

Bonds are approved 643 to 76

The economic development bond issue for Dimmitt passed by an overwhelming 9-1 margin in Saturday's election. Of the city's 2,404 registered voters, 719 cast ballots—a 30% turnout. Of those ballots, 643 (89%) favored the proposition, while only 76 voted against it.

The vote authorized the city council to issue up to \$4.5 million in bonds to be used for the purchase of land, building and equipment for sale or lease to "an entity." The bonds cannot be issued for at least 30 days after the election.

So, what happens next? A written agreement has already been obtained from Rubinofo Foods Corp. to locate a meat processing plant here if all of the financing can be obtained. Company founder Ronald Rubinofo is in the process of arranging loans for \$7 million to \$8 million in addition to the bond funds.

"We're very, very happy to hear they approved the bond overwhelmingly," Rubinofo said. Rubinofo has said he hopes to have the financing arranged by June, and plans to have groundbreaking ceremonies for the facility in September. A definite site for the plant still has not been selected.

"This is a step-by-step process. It would have ended if the bond issue had not passed, but there are still a lot of steps to be achieved," said Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins.

"The city council's biggest concern now will be protecting the city's interests to the utmost of our ability," said Collins. He added that negotiations will begin with the bonding company and will continue with Rubinofo as contracts are drawn up. Collins said that Dimmitt's bond rating "is as good as any other city in

the same population category." He said the interest rate will probably be in the 6% range.

"Everyone wants to have the best part for themselves, so there will have to be some compromising, some give and take," Collins said. "Our task will be to see that the city gets the best deal possible and see that the city's interests are protected."

The city council plans to appoint an advisory committee of citizens to help guide the council in the contract negotiations.

"We want to have individuals with expertise in banking, legal and financial matters to act as advisors to the council to help us make the best decisions," Collins said.

"We are asking for the help of advisors, because we feel it is very important to do everything right with this project," Collins said, "not just

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FREEZING TEMPERATURES don't make it any easier for firemen battling a blaze. This home on the alley behind Northeast Sixth Street in Dimmitt was totally damaged by fire Friday. The occupant was not at home at the time of the fire. Firefighter Tommy Cleavinger said the fire apparently started on a bed in the home, possibly from a

smoldering cigarette or from a faulty electric blanket. Monday, another fire was reported at a mobile home on East Grant. Minor damage was done to the structure when the underpinnings caught on fire. An occupant of the home had been trying to thaw out frozen water pipes.

Photo By Linda Maxwell

Consensus needed for redistricting plan

Consensus is important to the development of an acceptable redistricting plan for Castro County.

Consensus means general agreement. But how can it be determined if a majority is in agreement on any certain plan?

"Would the Justice Dept. accept it if all of the people in the county vote on what plan they like?" Karen Robertson asked at a public hearing on the redistricting process Monday night.

Virginia Daugherty, the county's legal counsel in the redistricting process, said consensus could be determined without a formal "vot-

ing" process.

"We want to know what problems you have with any plan that is proposed. Just let us know," Daugherty told the crowd of more than 100 attending the meeting. "We cannot do this without input from the community."

Daugherty, of Daugherty & Associates of Amarillo, told the crowd that Monday's meeting was only the first in a series of meetings.

"This is an orientation session tonight," she said. "No plans will be recommended tonight."

Others at the meeting questioned why the redistricting was necessary

in the first place and why preference was being given to minorities.

"Aren't whites in those precincts (Pct. 1 and 3, designated as minority precincts) being discriminated against?" asked Imogene Drerup.

"Not as construed by the Justice Department," Daugherty said. Her associate, Bobby Hill, reviewed situations in the past that brought about the Voting Rights Act. Also, the lawsuits following the March primaries here put a focus on the effect the redistricting has had on minorities, Daugherty said.

"Whether you like the rules or

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Petitioners protest coach's reassignment

A group that appeared before the Dimmitt School Board last month to ask for Head Football Coach Bill Rogers' dismissal was countered by a larger group Monday night asking that the school board "be given adequate explanation of the cause of Coach Rogers' reassignment within DISD."

Rogers was reassigned after seven or eight persons met in executive session with the school board during its December meeting, reportedly to complain about Rogers' handling of the football program.

Rogers reportedly has been working mainly in the school maintenance barn and the elementary school cafeteria since classes resumed Jan. 4.

But at the board's January meeting Monday night, approximately

15 persons showed up to protest Rogers' reassignment and to ask for "fair treatment" for both Rogers and his wife Margie, who teaches music and resource reading in Richardson Elementary.

The group presented petitions bearing 224 signatures.

The petitions asked the school board to:

(1) "Place Coach Bill Rogers in a position for which he is qualified; a place of encouragement for both the school body and Coach Rogers.

(2) "Give him a strong, positive recommendation which will cause others to be proud to employ him.

(3) "Remove any pink slips from his file that are unfair and unjustified. Any slips that remain in his file—give written justification of

the existing rule that he is guilty of breaking.

(4) "We ask that the school board be given adequate explanation of the cause of Coach Rogers' reassignment within DISD."

Speaking for the group were Deanne Clark, former school board member, and Don Webster, pastor of the Lee Street Baptist Church.

Clark requested "honest, open communication between you (the board members), the administration and staff in such matters."

"Especially in a small town," she said, "there are sometimes rumors, innuendoes and so forth that need to be addressed and resolved."

Clark also urged "that the athletic director be given the power to hire and fire the athletic staff,"

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County's worker's comp insurance premiums rise

Castro County's 1993 estimated annual contribution for worker's compensation insurance will be \$92,676, payable in quarterly installments of \$23,169.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson updated commissioners on the county's worker's compensation situation during the commissioners' Monday meeting.

The \$92,676 worker's comp premium is approximately 18.9% higher than the 1992 premium, which was \$77,960, according to Smithson. And it's more than two-and-a-half times higher than it was in 1987.

County employees filed \$93.20 in worker's comp claims in 1987, and the premium for that year was \$36,479, according to Smithson.

But in 1988, \$149,544.97 in

claims was filed. During 1989, another \$136,944.26 was filed. After that the claims started tapering off — \$79,882 in 1990, \$18,854 in 1991 and \$221.25 in 1992.

But the county's record for the previous five years is used when figuring the worker's comp rates. That's why the rate continues to increase.

This year the county also lost its eligibility for a discount on worker's comp premiums "due to an excessive amount of claims." And the county won't be eligible for a discount again until 1996, Smithson said.

Smithson told commissioners that the majority of the claims came from Pct. 1 employees — \$156,283.66 or 60.8% of the county's total. Claims filed by sheriff's

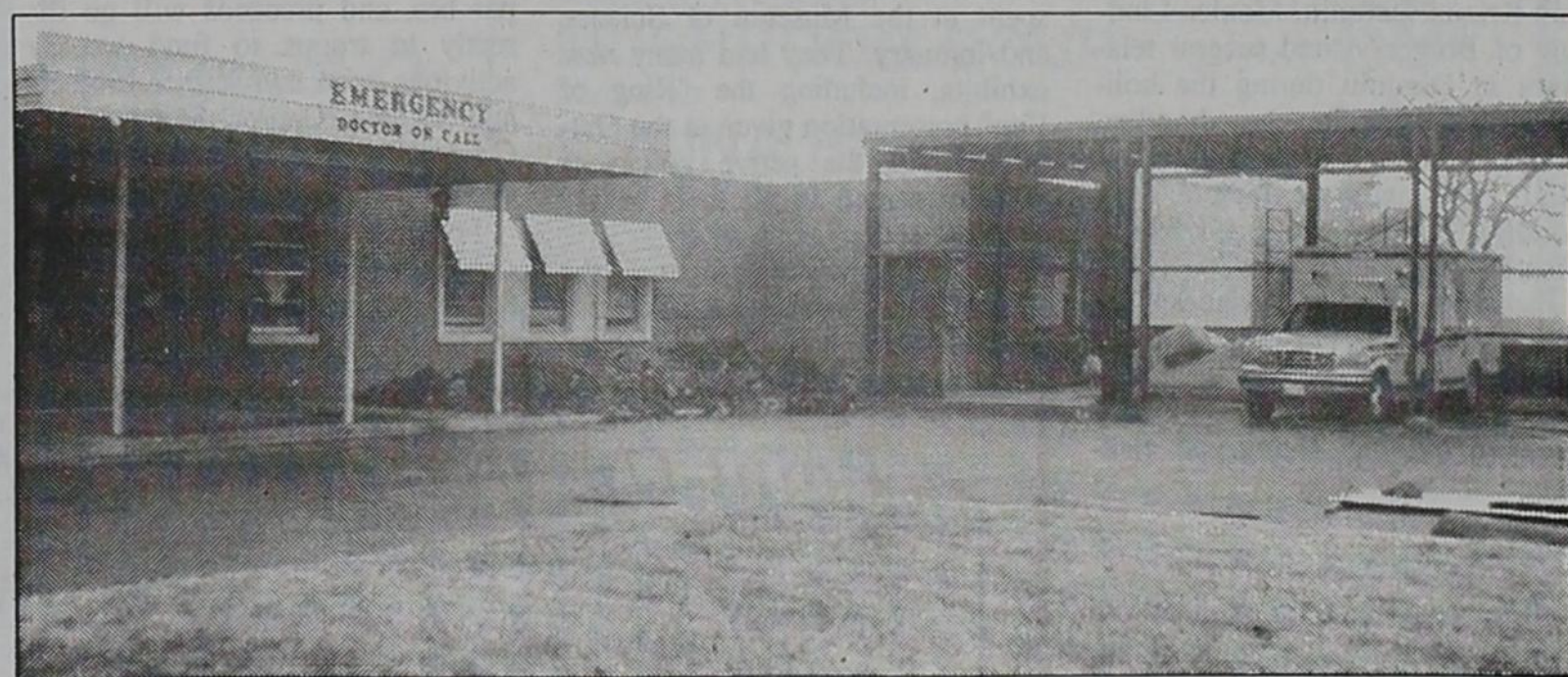
office employees amounted to \$103,258.36 (or 39.7% of the total).

Worker's comp has paid claims of more than \$95,000, to date, to Pct. 1 employee Chris Rogers for a "sprained back," Smithson said. Another \$41,000 has been paid to Charles Lee, also an employee of Pct. 1, for a knee problem.

A former sheriff's office employee, Vicki Bailey, was paid \$79,564.92 in worker's comp benefits.

County Sheriff C.D. Fitzgearld asked commissioners Monday for approval to seek bids on the purchase of 1993 "police package" cars for his department.

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FUTURE EXPANSION—The west wing of Plains Memorial Hospital, which features the emergency room, lab, x-ray facilities and more, will be expanded during the hospital's \$515 million renovation project, which is underway now. The awning

at the right represents the framework for a new ambulance barn, which is also being constructed. The hospital also will be remodeling its patient rooms, nurses station, restroom facilities and more.

Photo by Anne Acker

Hospital receiving 'face lift'

There's a face lift being performed at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

The hospital is in the process of remodeling 20 patient rooms, its lobby, public restrooms, the nurses' station, gift shop, lab, x-ray facilities, emergency room and more. A new barn to house the ambulances also is under construction.

"Basically, what we're doing is moving a lot of walls, rearranging things and making a lot of changes to get back in compliance with

government regulations," said Joe Stevens, hospital administrator.

The contractor working on the \$515,000 renovation project at the hospital is Architects Developer Contractors, Inc. (ADC) of Lubbock, according to Stevens.

Stevens said the majority of the renovations and additions underway at the hospital are being made because of Medicare mandates.

"They write it up and tell us what's wrong, but then it's our

problem to get it fixed," Stevens said.

He added that the money earmarked for the project was "on hand," and "no tax increase" will be implemented to pay for the work.

During its last inspection, Medicare informed the hospital it would have to make changes in the patients' rooms. Stevens said the vinyl wallpaper on the walls was scratched and torn in some places, and Medicare said that could cause

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No matter how old you get, it doesn't get any easier to lose long-time friends.

I've lost three within the past 11 days — George Bagwell, Floyd Copeland and Ben Ezzell.

Mr. Bagwell (and he was always Mr. Bagwell to me, never George) was a treasure-trove of information, which he gladly shared with me most of my life.

He broke the prairie to establish his farm west of town, along the wagon trail from Portales to Plainview. Before that trail became Highway 86, he would keep a tank of water and an extra horse or two available for travelers who needed either.

Through the years I wrote features about his antique plow and tool collections and his life experiences, saw him in church every Sunday, hunted on his property (always with advice on where to find them), and depended on him for a lot of historical facts. His

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

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daughters, Carolyn Sides and Sue Boozer, have always been like little sisters to me.

He didn't know the word "quit." He put a fright into his sons-in-law when they spotted him working on the roof of his home in his 80s, and he still performed manual labor around the museum into his 90s.

He and his brothers were Dimmitt's first aviators. He brought Santa Claus to town in his plane in 1930, and once he climbed outside of the plane to fix a loose wing-strut while airborne, leaving a terrified hired hand holding the stick.

He didn't take up woodworking until he was 62. Now each of his grandchildren has a grandfather clock, a rocking horse and a baby crib which he made with his own hands. He started with the tree trunk to get much of the lumber he used.

He was the ultimate self-sufficient man and good neighbor, and I'll miss him.

Floyd Copeland was always a friend, too—to everyone he met. In fact, I don't remember ever hearing him say an unkind word to anyone.

His son Jack and I were buddies when we were kids—and still are—

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County 4-H Stock Show

Hill, Lust, McDaniel show top animals

B.J. Hill granded the Castro County 4-H Steer Show with his English breed steer, Cameron Lust drove his heavyweight medium wool animal to the grand championship of the lamb show and Stace McDaniel showed the grand champion barrow — a 195-lb. mediumweight Hampshire.

The top heifer was shown by Kristin Hales.

The county show was held Saturday at the county Expo Building following a livestock clinic.

Top steer showmanship honors were awarded to Beau Hill, grand champion honors; and to Justin Sutton, reserve grand honors. Hill also claimed top senior honors in showmanship while Sutton was the top junior showman.

In the lamb division, Kodie Bagley was named the champion showman while junior awards went to Matthew Wright, 9-year-olds; Wesley Wright 10- to 11-year-olds.

Showmanship winners in the barrow show were Colby McDaniel, overall champion; Sharla Kenworthy, 7- to 9-year olds; Wesley Wright, 10- to 11-year-olds; Beau Hill, 12- to 13-year-olds; and McDaniel, 14-year-olds and up.

Complete results from the county show follow:

STEERS
GRAND CHAMPION: B.J. Hill.
RESERVE GRAND: Beau Hill.
ENGLISH: 1. B.J. Hill (Breed Champ); 2. Beau Hill (Reserve Breed Champ); 3. Justin Sutton, 4. Coby Summers; 5. Kristin Hales; and 6. Carol Summers.
EXOTIC: 1. Beau Hill (Breed Champ); 2. Zack Felts (Reserve Breed Champ); 3. Tawnee Mathews; and 4. Taylor Mathews.

HEIFERS
GRAND CHAMP: Kristin Hales.
RESERVE GRAND: Tawnee Mathews.

LAMBS
GRAND CHAMPION: Cameron Lust.
RESERVE GRAND: Shaun Furr.

FINEWOOL
BREED CHAMP: Kori Bagley
RESERVE BREED: Kodie Bagley.

Lightweight: 1. Amber Mathews; 2. Mary Bradley; 3. Kristin Welch; 4. Timmy Barnes; and 4. Matthew Wright.
Heavyweight: 1. Kori Bagley; 2. Kodie Bagley; 3. Shawn Pohlmeier; 4. Wesley Wright; and 5. Rusty Wooten.

CROSS
BREED CHAMP: Wesley Wright.
RESERVE BREED: Cameron Lust.

Lightweight: 1. Wesley Wright; 2. Matthew Wright; and 3. Shane Furr.
Heavyweight: 1. Cameron Lust; 2. Shawn Pohlmeier; 3. Kammen Pohlmeier; and 4. Shawna Kenworthy.

MEDIUM WOOL
BREED CHAMP: Cameron Lust.
RESERVE BREED: Shawn Furr.

Lightweight: 1. Rusty Wooten; 2. Justin Sutton; 3. Kristin Welch; 4. Bryce Pohlmeier; and 5. Shawna Kenworthy.
Mediumweight: 1. Shaun Furr; 2. Kori Bagley; 3. Shane Furr; 4. Amanda Annen; and 5. Jeremy Furr.
Heavyweight: 1. Cameron Lust; 2. Jacy Buckley; 3. Trevor Barnes; 4. Aaron Hart; and 5. Shaun Furr.

SOUTHDOWN
BREED CHAMP: Kodie Bagley.
RESERVE BREED: Shaun Furr.

Lightweight: 1. Olivia Tamm; 2. Bryce Pohlmeier; and 3. Aaron Hart.
Heavyweight: 1. Kodie Bagley; 2. Sharla Kenworthy; and 3. Jeremy Furr.

BARROWS
GRAND CHAMP: Stace McDaniel.
RESERVE GRAND: Deacon Buckley.

BERKSHIRES: 1. Matthew Kern (Breed Champ); 2. Jessica Kern (Reserve Breed); 3. Coby Schacher; 4. Amber Mathews; 5. Shawna Kenworthy; and 6. Jason Burnam.

CHESTERS
BREED CHAMP: B.J. Kern.
RESERVE BREED: Amy Mathews.

Lightweight: 1. B.J. Kern; 2. Amy Mathews; 3. Derek Buckley; and 4. Jason Wooten.
Heavyweight: 1. Matthew White; 2. Van Jeter; 3. Trevor Barnes; and 4. Aaron Kern.

DUROC
BREED CHAMP: Tawnee Mathews.
RESERVE BREED: Van Jeter.

Lightweight: 1. Tawnee Mathews; 2. Van Jeter; 3. Brad Keel; 4. Coby Schacher; and 5. Shad McDaniel.
Heavyweight: 1. Matthew White; 2. Timmy Barnes; 3. Zack Smith; 4. Matthew Wright; and 5. Sharla Kenworthy.

HAMPSHIRE
BREED CHAMP: Shad McDaniel.
RESERVE BREED: Matthew Wright.

Lightweight: 1. Matthew Wright; 2. Wesley Wright; 3. Jacy Buckley; 4. Heather Jeter; 5. Amy Mathews; and 6. Zack Felts.

Mediumweight: 1. Shad McDaniel; 2. Zack Smith; 3. Stacy McDaniel; 4. B.J. Hill; and 5. Aaron Kern.

Heavyweight: 1. Dustan Buckley; 2. Derek Buckley; 3. Cassie McLean; 4. Tiffany Sanders; 5. Summer McLean; and 6. Tiffany Sanders.

YORKSHIRES: 1. Colby McDaniel (Breed Champ); 2. Coby Schacher (Reserve Breed); 3. Aaron Kern; and 4. Stacy McDaniel.

CROSSES
BREED CHAMP: Wesley Wright.
RESERVE BREED: Shawna Kenworthy.

Lightweight: 1. Shawna Kenworthy; 2. Colby McDaniel; 3. Zack Smith; 4. Heather Jeter; and 5. Dustan Buckley.

Mediumweight: 1. B.J. Klein; 2. Deacon Buckley; 3. Matthew Kern; 4. Shawna Kenworthy; and 5. Mitchell Brockman.

Heavyweight: 1. Wesley Wright; 2. Beau Hill; 3. Zack Felts; 4. Stuart Sutton; and 5. Lesley Brockman.

SPOTS AND POLANDS
BREED CHAMP: Deacon Buckley.
RESERVE BREED: Jason Burnam.

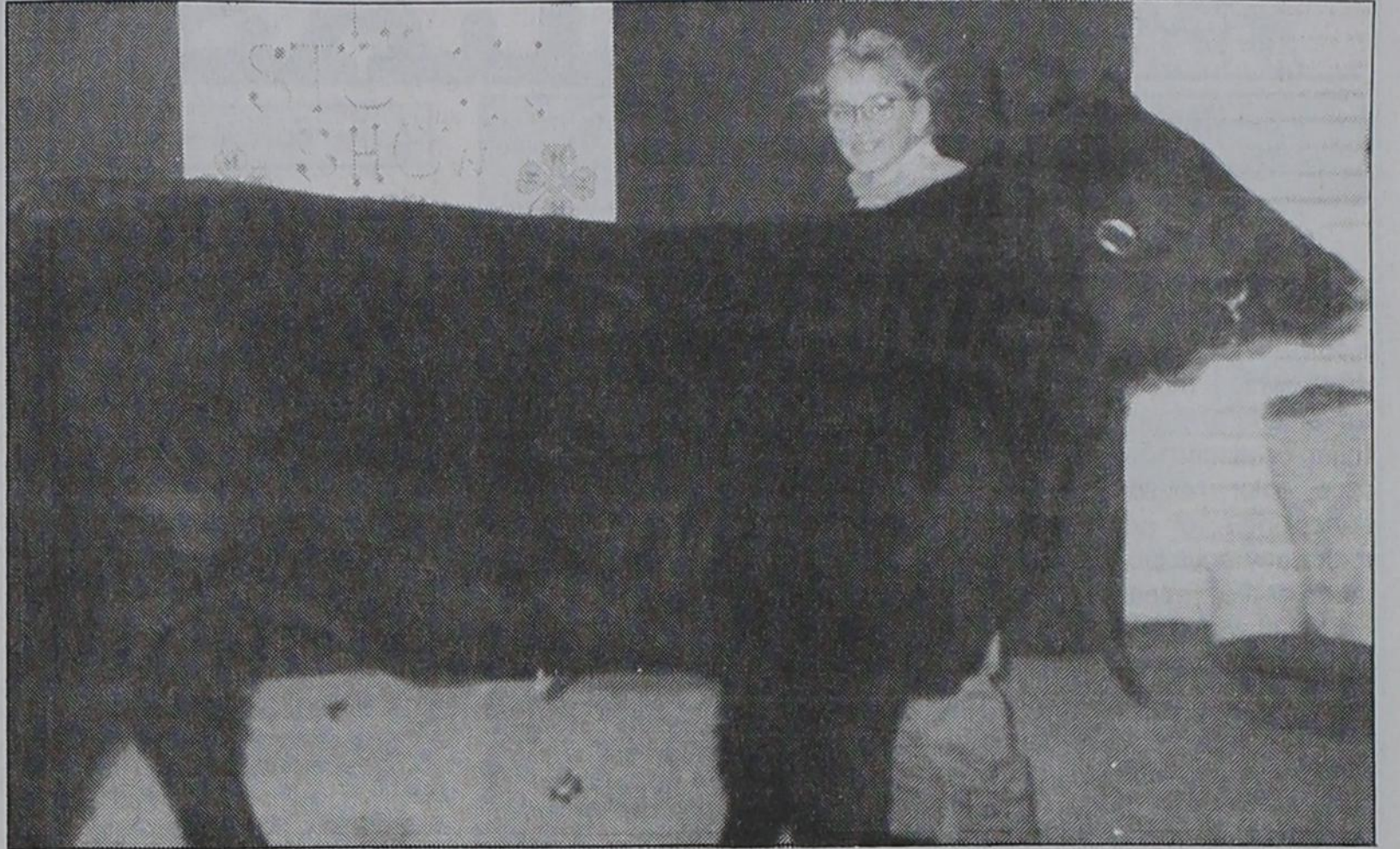
Lightweight: 1. Deacon Buckley; 2. Mitchell Brockman; 3. Olivia Tamm; 4. Jason Wooten; and 5. Taylor Mathews.
Heavyweight: 1. Jason Burnam; 2. B.J. Klein; 3. B.J. Kern; 4. B.J. Klein; and 5. Mathew Kern.



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 ... Animal exhibited by Stace McDaniel



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Al and Leona Maurer

Maurers celebrate 40th anniversary

Al and Leona Maurer of Nazareth celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Saturday with a mass and reception, hosted by their children.

The celebration began with a 5 p.m. mass at Holy Family Church in Nazareth with Father Neal Dee officiating, assisted by Deacon Jerome Brockman.

Music for the mass was provided by members of the community, with Sharon Brockman, the couple's niece, directing the choir. The choir was accompanied by guitarists Greg Birkenfeld and the couple's granddaughter, Karmen Pohlmeier; Dwayne Kleman on bass guitar; and Marcia Hoelting on piano.

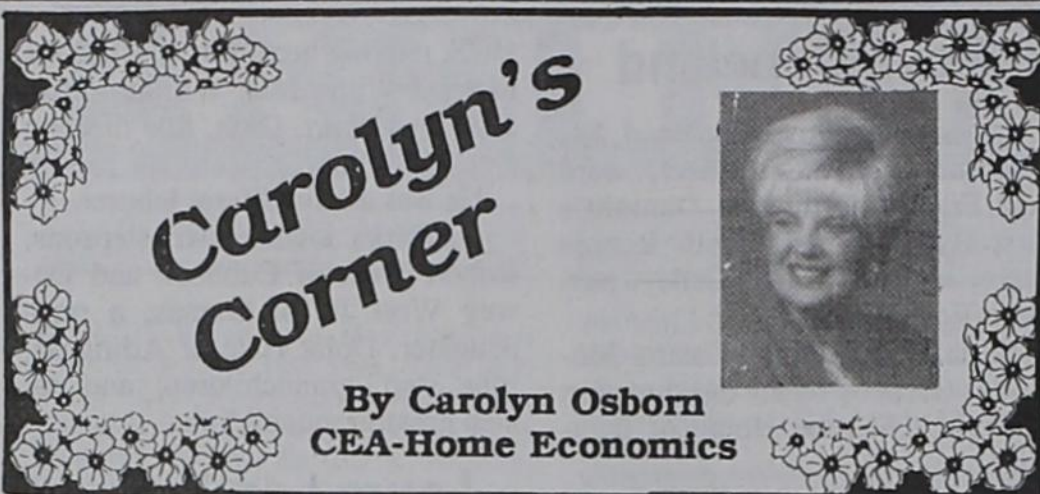
Two special selections, *In This Life and If There Hadn't Been You*,

were performed by Birkenfeld and Pohlmeier.

After the mass, everyone gathered at the Nazareth Community Hall for a reception, buffet supper and an evening of games and music. The couple's grandchildren enjoyed special music with the Maurers.

The couple were wed on Jan. 7, 1953, in Nazareth. He is employed by Terra International in Dimmitt and is a permanent deacon in Holy Family Church. She is a housewife who enjoys reading, crocheting and being with her family.

Children of the couple are Lucy Pohlmeier and Duane Maurer, both of Nazareth; Shirley Brockman and Stanley Maurer, both of Dimmitt; Paula Acker of Amarillo; and Allen Maurer of Albany. The Maurers have 18 grandchildren.



There's more than one way to get burned.

You may think fires are the only source of burns, but they also can be caused by heat, chemicals, electricity or radiation.

Heat burns commonly are caused by hot liquids, steam and direct contact with fire. Acids and organic solvents can cause chemical burns. Contact with low- or high-voltage electricity may result in electrical burns. Finally, exposure to radiation or, most commonly the sun, can cause radiation burns.

Texas Medical Association urges you to take safety precautions to prevent burns. Fire and flames took the lives of 248 Texans in 1991. Nearly another 2,000 people were injured. Cooking accidents and arson are the leading causes of fires in Texas. Other sources of fires and burns include heating equipment, careless smoking and playing with matches.

The young and elderly are most at risk of death in fires. Children under five years of age are more than twice as likely to die in fires as the population on a whole. For people over age 75, the death rate jumps to more than five times that of the general population.

Follow these safety precautions to help protect you and your family from burns:

- ◆ Install a smoke detector in your home. This is the most important way to protect your family and home. Check batteries monthly and change them once a year.

- ◆ Keep flammable liquids like gasoline away from flames and electricity.

- ◆ Don't use heating equipment, such as space heaters, without supervision. This includes leaving equipment on overnight. Bed coverings can fall off beds easily and catch fire in portable space heaters.

- ◆ Keep matches and lighters out of children's reach. Don't let children play unattended.

- ◆ Avoid overloading electrical outlets and extension cords. Insert safety covers in unused electrical outlets.

- ◆ Be sure cigarettes are fully extinguished. Don't smoke in bed.

- ◆ Have a fire extinguisher in your home and know how to use it. Call the fire department before trying to put out a fire yourself. Check extinguishers yearly.

- ◆ Have a home escape plan prepared in case of fire. Plan two exits from each area of the home and have periodic "drills."

- ◆ Make sure bath water is not too hot for children. Dr. Gordon recommends you set your water heater at the lowest setting.

Be prepared if you or someone in your family is burned. If your clothing is on fire, drop to the ground and roll to smother the flames. Do not run.

If there is smoke in a building, crawl out beneath the smoke.

For a chemical burn, flood the area with water.

To treat small, superficial burns,

apply a bland ointment and a gauze bandage. Never apply butter or grease. Watch for signs of swelling, redness, pain or heat. If you're worried about the severity of a burn, play it safe — call your physician immediately.

Nominations due Friday

Virtue is its own reward, but sometimes it's nice to get a little recognition, too.

Now is the time to think about the outstanding people of our community who deserve a little extra recognition for their efforts.

Be sure to get your nominations in by Friday for those you feel are deserving of the honors of "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years," and "Teacher of the Year." Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt. They also are available at the offices of each school campus.

The winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual awards banquet, set for Jan. 30.

"You do not have to be a Chamber member to make a nomination, and the one you nominated does not have to be, either," a Chamber spokesperson said.

"We need and would greatly appreciate nominations of citizens you feel are deserving of these awards," the spokesperson said.



MR. AND MRS. ZAY BRADLEY
... She's the former Cinnamon Cox.

Cox and Bradley wed

Lynn and Sharon Cox of Lazbuddie together with Gene and Shari Bradley of Dimmitt announce the marriage of their children, Cinnamon Kay Cox and Zay Willis Bradley.

The couple was married on Dec. 28 at the Island Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. The private, double-ring ceremony was performed by Rev. I.A. Worsham of Las Vegas.

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. M.B. Odom of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. K.H. Cox of Hereford. Grandparents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Dent Bradley of Dimmitt, and G.L. Willis and the late Ouida Willis of Dimmitt.

The bride is a 1987 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1991 graduate of Texas Tech University.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of DHS and has attended Tech. The couple is at home in Dimmitt.

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from Jan. 14-22.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Fried chicken, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, rolls, peanut butter cup and milk.

FRIDAY: Beef stew, cornbread, pineapple prune cake and milk.

MONDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken fried steak with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, honey butter and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Mexican fiesta, buttered rice, shredded lettuce, fruit cobbler and milk.

THURSDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic toast, lettuce and tomato salad, whole kernel corn, spicy applesauce and milk.

FRIDAY: Pizza, vegetable salad, fried okra, gelatin and milk.

HART

THURSDAY: Barbecued sausage, fried okra, macaroni and cheese, cornbread, strawberry shortcake and milk.

FRIDAY: Burrito, corn, chocolate cake, peaches and milk.

MONDAY: Brisket, fried okra, pinto beans, pickles, cheese rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Chicken patty on homemade bun, lettuce, tomato slices, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Steak fingers, chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls and milk.

THURSDAY: Beef fajitas, flour tortillas, Spanish rice, salad, pineapple pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Taco salad, refried beans, crackers, fruit, cookies and milk.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: Spaghetti and meat sauce, tossed salad, hot buttered rolls, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, green beans, applesauce, peanut butter cup and milk.

MONDAY: Chili dogs, pork and beans, peaches and milk.

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

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, brownies and milk.

THURSDAY: Burritos and chili, corn, fruit cocktail and milk.

FRIDAY: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, hot rolls, gelatin and milk.

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Sports

Bobbies retain No. 1 ranking

Dimmitt's Bobbies are still the top-ranked team in Class AAA, according to the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' poll.

The Bobbies held on to the top rating, despite losing their first two games of the year in the recent Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament. One of those losses was to Region 1-AAA rival, Canyon, who still holds a No. 2 rating behind Dimmitt. Other Region 1 teams ranked in the Top 20 include Slaton (eighth), Bowie (ninth), Abilene Wylie (13th) and Brownfield (16th).

Nazareth's girls moved up from seventh to fifth-place in the Class A poll, and are ranked ahead of Region 1-A foes Sudan (ninth), Happy (11) and Groom (20).

After a No. 12 ranking in the Class A boys' pre-season poll, the Swifts dropped out of the Top 20 in December. But the Swifts have made a reappearance in the poll—this time coming in at No. 18. They are ranked behind their regional rivals Lorenzo (10th), Paducah (11th) and Petersburg (12th).

JV Bobbies win varsity tournament

Dimmitt's Junior Varsity Bobbies topped three Class A varsity teams to win the Bovina Tournament over the weekend.

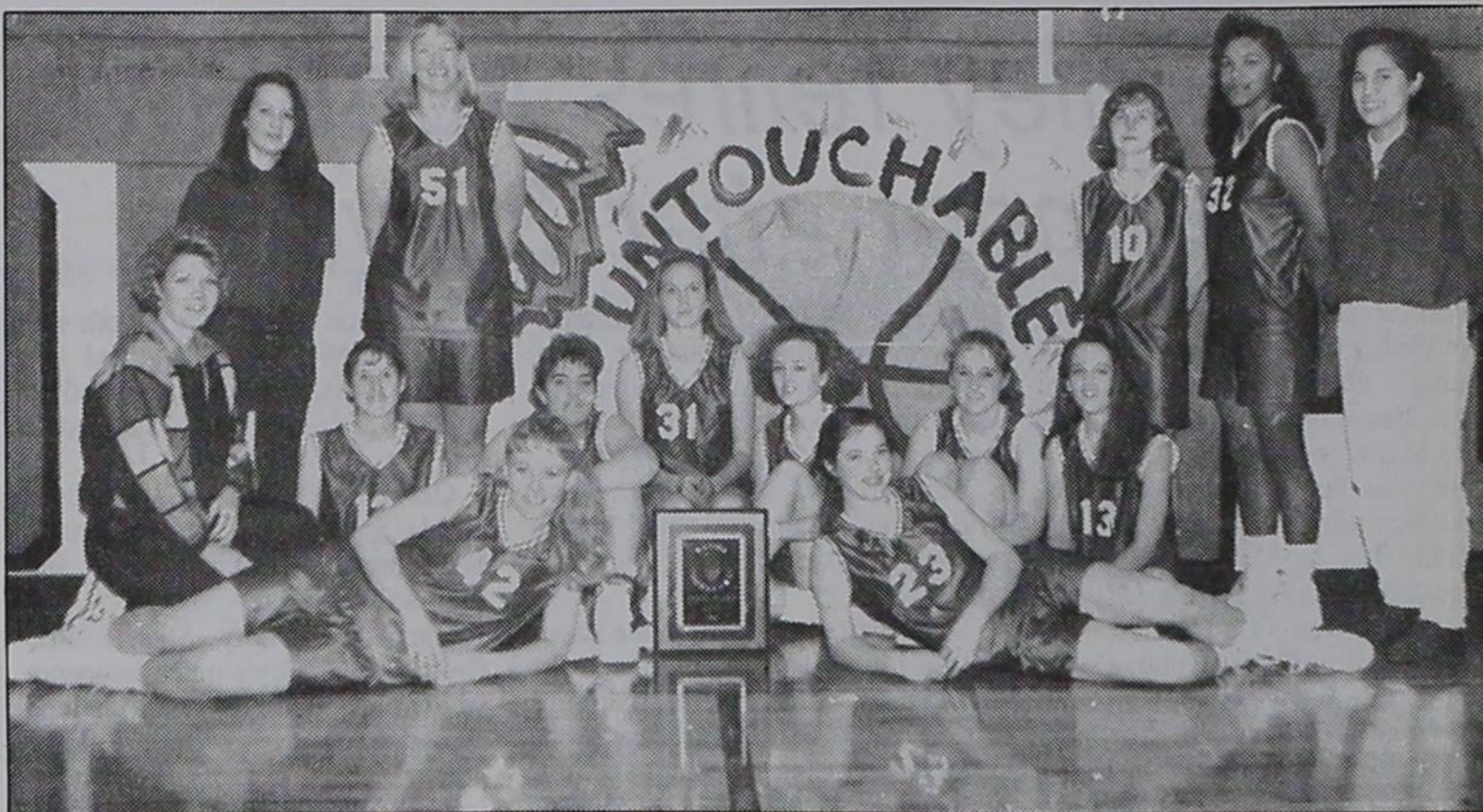
Dimmitt's girls beat Three Way, 64-33; Adrian, 53-48; and Bovina, 56-46 to win the championship.

Two Bobbies were named to the All-Tournament Team — Kara Josselet and Dolores Dimas.

In the first-round game last Thursday, Dimmitt was led by Rochelle Harman, who scored 13 points. Also scoring in double figures was Randa Wood, who finished with 10 points; and Tiffany Wilcox, who added 12. The Bobbies controlled the game against Three Way from the beginning and held a 49-16 lead headed into the final period.

The Bobbies ran into a tougher test against Adrian in the championship semifinal, but used a strong second half to pull out the win. Josselet's 16 points was high for the Bobbies while Dimas scored 14 and Wilcox added 10.

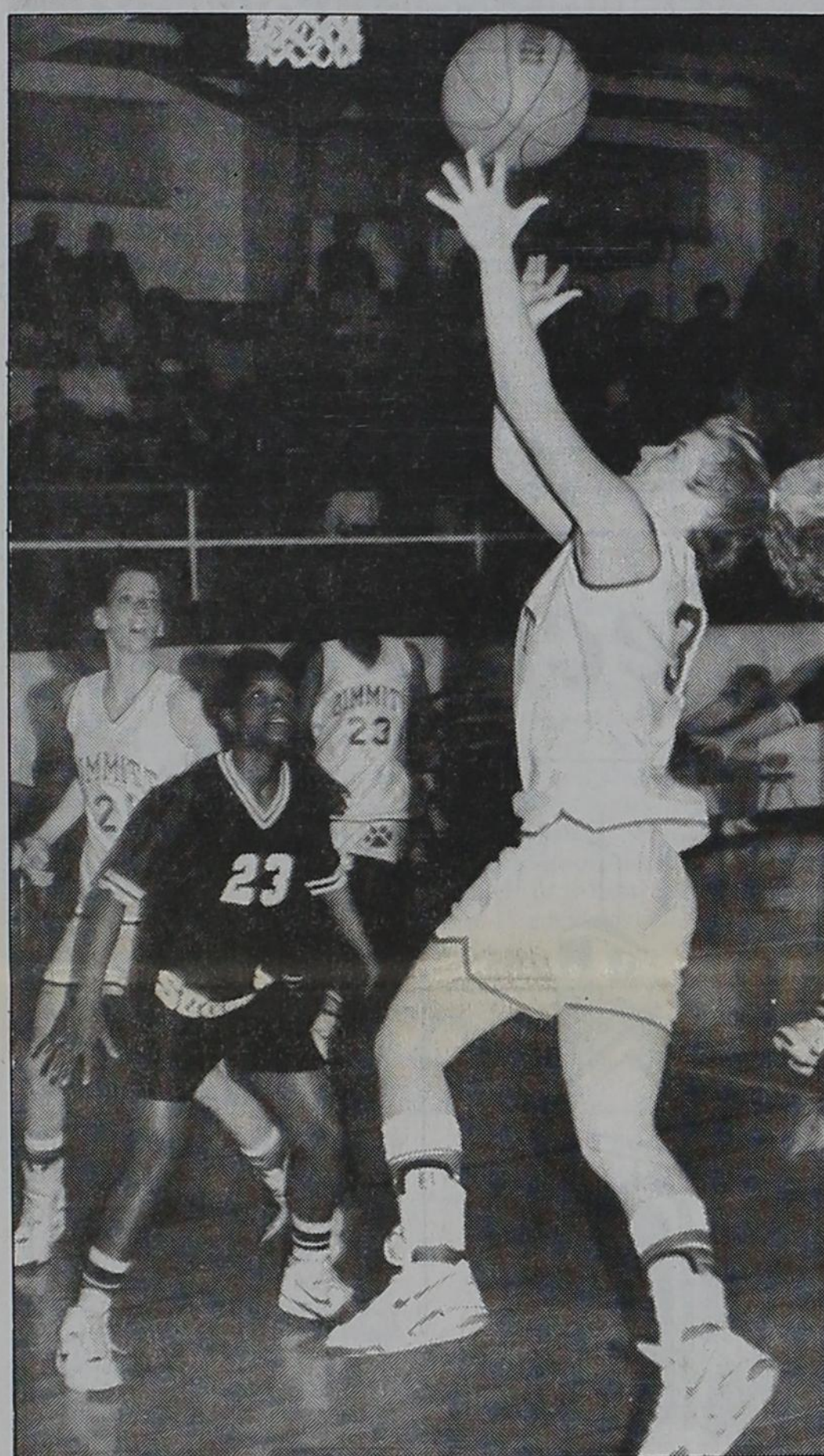
Dimmitt overcame an 18-17 deficit in the opening period to take control of the game by two point at halftime, then cruised past Bovina in the second half to claim the tournament championship. Amy Ethridge tossed in 21 points for Dimmitt while Wilcox added 14. The pair also dominated the boards, picking up 10 and 11 caroms, respectively.



BOVINA TOURNEY CHAMPS — The Dimmitt Junior Varsity Bobbies won the Bovina Varsity Tournament over the weekend. Team members include (standing, from left) Chole Holquin, Leslie Nelson, Randa Wood, Dolores Dimas and Lupe

Mendez; (second row, from left) Coach Neila Malcom, Rochelle Harman, Tiffany Wilcox, Amy Ethridge, Amy Smithson, Amy Boothe, Kara Josselet; and (front row, from left) Tiffany Smith and Mandy Davis.

Photo by Anne Acker



COAST TO COAST—Dimmitt's Michelle Schumacher nails a layup after a rebound and coast-to-coast drive to give the Bobbies a 45-16 fourth-quarter lead over the visiting Sudan Lady Hornets here Friday night. The Bobbies won the game in a walk, 55-23.

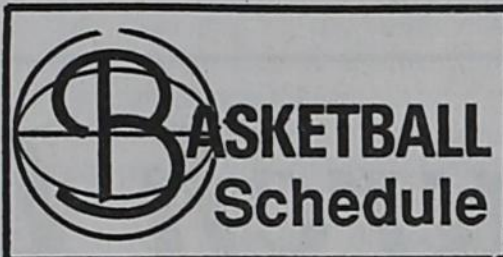
Photo by Don Nelson



CORNER TRAP—Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker (left) and Natalie Schmucker (center) force and trap Clovis' Karen Mestas into a corner after the Lady Wildcat guard catches the inbounds pass during action Saturday in Clovis. The Swiftettes' press forced several turnovers in the game. Na-

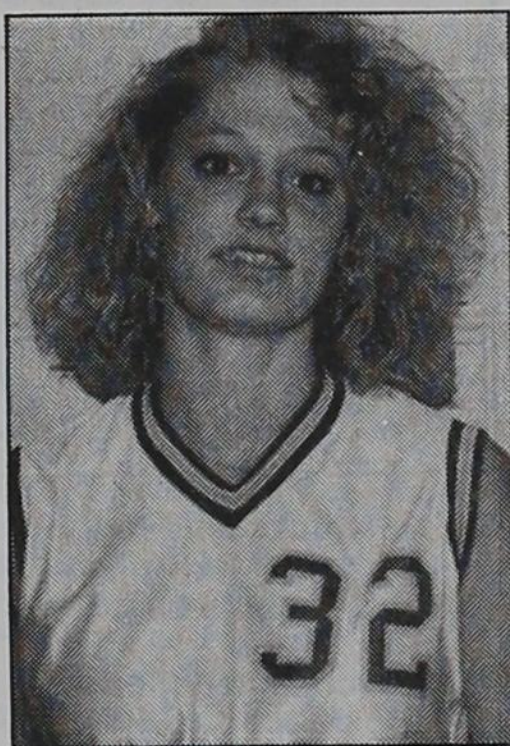
zareth was also enjoyed a hot shooting night and three Swiftettes, including the Schmuckers, scored in double figures as Nazareth posted a 61-41 win. Natalie finished with 18 points while Melinda added 17. Jill Pohlmeier scored 16.

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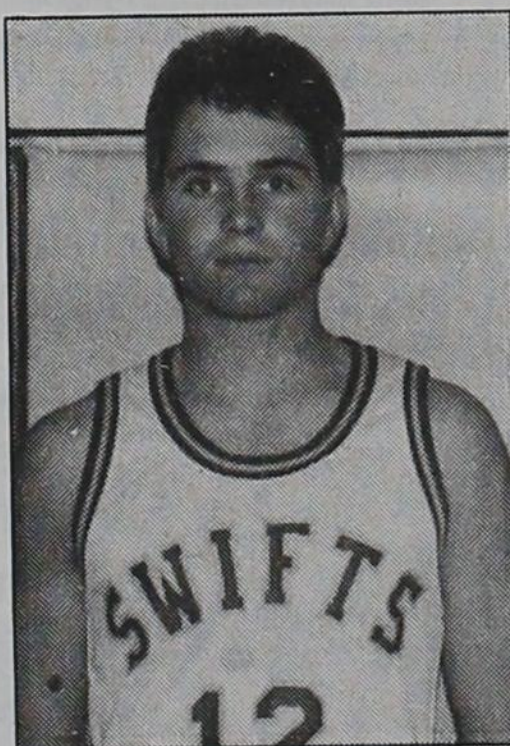


FRIDAY: JV and Varsity Lady Horns and Longhorns at Vega; JV and Varsity Bobbies and Bobcats at Littlefield; JV and Varsity Swiftettes at Portales, N.M., 6 p.m. (CST).

TUESDAY: JV and Varsity Lady Horns and Longhorns vs. Bovina in Hart; JV and Varsity Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Friona in Dimmitt; Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Spade in Nazareth.



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SPADE

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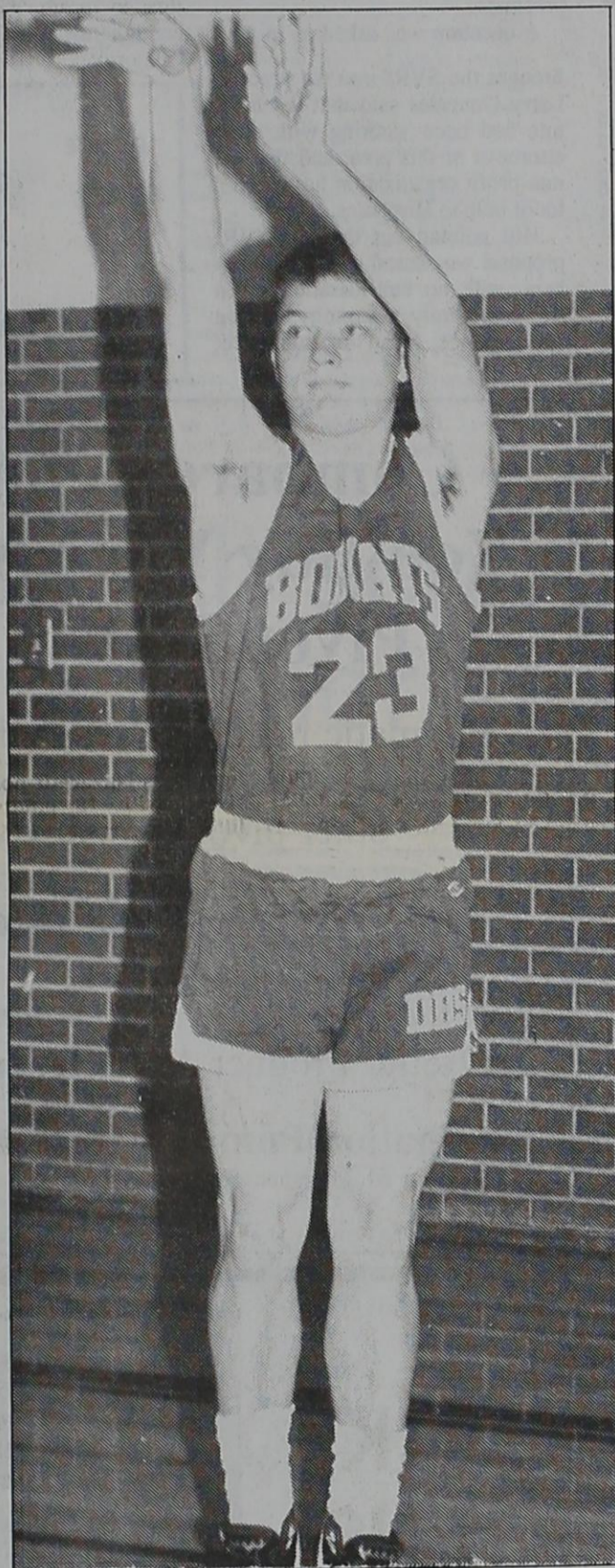


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Good Luck, Bobbies and Bobcats

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LITTLEFIELD—Friday, There FRIONA—Tuesday, Here



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Season Records

Bobcats:

66, River Road 65
43, Levelland 80

Borger Tournament:

41, Dumas 54
46, Vernon 63
54, Borger JV 34
(Seventh Place)
46, Brownfield 75

Plainview Tournament:

62, Estacado 82
45, Hale Center 73
49, Abernathy 54
(Eighth Place)
47, Hereford 50
58, Slaton 61
48, Randall 68

Caprock Tournament:

44, Lubbock 54
70, Lorenzo 88
65, Nazareth 60
62, Floydada 49

Record: 4-12, 1-0

Bobbies:

59, River Road 57
46, Levelland 40

Queens Classic:

65, Randall 53
39, Levelland 32
46, Canyon 25
(Championship)
72, Coronado 32

Levelland Tournament:

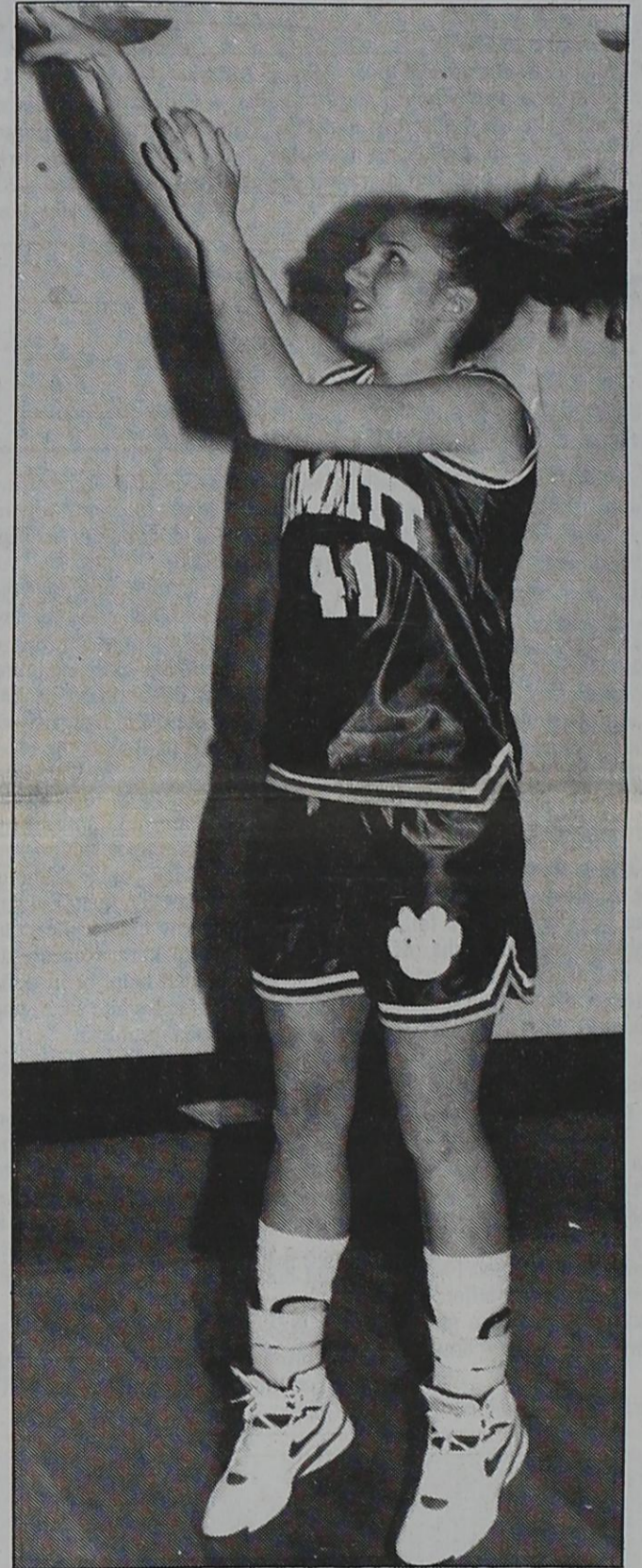
63, Amarillo 57
51, Abernathy 44
76, E.P. Eastwood 53
45, Levelland 41
(Championship)

63, Monterey 49
77, Estacado 26

Caprock Tournament:

44, Randall 42
53, Clovis 31
34, Happy 29
69, Aubrey 56
48, Randall 53
43, Canyon 46
(Fourth Place)
50, Nazareth 42
55, Sudan 23
75, Floydada 31

Record: 19-2, 1-0



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INSIDE MOVES—Nazareth post player Michael Schmucker (32) drives the baseline and puts up a shot against a Clovis player during second-quarter action Saturday night in Wildcat Gym. Schmucker scored two of his 14 points on the play. The Swifts placed three players in double figures, but it wasn't enough, as Clovis posted a 53-51 victory in the game.
Photo by Anne Acker

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and Floyd would always keep me posted on Jack's whereabouts (New York, Washington, Houston, Tokyo, Hong Kong, the Soviet Union).
He was very proud of Jack. I think he was the proudest when telling me about the dedication of the beautiful drug-rehabilitation center that Jack established in Dallas. He also was very devoted to his wife Nell.

After Floyd retired from farming, he and Nell spent every summer for eight years in Ruidoso. When he got home in the fall, he would always come into the office to give us his change of address and tell me about his summer's experiences.

Ronnie Parker, one of Floyd's coffee-shop chums, said at the funeral, "One of the greatest compliments you can pay a person in our part of the world is, 'He's a good neighbor.' And Floyd was always a good neighbor."

Ronnie also described Floyd aptly as "a master story-teller." Some guys know how to tell a story and some don't. Floyd knew how.

Ben Ezzell, longtime editor-pub-

lisher of the *Canadian Record*, was a father figure to many of my generation of community newspaper publishers.

Ben was known for his outspokenness and his utter fearlessness. But my main memories of him will be of his sense of humor and his total devotion to seeking and printing the truth. Integrity was as much a part of Ben as the blood that flowed through his veins.

Ben and I served together for years on the Panhandle Press Association's scholarship selection committee and ethics panel. Although he was a soft-spoken man, I always delighted at how excited he could become over picking a needy student who needed help, or in defining the black-and-white in a gray-area professional problem.

Ben was the voice of our professional association for many years—first as president and then for many years as secretary and editor of our quarterly publication. When his wife Nan was elected as the first woman president of the PPA, he got a kick out of it when I nominated him to be president of the PPA auxiliary.

Ben was the embodiment of our honorable, embattled profession. Community journalism has lost a giant.



LONGHORN LEAD—Hart's Jayson Wilhelm gives his team a 13-12 lead early in Tuesday night's District 2-A opener against Farwell. The host Longhorns stayed with Farwell early in the game, but wound up on the short end of the scoreboard, 53-69, at the end of the game.
Photo by Deana McLain

Scoreboard

BOVINA VARSITY TOURNEY FIRST ROUND

JV Bobbies 64, Three Way 33
Dimmitt 20 13 16 15 — 64
Three Way 7 5 4 17 — 33
SCORING: D—Rochelle Harman 13, Tiffany Wilcox 12, Randa Wood 10.

CHAMP. SEMIS
JV Bobbies 53, Adrian 48
Dimmitt 19 5 15 13 — 53
Adrian 15 15 11 7 — 48
SCORING: D—Kara Josselet 16, Dolores Dimas 14.

CHAMPIONSHIP
JV Bobbies 56, Bovina 46
Dimmitt 17 12 11 16 — 56
Bovina 18 9 7 12 — 46
SCORING: D—Amy Ethridge 21, Tiffany Wilcox 14.

FRIDAY
Bobbies 55, Sudan 23
Dimmitt 17 10 15 13 — 55
Sudan 7 2 4 10 — 23
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 16, Halley Bradley 10; S—Danielle Martin 10.

Longhorns 68, Lazbuddie 86
Hart 19 12 15 22 — 68
Lazbuddie 20 27 21 18 — 86
SCORING: H—Jason Aven 18, Bryan Welps 16; L—Thomas 25, Cozby 17, Zamora 16, Brockman 15, Elliott 13.

Lady Horns 44, Lazbuddie 27
Hart 8 10 13 13 — 44
Lazbuddie 8 2 8 9 — 27
SCORING: H—April Bennett 12; L—Jarman 12.

SATURDAY
Swiftettes 61, Clovis 41
Nazareth 12 20 14 15 — 61
Clovis 6 15 8 12 — 41
SCORING: N—Natalie Schmucker 18, Melinda Schmucker 17 and Jill Pohlmeier 16; C—Mendy Marsh 13.

JV Swiftettes 29, Clovis 76
Nazareth 7 5 6 11 — 29
Clovis 29 15 16 16 — 76
SCORING: N—Mary Ellen Ramaekers and Allyn Garza 7; C—Keri Adrian 14.

Swifts 51, Clovis JV 53
Nazareth 12 17 10 12 — 51
Clovis 14 12 16 11 — 53
SCORING: N—Nick Johnson 15, Michael Schmucker 14 and Adrian Farris 11; C—Severson 12.

JV Swifts 41, Clovis Sophs 67
Nazareth 9 10 7 15 — 41
Clovis 19 19 13 16 — 67
SCORING: N—Morgan Heck 18; C—Patterson 27.

TUESDAY
Swifts 57, Lorenzo 69
Nazareth 18 12 15 12 — 57
Lorenzo 14 22 9 24 — 69
SCORING: N—Michael Schmucker 24, Brandon Schilling 10; L—Moore 17, Guzman 21, Reese 15.

Swiftettes 67, Lorenzo 41
Nazareth 21 16 16 14 — 67
Lorenzo 8 11 14 8 — 41
SCORING: N—Jill Pohlmeier 24, Melinda Schmucker 19, Nicole Kleman 11; L—Golden 16, Wall 14.

Bobbies 75, Floydada 31
Dimmitt 28 20 13 14 — 75
Floydada 5 7 6 13 — 31
SCORING: D—Halley Bradley 23, Wendi Ethridge 14; F—Bailey 6.

Bobcats 62, Floydada 49
Dimmitt 16 16 14 16 — 62
Floydada 7 9 9 24 — 49

SCORING: D—Johnny Flores 24, Derrick Thomas 16; F—T. Henderson 15, M. Henderson 22.

Longhorns 53, Farwell 69
Hart 15 8 12 18 — 53
Farwell 21 8 13 27 — 69
SCORING: H—Bryan Welps 17, Junior Lee 13; F—Williams 21, Kent 20, Haseloff 14.

Lady Horns 66, Farwell 68
Hart 17 24 16 9 — 66
Farwell 12 21 16 19 — 68
SCORING: H—Shea Bennett 19, April Bennett 17, Finch 14; F—Smith 20, Miller 19.



DISTRICT 2-AAA

Team	Boys		Overall
	1st	2nd	
Tulia	1-0	0-0	10-5
Littlefield	1-0	0-0	10-8
Dimmitt	1-0	0-0	4-12
Floydada	0-1	0-0	9-8
Muleshoe	0-1	0-0	8-11
Frona	0-1	0-0	6-11

Team	Girls		Overall
	1st	2nd	
Dimmitt	1-0	0-0	19-2
Frona	1-0	0-0	14-6
Muleshoe	1-0	0-0	15-5
Littlefield	0-1	0-0	11-9
Floydada	0-1	0-0	10-8
Tulia	0-1	0-0	5-13

DISTRICT 2-A

Team	District	Overall
Bovina	0-0	11-4
Sudan	0-0	5-3
Farwell	1-0	9-11
Vega	1-0	7-8
Kress	0-1	1-16
Hart	0-1	0-12

Team	District	Overall
Sudan	1-0	16-4
Farwell	1-0	12-6
Vega	1-0	10-5
Hart	0-1	11-10
Bovina	0-1	7-11
Kress	0-1	1-12

DISTRICT 13-A

Team	District	Overall
Nazareth	0-0	12-6
Lazbuddie	0-0	10-4
Happy	0-0	7-6
Cotton Center	0-0	4-10

Team	District	Overall
Happy	0-0	15-6
Nazareth	0-0	13-6
Lazbuddie	0-0	5-13
Cotton Center	0-0	3-11

More about

Consensus needed . . .

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not, we must play by the rules. It is important to recognize that we must comply with them," Daugherty said. "The rules make the process more difficult than in the past."

Daugherty outlined requirements for the redistricting process. She said the new lines need to be as compact and contiguous as possible, and the precincts need to have as nearly equal population as possible within an allowed "deviation."

She said the plan needs to take into consideration how minority voting strength is affected, whether there will be any difficulties with the location of new polling places, and whether traditional communities might be divided.

In reviewing past proposals for redistricting, Daugherty showed a plan suggested by the Southwest Voter Research Institute of San Antonio. The plan would have divided the city of Hart, and would have placed minority majorities in two compact precincts, leaving the majority of road miles in the county to be divided by the other two precincts.

A question was asked as to who brought the SVRI into the process. Larry Gonzales said that the Institute had been working with other attorneys in this area, and that the non-profit organization has given a lot of help to Hispanics.

Hill pointed out that the SVRI proposal was based solely on numbers, with no consideration given for community continuity, voting convenience, road maintenance, etc.

Daugherty emphasized that the county wishes to hold future meetings at various sites that will make it easier for all citizens to attend and to feel more comfortable in asking questions.

An interpreter was provided at Monday's meeting, and will be present at future meetings to aid in understanding for citizens whose second language is English.

All interested citizens are urged to attend all meetings on the redistricting and make their opinions known, so that a consensus can be demonstrated to the Justice Dept.


At the conclusion of the meeting, Daugherty requested that Joe Crespin, a plaintiff in one of the lawsuits against the county, work with her office in identifying Census blocks of registered Hispanic voters who are involved in the political process locally.

Crespin has complained that the redistricting plans proposed in the past have diluted the voting strength of the stable Hispanic population, relying instead on migrant populations or non-registered voters to bring the numbers high enough to constitute a minority "majority."

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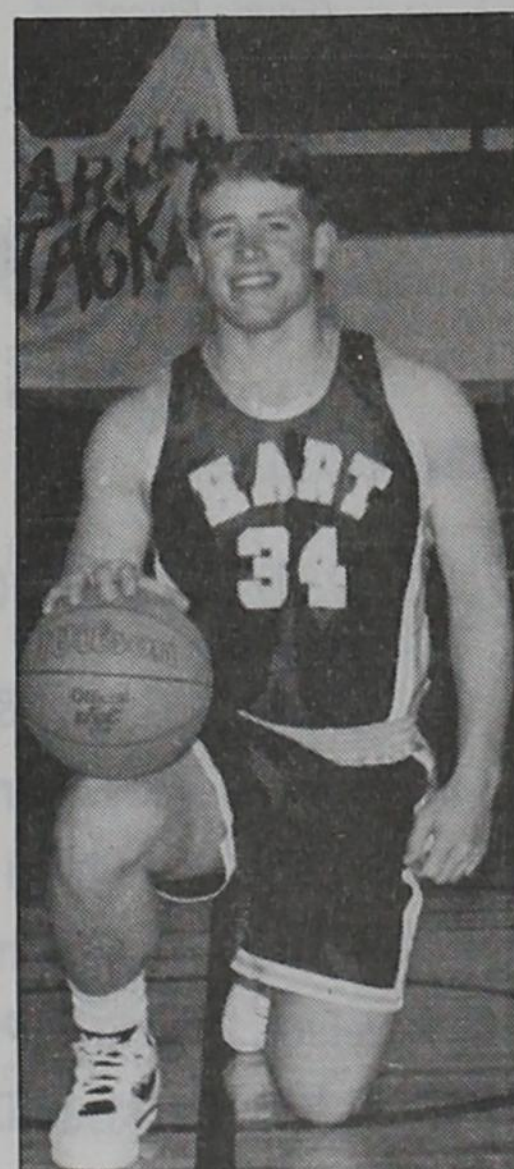
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ABI Agriculture Business Industry

Vegetable conference is planned in Hereford

Developing profitable markets for safe, nutritious vegetables will be addressed at the annual West Texas Vegetable Conference, scheduled for Tuesday in Hereford.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center, 100 Ave. C at Park Avenue. It will be sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Texas Tech University, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA).

The program has been approved by TDA for five continuing education units for private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators. Applicators are required to obtain five CEUS of training each year to retain certification. The \$25 registration fee will include lunch.

"The conference's goal is to help improve the quality of Texas vegetables, develop and expand markets

and increase family farm profitability," said Dr. Roland E. Roberts, Extension Service vegetable specialist from Lubbock, who has coordinated the conferences since 1971.

"Many more farmers are showing an interest in vegetables as alternative crops allowed under the new farm program," Roberts said. "Our growers want to enhance consumer health with the 'Five-A-Day' from Texas program, which promotes inclusion of nutritious vegetables in the daily diet."

As it has for many years, this year's program also will focus on consumer and grower safety.

"Speakers will present research-based information which will enhance farm productivity, conserve our natural resources, improve the marketing of the crops and foster safe production of a safe crop," said Roberts.

The morning session will open with an explanation of the federal disability act by Hereford Attorney Sid Ham.

David Gibson, Swisher County Extension Agent, will report on pinto bean variety performance.

Preventing lawsuit abuse will be covered by Bill Summers, chairman of the Rio Grande Valley Chamber of Commerce in Weslaco.

Progress in developing improved strains of Russet Norkota potatoes will be reported by Dr. Creighton Miller, professor of horticulture at Texas A&M University in College Station and Doug Smallwood of Lubbock, Experiment Station senior research associate.

The exposure High Plains vegetables received at the Produce Marketing Association meeting will be related by Bill Weeks and Rusty Ingram. Weeks is executive vice president of the Texas Citrus and Vegetable Association of Harlingen and Ingram is president of the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council.

A business meeting of the growers and shippers council will precede the lunch.

The afternoon session will open with Dr. Charles Hall, Extension Service economist and horticultural marketing specialist from College Station, who will present the 1993 outlook for vegetables and the potential for new crops. Pat Hale, TDA marketing specialist from Austin, will look at grower self-help marketing efforts.

At 2:15 p.m., two concurrent sessions will focus on onion and potato production. Dr. Ellen Pefley, associate professor of horticulture at Texas Tech will discuss "fingerprinting onions." At the same time, Ingram and Miller will discuss proposals for potato breeding research.

Trapping the diamond back moth, a costly insect in vegetable crops, will be the topic of Dr. David Bender, Experiment station associate professor, and Dr. Pat Morrison, Extension Service entomologist, both of Lubbock.

Levon Harmon, TDA pesticide specialist from Amarillo, will discuss worker protection requirements.

Final ARP announced

The final acreage reduction percentage (ARP) of 7.5% for the 1993 crop of upland cotton was announced this week by Sec. of Agriculture Edward Madigan.

The 1993 final ARP is the same as the preliminary ARP which was announced last Nov. 2.



A MULTIPLE CHAMPION—This Hampshire barrow shown by Jill Gfeller (center) of Dimmitt has been named the Grand Champion in several jackpot barrow shows in the area recently. The animal grandd the Vega Jackpot, the Dimmitt Jackpot and the Pampa Jackpot shows. Gfeller is a sophomore at Dimmitt High School and shows animals as a part of her FFA activities. She is the daughter of Ronnie and Kay Gfeller of Dimmitt. *Courtesy Photo*

Soybeans may be sown on optional flex acres

Soybeans may be planted on optional flex acreages as allowed by the 1993 price support and production adjustment programs administered by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

"Producers may plant designated crops on acreages known as flex acreages that do not exceed 25% of each crop acreage base enrolled in these programs," said Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan. "The crops planted can be credited as considered planted to the program crop. The first 15% is called normal flex acreage and the other 10% is called optional flex acreage."

Deficiency payments will not be made to optional flex acreage planted to a crop other than the crop for which the acreage base has been established. However, producers who do plant program crops or oilseeds on optional flex acreages may receive price supports.

The secretary of agriculture is required to prohibit the planting of soybeans on optional flex acreages if the estimated price of 1993 soybeans will be below 105% of the 1993 loan rate on Jan. 1.

On Nov. 16, 1992, the national average price support loan level of \$5.02 per bushel was announced for the 1993 crop of soybeans. Since the price of soybeans is projected to be greater than \$5.27 per bushel, soybeans may be planted on optional flex acres, Madigan said.

Ag marketing seminar is set

A seminar featuring an introduction to ag marketing will be held in Dimmitt Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

The seminar, sponsored by the Castro County Extension Service, is open to all producers and those interested in understanding futures, options, forward contracts, decision-making and marketing strategies.

Program speakers will include Dr. Jackie Smith, an Extension economist; Dr. Mark Walker, a state grain marketing specialist; and views from local producers as well as trading account establishment from Jerry Annen of West Wind Financial Services in Dimmitt.

"The intention is to offer two additional introduction-type meetings which will then enable those interested in establishing an Agricultural Marketing club," said J.D. Ragland, county Extension agent.

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RWSWCD sets essay contest

The Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring an essay contest for students ages 12 to 18, with US Savings Bonds offered as prizes.

Contest entries should be about soil and water conservation, and must be at least 300 words in length. The entry deadline is Feb. 1. Boys and girls are eligible to enter.

Three winners will be recognized, with first place receiving a \$100 savings bond, second place a \$75 bond, and third place a \$25 bond. The winners will receive their prizes at the annual RWSWCD Awards Banquet, planned for April.

The top three essays also will be sent to compete at the regional level, and winners there will be recognized at the SCS Regional Banquet in Plainview.

"Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this contest," a RWSWCD spokesman said. "We hope to have many quality essays from which to select our winners."

For more information, call the local SCS office at 647-4324.

Substitute inservice set

A substitute teacher inservice session will be held Jan. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. for those wishing to act as substitute teachers in the Dimmitt Independent School District.

The session will be held in the board room of the DISD administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

Attendance at an inservice session is required before one may be listed on the substitute teacher roster.

For more information, call the administration office at 647-3101.

Sugar beet growers plan meeting, banquet

The year's harvest news from Imperial Holly Corp., an update of American Sugarbeet Growers Association activities, research reports and the latest on the international trade controversies will highlight the 1993 annual meeting of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association.

The event will begin Friday with registration at 9:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Various speakers will present information important to growers region-wide.

The annual banquet will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday at the Hereford Bull Barn.

Guest speakers at the annual meeting will include Don Steinbeisser, American Sugar Beet Growers Association president. Steinbeisser farms near Sidney, Mont. and has been a strong national voice for sugar in critical trade negotiations and other actions which affect sugar beet production and processing.

Also on the program will be Bob Atwood, head of sales for Holly Sugar Corp. He is expected to review the past year's marketing activities with Imperial Holly Corp., Holly's parent company. He also is expected to touch on events and policies which are impacting Holly's operations nationally.

"We are certainly pleased that both men are on our annual meeting program," said Bill Cleavinger, president of the Texas Sugar Beet Growers Association. "Bob Atwood has been a close friend to our association. His sales department is one of the industry's most success-

ful. His talk on sales and marketing plans should be of interest.

Cleavinger said Steinbeisser also will have important news for area growers.

"I've worked closely with him at many American Sugarbeet Growers Association activities," said Cleavinger. He has done a good job of representing growers nationwide at important policy meetings in Washington. He also has played a key role in American Sugarbeet Growers Association's strong efforts to maintain a sound sugar trade program."

Cleavinger also will discuss state and national sugar beet activities during his presentation. Alan Lebsack, Imperial Holly comptroller, will discuss how the company arrives at grower payment schedules and what affects them.

Dr. G.B. Thompson, director of the Texas A&M University Research Center in Amarillo, and several plant and soil scientists from the Bushland Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (TAES) will discuss the year's extensive beet research.

Various regional agribusinesses also will have displays at the meeting, and growers are urged to visit the booths and learn more about each business's products and services.

The banquet speaker will be Stan White, winner of many public speaking awards, including the southern region's "Speaker of the Year for Agriculture" award. He also has appeared on NBC's *Today Show*.

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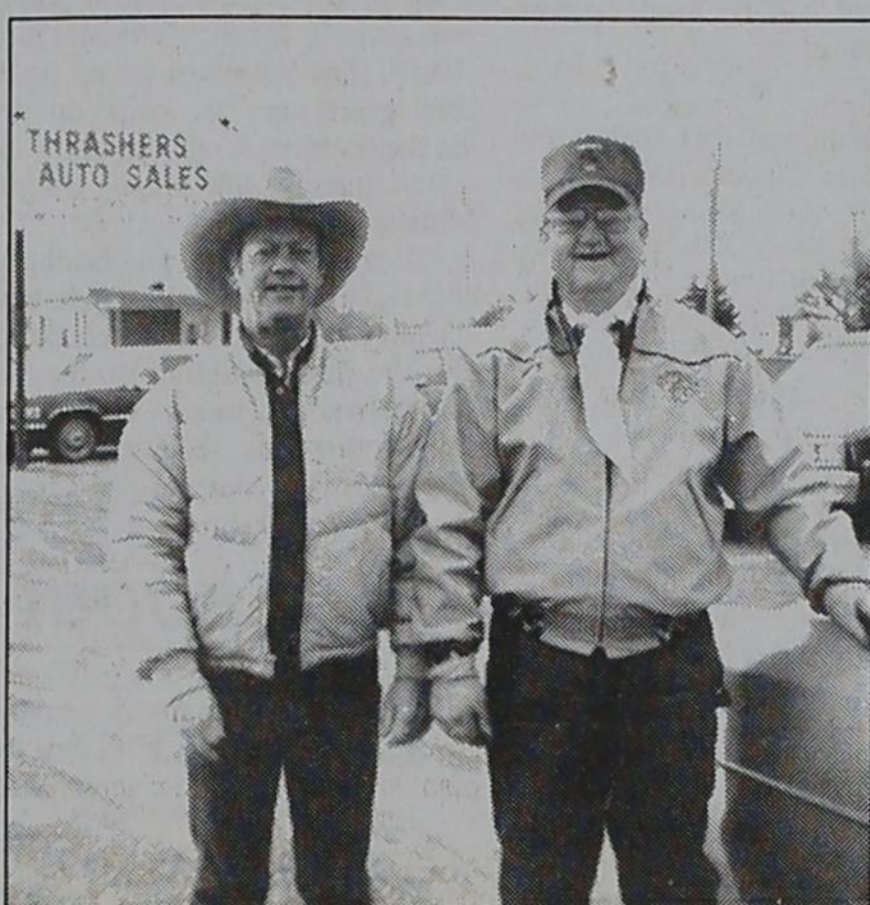
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problems with the hospital's "infection control, because the rooms couldn't be properly cleaned."

"We had planned on remodeling the rooms anyway," Stevens said, adding that new beds had already been installed in each room. The beds were paid for out of a disproportionate share fund—not from tax monies.

The bottom half of walls in the patients' rooms will be painted, while the top half will be covered with vinyl wallpaper, Stevens said. Each room will include a new arm chair, which can be converted into a fold-out lounge.

In one area, two rooms are being remodeled into one private room with an attached sitting room. That's because the restroom between the two rooms had to be enlarged — like others in the hospital — to meet "handicap-accessible" guidelines, and that left a space too small for two regulation-size patient rooms. Stevens said this "patient suite," will be the only one of its kind in the hospital, and an extra fee will be charged for its occupation.

The hospital auxiliary's gift shop, located in the lobby, will be moved on the opposite side of the lobby so the public restrooms may be expanded to meet government requirements.

New furniture will be purchased for the lobby, and the wood panel-

ing currently on the walls will be removed and replaced with paint and wallpaper, because the paneling has been termed a "fire hazard."

The nurses' station also will be remodeled, to give the nurses "more work space."

Stevens said the hospital will double the size of its lab, x-ray and emergency room by knocking out the southern wall in that area and extending it to the south. The expanded emergency room will be big enough to accommodate two patients at once. A new waiting room will be added to the west of the emergency room, Stevens added. Then on the west side of that waiting room, the hospital plans to add a prayer room. The entrance to the emergency room will feature automatic doors after the project is complete, Stevens said.

The new ambulance barn will be approximately 60' x 30', according to Stevens, and it is needed because the hospital's new ambulance is "too wide and too tall" to fit in the old barn. Stevens said the old garage will be used for storage.

The addition on to the emergency room, lab, etc. and the construction of the new ambulance barn will limit the parking in front of the emergency room, and Stevens said the hospital currently is "negotiating for property adjacent to the hospital for additional parking."

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County's worker's comp . . .

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The sheriff's department currently has two 1992 cars, two 1988 cars, a 1989 Ford Bronco and a 1977 car, which is currently "out of commission," according to Fitzgearld.

After an update from Fitzgearld on the condition of the vehicles, commissioners agreed to advertise for bids for new vehicles under two different terms.

The first asks for bids for the outright purchase of two factory police package cars, including the price with and without the trade-in of a 1977 Ford LTD and a 1989 Ford Bronco.

The second asks for bids for the municipal lease-purchase of three new factory police package cars, including the price with and without the trade-in of a 1977 Ford LTD and a 1988 Ford LTD Crown Victoria.

Fitzgearld told the county he prefers the lease-purchase option, which would result in the county's purchase of three vehicles for the department. He also added that he would like to keep the Bronco for use in bad weather and to transport meals to and from the hospital to the jail. He said the four-wheel drive vehicle has been extremely useful this winter because at times it is the only law enforcement vehicle that can be used in snow and ice conditions.

Plains Memorial Hospital Administrator Joe Stevens asked com-

missioners about the possibility of the county donating to the hospital a stretch of road between the hospital and county museum.

Stevens said renovations at the hospital will eventually eliminate most of the parking in front of the emergency room entrance, and the hospital would like to expand its parking area. Stevens said a landowner who owns a parcel of land between the hospital and the above mentioned road, had already donated that land to the hospital. Stevens said he would like for the county to consider donating the road to the hospital. If that happens, the hospital would pave the land and convert it into a parking area for the hospital. He added that patrons of the museum also would be able to park there.

Commissioners said they weren't sure if the road belonged to the county, but agreed to check into the matter.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to purchase two portable exhaust fans and two speakers for the Expo Building.

The Dimmitt Young Farmers had requested the items for the quonset barns adjacent to the Expo Building. The group sponsors the county's stock show each year, and the fans would be beneficial to youngsters caring for their animals in the barns. The speakers would enable the youngsters to keep up with announcements from the show and sale ring in the Expo Building during the show.

"I'm in favor (of purchasing the items), but I think the fans should be portable and should be bought for the Expo Building, so they can be moved for use in other areas, too," said Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders.



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although, she said, "I don't know what Kenneth Cleveland's opinion of Bill Rogers is."

"What we're asking for," Webster told the board, "is clarification as to what the circumstances are in (Coach Rogers') reassignment or dismissal. We are hoping and praying that he and Mrs. Rogers be treated fairly."

After thanking the group for its input, Board President David Schaeffer said, "Necessarily, for the privacy of our employees and staff, that information is not given out. Whatever can be done will be done to assure that all employees are treated fairly."

In Rogers' two years as head football coach, his teams finished 6-4 in 1991 (third place in District 2-AAA) and 3-6-1 in 1992 (fourth place in district).

Business Manager Neal Bryan reported that Grimes & Associates, consulting engineers, is recommending seven major energy conservation projects — two at Richardson Elementary, two at Dimmitt Middle School and three at Dimmitt High — to make the schools more energy-efficient.

The projects would cost an estimated \$66,259 and would result in savings of more than \$13,000 per year in gas and electricity costs, Bryan said.

Cost of the projects could be paid back in 4.3 years from savings realized, Bryan reported.

The study is being paid for through the governor's Texas Lone STAR energy conservation program.

Assistant Principals George Rasor (middle school) and Lyman Schroeder (high school) reported that Community Liaison Gloria Hernandez already has paid for her first year's salary in additional state funding based on daily attendance.

In her new position, Hernandez contacts all students in the sixth through 12th grades — and their parents—when they are absent, and also monitors the progress of truancy-prone students for both school officials and parents.

Schroeder and Rasor presented attendance tables for 1991 and '92 that showed an overall increase in average daily attendance this school year, and noted that the state pays the school district \$16 per day (\$2,721 per year) per student based on daily attendance.

Schroeder projected that if the increase in attendance continues through Hernandez's work, "the state funding for students based on attendance will more than justify her salary."

Rasor added, "In our opinion, the program has been very positive. I haven't heard anything negative at all. Financially, it's already a success—her salary for the year was paid the first semester because of

the increase in attendance."

After an executive session to study an evaluation report on Supt. Robert Barrett, the board voted to extend Barrett's contract a year—through June 1995—at his current salary.

The rehiring motion was made by Paul Garcia and seconded by John Nino, while the motion to approve the evaluation was made by Rick Wright and seconded by Rita McDaniel. Both motions carried unanimously.

IN OTHER ACTION, the board:

— Unanimously adopted a motion by Paul Garcia, seconded by Cheryl Pybus, to award bids to Plains Creamery, Inc., for ice cream, milk, sour cream and cottage cheese, and to B&J Distributors for four types of bread. Both bidders are the current suppliers

and were the only firms submitting bids on these food items.

— Unanimously adopted a motion by Rick Wright, seconded by Garcia, to continue the district's membership in the Texas Association of School Boards, with annual dues of \$1,132.

— Recognized Nikki Kenley as a first-chair member of the All State Choir.

Shot clinic set

A shot clinic offering vaccinations against several childhood diseases will be held Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m.

All services are administered on a sliding scale basis.

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council election," Collins said, noting that about 600 votes were cast in the most recent city election. "I think the people recognized the need to be progressive and move forward in an effort to stimulate our economy."

The "Rubinoff Project" is expected to provide up to 70 jobs in its first year of operation, which should start by April of 1994. After 18 months, Rubinoff expects to employ 150. After three years, employment should reach 250, and could go as high as 500 people in six years, he said.

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