

Grandparent's "Braggin'" Time

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McCormick sweeps county stock show



THE DIMMITT BUYERS CLUB purchased Jay McCormick's grand champion lamb for \$10 per pound Saturday. McCormick (holding lamb) granded the lamb show with this 143-pound heavyweight mediumwool, then went on to grand the steer and barrow shows as well. The buyers club is represented by (back row, from left) Philip York, Greg Odom, Becky Stovall and Jackie Odom. Mary Bradley is pictured with the group.

Another Castro County Junior Livestock Show record toppled Friday when Jay McCormick pulled off what most believe is an unprecedented triple crown exhibition.

McCormick started off the day Friday morning by granding the lamb show with a 143-pound heavy-weight mediumwool. About an hour later, his 1,235-pound medium-weight cross granded the steer show. McCormick capped off a day's work by driving his 260-pound heavy-weight cross hog to the grand championship in the barrow division.

Show officials believe McCormick's triple achievement is the first of its kind in the 43-year history of the show.

"This has probably never happened before," said Lee Kleman, member of the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

McCormick earned \$7,605 for his three grands. The top lamb earned a bid of \$10 per pound from the Dimmitt Buyers Club. Rafter 3 Feedyard provided a \$3 per pound bid for the grand champion steer and a group of individuals purchased his grand barrow for \$10 a pound.

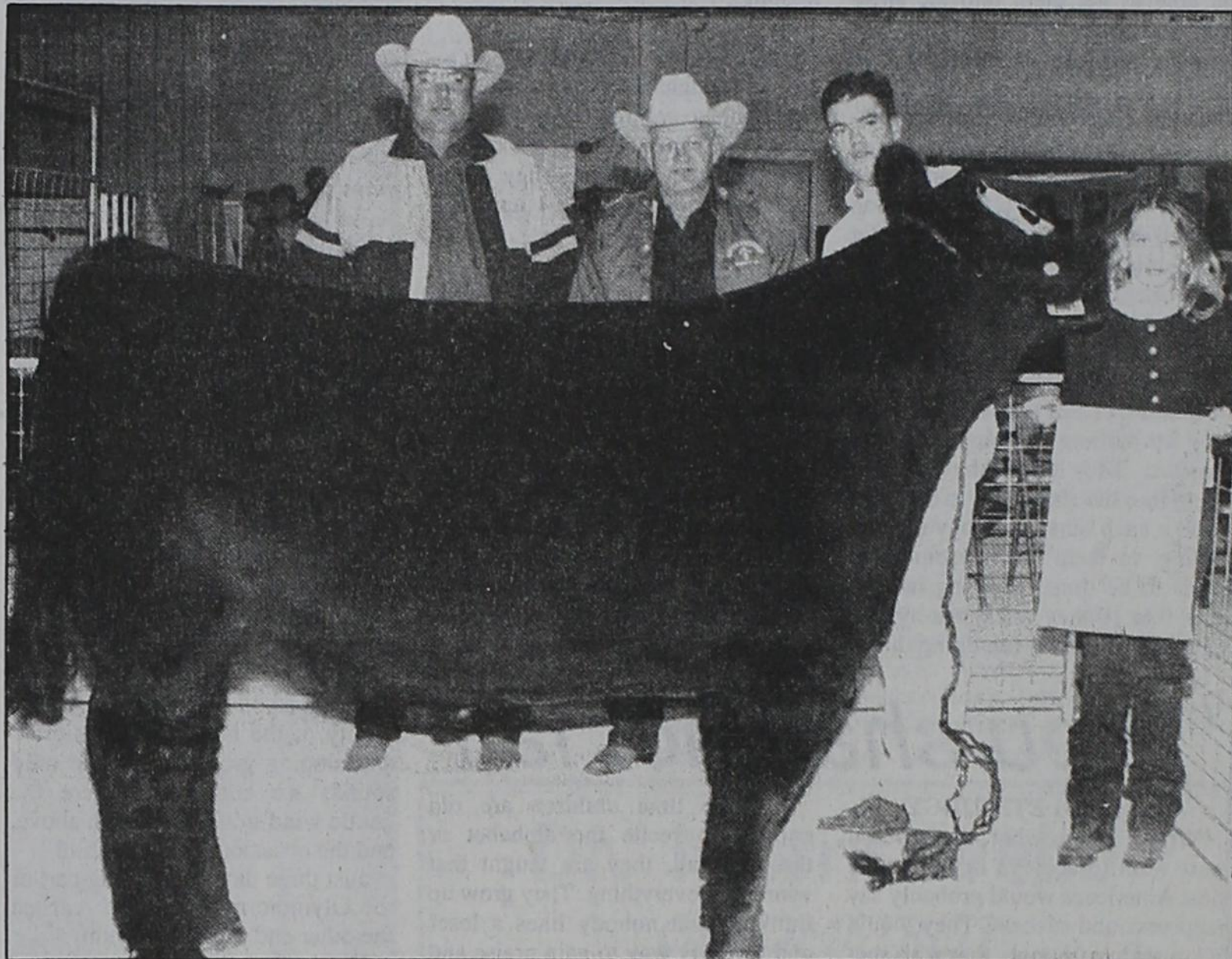
Strong floor prices helped boost this year's sale total, but the total still didn't recover to the peak levels of \$200,000-plus raised earlier this decade.

Saturday's premium sale raised \$190,980.37 after all qualifying barrows, lambs and steers were sold. That total includes \$26,538.82 in donations to scholarship funds, the Dimmitt Young Farmers and the Castro County 4-H Project Center.

Donations to the 4-H Project Center totaled \$3,300 while \$2,200 was donated to the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship fund.

Wilcox, a Dimmitt High School student, was killed in an automobile accident earlier this year. He was

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JAY McCORMICK OF DIMMITT (third from left) exhibited this 1,235-pound mediumweight cross which was named grand champion steer at Friday's Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The top steer

earned McCormick a bid of \$3 per pound from Rafter 3 Feedyard, represented by Andy Rogers and Gene Bradley. Also pictured is Mary Bradley (right).

Photo by Anne Acker

DMS changes cheerleader policy

The Dimmitt School Board voted 4 to 2 Monday night in favor of changing the requirements for Dimmitt Middle School cheerleaders for next year.

DMS Principal George Rasor proposed to the board that the position be changed to a non-competitive honor, letting everyone who tries out have the opportunity of being a cheerleader.

In the past, only six cheerleaders have been selected by popular election each year. Rasor said under the proposed policy all who meet the grade requirements, perform an audition, and obtain a permission slip, saying parents will be willing to pay the estimated cost of \$150, may be named cheerleaders. He said boys, as well as girls, may participate.

"We may have as many as 30 or 40 to try out," Rasor said. He said

the tryouts will be held April 9, with sixth and seventh graders eligible to try out to serve next year.

Board members John Nino and Chevo Lumbrera voted against the proposal. In favor were Debbie Annen, Earl Behrends, Steve Buckley and Paul Garcia. Avery Thrasher was absent.

Nino said his constituents had expressed concern to him that setting the grade requirement at 80 would still exclude some who might wish to participate.

He said he saw no reason to change it if it was not going to make participation possible for all students who want to be involved.

Rasor said that even though they are removing the competition aspect of selecting cheerleaders, they will still serve as representatives of the

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Playoff Hoops

Girls' Bi-District

Bobbies vs. Slaton

8 p.m. Thursday
Hutcherson Center, Plainview

Lady Horns vs. Idalou

6:30 p.m. Friday
Plainview High School

Swiftettes vs. Hartley

8 p.m. Friday
Amarillo High School

Kenneth Wyatt to entertain at Chamber banquet Saturday

Dr. Kenneth Wyatt, famed area artist and speaker, will provide the entertainment for the 48th annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Banquet, with the theme of "Hitch Your Wagon to a Star," set for Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building. Also, the Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year will be honored.

Emcees for the evening will be Max Ellison and Susan Coleman. In addition, Texas Senator Tom Haywood will speak briefly and music will be provided by The Ramblin' Rascals, a local Bluegrass band. Door prizes will be given away, including two free Southwest Airline tickets to anywhere Southwest travels, and a Kenneth Wyatt-designed pearl and silver cross necklace.

The winner of the drawing for the Kenneth Wyatt print being raffled off will be announced and Wyatt will autograph the print. The winner need not be present to win.

"The dress for the banquet is denim and diamonds," said Shelly Nutt, chamber executive director.



Dr. Kenneth Wyatt

"So wear whatever you want, but don't miss this fun evening."

Tickets are \$15 per person if purchased in advance or \$16 per person at the door. The meal will be a steak dinner with all the trimmings, catered by the Methodist Men. Tables will be decorated by Chamber member businesses, and special recognition will be given to the funniest (Rodeo Clown Award), most original or unique (Maverick Award) and People's Choice Award (Cattle Baron Award). The Expo Building will be open from 6 to 7 p.m. for viewing of the decorations.

Following the banquet, a reception will be held for the award winners, with everyone invited to stay and visit. Also, the Ramblin' Rascals will provide music.

Although he is known worldwide for his western and religious paintings, Dr. Wyatt also does landscapes, still-lives and character studies. A retired Methodist minister, Dr. Wyatt began painting about 25 years ago and has produced over 8,000 paintings. In addition, he is a sculptor, illustrator, poet, writer and well-known speaker.

He was a founder and first president of the Texas Cowboy Artist Association and received the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Cultural Achievements Award. He serves on the national Board of Evangelism for the United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of

McMurry College in Abilene, Ilif School of Theology, attended Baylor and later received a doctorate in fine arts from McMurry.

Sen. Haywood is owner of a small business, a community leader and former college professor. He is the Senator for District 30. He lives in Wichita Falls, where he owns and operates a property tax and real estate consulting firm. A former professor of physics at the University of North Texas and Midwestern State University, Haywood left the education field to become executive director of the North Texas Oil & Gas Association.

A conservative Republican who served on the Education, Natural

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By Don Nelson

When Verbie and I got home from the Atlanta Olympics last summer, I still had a week of vacation left.

After a day of unpacking, laundering and repacking, we headed to South Fork, Colo. It was a new place for us.

On our second day there, we fished Big Meadows Lake. After a mid-afternoon shower had chased us to the car for a snack and a snooze, we decided to head up to Shaw Lake.

On the way we stopped to watch a beautiful blacktail buck and doe graze in an aspen grove beside the road. Around the next bend, we stopped again and gazed up at their half-grown fawn, fending for itself among the spruce trees.

Then, after a few uphill miles of winding, unpaved road, we turned off at the lake site. An earthen dam obscured the lake.

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GRAND CHAMPION BARROW at Friday's Castro County Junior Livestock Show was shown by Jay McCormick (front row, right). The 260-pound heavy-weight cross earned a bid of \$10 per pound from

(back row, from left) Leslie Davis, Donny Nelson, Gene Bradley, W.J. Hill, Andy Rogers, Vic Nelson and James Simpson. Holding McCormick's grand champion banner is Mary Bradley.

Photo by Anne Acker

Weather

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Friday	35	26	.09
Saturday	37	14	Tr.
Sunday	41	12	Tr.
Monday	39	17	Tr.
Tuesday	52	17	Tr.
Wednesday	60	24	.04

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

Op-Ed

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Letter

'Stock show youth display positive image'

Dear Editor:

Most of what we hear about our young people today is very negative, but I would like to share a very positive observation if I may. This past week during the Castro County Livestock Show there were many examples of just what great kids we have here in Castro County.

The young people who participate in the livestock shows are dedicated and hard working. They must feed and water the animals daily, then they have to handle them so they will be able to get them into the show ring and make them perform. The animals also have to be washed, dried, and trimmed, clipped or sheared. These projects take countless hours, but these dedicated young people get the job done and done well. Yes, there are a few that Dad does all the work, but they are by far out-numbered by the ones who do the work themselves.

When it comes time for the show, they are willing to help each other out, too. They know they will be going into the show ring to compete against each other, but they are still willing to help when something needs to be done. Ranging in ages from 9 to 19 they work side by side and generally have fun doing things

together. It is hard work, but still there is much laughter and enjoyment of a job well done.

Not only do the young people work together, but the whole family is involved when show time comes. Moms and dads, even some grandparents, are there to lend a hand and offer advice, even the older brothers and sisters come home to support the participants. Livestock shows may be much more high tech than they used to be but they still are a means for teaching young people valuable lessons.

The Young Farmers are also to be praised and thanked. They work long hard hours to get things ready, make things run smoothly, and get things cleaned back up again. They are a great bunch of men and we appreciate all their efforts.

Next time you hear something negative about the young people today, remember we have much to be thankful for here. Not only with the young people involved in livestock shows but all the others that represent Castro County so well in the numerous other positive activities. Football, basketball, baseball, track, cross country, band, OM, trap shooting, tennis, golf, the UIL academic events, church youth groups and many other events our young

people are involved in. We are very blessed to live here and to have such super young people to be involved with.

DEBBIE ANNEN

It is easier to know man in general than to know a particular man.

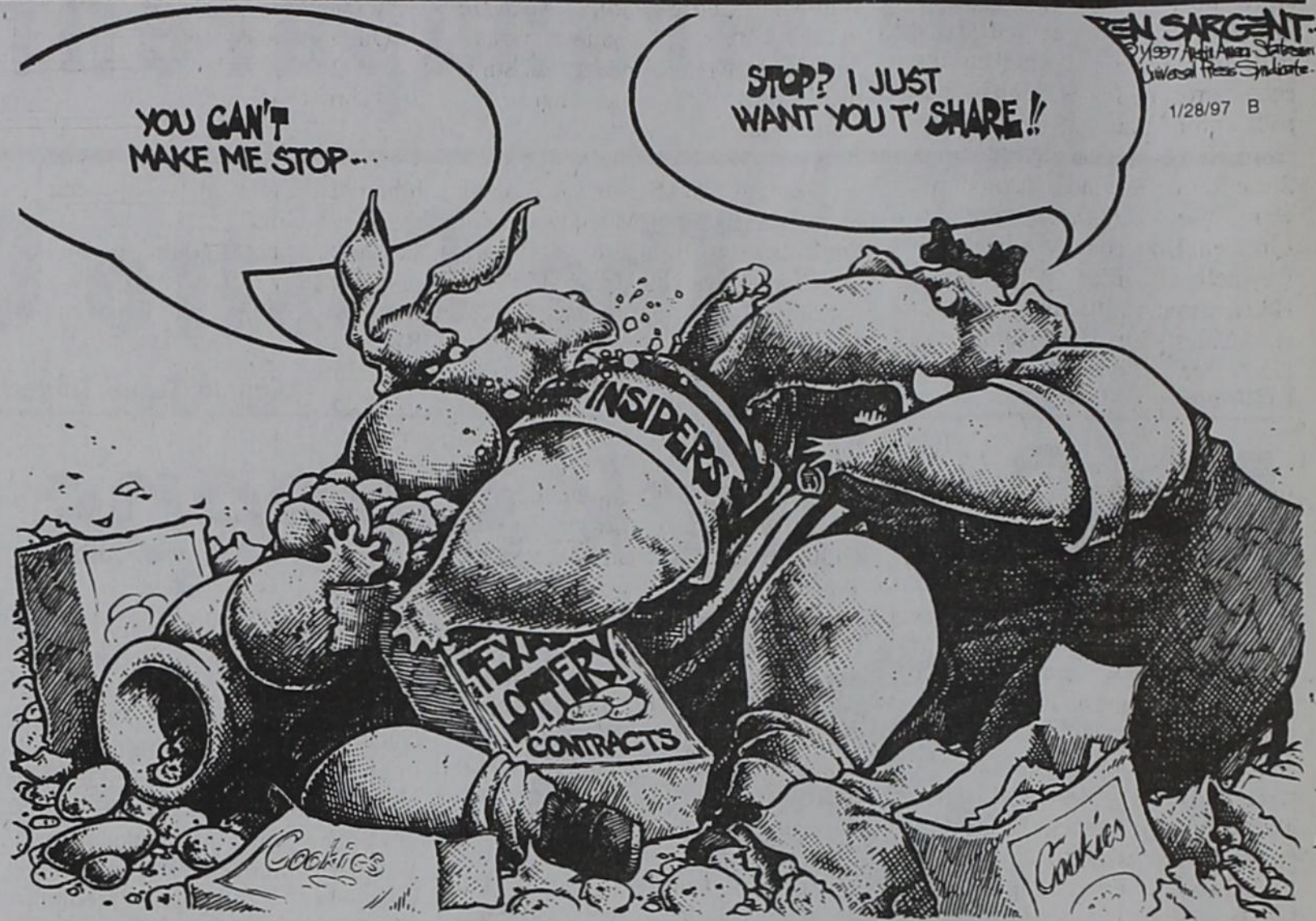
—La Rochefoucauld

The greatest masterpieces were once only pigments on a palette.

Henry S. Haskins

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century.

—Mark Twain



'Thou shalt not fail'

By MINDI ETHRIDGE

When asked what they would most want to achieve in a lifetime, most Americans would probably say happiness and success. They would fail to realize, though, that with success comes happiness; thus, one is more important than the other. Whether it be a middle-aged man working to climb the corporate ladder, or a small child struggling to sign his name, the drive to succeed touches everyone.

When Gatorade® came out with its slogan, "Like to Be Like Mike," we all wanted to. We bought the shoes, drank the drink, ate the cereal, wore the uniform, some of us maybe even shaved our heads. We all knew to be like Mike meant to be the image of success. The money and the chance to be so close to fame were what we all wanted. Advertisers preyed on our weaknesses: our drive to succeed and our laziness. We all want the exhilarating feeling of being on top, but few of us really want to work for it. Instead, we'll spend \$150 hoping that our new shoes will make us run like Michael Johnson or dunk like Shaq. The saddest part is, we are raising our children to act in the same way.

By the time children are old enough to recite the alphabet or throw a ball, they are taught that winning is everything. They grow up thinking that nobody likes a loser and the only way to gain praise and love is through winning. Parents need to teach their children that we can't all be 6'10" or have an exceptionally high IQ. Kids need to know that what makes us all so special is our different strengths and weaknesses.

Given the chance to fail and learn from their mistakes, most adolescents will grow up to lead better lives. Lives in which "Thou shalt not fail" is not one of the commandments. They will teach their kids that success is not the ruler of their lives.

In turn, the future will hold more capable people, confident of their abilities and able to look defeat in the eye. Until then, we must all come to terms with coming in second. We must also allow our children that same privilege.

This essay was written by Mindi Ethridge as an assignment for English I. She is a freshman at Nazareth High School, Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson said, "In my opinion, the essay shows a great deal of insight for such a young lady."

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We picked our way over a gully and up to the top of the dam. Suddenly, a magnificent sight opened before us: a small, pristine, high-mountain lake, nestled among spruce stands.

We were the only ones there.

As we stood there drinking in the beauty of the lake's glassy surface and sloping green banks, the only sounds we could hear were the gentle wind in the trees high above, and the occasional call of a bird.

Just three days after being part of the Olympic mob, we had reached the other end of the spectrum.

Total peace and quiet.

It was as if we were standing in a third dimension, between heaven and earth.

We didn't speak to each other. We didn't need to. Spellbound, we experienced together the quiet solitude that renews the spirit and enlarges the soul.

Along an unfamiliar road, at a little lake that we had never seen, we had found what we came for.

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Sunday was a "quiet" day.

As I sipped my first cup of coffee, I read George Plagenz's syndicated column in the Lubbock *Avalanche-Journal*.

"We underestimate the healing power of simple companionship without words," he wrote.

"Ours is an age when we feel we have to be talking or be talked to, all the time. We have no appreciation for the restorative silences.

"We tend to think it is in the words of Jesus—the Sermon on the Mount or the Golden Rule—that

we will catch his spirit.

"We are wrong. We will come closer to capturing Jesus' spirit if we go back in imagination 2,000 years to that time when he walked the dusty roads of Galilee with his disciples or sat on a hillside surrounded by open fields and a sight of the sea."

"The setting recalls memorable words of the Psalmist to 'Be still and know that I am God.'"

Later, in the morning church service, Rev. Rusty Dickerson used the same theme in his message—the spiritual value of silence.

As I read Plagenz's words, and heard Rev. Dickerson's sermon, my mind's eye kept flashing back to that moment in time at that little mountain lake.

Farmers and ranchers often experience the "value of silence"—in the solitude of a greening field, in the spellbinding beauty of a sunset. That's one reason they've chosen the life.

Some of the most profound experiences are those that come quietly, unencumbered by definition or explanation, that are committed forever to memory, silently.

Love consists in this that two solitudes protect and touch and greet each other.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

Nothing is so good as it seems beforehand.

—George Eliot

Letter

'Grateful for hospital'

Dear Editor:

I have never written a letter to the Editor, as I have gotten tired of reading the political bickering and the criticism of others that I have seen in that column, but I felt I needed to write one at this time.

It seems all that we read about our little town is bad, so I want to brag for a change.

A relative of ours had a stroke recently and was in an Amarillo hospital for nine days. We were very unhappy at the care she received there. At the end of that time, Medicare booted her out, but she was not able to go home and take care of herself.

We brought her to Plains Memorial Hospital under the Swing Bed Program and under the Extended Care Program. It was just what we needed, and she is now home taking care of herself.

We want to say a special thanks to Dr. Hardee and to the kind and loving nurses in our hospital. The staff was efficient, and the food very tasty. The therapy was so helpful in her recovery, and the hospital was very clean. We are so grateful that our town has this wonderful facility.

We say thanks to everyone who was involved in her recovery. You are all great.

KATY WRIGHT

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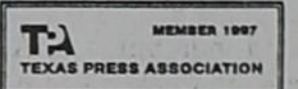
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What's cooking? In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 13-21.

DIMITT
Preschool-First Grade Lunch
THURSDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, potato chips, watermelon and milk.
FRIDAY: Corn dogs, pork and beans, fruit fantasy 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, watermelon and milk.
FRIDAY: Corn dogs, pork and beans, fruit fantasy and milk.

Grades 2-12 Lunch
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, hoagie submarine sandwich or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, refried beans or mashed potatoes with gravy; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, cucumber and tomato salad or carrot-raised salad; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, 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; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

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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 salad; and French bread, wheat rolls, Arroz 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, Spanish rice, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, 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; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Fideo Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART
Elementary School
THURSDAY-FRIDAY: Not available.
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole, gelatin dessert, corn, pears, tortilla pieces, salad with dressing and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, salad, 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, peaches, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chaluapas, salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, pears, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips; coleslaw, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick-baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.

toes, green beans, gelatin dessert, rolls, salad, Cherry cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of barbecued ribs on a bun or bean burrito, dill pickles, pinto beans, gelatin dessert, Longhorn cookie, fresh fruit, milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchiladas, gelatin dessert, corn, pears, tortilla pieces, salad with dressing and milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or stromboli, salad, 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, peaches, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chaluapas, salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, pears, fresh fruit, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of corn dog, hamburger basket or fish strips; coleslaw, gelatin dessert, salad, dill pickles, quick-baked potatoes, peanut butter bars and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: *Baked chicken with bread or hamburgers and French fries, salad, rice, pears, apples and milk.
FRIDAY: *Pizza or hamburger and French fries, salad, beans, peaches, dessert and milk.
MONDAY: *Fish or corn dogs, salad, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, fruit cocktail and milk.
TUESDAY: *Soft tacos or hamburgers and French fries, lettuce, beans, pears, cobbler and milk.
WEDNESDAY: *Corn dogs or chicken strips with gravy, salad, fried okra, peaches, pudding and milk.
THURSDAY: *Baked potato with bread or pizza, salad, peas, applesauce, oranges and milk.
FRIDAY: *Sandwiches with chips or corn dogs, lettuce, corn, dessert, oranges and milk.

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



ACROSS
 1 book by TX Dan Jenkins: "___ Oklahoma"
 5 TXism: "___ of bones" (skinny)
 6 TXism: "thorn in my ___" (problem)
 7 Robert ___ was stationed in TX before Civil War
 8 TXism: "he'd ___ unarmed in a battle of wits"
 9 Rice mascot Sammy
 12 TXism: "sharp as ___"
 17 San ___
 20 TXism for goodbye position of a scoring horseshoe
 23 TXism: "straight as ___ star's teeth"
 24 Clint Black's "___ Ourselves"
 29 suspended Cowboy Leon
 30 TX Relays is a track ___
 31 shape of a cowboy who rides a lot
 32 this Morgan is said to be the "Yellow Rose of TX"
 36 source of TX delicacy cactus jelly
 37 TX death penalty uses lethal poison pumped through ___ needles
 43 TXism: "can't make a silk purse out of ___"
 45 Battle ___ Jacinto

47 club choice by TX Crenshaw (2 wds.)
 49 watermelon shape
 50 TX Robby Benson film: "___ to Billie Joe"
 51 TXism: "good ___ boy"
 52 ___ "Bum" Phillips
 53 the ___ of TX Oscar Pierce named the Academy Award after her uncle
 54 ___ Jo, TX
 55 to Tyler from Dallas
 56 TX Academic test (abbr.)

58 TXism: "___ be switched!"
 59 TXism: "___ it in the bud"
 60 Lone Star ___ Co.

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DOWN
 14 Valley plant
 15 hideout of TX Sam Bass: ___ Hollow
 16 close-___ group
 18 Astros GM Smith in early 80s
 19 TXism: "six of ___ half a dozen of the other"
 21 Rice won the ___ College Bowl in '66
 24 this Beatty was film Clyde Barrow (init.)
 25 a long spell
 26 TX ___-step
 27 westernmost city
 28 rented oil rights
 33 LBJ line: "___ fella Murkins"

39 TXism: "hot as road ___ in July"
 40 film "The Trial ___ Harvey Oswald"
 41 organization for TX Olympians (abbr.)
 42 Mineral Wells "Crazy Woman Well" made a woman ___
 44 TX Ginger Rogers' "Shall ___ Dance"
 46 this Green moved Stars to Dallas (init.)
 48 in Medina Co. on 132
 49 small bills
 57 Alpine was named for the Swiss

On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Susie Reeves and Louise Mears were hostesses to the Thursday Bridge Club. They served sausage balls for snacks and chicken casserole, carrots and peas, cabbage slaw, rolls and banana pudding for lunch. Alma Kenmore won high score, with Susie Reeves second. Others playing were Carol Lantz, Bernice Hill, Elizabeth Huckabay, Virginia Crider, Loranel Hamilton, Cleo Forson, Helen Braafldt, Louise Mears, Ina Rae Cates, Ben Hill, Opha Burks, Dude McLaurin, Edith Graef and Bill Thornton.

Once again it was fun watching the youth of Castro County showing their animals—sheep, cattle and swine. Congratulations to all who entered the 1997 Junior Livestock Show and Sale. Edith Graef and I took our pies for sale at the concession stand and we stayed for all the excitement. We visited with Don and Verbie Nelson while they ate their lunch. Another they visited with was Weldon Davis of Hart, who is one of the "Singing Farmers" He said they haven't been asked to sing recently.

I always enjoy visiting with Robert Boozler and then Shari Bradley

who gave me a report on Peggy Webb and Carrie Bradley. Also, we visited with Charles Summers and his parents, Melvin and Juanita Summers, and Mary Mays and her sister, Vada Wilcox.

Women on Mission held their monthly meeting on Monday night in the Fellowship Hall at the First Baptist Church. Maxine Tidwell was in charge of the program and she reviewed the book, *Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary*, by Lee Strobel. We need to reach everyone for Christ, especially the youth, since they will be the church of tomorrow. Dorothy Hopson conducted the prayer service. Mrs. Campos served chiharnex, a snack similar to pork skins.

The birthday club met at the Sirlon Stockade in Hereford on Sunday to celebrate Clara Reinart's birthday and Lawrence and Vernice Green's 55th wedding anniversary. Those enjoying the meal and fellowship were Leander and Clara Reinart, Lawrence and Vernice Green, Donald and Agnes Schilling, Andy and Oleda Schumacher, Clyde and Bobbie Damron, Edna Reinart,

Florene Leinen and Rosetta Bellinghausen.

Our sympathy to the families of Ferne Dickey, O.T. "Slim" Vardell, and Chris Maples.

Charles and Wilma Doss were honored Sunday afternoon with a reception in the Fellowship Hall at Lee Street Baptist Church in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. It was hosted by their children, Charla Kay Mansell of Plainview and Kenneth Doss of Dimmitt.

Keenon Doss, grandson of the couple, registered the guests. Renee and Kristin Doss and Kay Mansell served the beautiful cake, golden-colored punch, and rose and bell-shaped mints, along with nuts. The reception was well-attended, with many out of town guests and numerous local friends.

A corner of the hall was decorated with white lattice work which included pictures of the couple from infancy to the present. Also displayed were several of the anniversary cards they received.

The members of Lee Street Baptist Church presented the couple with a money-covered bird house.

Also in attendance was Mrs. Clara Bell, mother of Mrs. Doss. Mrs. Bell was 98 years old in September. Wilma's aunt, Mrs. Roberts of Olton, presented the couple with gold salt and pepper shakers, which had been given to her mother and father on their golden wedding anniversary in 1947.

Kenny Doss and Glynn Mansell took pictures and greeted the guests.



JINNA WRIGHT, daughter of Jim and Danice Wright, signs the Star Spangled Banner before a recent Dimmitt basketball game.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Sandra Mansell, great-granddaughter of the couple served as hostess.

Geneva Justice was the birthday girl on Jan. 26 and celebrated in a big way. Her daughter Avie Lewis was already in from Georgetown to be with Geneva during medical tests in Lubbock. On Sunday, a three-car caravan brought daughter-in-law Janet Ward, granddaughter Jennifer Rankin and husband Tuey, granddaughter Juli Justice and friend Jay MacDavenport, and Geneva's step-granddaughter, Erin Ward and her fiancée, Brent Gustafson, all of Lubbock. Food, presents and cake were enjoyed by everyone.

Geneva's special day was completed by phone calls from her other two grandchildren. Kerry Lewis and his fiancé Tami Gooss called from Los Angeles. Granddaughter Ronna Traylor and husband Patrick called from Washington, D.C. Friends Carol Lantz and Genell Craig also stopped by for a visit and a sample of the birthday cake.

Geneva had a pleasant surprise earlier in the week while picking up Avie at the Lubbock airport. While Avie was getting her luggage, they discovered that Bro. Paul Kenley and Barbara had been on the same flight. They all enjoyed a good visit at the airport.

Dan and Oma Dee Heard left Feb. 5 and drove to Red Springs where they visited cousins Bill and Alwona Womble. From there they went on to Graham and spent the night with more cousins, Kent and Thelma Clark.

On Thursday, they drove to Trenton and had lunch with yet more cousins, Joe and Ilene Rodgers and

their daughter's family, the Andy Andersons of Afton. Then they went on in to Bonham to spend time with another cousin, Price Howell.

From the time the Heards left Lubbock, they drove in rain all the way the whole two days until they reached Bonham and then it rained all night—very wet.

They visited lots of relatives in the Bonham area and even met Phoebe Claborn's niece there. On Saturday, they went back to Trenton to attend the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rodgers, hosted by the Anderson family at the First United Methodist Church. After the reception, Dan and Oma Dee went back to Graham and spent the night with the Clarks again and enjoyed playing 42 with them again.

On Sunday, they went to Olney and visited Dale and Nancy Heard and family and finally headed home to Dimmitt—the dry country.

Jim Baker celebrated his half-century mark with friends and family in a surprise party. His brother and sister-in-law, Scott and Pam flew in from Birmingham, Ala., for the celebration and the family went to the Hereford Country Club for dinner on Friday night.

Then a crowd gathered Saturday evening at the Bakers' home with gag gifts from monogrammed and extra-large Depends, false teeth, a dancing Coke can, exercise videos, books on "Sex over 50" and "How to Tell if you're Over 50" to black balloons and candy. Four of Jim's in-laws, the Carl Bruegels and the Fred Bruegels, came in "doddering" costume. Never has the aging process been more evident.

An assortment of pick-up foods and cake was served.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A day of recollection was held last Saturday in the CCD building for Holy Family parishioners. The program was presented by Sister Rose Mary Stein, O.P. Director of the Office of Aging and Parenting in the Diocese of Dodge City, Kan. She was assisted by Sister Teresita Huse. Thirty-one people enjoyed song, prayer, scripture, teaching and sharing.

Rita Hochstein Edwards died Sunday, Feb. 3. She was buried Feb. 5 in Houston. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated in St. Augustine Catholic Church. Rita's husband, Francis, died last September.

Survivors include three sons, Bill, Richard and Kenneth; and two daughters, Kay Damback and Cindy Hester; a sister, Geraldine Eckert of San Antonio; and a brother, William C. Hochstein of Nazareth.

Attending the funeral from here were William C. And Catherine Hochstein, May Hochstein, Alex Hochstein, Joe Hochstein, Larry Hochstein, Sharon Brockman and Debbie Mazura.

Memorials can be made to Adopt-A-Student Fund, St. Augustine School, 5560 Laurel Creek Way, Houston 77017.

John and Linda Smith of Aurora, Colo., spent the weekend here. They attended the funeral of their good friend, Roy Fultz of Canyon, and visited Linda's mother, Rose Hindman, a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

Physical Activity

Physical inactivity is a risk factor for heart disease. The American Heart Association recommends that people get a total of at least 30 minutes of vigorous physical activity 3-4 times per week to maintain cardiovascular fitness. Moderate levels of daily physical activity are also beneficial.

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Physical activity does your heart good! Need some good ideas? The American Heart Association suggests walking, hiking, swimming, bicycling, jogging, stair climbing, running, rowing or endurance activities. Even housework, gardening and dancing offer some health benefits. The most important thing is to start being more physically active and then stay with it. Just move!

Windbreak trees available

Windbreak seedlings can be ordered now through Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District in Dimmitt. Contact the office for more information or for assistance in planning and planting effective windbreaks. Or, you may call the provider of the seedlings, the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery, at 806-746-5801.

Homestead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from the home, block the hot, dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter, according to Robert Fewin of Lubbock, area forester for the TFS. He said 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 windbreak: 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 of protection.

hip surgery; for Doyle Kleman, who is recuperating from knee surgery; and for Ricky Leavitt, who is being dismissed from Baptist/St. Anthony's after a month of treatment and tests.

1997 is the year for the 25th anniversary of the annual German Festival in Nazareth. Ideas and suggestions for activities to make this a special year are welcome. Newly-elected officers for the Hall Committee are Joel Gerber, president; Becky Birkenfeld, booking; Rosie Kleman, treasurer; and Delese Ellison, secretary.

The Knights of Columbus sponsored its annual basketball free throw contest Sunday. Winners of the council and district contests were Tyson Schulte, 10-year-old boys; Tyler Ehly, 11-year-old boys; Eric Schilling, 12-year-old boys; Blake Birkenfeld, 13-year-old boys; Kimberly Brockman, 10-year-old girls; Erica Gerber, 11-year-old girls; Kyla Schacher, 12-year-old girls; Whitney Hoelting, 13-year-old girls; and Lindsey K. Gerber, 14-year-old girls.

They will advance to the regional shoot-off in Amarillo later this month.

Hochheim Prairie Insurance of Nazareth hosted a dinner and meeting for members last Thursday evening at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

Catholic Life Insurance Union hosted a dinner and meeting Sunday evening for members and their families at the Nazareth Community Hall.

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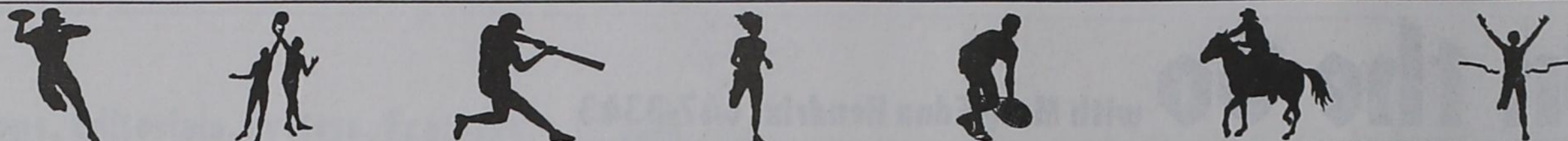
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Sports



Bobbies close out district play with win over Dalhart

Dimmitt's girls claimed a District 1-AAA co-championship last Friday with a 58-40 win at Dalhart.

The Bobbies finished the marathon conference run at 12-2, tied

with River Road. Dimmitt has the No. 2 seed from the district and will meet District 2-AAA winner Slaton today (Thursday) at 8 p.m. at Wayland Baptist University's Hutcherson

Center in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

The Lady Wolves pestered the Bobbies throughout the first half, but the Dimmitt girls adjusted in the last two periods to take what proved to be an easy win.

The Bobbies led throughout the first quarter but had just a three-point edge, 17-14, after eight minutes. Dalhart came back to take the lead, 21-20, halfway through the first quarter, but the Bobbies shut out the Lady Wolves the rest of the half to take a 25-21 lead at halftime.

Heidi Weaver, who had eight points in the first quarter, broke loose again in the third with seven more points. Her last bucket of the period gave Dimmitt a 34-25 lead with 2:04 left in the quarter. Stephanie Hinojosa made two free throws with 31 seconds to play to make it 36-27. Carol Summers put an exclamation mark on the quarter with a running 40-foot three-pointer at the buzzer to put the Bobbies on top 39-27 after three quarters.

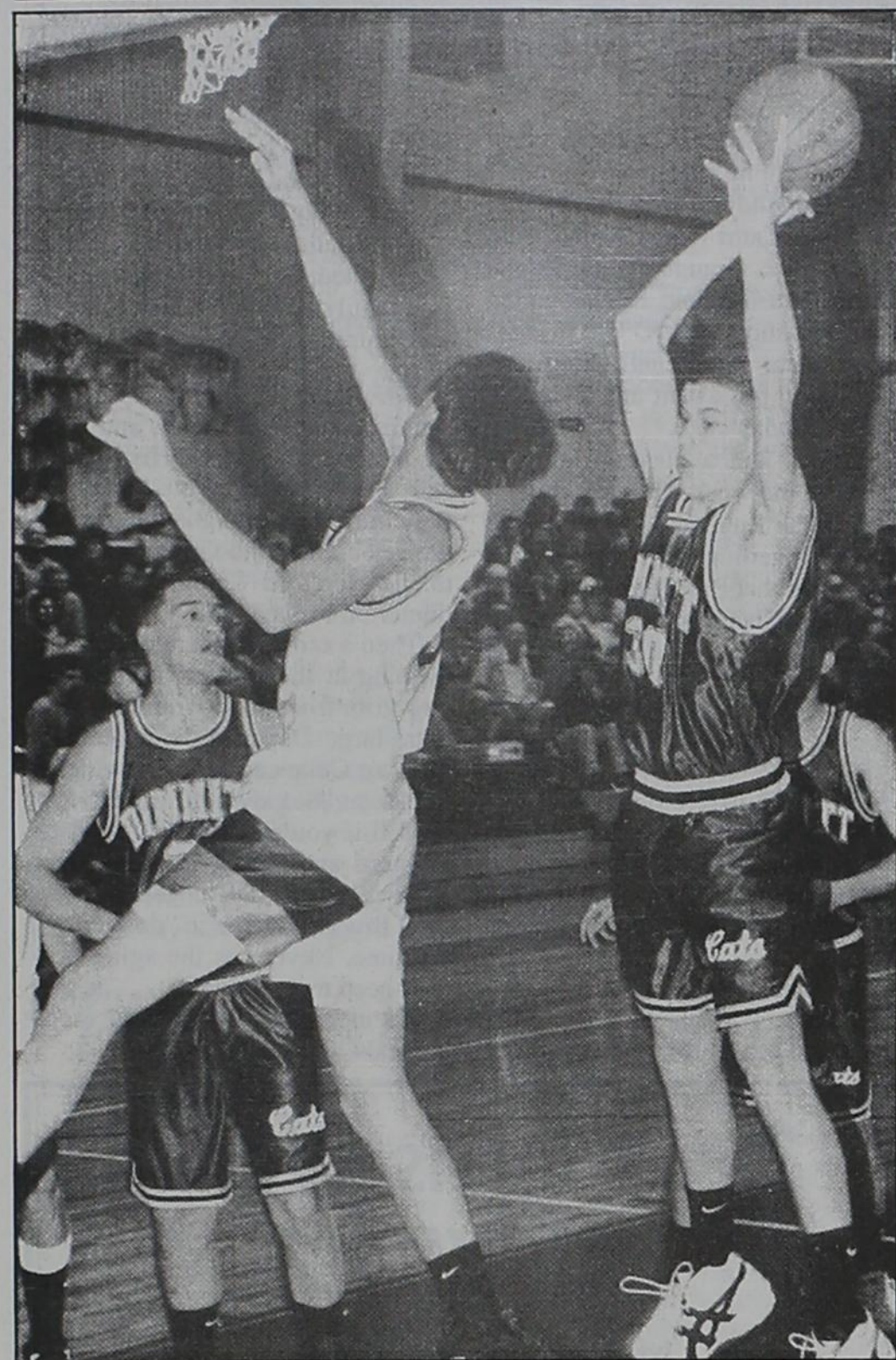
Dimmitt put the game on ice early in the fourth quarter when Kimberly Newland hit three baskets to help push Dimmitt to a 15-point lead two minutes deep in the period. Dalhart never got closer than 11 points the rest of the game.

Send-off set for Bobbies

Everyone is invited to help give the Dimmitt High School Bobbies basketball team a big purple and white send-off as they head out of town at 5:30 p.m. today (Thursday) to their playoff game against Slaton.

Everyone is asked to gather at Roadside Park, and the team bus will make a detour through the park.

"We hope everyone will come out and help show support for the team," said a spokesperson of the Athletic Booster Club.



EASY CAROM—Cameron Lust of Dimmitt snatches a rebound away from Dalhart Friday as teammate Charley Sanders looks on Friday in a District 1-AAA game. The Bobcats struggled in the game, and Dalhart was able to hit a last-second shot to claim the victory, 51-49. Sanders and Lust led Dimmitt with 14 points apiece. *Photo by Carter Townsend*



DIMMITT'S HEIDI WEAVER (32) battles Dalhart players inside, working for an open shot Friday in a District 1-AAA finale at Dalhart. Weaver sparked a big Bobbie run in the third quarter, and Dimmitt

pulled off a 58-40 victory. Also pictured is Dimmitt's Jacy Buckley (11). Dimmitt will take on Slaton in a Class AAA bi-district playoff tonight (Thursday) at 8 at Hutcherson Center in Plainview. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

Cats lose to Dalhart in heartbreaker, 51-49

This new District 1-AAA thing isn't going to work.

Just ask the Dimmitt Bobcats how they feel about going to Dalhart.

The football Bobcats were ahead of the Wolves 28-7 last fall. An inadvertent whistle, untimely fumble and a field goal by a young man who had missed a couple extra point kicks spelled a bad time for Dimmitt fans all the way back home.

Last Friday, it was time for the basketball Bobcats to be stuck with the long ride home after a 51-49 loss to Dalhart.

It was the second-straight year that Dalhart had upset the Bobcats. Time before, though, it was in the bi-district game and ended Dimmitt's season. The Bobcats are firmly in this year's playoffs, but virtually knocked Dimmitt from a chance at the conference title.

The Bobcats had been skating on thin ice for several games, but persevered to the end. Last Friday, the ice broke through, and a last-second shot that would have been a lifeline rimmed out.

For blame-seekers, there was plenty to go around, but the loss was the fault of no one Bobcat. Although there were a few bright spots, the loss was pretty much a team effort. The Bobcats made just 11 of 25 free throws, including only seven of 18 in the first half.

Dimmitt pulled down seven fewer rebounds than did the athletic Dalhart squad. Dimmitt also put the Wolves at the line early in the second half, racking up 12 fouls in the

third quarter. Dalhart made 20 of 32 free throws, including 14 in the second half.

Dimmitt grabbed an early lead and held it most of the first quarter until Chad Hodo came off the bench to hit back-to-back treys late in the period. His long-rangers put Dalhart ahead 12-9 at the end of the quarter.

Dimmitt came back to retake the lead, 17-16, on a basket by Brandon Smith with 2:32 left in the half. Casey Smith hit another basket seconds later to put Dimmitt ahead by three, but Dalhart came back again to tie the score. Albert Ewing made a free throw with 10 seconds left in the half to put the Bobcats ahead at the break, 22-21.

Dalhart grabbed the lead early in the third quarter, but the Bobcats vaulted ahead by five points, 29-24, outscoring the Wolves 7-0 over a three-minute span. Both teams then went on a scoring binge, leaving them tied after three quarters, 40-40.

In the fourth, Dalhart continued to play the slow-down game that seemed to irritate the Bobcats. Dimmitt forced five Dalhart turnovers in the last period, including one that resulted in a three-point play by Cameron Lust with 6:15 to go, pushing the Bobcats ahead 43-40.

His basket was one of just four by the Bobcats in the last period; however, Dalhart made only three. The difference was again at the free-throw line, where Dimmitt had just two shots in the fourth period. Dalhart made all four of its free throws

in the last eight minutes.

Dalhart then went on a roll, outscoring Dimmitt 9-2 to take a 49-45 lead with 2:04 to play. Dimmitt bounced back with baskets by Lust and Charley Sanders to tie the score at 49 with 1:16 to play.

Sanders' basket was a classic Dimmitt play. Facing foul trouble throughout the game, Bobcat coach Alan Steidle inserted a very quick team of Sanders, Lust, Jason Nino, Jerry Thomas and Derek Buckley. The other premium was they all could foul without having to leave the game.

They didn't have to foul. Instead, Buckley and Nino double-teamed Dalhart's Josh Reynolds and stole the ball. Sanders was fed on a perfect give-and-go with 76 seconds left to knot the score.

Dalhart came down and slowed it down again. They pulled the front line of the Bobcats' 2-3 zone outside, but the back row was supposed to stay put. The patient Wolves found a seam, though, and Cody Copeland canned a layup with 18 seconds left to put Dalhart ahead by two.

The Bobcats had plenty of time to get the ball into the forecourt, and Kalem Thomas was wide open for a winning three-pointer with five seconds to play. The shot was on line, but the ball rattled around and rimmed out.

Swifts schedule practice games before playoffs

The Nazareth Swifts will play Idalou and Spearman this week in warm-up games before they enter bi-district playoff action against Adrian next week.

Nazareth and Idalou will square off tonight (Thursday) at 6 in Floydada. Then on Saturday, the Swifts will take on Spearman at Highland Park High School in Amarillo at 2 p.m.

Next Thursday, Feb. 20, Nazareth will meet Adrian in a Class A bi-district game at 7 p.m. at Hereford High School.

Their bi-district opponent, Adrian, is runner-up in District 4-A, and sports an 18-9 mark.

Nazareth Coach Mark Makeever said the senior-oriented Adrian squad has a couple of good shooters and can handle the ball well. They run a zone defense.



GEORGIE WALL (center) visits with old friend Joe Josselet during the First United Bank's Christmas Open House. At right is Bonnie Cobb, L.V.N., of the Home Health Agency.

She's More Than a Patient

Georgie Wall is grateful for the ongoing care and attention that have enabled her to regain some independence and remain somewhat functional in her own home since her stroke several years ago.

She was even able to attend the First United Bank's Christmas Open House recently, where she had a great time visiting with friends and former customers and co-workers. Accompanying her on her outing were Bonnie Cobb, L.V.N., and Mary Braddock, Home Health aide, two of the many staffers at our Home Health Agency.

Georgie was an employee at the First United Bank for 42 years, most of the time as an assistant vice-president. She and her husband, Fred, have raised two sons and three grandchildren. Their granddaugh-

ter, Haley Wall, is in nursing school at WTA&M. Their other grandchildren, John and Jeannie Wall and George Wall, live in Dimmitt.

We appreciate Georgie as a great person, and as one who has helped build our community through the years. We also appreciate her utilizing our local Home Health Agency for her in-home health care needs.

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LISA RINCON (35) of Hart shoots over the outreached arm of a Hale Center defender in a District 3-AA showdown at Hart Friday night. The Lady Horns closed out district with a perfect record after downing the Lady Owls Friday, 52-36. Hart's girls advance to the bi-district round of the playoffs, where they will meet Idalou Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Plainview High School. Photo by David Knox

Lady Horns to meet Idalou in bi-district

The Hart Lady Horns are red hot, riding an 11-game winning streak into the bi-district round of the playoffs. The Lady Horns' last loss was to Idalou in the consolation finals of the Littlefield Wildcat Holiday Tournament. The Hart girls, District 3-AA champions, hope to avenge that loss by eliminating Idalou from the playoffs when the teams square off Friday in a Class AA bi-district game at Plainview. Tip-off in the playoff match will be 6:30 p.m. at Plainview High School. In the December meeting, the two teams were deadlocked at 28 in the first half, but Idalou pulled away in the second half for a 63-50 win. Hart's Tylene Garcia penetrated Idalou's defense for 16 points in that

game while Ysa Rodriguez added 11. The Lady Wildcats are runners-up in District 4-AA behind New Deal. Idalou is 17-11 overall, and finished 7-3 in district. Idalou is led by a couple of underclassmen—Kendra Foster and Karen Smith. Foster, a 5-8 junior wing, poured in 25 points against Crosbyton Friday as the Lady Wildcats claimed second place with a 49-39 win. Smith, a 5-10 sophomore post, had 11 in the game. Idalou also features Brandi Marshall, a 5-5 senior guard; and Karen Heinrich, a 5-5 junior guard. If the Hart girls win Friday, they'll advance to the area round against the winner of the West Texas High-Panhandle/Wellington bi-district game. That game will be played either Monday or Tuesday.

Dimmitt girls face Slaton in bi-district

Dimmitt hopes for a repeat of its defensive performance and a better offensive output as the Bobbies face state power Slaton today (Thursday) in the bi-district match at Hutcherson Center in Plainview. The game is the second of a doubleheader. Lubbock Cooper meets River Road in the first game at 6:30 p.m. There was nothing wrong with the way Dimmitt played defense the first time the teams met, Dec. 5 in the Levelland Tournament. Slaton scored just 29 points in the game. Here's the rub: the Bobbies shot just 19% from the field and lost, 29-21. Of course, the Bobbies are without two players who played key roles in that game. Tonya Robertson and Carrie Bradley have since suffered season-ending knee injuries, and both played key roles in the first contest. Allyson Lewis emerged in that game as Slaton's top threat, and has been all season since. Lewis is a 5-6 sophomore wing who has taken ad-

vantage of the all-star cast around her. Lewis was a starter last year for the state runner-up Tigerettes. She's one of four starters back (of course, the one missing was the big star, Phylesha Whaley). Also returning is all-stater Rosielita Smith, who averaged 16.5 points and eight rebounds a game this year. Despite drawing extra attention this year, she's still one of the scoring leaders on the South Plains. Also back are 5-10 post Julie Cottrell and 5-7 post Shannon Krajcovic. Cottrell is the top rebounder on the South Plains. She's also the tallest player on a shorter-than-normal Tigerette team. The Bobbies will have a decided height advantage over Slaton, and will also have the edge in running different offenses and defenses than in the first game. Dimmitt has revamped and fine-tuned its offense since the first outing, and has employed a man-to-man defense most of the time since the early December matchup.



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- 41, Randall 50
- 43, Levelland 64
- 56, Borger 46
- 71, Lockney 34
- 45, Hereford 50
- Frenship Tournament**
- 53, Lubbock High 56
- 56, Shallowater 60
- 52, Muleshoe 48
- 41, Hereford 59
- Levelland Tournament**
- 19, Slaton 29
- 89, El Paso Ysleta 47
- 42, Levelland "Red" 33
- Consolation Champs*
- 77, *Perryton 65
- 58, *Tulia 48
- 54, *River Road 70
- Caprock Tournament**
- 52, Panhandle 32
- 55, Claude 58
- 60, Caprock 53
- 50, Friona 46
- 52, Shallowater 57
- 51, Cooper 58
- 74, *Dalhart 50
- 63, *Muleshoe 51
- 78, *Sanford-Fritch 34
- 62, *Friona 42
- 61, *Perryton 55
- 63, *Tulia 51
- 56, *River Road 60
- 43, *Muleshoe 41
- 71, *Sanford-Fritch 31
- 50, *Friona 41
- 58, *Dalhart 40
- District Record: 12-2**
- Season Record: 20-12**

Bobcats

- 85, Randall 78
- 84, Levelland 62
- 69, Borger 62
- 64, Palo Duro 76
- 57, Abernathy 54
- 67, Hereford 57
- Plainview Tournament**
- 73, Lubbock Estacado 65
- 69, Sweetwater 62
- 66, Plainview 60
- Champions*
- 63, Caprock 61
- Seminole Tournament**
- 66, Denver City 59
- 64, Clint 61
- 45, Andrews 47
- 50, Seminole 57
- Second Place*
- 75, *River Road 53
- Caprock Tournament**
- 43, Slaton 38
- 70, Panhandle 47
- 58, Seminole 60
- 49, Canyon 58
- 77, Cooper 49
- 63, *Dalhart 40
- 77, *Muleshoe 58
- 78, *Sanford-Fritch 54
- 82, *Friona 42
- 75, *Perryton 46
- 44, *Tulia 45
- 63, *River Road 45
- 82, *Muleshoe 60
- 57, *Sanford-Fritch 44
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Win over Lazbuddie lifts Naz into district playoff with Farwell

There was no celebration by the Nazareth Swiftettes after they downed Lazbuddie 61-46 to close out the regular season Friday night.

Instead, the Swiftettes' eyes turned to the stands and Nazareth Supt. Dean Johnson, who held a cellular phone, waiting on a call from Happy about the outcome of the Happy-Farwell game.

If Happy beat Farwell, the Swiftettes would still have a shot at a playoff berth. A Farwell win would leave the defending state champs at home.

Seconds after the Swiftettes beat Lazbuddie a shout rang out from the crowd, "Happy won by 10!"

Smiles broke out through the crowd of Nazareth fans in

Lazbuddie.

But still there was no celebration. The Swiftettes weren't guaranteed of anything, yet.

The Farwell loss to Happy Friday coupled with Nazareth's win over Lazbuddie, forced the Lady Blues and Swiftettes into a tie for second place in district. A playoff to decide who finished second in district was held Tuesday at Canyon (see related story).

Nazareth hit its first three shots from the field Friday enroute to a 7-0 lead less than two minutes into the game.

Lazbuddie quickly cut that lead, but couldn't shut down Nazareth's K'Lynn Gerber, who scored 10 of

her team high 17 points in the first quarter. Gerber was all over the floor, forcing Lazbuddie mistakes, getting steals and rebounds and scoring almost at will. Her back-to-back buckets off of consecutive steals midway through the first period put Nazareth up 12-5.

But Lazbuddie answered with a spark of its own—from the line.

The Lady Horns attempted 23 free throws in the game, compared with four for the Swiftettes. Lazbuddie capitalized on 19 of those attempts, too.

Five charity tosses pulled the Lady Horns within two in the second quarter, then they tied the game at 16 with 31 seconds left.

Misti Ball gave Nazareth an edge at the 16 second mark, then Cassie Birkenfeld found the hole on a long three, silencing the Lazbuddie run with a 21-16 lead.

Two shots by Amy Pohlmeier made it 25-16 with 5:06 left in the half, and Nazareth kept that pace, answering every Lazbuddie shot in the quarter for a 31-23 lead at halftime. Pohlmeier finished with 15.

The Swiftettes took a 10-point lead to start the third, then outscored the Lady Horns 17-10 in the quarter for a 48-33 lead. Gerber led the run, scoring seven points in the quarter. Nazareth was up by as many as 17 in the quarter after Gerber hit with 55 seconds left in the stanza.

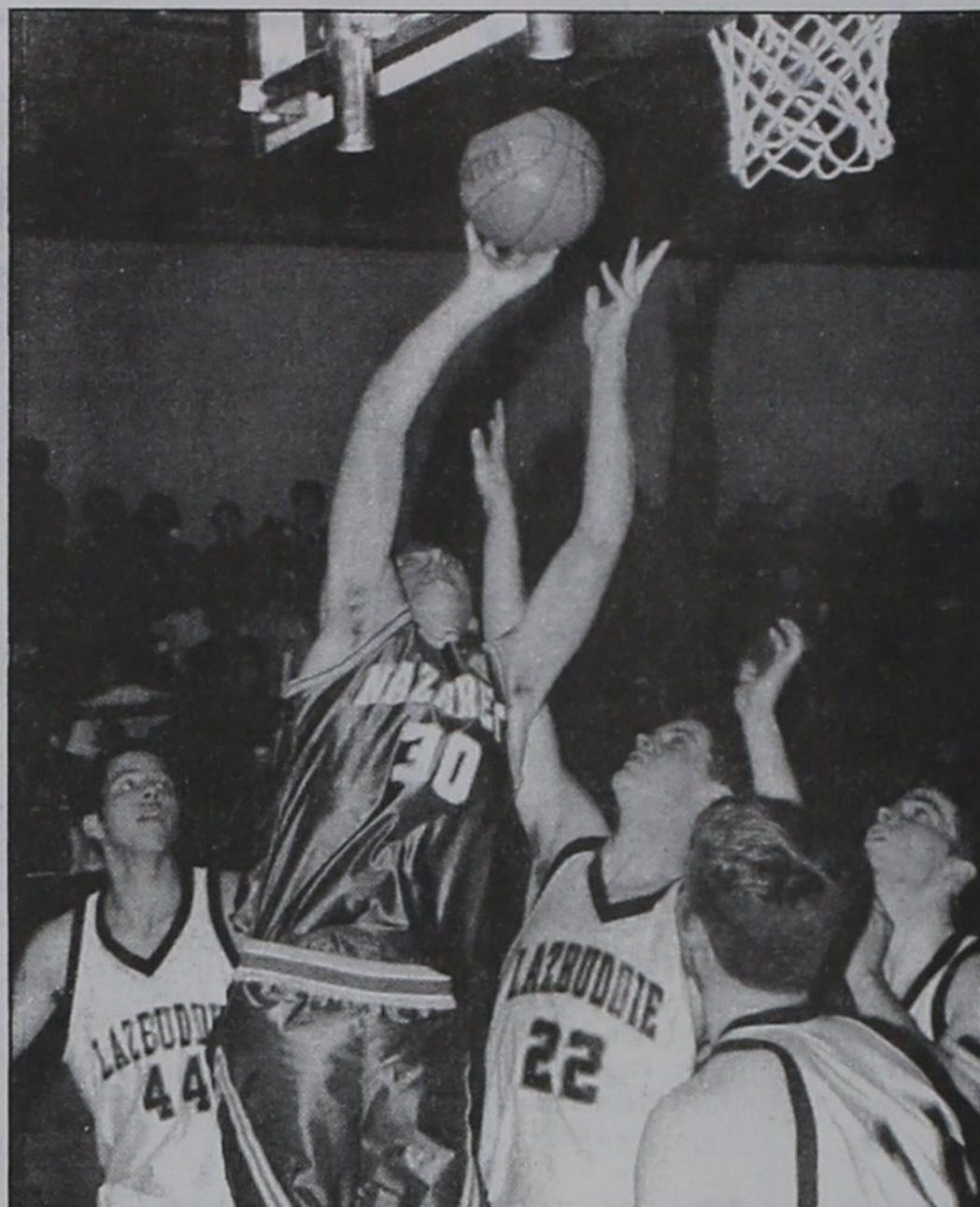
Nazareth got big baskets from Jill Ramaekers, Sara Schulte, Jayme Schmucker, Pohlmeier and Birkenfeld in the first half of the fourth period to build up a commanding lead, then coasted through the final four minutes for the victory.

Bobcat sluggers to scrimmage Floydada Saturday

The Dimmitt Bobcats hope to hone their fielding, hitting and base running Saturday when they scrimmage Floydada 2 p.m. at George Howell Memorial Park in Dimmitt.

The Bobcats scrimmaged Hereford Monday, and the next practice game against Floydada will be the final one before the Cats open regular season play on Feb. 22.

Dimmitt will open its 1997 season by hosting Morton in a double header on Feb. 22 beginning at 2 p.m.



NAZARETH'S NATHAN HOELTING leaps high above Lazbuddie defenders and picks up an easy basket Friday in a District 3-A game at Nazareth. The Swifts posted a 66-56 win over Lazbuddie Friday to go undefeated in district play. Nazareth closed out its regular season with a 25-4 mark.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

Braddock erupts for 39 points to lead Swifts over Lazbuddie Friday

Bryan Braddock didn't single-handedly beat Lazbuddie Friday night, but he attacked the Longhorn defense for 39 points, leading the Swifts to a 66-56 victory to close out the regular season.

That win capped the Swifts' district championship with an 8-0 mark.

Nazareth struggled against the host Longhorns. The Swifts, with the exception of Braddock, were ice cold from the field. Lazbuddie held Nazareth's all-state post Nathan Hoelting to six points, and Marcus Brockman was limited to four. Barry Hoelting helped pick up the slack, scoring 11 points.

But it was Braddock who kept Nazareth in the game when everybody else's shots rimmed out.

Nazareth started off in good shape, hitting the first six points of the game, then taking an 11-4 lead on a Braddock three with 2:51 left.

Lazbuddie called a time out, and when the teams took the floor again, the Longhorns changed the tempo of the game.

Lazbuddie used baskets by Jason Thomas and Justin St. Clair, and two free throws by Lopez to cut the Swift lead to a point, 11-10. A three-pointer by Chris Smith with four seconds left lifted the Longhorns to a 13-11 lead at the end of the first.

Another three to open the second period scoring gave Lazbuddie a 16-11 lead.

Braddock went to work after that. He hit two shots from the field and added another trey. Brockman also picked up a bucket on an offensive carom during the spurt. One of Braddock's shots gave Nazareth a 20-19 lead with 5:06 left. The Swifts never trailed again.

An offensive put-back by Barry Hoelting and a quick steal and layup by Braddock made it 24-19. Barry Hoelting drained a three with 3:23 left for a 27-19 advantage.

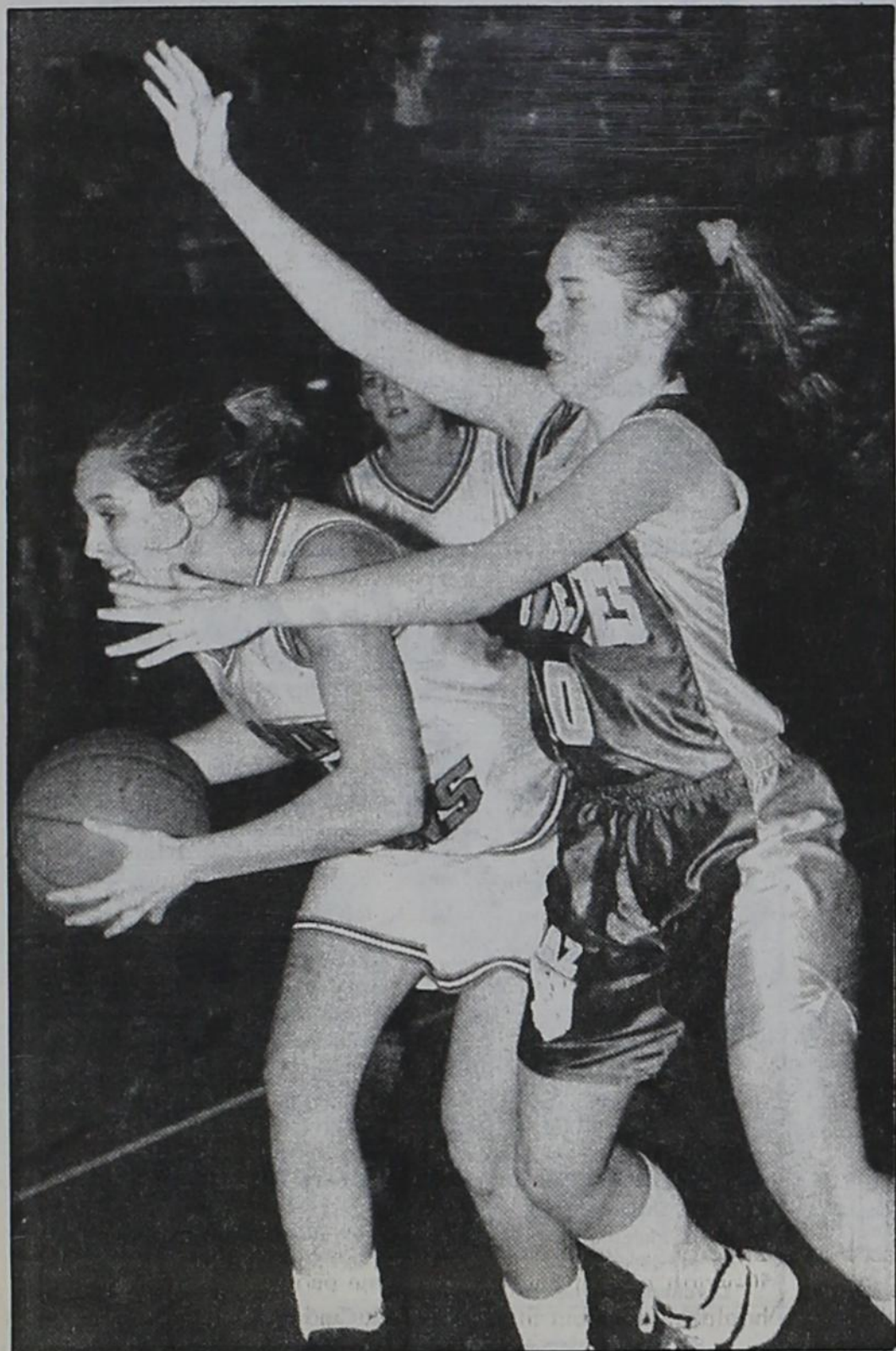
Lazbuddie managed to cut the lead to five with 1:07 left, but Braddock connected on a pair of free throws and a shot at the buzzer for a 32-23 Swift lead at the break.

The teams traded baskets throughout the third, with the Swifts holding the edge all the way, and it was 44-36 starting the fourth period.

Lazbuddie wasn't ready to concede anything. The Longhorns opened the fourth quarter on fire, hitting six of their first seven shots, including threes by Morris and Smith to cut the lead to two with 5:37 left.

Two threes by Braddock over the next minute put the Swifts up 57-50 with 3:47 left. Then he added the free throws for a nine-point lead with 3:23 remaining.

Nazareth got a 10-point advantage when Nathan Hoelting got a steal and a layup with 1:04 left. Free throws down the stretch sealed the win.



NAZARETH'S CASSIE BIRKENFELD (10) applies pressure to a Lazbuddie ballhandler Friday in the final District 3-A game for both teams. The Swiftettes pulled away from the tenacious Lady Horns in the second quarter and never looked back, posting a 61-46 win to stay alive in the playoff hunt. That win, coupled with Happy's victory over Farwell, moved Nazareth into a tie with Farwell for second place. The Swiftettes and Lady Blues met Tuesday in a game to decide second place.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



Good Luck, SWIFTETTES in Bi-District against HARTLEY

Friday, 8 p.m. at Amarillo High

—PRACTICE GAME—

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school, and should have to meet some requirements.

He said he would have no problem with setting the grade requirement at 75, the same level that is set in the Pride Certified program. The student could not have any subject with an average below 75.

Nino asked why the grade requirement is not set higher for participation in sports, then.

Behrends said he thought it would be good to raise the grade average requirements for participation in all extracurricular activities, but added he realized that would have difficulty in being accepted.

Middle school teachers at the meeting said that from 60 to 75% of students in the middle school are Pride Certified. Rasor said more are disqualified for tardiness, not doing their work or for discipline problems than for grades.

Middle school teacher Vicki Richards said she has seen students who had no other reason to keep their grades up start to take an interest in school now that they can achieve recognition through the Pride Certified program.

"If you expect more, they will meet it," she said.

Garcia said he worries about parents who spend the money for a child to participate and then the child is eliminated due to grades.

Behrends made the motion to go along with opening up the position to more participants, but to set the grade requirement at 75 to be in line with the Pride Certified program. Annen seconded the motion.

Rasor said those who try out must submit a \$50 deposit, along with a permission slip from parents, at the audition. Those who decide not to audition will get a refund of the deposit. All who audition and meet the requirements will be named cheerleaders. An additional \$100 must be paid by the last day of school this year so that uniforms can be ordered in time for next year.

Nino suggested that the cheerleaders do away with uniforms and just wear jeans and tee shirts with a "D" or something on them.

Annen said that part of the pride in being a cheerleader and a representative of the school is in being able to wear the uniform.

Supt. Les Miller said that whatever the board decides, if it doesn't work or creates too many problems, it can always be changed.

In other business, the board approved purchase of a 65-passenger school bus at an estimated cost of \$46,000 from the 1997-98 school year budget. The cost will include tinted windows and air conditioning.

—Approved the list of Employee Wellness Committee members, as recommended by the administration. Committee members include E.L. Washington, Charles Ketchum, Johnny Hill, Debbie Annen, Sheri Kenworthy, Vicki Baldrige, Ronda Wise, Cindy Ellis, Jan Hargrove and Camerino Gomez.

—Gave permission for the Dimmitt High School Band to attend the "Best in Class" Music Festival May 16-18 in Dallas, with no funds for the trip coming from school money. The students will raise the money through fund-raising projects.

—Approved transfer requests for two students.

—Heard a report from Miller on the recent mid-winter convention of school administrators.

—Approved school board policy updates, as recommended by the administration and the Texas Association of School Boards.

—Following an executive session, voted unanimously to renew the contracts of all administrative personnel through the 1998-99 school year.

—Were informed that a new representative must be named to the Region XVI Service Center Board of Directors. Incumbent for Place 2, which covers Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer counties, is Dennis Newton of Hereford.

Incumbents are eligible for reelection. A member of the Service Center Board of Directors may be any adult who is 18 or older; a citizen of the US; a resident of the region served and of the geographic area included in the place designation; not engaged professionally in education or is not a member of a local board of trustees or a board of higher education; and is not involved in the business of vending or servicing materials or equipment to any education service center in the state of Texas.

Those filing must request a filing form by mail and return it post-marked no later than 5 p.m. Feb. 20. Forms may be requested from P.O. Box 30600, Amarillo, 79120-0600, or call 806-376-5521, Ext. 272.

Swiftettes down Farwell, 56-42

Nazareth girls earn 24th straight playoff berth

Rumors of the demise of the Nazareth Swiftettes have been greatly exaggerated. Just ask the Farwell Lady Blues.

After struggling through a tough district schedule, Nazareth found itself tied with Farwell—for second place.

The two squared off Tuesday night at the West Texas A&M University Box in Canyon to decide who would represent District 3-A as the No. 2 seed in the playoffs.

The Swiftettes jumped out early and never trailed, posting a 56-42 victory to claim their 24th consecutive ticket to the playoffs.

Nazareth improved to 20-10 on the season and will take on Hartley Friday at 8 at Amarillo High in a bi-district playoff.

K'Lynn Gerber and Amy Pohlmeier led the Swiftettes' attack, scoring 21 and 17 points, respectively.

tively.

The closest Farwell came to Nazareth was two points after Gerber scored the games first basket 20 seconds into the first. Then Pohlmeier went to work, putting the Swiftettes up 4-0. She got a steal, then launched an on-target three for a 7-0 lead before Farwell called a time out.

Farwell got its first basket when Ramsey Bennett hit an inside shot with 5:57 left, but that was the only field goal Farwell would see in the first quarter.

The Swiftettes were in foul trouble early, however, picking up 10 in the first seven minutes of the game.

That sent Farwell to the line eight times, and the Lady Blues connected on five of those attempts to cut the Nazareth lead to four, 11-7, with 1:06 left.

Farwell was whistled for six fouls in the first, and picked up its seventh in the opening seconds of the second stanza. Amy Pohlmeier walked to the charity stripe eight times in the quarter and made all but one of those tries to keep Nazareth on top.

Farwell cut the Nazareth lead to three when Candace Travis hit a three-pointer after a Swiftette turnover at the 6:31 mark.

Gerber ended a five-minute Nazareth drought from the field when she scored with 5:33 left to put the Swiftettes up 16-11.

But Farwell's Valerie Mace picked up a pair of free throws to trim it to three again.

The Swiftettes pulled away at the end of the quarter, though. After starting off the quarter 1-of-6 from the field, the Swiftettes were a perfect 4-of-4 from the field in the last

2:19.

Nazareth held a three-point edge with 2:56 left in the first half, but then a spark caught on fire.

Misti Ball got a steal and scored on a fast-break layup with 2:19 left to start the Swiftette run. Then Jill Ramaekers scored with two minutes left. Gerber scored on an inside jumper with 52 seconds left, then hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to give the Swiftettes a 29-18 lead at the break.

A Pohlmeier three opened the third quarter, giving Nazareth a 32-18 lead.

Travis, who had scored 33 against Nazareth the last time the teams played, picked up her fourth foul with 4:03 left in the third and went to the bench.

Bennett made it 32-24 when she scored with 3:38 left in the quarter,

but Gerber nullified that shot a minute later.

Ball hit Gerber on a cross court pass, and Gerber put the shot away. She was fouled on the play and converted the free throw for a 35-24 lead.

Valerie Mace cut it to nine with a pair of free throws with 1:08 left, then Bennett trimmed it to seven when she scored with 35 seconds left. Valerie Mace hit one of two free throw attempts with 13 seconds left to make it a six point game before Nazareth silenced the 5-0 run.

With four seconds left, Tiffany Schmucker was fouled on a three-point attempt, and the Nazareth sophomore hit two of her three free throws to put the Swiftettes on top 37-29 at the end of the quarter.

Gerber opened the fourth quarter on a mission, scoring six points in

just over two minutes for a 43-31 Swiftette lead.

Travis, who started the fourth quarter after missing most of the third, picked up two free throws, but Jayme Schmucker got a pair of her own seconds later. Travis nailed another pair from the line with 4:57 left to make it 45-35.

Another cross-lane pass, this one from Sara Schulte to Jayme Schmucker, resulted in two points for Schmucker with 3:56 left for a 12-point Swiftette advantage.

Travis, who scored eight of her 10 points in the fourth, got a steal and layup with less than three minutes left, then she added a pair of free throws with 1:24 remaining. Those last shots made it 51-37.

Over the next 1:24, Nazareth hit five of eight shots from the stripe to seal the win.



INSIDE MOVES—Moses Reyna of Hart (20) gets the ball inside and goes up against Hale Center defenders Friday in the final District 3-AA game of the season. Hale Center upended Hart, 58-45, using a strong second-quarter run to take the lead. Reyna led Hart with 20 points. The Longhorns closed out their regular season with a 7-21 mark and finished 2-8 in district. Photo by David Knox

Swiftettes open playoff run Friday against Hartley

The Nazareth Swiftettes scraped and clawed their way out of District 3-A, clinching a playoff berth Tuesday night by downing Farwell in a playoff to decide the second seed.

Now the Swiftettes are ready to begin their defense of the Class A state championship, and first up is Hartley, District 4-A champion.

The two teams will square off in a Class A bi-district playoff Friday at 8 p.m. at Amarillo High School. The game will be the second in a double-header. In the first game, District 3-A champion Happy will meet District 4-A runner-up Texline.

Nazareth, 20-10 on the season, must stop the Hartley guards to be effective Friday.

Swiftette Coach Johnny Hampton said Hartley's top player is Hoakana, a foreign exchange student from Finland, who fills one of the guard slots.

The Lady Tigers also feature 5-9 senior post Jamie Wieck, 5-4 senior guard Tiffany Ford, 5-3 senior guard Dena Ford and 5-11 sophomore post Gretta Thompson.

Hartley is 16-12 on the season, and

most of their success has been because of Hoakana. Against Hartley's top district foe, Texline, Hoakana paced her team with a 15-point performance enroute to a 42-29 victory on Feb. 4.

If Nazareth beats Hartley Friday, the Swiftettes will advance to the area round, and will meet the winner of the Gruver (23-7) and Allison (22-5) bi-district game. That game would probably be played Monday or Tuesday, Hampton said.

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Resources, and Economic Development committees during his initial session in the Texas Senate, Haywood said his highlights from the 75th legislative session included juvenile justice reform, reduced regulation for the oil and gas industry and many local reforms for District 30.

Tulia rallies to edge Dimmitt, 49-44

Exactly 1,050 fans got their \$2 worth Tuesday night as Tulia erased an 11-point deficit and claimed the District 1-AAA championship with a 49-48 win over the Dimmitt Bobcats at Tulia.

The loss sealed the Bobcats' fate, which isn't all bad. The good news is the Bobcats were definitely in the playoffs before the game, and they're still in the playoffs. The bad news is they have to play the state's No. 2 team, Seminole, in bi-district next week.

Seminole has already beaten the Bobcats twice, once by eight at the Seminole Tournament, and once by two at the Caprock Tournament.

If the Bobcats play as well as they did Tuesday, and get some rimmed-out shots to fall, the third time could be the charm for Dimmitt. If the Bobcats put together four quarters like their third quarter Tuesday night, shoot, it might be a Dimmitt run-away.

The game looked like it might be a Dimmitt runaway in the second half, when Dimmitt bounced back from a 31-30 halftime deficit to go up 41-33 at the end of the third. Tulia's lone points of the period came on a Nathan Culwell basket two minutes into the period, cutting Dimmitt's lead to 36-33. Dimmitt scored the next eight points of the game, going up 44-33 on a trey by Brandon Smith with 6:48 to play in the game.

Then, the rim suddenly got small for the Bobcats and big as a barn for the Hornets. Cameron Lust, who, like Smith, scored 13 points to lead Dimmitt, scored with 6:16 left to put Dimmitt up 46-36. Tulia scored the next 13 points of the game, including two treys, to go up 49-46 with 1:25 to play.

Dimmitt tried four treys in the next 85 seconds, but couldn't get any to fall. Twice, Tulia got the rebound, only to have the Bobcats force a turnover. A last try for three just missed with 12 seconds left, but Lust tipped it back in with 10 seconds left to make it 49-48.

Dimmitt almost forced another turnover late, but had to foul twice to try to get the ball back. Tulia held on to claim the win.

The score bounced back and forth

and belied the final, fairly low total. Dimmitt came back with two treys in 11 seconds by Smith to take a 10-7 lead midway through the first quarter, only to see Tulia go up 16-12. A basket by Brad Beck with 1:20 to play in the period made it 16-14 after one quarter.

In the second, Dimmitt regained the lead on a basket by Lust with 2:15 to play in the half to make it 23-22. Casey Smith, who had eight points in the last 3:05 of the half, put Dimmitt up 30-26 with a minute left in the second, but Tulia got two free throws and a last-second three-pointer to go up 31-30 at the half.

Tulia star Time Marshall led Tulia in the first half with 10 points, four more than he scored in Dimmitt for

the game. The Bobcats' inside tandem of Lust and Charley Sanders shut Marshall out in the second half. In fact, the tall Marshall trio had just 12 points in the game.

The game was a well-played classic from opening tip to final horn. There were only 21 total fouls; Dimmitt had two more rebounds than Tulia, 26-24; but Tulia had four fewer turnovers, 19-15, in a game with tough defense played by both teams.

Tulia fans packed the THS Gym on Tuesday, and Tulia officials allowed only 1,050 persons into the gym before cutting off admission.

A sign at the entrance read, "Maximum Capacity 1,050" in large letters. "By Order of State Fire Marshal" was at the bottom of the sign.

Once 1,050 persons were in (each was counted and clicked off on a counter) the doors were locked from the inside while a crowd of about 200 persons waited outside. Several persons left the gym after the JV boys game, and one person was allowed in as one person left.

Dimmitt's cheerleaders had to stand outside for several minutes before being allowed in after admission was cut off. Many Dimmitt fans stood outside for some time before giving up and driving back home.

Police Calls

A 22-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested on charges of assault with bodily injury/family violence in an incident Friday night. The victim was a 19-year-old Dimmitt woman.

Burglary of a habitation was reported to police by Israela Castaneda of Dimmitt last Thursday afternoon. She told officers that jewelry, perfume and cigarettes, along with a flashlight, were taken from an apartment at the Azteca Complex. Police said entry apparently was gained through a window. The missing items were valued at \$185.

The afternoon of Feb. 5, an incident was reported in which a suspect was driving while license suspended. The suspect was stopped at the inter-

section of south US 385 and Southeast Fourth Street.

About \$50-worth of items were taken in a shoplifting incident Sunday afternoon at the ALCO store in Dimmitt. The items were recovered.

Friday afternoon a suspect shoplifted a compact disc from the ALCO store in Dimmitt. The CD, valued at \$16.99, was recovered.

Genoveva Vargas of Dimmitt complained to police the afternoon of Feb. 4 that someone had thrown something through a window at her home, breaking the glass. She estimated the damage at \$14.60. Investigation is continuing.

Some residents of the Huggins Addition called Sheriff's deputies to

report an incident of cruelty to animals.

Three people were picked up on warrants and four were picked up on violation of probation charges.

Those picked up on warrants included a 45-year-old Dimmitt man wanted on two warrants, a Hart man, 30, and a Slaton man, 41.

Parole violators included a Friona man, 24, a Hart man, 45, a 19-year-old Dimmitt man, and a 21-year-old Dimmitt woman.

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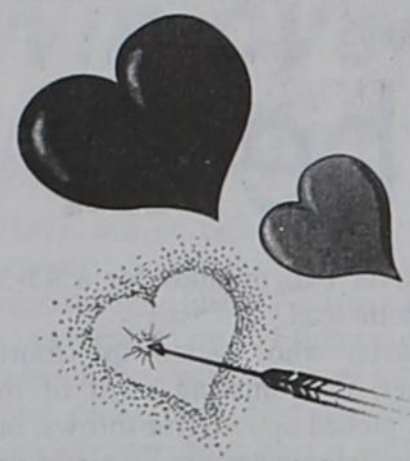
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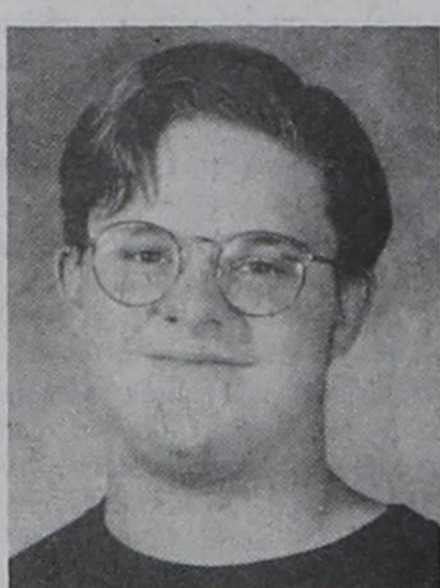
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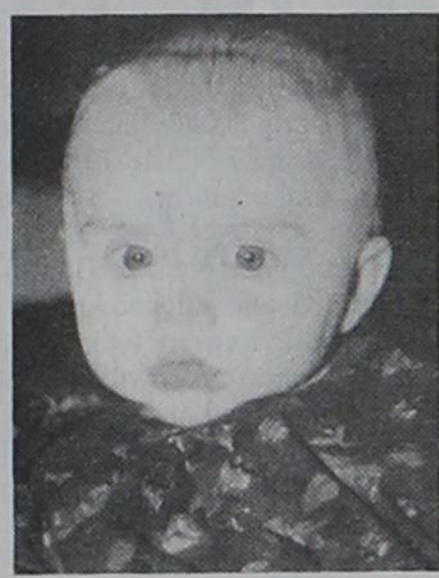
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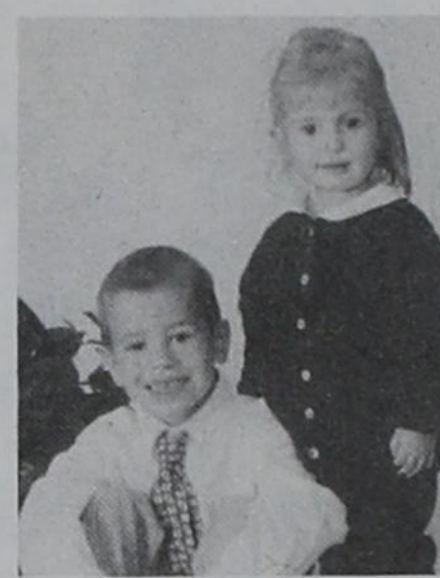
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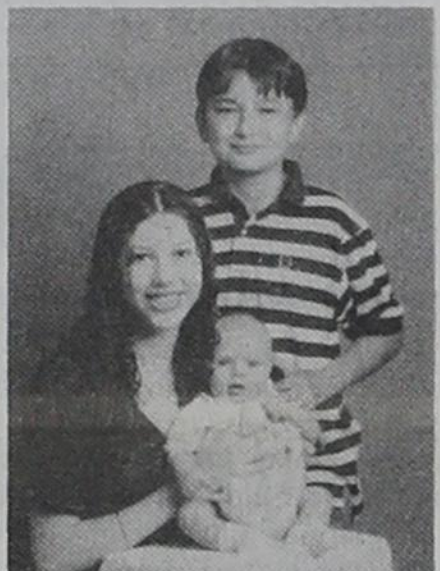
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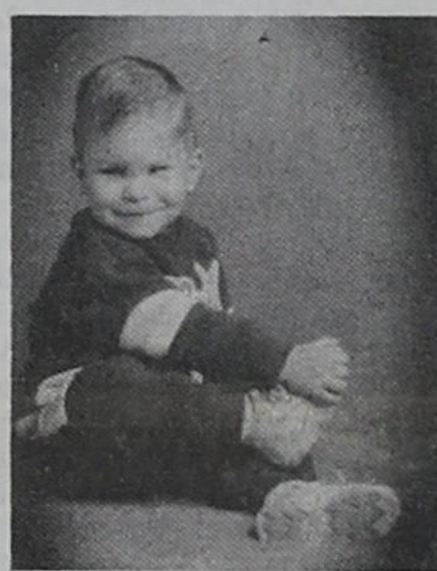
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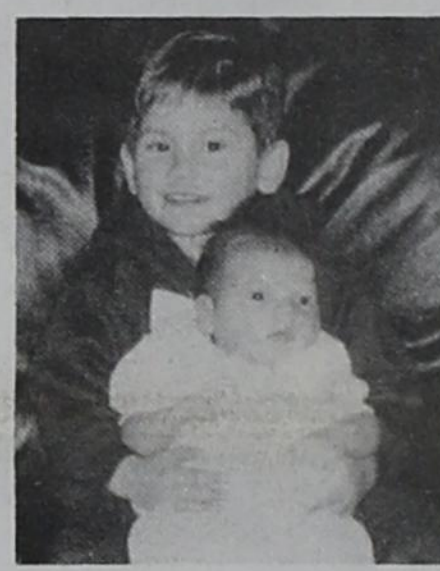
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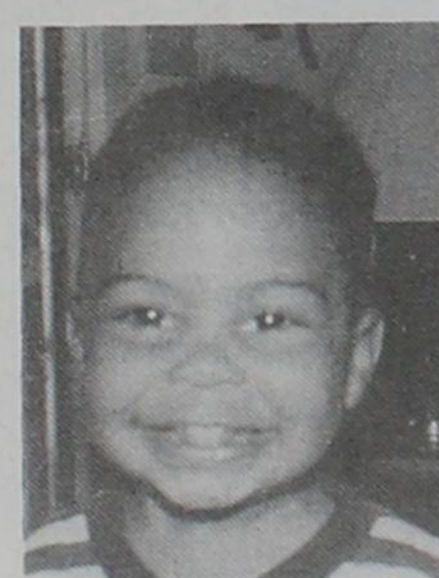
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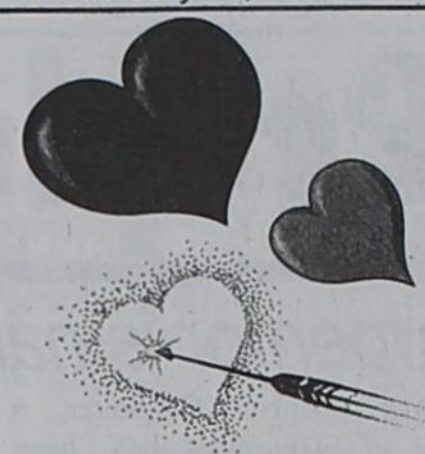


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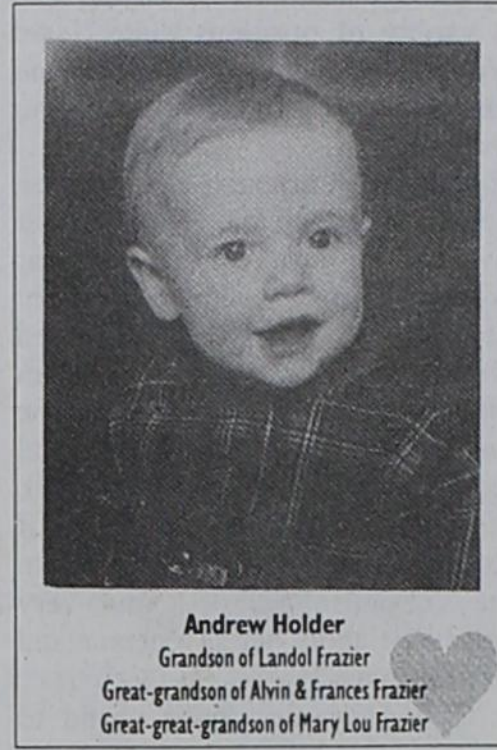
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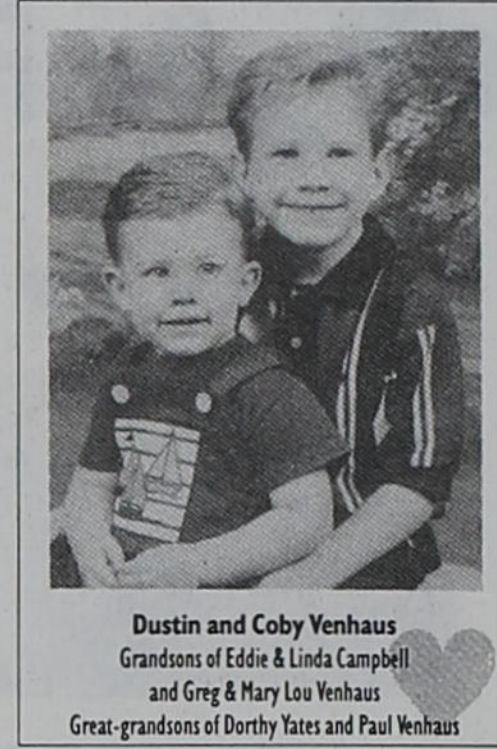
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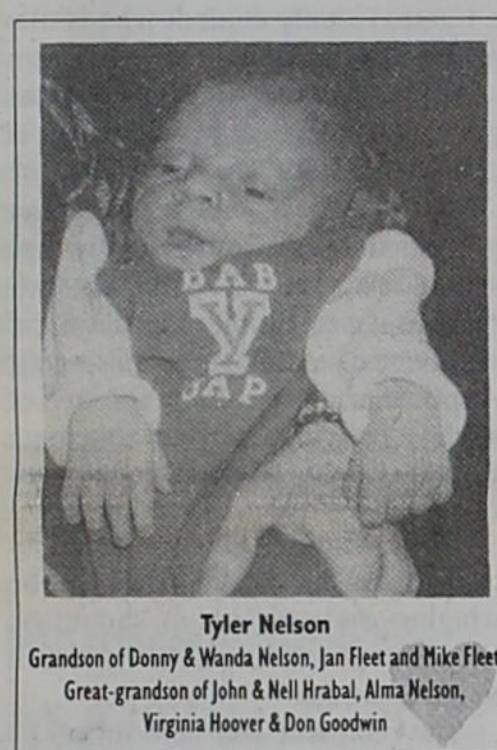
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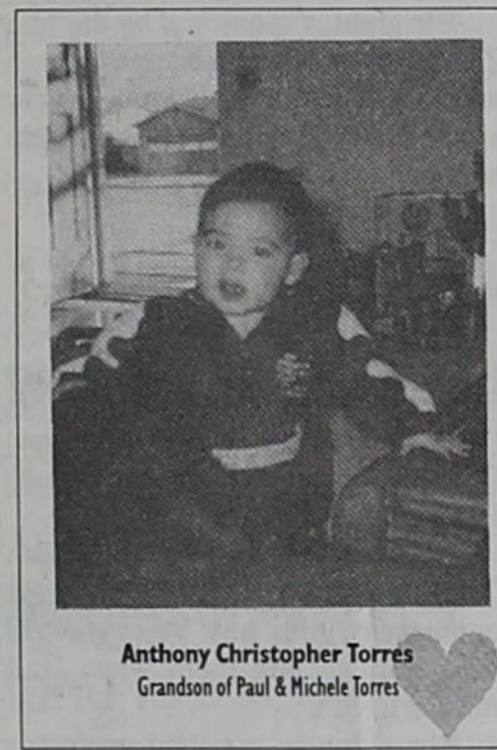
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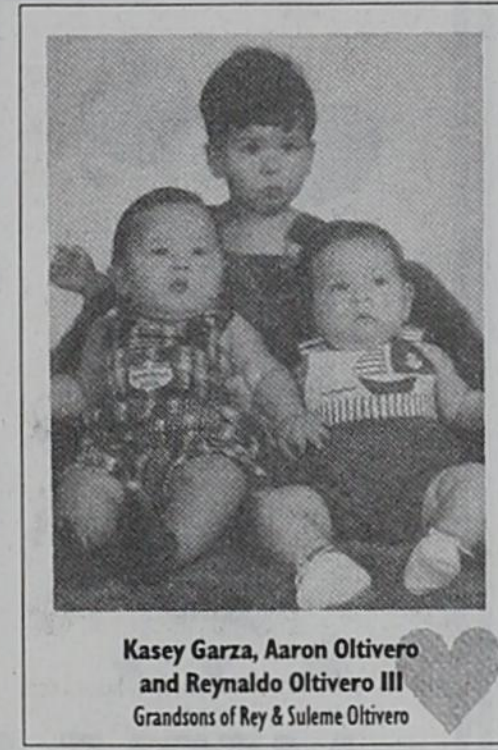
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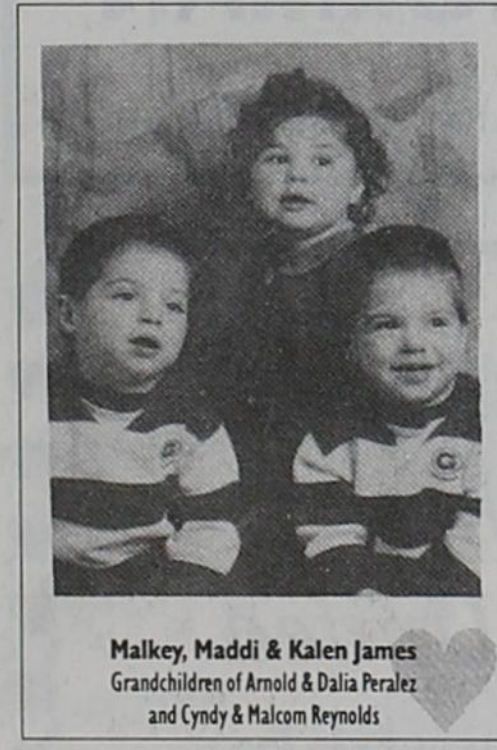
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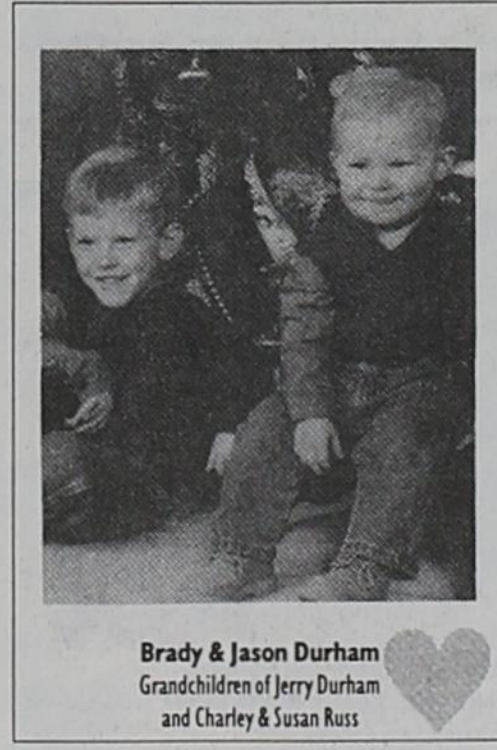
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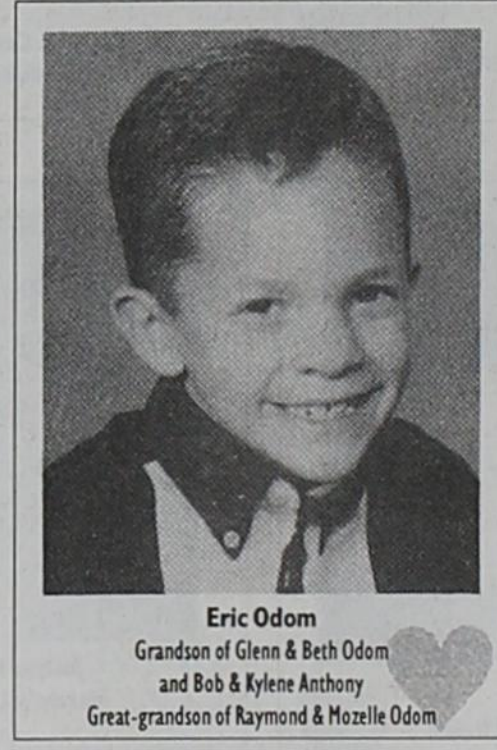
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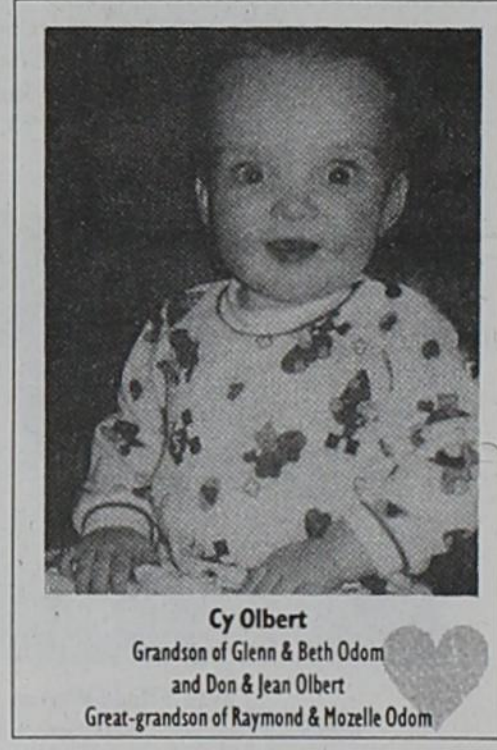
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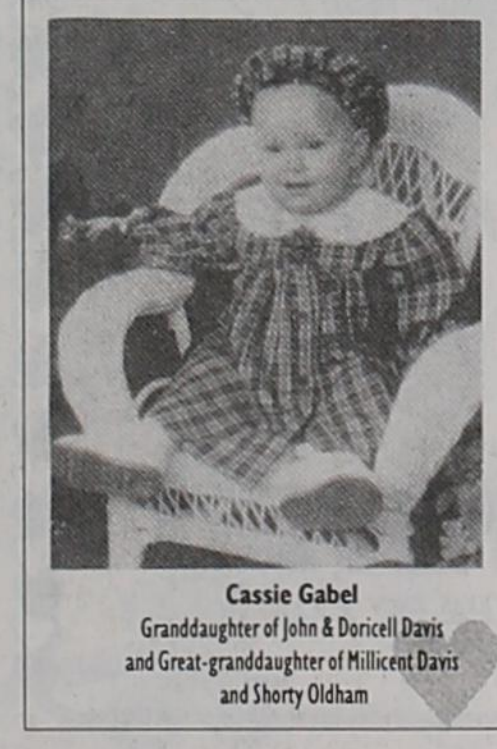
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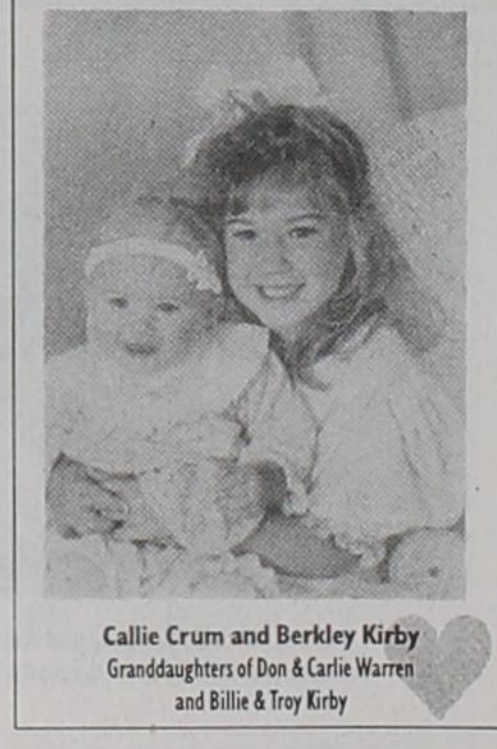
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Granddaughters of Don & Carlie Warren
and Billie & Troy Kirby

People



Carpenter is named director of UT health center

Jeanne Damron Carpenter, a native of Dimmitt, has been appointed director of the Student Health Center at the University of Texas at Austin.

The appointment was announced last month by James Vick, vice president for student affairs at UT Austin.

A 1969 graduate of Dimmitt High School, Carpenter received her bachelor's degree in medical technology at West Texas State University in Canyon in 1974 and her master's degree in health professions at Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos in 1980.

Carpenter had been serving on the staff of the Student Health Center for the past two decades, most recently as associate director for administrative services.

"Jeanne will be an excellent

director. She has a strong record of service and accomplishment at the Student Health Center, having come up through the ranks and having held a variety of positions there," said Vick. "Her knowledge and experience are a tremendous asset to us."

"Jeanne Carpenter has proven herself at the Student Health Center over a 23-year period and has worked in several different departments and has performed well," said David Drum, interim director of the health center. "She has both the education and experience to do this job very well. She will provide a continuity of leadership and supply good vision to the organization. I am very optimistic about her as a person and as a manager."

Carpenter said she is proud to

have been selected as director and excited about the new student health facility scheduled to open across the street in July under a new name, University Health Services.

"My energies will be focused in the next six months to work with the staff to prepare for that move, because the way we provide patient care will change dramatically in the new environment," Carpenter said.

Carpenter's affiliation with UT Austin's Student Health Center began in 1974 when she began working there as a medical technologist in the laboratory. In 1980 she was appointed chief medical technologist and was promoted to several other supervisory positions. She has served as associate director for administrative services since 1994.



Joe & Celia Alvarez

Mr. and Mrs. Alvarez to celebrate anniversary

Celia and Joe Alvarez will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday.

The former Celia Reyes married Joe Alvarez on Feb. 18, 1947, in Edinburg. The couple moved to Dimmitt in 1948. He is a farmer and she is a housewife. The couple are members of the Catholic Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvarez's children include San Juana Moreno, Maria Camacho, Isabell Alvarez, Joe Alvarez Jr., Frank Alvarez and Lee Alvarez, all of Dimmitt; Maria Villegas of Floydada; Anna Maria Velasquez of Florida; and Martin Alvarez of Kansas City, Mo.

The couple has 30 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

LULAC elects board officers

Gloria Hernandez was sworn in as president of the Dimmitt chapter of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) earlier this month.

The group also installed other officers during its meeting. They include Carlos Hernandez, vice president; Abelia Garza, secretary; Rosa Jimenez, treasurer; and Gloria Garcia, reporter.

The group will hold its next meeting on Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Azteca Complex.

Those who would like to join the group should attend the next meeting or contact Gloria Hernandez at 647-4571 or Jimenez at 647-4753.

The group sponsors several fundraisers each year and money raised is used to award scholarships to Dimmitt High School seniors.

During 1996, the group sponsored an easter egg hunt, bake sales, volunteered to help with the Labor Day picnic, sponsored the September Fiesta and entered the Harvest Days parade and worked on the street dance.

The group also took part in the Christmas light parade and sponsored a family during the Christmas holidays. The organization also held raffles during the year.

DKG accepting applications now

Applications will be accepted through March 15 for a \$500 recruitment grant which will be awarded to a Castro County student who is majoring in education.

Those wanting to apply for the grant should contact Joanne Snider at (806)647-3502.

To qualify, a student must have graduated from a Castro County high school and have official verification of acceptance by the education department of a college or university. Applicants must submit a letter of application with a verified statement from their school's education department and a current transcript.

The committee will review applications and then make a decision on whether the scholarship should be paid in two installments or given all in one semester.

The recipient will be notified by April 15.

The grant is sponsored by the Iota Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa gamma and has been awarded each year since 1987. Sometimes it is divided between two students.

Our Favorite Valentines Our Grandchildren!



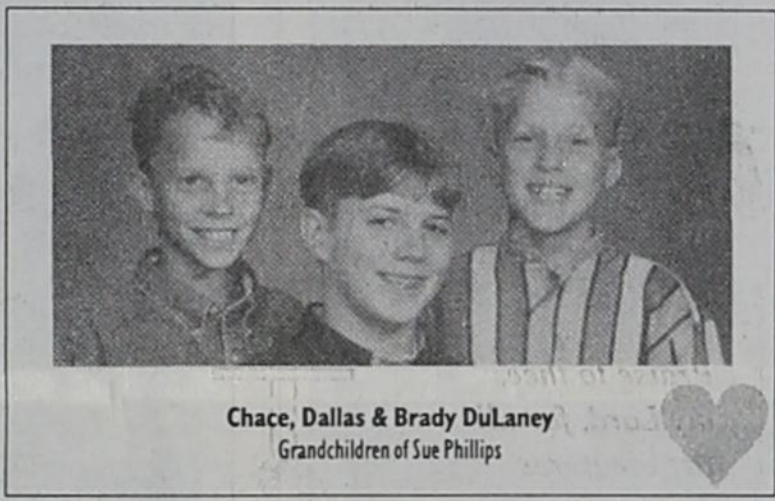
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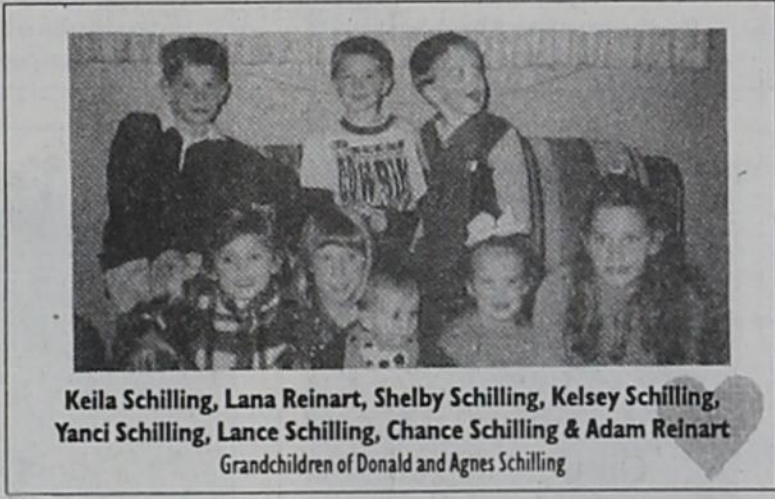
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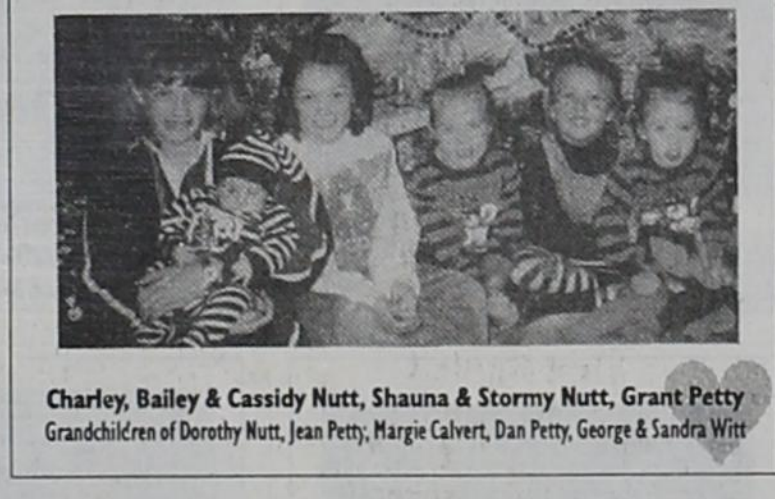
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Tom T. Hall reunion bluegrass band sought

In 1987, the World's Largest Bluegrass Band picked with Tom T. Hall at South Plains college.

A reunion has been set for March 7 for that group of 185 bluegrass enthusiasts, plus any other pickers who want to join them when Hall returns to SPC.

Alan Munde, assistant professor of music at SPC, currently is looking for the musicians who performed 10 years ago in the historic ensemble.

"The reunion band will play the same four numbers they did with Hall 10 years ago—*Fox on the Run*, *Foggy Mountain Breakdown*, *Cripple Creek* and *Amazing Grace*," Munde said.

Rehearsals are scheduled from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 18, Feb. 25 and March 4 in the Tom T. Hall Production Studio in SPC's Creative Arts Building, with the performance set for 3 p.m. March 7.

"We need people who can play guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle and resophonic guitar," said Munde.

Free book offered to help children read

The Texas Federation of Teachers is making available free copies of the book, *Helping Your Child Learn to Read*, by Bernice Cullinan and Brod Bagert.

All parents and teachers in Texas are invited to call toll-free, 1-800-222-3827 to order a copy of this important reading tool.

Early parental involvement makes an enormous difference in a student's ultimate success at school and the federation hopes that this book can help at least some Texas parents take a more active role in their child's earliest educational development.

Former AFSer returns here for first time

Michele (Bertonneau) Cantinaud of Parisot, France, a former American Field Service (AFS) exchange student who attended Dimmitt High School during the 1963-64 school year is coming to Texas for her first visit since graduation, and a reception is being planned in her honor.

An open house for all of Michele's friends and classmates will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, at 1005 West Bedford Street from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Daniel Montez and Elizabeth Salazar

Montez and Salazar to wed

Rudolpho and Cipriana Salazar of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Salazar, to Daniel Montez, son of Julian and Rebecca Montez of Rotan.

The couple will exchange wedding vows at 12 noon on Feb. 16 at the MGM Grand Casino and Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

The bride-elect is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School. She holds an associate degree in law enforcement from South Plains College and she is employed as a correctional officer for the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

The prospective groom graduated from Rotan High School in 1993. He obtained his correctional officer certification from Western Texas College and he works for Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice.

After the wedding, the couple will live in Dimmitt.

Teacher nomination deadline set March 1

March 1 is the deadline for nominating a teacher for the 1997 Outstanding Teaching of the Humanities Awards.

Winners will receive \$1,000 for further professional development. Another \$1,000 will be given to the teacher's school for the purchase of humanities instructional material or for improvement of humanities courses and programs.

Humanities courses include literature, foreign languages, government, history and social studies.

Nominations may be made by any student, parent, fellow teacher, school administrator or member of the public.

Nomination forms may be obtained by contacting the Texas Council for the Humanities at 512-440-1991. Completed forms must be postmarked no later than midnight, March 1.

With primary emphasis placed upon classroom activities, selection will be based on merit for outstanding contributions to the teaching of humanities. Examples may include, but are not limited to: distinguished teaching; curriculum revision; innovative teaching methods; introduction of new teaching aids, such as computer software; successful introduction of a new course, such as international studies, women's or ethnic history; development of extracurricular programs in the humanities; and workshops/training of fellow teachers.

Girl Scouts set meeting

If you are interested in becoming a Daisy Scout or a Brownie Scout, you are invited to come to the very first meeting of those groups for this year.

It will be held next Thursday, Feb. 20, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, 218 W. Jones.

A parent should come with girls wanting to sign up to help with the registration process. The registration fee is \$6. Financial aid is available.

Those interested in Daisy Scouts may phone 647-2666 or for Brownie Scouts, call 647-3444.

These age groups will meet twice a month.

The organizational meeting for the older age groups has already been held, according to area scout membership director Heather Tradup. Anyone interested in joining or helping with an older troop may phone Tradup at 1-800-530-4823.

WT announces honor students

West Texas A&M University in Canyon recently announced the names of students who were named to the Dean's List and the President's List.


Those on the President's List include senior reading major Amy Beck, junior math major Joyce A. Bills, senior studio art major Joan A. Craig, senior reading major Holly Edwards, junior reading major Michelle G. Estrada, senior reading major Kyla R. Lynch and senior geography major Jennifer J. Sava, all of Dimmitt; and junior reading major Kristin M. Brockman of Nazareth.

Those on the Dean's List include, from Dimmitt, Zachary E. Bell, junior accounting major, Melissa L. Jurado, senior social work major, Mechell R. Mays, senior kinesiology-PE major, and Dena Nava, junior mass communications major; and from Nazareth, Jaimye S. Bingham, freshman nursing major, Amy J. Huseman, senior kinesiology-PE major, Ashley B.

Kleman, senior nursing major, and Tonda J. Wood, senior general studies major.

Students earning President's List recognition achieved a semester grade point average (GPA) of 3.85 or


better of a possible 4.0, with a minimum class load of 12 undergraduate hours. Those on the Dean's List achieved a GPA of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.



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RES sets book fair

Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary School is holding an Accelerated Reader Book Fair this week to encourage students to buy books of their own.

The Book Fair is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Richardson library. Each day of the fair is starting off with special entertainment and prize drawings in the cafeteria.

Today (Thursday) from 6 to 8 p.m. will be Parents' Night for the fair, with parents invited to view the books offered for sale.

Proceeds from the sale will go to help purchase Accelerated Reader books for the library.



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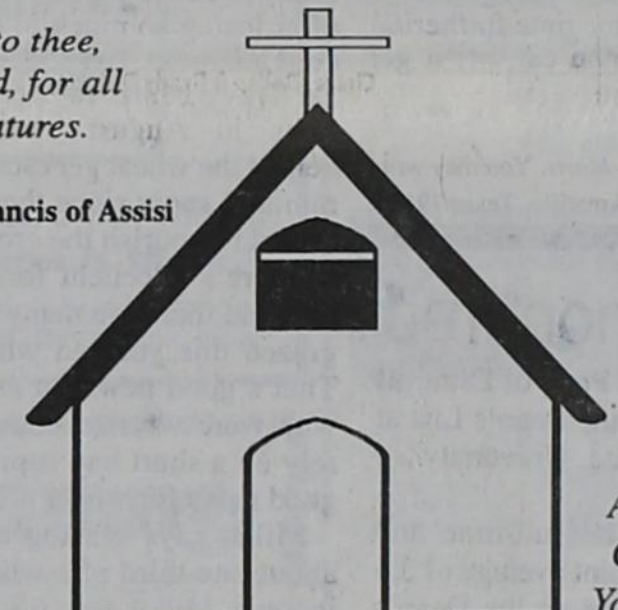
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Matthews finishes Army basic training

Army Pvt. Daniel L. Matthews has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood in Waynesville, Mo.

Matthews is the son of Jackie and Debbie Matthews of Dimmitt, and is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

During basic training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Maples memorial fund is established

A memorial fund has been established at First United Bank in Dimmitt in memory of former Dimmitt resident Chris Maples, who died Thursday in an automobile accident in Oklahoma.

The purpose of the fund is to help defray expenses for the family.

Mrs. Maples is survived by her husband, Tom, and five children.

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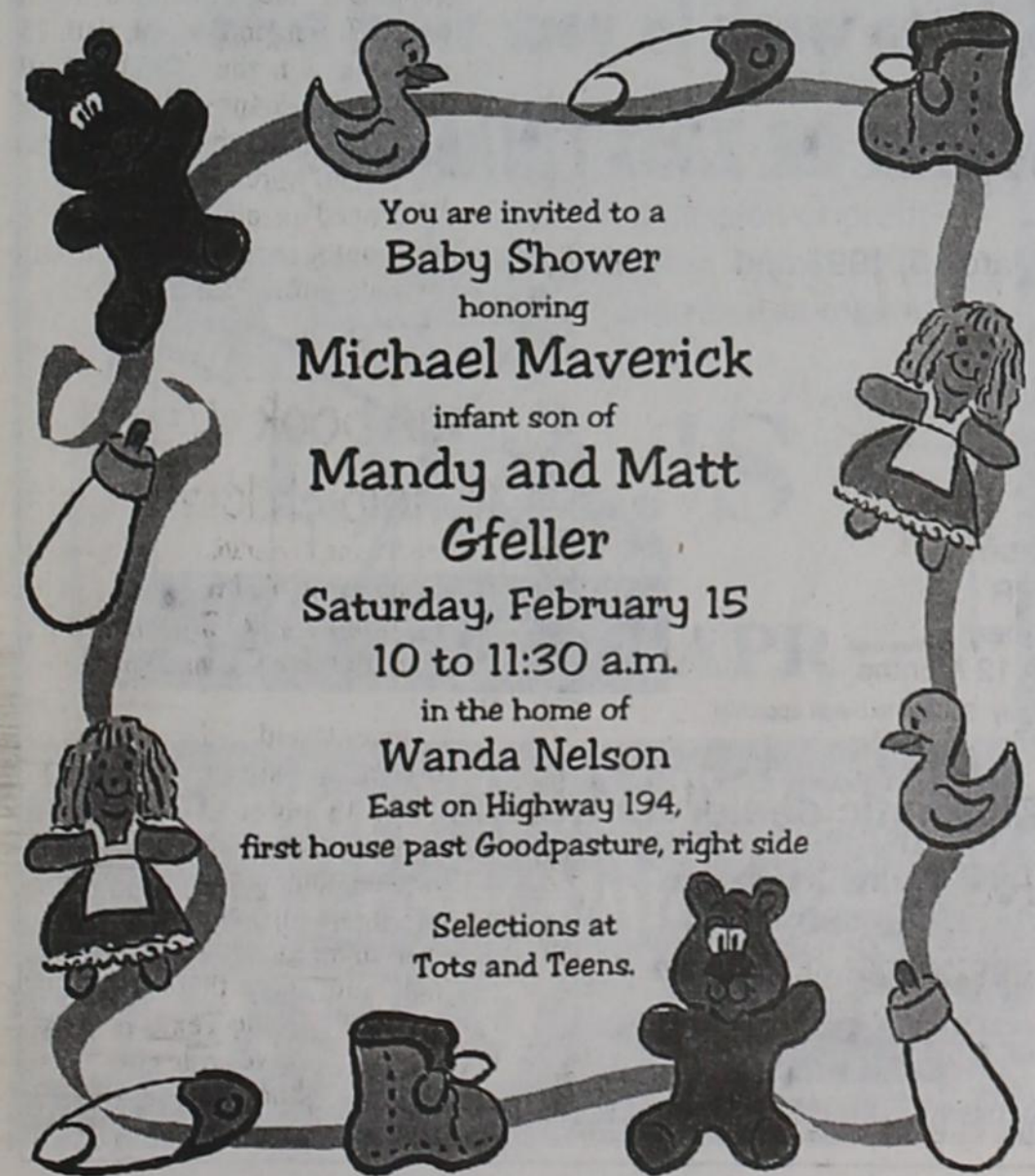
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Build Your Business

With Better Negotiating Skills



Whether we recognize it or not, all of us are participants in life's negotiating process. And, at least to some degree, our success depends on how good we become at bargaining for what we want.

According to my Webster's dictionary, negotiate means "to bargain or discuss with a view to reaching an agreement." The results of any negotiations are

most desirable and successful when both sides get what they want. We call this "win-win" negotiation.

Your goal in negotiating should be to find win-win positions whenever possible. However in the real world it doesn't always work out that way. Sometimes only one side gets what they want. We can this a "win-lose" deal. Rarely, neither party gets what they desire. That of course is a "lose-lose" situation.

Unfortunately, becoming a great negotiator isn't as easy as reading this column or even a good book on the subject. You develop negotiation skills in the same way you build other skills. First, you must understand the rules and have a working knowledge of the process. Second, you must practice to improve. I hope the following tips and suggestions will help you get started.

Negotiation Tips

◆ **Understand that virtually everything is negotiable.** The first step in becoming a better negotiator is to look for opportunities to improve your business position by negotiating. Then start practicing. You can ask, offer, counter offer and suggest alternatives.

◆ **The next step is to do your homework.** In negotiating, knowledge is power. When you know a lot about the deal and understand the other side's position thoroughly, you are more likely to get exactly what you want.

◆ **Next, remember to aim high.** It's not likely you'll ever be given more than you ask for. So start high and come back down if you have to. You also need to know where to stop. Establish a final position where you go no lower, or make no more concessions. This is the place where you walk away.

◆ **Be prepared to walk away.** When you know your final position and are willing to walk away with no deal, you're in a strong position. Sometimes you lose the deal, but in the long term you're a winner. Frequently, the other side will give some ground when they see you're serious about walking away or saying no to a bad deal.

◆ **Keep your cards close to your vest.** Never let the other side know how important a deal is to you. If you're buying a house and you let the owner know "this is the perfect house," be prepared to pay full price or expect very little downward negotiation.

◆ **Smile and say no until your tongue bleeds.** This is a great line from Harvey MacKay's book "Swim With the Sharks." There are two important points. First, smile and be courteous when you negotiate. Developing an adversarial attitude will weaken your position. Second, learn to say no and mean it. If a position or request is unacceptable to you say no and keep on saying it. Be polite, but firm.

◆ **Show the value of what you're proposing to the other side.** If your offer is a win-win offer, point out the benefits and advantages in the negotiation process. The other folks may already be aware of the benefits, but you can't be sure. So show them how they benefit.

In summary, the best negotiators find out what the other side wants or needs and then finds a way to help them achieve it, while at the same time furthering their best interests and accomplishing their own goals. You can often get exactly what you want by helping others get what they want.

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.



KY KIRBY leads his cousin, Aaron Wilcox's reserve breed champion lamb through the sale ring Saturday at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Wilcox, a Dimmitt High School student, was killed in an automobile accident earlier this year. He had been raising lambs for the county show, and his cousins were allowed to show the animals on his behalf. Both made the sale. Flagg Fertilizer bought Wilcox's reserve grand lamb for \$8 per pound, then donated it back to be resold, with proceeds to benefit the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund. Wilcox's family also donated money raised from the sale of the animals to the scholarship fund.

Photo by Anne Acker

Texas winter wheat crop fortified by recent weather

Not much grows in Texas in the winter, but one of the crops that does is doing remarkably well this year.

Winter wheat has been invigorated by the weather. Wheat farmers are relieved to see a good crop this year after losing so much to drought and cold last year. Extension agronomist Dr. Travis Miller says good, soaking rains in August and September helped the wheat get established, and rain and snow since then have continued to nourish the crop.

There's excellent forage production and there are many cattle being grazed this year on wheat pasture. That's good news for cattle owners who were worried about having to rely on a short hay supply. It's also good news for wheat producers.

Miller says grazing accounts for about one-third of a wheat farmer's income. Miller says prices for grain are favorable. They're nowhere near

the record prices of last season, but he says they are above average and holding.

But while all is well now, he cautions that there are many variables with wheat. Some dramatic drops in temperature could result in winter kill and there's also wheat leaf rust that could destroy the crop.

Scholarship deadline nears

The Sam Houston State University Dept. of Agricultural Sciences is accepting applications for more than \$40,000 in scholarships to be awarded for the 1997-98 academic year. Deadline for applications is March 4.

The scholarships range in amount from \$500 to \$1,500 per year. Incoming freshmen, transfer students, or continuing SHSU students majoring in agricultural science, agricultural business, ag education, animal science, agricultural mechanization, or horticulture-crop science are eligible to compete for the awards.

For further information, or to request an application form, contact the department office at 409-294-1224 or 409-294-1215. The department is located in room 222 of the Thomason Building on the SHSU campus.

Texas PUC okays SPS-PSCo merger

The Public Utility Commission of Texas has approved the merger of Southwestern Public Service Co. and Public Service Co. Of Colorado to create New Century Energies.

The Texas action completes the necessary state approvals. Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Kansas all previously approved the merger. Oklahoma has approved passing along savings to customers and said it will not oppose the merger.

At the federal level, an administrative law judge for the Federal Energy and Regulatory Commission has recommended approval, and the companies are awaiting to appear on the commission agenda. Pending approval by the federal commission,

approval by the Securities and Exchange Commission and other conditions, the merger is targeted for completion this spring.

"Approval by Texas as the final state is, indeed, a major milestone," said SPS Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Bill D. Helton, who will become chairman and CEO of New Century Energies. "We are very pleased with the commissioners' unanimous decision."

The Texas commission also accepted a proposal for a guaranteed annual credit to SPS's retail customers in Texas of at least \$3 million a year for the first five years to pass on merger savings.

Crop revenue coverage, income protection expanded

The US Dept. of Agriculture has expanded crop revenue coverage for corn, spring wheat and soybeans and will provide an expanded version of the income protection plan for grain sorghum in Castro County.

The expanded crop revenue coverage was announced for areas with a history of growing corn, spring wheat and soybeans. In addition to Castro County, USDA also granted the expanded coverage for the following counties in the 13th Congressional District: Armstrong, Baylor, Briscoe, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Garza, Gray, Hale, Hall, Hardeman, King, Knox, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Wheeler, Wichita and Wilbarger.

The expanded income protection plan for sorghum will affect Armstrong, Carson, Castro, Gray, Hale, Hutchinson, Lamb, Potter and Swisher Counties in the 13th district.

"It's important that the federal government provide owners with more flexibility to make planting

decisions that suit their needs the best," said US Rep. Mac Thornberry. "However, it's also important that we keep in place a safety net to help them deal with the many uncertainties farmers must face each year—something which expanding the crop revenue coverage will do."

Crop revenue coverage differs from multi-peril crop insurance in that it provides revenue protection bases on price and yield expectations, rather than on the amount of production. Crop revenue coverage also contains "replacement cost coverage" to protect the policyholder against losses when market prices increase.

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Both crop reduction coverage and income protection expansion plans are scheduled to go into effect beginning this spring.

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Melanie Denise Pope of Dimmitt has been named to the Dean's List at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville.

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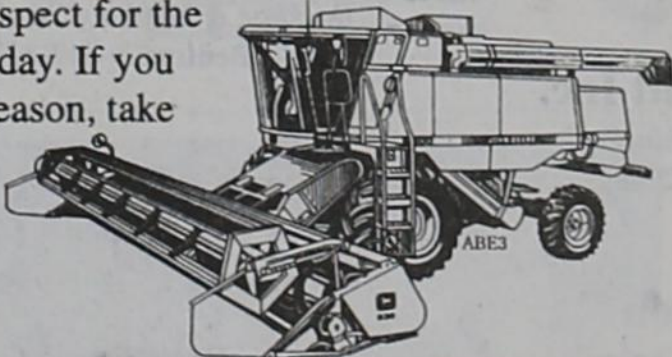
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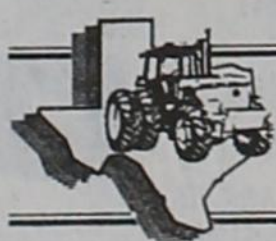
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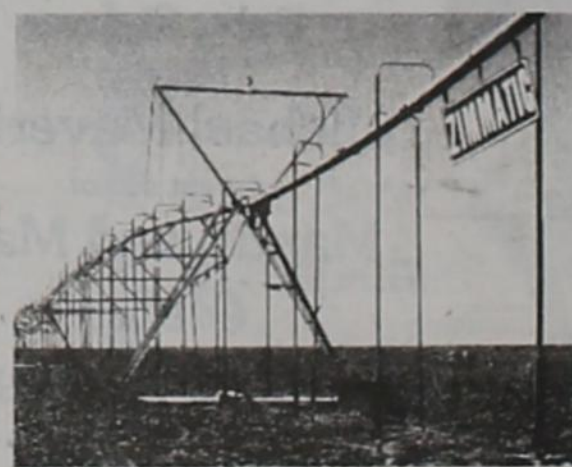
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CASTRO COUNTY 4-H HORSE JUDGING Team competed at the recent Fort Worth Stock Show judging contest, winning second in reasons and 10th place overall as a team. Team members include (from left) Scott Bagley, coach, Kristin Hales, Rusty

McDaniel, James Wilhite, Rusty Wooten and Cody Annen. The team competed against 60 other teams from all over the state. The team will compete in a contest at Tarleton State University at Stephenville in March. *Courtesy Photo*

Classic Cable establishes new scholarship fund

High school seniors residing within Classic Cable's service area, which includes Dimmitt, may apply for individual scholarships ranging in amounts between \$250 and \$500.

The awards will be presented to students demonstrating both academic and extracurricular leadership skills.

Scholarship applications are available through high school administrators or by contacting Adina Bahl with Classic Cable at (913) 434-7620 (ext. 323). Deadline for submitting applications is March 31, and scholarship winners will be named on April 30.

Specific eligibility requirements include a top 20% ranking within graduating class, demonstrated lead-

ership in and out of the classroom as well as participation in extracurricular activities. Financial hardship or other circumstances will also be considered when deciding between applicants whose abilities appear equal.

In addition to the scholarship application, students must submit three letters of recommendation from school principals, teachers or admin-

istrators, a copy of their official high school transcript showing class rank, as well as a 300-word essay on chosen goals with an emphasis on leadership potential and ability to reach goals.

All applications will be evaluated by a committee of employees from Classic Cable and will be judged according to the overall strength of qualifications.

SEC will send two area students to Washington D.C.

An all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C. will be awarded to two area youths by Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc.

For 31 years, Swisher Electric has sponsored students on the Government in Action youth tour to Washington, D.C.

Winners will be selected on the basis of a speech contest to be held April 3 at Swisher Electric's offices in Tulia.

Any 14- to 19-year-old attending school in Nazareth, Hart, Happy, Canyon, Kress, Tulia, Silvertown or Olton, or students home-schooled in Swisher Electric's service area, is

eligible to enter the contest.

Swisher Electric will have a representative visiting area high schools between Feb. 17 and 28 to present a program about the trip, hand out entry forms and answer questions about the contest.

Those interested who do not hear more about the contest through the school, should contact Kacy Bivens at Swisher Electric Cooperative in Tulia at (806) 995-3567 or 1-800-530-4344.

The deadline for entering the contest is March 27.

The 1997 tour will be held June 5-17. Winners of Swisher Electric's speech contest will travel to Dallas where they will join other young people from all over Texas for the trip to Washington.

In Washington, the students will visit their US Congressman, watch the House and Senate in action, tour the Supreme Court Building and visit the White House.

The youth will also get to tour the more memorable Washington, D.C. sights including the Smithsonian Institution, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, Ford's Theater, the FBI headquarters, the Jefferson, Lincoln and Vietnam Memorials and more.

It's natural for a woman to want it all: a happy marriage, a successful career and loving children. What she gets is housework, office work and homework.

4-H Foundation scholarship forms are due March 3

County seniors who plan to apply for scholarships through the Texas 4-H Foundation must turn in application forms to the county office by March 3.

Other scholarship deadlines are nearing, too, according to Marilyn Neal, County Extension Agent, and some are due by Feb. 15.

Scholarship forms are available at the Extension office, and when picking up an application, students should check to see when the applications are due.

Wheat board voting to start

The Texas Wheat Producers Board will hold its 13th biennial mail election between Feb. 18 and March 4, according to Bob Beakley, farmer-elected chairman of the organization.

Of the 15 board members serving six-year terms, five are facing expiring terms, including: for District I, Scott McGarraugh of Perryton; District II, David Cleavinger of Wildorado; District III, Ralph Sides of Childress; and District IV, Beakley of Ennis and Ben Scholz of Wylie. All board members with expiring terms are eligible for re-election.

The election is being held by mail ballot. Beakley said that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

Producers may also vote on a proposition to limit the wheat assessment to a rate not to exceed a maximum of 2 cents per bushel, but would not exceed a maximum of 1.5 cents until the year 2000.

Any farmer producing wheat in Texas is eligible to vote for a board member for that district in which he or she resides and to vote on the proposition to limit the assessment rate.

Counties included in District II are: Castro, Deaf Smith, Hale, Swisher, Parmer, Randall, Potter, Briscoe, Armstrong, Oldham, Carson, and Floyd.

FSA program to begin soon in Muleshoe

A production training program approved by the Farm Service Agency will begin Friday in Muleshoe.

The program, "Top Quality Producer," will be presented by the Texas Farmers Training Coop, and the first session of the program will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

The five-part program does not require financial training as a prerequisite. Each part will last six hours.

Producers who have already taken the Bottom Line Farming financial training course can take this production program course to complete all FSA training requirements.

For more information and registration, call Bob Detlefsen at (817) 772-2013 or Karen Harlan (806) 546-3200. Registration deadline for this session is today (Thursday).

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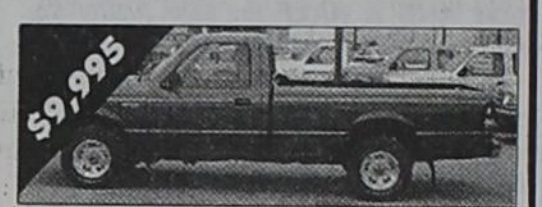
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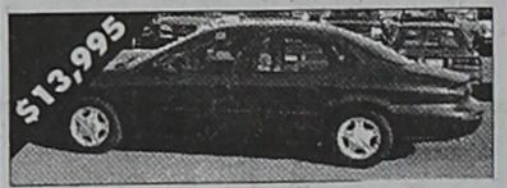
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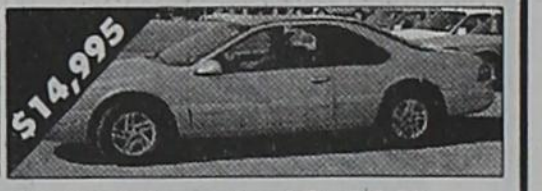
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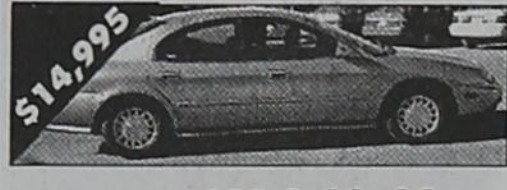
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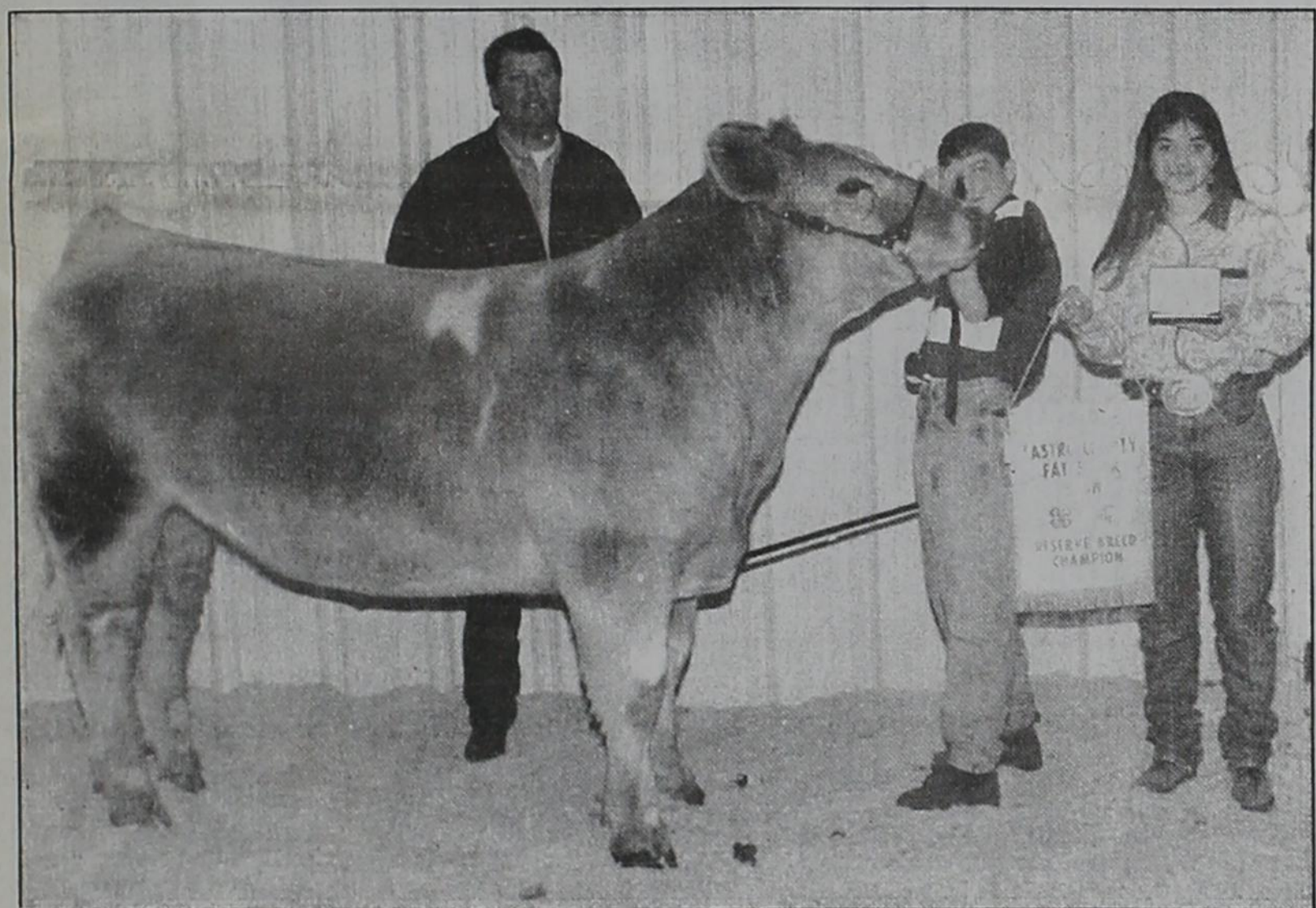
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Here are the county stock show results



TRAVIS CROW of Dimmitt (showing lamb) drove his 126-pound light heavyweight mediumwool to the reserve grand championship in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday. At Saturday's premium sale, Crow earned a bid of \$7 for the animal from the three local cooperatives, represented by

Jackie Clark of Dimmitt Agri Industries, Danny Rice of Dimmitt Consumers and Randy Small of Castro Co-op Gin. Also pictured is Jay McCormick (back row, third from left), who added \$200 to Crow's earnings on the lamb. Photo by Anne Acker



THIS 1,385-POUND HEAVYWEIGHT CROSS steer was named reserve grand champion at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday. The steer was exhibited by Beau Hill, but was led through the sale ring Saturday by Beau's brother, B.J. Hill. The an-

imal earned a bid of \$2 per pound from North Gin of Dimmitt, represented by Jim Bradford (left). Holding the reserve grand champion banner is Sage Annen. Photo by Anne Acker

Jay McCormick of Dimmitt took home three grand championship buckles from the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday, driving his barrow, sheep and steer to top honors in the annual event.

Reserve grand champion steer was shown by Beau Hill of Dimmitt. Taking reserve grand honors in the barrow show was Jeremy Simpson. Travis Crow earned reserve grand honors with his lamb.

Here are complete results from Friday's show, sponsored by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

STEERS

Grand Champion: Jay McCormick.
Reserve Grand: Beau Hill.
Junior Showmanship: Reece Hales.
Senior Showmanship: Justin Sutton.

ENGLISH

Breed Champ: Justin Sutton.
Reserve Breed: B.J. Hill.

Lightweight: 1. Tawnee Matthews, 2. Carol Summers, 3. Mikel Atchley, 4. Russell Rickert, 5. Mikel Atchley.
Heavyweight: 1. Justin Sutton, 2. B.J. Hill, 3. Chris Davis, 4. Laura Birkenfeld.

CROSS

Breed Champ: Jay McCormick.
Reserve Breed: Beau Hill.

Lightweight: 1. Stuart Sutton, 2. Taylor Matthews, 3. Michelle Davis.
Mediumweight: 1. Jay McCormick, 2. Tawnee Matthews, 3. Reece Hales, 4. Taylor Matthews.
Heavyweight: 1. Beau Hill, 2. Wesley Mays, 3. Ashley Davis, 4. Wesley Mays.

BARROWS

Grand Champion: Jay McCormick.
Reserve Grand: Jeremy Simpson.
Junior Showmanship: Keli Schulte.
Senior Showmanship: Wesley Mays.

BERKSHIRE

Breed Champ: Clay Hoelting.
Reserve Breed: Shantell Self.

Lightweight: 1. Shantell Self, 2. Susan Kern, 3. Chris George, 4. T.R. George, 5. Jared Griffith.

Heavyweight: 1. Clay Hoelting, 2. Timmy Barnes, 3. Ryan Harkins, 4. Mekesha Atchley.

CHESTER

Breed Champ: Jill Schulte.
Reserve Breed: Justin Hawkins.

Lightweight: 1. Justin Hawkins, 2. Rebecca Olvera, 3. B.J. Kern, 4. Kendra Huseman, 5. Jordy Rowland, 6. Mikel Atchley.

Heavyweight: 1. Jill Schulte, 2. Kit Schulte, 3. Amy Pohlmeier, 4. Charley Nutt, 5. Mandy Birkenfeld, 6. Matthew Kern.

DUROC

Breed Champ: Mary Bradley.
Reserve Champ: B.J. Kern

Lightweight: 1. Mary Bradley, 2. Trey Robb, 3. Bridget Hochstein, 4. Lindsey Martinez, 5. Matthew Wright, 6. John Johnson, 7. John Bennett, 8. Adam Schulte, 9. Daryl Pohlmeier, 10. Corey Lane, 11. Dustin Ramaekers.

Heavyweight: 1. B.J. Kern, 2. Jill Schulte, 3. Jayson Burnam, 4. Ashley Davis, 5. Jeremy Simpson, 6. Colby McDaniel, 7. Jeff Stovall, 8. Trent Barnes, 9. Raynee Bradley, 10. Blake Jones, 11. Coby Schacher, 12. Jana Nelson.

HAMPSHIRE

Breed Champ: Blake Jones.
Reserve Breed Champ: Trevor Barnes.

Lightweight: 1. Blake Jones, 2. Zach Jones, 3. Haley Heard, 4. Aaron Wilcox, 5. Matthew Wright, 6. Ysela Gonzales, 7. Jinna Wright, 8. Raynee Bradley, 9. Clifford Gerber, 10. Tiffany Sanders, 11. Taylor Matthews, 12. Aaron Kern.

Mediumweight: 1. Stacey Schulte, 2. Dustin Ramaekers, 3. Wesley Mays, 4. Jody Stovall, 5. Mark Mitchell, 6. Jared Aven, 7. Tanner Self, 8. Kit Schulte, 9. Kristin McClure, 10. Wesley Wright, 11. Chris Davis, 12. Trinity Robb, 13. Charley Nutt.

Heavyweight: 1. Trevor Barnes, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Amy Pohlmeier, 4. Leon Birkenfeld, 5. Garrett Kleman, 6. Meaghan Farris, 7. Holly Lane, 8. Meggie Lemons, 9. Elizabeth Olvera, 10. Adam Wright, 11. Tanner Griffith, 12. Amber Matthews.

POLAND

Breed Champ: Garrett Kleman.
Reserve Breed: Jeff Stovall.

Lightweight: 1. Lindsey Martinez, 2. Shantell Self, 3. Susan Kern, 4. Tanner Self, 5. Dawn Ramaekers.

Heavyweight: 1. Garrett Kleman, 2. Jeff Stovall, 3. Kelsey Hochstein, 4. Kendra Huseman, 5. Wesley Harkins.

SPOT

Breed Champ: Jeremy Simpson.
Reserve Breed Champ: Tucker Self.

Lightweight: 1. Chris George, 2. Mark Mitchell, 3. Aaron Kern, 4. Zach Farris, 5. Adam Schulte, 6. Danette Ramaekers, 7. Jessica Kern.

Heavyweight: 1. Jeremy Simpson, 2. Tucker Self, 3. Jody Stovall, 4. T.R. George, 5. Ysela Gonzales, 6. Shawna Gerber, 7. Sarah Olvera, 8. Kelsey Hochstein.

YORKSHIRE

Breed Champ: Wesley Mays.
Reserve Breed: Jay McCormick.

Lightweight: 1. Ky Kirby, 2. Dawn Ramaekers, 3. Keli Schulte, 4. Shawna Gerber, 5. Zane Farris, 6. Tiffany Sanders, 7. Matthew Kern, 8. Allison Martinez, 9. Chase Schulte, 10. Justin Hawkins, 11. Colby McDaniel, 12. Clay Hoelting, 13. Elizabeth Olvera, 14. Bridget Hochstein.

Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Mays, 2. Jay McCormick, 3. Holly Lane, 4. Tawnee Matthews, 5. Michelle Davis, 6. Ross Schulte, 7. Amber Matthews, 8. Timmy Barnes, 9. Sarah Olvera, 10. Mandy Birkenfeld, 11. Coby Schacher, 12. Jordy Rowland, 13. Zachary Smith.

CROSS

Breed Champ: Jay McCormick
Reserve Breed: Jayson Burnam.

Lightweight: 1. Jayson Burnam, 2. Chase Schulte, 3. Zane Farris, 4. Zach Farris, 5. Zach Jones, 6. Tawnee Matthews, 7. Whitney Mitchell, 8. Jared Aven, 9. Clifford Gerber, 10. Evan Huseman, 11. Cory Hopson, 12. Ashley Martinez, 13. Tucker Self, 14. Meaghan Farris, 15. Taylor Matthews, 16. Haley Heard.

Mediumweight: 1. Jana Nelson, 2. Keli Schulte, 3. Travis Crow, 4. Trevor Barnes, 5. Trent Barnes, 6. Zachary McClure, 7. Cliff Wright, 8. Stacey Schulte, 9. Stacey Bennett, 10. Wesley Wright, 11. Corey Lane, 12. John Johnson, 13. Leon Birkenfeld, 14. Danette Ramaekers, 15. Michelle Davis, 16. Lindsey Heard.

Heavyweight: 1. Jay McCormick, 2. Daryl Pohlmeier, 3. Aaron Wilcox, 4. Ashley Davis, 5. Chris Davis, 6. Asia Kirby, 7. Dustin Dyer, 8. Travis Crow, 9. Ross Schulte, 10. Allison Martinez, 11. Dustin Dyer, 12. Zachary Smith, 13. Adam Wright, 14. Evan Huseman.

LAMBS

Grand Champ: Jay McCormick.
Reserve Grand: Travis Crow.
Junior Showmanship: Trinity Robb.
Senior Showmanship: Jay McCormick.

FINEWOOL

Breed Champ: Wesley Mays.
Reserve Breed: Aaron Wilcox.

Lightweight: 1. Jennifer Wilhelm, 2. Stacey Bennett, 3. Ann Wilhelm, 4. Sage Annen, 5. Jake Loudder, 6. John Bennett, 7. Katy Loudder.

Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Mays, 2. Aaron Wilcox, 3. Tonya Powers, 4. Tyson Traylor, 5. Taylor Matthews, 6. Karen Wilhelm, 7. Meggie Lemons.

FINEWOOL CROSS

Breed Champ: Shawn Pohlmeier.
Reserve Breed: Raynee Bradley.

Lightweight: 1. Holly Lane, 2. Lacy Loudder, 3. Ky Kirby, 4. Jeremy Furr, 5. Cody Annen, 6. Lyndee Behrends, 7. Sage Annen, 8. Jake Loudder, 9. Katy Loudder, 10. Lyndee Behrends.

Mediumweight: 1. Carol Summers, 2. Cody Annen, 3. Jennifer Wilhelm, 4. Amanda Annen, 5. Kellie George, 6. Mark Lange, 7. Karen Wilhelm, 8. Kristin Hales, 9. Tyler Waggoner.

Heavyweight: 1. Shawn Pohlmeier, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Bryce Pohlmeier, 4. Wesley Mays, 5. Raymond Powers, 6. Amber Matthews, 7. Wesley Wright, 8. Bryce Pohlmeier, 9. Adam Wright, 10. Tanner Griffith, 11. Shane Furr, 12. Amanda Annen, 13. Ross Hunter, 14. Brandon Furr, 15. Ryan Hunter.

MEDIUMWOOL

Breed Champ: Jay McCormick.
Reserve Breed: Aaron Wilcox.

Lightweight: 1. Trey Robb, 2. Meggie Lemons, 3. Rusty A. McDaniel, 4. Aaron Hart, 5. Holly Lane, 6. Jared Griffith, 7. Jinna Wright, 8. Cliff Wright, 9. Andrew Brockman, 10. Jenna Acker, 11. Shae Odom, 12. Lauren Waggoner, 13. Jinna Wright, 14. Shae Odom, 15. Adrienne Hart, 16. Yesenia Zamora, 17. Tyson Traylor, 18. Garrett Behrends.

Mediumweight: 1. Aaron Wilcox, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Mary Bradley, 4. Travis Crow, 5. Asia Kirby, 6. Jay McCormick, 7. Ky Kirby, 8. Mark Lange, 9. Shaun Furr, 10. Cliff Wright, 11. Brandon Furr, 12. Carol Summers, 13. Trinity Robb, 14. Shane Furr, 15. Jenna Acker, 16. Ross Hunter, 17. Andrew Brockman, 18. Lacy Loudder, 19. Becca Garza.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Travis Crow, 2. Trey Robb, 3. Stuart Sutton, 4. Raynee Bradley, 5. Marcus Brockman, 6. Rusty A. McDaniel, 7. Adam Acker, 8. Matthew Wright, 9. Mary Bradley, 10. Yesenia Zamora, 11. Marcus Brockman, 12. Asia Kirby, 13. Tyler Waggoner, 14. Heath Lunsford, 15. Jeremy Furr, 16. Adrienne Hart, 17. Becca Garza, 18. Wesley Wright, 19. Kristin Hales.

Heavyweight: 1. Jay McCormick, 2. Raymond Powers, 3. Adam Acker, 4. Aaron Hart, 5. Shawn Pohlmeier, 6. Lauren Waggoner, 7. Corey Lane, 8. Tonya Powers, 9. Matthew Wright, 10. Shaun Furr, 11. Ryan Hunter, 12. Ann Wilhelm, 13. Adam Wright, 14. Heath Lunsford, 15. Trina Johnson.



JEREMY SIMPSON (kneeling) shows off his heavyweight spot barrow which was named the Reserve Grand Champion at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Saturday. A group of individuals provided a bid of \$8.50 per pound for Simpson's 245-pound barrow. Buyers included Gene

Bradley, Jay McCormick, Donny Nelson, W.J. Hill, Andy Rogers, Rocky Wilhelm of Hart Producers Co-op Gin, Leslie Davis and Vic Nelson. Not pictured is Cassa McCormick, who was a member of the group which purchased the hog. Photo by Anne Acker

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Carolyn Jones, sister-in-law of Joyce Wright, after a long wait, received a liver transplant in Dallas Tuesday night (Feb. 4) and is doing well.

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE
NO. PR 2250

THE ESTATE OF
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of NELL M. BROWN, Deceased, were issued to GEORGE R. BAGLEY on the 4th day of February, 1997, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and that he now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law, at the following address: George R. Bagley, 716 Cleveland, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. 25-45-11c

It has been a cold week. We had light rain and freezing drizzle Thursday and a good ground cover of snow Friday morning. It was 24 degrees. Saturday morning it was 16 degrees. Sunday morning it was 24 degrees with dense fog, which collected on the evergreen trees turning them white. It was 16 degrees this morning (Monday) with the sun coming up bright with the promise of a warmer day.

Robert Duke lost an aunt, Irene Duke of Amarillo, Monday (Feb. 3). He and Frances Duke attended the funeral services in Amarillo Wednesday.

Ezell and Verba Sadler went to Hubbard Creek Lake near Breckenridge Wednesday to check their lake house and do some work, but the weather got so bad there, they came home Thursday night. Their dinner guests Sunday were Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler and Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright.

Hershell and Retha Wilson attended a scleroderma support group meeting in Lubbock Saturday. Retha

has a mild case of the sometimes crippling disease.

Debbie Freeman honored her daughter, Angelia Freeman with a birthday party in her home Friday evening. Hershell and Retha Wilson and her mother, Zela May Epperson, attended along with Sonya and her husband, Johnny Briton. Her brother Adam also was present. They had a cook out and cake and ice cream.

Jessica Wilson and the Springlake-Earth team won their game against Petersburg Friday night at Petersburg. They will play Whiteface Friday night at Olton for Bidistrict.

James and Joan Norrell visited in Hereford with her mother, Jewell Milliken, and helped her celebrate her birthday in a nursing home there.

Jimmy Alair was one of the brave ones who were in church Sunday morning.

Emma Jean King attended all the Springlake-Earth games Friday night to see her grandsons, Lance and Lincoln, play basketball.

Emma Jean King attended the meeting of the Fair Association in Dimmitt Feb. 3. They had a good meeting and made a lot of decisions.

