Plainview. She has served in numerous leadership positions on the Texas Tech University Foundation and the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Advisory Board. She has been active in both the local and statewide levels of the PTA since

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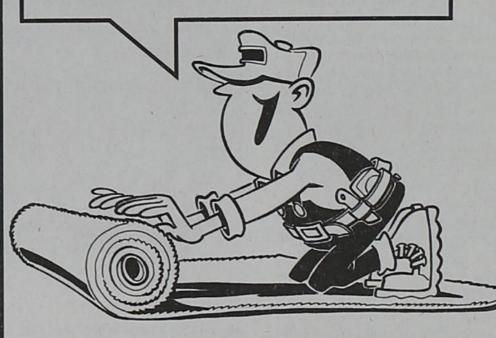




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Bobby Ray Ball

Funeral services for Sgt. 1st Class (retired) Bobby Ray Ball, 65, of Lawton, Okla., the brother of Della Chapman of Dimmitt, were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the First Assembly of God in Lawton with Rev. John E. Brown, senior pastor, and Rev. Don Barnes, associate pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be with full military honors at Post Cemetery of Fort Sill, Okla., under direction of Becker Funeral Home of Lawton.

Sgt. Ball died Jan. 26 at a Fort Sill hospital from a sudden illness.

He was born Oct. 30, 1932, in Littlefield. He married Minnie "Mearl" Ross on Oct. 2, 1953, in Wichita Falls. He joined the US Army in 1950 and retired in 1970. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam. He had received many service medals during his military career. Since 1973, he had been an insurance agent for Standard Life and Accident Insurance Co. He was a member of the First Assembly of God in Lawton, where he served as an usher. He was an avid golfer.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Ray Ball.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Greg Ball of Norman, Okla., and Alan Ball of Fort Gordon, Ga.; two daughters, Cheryl Biby of Altus, Okla., and Becky Cody of Tecumseh, Okla.; four brothers, James Ball of Littlefield, Alvin Ball of Dallas, Morris Ball of Colorado, and Max Ball of Bedford; two sisters, Evelyn McBee of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Della Chapman of Dimmitt; 12 grandchildren; a greatgranddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the First Assembly of God Building Fund, P.O. Box 6485, Lawton, OK 73506, or to Teen Challenge, Rt. 2, Box 21B, Cache, OK 73527.

George Lee Copeland

Services for George Lee Copeland, 42, of Richardson, formerly of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday morning in Memorial Park Funeral Home's Chapel of Memories in Amarillo with Loran Harper of Comanche Hills Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery

Mr. Copeland was born and raised in Dimmitt and graduated from Dimmitt High School. He married Kathy Marrs in 1994 at Santa Fe, N.M. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Dallas. Active in the Boy Scouts, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Charles Copeland; and his mother, Carolyn Copeland of Lub-

The family requests memorials be to the Boy Scouts of America.

Edd Haskins

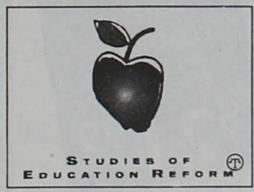
Funeral services for Edd Haskins, 96, of Hereford, the stepfather of a Dimmitt man, were to be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Irvin Street First Baptist Church of Hereford with Rev. Emory McFrazier officiating.

Burial was to be in Littlefield Cemetery under direction of McCarty Funeral Home.

Mr. Haskins died Jan. 22 in Golden Age Care Center in Ama-

He was born May 1, 1901, in Dayton, Ala. He married Mamie Franklin, Ollie Roberts, Ruthie Bailey, and Pearlie Brown, who all preceded him in death. He was a Baptist, and had worked as a farm laborer. Three sons, Edd Jr., Sam and Elijah, and two daughters, Betty Thomas and Dorothy Willard, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by four sons, Leroy of Dallas, Issac of Hereford, James of Amarillo, and Lawrence Rosemond of Amherst; three daughters, Alice Mae Dotson and Hattie Harris, both of Lubbock, and Lena High of Amarillo; three stepsons, Joe L. Porter of Dimmitt, Andrew Lee Porter of Lovelady, and Lee Johnson Jr. of Dumas; two stepdaughters, Christ Guess of Hereford and Nolleen Smith of Amarillo; 77 grandchildren; 113 great-grandchildren; 27 great-great-grandchildren; and four great-great-great-grandchil-



Where education reform is concerned, it takes time for educators to learn new content and approaches and for institutions to change to make new instruction work.



KEN CARVER ... Addressing water issues Photo by Anne Acker



DAVID SENTER ... Washington update Photo by Anne Acker

More about

TCGA meeting

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power contract with General Motors and sell him the cheapest power in this country and ship it to their plants in Mexico or to big cities.

"If that happens, what kind of power are you going to have left for your irrigation wells and your homes out here in these small towns? We need to make sure that states stay in control of deregulation and that it's not mandated in Washington. We must protect rural and farm families and get them a fair deal in this process," said Senter

Charles Castleberry with Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia said "everybody has their own ideas about what makes electric deregulation work and what makes it go

And he added that cooperatives in Texas oppose passage of the deregulation bill.

"If everything was equal, there might be some real benefits if retail wheeling was providing to all customers the same price for electricity. But cooperatives are skeptical that rural communities will see any benefits," said Castleberry.

"It's doubtful that rural consumers will see lower prices. Having a choice is unlikely, too, because it's unlikely that rural areas will have many different providers to choose from. It costs too much to serve rural areas and other providers won't be interested in providing service to less densely populated areas," he added.

Those addressing the corn growers said the best way to ensure rural areas get a fair deal is to make sure their voices are heard in Washington and Austin.

"There are fewer rural voices being heard as more and more people move to cities and higher populated



GARY GOLDBERG ... What's new with ACGA Photo by Anne Acker

areas," said Goldberg.

"You provide a very viable source of information to the legislature. We're getting to the point in rural representation that it takes a lot of time and effort of the rural legislators left to make sure our cohorts are apprised of what rural Texas needs," said Laney.

He said Texas is growing at the rate of 30,000 people a month, and most are moving to urban areas like San Antonio, Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston. And those increases will put a strain on our water supply

"Two-thirds of the legislature comes from eight counties now," said Laney. "It's important that as this water bill continues to go through the processes, we stay involved to make sure our voices are heard.

"Agriculture is still the major economic benefit Texas has," Laney



HAROLD BOB BENNETT OF HART was one of the speakers addressing the Texas Corn Growers Association membership Tuesday. Bennett served more than four years as state executive director of the Farm Service Agency before stepping down in 1997. Photo by Anne Acker

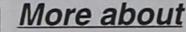
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want to reimburse the county for it."

In other business, the commissioners voted to ask County Attorney Jerry Matthews to contact the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation about an inspection fee that is due on the office space that houses the Child Protective Services offices in Dimmitt. Miller said the county has a

District standings

DISTRICT 1-AAA BOYS

Team	District	Overall
Tulia	7-0	24-0
Dimmitt	6-1	17-7
Friona	5-2	18-4
Muleshoe	4-3	17-8
Dalhart	2-5	11-11
Sanford-Fritch	3-4	7-17
Perryton	0-6	5-14
River Road	0-6	2-23

Team	District	Overall
Dimmitt	7-2	14-11
Perryton	7-2	18-6
Friona	6-3	17-9
River Road	5-4	13-9
Muleshoe	5-4	14-10
Tulia	3-6	8-17
Dalhart	2-7	1016
Sanford-Fritch	1-8	1-22

Team	District	Overall
Hale Center	5-0	20-3
Bovina	4-1	16-4
Lockney	3-2	11-5
Highland Park	1-4	13-11
Olton	1-4	9-13
Hart	1-4	8-14

DISTRICT 3-AA CIRI S

Team	District	Overall
Lockney	5-0	17-6
Hart	4-1	16-9
Hale Center	3-2	13-9
Olton	2-3	10-13
Highland Park	1-4	8-13
Bovina	0-5	2-19

DISTRICT 3-A BOYS

Team	District	Overall
Lazbuddie	3-1	12-4
Нарру	3-2	11-13
Nazareth	3-2	8-15
Farwell	3-2	13-12
Vega	0-5	4-21
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DISTRICT 3-A GIRLS

Team	District	Overall
Nazareth	5-0	21-5
Farwell	3-2	21-5
Vega	3-2	13-11
Нарру	1-4	13-11
Lazbuddie	0-4	13-10
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contract with the property owner in which he had agreed to pay the inspection fee and allow the county to sign a lease for the office space for

\$10 a year through December 1998. Miller said the owner has since objected to paying the \$135 fee.

In another matter, the commissioners expressed disappointment in the demonstration set up by Correctional Security Services that sells security equipment. Due to a sensitivity in the equipment, the walk-through metal detector was triggered inappropriately. Spokespersons for the company said they did not have time to set up the equipment properly for an accurate demonstration. Commissioners said they would want it made clear that they would not purchase any equipment until it is proven to work.

Walk-through units were priced at \$5,500, \$4,500 and \$3,500, while hand-held uinits were estimated at \$170 each. The security fund has \$8,894.50 available in the budget.

Action on the decision was tabled until the next meeting of the commissioners.

Matthews told the court that they do not have to take any further action to evict tenants of some property in Hart that had been sold at auction to pay back taxes. He said a forcible detainer needs to be issued from a magistrate, such as the Justice of the Peace.

In other business, the commission-

-Accepted the report by outside auditors David, Kinard & Co., as presented by Becky Roberts. Roberts complimented county personnel for their part in helping with the audit. She said that some recommended changes have already been started.

-Renewed the interlocal agreement with the City of Hart. The county will maintain city dirt streets at a rate of \$85 per hour.

-Agreed to sell the former DARE vehicle by sealed bids and put the money into the DARE fund.

-Reappointed Dr. Leon Joplin as the County Health Authority for the

-Granted permission for an electrical line to cross under CR 604, as requested by Don Tindall and approved by Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldridge.

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