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By Don Nelson

If you can't open your front door while holding a sack of groceries, a jug of milk and a loaf of bread, you need to get different hardware.

What's the big deal about Friday the 13th?

As superstitious as some of my co-workers are, you'd think we should all stay home, lock the doors and hide under the bed that day.

In the interest of science, I kept tabs on my good luck (☼) and bad luck (☾) Friday. Here's how it went:

I worked only an hour in the office Friday. I had a doctor's appointment in Lubbock at 10:30.

When I got to the doctor's office, I was informed that he had been called out on an emergency and they hadn't been able to contact all of us out-of-towners in time. They were very sorry, the secretary said.

I was cool. "No problem," I told her. "There were several other errands I wanted to run in Lubbock today anyway."

After a couple of errands, I treated myself to a sumptuous repast at the Chinese Kitchen.

Then I headed for the nearest car dealership. We had been trying to get the sound system fixed at car dealerships and electronics stores for a couple of months but had gotten the same story everywhere. Car dealers would tell us, "Sorry, we don't have a fulltime radio man, but we have an arrangement. If you'll leave it for a day or two or three. . . ." Electronics dealers would say, "Nope, we service only our own brands," or "Nope, we don't do car radios."

So at the car dealership, the service manager started: "Sorry, we don't have a full-time radio man; we schedule one to come in when we need him. If you'll leave it with us for a day or two or three. . . ."

"Look," I said, "I've been trying to get it fixed for two months. I'm from out of town, and I can't leave my car with you, and I don't know when I can get over here again. I'm a taxpayer and a registered voter, and I have the extended warranty, and—"

He looked at my warranty card. "Wow, that's a great extended warranty plan, too. Or was. It expired Tuesday."

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Four indicted by grand jury

Four persons were indicted Friday by the new 64th District Court grand jury at its first session at the courthouse in Dimmitt.

The grand jury also passed on two cases at its session Friday.

Suzu Pillow, also known as Suzu Freeman, was indicted for theft by check over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. She is alleged to have written 32 checks to 12 stores in the county. Some of the checks were worth over \$500.

Pedro Sifuentez was indicted for injury to a child in connection with a Nov. 14 incident. Sifuentez is alleged to have thrown a youngster (under the age of 15) on the floor and then throwing a beer can which struck the youngster's left ear.

Juan Castillo was indicted for a felony driving while intoxicated charge. Castillo was charged with alleged DWI on Nov. 20.

Also facing indictment is Gregory Dwayne Lay of Dimmitt. Charged with credit card abuse, Lay is accused of allegedly using a gas debit card that was not his between July 22 and July 31.

Students exhaust libraries for reading fun

Cathode-ray tubes, like the picture tube on your television set or computer terminal, were supposed to be the bane of reading, much less learning.

Not anymore. Thanks to an innovative program, many kids in Dimmitt and Nazareth schools are reading everything they can get their hands on. As soon as they get through reading, they line up to get on computers to take tests to prove their new knowledge, earning points, prizes and pride along the way.

The Accelerated Reader Program began last spring in county schools. It whetted the appetites of youngsters, who are exhausting book supplies.

"We can't get enough books for our kids to read," said Doug Setliff, principal at Richardson Elementary School. "The kids love this program and they are almost wearing out the library. They are reading like never before."

Students at RES join the Bobcat Book Club and earn points as they read books and pass tests. Each book earns a certain number of points, and students must make at least a 70 on each test to earn any points.

With 10 points, students receive a Bobcat Book Club picture button. At 25 points, they earn a certificate, a new button and a t-shirt. With 50 points, they get another certificate and a cap. Along hallways are bulletin boards autographed by students as they reach each level.

Erica Abrego became the first 100-point student at RES this week and will earn more rewards for her prowess. There are several others who are approaching the 100-point mark. Forty-three students are in the 50-point club.

"We don't have enough books in the library," Setliff said. "These kids are going through these books very fast. We can't keep up with the demand. We are trying to order more books that match up with titles in the program, but everyone else is doing the same thing. It's just a fantastic program."

Many of the book titles will be familiar to older readers, including Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew stories. There are popular modern series, like the Berenstain Bears and others. There are sports books, adventure books, all sorts of books.

Students read the books, then go to the computer lab and take a test on what they have read. Students have from five to 10 multiple-choice questions on each book. The number of points earned depends on the level of the book and the number of correct answers. Some books are worth several points, others worth as little as .5 point.

This year at RES, third graders have read and been tested on 3,996, and have registered 82.2% accuracy on the test. Second graders have read 2,328 books and have registered 77.8% accuracy on the tests.



FUN AND KNOWLEDGE FROM READING— Erica Abrego, a third grader at Richardson Elementary School, was the first student to reach the 100-point level in the Bobcat Book Club. Abrego, the

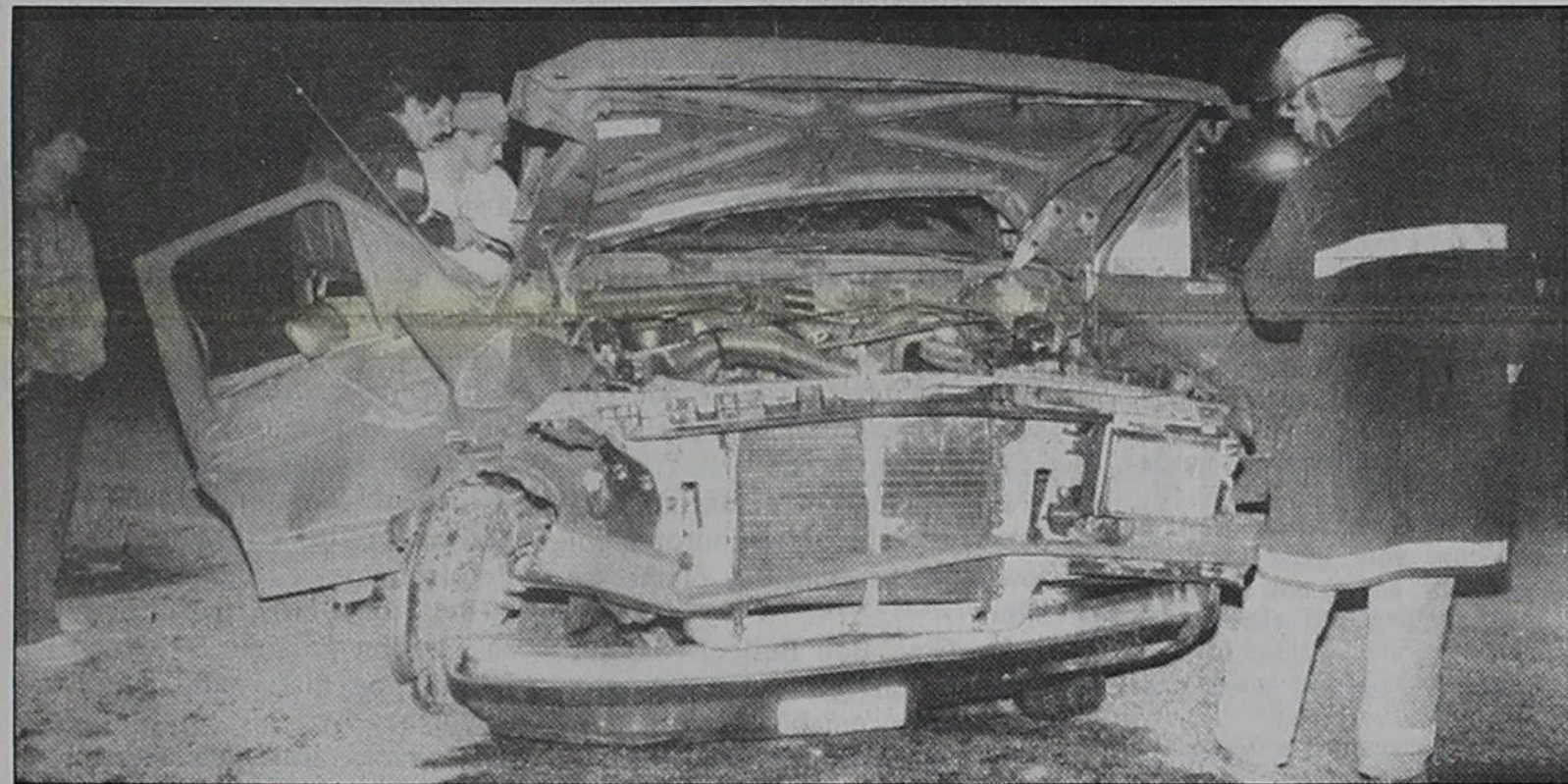
daughter of Eva Abrego and Chi Abrego, uses the computer for answering questions in the Accelerated Reader Program.

Photo by John Brooks

"This will really pay off on TAAS tests and in other areas," Setliff said. "We have already seen a difference in the kids since we started the program last spring, and I think this will pay off in other subjects from now on."

"The program makes them read for

comprehension, although they are reading for the enjoyment. Any time students are reading more they are learning more."



MAN INJURED IN ACCIDENT—Police and emergency workers survey damage to a pickup driven by Ron Miller, 62, of Dimmitt after a wreck Jan. 11 at the intersection of US Highway 385 and State Highway 194 in Dimmitt. Miller was cited for running a stop sign in front of a manure truck driven by Estevan Martinez, 21, of Dawn. Miller received several serious cuts and various other injuries, and was admitted to Plains Memorial Hospital for treatment. Martinez was also treated for slight injuries at PMH. The pickup, owned by Dimmitt Agri Industries, sustained heavy damage. The manure-hauling truck sustained moderate damage.

Photo by John Brooks

Chamber to honor top citizens Saturday night

Several citizens will be singled out for their unselfish work toward making this a better place to live during the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's annual awards banquet Saturday night.

Winners of the Chamber's *Citizen of the Year*, *Citizen Through the Years* and *Teacher of the Year* awards will be announced at the annual banquet, which will be held Saturday at the Expo Building. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and may be purchased in advance at Sheffy's Western Wear, Tots and Teens or the Chamber office.

Theme for this year's banquet is *Growing in Harmony* and it will be carried out in the decorations, which will include fresh blooming spring bulbs. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. with a steak dinner with all the trimmings, catered by the Methodist Men.

"This is an all-out community event and you do not have to be a chamber member to attend," said Les Miller, banquet chairman.

Delores Heller, executive director of the chamber, said, "The chamber is ready to spring into action and come together as a community in harmony to work for better relations in government, school, organization and individual needs."

Avery Thrasher and Cheryl Pybus will emcee this year's program. Entertainment during the banquet, program, and after the banquet during a reception honoring the award winners, will be provided by the musical group, *Harmony*, which features former Dimmitt resident Zeldia Ellison.

Hospital raises rates 16%

Grandparents, get ready to start BRAGGING!

It's time for grandparents to brag on their favorite Valentines, again.

If you are a grandparent and you want to show off your favorite Valentines to your friends and neighbors, you can have their picture printed in the Feb. 9 issue of the *News*.

Proud grandparents who want to brag about their grandchildren may have their Valentine's picture printed in a decorative frame, identified by his or her name and their own names for a \$10 fee.

If you're a grandparent and would like to show the rest of us your favorite Valentine(s), bring the picture to the *News* office by 12 noon on Monday, Feb. 6. A wallet-size picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is. And we'll return your picture to you, unharmed.

In a unanimous vote Tuesday night, the hospital board approved a 16% rate increase for all services at Plains Memorial.

The increase was a preparatory step to the hospital district's negotiations with various health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and preferred provider organizations (PPOs), which usually require participating hospitals to discount their rates 15% to their members.

PMH Administrator Steve Goode reported that the local hospital operated on a 7% profit margin in 1994.

HMOs and PPOs will not contract with a hospital unless it discounts its rates. Local members of any HMO or PPO not contracted with Plains Memorial would have to go to participating hospitals in other cities.

At least four HMOs and PPOs are currently soliciting Castro County businesses to provide group health-care benefits using contracted doctors, clinics and hospitals.

The board arrived at its 16% figure on the basis that hospital

rates nationwide have been increasing by 8% per year, and Plains Memorial has gone two years without a rate increase.

The increase is "across the board," and will apply to room rates and all services provided by Plains Memorial.

In past sessions, the board has discussed the possibility of coupling any rate hike with a "cash discount" policy for local residents who don't belong to an HMO or PPO, who pay their hospital bills out of their own pockets, to equal-

ize the rates that district residents pay for hospital services.

Goode already has been negotiating with First Care, a consortium of hospitals and doctors in the Panhandle region. But he said First Care is hesitating on his counterproposal based on Plains Memorial's present rates.

"The discount they've been offering to rural hospitals is a smaller percentage than they get from metro hospitals," Goode said in an-

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Region growers enjoy sweet '94

Area sugarbeet growers enjoyed one of their most profitable years ever in the High Plains of Texas and New Mexico, and gathered Friday and Saturday in Hereford to celebrate their success.

At the annual meeting of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association, research experts and industry leaders bragged about successes in 1994, but warned of roadblocks that could loom this year.

The biggest may be the 1995 farm bill, which has yet to be written. Congressional leaders are calling for an end to farm subsidies, but that hasn't been heard from the ag committee in either chamber. Sugar may be affected although the US

sugar program doesn't cost taxpayers a dime. In fact, US sugar producers put \$31 million in the federal treasury last year, and have added \$137 million to the US treasury in the past five years.

The problem, according to TSBGA President Bill Cleavinger, is that the money goes into the "general fund" and not back into USDA.

"We don't get credit for it when we put it back into the treasury," Cleavinger said.

Roger Hill, president and chief executive officer of Holly Sugar, said both Holly and Spreckles had to forfeit some of their sugar under the US allotment program because of pressure from grower-processors in the Red River Valley of Minnesota.



SWEET TALKING—Roger Hill (right), president and CEO of Holly Sugar, talks with Easter farmer Kenneth Frye (left) before Friday's meeting of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association. Hill said Holly would continue to work with area growers to improve their bottom line. Frye serves on the association's board. Photo by John Brooks

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'What can I do for you?'

By TOM HAYWOOD
State Senator, Dist. 30

On the desk in my new Capitol office is a plaque I keep to remind me why I am here each day. It is inscribed with a famous statesman's familiar words, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." To me, these words are the embodiment of what you've sent me to Austin to do. I'm not here for the greater glory of being a senator or to advance the cause of any special interest group or even to represent a political party. I'm here to ask on a day-to-day basis what I can do for Texas—and more specifically — for you and your hometown.

Now, I'm sure that you are thinking that you hear that same speech from every politician that comes along and that "politics as usual" will never change. But as many of the visitors to my office can attest, the character of the Texas Legislature has taken a turn for the better. Under the leadership of Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock and

Speaker of the House Pete Laney, we have begun a new era of state politics. My colleague, Sen. David Sibley, expressed it best when he said that the focus now is to "get something done and have a cohesive group." We are all eager to be team players, to cooperate and compromise, to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

I was fortunate to see firsthand that this new attitude toward governing "for the people" really does work. An emergency bill to temporarily halt the new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) auto emissions testing was introduced this week by Sen. John Whitmire, a Democrat from Houston. This bill, Senate Bill 19, will put a 90-day hold on testing in Texas and give our counterparts in Washington a chance to re-examine the program and its problems. All of the state senators, including myself, signed the bill as co-sponsors, enabling the Senate to suspend the voting rules and act with the necessary swiftness on this issue. Sponsors of the bill were

Democrats and Republicans alike, setting aside their own agendas to work for the best interests of the folks back home. I was proud to be a part of such action and hope it continues for the rest of the session.

Looking ahead to those next few months, I've spent this first week focusing on what I believe will be major issues. In addition to sponsoring the auto emissions testing bill, I've met with school superintendents and public school teachers on education concerns, examined proposed bills on term limits, and read over new tort reform legislation, which as you know is a priority for me this term. I've also attended meetings of two of the three committees I am on — Education, Economic Development, and the Natural Resources Subcommittee on Agriculture—and started to formulate ideas in those areas.

But most importantly this week—and every week for the next four years — I've listened to your concerns and needs and viewpoints. I've been overwhelmed by the telephone calls and letters on issues large and small and was especially thrilled to have many of you visit my office the day of my swearing-in ceremony and in the days since.

We may not always agree, but your opinion does count in this office. I hope you will let me know what you think and how you feel about the challenges facing our region this year and in the future. I made a big promise to represent you and your neighbors. It's up to you to help me keep that promise. Ask what I can do for you. Together we can make a difference for Texas.



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CAPITOL COMMENT

U.S. SENATOR
KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

Fixing Our Broken Welfare System

This country's welfare system has few defenders. If there is a consensus on any single issue confronting government today, it is that welfare is broken — and must be fixed.

The primary flaw in our welfare system is that it encourages those in need of help to make bad choices. Welfare pays people not to work, it pays them not to marry. The system pays young women to drop out of school and have children. No responsible individual would presume to help others by rewarding them for counterproductive behavior. Neither should government.

Complicating any search for true welfare reform is the diversity of the problem. The conditions of poverty differ from city to city and from state to state. The federal government cannot and should not attempt to impose one model of welfare reform.

A far better approach, and one I believe will ultimately be adopted, is for the federal government to allow individual states the flexibility to find their own solutions.

The federal government could simply provide states with block grants to underwrite their welfare programs. Or, under a proposal which Congress will begin debating early next session, the states would assume control and responsibility for programs currently directed from the top down by the federal government: Aid to Families With Dependent Children, Food Stamps and the Women, Infants and Children program. We would let the states serve, to paraphrase a famous jurist, as laboratories for welfare reform. And they would be experimenting with their own money.

Under this "swap" proposal, state funding to operate welfare programs would be freed up by the federal government assuming a greater share of Medicaid funding (currently a partially unfunded state mandate), eventually taking over Medicaid completely.

In implementing this swap, the federal government should allow states a maximum amount of leeway. The states should be free to set the rules they believe useful. For instance, states should be allowed to require work or school attendance of beneficiaries. States could be permitted to set a time limit on paying benefits. They could require a mother to identify the father of her child to child support enforcement agencies before receiving benefits. They could require beneficiaries to participate in job training, refuse to pay benefits for additional children born to a mother on welfare, limit new residents' benefits and/or require recipients addicted to alcohol or drugs to participate in rehabilitation programs. With such decentralization, the states could pick and choose from a number of options depending on their particular needs. This is the quickest way to determine what approach is most effective.

We must incorporate incentives into our welfare system which encourage responsible behavior. This is a challenge which states can best accomplish. The role of the federal government in welfare reform ought to be benign, not arbitrary. As has been the case with many other reforms in our society, welfare reform will have to come from the bottom up to be successful.

State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — Wall-to-wall crowds in the newly-restored Capitol greeted lawmakers last week as the Texas Legislature's 74th session got under way.

It was standing room only in both the House and Senate galleries as family members and political supporters came to watch their legislators take office.

Closed-circuit telecasts around the Capitol complex drew overflow crowds as well. Sen. Mario Gallegos, D-Houston, until Tuesday a House member, brought 600 constituents to watch him take the oath of office.

But lawmakers managed to do some work before adjourning following the second day of the session.

Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock was surprised when Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, quickly persuaded all 31 senators to co-sponsor a bill that would impose a three-month moratorium on vehicle emissions testing in the state's four largest metropolitan areas.

Bullock said the bill, which has strong support in the House, could pass in a matter of days. The testing began Jan. 2.

Speaker Laney Re-elected

On the House side, the first order of business was the re-election of James E. "Pete" Laney, D-Hale Center, as the 71st Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

Laney pledged to help remove any barriers preventing people

from contributing their talents and ideas to the legislative process. "Every person should be able to make their voice heard in this chamber," Laney said.

He noted that any citizen with a home computer can have access to the legislative information systems to track the progress of legislation. "I want the people of Texas to be a part of this process more than ever before," Laney said.

Laney, 51, who was first elected speaker in January 1993, also pledged to balance the state budget without increasing state taxes.

Tort Reform Bills Filed

Lt. Gov. Bullock and four state senators aim to put a stop to Texas' growing reputation as a hotbed of economic development crippling lawsuit abuse.

Bullock and Sens. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo; John Montford, D-Lubbock; David Sibley, R-Waco; and Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville, trotted out a package of bills that would limit the liability of a company where more than one business is to blame and restrict lawsuits filed under the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

In a news conference last week Bullock implored Sibley to "put these bills on the front burner."

Richard Weekley of the pro-business group, Texans for Lawsuit Reform, praised the introduction of the Senate bills, but mentioned an 11-point program his group is working on that would be more comprehensive.

However, Bill Whitehurst of the Trial Lawyers Association told the *Houston Chronicle* he thought the legislation is "over-reaching." "They're saying we need to do this to the consumers of Texas because we're losing jobs and business, and that's just not true," he commented.

The Senate bills propose to:

- Cap punitive damages and make them harder to win.
- Exempt professionals such as accountants, lawyers and real estate agents from the Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
- Require damage suits to be

filed in the county in which the action occurred.

■ Allow a plaintiff to collect damages only when a defendant is at least 50 percent to blame.

MHMR Waiting List Grows

More than 40,000 Texans are on waiting lists for services from the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, according to a report which will be released by the agency later this month.

The latest figures, up from 30,500 in 1992, include 28,000 persons with a mental illness and 12,000 with mental retardation. Some people have been on the waiting list for more than four years.

Ann K. Utley, chairman of the MHMR board, said the waiting list needs cannot be met because of funding limitations. She estimates more than \$150 million per year is necessary to meet the needs of the individuals on the waiting lists.

Return Those Donations

The owners of Houston's race track have asked officeholders and candidates to whom they made political donations to return the money because the contributions apparently were illegal.

Spokespeople for Gov. Ann Richards and Attorney General Dan Morales, both of whom received \$10,000, said they would comply.

Sam Houston Race Park director Byron Wade said he was initially advised that the contributions were legal but recently learned that the Texas Ethics Commission had ruled that a partnership, such as Sam Houston, that includes one or more corporate partners is prohibited from making campaign donations.

Other Highlights

■ Quote of the Week: "Let this House be filled with gentlers and kinders. Let the Cowboys beat the 49ers. Amen." — Gerald Mann, House chaplain and pastor of Riverbend Baptist Church, Austin.

■ Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, wants to cut down on state testing of students, make exams available to the public after they're administered and give them only in English. "We're in Texas, not Mexico," he said.

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647-4711

- ★ To give information
- ★ To offer a reward
- ★ To claim a reward
- ★ You remain anonymous



ACROSS

- 1 Hood Co.'s Acton State Park is less than an _____ in size
- 5 X-mas tree farm in Kendall Co.
- 6 TX scientists use these to trace monarch butterflies
- 7 Tech Lady Raiders beat _____ State in '93 championship
- 8 unproductive egg producers (2 wds.)
- 18 Gov. Hogg's daughter
- 19 TX Audie Murphy received America's highest military _____
- 21 _____ "Bum" Phillips
- 22 TX Oliver Hailey wrote for _____ vision
- 23 TX whooping cranes spend summers near the _____ Circle
- 24 leopardlike cat
- 29 English "fella"
- 30 Universal City AM
- 31 Cowboy Troy (init.)
- 32 TXism: "confused as a woodpecker in _____ forest"
- 34 Dallas & Houston concern: _____ transit
- 35 a TX Gattlin (init.)
- 36 "Bullet Bob" Hayes won '64 medal in the 100 _____
- 37 Houston is the "Bayou" _____
- 38 TX Victor Costa produces Christian _____ line in America
- 40 dessert (3 wds.)
- 42 belly button

- 43 TX Didrickson nickname came from this Ruth (init.)
- 44 TX Richard King quote: "Buy land and never _____"
- 45 what Texans ain't
- 46 TXism: "bumpy _____ a 25-pipe cattle guard"
- 47 Texans extinguished a 732-well _____ set off in Kuwait by Iraq ('91)
- 49 TXism: "mad as a _____"
- 50 TXism: "muchacha" (girl)
- 51 "shop _____ you drop"

DOWN

- 1 ex world league football team: San _____
- 2 in Howard Co. just off I-20
- 3 this TX Taylor was on "I'll Fly Away"
- 4 Dallas Spanish-language paper: _____ Deportivo
- 9 TXism: "buying oats for _____ horse" (waste of time)
- 10 dog's short bark
- 11 rapper Vanilla _____ lived in Dallas
- 12 TX Lyle Lovett's "She's _____ Lady"
- 13 gunman location? the _____ knoll

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On the Go

With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The fellowship of deacons and their wives of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt went to Plains Baptist Assembly, south of Floydada, recently for their third annual deacons' retreat.

They arrived Friday evening in time for a lovely dinner at the cafeteria and then went back to the camp lodge for a devotional by Bro. Paul Kenley, then a duet by Bro. Paul and Bill Newland, *Learning to Lean*.

They all enjoyed snacks and playing Chicken Foot and Outburst. Saturday morning, Jack Howell gave a devotional on the importance of names. He stressed the importance of living up to the name Christian.

The deacons discussed plans for the year, including FBC's coming revival with Dr. Winfred Moore as evangelist; the upcoming mission trip to Acuna, Mexico; and revitalizing the youth program.

Those attending were Jack and Charlene Howell, Glen Black, Jerry and Debbie Annen, Don and Colleen Newman, Max and Karen Newman, Charles and Esta Vandiver, Don and Paula Graham, Bill and Shirley Newland, Paul and Barbara Kenley, Wayne and Faye Mohon, Dan and Oma Dee Heard, Milton and Sandra Bagwell and V.C. and Dorothy Hopson.

Sandra Potts hosted the "hard to get together" bridge club on Jan. 10 at her home. She served Mexican food and pasta to Nancy Ross, Martie Benton, Margaret Parsons, Sandra Clark, Martha Jo Hyman and guests Cindy Adams and Dorothy Gilbreath. Parsons won high score for the day.

Janice Richards of Bovina, Kay Kellar and Deanne Clark were feted Thursday with fiesta and pudding cake at the home of Doricell Davis after playing tennis. Cards were also shared by Margaret Parsons, Janet Hand, Linda Langford and Paralyt Moore.

Bernice Hill was the hostess for the Thursday Bridge Club at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center. She served chocolate bars for snacks. Jackie McLeroy served a birthday cake for her mother, Mary Small, who turned 95.

Dude McLaren won high score and Loranell Hamilton won second high. Also playing were Dugan Butler, Elizabeth Huckabay, Johnnie Vannoy, Neva Hickey, Suzie Reeves, Virginia Crider, Helen Braafladt, Emily Clingsmith, Ina Rae Cates, Louise Mears, Alma Kenmore and Edith Graef.

The Baptist Women met in the Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church on Monday evening with Ysleta Ball presiding. Dorothy Hopson conducted the prayer time with prayers for the missionaries who had birthdays on that day. Maxine Tidwell was in charge of the program, "Missions in Dimmitt."

Eloise McMasters grandson, Brad Cade of Lubbock, was the punter for the Texas Tech Red Raiders and was privileged to play in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas. The Dimmitt

relatives were not able to attend the game but Brad's mom and dad, the Danny Cades, his brother Brian and wife Sandy, his cousin Dustin McDonald and wife Gurenda, all of Lubbock, attended the game.

The members of the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary met on Wednesday morning with Jackie McLeroy presiding over the business meeting. Reports were given by Mattie Seale, Bea Hardy and Florene Leinen. Steve Goode gave an informative program on managed care. Other members present were Betty Freeman, Ruby Wood, Ethel Fry, Irene Blanton, Lucille Drerup, Gertie Waggoner, Irene Carpenter, Edna Reinart, Lois Waggoner and Mary Edna Hendrix.

Louise Moffett entertained her sister, Ann Butler of Littlefield, over the weekend. They attended church together. Ann is also the sister of Walt Hansen.

The Dimmitt Book Club met on Wednesday with Barbara Bain presiding. She had a poster on the interest center table, "Start the New Year with a New Book."

Oleta Gollehon's guest reviewer was Bob Izzard, who gave an interesting review on the books he has written: *Adobe Walls Wars*, a true story of the last Indian war in Texas; *Heroes Here Have Been*, the Red River War which united the United States; *Kidnapped In the Red River War*, the search for Sophia and Catherine German forced the victory in the Red River War; and *Winged Boot*, the story of Mme. Yvonne Herubel, who risked her life that others could fly and fight again. Only a heroic woman would have taken so many chances against the German occupation.

Izzard was a fighter pilot in the US Army Air Corps in World War II in the European Theater. He flew 150 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, 14 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Purple Heart, a Presidential Unit

Citation, and ETO Ribbon and six battle stars.

Bob's wife, Kay, came with him to Dimmitt. They toured the museum before going to the library for the book club meeting.

Diane Townsend and Reta Welch were hostesses for the social hour. They served party sandwiches, pickup foods and hot apple cider. An unusual interest center was a group of books, a pair of eyeglasses and a bowl of popcorn to be eaten while reading.

Bobby and Wanda Murdock and their granddaughter, Alyson Smith of Amarillo, went to Carlsbad, N.M., to visit some friends, Kenneth and Marie Rotan. They were neighbors in Littlefield several years ago and Kenneth was employed by Southwestern Public Service. While the Murdocks were there they helped harvest pecans from the Rotans' trees. They ate barbecue at the Red Chimney Restaurant. They came back by Portales where they stopped to see Brad and Rhonda Murdock. They went to see Rhonda's daughter, Holly, play with the Little Dribblers.

Some friends took Spud Murphy to Tulia to eat at El Camino to help him celebrate his birthday. While we were there we visited with several former Dimmitt residents—Myrna Keener, Jean Thompson and Gay Keaton—and my Tulia friend, Mona Borchardt. We came back to Dimmitt and Kate Beecher served a delicious millionaire pie instead of a birthday cake. Other friends were Oleta Gollehon and Irene Carpenter.

The Town and Country Extension Club met on Friday with Ann Henderson presiding over the business meeting; she also led in each one reading the prayer and creed. Margaret Womack called the roll, and each member answered with a suggestion for a program this year. Some ideas included health,



MARY SMALL was honored on her 95th birthday last Thursday by her fellow members of the Thursday Bridge Club. Her daughter, Jackie McLeroy, served a cake baked by Christine Acker. A native of Mineola, Mrs. Small taught school at Shamrock and Paducah and served 13 years as the Architecture School librarian at Texas Tech. She has lived in Dimmitt four years.

sewing, knitting, remaking old clothes, recycling, flower arrangements, and making vests out of old ties or yo-yos.

Some tentative programs are cutting utility costs, food preservation, blood drives, holiday ideas, and cutting medical costs. On May 10 Dr. Cole of Lubbock will give a program on insect control, including swarming insects. April 20 will see a "home show," and July 31 will have a program on recycling pesticides, paper and saw dust.

Marilyn Neal reported on the health fair and gave some instructions on making a yo-yo vest. Members present were Henderson,

Womack, Edith Graef, Oncida Hutto, Betty Freeman and Mary Edna Hendrix. Oneida served delicious oatmeal raisin cookies.

Mrs. O.C. Fry has returned to her home in Dimmitt after a two-month visit with friends and relatives in Wilmington, Del.

During her two months away she spent two weeks in Europe touring London, the English countryside, Paris, the French countryside, and spent a day at Euro-Disney. She visited famous cathedrals in London and Paris as well as museums. She enjoyed the Remembrance Day Service at Westminster Abbey on Nov. 11.

The weather was very pleasant and she was pleased to see that many flowers were still blooming. Window boxes filled with cyclamen and pansies were found everywhere.

Because she lives in an agricultural area, Mrs. Fry was delighted to see the sheep grazing on the green hillsides outside of London. In France and England she saw large fields of mustard in full bloom, and winter spinach which

was ready for gathering. In the French countryside she was able to see high mounds of newly-harvested potatoes.

Mrs. Fry had a great day at Euro-Disney, too. At the age of 86 she experienced her first (and she says probably her last) roller coaster ride.

She was accompanied on the tour by her granddaughter, grandson-in-law, two great-grandsons and her daughter, with an age span from four to 86 years.

New York Vocal Arts Ensemble will be the featured program during a Community Concert Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Harrell Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

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Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for the week of Jan. 19-27.

DIMMITT
THURSDAY: Choices of Italian spaghetti; *grilled cheese with chili or oven fried chicken; *potato rounds, broccoli with cheese sauce or baked potato wedges; tossed salad with dressing, *carrot raisin salad or *fresh fruit slices; hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *cheeseburgers, chicken filet on a bun or Chinese plate; *French fries, pork fried rice or Chinese style vegetables; tossed salad with dressing, *hamburger salad or coleslaw; *combread, whole wheat rolls or crackers and flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choices of *chicken fried steak, cheeseburger on a bun or turkey fajitas; *mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or seasoned green beans; *tossed salad with dressing, hamburger salad or fajita condiment salad; Spanish rice, flour tortilla or *hot rolls; apple, banana or orange; and *milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choices of *barbecued sandwiches on a bun, beef enchiladas or *chicken breast strips; potato salad, refried beans or tater tots; tossed salad with dressing, orange wedges or *hay stack salad; *hot rolls, combread or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of *cheese pizza, corn dog or Chinese egg roll; garden peas, pork and beans or Chinese style vegetables; *tossed salad with dressing, coleslaw or cucumber/tomato salad; *hot wheat rolls, crackers or white bread; apple, plum or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choices of *chicken strips, hoagie submarine or beef and bean burrito with chili; Spanish rice, macaroni and cheese or *Mexicali corn; *tossed salad with dressing, fruited gelatin or fresh watermelon slices; *hot rolls, crackers or flour tortillas; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choices of *golden fried cod filets, pigs in a blanket or salad plate; tater tots, baked potato or pasta salad; tossed salad with dressing, *assorted relishes or *cantaloupe wedges; hot rolls, whole wheat rolls or crackers; apple, orange or banana; and *milk, punch or tea.

(Items designated with an asterisk will be served to students in pre-kindergarten through the second grade.)

HART
THURSDAY: Sloppy Joes (elementary) or hamburgers, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, fresh fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Nachos with meat (elementary), burrito, pickles, pinto beans, pears, cookies and milk.

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets (elementary) or chicken strips, green beans, whipped potatoes, hot rolls, variety of cobbles and milk.

TUESDAY: Enchilada casserole (elementary), enchiladas or burrito, salad, corn, tortilla, pineapple and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Baked potato with chili and cheese (elementary) or frito pie, bread or crackers, broccoli and carrot sticks, cookies and milk.

THURSDAY: Corn dogs (Pre-K through third grade), grilled cheese sandwiches or burrito, French fries, peaches and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot dogs (elementary) Frito pie or French fries with chili and cheese, pickles, crackers, cookies, fruit and milk.

(Hart school menus are subject to change without notice.)

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, hot rolls, pudding and milk.

MONDAY: Enchiladas, tossed salad, rolls, applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY: Tater tot casserole, sopapillas, corn, pineapple and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Beef stew, combread, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY: Sausage patties, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, hot rolls, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Hot turkey sandwiches, carrots, fruit salad and milk.

Scholarship applications due March 8

Castro County seniors who are members of 4-H have an opportunity to win 4-H scholarships, and applications are due March 8.

"Please don't wait until March 1 to decide you want to fill out an application," said Marilyn Neal, county Extension agent. "We have the Houston scholarship applications and just received forms for Southwest Texas State University and State Fair of Texas scholarships."

Application forms may be picked up at the Extension office and should be returned to the office by March 8.

Immunizations offered weekly

Immunizations are offered every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Texas Dept. of Health office, 108 SW Second in Dimmitt.

The shots are offered every Wednesday. Appointments should be made by going by the office or calling 647-2404.



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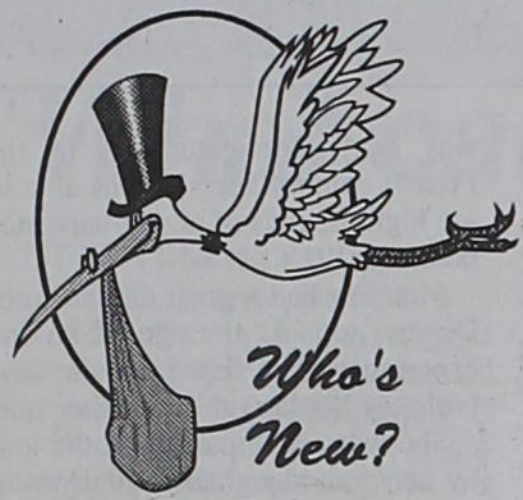
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Kirk and LeAnn Pigg of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Tate Jeffrey Pigg, who was born at 1:49 p.m. Jan. 11 at High Plains Baptist Hospital in Amarillo. He weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. He has two big sisters, Megan, 8, and Mackenzi, 4. Maternal grandparents are Al and Cathy Webb of Dimmitt and Fred and Faye Franks of Manvel. Paternal grandparents are Carmen and Vivian Pigg of Hallsville. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adrian of Dimmitt, Ruth Spencer of Florida and Zula Pigg of Colbert, Okla.

It's a girl for Scott and Katy Nelson of Friona. Sarah Kate was born Jan. 13 at 7:25 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs. and was 21-1/2 inches long. She has a big brother, Jacob, 3; and an older sister, Hanna, 20 months. Grandparents are Stanely and Connie Nelson of Dimmitt and Charles and Bunny Hanna of Tyler. Great-grandparents are Gail Nelson and the late H.C. Nelson of Dimmitt, Johnny and Harriett Goodwin of Beaver, Okla., Margie Westfall of Tyler and Delbert and Kathy Westfall of Dallas. She also has a great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Hluckabay of Dimmitt.

PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a girl for Raul Jr. and Beth Casas of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Bethany LeAnn, was born at 7:42 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 8 lbs. and was 19-1/2 inches long. She joins older siblings Raul Casas III, 11, and Robert Casas, 9. Paternal grandparents are Raul Sr. and Karen Casas of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Al Webb of Dimmitt and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Franks of Manvel. Great-grandparents are Joyce Adrian of Dimmitt and Maria Casas of Alice.

Alicia Villegas and Manuel Martinez are parents of a new baby girl, Vanessa Marie Martinez, who entered the world at 12:47 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed in at 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long. She joins big sisters Veronica C. Martinez, 5, and Valerie N. Martinez, 3, and older brother Juan M. Martinez, 2. Grandparents are Maria and Santos Villegas of Floydada, and Josefina and Merildo Martinez of Mexico.

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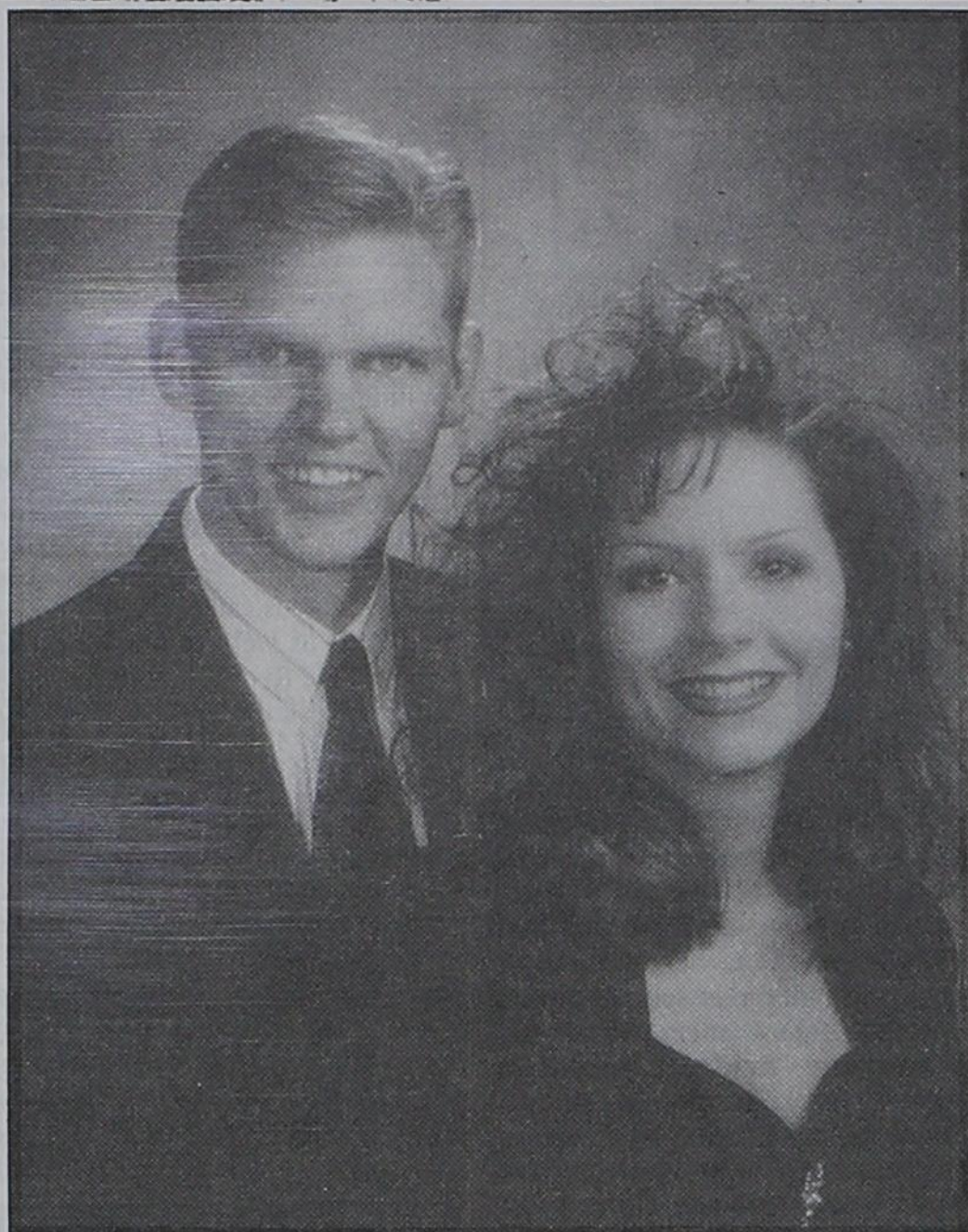
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MR. AND MRS. JOHN LLOYD SCHULTZ
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Bruton and Schultz wed in private ceremony Dec. 30

Andrea Leigh Bruton became the bride of John Lloyd Schultz on Dec. 30 in a private ceremony at Country Home Bed and Breakfast in Canyon.

Kevin Lindell, a close friend of the bride and groom, officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Bruton of Clovis, N.M. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schultz of Arlington, formerly of Dimmitt. The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Noland of Summerfield.

Ring bearer was Matthew Willison, nephew of the bride. Close friends and family attended the ceremony.

The newlyweds are now living in Amarillo, but will relocate to Greeley, Colo. in June, when the groom will begin working on his doctorate in sports administration at the University of Northern Colorado. He currently is employed at Amarillo College.

The bride works for Drs. Sansing, Stickse, McCarty and Cowan.

Breast cancer screening set

A screening clinic designed to pinpoint early signs of breast cancer will be held in Dimmitt on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital.

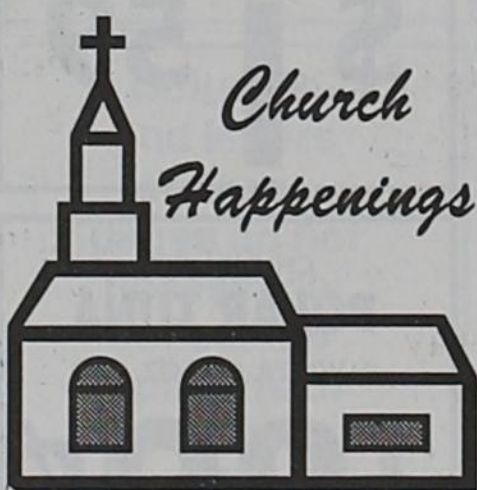
The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Hospital. Cost for the screening is \$70 and includes a breast exam, one-to-one instruction in breast self-examination and a mammogram.

Anyone interested should call the Women's Center at the Harrington Cancer Center at 1-800-377-4673 or 1-806-359-4673 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to boosting your chances of winning the battle against cancer are early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing breast self-exams each month.

The program which will be conducted here is certified by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), American College of Radiology and the state health departments of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

The American Cancer Society urges all women to have their first mammogram by age 40. Those who have a close relative with breast cancer or other risk factors may be asked by their doctor to have a mammogram at an earlier age.



Presbyterian Church

Ecumenical Sunday will be celebrated Jan. 22. Sunday school classes will begin at 10 a.m.

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

Ministerial Alliance

Paul Kenley will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Romans 2:1-16 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

Hale Center is new home for Mr. and Mrs. Kris Knippa

Mr. and Mrs. Kris Knippa are home in Hale Center following their Dec. 17 wedding and a honeymoon in Santa Fe, N.M.

The couple exchanged vows in a formal, double-ring ceremony performed by Bro. Paul Kenley of Dimmitt in the First Baptist Church at Dimmitt.

The bride is the former Sharla Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cary Jackson of Dimmitt. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Perry Knippa of Dallas.

Evergreen garland, white lights and burgundy and gold bows decorated the church. Three 15-branch candleabras holding crystal votives were decorated with garland, lights and burgundy velvet bows.

Organist was Stan Bureson of Plainview. Amy Gray of Idalou played the piano and sang *Some-where in the World, If You Could See What I See and I Will Be Here*.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a candlelight satin gown designed with an English neckline. The fitted bodice and basque waistline were highlighted with satin embroidered Venice lace enhanced with iridescents and pearls. The satin Renaissance sleeves were pleated at the shoulders with English net tapering to her wrists. The full skirt cascaded into a cathedral-length train, which featured scalloped satin whipped lace and satin bows.

She wore a headpiece accented with pearls and sequins and it held a silk illusion veil which cascaded from a pouf at the back.

She carried a cascading bouquet of burgundy magnolias, roses and English ivy with accents of pearls and burgundy and hunter green ribbons.

Matron of honor was Amber Ickles, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shawn Sheffy and Stacie Hardage, sisters of the bride; and Ronnie Ashcraft and Robin Forbes, friends of the bride.

The bridal attendants wore matching two-piece suits of hunter green liquid leather. They carried ivory muffs decorated with burgundy roses, ribbons and pearls.

Jeff Margan of Dallas was best man. Groomsmen were Kevin Knippa and Keith Knippa, brothers



MRS. KRIS KNIPPA
... nee Sharla Jackson

of the groom; and Mike Guerara and Danny Salazar, both of Plainview.

Flower girl was Ashley Hardage, the bride's niece. She wore a hunter green dress fashioned with a gathered waist, ruffles in the back and bows at the shoulders. She carried a muff with roses.

Ring bearer was Stuart Sheffy, the bride's nephew.

After the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception in the church's fellowship hall.

The bride's table was covered with a floor-length ivory tulle cloth. The table held a three-tiered cake decorated with lace icing, burgundy silk roses and English ivy. A lighted fountain added to the creation. The centerpiece was crystal candlesticks holding burgundy can-

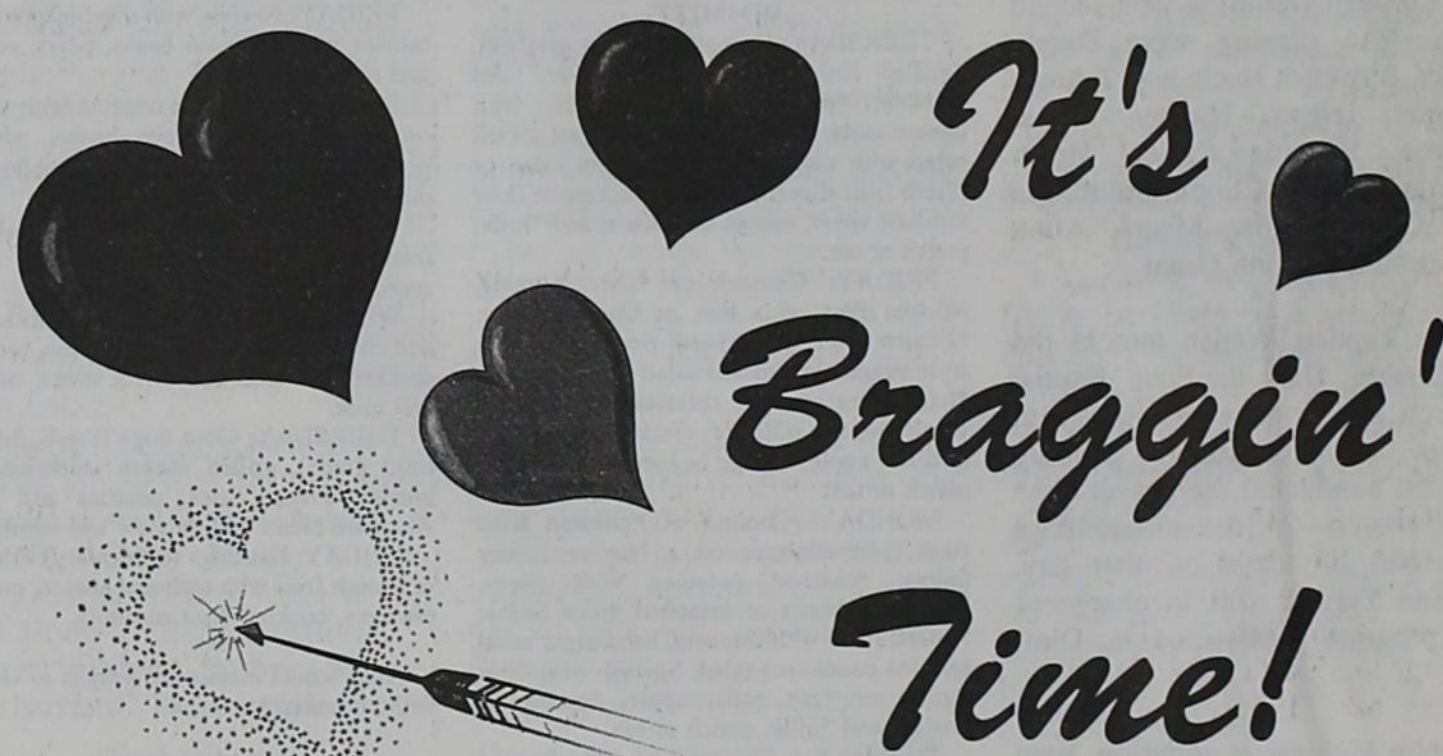
dles, and English ivy on top of a mirrored placemat. Crystal appointments completed the decor.

The groom's table was covered with an ivory cloth with hunter green and burgundy paisley designs with a hunter green overlay. Three burgundy pillar candles and English ivy served as the centerpiece. Chocolate cake and coffee were served from the groom's table.

Pick-up foods of shrimp, meat balls, ham biscuits, vegetables, cheese ball and crackers also were served.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is a student at Wayland Baptist University.

The groom graduated from the Christway Academy in Duncanville in 1992 and he is attending Wayland Baptist University.



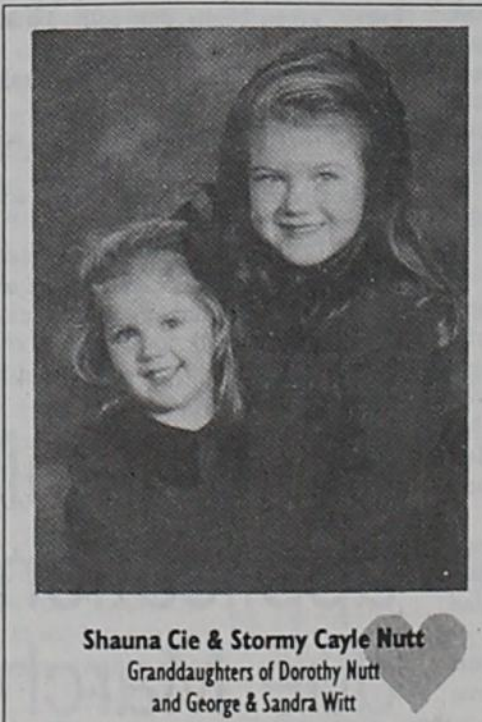
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CLASS REUNION—The Nazareth High School Class of 1954 held its 40-year reunion in the home of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman recently and those attending were (from left) Rubye (Annen) Musser, Ruth (Wilhelm) Kuhler, Mitzie (Conrad) Brockman, Cyril Brockman, Martella (Pohlmeier) Franks, Esther (Ball) Braddock, Viola (Huseman)

Kleman, Eugene Schacher, Jimmy Ball and Alvin Kleman. Class members not able to attend were Iona (Heiman) Taylor, Joan (Book) Harvey, Grace (Acker) Kalka, Rita (Wilhelm) Hartman, Tommy Gene Dykes, Dennis Huseman and Imogene (Albracht) Kenneman. *Courtesy Photo*

Nazareth is constructing a music hall

Nazareth Independent School District is in the process of constructing a new music hall, which will be utilized by every student, except those in the seventh through 12 grades not involved in band.

The \$290,000 project is being funded from funds set aside for the past several years, with a small portion being furnished from grant money.

Construction on the building began early in December and Supt. N. Dean Johnson said he hopes it will be completed by May.

Greg Huseman and Stephen Wilhelm are contract managers for the project and Steve Butler of Canyon is the architect.

The 66-square-foot building will include an elementary music room, a large area in the center for band rehearsals, a director's office, music library room, uniform storage room, instrument storage room, two large practice rooms which can accommodate ensembles, and four small practice rooms.



More than three-fourths (78 percent) of shoppers surveyed said they would be buying at least some groceries because of ads in the newspaper.



Audrey, Rachel and David Cleavinger look great in their new red-and-black plaid Christmas pajamas from Tots and Teens. They're the children of Jimmy and Ferrie Lynn Cleavinger of Baytown and the grandchildren of Jim and Ina Cleavinger of Dimmitt.

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Chamber's financial appeal earns new memberships

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, which was struggling with financial problems this year, launched an appeal for funds through increased dues and new memberships in 1994, and the appeal proved to be very successful.

"We had good response from the *Castro County News* ad, and had several members increase their dues, we recruited new members and got the facts out about the Chamber's financial state," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller.

Those who have increased dues, to date, are Dimmitt Agri Industries, First Bank of Muleshoe-Dimmitt Branch, Castro County News, Welch Cattle, Bryant Sales and Service, Westex Federal Land Bank,

George Sides, Pro-Ag Inc., Dr. Gary and Cenci Hardee and Burkett and Ross.

New members are James and Reta Welch, Steere Tank Lines, Dimmitt Welding and Electric, Baker Electric Services, Arrow Package Store, Ideal Insurance, Vince Moss, 19th Hole, and Jim and Danice Wright.

The matching funds from the First United Bank were valued at \$1,200. First United Bank also joined American Maize Products Co. and the Castro County News in paying for the advertising.

"We appreciate those who have responded and those who have gone from paying monthly to annual or semi-annual dues. This will help us

reach our goal of mailing our newsletters at bulk rate," Heller said. "All members are welcome to use our bulk rate permit, which makes your rate 18.8 cents versus 32 cents per piece, when you mail at least 200 identical pieces."

Pamela Ehly earns degree

Pamela Kay Ehly, daughter of Emil and Mary Ehly of Nazareth, graduated from Texas Women's University in Denton with a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy/psychology.

Ehly was one of 750 students to receive a degree during winter commencement exercises in December.



LENORA RAMEY has earned a bachelor of arts degree in marketing from Quincy University in Quincy, Ill. She is the granddaughter of Emily Ramey and the sister of Marie Powers. *Courtesy Photo*

Phlebotomy course to be offered here

A phlebotomy course will be offered at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt beginning Jan. 23.

The 80-hour clock course will include 40 hours of classroom work and 40 hours of clinical work.

The classes will meet Monday nights from Jan. 23 through April 3 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Amarillo College will be sponsoring the course, which will be taught by Mitzie Brockman, and 12 students must enroll for the course to be held. Cost per student is \$116.50, and that includes tuition and other fees. For more information or to reserve a spot in the class, contact Brockman at 945-2246 or 647-2191.

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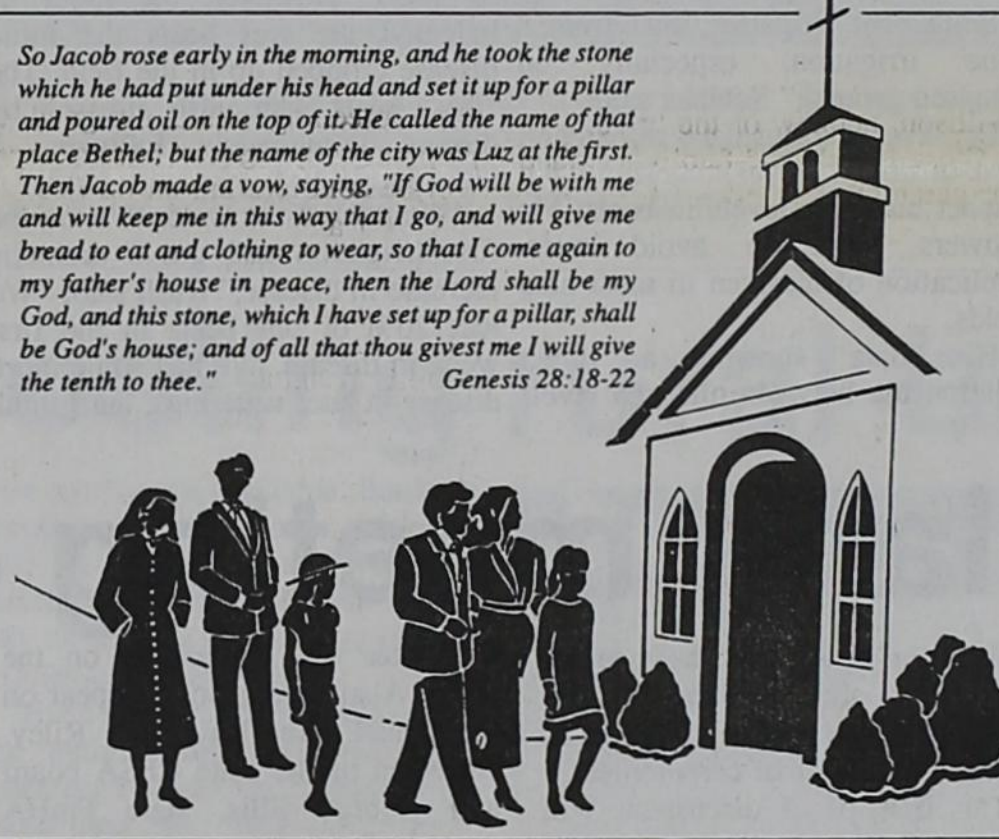
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So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone which he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called the name of that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou givest me I will give the tenth to thee."
Genesis 28:18-22

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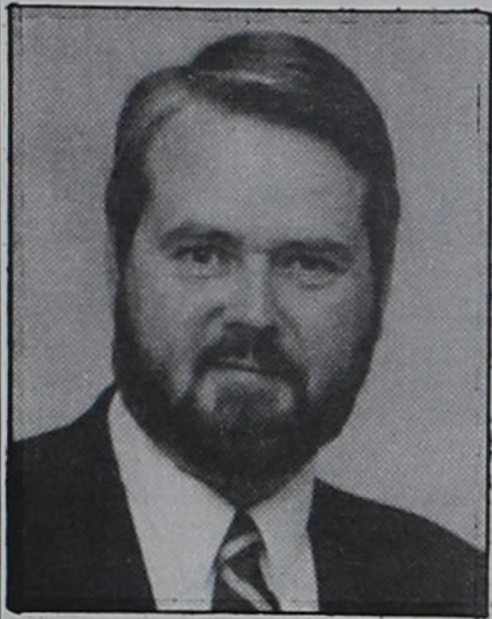
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MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS



By DON TAYLOR

I don't know

Frequently, in our role as business start-up counselors, the members of our small business development center staff ask questions of our clients. We often ask, "Who will your primary customers be?" "How much do you think it will take to start this business?" "Is anyone else providing a service like this?" "Could someone else have a patent on this product?" The most common answer is, "I don't know."

If we ask several questions of start-up clients and the answer is consistently, "I don't know," we have our work cut out for us. While not knowing isn't a sin, it is a poor position from which to start a business. "Finding out" is one of the most important reasons for writing a business plan.

Planning to learn

Writing a business plan will help every would-be entrepreneur get answers to obvious questions. More importantly,

the process of committing your idea to paper will often help you uncover additional questions and eliminate much of the start-up risk. Many experts feel that the planning phase of a small business start is the most critical stage.

Recently, "planning to learn" helped a client of ours. The client had an idea for a product he could sell to the industry in which he worked. I asked if there were other markets for his product. We talked about several other uses and potential target customers.

I suggested as a follow-up step that this bright, eager individual make a written list of other potential sales applications. He came back in a week with over a hundred potential target markets and uses. Some were actually better ideas than his original thought. Planning will help you learn.

Learning to plan

Writing a business plan is hard work. Few would-be small-business owners enjoy the planning process. Yet, you can easily learn planning theory. One of the

best teachers is failure. Some of the most successful start-ups we've helped over the years had previous failures.

However, we wouldn't suggest setting out to fail just to gain that experience. Instead, we'd suggest using these five quick tips for learning to plan.

Ask for help. Small business development centers are wonderful planning resources. There are also several good books available. Check with your local library or call us at (806) 372-5151.

Take one step at a time. Focus your efforts on one part of the plan at a time. Make notes on questions you have and try to identify answers you'll need. Write them down so you don't lose the thoughts or questions.

Know why you are writing your plan. Identify your objectives for your plan. Do you need financing, or do you just want to eliminate mistakes and risk?

Be realistic. Recently, a client brought in a plan that projected the business would hit \$2 million in first

year sales and grow to \$10 million in the second year. "Not a chance" was my first reaction. (It was also his banker's reaction.) Your plan must reflect reality if you expect anyone to take it seriously. That should include the writer.

Keep the customer in mind. Remember that customers are the only reason businesses exist. Keep that in mind when you write your plan. Why is this business important to potential customers? What advantage or benefit will they receive from it? (If you can't write down several benefits, keep working on your plan.)

Learning to plan is a rewarding process. It can be as useful in your career as in starting your own business. The key word is "learning." Learning is a common trait shared by all successful people.

Don Taylor is the co-author of *Up Against the Wal-Mart's*. You may write to Don Taylor in care of *Minding Your Own Business*, PO Box 67, Amarillo, TX 79105.

Researchers improving beet prospects

Sugarbeet researchers and co-operating growers have come up with a new recipe for plentiful beets, and sugar, from the area's crop.

Researchers from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and growers presented results from last year's research at the annual meeting of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association held Friday in Hereford.

Charles Schlabs, who farms south of Hereford in Castro and Deaf Smith counties, and several researchers from the Experiment Station near Bushland, agreed that farmers should probably plant early and plant for high plant populations in beet fields.

Dr. Charlie Rush and Dr. Steven Winter agreed with Schlabs on his findings over the past five years that the more plentiful the beets in the field, the better the end result.

Schlabs told the 200 growers assembled at the Hereford Community Center that he uses 30-inch double rows for his beet crops. He has tried several different ways over the past five years, but the 30-inch method had the best results. He tried various other single-row and double-row planting schemes, too.

Schlabs also said he used to grow beets on a four-year rotation, but discovered his tonnage dropped steadily, from 28 tons per acre the

first year to 16 tons per acre the fourth year.

"Now we are geared toward an eight-year rotation," Schlabs said. "I don't think longer would help. I think even nine years wouldn't give you disease-free ground."

The big thing, Schlabs said, is to plant enough seed.

"We want big populations, not big beets," Schlabs said. "I would rather have two small beets than one large beet."

Schlabs said he:

—Plants large amounts of seed, over 80,000 seed per acre, in March.

—Uses a disease-resistant variety.

—Waters up one time only in the last week of March.

—Doesn't water again until as late as possible, hopefully being able to wait until July 1, then watering in three-week intervals through the rest of the season.

"I believe you get more good from a September irrigation than from a June irrigation, especially on diseased ground," Schlabs said.

Dr. Winter, a Bushland researcher, said nitrogen levels have a big impact on sugar levels in beets, but growers want to avoid over-application of nitrogen in most area fields.

His data showed a direct relationship between nitrogen levels

and sugar content. After nitrogen gets to about 115 lbs. per acre, sugar content begins to go down.

"If you get hail you might want to apply more nitrogen," Winter said. "Of course, you can't plan on that ahead of time."

Dr. Rush focused on irrigation and control of disease last season at Bushland. Some beets were grown "wet," with an intense irrigation scheduled. Others were grown "dry," watered only when necessary.

Rush brought down the house with some of his graphics detailing a hard spring of freezes, followed by four heavy hails. His diary entries of March and April ended with "went and got a beer."

"Problem was, I saw most of you when I went to get the beer," Rush said.

Rush, like most other farmers, was able to overcome the hail with a decent beet crop that was very high in sugar. However, the more he irrigated the wet beets the more disease cropped up in the field. The "dry" beets were also stressed by disease immediately following a watering.

"We poured the water to it on the first irrigation and got a dramatic increase in disease," Rush said. "We lost 20% of our beets in the first week to disease. We had some more disease in later waterings, but I think

that disease was probably there from the beginning.

"I believe the later you hold back on a watering, the better off you will be."

Some diseases are just waiting on the right conditions, including irrigation, Rush said.

"We will spend a lot of time over the next few years on how long to delay that first watering," Rush said.

Dennis Printz, ag manager at Holly Sugar in Hereford, and Holly agriculturist Stan McCabe reviewed findings from the new Agricultural Information System (AIS) that was developed by Terry Anvik, formerly of Hereford.

McCabe said producers participating in the program in 1987 had an average of 19,000 plants per acre. Over the past two years, there were 25,000 plants per acre. That resulted in more sugar—and more dollars for growers and Holly.

McCabe echoed Schlabs and the Bushland researchers: plant early and plant a bunch. It's almost impossible to plant too early, McCabe said, with early planting risks offset by heartier plants.

"We had 15% sugar overall, and many producers were over that," Printz said. "This was one of our best crops ever, especially with the sugar content."



FLOOD EARNS AG HONOR—Ernest Flood (right), who grew up in the Easter area and formerly farmed there, was named the Man of the Year in Agriculture at Saturday's annual banquet of the Texas-New Mexico Sugar Beet Growers Association. Presenting Flood with the award is Speedy Nieman (left), publisher of the *Hereford Brand*. Flood farms west of Hereford.

Photo by John Brooks

TCGA plans meeting Jan. 27

An overview of the new and improved US Dept. of Agriculture, the latest on what's new for the 1995 farm bill and a keynote speech by the Texas Speaker of the House will highlight the annual meeting of the Texas Corn Growers Association, Jan. 27 at the Expo building in Dimmitt.

"Can Corn Farmers Survive in the '90's" is the theme for the 22nd annual meeting. The day starts with

registration at 8 a.m. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. with an activity report by Jerry Don Glover of Muleshoe, master of ceremonies.

The first panel discussion will focus on the reorganization of ASCS, Farmers Home Administration and the federal crop insurance program into the Consolidated Farm Service Agency. Harold Bob Bennett, interim state director of the state CFSA, and other USDA

associates will participate on the panel. Also scheduled to appear on the panel are Ray Joe Riley, chairman of the state CFSA board and George Ellis, state FmHA director.

A second morning panel will look at the prospects for the 1995 farm bill. David Senter of Washington, DC and Carl King of Texas Corn will share their expertise on what may be expected in the farm bill.

Laney, who was just elected to his second term as House speaker, will give the keynote address. Laney still spends much of his time on his farm near Hale Center. He

will focus on state concerns for farmers going into the new legislative session.

After a noon meal served by Women Involved in Farm Economics, the latest in research from Extension Service personnel and an overview of Worker Protection Standards will be presented.

Extension personnel will discuss short-season corn, mites and corn earworms, European corn borers and Western corn rootworms.

Producers will be able to earn three Continuing Education Unit credits (CEUs) at the meeting.

Top-flight entertainment and speakers are planned for the third annual meeting of the American Corn Growers Association, Feb. 2-4 in St. Louis.

The convention will include a 16th Century-themed dinner theater, ice skating featuring Olympians Katarina Witt, Kristi Yamaguchi and Scott Hamilton, and some of

the top speakers around.

US Rep. James Traficant of Ohio will open the convention on Feb. 3, followed by panel discussions on energy from corn, the role of electronic technology in corn production and the 1995 farm bill.

Registration is being handled through the ACGA office in Washington at (202) 835-0330.

4-H livestock show planned

Steers, barrows and lambs will be paraded before judges Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt when the Castro County 4-H holds its annual stock show.

On Friday from 12 noon to 7 p.m., exhibitors may begin bringing barrows and lambs to the show barns. Entry cards and livestock scales will be available. All 4-H'ers planning to exhibit stock in the county 4-H show must have their

entry cards and weights registered before 8 a.m. Saturday.

The show will open with lambs at 9 a.m., followed by steers at 11 a.m. and barrows at 12 noon.

Buckles will be awarded to all grand, reserve grand and showmanship winners.

For more information contact J.D. Ragland, County Extension Agent; or Pammy Millican, Assistant County Extension Agent, at 647-4115.

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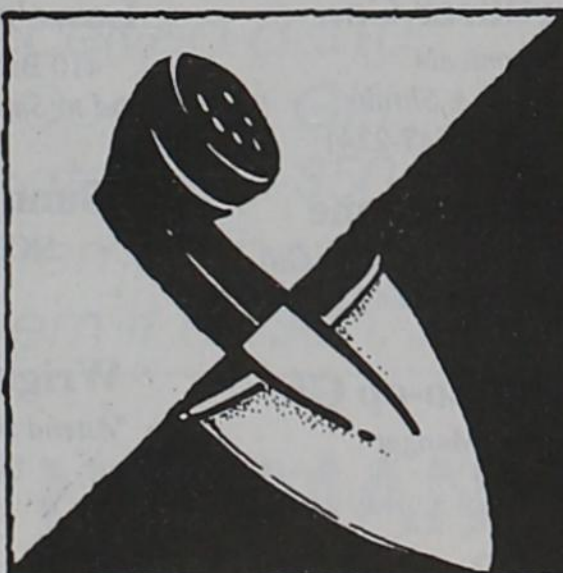
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Cotton Talks

Preliminary marketing and price figures through the month of November show the size of the 1994 upland cotton deficiency payment is still uncertain.

The size of the deficiency payment is of particular concern to producers who want to know if the final payment rate will fall below the 6.45¢ advance payment rate many received at program sign-up time. A final payment rate below the 6.45¢ advance rate means producers would have to repay at least a small part of the advance payment.

Officials with Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. of Lubbock say that efforts are underway to develop alternate ways for producers to make such payments, if it becomes necessary to do so, and that the alternate way will not create an undue financial burden for the producer.

November figures released by US Dept. of Agriculture on Dec. 30 indicate that US cotton producers marketed more than 4.3 million bales and received an average price of 69.3¢ per pound. The cumulative volume of cotton marketed through November climbed to 13.569 million bales and the weighted average price received by growers also increased to 66.48¢ per pound. The new figures produce a calculated total deficiency payment rate of 6.42¢ through November, .03¢ below the advance payment rate.

The 66.48¢ weighted average price means that the deficiency payment could still go either way depending on December figures and any revisions to previous monthly figures. Because of the possibility of revised monthly figures, there is no sure way to estimate what combination of marketings and price would keep the payment rate equal to or above 6.45¢.

Farmers Union calls for cut in regulations

Members of the Castro County Farmers Union authorized a resolution at their annual meeting last Thursday asking Congress to cut back on the number of government regulations imposed on agricultural producers.

The resolution, proposed by Vic Nelson, will be presented at the state Farmers Union convention in Austin Jan. 27-28.

Thirty members of the CCFU attended the annual meeting, which was held in the Hart Golden Group Building. The two-hour session ended with a chicken-fried steak dinner served by members of the Golden Group.

CCFU members also voted to cut the size of their board of directors in half, and to raffle a Las Vegas trip again this year to raise money for their scholarship fund.

The county Farmers Union chapter has operated for years with a 16-member board. Secretary-Treasurer Kent Birkenfeld reported that at the last meeting, directors decided the board was too large and recommended reducing it to eight members, with four new directors to be elected annually for two-year terms.

The group agreed that the Dimmitt, Hart, Nazareth and Sunnyside (Continued on Page 11)

Wheat producers set March election

Wheat producers in Texas will elect five members to the Texas Wheat Producers Board through a mail election from March 6-20.

Castro County is included in District II with Carson, Potter, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher, Parmer, Hale and Floyd counties, and producers in these counties will elect one director to the board. The seat currently is held by Tommy Womack of Tulia, whose term expires this year.

Other board members will be elected in District I, III and IV.

Anyone qualified to vote in the election may place his name in nomination for the six-year board membership. The person must submit a signed application which includes signatures from at least 10 other persons eligible to vote in the district election at least 30 days prior to the election final date to have his name placed on the ballot.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 15 days prior to the election. Any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 15 days before the election date may obtain one at any agricultural Extension Service office.

Applications for names to be placed on the ballot should be sent to the organization's headquarters at 2201 Civic Center, #803, Amarillo 79109.

The Texas Wheat Producers Board is engaged in wheat research,

market development and services designed to add to the value of the crop. The board was formed in 1971 in the Panhandle-North Texas area and expanded statewide by a producers' referendum in 1985.

In 1971 the board was formed by producers as a self-help program to enhance the value of wheat in Texas, the 1.5 million-acre crop produced 31.4 million bushels, market-priced at \$1.25 per bushel for a value of about \$37 million dollars. Texas' peak harvested acres of 5.8 million in 1985 produced 187 million bushel crop valued in excess of \$800 million.

Changes in government programs, particularly the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Agri-Conservation Reserve (ACR), 0/92 and Conservation Use (CU) has combined with changing cropping practices to drop Texas harvested acres to 2.9 million this current year. This reduced acreage produced a 75.4 million bushel crop for a value in excess of \$300 million.

Wheat producers fund the board with a one-cent assessment on their deliveries of wheat at commercial handlers, principally at country elevators and feedyards. Proceeds from such participation supports programs of foreign and domestic market expansion, food and wheat technical service, insect control, research and demonstrations and other activities designed to strengthen wheat producers income.

TDA sets pesticide licensing deadlines

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture recently announced training requirements and expiration deadlines for the use of restricted pesticides.

"Training and licensing are necessary to ensure that agricultural chemicals are applied safely by farmers and ranchers, aerial applicators and others who must use pesticides," said Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry.

Perry said that commercial and non-commercial applicators face a Feb. 28 license expiration date. Renewal requires five hours of continuing education units each calendar year.

Commercial applicators must have a current insurance certificate to receive a new license. Applicants who want to add a new application category to their license should contact the Texas Agricultural Extension Service's Agricul-

tural Chemicals Office at 409/845-3849 to order study materials. TDA regional offices have regularly scheduled test days.

Private applicators certified before Jan. 10, 1989 will have until Dec. 31, 1995 to renew their certificates. They must obtain 15 CEUs or take a TAES private applicator training course, pass a TDA test and purchase a license.

Licensed private applicators must obtain 15 hours of continuing education units (CEUs) within five years of the date a license was issued. Applicants who fail to meet these requirements will lose their licenses. Requirements can be met within a year after expiration, but a late fee will be assessed.

Pesticide applicators with questions about license renewals are asked to call 1-800-TELL-TDA for more information.

Shiner subject of upcoming hearing

Should a small fish have a major impact on area towns and farmers?

The impact of the proposed listing of the Arkansas River Shiner as an endangered species will be the focus of a hearing Wednesday from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Texas A&M Regional Research and Extension Center auditorium at 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to list the Arkansas River Basin population of the fish (a small minnow) as an endangered species. USFWS said the listing was proposed due to "habitat loss and modification from stream dewatering or depletion due to diversion of surface water and excessive ground water pumping." The listing is proposed even though the minnow remains abundant in the South Canadian River in Texas and the Pecos River in New Mexico.

Many area water leaders are concerned about the proposal. "Listing the Arkansas River

Shiner as an endangered species could have a tremendous impact upon the use of surface and ground water in the region," said A. Wayne Wyatt, manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District. "The USFWS claims that reservoirs constructed within the Arkansas River Basin (including Lake Meredith) have dewatered or otherwise altered considerable sections of river habitat once inhabited by Arkansas River Shiners. Listing the minnow as an endangered species could have profound effects upon the towns and cities in the Texas High Plains (including Amarillo and Lubbock) which rely on Lake Meredith for their primary drinking water supply."

Wyatt added that operation of Lake Meredith would be affected if the USFWS requires releases of water from the reservoir to enhance the downstream habitat in the Canadian River for the Arkansas River Shiner. Such an action would

reduce the amount of water available to the 11 cities served by the Canadian River Authority.

The desalinization work now in progress—projects to improve the quality of water in Lake Meredith—would require consultation with the USFWS to determine the impact upon the Arkansas River Shiner and could possibly be stopped.

Ground water use would also be affected by the proposed endangered species listing. The initial USFWS proposal in the *Federal Register* states that "When ground water is pumped faster than it is restored, water tables drop, channel seepage ceases, and streams cease to flow. Under these conditions, suitable habitat to support Arkansas River Shiner populations is non-existent."

In the Edwards Aquifer area, similar claims were made along with a push for reduced pumpage. The Sierra Club has filed a motion

asking federal courts to order all ag subsidies stopped to force reduced pumpage in that area of the state.

Given the unpredictability of precipitation across the region, a major reduction in ground water pumpage for crop production would have a severe impact on all sectors of the region's agribusiness economy.

"As an example, approximately 25% of the total US cotton crop and 56% of all cotton produced in Texas is grown in the High Plains area," said Wyatt. "The economic impact of a cotton crop with a value of \$1 billion is more than \$3 billion to the area. Reducing ground water pumpage to improve the habitat for a two-inch minnow would devastate the region's prosperous agricultural economy."

The proposed listing of the Arkansas River Shiner has also drawn concern from the area's state and federal representatives. State legislators have written USFWS with their concerns.

Area production budgets ready from Extension

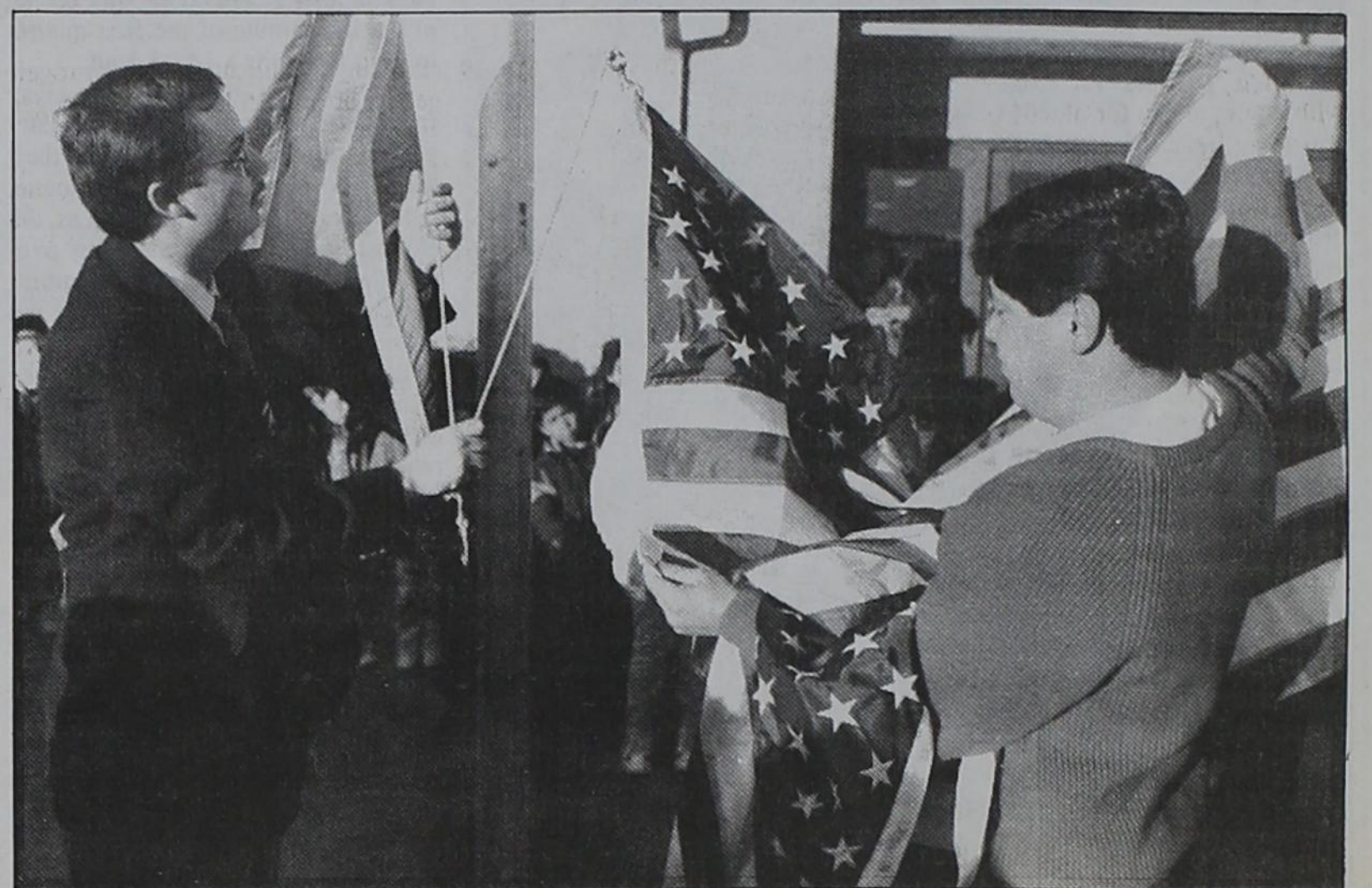
Updated 1995 crop and livestock enterprise budgets for the Texas High Plains are now available from the Extension Service.

The package consists of 42 crop and three livestock budgets for the 41 counties of the Texas High Plains.

Each budget includes estimates of production costs, operations performed and expected revenue. Since these budgets are for the region, they do not represent an individual operation and should be used for planning purposes only.

According to Dr. Steve Amosson, area Extension economist of Amarillo, this year's budget package includes a five-year production history for corn, cotton, milo and wheat by county for the High Plains.

Budget packets are \$15 (\$10 for each additional copy) and may be ordered through Amosson at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106.



FLAG FLYING HIGH—Doug Setliff (left), principal at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt, prepares to raise a new flag while second grade teacher Joe Soliz (right) begins to fold the old flag. The new flag was flown over the US Capitol and was presented to the school by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison at the request of Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins. Photo by John Brooks

RDA boosting rural business

More than 19,000 jobs will be created or saved in rural areas this fiscal year through the US Dept. of Agriculture's Rural Development Administration (RDA) Business and Industry Program, according to RDA Acting Administrator Wilbur T. Peer.

"The RDA Business and Industry Program is helping to provide new jobs in rural areas by working with banks to make financing available to new or expanding businesses," Peer said. "Thousands of jobs are also being saved by helping companies that would have to go out of business without additional financing."

"The Administration is emphasizing the Business and Industry Program as part of its commitment to participate with the private sector to help create jobs and improve the rural economy," Peer said.

Nationally, RDA has invested \$114,942,250 for 81 loans this fiscal year, which began last Oct. 1. Nearly \$135 million remains available for the rest of the fiscal year which ends Sept. 30.

In Texas, RDA has invested \$2,500,000 this year in rural areas to create and/or save 230 jobs.

"The RDA guarantee helps small businesses find credit that other-

wise may not be available. Banking regulations have been tightened over the past few years and some banks, especially small rural banks, may be hesitant to lend to emerging businesses," Peer said.

"Even smaller banks, however, can make loans with the RDA guarantee because the guarantee reduces their risk. And the guaranteed portion of the loan does not count against their reserves," he said. "In addition, banks can sell the guaranteed portion of the loan on the secondary market. Also, these loans help lenders fulfill their obligation to the community in accordance with the Community Reinvestment Act."

Companies of any size can apply for guarantees on loans of up to \$10 million. The amount of the Federal guarantee depends on the size of the loan. A maximum 90% guarantee is available for loans under \$2 million, an 80% guarantee on loans of \$2 million to \$5 million, and a 70% guarantee is available on loans over \$5 million up to \$10 million.

"The Business and Industry Loan Program is one of the least costly to the American taxpayer," Peer said. "Since the Federal Government only guarantees the loan, there is no direct outlay of Federal dollars unless there is a loss on the loan."

Keeping an eye on Texas

Ag grads pick their jobs

Texas colleges and universities hope to see their graduates with degrees in agriculture, food sciences, natural resources or veterinary medicine fill some of the 48,793 job openings anticipated in those fields throughout the U.S.

Degrees granted at Texas schools, 1993
In agriculture, food sciences, natural resources and veterinary medicine

Texas A&M	875
Texas Tech	255
Tarleton State	171
Southwest Texas State	110
Stephen F. Austin	99
Sam Houston State	90
Texas A&M, Kingsville	39
West Texas A&M	32
East Texas State	31
Sul Ross	30
Angelo State	21
Prairie View A&M	20

Projected job openings in the agriculture industry, 1995

Marketing, merchandising and sales	15,806
Scientists, engineers	14,021
Managers and financial specialists	6,844
Social services	4,750
Communications and education	3,714
Agricultural production	3,658

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The RDA Business and Industry Loan Program is administered at the local level by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) and is available through the FmHA State Offices around the country.

For further information contact the State Office at this address: Farmers Home Administration, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501, or by phone at (817) 774-1307.

Heavy pumpage depleting groundwater

Widespread heavy pumpage of ground water during the past two years as a result of drought has heightened awareness that improvements are needed to reduce pumping costs and save water.

Many producers have equipped their farms with Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) center pivot sprinkler systems which achieve both objectives. While the LEPA system may achieve the ultimate agricultural water conservation goal, it is not the only alternative available to reduce pumping costs while maintaining adequate water for profitable crop yields across the area.

A small percentage of farms within the High Plains Water District service area still have some

open, unlined ditches in use. These ditches have water losses of one to two acre-feet per 100 feet of ditch per irrigation season. A quarter-mile section of open, unlined ditch loses 13 to 26 acre-feet of water per year.

The fuel cost for an electric-powered pump (\$0.075 per kilowatt hour) to lift water 300 feet in a well producing 500 gallons per minute would be about \$4 per acre-inch. Replacing open ditches with flexible plastic pipe (poly-pipe) would save \$624 to \$1,248 in pumping costs previously spent to overcome the open ditch losses. The flexible pipe costs 30 to 40 cents per foot and has an expected life of two to three seasons with proper care.

Producers should consider use of buried PVC pipe to transport water

on those farms that will be furrow irrigated during the next several years. The initial cost for the PVC pipe would be greater than that of the flexible pipe, but it would last 20 years or longer. It would take five to six years to recover the investment cost of the pipe from the energy savings through reduced pumpage.

Use of either flexible plastic or underground PVC pipe saves the same amount of money due to reduced pumpage. Adding a surge valve would increase the application efficiency about 20%. This would reduce pumpage by 3.5 inches per acre on cotton and 7.5 inches per acre on corn while maintaining the same yield potential.

The energy savings per acre would be \$14 on cotton and \$30 on corn. Given a 160-acre field, this would result in a \$2,240 savings for cotton production and \$4,800 for corn.

A partial drop center pivot system has the same water savings as surge irrigation. The total energy savings would not be as great, due to the higher operating pressure of center pivots; but they do have some definite advantages over surge irrigation. Center pivots can apply smaller amounts of water in a more timely manner than surge irrigation. This is extremely important during the critical growth stages of the crop. These timely applications of water usually increase crop yields.

Sports



Dimmitt teams skin Mules

Who'd've thought, when the Dimmitt Bobcats were behind 13-10 with 40 seconds to play in the first quarter, that they would have to pull way off Friday in a 90-50 pounding of the Mules at Muleshoe?

The girls' game was just as good for Dimmitt fans when the Bobbies blasted the Lady Mules, 71-41.

The Bobbies were 2-1 in District 2-3A play after the game. The boys' win was Dimmitt's third in as many conference contests.

Dimmitt's subs got much more playing time than the starters in the last three quarters of the boys game as the Bobcats' offense caught fire after sputtering during the game's first seven minutes.

Muleshoe took its three-point lead over the Bobcats as Dimmitt missed seven of its first 11 shots of the game. Brandon Smith came off the bench to get a steal and a basket, then another steal and another basket in the last minute of the first quarter to give Dimmitt a 14-13 lead.

The Bobcats then flat ran away from the frustrated Mules, who later picked up a technical for their actions on the court late in the game.

Muleshoe was exasperated as the Bobcats could do little wrong over the last three quarters. Dimmitt outscored the Mules 74-37 over the last three quarters thanks to a pressure defense that kept the Mules from ever getting into a fast-breaking offensive rhythm that had run past other teams in non-district play.

The Bobcats didn't put the Mules away quickly, as Muleshoe stayed within six-to-eight points of Dimmitt much of the second quarter. Chad Ellis, Joey Martinez and Justin Newman scored in a late flurry in the last minute of the first half to give the Bobcats a 36-25 edge at halftime.

In the third quarter, the Bobcats really applied the offensive, and defensive, pressure. Scoring was as contagious as the Hong Kong flu with the whole Dimmitt team trying to score as rapidly as possible during a five-minute flurry in the quarter. By the end of the period, Dimmitt was up 61-32.

Newman had 19 points to lead the Bobcats, who had five players in double figures. Also with 10 points or more were Ellis (14), Larra (11), and Smith and Derrick Thomas (10 each).

"Muleshoe caught us on a real good night," said Dimmitt coach Alan Steidle. "Those guys are not that bad. They beat Hereford, who beat us, and they beat Denver City who beat Randall, and Randall has beaten us twice. We just played extremely well, especially in the last three quarters."

There were no banners unfurled to taunt the Bobbies this year at Muleshoe as there were last year, when fans made fun of Dimmitt players and coaches.

This year, the Bobbies took advantage of the less-talented Lady



POURING IN THE POINTS—Dimmitt's Justin Newman (24) gets ready to shoot over the Muleshoe. Newman had 19 points as Dimmitt outstretched arm of Muleshoe's Daniel Garbarino skinned the Mules, 90-50. *Photo by John Brooks*

Mules who were also missing Head Coach Jim Gruhlkey. Gruhlkey was with his child in a Lubbock hospital after the open-heart surgery on the child.

The Dimmitt girls set the tone and the pattern for the night, overcoming an early Muleshoe lead, when using a strong middle to overpower the Lady Mules.

Muleshoe led 7-5 with 4:30 to go in the first quarter, but the Bobbies scored the last nine points of the period for a 14-7 lead at the end of the period. Dimmitt went on to a 12-

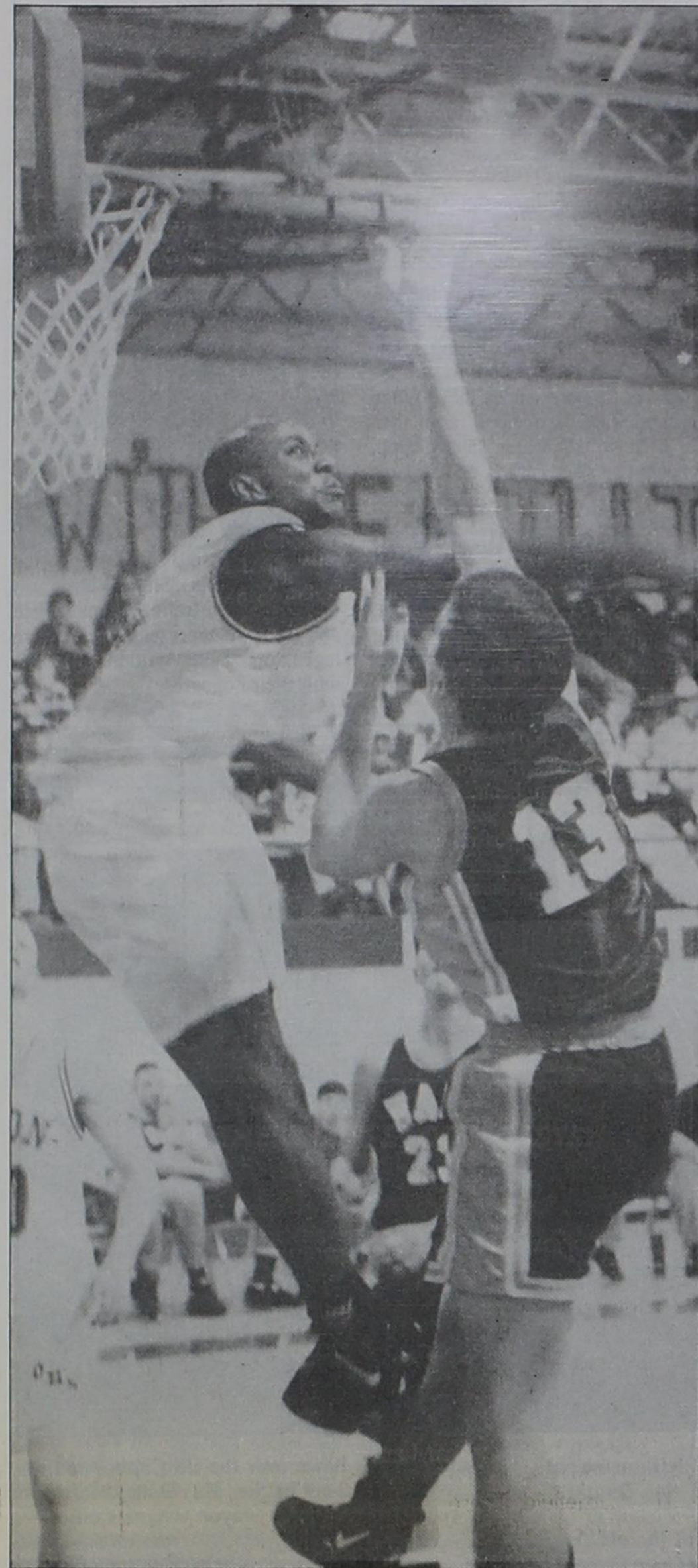
point lead at 21-9 in the second quarter. Muleshoe closed to 21-14 before Kim Thomas broke a mini-drought with a basket with 3:38 to go. Amy Ethridge scored off a steal 16 seconds later to give Dimmitt a 25-14 lead with 3:22 to go in the half. Dimmitt's lead never got below double figures the rest of the game. By halftime, Dimmitt was up 35-20.

Muleshoe never solved Dimmitt's press in the last two quarters, with plenty of snowbird layups and two-on-one chances for the Dimmitt girls.

Dimmitt got its biggest lead of the night when the Bobbies stole the ball

on the in-bound play three straight times in the fourth quarter. Once, Thomas stole the ball and went straight up—no step, no dribble, no fake, no nothing—and stuck in a jumper. The flurry left Muleshoe down by 33, 61-28, with 5:20 to go. Twenty seconds later, Dimmitt coach Richard Wood cleared the bench as Dimmitt coasted to the thirty-point win.

Amy Ethridge, who led the team on offense and defense, paced all scorers with 21 points. Thomas had 18 points and Tiffany Wilcox added 10.



FREE FACIAL WITH PURCHASE—Hart's John Welps (13) has a shot rejected by an Olton player during action in the District 3-2A game Friday at Olton. Olton edged the Longhorns, 58-43. *Photo by John Brooks*

Hart squads split at Olton

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Meanwhile, the Longhorns were bucked by the Mustangs, 58-43.

"We played well, and I'm glad we were able to get up for an

opponent for whom we could have been a little overconfident," said Hart coach Rachele Wilcox.

Every player scored for Hart, although it took a little drama for Gayla Reyna to make the book. She stole an inbounds pass with three seconds left and made a layup for the last two of Hart's 72 points.

Shea Bennett dominated the Fillies and ended up with 26 points. Sandra Lopez was also in double figures with 10 points.

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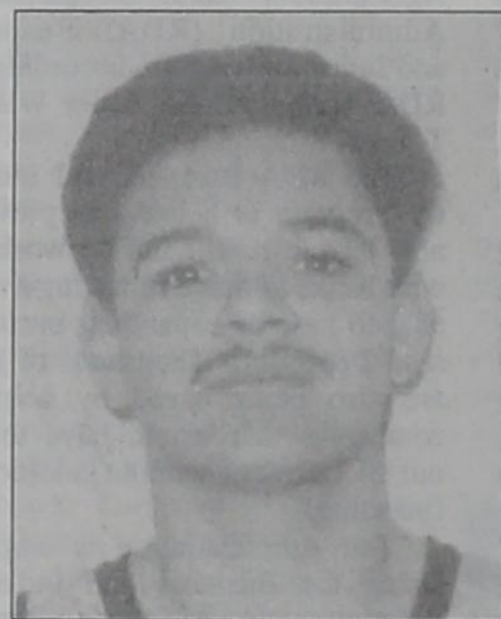
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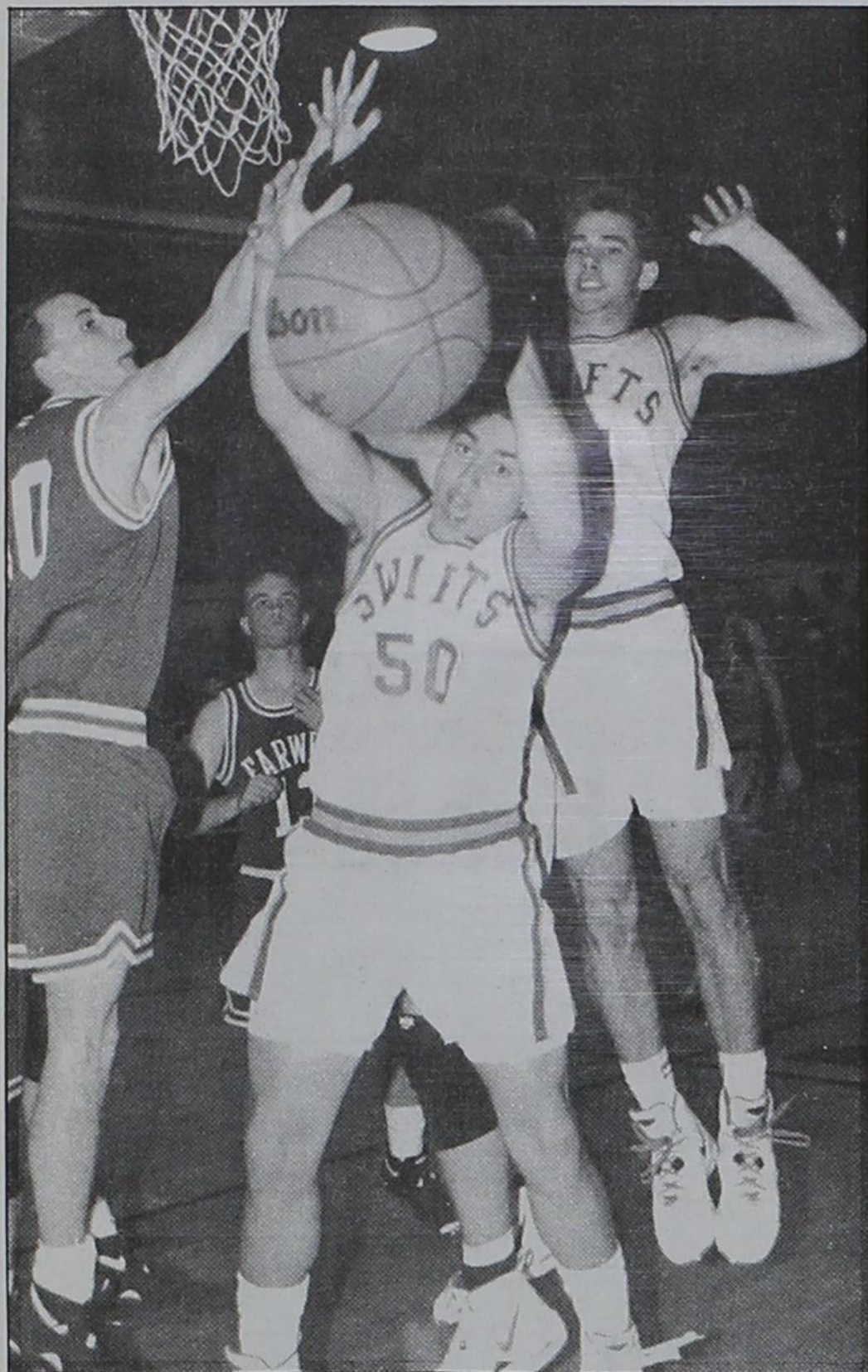
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BOARD BATTLE—Nazareth's Alston Farris (50) battles Farwell players for a rebound during District 7-A action Friday night in Nazareth. Also pictured is Nazareth's Gaylon Schilling (24). The Swifts dominated every facet of the game, running away with a 90-40 victory to remain perfect in district play. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Swifts, Swiftettes snatch district wins from Farwell

The Farwell Steers wandered into the Swifts' den Friday night and were mauled by Nazareth—77-47 in the girls' game and 90-40 in the boys' matchup.

Neither game was close, with the Swifts and Swiftettes posting big first-quarter leads, then coasting through the next three periods for the District 7-A wins.

The officials didn't let the girls' game get rough, calling foul after foul after foul. Nazareth was whistled for 18 fouls while Farwell was hit with 22.

The Swiftettes still managed to pull ahead 23-8 after the first quarter, then went on top 39-18 at halftime. They coasted through the second half, working for a 30-point advantage after three, 57-27, and held that margin through the fourth quarter.

Melinda Schmucker led the Swiftettes with 18 points in the first half and she finished with 22 for the game. Kelley Boyd wasn't far behind, hitting 18. One other Swiftette, Misti Ball, who came in off the bench, reached the double figure mark with 11 points. Amy Pohlmeier had nine.

For Farwell, two girls reached double figures, despite spending most of their time on the bench in foul trouble. Candace Travis finished with 13 of the Lady Steers' 37 points while Leane Stout had 12 before she fouled out with 6:58 left

in the game.

The Swifts were in control from beginning to end. Nazareth post players dominated the paint, scoring almost at will.

Colby Pohlmeier hit from everywhere—inside, outside, free throw line and even three-point range—to finish with a game-high 21 points.

Coby Schacher led a strong bench attack for the Swifts, finishing with 18 points, while another second-teamer, Nathan Hoelting, also had success with 14 points. Gaylon Schilling was the fourth Swift to earn double-figure status with 12 points.

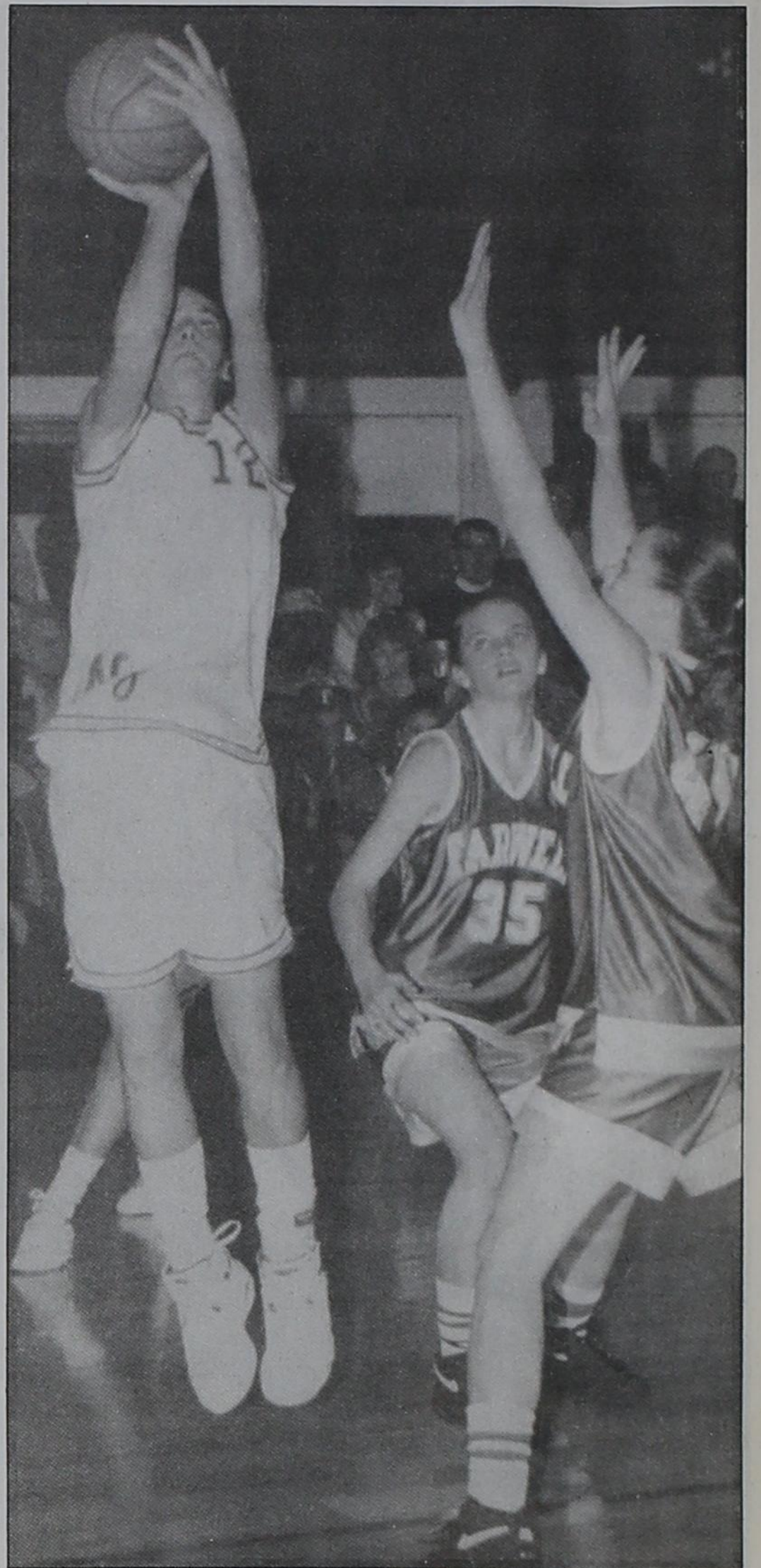
The Swifts didn't start off with blistering scoring, but as the game progressed, Farwell's difficulties in defending Nazareth's offense increased.

After posting a 19-8 first-quarter lead, the Swifts were up 38-20 at halftime.

The defense limited Farwell to 20 points in the second half, too, allowing seven points in the third stanza and only 13 in the fourth.

But Nazareth's offense caught fire in the second half, pouring in 24 points in the third quarter and 28 in the fourth for the big 90-40 win.

The wins over Farwell improved the Swifts' and Swiftettes' district marks to 2-0.



SCHMUCKER FOR TWO—Melinda Schmucker doesn't let a couple of Lady Steers from Farwell get in her way, as she penetrates and scores two of her 22 points during second-half action Friday in Nazareth. That basket was only one of two the junior guard scored in the second half, but she had 18 points in the first half to lead the Swiftettes to a 77-47 win. Kelley Boyd (42) finished with 18 points in the district contest. *Photo by Anne Acker*



NICE AND EASY—That's how Nazareth's Coby Schacher (42) made this fast break play look during a District 7-A matchup with Farwell in Nazareth Friday night. Schacher and other Nazareth post players dominated the boards and were hot inside Friday night enroute to a 90-40 win. Schacher came off the bench to finish with 18 points, second only to Colby Pohlmeier's 21. *Photo by Anne Acker*

PSHOF to recognize Cleveland and Waldo

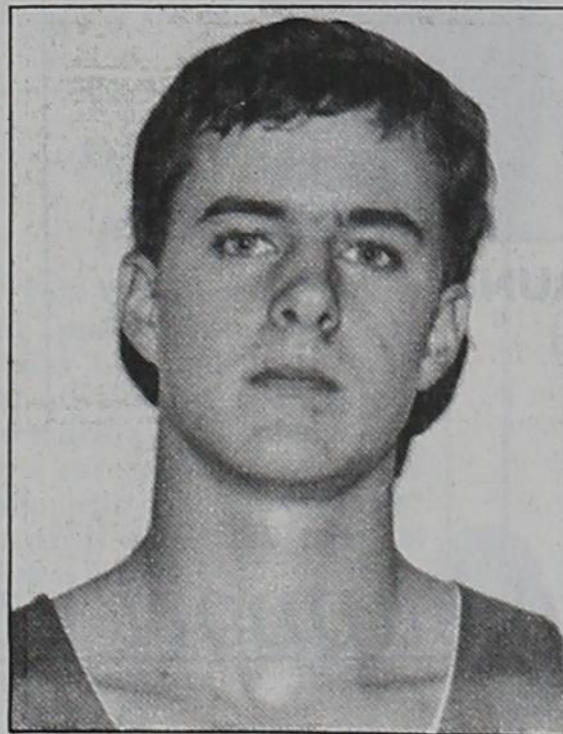
The late Kenneth Cleveland, longtime Dimmitt boys' basketball coach, will be inducted in the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame during ceremonies at 2 p.m. at Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium on Feb. 12 while Nazareth Coach Joey Waldo will be honored as the 1994 tennis coach of the year.

Cleveland was Dimmitt's head coach for 32 years and won three state championships before he was killed by a lightning strike on May 16, 1993, near Las Vegas, N.M. His Bobcats won 27 district titles and he took 10 teams to state tournaments, winning state titles in 1975, 1982 and 1983. His teams reached the state finals four times—1967, 1978, 1985 and 1986.

Waldo took five players to the state tennis tournament in 1994, and he coached Scott Brockman and Alston Farris to the state title in boys' doubles. Melinda Schmucker reached the state semifinals in girls' singles while Kristin Brockman and Lena Durbin competed in girls' doubles. During his four years as Nazareth Coach, his players have brought home at least one state championship and he has taken at least three players to state each year.



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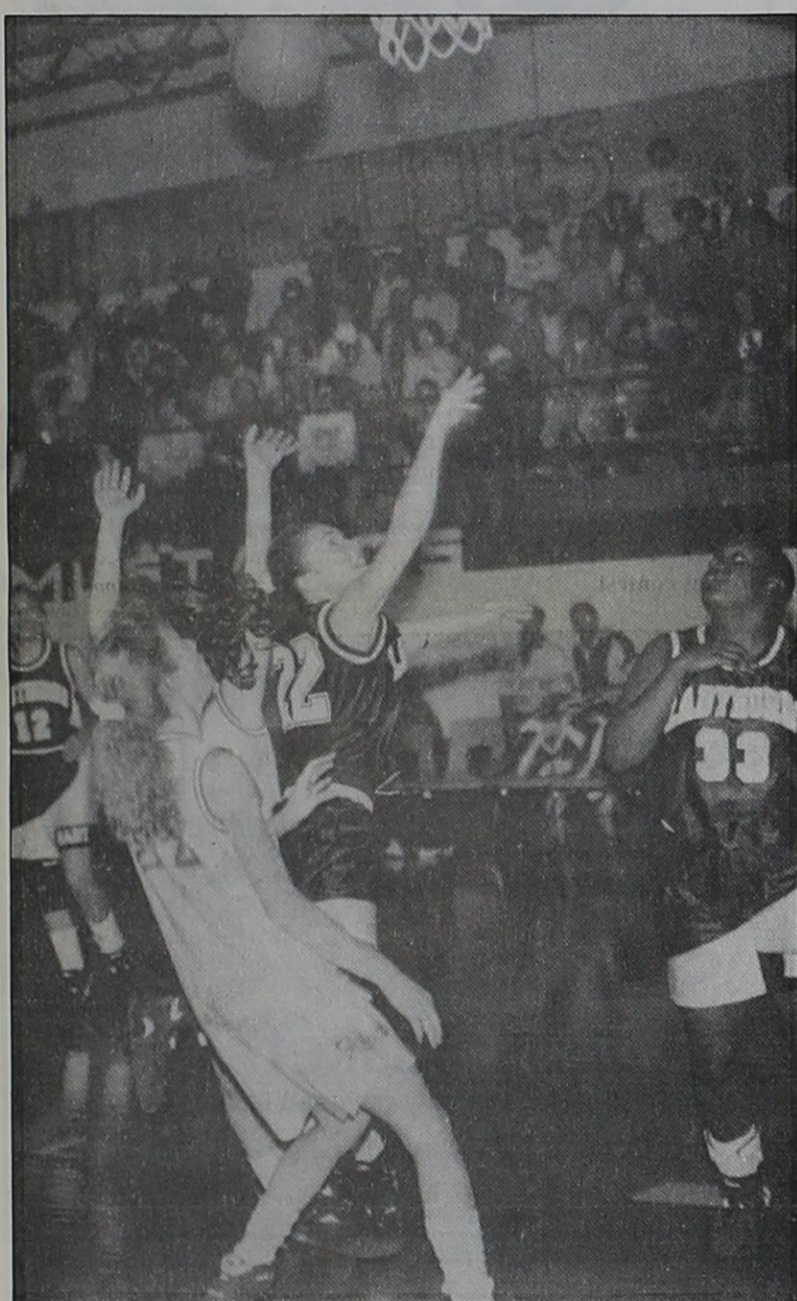
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A TOUGH REBOUND—Tiffany Wilcox (44) of the Dimmitt Bobbies outfights most of the Muleshoe team for a first-half rebound Friday at Muleshoe. Also ready to help is teammate Randa Wood (right). Dimmitt hung a 71-41 loss on the Lady Mules. *Photo by John Brooks*



CARD CONNECTS—Hart's Jody Card (22) pumps in a layup Friday in a key District 3-2A battle at Olton. At left is teammate Trinette Finch. Card and the Lady 'Horns crunched the Fillies, 72-25, to stay in a three-way tie in first-half District 3-2A play. *Photo by Shawn Thomas*

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Hart teams...

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Hart trailed for only a minute, 1-0, before Bennett connected on a three-point play. The Lady 'Horns never looked back as they rumbled to a 24-8 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Hart extended its lead to 40-16 by halftime, then blew away the Fillies in the second half. The Lady 'Horns outscored the Fillies 20-2 in the third quarter, then outscored Olton 12-7 in the fourth stanza for the 47-point win.

The game left Hart tied with Abernathy and Springlake-Earth atop the District 3-2A standings at 5-1.

The Mustangs outlasted the Longhorns thanks to an explosive third quarter that paved the way to the 15-point victory.

Hart led at the end of the first period, 12-10, and had a one-point edge at the half, 21-20.

In the third quarter, Olton more than doubled its production of the first half with 23 points. Hart had just 11 points in the third quarter, and scored 11 again in the fourth while Olton added another 15 points for the victory.

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regions should continue to be represented equally on the board.

Doug Higgins, Dan Heard, Ed Ramackers and Jerry Acker were elected to the nominating committee.

The Castro County Farmers Union Scholarship Fund was initiated two years ago, and three \$300 scholarships were awarded last year through Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth High Schools to students planning to major in agriculture in college. Last year's scholarship winners were Fred Reyna of Hart, Brian Simpson of Dimmitt and Lynette Kleman of Nazareth.

The Las Vegas trip will be raffled at the County Junior Livestock Show in February.

Assistant County Extension Agent Pammy Millican presented a videotape program on pesticide use and safety practices. Each farmer present earned two Continuing Education Units toward his next recertification as a pesticide applicator.

Millican told the group that the Texas Corn Growers Association will offer other Workers Protection recertification courses at its annual convention in Dimmitt Jan. 27. A 3 p.m. session will be geared to employers and a 4:15 program will be aimed at farm hands, and will be bilingual. Farm hands taking the course can qualify for an applicator's green card or a field worker's blue card that will be good for five years, President Daniel Higgins said.

Daniel and Doug Higgins were elected as delegates to the Texas Farmers Union Convention.

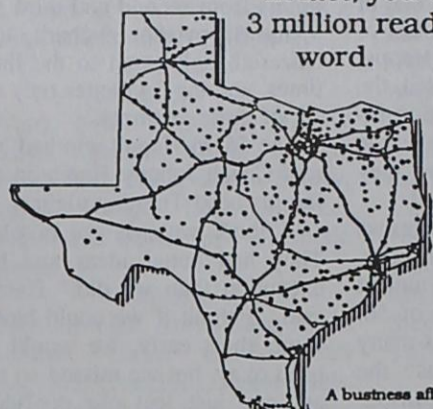
J.R. Lee led Hart with 14 points, while John Welps added 10. Olton had four players in double figures.

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Happy saddens Naz; Swifts win

Twenty-seven free throws by the Happy Cowgirls sank Nazareth's hopes of keeping their district record unblemished Tuesday night.

Nazareth suffered through one of its coldest shooting performances of the year Tuesday night in Happy, and the more shots they missed, the more the Swiftettes' frustration increased. And the more frustrated the Swiftettes became, the more they fouled, and fouled, and fouled.

Happy attempted 33 free throws in the game and made 27 of those, and those 27 points were almost half of Happy's final score of 56. The Cowgirls didn't make as many shots from the field as the Swiftettes (Naz was 18-of-52;

Happy was 14-of-31), but they won every other facet of the game.

Happy won the board battle, 29-23, and the Cowgirls got several points from second and third shots. While Happy shot 33 charity tosses, Nazareth only went to the line 13 times, and the Swiftettes only made six of those attempts.

The 56-44 Happy win had Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton shaking his head Tuesday night.

"I think we just got outplayed. They had better ideas and better execution than we did," Hampton said. "I think if we could have hit some shots early, we would have been okay, but we missed so many and we just lost our confidence. Happy hit a few shots and they found their confidence."

Nazareth missed its first six shots, and didn't score until Jill Ramaekers hit from the wing with 3:48 left in the first. The only other Nazareth points in the quarter came with 11 seconds left on a basket by Melinda Schmucker, who finished with 15 points for Nazareth.

Meanwhile, Happy also suffered through a slow beginning, but once they got rolling, almost everything they put up rattled the nets.

Kimber Mayes scored back-to-back jumpers mid-way through the first quarter to give Happy a 4-2 lead and the Cowgirls never trailed after that.

Leah Lair, who led Happy with 26 points, gave her team a 6-2 lead before Schmucker hit with 11 seconds left.

The score would have been 6-4 at the end of the first, but Schmucker fouled Laci Pearson on a long, long three-pointer with less than a sec-

ond left and Pearson sank two of the free throws for an 8-4 Happy lead.

The Swiftettes shot 2-of-11 from the field while Happy was 3-of-9 with two free throws.

Happy got a three-pointer from Jaci Cumby early in the second quarter to go ahead by seven, then enjoyed eight points by Lair over the next three minutes to maintain a lead.

The Cowgirls were 5-of-7 from the field in the second quarter and finished with a perfect mark from the line with six free throws.

Happy hit four of those free throws in the last minute, then added a basket by Pearson at the buzzer for a 10-point halftime lead, 25-15.

Nazareth scored the first four points on the third quarter on baskets by Kelley Boyd and Amy Pohlmeier, but Lair answered with four points of her own.

The Swiftettes could never regain the ground they lost early in the game. A basket by K'Lynn Gerber was sandwiched between field goals by Lair. Lair also hit a pair of free throws with 2:16 left and Happy took its biggest lead of the game, 34-21.

At the end of three, Happy had a 36-25 advantage.

Nazareth opened the fourth quarter with a little life, but Happy pulled the plug after the first minute and a half.

After Schmucker scored on an offensive putback, Carie Wethington stole an inbound pass and was fouled on a layup attempt. She made both free throws to cut the Happy lead to seven. Then

Happy threw away the inbound pass and Coach Tom Lair called a time out.

That's when Nazareth lost the brief period of momentum it had mustered.

"We missed (the front end) of three one-and-ones in a row, and that shook us. Then we put them on the line and they hit everything."

Lair scored with 6:40 left in the game. Nazareth scored 19 points in the quarter, but Happy had 20—16 of those free throws—to hang on for the win.

The Happy win throws the Cowgirls and Swiftettes into a two-way tie for second place in District 7-A, behind Sudan, which has a 3-0 mark.

"We're 2-1 and they're 2-1. We've got to make sure and beat them in Nazareth and we should be okay."

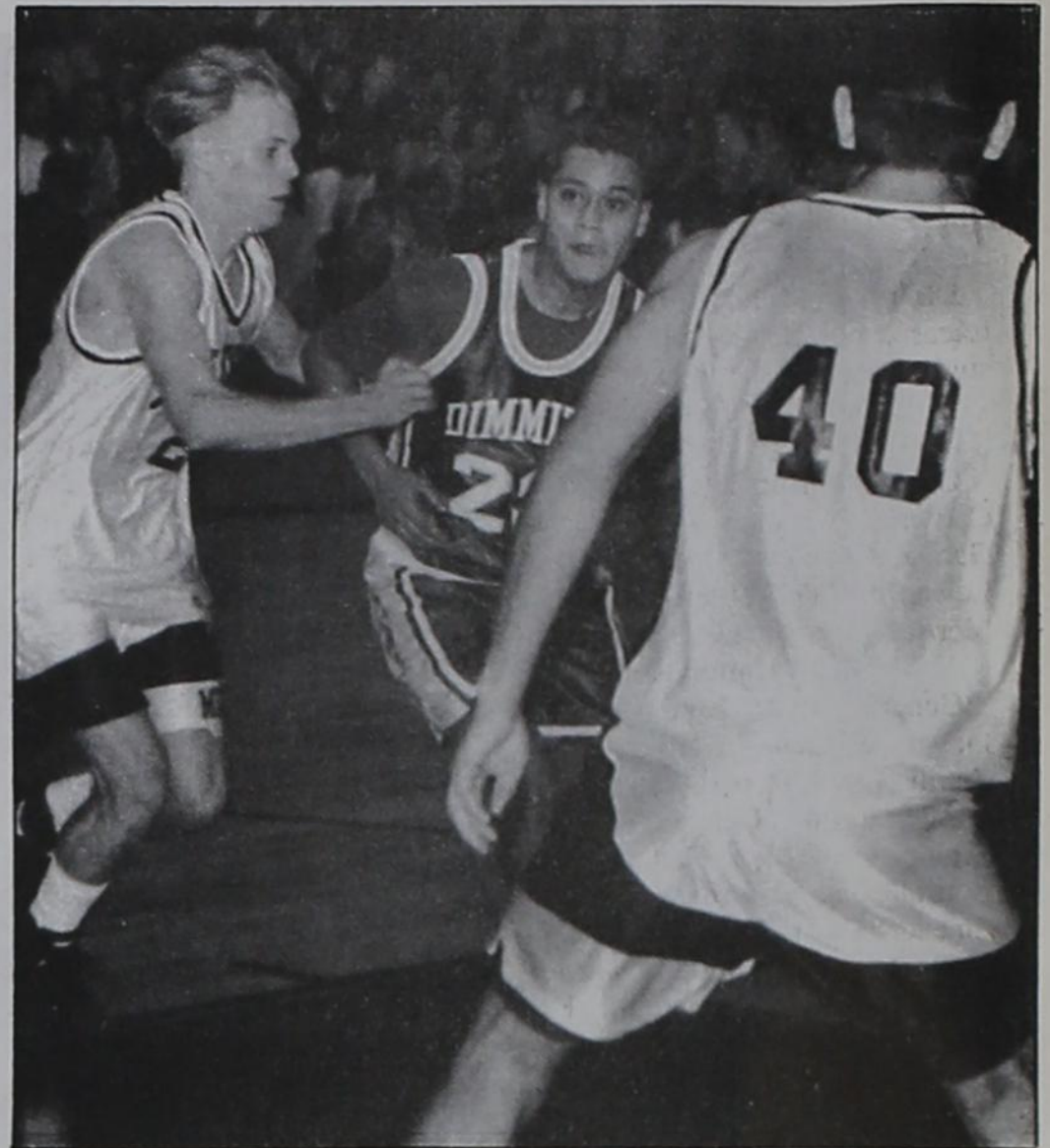
The Swiftettes have two more games in the first half of district play: Kress, there, on Friday and No. 1-ranked Sudan on Tuesday at home.

"We'll go back and try and re-group. We've got to do some things better from now on and get a little more confidence."

The Swifts didn't have any problems handling Happy's boys Tuesday, posting an 82-33 win to remain undefeated in district play.

Nazareth took an early 17-6 lead, then coasted to a 46-17 halftime advantage. The Swifts outscored the host team 36-16 in the second half for the win.

Alston Farris was the leading scorer with 18 points while Scott Brockman added 15 for the Swifts.



JOEY'S JOURNEY—Dimmitt's Joey Martinez (23) drives to the basket between Muleshoe's Bryan Field (left) and Edward Rodriguez (40) during the first quarter Friday at Muleshoe. The Bobcats got off to a slow start but revved up the offense in the last three quarters for a 90-50 District 2-3A victory.

Photo by John Brooks

Hart teams dump Morton

Hart teams swamped Morton Tuesday to finish the first half of District 3-2A play.

The Lady 'Horns blitzed the Maidens, 78-33, while the Longhorns easily took the nightcap, 73-47.

Four Hart girls scored in double figures, led by Trinetta Finch with 14. Hart jumped to a 20-4 lead at the end of the first quarter and 40-15 at halftime. Also in double figures were Gayla Reyna with 13 points and Sandra Lopez and Shea Bennett with 10 each.

In the boys' game, Hart leaped to a 20-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and 36-26 at halftime. Hart outscored Morton 22-4 in the third quarter to cruise to the win.

Jeremy Card had 18 points.

Dimmitt scalps Squaws, Chieftains

Friona played without two of its best players for much of the game and the Dimmitt Bobbies eventually took advantage of the Squaws' problems in a key District 2-3A win, 66-50, Tuesday in Dimmitt.

The win left the Bobbies at 3-1 going into Friday's contest at Shallowater. Friona dropped to 2-2.

Courtney Carthel and Jodi Loooper played with three fouls much of the first half (Carthel picked up three fouls in the first 4:48 of the game), and each picked up their fourth foul in the second quarter. They skipped the rest of the first half and much of the second.

Without them, Friona wasn't quite as potent, but the Bobbies fiddled around for a while before taking advantage of the breaks to grab the important win.

Dimmitt took a 5-0 lead in the first 26 seconds on a three-point play by Tiffany Wilcox and a steal-and-layup by Carrie Bradley. Friona stormed right back to score the game's next 10 points, taking a 10-5 lead with 4:37 to go in the quarter. Friona led by five, 16-11, at period's end, and ran on out to a seven-point advantage, 18-11, early in the second on a basket by Britny White.

That's when Dimmitt started whittling into the lead. The Bobbies closed it to two points, although it took much of the period, before Randa Wood hit one of two free throws, then scored a basket with 2:25 to go in the half for a 24-23 lead.

Friona never led again.

Dimmitt increased its advantage to six by halftime, 31-25, with a Kara Josselet three-pointer just before the break. In the third quarter, the Bobbies steadily pulled away from

the Squaws, leading by as many as 17 points with 1:44 to go in the period on a basket by Kim Thomas. Dimmitt led 47-32 after three quarters.

In the fourth, Dimmitt led by as much as 22 when Jennifer Vick converted on a three-point play with 1:07 to go. She made it a 64-42 game.

Coach Richard Wood was worried during the day Tuesday, concerned that his team might not realize how important Tuesday's game was in the scheme of district things.

After the game, he was smiling like a proud papa.

Thomas led all scorers with 23 points. Josselet had 17 and Wilcox 10 for the Bobbies. Julie Goddard was the only Squaw in double figures with 10 points.

Also wearing a big grin to bed Tuesday was Dimmitt boys' coach Alan Steinle, who saw his Bobcats move to 4-0 in the conference after a 72-60 win over the Chieftains.

The game was almost a replay of Friday's contest at Muleshoe, except the high-octane offense never kicked into gear Tuesday.

Nonetheless, the offense was there, especially over the last three quarters.

The teams combined for 22 fouls in a sloppy first half, and also combined to miss 12 of 26 free throws. Friona led much of the quarter, going up by as many as four points at 13-9 with 57 seconds left on a basket by Cory Hamilton. Derrick Thomas hit a basket with 21 seconds to go in the quarter, then

was fouled at the buzzer. He made both free throws to tie the game at 13-all at the end of the quarter.

Roy Hendley hit a trey for the Chieftains to start the second quarter, but Thomas answered. Chad Ellis then made both ends of a one-and-one with 7:10 to go in the half to give the Bobcats an 18-16 lead. Dimmitt never trailed again.

The Bobcats stretched their lead to 12 points at 33-21, and led by 10 at intermission, 33-23.

Friona hung on the periphery the rest of the game, as Dimmitt led by as few as 10 points and as many as 16 the rest of the game. Friona had a chance to cut it to 10 points—or less—after Quint Ellis scored with 5:25 to play to make it a 57-45 game. Dimmitt called timeout after a turnover with 5:11 left for a little gut-check.

Friona inbounded the ball and went down for a shot, but Justin Newman blocked the shot and kept it in play for the Bobcats. Brandon Smith (who started for the first time on the varsity Tuesday) made a basket, then Joe Larra added another layup to make it a 16-point lead, 61-45, 36 seconds after the turnover and timeout.

Thomas led Dimmitt with 14 points. Smith added 13, Chad Ellis 11 and Larra 10 for the Bobcats.

Friday, the first half of the district double round-robin ends with games at Shallowater.

The Mustangs feature a tall lineup with Dereck Blair (son of former Dimmitt player Sandra Robertson

Blair), Cole Roberts and Dan Stanton.

"They are tough, no doubt about it," Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle said. "We've seen them play and they are very good. They gave Coronado fits in the Caprock tournament. They went to the state tournament in Class 2A last year and they have a very good nucleus back from that team. I think they want to prove something this year, so it'll be a big challenge for us, but it's a challenge I hope our young men will step up to."

For the girls, it's another tough opponent. Shallowater will enjoy a high advantage over the Bobbies, and is very capable of playing excellent ball, according to Wood.

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Friday

Swiftettes 77, Farwell 47
Farwell— 8 10 9 20—47
Nazareth— 23 16 18 20—77
Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 22, Kelley Boyd 18, Misti Ball 11.

Farwell 41, JV Swiftettes 31
Swifts 90, Farwell 40
Farwell— 8 12 7 13— 40
Nazareth— 19 19 24 28— 90
Nazareth: Colby Pohlmeier 21, Coby Schacher 18, Nathan Hoelting 14, Gaylon Schilling 12.

JV Swifts 54, Farwell 38
Olton 58, Longhorns 43
Hart— 12 9 11 11— 43
Olton— 10 10 23 15— 58
Hart: J.R. Lee 14, John Welps 10.
Olton 58, JV 'Horns 57
Lady 'Horns 72, Olton 25
Hart— 24 16 20 12— 72
Olton— 8 8 2 7— 25
Hart: Shea Bennett 26, Sandra Lopez 10.

Dimmitt Freshman Tournament
Freshman Bobbies 55, New Deal 26
Dimmitt: Laura Bradford 16, Kami Hand 12
Tulla 52, Freshman Bobbies 41

Dimmitt: Jana Nelson 13, Christina Longoria 10.
New Deal 34, Freshman Bobbies 19
Dimmitt: Kami Hand 6.
Freshman Bobcats 60, Hale Center 42
Dimmitt: Charley Sanders 14, Stuart Sutton 11, D.J. Fleeks 11, Richard Martinez 11.
Freshman Bobcats 71, Tulla 33
Dimmitt: Casey Smith 19, D.J. Fleeks 11.
Freshman Bobcats 94, Littlefield 57
Dimmitt: Casey Smith 17, D.J. Fleeks 15, Zac Matthews 15, Charley Sanders 13, Richard Martinez 12, Stuart Sutton 11.
(Dimmitt Freshman Bobcats win tournament title.)

Tuesday
Happy 56, Swiftettes 44
Nazareth— 4 11 10 19— 44
Happy— 8 17 11 20— 56
Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 15, Carie Wethington 8.
Swifts 82, Happy 33
Nazareth— 17 29 19 17— 82
Happy— 6 11 8 9— 33

Nazareth: Alston Farris 18, Scott Brockman 15.
Lady 'Horns 78, Morton 33
Morton— 4 11 11 7— 33
Hart— 20 20 23 15— 78
Hart: Trinetta Finch 14, Gayla Reyna 13, Sandra Lopez 10, Shea Bennett 10.
JV Lady 'Horns 52, Lockney 37
Longhorns 73, Morton 47
Morton— 6 20 4 17— 47
Hart— 20 16 22 15— 73
Hart: Jeremy Card 18, John Welps 16, J.R. Lee 16.
Morton 47, JV Longhorns 36

Bobbies 66, Friona 50
Friona— 16 9 7 18— 50
Dimmitt—11 20 16 19— 66
Dimmitt: Kim Thomas 23, Kara Josselet 17, Tiffany Wilcox 10.
Friona 59, JV Bobbies 22
Bobcats 72, Friona 60
Friona— 13 10 16 21— 60
Dimmitt— 13 20 20 19— 72
Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 14, Brandon Smith 13, Chad Ellis 11, Joe Larra 10.
JV Bobcats 70, Friona 53

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Dimmitt Middle School names honor students

Dimmitt Middle School has released its honor rolls and top student lists for the third six weeks.

FOURTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll
Caitlin Buckley, Elizabeth Cartwright, Dalton Fisher, Isabel Garcia, Ashley Irons, Chelsea Lowance, Valerie Martinez and Jill Merritt.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Geneva Back, Elvis Birdwell, Jaclyn Bishop, Harold Casas, Katrina Casas, Robert Casas, Ruben Casas, Juan Delgado, Ruben Espinoza, Tracy Garcia, Gina Gonzales, Jaci Hardwick, Natalie Jimenez, Casey Jones, Holly Lane, Amy Melendez, Courtney Norman, Maria Ontiveros, Angelita Paiz, Nancy Quiroz, Ricardo Ramirez, Leticia Rodriguez, Melissa Rueda, Roxie Saenz, Heather Snitker, Jenna Steinle, Jody Stovall, Casey Villanueva and Colby Williams.

FIFTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll
Lyndee Behrends, Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Gabriel Garcia, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselot, Jake Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Alexis Proffitt, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright and Matthew Wright.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Amber Allison, Sarah Bradford, Deacon Buckley, Eric Bural, Albert Campos, Angela Cartwright, Patricia Cruz, Jennifer Fuentes, Dana Gonzales, Adam Guzman, Jason Harris, Sandra Jaramillo, Johnathan Jimenez, Sharla Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Philip Lumbra, Georgia Mireles, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Jason Riggs, Jennifer Robertson, Veronica Rodriguez, Biancy Saucedo and April Tijerina.

SIXTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll
Mary Bradley, Casandra Casas, Stephanie Casas, Jeremy Furr, Joshua Hardwick, Lyndsey Heard, B.J. Hill, Mandi Moore, Cherie Norman, Daniel Proffitt, Amanda Rodriguez, Lori Schulte, Lillian Stewart and Kylie Webb.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Georgina Arredondo, Heather Black, Paul Craig, Guadalupe Fierro, David Garcia, Laura Gil, Olga Gonzales, Lisa Goode, Ramona Guzman, Rachal Harman, Emanuel Jaramillo, Corey Lane, Marcus Larra, Isaias Olmos, Karen Peralez, Carmen Pineda, Ricky Pompa, Benjamin Ruiz, Kenneth Ryan, Audrey Saenz, Leticia Sanchez, Jennifer Tijerina, Jade Vick and Kristin Welch.

SEVENTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll
Shane Furr, Julie Merritt and Michael Penney.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Wendy Amador, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Lilia Dominguez, George Flores, Ivan Flores, Stephanie Flores, Larissa Fuentes, Holly Goode, James Jackson, Van Jeter, Lacy Louder, Moses Lugo, Taylor Matthews, Angela Montiel, Zack Morgan, Brittany Porter, Randy Porter, Jaime Rodriguez, Lupita Rodriguez, Felicia Sanchez, Keevin Sanders, Carol Summers, Justin Sutton, Ironica Traylor, Juana Vasquez, Sonia Vasquez and Kyle Wood.

Top Students

English: Merritt, Penney. Reading: Sanders, Math: Cardona, Math 76: Debbie Garcia, Arthur Lule. Pre-Algebra: Lupita Rodriguez. History: Ivan Flores. Science: Furr. Industrial Arts: Jackson. Mechanics: Jackson. Band: Merritt. Food Production: Brittany Porter. Life Management Skills: Merritt. Choir: Debbie Gil.

EIGHTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll
Cody Brockman, Kristin Doss, Jessica Flores, Taryn Hays, Beau Hill, Rusty McDaniel, Monica Ortiz, Emily Robertson, Olivia Rodriguez, Miranda Turner, Lindsey Welch, Heather Wise and Wesley Wright.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Brandon Allison, Derek Buckley, Lizabeth Campos, Ashley Davis, Kassandra De La Cruz, Darlene DeLa Paz, Christina Fierro, Brenda Flores, Eric Gamez, Valerie Gonzales, Adam Gonzalez, Stephanie Hinojosa, Shawna Kenworthy, Jacob Larra, Lezly Martin, Susie Martinez, Cassie McLean, Terry Nance, Antonio Ramos, Daphanie Rivera, Tonya Robertson, Jeannette Sanchez, Julie Sanchez, Robert Sepeda, Luis Silva, Jeremy Simpson, Eric Soldevilla, Felix Talamantes, Jerry Thomas, Ephraim Torres, Sandra Torres, Elizabeth Vidal, Kurt Webb, Dale West, Aaron Wilcox and Rusty Wooten.

Top Students

English: Fierro, Wright. Reading: Doss. Math 87: Christina Caldera and Anthony Vidal. Pre-Algebra: Sandra Torres. Algebra I: Wright, Hays. History: Wise, Hays, Ortiz. Science: Welch. Industrial Arts: Jessica Flores. Mechanics: Luis Silva. Band: West. Computer: Melinda Reyes, Josh Flores. Health: Sepeda, Wright. Food Production: Becky Ramirez. Life Management Skills: Nanez. Choir: Debbie Gil.

FIRST SEMESTER

FOURTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll

Jaclyn Bishop, Caitlin Buckley, Elizabeth Cartwright, Dalton Fisher, Isabel Garcia, Ashley Irons, Natalie Jimenez, Chelsea Lowance, Valerie Martinez, Jill Merritt and Melissa Rueda.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Elvis Birdwell, Harold Casas, Robert Casas, Keenon Doss, Maribel Garcia, Gina Gonzales, Jaci Hardwick, Patrick Hunter, Casey Jones, Holly Lane, Amy Melendez, Monica Oltivero, Maria Ontiveros, Raul Ontiveros, Angelita Paiz, Steven Paz, Emilio Porras, Nancy Quiroz, Ricardo Ramirez, Ramey Rice, Rosa Rivera, Leticia Rodriguez, Cesar Ruiz, Abraham Salinas, Roxie Saenz, Heather Snitker, Jenna Steinle, Jody Stovall, April Torres, Casey Villanueva and Colby Williams.

FIFTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll

Lyndee Behrends, Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Deacon Buckley, Angela Cartwright, Gabriel Garcia, Jose Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselot, Jake Laurent, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Alexis Proffitt, Jennifer Robertson, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright and Matthew Wright.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Amber Allison, Maria Arriaga, Sarah Bradford, Eric Bural, Albert Campos, Justin Clay, Yvette Correa, Patricia Cruz, Jennifer Fuentes, Dana Gonzales, Natasha Green, Adam Guzman, Jason Harris, Sandra Jaramillo, Johnathan Jimenez, Sandie Jones, Sharla Kenworthy, Kody Laurent, Philip Lumbra, Eric Martinez, Saul Medrano, Erika Mendoza, Georgia Mireles, Jessica Montes, Jason Riggs, Biancy Saucedo, Guadalupe Saucedo, April Tijerina and Omar Torres.

SIXTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll

Mary Bradley, Casandra Casas, Stephanie Casas, Jeremy Furr, Joshua Hardwick, B.J. Hill, Mandi Moore, Daniel Proffitt, Lori Schulte and Kylie Webb.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Georgina Arredondo, Buddy Birdwell, Heather Black, Mario Castaneda, Eric Enriquez, Guadalupe Fierro, Crystal Garcia, David Garcia, Laura Gil, Olga Gonzales, Lisa Goode, Ramona Guzman, Rachal Harman, Lyndsey Heard, Emanuel Jaramillo, Corey Lane, Marcus Larra, Cherie Norman, Karen Peralez, Carmen Pineda, Ricky Pompa, Amanda Rodriguez, Benjamin Ruiz, Kenneth Ryan, Audrey Saenz, Leticia Sanchez, Matthew Sandoval, Lillian Stewart, Jade Vick and Kristin Welch.

SEVENTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll

Ivan Flores, Holly Goode, Michael Penney and Brittany Porter.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Wendy Amador, Christie Bryan, Laura Cardona, Lilia Dominguez, George Flores, Stephanie Flores, Larissa Fuentes, Shane Furr, Maria Garcia, James Jackson, Van Jeter, Lacy Louder, Taylor Matthews, Jacob Medrano, Sylvia Medrano, Angela Montiel, Zack Morgan, Randy Porter, Lupita Rodriguez, Felicia Sanchez, Keevin Sanders, Carol Summers, Justin Sutton, Sergio Talamantes, Ironica Traylor, Juana Vasquez and Kyle Wood.

EIGHTH GRADE

"A" Honor Roll

Cody Brockman, Derek Buckley, Kristin Doss, Christina Fierro, Jessica Flores, Taryn Hays, Beau Hill, Rusty McDaniel, Monica Ortiz, Emily Robertson, Lindsey Welch, Heather Wise and Wesley Wright.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Brandon Allison, Amanda Annen, Benjamin Coleman, Ashley Davis, Rafael Enriquez, Joshua Flores, Eric Gamez, Valerie Gonzales, Adam Gonzalez, Shawna Kenworthy, Jacob Larra, Lezly Martin, Antonio Ramos, Daphanie Rivera, Allison Roberson, Tonya Robertson, Olivia Rodriguez, Robert Sepeda, Sandra Torres, Miranda Turner, Stacey Villanueva, Kurt Webb, Aaron Wilcox and Rusty Wooten.



GOOD CITIZENS recognized by Nazareth Elementary School during the third six weeks of school included (standing, from left) second grader Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, fourth grader Erica Gerber, kindergartener Macee Schulte, third grader Darlene Moralez, first grader Kasey Wood, fourth grader Karen Birkenfeld and kindergartener Candace Birkenfeld; and (seated) Blake Birkenfeld, fifth grader.

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Nazareth honor students named

Nazareth Independent School District has recognized students on the "A" and "B" honor rolls during the third six weeks of school.

Students making all A's during the recent grading period were:

First Grade: Skyler Birkenfeld, Alan Gerber, Jake Hoelting, Kendra Huseman, J'Lae Merritt and Kasey Wood.

Second Grade: Jenna Acker, Jeremy Acker, Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, Ross Birkenfeld, Jamie Black, Jordan Hampton, Garrett Kleman, Keli Schulte, Orin Schulte and Tyson Schulte.

Third Grade: Brock Birkenfeld, Kimberly Brockman, Tanya Herring, Brett Hoelting and Trey Robb.

Fourth Grade: Nicole Acker, Craig Birkenfeld, Karen Birkenfeld and Zac Morris.

Fifth Grade: Blake Birkenfeld, Laura Gerber and Mandy Hoelting.

Sixth Grade: Mark Birkenfeld, Lindsey K. Gerber, Lindsie M. Gerber, Brooke Moyers and Holly Myers.

Seventh Grade: Mindi Etheridge, Jill Schulte and Sara Schulte.

Eighth Grade: Laura Birkenfeld, Susan Book, Mitchell Brockman, Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones and Jessica Kern.

Freshmen: Billy Don Cannon, Darren Huckert and Amy Pohlmeier.

Sophomores: Marjorie Durbin, Angela Fortenberry, Sarah Olvera and Jill Ramaekers.

Juniors: Robin Schulte.

Seniors: Scott Brockman, Denia Durbin, Alston Farris, Rhonda Maurer, Karmen Pohlmeier and Jaret Schulte.

* Students qualifying for the "B" honor roll were:

First Grade: Dusty Braddock, Dawn Cameron, Clifford Gerber, Nathan Huseman and Lacey Sanders.

Second Grade: Michael Horn, Kelcee Kleman, Jason Wilhelm and Shay Wilhelm.

Third Grade: Andrew Brockman, Misty Burton, Sarah Ellison, Monty

Hoelting, Adam Hunter, Darlene Moralez, Cassie Price, Cassie Sanders and Lindsey Wood.

Fourth Grade: Rey Bermea, Wendy Black, Tyler Ehly, Erica Gerber, Evan Huseman, Kody Huseman, Shane Kleman, Laci McLaurin, Justin Myers, Luke Price, Kristi Ramaekers, Kalissia Robertson, Eric Schilling, Megan Schulte, Ross Schulte, Rose Wilhelm and Shelby Wilhelm.

Fifth Grade: Jason Birkenfeld, Marsha Black, Lesley Brockman, Miranda Burton, Megan Hoelting, Shana Huseman, Quentin Jones, Aaron Kern, Susan Kern, Daryl Pohlmeier, Danette Ramaekers, Christopher Reynolds, Trinity Robb, Kyla Schacher, Ky Wilcox and Jennifer Wilhelm.

Sixth Grade: Sage Annen, Jaci Birkenfeld, Shawna Gerber, Whitney Hoelting, Jason Huseman, Nichole Huseman, Tara Kleman, Mark Lange, Matty McLain and Bryce Pohlmeier.

Seventh Grade: Melanie Book, Cameron McLain, Lisa McLaurin and Karen Wilhelm.

Eighth Grade: Mandy Birkenfeld, Kristin Hales, Matthew Kern, Susan Lange, Lori Maurer, Jayme Schmucker, Tiffany Schmucker, Ann Wilhelm, Vanessa Wilhelm.

Freshmen: Jerad Birkenfeld, Leon Birkenfeld, Sara Birkenfeld, Celina Braddock, K'Lynn Gerber, Barry Hoelting, Trina Johnson, Joy Long, Josh Merritt, Courtney Robertson and Kaci Wethington.

Sophomores: Misti Ball, Justin Bingham, Bryan Braddock, Heather Braddock, Marcus Brockman, Mindy Hoelting, Nathan Hoelting, B.J. Kern and Coby Schacher.

Juniors: Jaimey Bingham, Leroy Birkenfeld, Quentin Dobmeier, Allyn Garza, Melinda Schmucker, Robby Schmucker and Carie Wethington.

Seniors: Ron Backus, Joyce Birkenfeld, Kelley Boyd, Bryan Charanza, Tara Johnson, Judith Nieves and Colby Pohlmeier.

Dimmitt High School lists honor rolls

Honor rolls and Top 10 lists for the third six weeks have been named at Dimmitt High School.

TOP 10

Seniors

Terri Beth Teaschner, Danny George, Zachary Bell, Wendy Finke, Holly Wise, Carrie Sheffy, Katrina Vernon, Lupe Mendez, Margarita Vasquez and Rochelle Harman.

Juniors

Jennifer Vick, Amy Fuller, Justin Newman, Carlos Garcia, Joel Townsend, Chad Ellis, Jeremy Hall, Julia McDonald, Jessica Caldera and Justin Damron.

Sophomores

Colby McDaniel, Joshua Roberts, Cameron Lust, Tawnee Matthews, Maria Garcia, Jimmy Ivey, Andrew Teaschner, Lindsey Garza, Carrie Bradley and Mikel Atchley.

Freshmen

Jeffery Riggs, Charley Sanders, Jill Davis, Michael Bell, Elizabeth Velo, Michael Keith, Amy Garcia, Juary Cavazos, Amber Matthews and Timothy Proffitt.

"A" Honor Roll

Seniors

Zachary Bell, Monica Delacruz, Danny George and Terri Beth Teaschner.

Juniors

Carlos Garcia and Julia McDonald.

Sophomores

Carrie Bradley, Maria Garcia, Lindsey Garza, Jimmy Ivey, Cameron Lust, Tawnee Matthews, Colby McDaniel, Joshua Roberts and Andrew Teaschner.

Freshmen

Juary Cavazos, Travis Crow, Jill Davis, Amy Garcia, Michael Keith, Amber Matthews, Jeremy Matthews, Jeffery Riggs, Laura Torres and Lee Ann Wilkerson.

"A-B" Honor Roll

Seniors

Marta Arredondo, Geraldo Barrios, Dustan Buckley, Mirella Cardona, Poppy Cline, Brian Conyers, Mandy Davis, Wendy Finke, Linda Fuentes, Maria

Sophomores

Mikel Atchley, Brad Beck, Aaron Ewing, Chad Ewing, Zachary Felts, Shaun Furr, Tracy Grand, Jerome Larra, Daniel Maxwell, Summer McLean, Eliza Melendez, Jason Nino, Luis Nino, Alka Patel, Alex Perez, Brent Portwood, Bryan Portwood, Maria Rios, Jerry Rivera, Conrado Saucedo, Jonathon Scarborough and Yesenia Zamora.

Freshmen

Vanessa Acevedo, Rosendo Amador, Meksha Atchley, Michael Bell, Jacy Buckley, Tracy Damron, Jami Fowell, Candice George, Ysela Gonzales, Jason Hall, Jason Hargrove, Sergei Linskyi, Laura Martinez, Marlene Martinez, Richard Martinez, Amy Matthews, Zach Matthews, David Medrano, Hank Morgan, Sabrina Olvera, Michael Pedroza, Timothy Proffitt, Sylvia Resendez, Charley Sanders, Kaci Schulte, Stuart Sutton, Jared Townsend and Elizabeth Velo.

RES first graders listed for honors

Awards have been presented to first grade students at Richardson Elementary School for their performance in the third six weeks.

BARRETERO'S ROOM

Citizenship: Angelica Reyes, Alma Reyes, Giovanni Rodriguez, Sergio Ontiveros, Maria Quintana, Lisa Marrufo, Jaime Esqueda, Fernando Aguero, Vicente Diaz, Alejandra Silva and Norma Moran.

Writing: Angelica Reyes, Johnny Ramirez, Edwin Hernandez.

Perfect attendance: Aguero, Luis Dominguez, Quintana, Reyes, Reyes, Rodriguez, Teresa Sanchez, Silva and Adrian Trevino.

FEASTER'S ROOM

Citizenship: Stephanie Enriquez, Melissa Campos, Ross Hunter, Jennifer Fuentes, Hayli Wise, Sarah Lopez, Olivia Galindo, Sabrena Pailan, Rebecca Bryan, Christopher Velasquez, Sean Hunter and Nicholas Ortiz.

Writing: Hunter, Hunter and Wise.

Perfect attendance: Bryan, Campos, Jason Corlis, Fuentes, Sean Hunter, Julian Ortiz, Jacob Ruiz and Isela Velo.

MYATT'S ROOM

Citizenship: Jordan Bell, Fabian Diaz, Elias Porras, Tucker Self, Clarissa Herrera, Jennifer Montes, Ashlee Nino, Shauna Nutt, Laura Rator and Natasha Rodriguez.

Writing: Nino, Ryan Hunter, Rator, Haley Heard, Nutt and Self.

Perfect attendance: Heard, Herrera, Mark Melendez, Nino, Nutt, Maria Ramos, Rator, Self, Kendra Smith, Bianca Torres, Ester Velasquez and Montes.

Most improved: Bobby Prieto and Frank DeLaPaz.

KEITH'S ROOM

Citizenship: Marisa Allison, Amber Enriquez, Aaron Herrera, Kimberly Saenz, Tabitha Sullivan, Nicole Tarango and Bridgette

Velasquez.

Writing: Kathy Amador, Joshua McAlister and Tarango.

Perfect attendance: Allison, Cindy Alvarado, Amador, Diego Salinas, Zjhon Smothermon, Tarango, Gerald Thomas, Velasquez, Daniel Perez, Isaac Sacedra and Ramon Rivera.

Most improved: Alvarado, Alex Arguijo and Smothermon.

PONCE'S ROOM

Citizenship: Vincent Casas, Ana Sias, Samantha Neri and Valerie Ledesma.

Writing: Casas, Jr. Limas and Roger Ramirez.

Perfect attendance: Casas, Lupe Castaneda, Sergio Cuevas, Janette Galvan, Ledesma, Limas, John Medrano, Neri, Kelly Ruiz, Sias and Haidee Villalba.

Most improved: Neri.

ROBERSON'S ROOM

Citizenship: Vanessa Caballero, Bryan Hall, Krystal Martinez, Casey Maurer, Jessica Ortega, Rocio Rodriguez, Ivy Sanchez, Brittany Williams and Shenea Wright.

Writing: Cesar Mejia, Emilio Mendoza, J.J. Pena and Williams.

Perfect attendance: Maurer, Mejia, Mendoza, Pena, Rodriguez, Chris Saenz, Ka Shondra Sherman, Williams and Wright.

Most improved: Vanessa Barba.

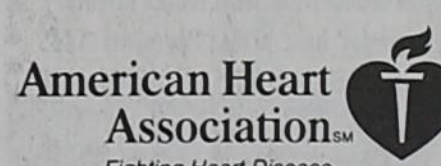
MATTHEWS' ROOM

Citizenship: Garrett Behrends, Casey Caballero, Daniella Covarrubia, Stephanie Esquivel, Darcy Fisher, Gabriel Mirelez, Jessica Perez, Kendra Puente, Kristy Reyes, Desiree Sanchez and Ashley Sears.

Writing: Behrends, Mandi Ebeling, Esquivel, Fisher, Perez, Puente and Sergio Saucedo.

Perfect attendance: Covarrubia, Ebeling, Luis Lopez, Anthony Navarro, Puente, Reyes, Sanchez, Saucedo, Bo Sifuentez and Asia Spencer.

Most improved: Reyes.




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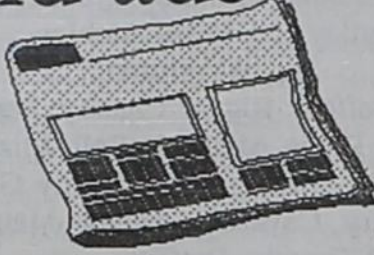


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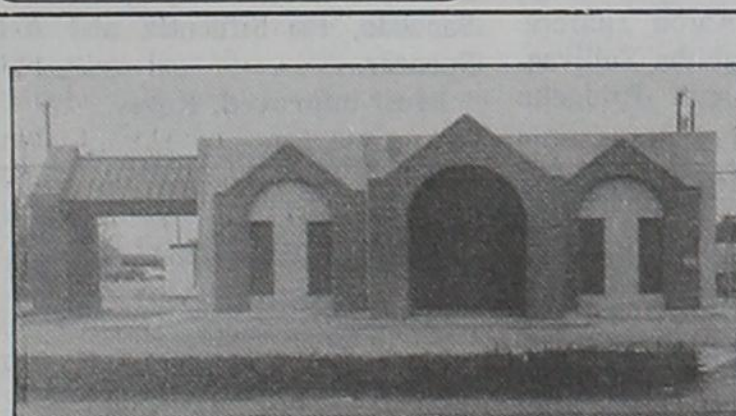
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1-Real Estate, Homes and Land

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We have LOTS of room for you! Two offices, reception area and plenty of parking! Call us today for all the details!

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HOUSE FOR SALE: 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1-car garage, located at 205 SW 3rd. For more information contact Hubert Edwards at 647-4244 or Darla Rice in Canyon at 806/655-4304. 1-26-1tc

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3-Real Estate For Rent

CLASSIFIEDS

1-Real Estate, Homes and Land

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FOR SALE: 160-acre irrigated farm. Excellent yields. 4-1/2 miles southwest of Sunnyside. Irrigation equipment including 1990 model T&L 7-tower center pivot. Price reduced to \$725 per acre. Call Howard and Oleta Gwinn, Coldwell Banker Paxton Real Estate, 1-800-560-9626. 2-40-4tc

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5-For Rent, Misc.

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FOR SALE: 16' King offset disc; 24' 485 IHC tandem disc; 28' Hamby sweep plow; 14' IHC drill d.t. 806/276-5678. 9-24-4tc

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13-Livestock, Pets

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14-Automobiles

Our everyday prices are lower than their sale prices!

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ADOPTION: MARTHA & Bill promise to give your newborn hugs, kisses, love & laughter, the best of everything. Happily married, financially secure. Allowed expenses. 1-800-853-6414. It's illegal to be paid for anything beyond legal/medical expenses.

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14-Automobiles

MUST SELL! '92 Ford E-150, Econoline van, Mark III Conversion Package, four captain's chairs, electric tri-fold sofa bed, color television, power windows, power door locks, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, AM/FM stereo cassette, running boards and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make, just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Hulderman in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-41-1tc

MUST SELL! 1994 Ford Probe SE! Automatic with overdrive, power windows, power locks, power mirrors, tilt, cruise, air conditioner, rear window defroster, AM/FM cassette, remote fuel and trunk release, dual air bags, interval wipers and more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Eddie Echevarria in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-41-1tc

MUST SELL! '94 Oldsmobile 88 Royale, 4-door, dual air bags, power driver's seat, power mirrors, power windows, power door locks, tilt steering wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Hulderman in the Credit Dept., Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-41-1tc

Scott's Trading Post

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1992 CHEV. SILVERADO 4X4
1/2 Ton, loaded, white

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Loaded, 43,000 miles; real cream puff

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FORD SUPERCAB pickup for sale, 1975 with 90,000 actual miles. Bench seat in supercab. Power steering, power brakes, automatic, AC/heater, long, wide bed with tool box included. New tires and shocks and recent brake job. Call 647-3535 after 6 p.m. 14-38-1tx

15-Recreational Vehicles

TRAVEL TRAILER for sale. Used very little. Real good shape. 310 NW Sixth. 647-3442. 15-40-1tc

17-Business Opportunities

COUPLES AND INDIVIDUALS with or without business experience, but willing to learn and work together. Pleasant, profitable business. Phone 647-4788. 17-41-2tc

OWN YOUR OWN apparel or shoe store. Choose Jean/Sportswear, Bridal, Lingerie, Western Wear, Ladies', Men's, Large Sizes, Infant/Preteen, Petite, Dancewear/Aerobic, Maternity, or Accessories store. Over 2,000 name brands. \$25,900 to \$37,900: inventory, training, fixtures, grand opening, etc. Can open 15 days. Mr. Loughlin, (612) 888-6555. 17-41-1tp

TURN YOUR LOVE OF COOKING into \$. The Pampered Chef—the unique new home party plan needs consultants. Flexible hours, no deliveries. Call 364-0204 for more information. 17-39-1tc

18A-Insurance

NEED CAR INSURANCE? Low payments. 806/647-4247. 6-46-1tc

18-Services

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NEED YOUR TENNIS RACQUET RESTRUNG? Call Brent or Bryan Portwood at 647-2541.

AMARILLO-AREA PREGNANCY Crisis Center Hotline. Call collect, 0-354-2244. Also Methodist Mission Home, 24 hours, toll-free, 1-800-842-5433. 18-4-tc

18-Services

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276-5724

Easter

20-Help Wanted

HELP NEEDED: Full-time welder, feedlot and millwright experience preferred. Call 938-2648 or 938-2156. 20-41-2tc

DRIVERS NEEDED for regional haul. Booker Transportation needs truck drivers for round trip meat hauls to Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Our company is small enough to treat you like a human and not a number. If you like "to truck" but dislike the operations of a big company, give us a call at Booker, TX 800-569-4633, Monday through Friday, No. 19. 20-37-6tc

NURSE'S AID NEEDED for 11 to 7 shift at Plains Memorial Hospital. Certified nurse aid preferred, but not required. Please contact Linda Rasor at 647-2191. 20-41-2tc

LOOKING FOR AN ARTIST with cartoon ability for possible long-term venture. For discussion, call 806-296-0408 or FAX 806-293-3976. 20-41-2tc

BOOKER TRANSPORTATION Services, Inc. needs drivers for our Regional Refrigerated operation based in Booker, Texas. Applicants must be at least 25 years of age, have a current and valid Class A Commercial Driver's License, have verifiable employment with Tractor/Trailer driving experience, have a current DOT physical and be able to pass a NIDA drug test. We provide late model equipment, a competitive wage rate with automatic raises every six months, vacation benefits, access to a health insurance plan and weekly pay checks. We also offer a TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR (10,000) cash longevity bonus, plenty of work and employment with a local company operating mostly within 600 miles of Booker, Texas. Call 800-569-4633. 20-41-1tc

21-Wanted, Misc.

I WOULD LIKE TO BUY your used gold jewelry—broken, worn out or otherwise. Call 647-3250, evenings. 21-1-1tc

WANT TO BUY aluminum cans and junk iron. Come by 400 block of Northeast Eighth. E.M. Flores. 21-41-4tp

22-Notices

WEIGHT WATCHERS is now meeting every Monday in Dimmitt. For more information please call 1-800-359-3131. 22-40-1tc

20-Help Wanted

ARE YOU A TEAM PLAYER?

Do you have a winning attitude? Do you enjoy making your customers happy? Do you have a professional appearance and good organizational skills? Would you like to join one of the fastest growing companies in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico? CELLULARONE has the following position available NOW!

ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE: If you are mature and self-motivated you can work out of your car! Outside sales experience, good cold-calling and lead generation skills. Presentation and account management skills required, customer satisfaction attitude. Your proven sales skills can earn you an income of \$30,000 to \$50,000 annually in salary, commissions and additional bonuses. Full benefit package included.

Areas available: Littlefield, Muleshoe, Olton, Dimmitt, Hale Center, Kress, Tulia

Please send or bring resume and cover letter to: Carrie Blair, CellularONE, 2215 W. 5th, Plainview, TX 79072 E.O.E.

25-Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Castro County is now taking bids for vending rights in the Castro County Courthouse. All bidders must be willing to supply both soft drinks and candy. Bids should be submitted to the County Judge, Castro County Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, on or before Jan. 20, 1995. Bids will be opened Jan. 23, 1995, at 10 a.m. at Commissioners Court. Please contact Castro County Judge's office for further details.
IRENE MILLER
CASTRO COUNTY JUDGE
25-40-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE
Dimmitt Independent School District is accepting bids to make handicapped accessible to the Dimmitt ISD football stadium. Specifications to ramp and renovate restrooms and seating may be picked up at the DISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas. Sealed bids will be accepted until 3 p.m., Feb. 7, 1995, at the DISD Administration Office, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas. 25-40-4tc

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

You are hereby notified that DIMMITT FEEDYARD, INC. has applied for Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) Air Quality Permit No. 26581. This permit, if approved, will authorize operation of an existing Cattle Feedyard in Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The location of the existing facility is six miles west on Texas State Highway 86 and one-quarter mile north on Farm-to-Market Road 1055 of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. This facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxide, unburned hydrocarbons and odors.

A copy of all materials in the public file is available for inspection and reproduction at the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, Air Program, located at 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4996, telephone (806) 353-9251, and at the TNRCC Central Office, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753, telephone (512) 239-1000. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the regional office of the TNRCC. Inquiries about the permit application and any information concerning any technical aspect of this application can be obtained by writing Mr. Eric S. Chasteen, TNRCC Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas, 78711-3087 or the TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office.

You may submit written comments concerning the permit application to the Office of Air Quality, New Source Review Program in Austin. All written comments received within 30 days after the second publication of this notice shall be considered by the Executive Director in determining whether to issue or not issue the permit. All written comments will be made available for public inspection at the TNRCC Central Office in Austin. This notice is to be published on Jan. 12, 1995, and Jan. 19, 1995.

Any person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the proposed facility may request the Commission to hold an informal public meeting and/or contested case hearing on the permit application pursuant to Section 382.056(d) of the Texas Health and Safety Code. The Commission is not required to hold a contested case hearing if the basis of a request is determined to be unreasonable. All requests for a contested case hearing must be received in writing within the 30-day comment period regardless of whether an informal public meeting has been held or scheduled on this matter. If you wish to request a public hearing, you must submit your request in writing. You must state (1) your name, mailing address and daytime phone number; (2) the permit number or other recognizable reference to this application; (3) the statement "I/we request a public hearing"; (4) a brief description of how you, or the persons you represent, would be adversely affected by the granting of the application; (5) a description of the location of your property relative to the applicant's operations; and (6) your proposed adjustment to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns and cause you to withdraw your request for hearing. Requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted in writing to Office of the Chief Clerk, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, telephone (512) 239-3300.

Before a permit can be issued for this facility, the applicant must demonstrate that all emission sources are in compliance with all TNRCC air quality Rules and Regulations and all applicable Federal Regulations. This includes the application of "best available control technology" to each new or modified emission source and compliance with all ambient air quality standards. 25-40-2tc

Classifieds gets results

20-Help Wanted

RES recognizes second graders

Richardson Elementary School recognized its second graders for being good spellers, hard workers, having perfect attendance, and making the honor roll during the third six weeks of school.

Students recognized were:
SOLIZ' ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Cory Kate Black, Andy Garcia, Lori Garza, Sharette Johnson, Jose Lopez, Shaun Martinez, Fabian Pena, Christina Ramos, Nayelli Reyes, Rudy Salinas and Elias Zepeda.
Honor Roll: Kayla Acker, Jared Bell, Black, Garza, Nyssa Martinez, Rigo Presas, Felisha Starling and Zepeda.

Top Spellers: Pena, Reyes, Ramos, Martinez, Garza, Zepeda,

Salinas, Presas, Starling and Martinez.
Hardest Worker: Bell.

THAMES' ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Weldon Allison, Vicente Alvarez, Robin Beames, Stephen Bueno, Steven Caballero, Estella Garcia, Niccole Heard, Cindy Martinez, Adam Mendoza, Jeremy Norman and Darrell Reyes.

Top Spellers: Grafida Barrera, Bueno, Chuck Cruz, Heard, Samantha Hernandez, Mendoza, Norman, Reyes and Adam Zambrano.

Honor Roll: Bueno, Cruz and Norman.
Hardest Worker: Norman.

Third graders earn awards

The best spellers, citizens, workers and honor students among Richardson Elementary School's third graders were recently recognized for achievements during the third six weeks of school.

Those honored included:
AXTELL'S ROOM
Best Citizens: Manuel Sanchez, Shayla Kenworthy and Matthew Sanders.

Hardest Workers: Joel Puente, Sam Cavazos, Adrianna Arcos, Natasha Williams and Veronica Agucro.

Top Spellers: Matthew Sanders, Kami Sanders, Kenworthy and Eric Ward.

Honor Roll: Kami Sanders, Alicia Heard, Matthew Sanders and Kenworthy.

NUTT'S ROOM

Best Citizens: Cynthia Sanchez, Osiel Rodriguez, Nancy Paz, Angel Melendez, Patricia Marrufo and Delia Arredondo.

Top Spellers: Arredondo, Melendez and Junior Cuevas.

Honor Roll: Arredondo and Melendez.
Hardest Workers: Victor Porras and Juan Prieto.

KOCH'S ROOM

Best Citizens: Shae Odom, Armando Hinojosa, Michael Guzman and Ashley Burks.

Top Spellers: Jimmy Armstrong, Erica Abrego, Cinnamon Trotter, Carlo Herrera, Shantell Self and Larry Adams.

Honor Roll: Abrego, Armstrong, Self, Adams, Trotter and Jared Griffith.
Hardest Workers: Odom and Sarah Silva.

Library receives a \$1,000 grant

Rhoads Memorial Library in Dimmitt will expand its children's section with the help of a grant from the Lois-Lenski-Covey Foundation.

The grant, issued for \$1,000, is awarded to small libraries which have a need for children's materials.

The money will mainly be used to purchase children's books, according to Librarian Cindy Pottorff.

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PICKY, PICKY—Dimmitt's Tiffany Wilcox (44) picks off a Muleshoe player to leave Carrie Bradley (21) wide open for a shot Friday at Muleshoe. The Bobbies blitzed Muleshoe, 71-41. Photo by John Brooks

Sunnyside

Richelle Gilbreath, her brother, Lyle Denison, and her sister, Cindy Arnold, both of Alpoona, Kan., have been recording this week. They have cut four of the Gospel hymns they have written and put to music. Lyle plays the guitar and Richelle and Cindy play keyboards. They record in Kansas, but for a week or so some musicians from Nashville will be coming to help them with the beginning stages of recording.

The songs they recorded this week were *Count My Blessings*, *Turn Right*, *Solid Ground* and *I Have Heard*.

Verba Sadler, Lillian Carson and Gay Sadler went to Plainview on Monday to help Lori Sizemore and others pack. Gerald Elkins took a trailer and brought back a load Monday night. Friends from Wayland came and helped load and unload everything. Four or five friends helped with the rest of the packing Tuesday and came with

BROWN'S ROOM
Perfect Attendance: Raynee Bradley, Carlos Chavez, Lesley Hinojosa, Carlos Escamilla, Meggie Lemons, Rosa Marrufo, Kelly Reyes, Ricky Reyes, Albert Ruiz, Charley Saenz, Stuart Sheffy and Jonathan Welch.

Top Spellers: Liliana Aguilar, Bradley, Marrufo, Viktorya Navarro, Kelly Reyes and Ricky Reyes.

Honor Roll: Aguilar, Bradley, Lemons and Kelly Reyes.

Hardest Worker: Welch.

EVAN'S ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Casey Alaniz, Daniel Coleman, Apolonia Flores, Ryan Miller, April Morgan, Raul Olvera, Jose Ontivros, Matthew Ruiz, Rosalia Saenz, Roy Sanchez, Yvonne Sifuentez and Leroy Ward.

Honor Roll: Michael Diaz, Miller, Morgan, Ignacio Sifuentez and Yvonne Sifuentez.

Top Spellers: Flores, Ontiveros, Maribel Rivera, Ignacio Sifuentez and Yvonne Sifuentez.

Hardest Worker: Miller.

LUNA'S ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Jesus Alvarado, Jorge Alvarado, Jose Arredondo, Jessica Delgado, Jose Ledesma, Rolando Ontivros, Rosina Ornelas, Rene Rodriguez, Andy Sias, Alejandra Velasquez, Yadira Villalba and Raul Cenicerros.

Top Spellers: Jorge Alvarado, Delilah Barrios, Delgado, Rosalinda Jaramillo, Ornelas, Susana Ornelas, Jose Rodriguez, Velasquez and Villalba.

Honor Roll: Jorge Alvarado, Jaramillo and Velasquez.
Hardest Worker: Cenicerros.

COLLINS' ROOM

Perfect Attendance: Chris Casas, Matthew Larra, Callen Mixson, Maribel Montiel, Omar Pena, Layne Penney, Christopher Perez, Shelley Paxton.

Honor Roll: Paxton, Matt Calderon, Mixson, Montiel and Penney.

Top Spellers: Calderon, Casas, Ruby Espinoza, Martha Lopez, Mixson, Montiel, Paxton, Penney and Jackie Ramirez.

Hardest Worker: Mixson.

them to unload. Gay and David Sadler also helped them unload.

Anthony and Lori spent Tuesday through Thursday night in Plainview with Lori's mother who had helped with the children. All of them spent the night in the parsonage for the first time Friday night.

By the way, they now live ON the field (of service) not "in the" as was typed last week. I seem to speak an obsolete language sometimes.

Josephine Lilley is a little better. She is in a private nursing home, is real weak and wants to sleep all the time. She was 92 on May 7.

Eleanor Baker and Lois Loudder of Canyon visited Saturday afternoon with Teeny Bowden. They are cousins.

Jewell Milliken of Wolfforth, mother of Joan Norrell, had an MRI in Lubbock last week to see if she was having or had a stroke. It was negative, but she is still undergoing tests to determine the problem.

Garrett Byers, nine-week-old son of Erin and Brannon Byers, and grandson of Bruce and Phyllis Bridges and Pansey and Ricky Byers, was admitted to Methodist Hospital in Lubbock on Wednesday and underwent corrective surgery. He was dismissed Saturday.

Bess Bills was admitted to Methodist Hospital on Friday with a blood clot in one lung. Anthony Sizemore went down to see her after church and said she was able to visit with him but was not feeling too well. He also visited with her son Larry of Amarillo, but R.V. had come home to do some things and rest a little so he didn't get to see him.

Angie Rushing and baby Elizabeth Ann, her mother, Debra Rushing, and brother Michael, all of Plainview, and a guest, Solar Smith of Austin, were visitors in the Sunday morning worship service.



THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK—Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (right) presented plaques of appreciation to retiring councilmen Larry Gonzales (left) and Wayne Proffitt (center) at the Dimmitt City Council meeting on Jan. 9. Gonzales resigned to assume his spot on the county commissioners' court; Proffitt resigned after he moved out of his district late last year.

Photo by John Brooks

Computer Concepts course is planned

Amarillo College and Dimmitt Independent School District will be offering a computer course during the spring semester. The college-credit course, "CIS 3023 Computer Concepts" will be taught each Thursday night until the end of the semester in May. Registration will be tonight

(Thursday) at 5 p.m. at Dimmitt High School. The course will be good for three college-credit hours. Classes will meet each Thursday from 5 to 10 p.m. at DHS and will include three lecture and two lab hours. For more information contact Sue Summers at DHS, 647-3105.

More about

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Then the service manager re-
sented.

"I'll call the place that does our work," he said. "If they can take you, I'll send you straight down there."

They could, and he did, and lo and behold, I found that honest-to-goodness rarity, an *automotive radio repairman*. Now I knew how Diogenes felt when he finally found an honest man.

"What's the problem?" he asked. I told him the symptoms.

"Volume switch," he said. "It'll cost so much to pull the radio, so much for labor, and the switch will cost so much."

It all came to about \$85. And no deductible.

"It'll take about 45 minutes," he added. "If you don't mind waiting, I'll get right on it."

"Let's do it," I sighed.

When we went into the office to make out the work order, I noticed a sign on the wall: *No Credit Cards*.

"Just a minute," I said. "I'd better check my poke."

I had let my supply of checks run out. I had \$40 in personal cash and \$20 in company money in my billfold, and an old \$20 Traveler's Cheque in my credit card wallet. \$80. Not enough.

It was beginning to seem a lot like Friday the 13th.

Then I noticed this other worn piece of paper in my credit card wallet. I pulled it out. It was a blank check on one of the credit cards.

Ha!

"Do it," I said.

By the time I had poked around for a while in a store across the street, he was finished. The car radio was as good as new.

I drove home surrounded by rich stereo music, with not a hint of volume haywireness. I was a happy camper.

So for me, Friday the 13th was about normal as far as the ♀'s and the ♂'s were concerned.

In a way, the 14th was spookier.

I awoke on the 14th worrying about the Cowboys but savoring the prospect of the big game.

I poured a cup of coffee, then went upstairs and worked out—half an hour, as I always do on Sunday morning, instead of the usual 20 minutes. Then I brought in the papers, poured another cup, had breakfast, and started reading the papers while waiting for *CBS Sunday Morning* to come on at 8.

When Verbie got up, she glanced at her watch and said, "Hey, we're missing the fishing show."

"Fishing show?" I thought. "But that's not on Sunday mornings. That's on—uh—oh!"

Today wasn't Sunday and church and the Cowboys at 3. Today was Saturday, a morning at the office, and UT-A&M on the tube!

No wonder they keep making those scurrilous little comments around the office about age and memory and hearing and . . .

But Friday the 13th and Saturday the 14th were a walk in the park compared with Sunday the 15th.

If you're a Cowboys fan, Sunday the 15th was . . .

Well, you know.



PRIZE CEDAR CHEST—Kathy Welch of First United Bank shows the custom-made cedar chest that will be awarded as a door prize to someone attending the annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet Saturday night. The chest was made and donated by Jim and Cliff Wright, Charles Cotter and Dennis Kirby, and is being displayed this week at First United Bank and First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. The banquet will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Expo Building, and all banquet tickets will go into a "squirrel cage" for the drawing.

Photo by Don Nelson

More about

Hospital raises rates...

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swer to a question by board member Bill Clark. "But rural hospitals have lower rates anyway, and metro hospitals can afford a higher discount percentage."

He added that in First Care's original rate proposal to the hospital, "their payment schedule wouldn't cover the hospital's costs."

Comparing Plains Memorial's current rates with four other rural hospitals in the area, Goode said that the local hospital rates on 12 basic services are higher than two, about the same as one and lower than one.

However, Plains Memorial's main competition is not from other

rural hospitals but from the metro hospitals in Amarillo and Lubbock, Goode said.

"We could actually have an 80% price increase and still be competitive with the large metro hospitals, which I consider to be our competition," he said.

Goode said the new rate structure would have no impact on Medicare or Medicaid payments, which amount to 70% of Plains Memorial's business, "but it would have an impact on private insurance companies . . . (although) many insurance companies will pay the 'local prevailing rate' or their own contracted rates."

In other action, the hospital board:

—Approved a new "respite care" program which provides rooms and three levels of care for patients who have been discharged but who still need help with bathing, grooming, medications, etc., and for elderly or disabled people who need to check in for such supervisory care for up to two weeks.

—Approved a contract with Debby Brown, P.A., of the Hardec Family Clinic to provide emergency room coverage.

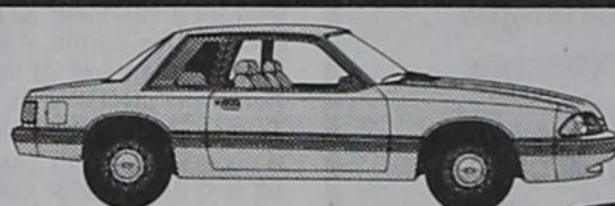
—Approved the transfer of \$101,000 in Disproportionate Share funds to Castro County Community Clinics to subsidize the rural health clinics' accounts payable.

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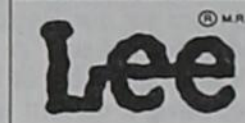
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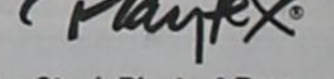
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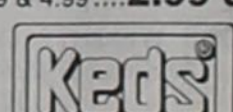
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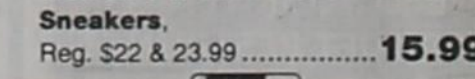
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Obituaries

Bessie Foster

Services for Bessie Mae Cox Foster, 86, longtime resident of Hart, were held Wednesday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church of Hart with Rev. Perry Hunsaker, former minister, officiating.

Burial followed in the Hart Cemetery under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Foster died at 5:05 p.m. Sunday in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

She was born Sept. 16, 1908, in Ainsworth, Okla., and lived in Plainview before moving to Hart in 1926. She married Emmett E. Foster on Aug. 12, 1983, in Hart. She was a charter member of the Hart Golden Group and belonged to the Order of the Easter Star Lodge 847 in Olton.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Claude Cox and Charles Cox.

Survivors include her husband; four grandchildren including Steve Cox of Sterling City, Larry Cox of Paris and Michael Cox and Roni Sloss, both of Amarillo; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the Hart Golden Group, P.O. Box 472, Hart 79043; or to the Hart Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 490, Hart 79043.

Mary Litsch

Mary Frances Litsch, 77, of Nazareth, died at 11:49 a.m. Sunday in San Antonio after a brief illness.

A vigil service was held Tuesday evening at the CCD Building in Nazareth.

Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday morning in Holy Family Catholic Church at Nazareth with Father Neal Dee, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Holy Family Cemetery in Nazareth under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Litsch was born July 8, 1917, in Terre Haute, Ind. She lived in Chicago, Ill. before moving to Nazareth. She married Rudolph "Rudy" Litsch on Feb. 1, 1947, in Chicago. He died on Oct. 1, 1989. She was a Catholic and a member of the Catholic Daughters and American Legion Post Ladies Auxiliary.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Bella Litsch of San Antonio.

Pallbearers were Raymond Huseman, Gregg Huseman, Lonnie Huseman, Frank Huseman, Dean Wilhelm and Julius Birkenfeld.

The family requests memorials be to the Nazareth Museum Association in care of the Nazareth City Hall, Nazareth 79063.

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