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## Day care idea has H.O.P.E. seeking help

Repeated surveys of Castro County residents have revealed a need for good, quality child care here, and members of H.O.P.E. (Health Outlook Planning and Education) dream of establishing a facility to care for children.

Bill Sava and Marilyn Neal, representatives of H.O.P.E., spoke to county commissioners Monday about the establishment of a child care center. They said they are hoping to get support from governing bodies in Castro County, at least until the facility is up and running.

"We are going to attempt to set up a non-profit center for day care," said Sava. "We hope we can find a grant to help with the costs, but that could require matching funds, which may have to come from the cities or county."

Sava said he spoke to directors of a day care center in Tulia, and they told him the center does not rely on taxpayer support, but on money raised through fees charged to those whose children are cared for in the facility.

"In Castro County we have a real serious problem with a lack of child care and we hope you will consider helping us as we try and solve that problem," Sava told commissioners.

"I've been working with this group for three years now, and I know there is a need for child care in the county," said Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige. "But where can we get the seed money to start one—that's the big question."

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

I could hardly believe my eyes when I stepped through the front door of the Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. Tuesday.

There on the front window-seat stood an oblong, black, wood-burning stove.

It was a small two-burner job. It had no baking or warming oven, but it would keep a pot of coffee and a pan of chili hot while radiating warmth throughout a room.

To any old geezer who has ever lived around one, its classic design was immediately recognizable.

Its cast-iron sidewalls were rounded for maximum radiation; it had a turn-damper inside the flue where the stovepipe attaches, and a slide-vent on the apron of the firebox (instead of in the door); its two circular burner covers were flanged on the edges to form a smooth fit and notched so they could be picked up by a slip-in handle. The entire cooktop could be lifted off in four plated pieces that could be carried to the sink or outdoors for cleaning.

My mother had a whole set of flatirons for use with a wood stove. Hers were the deluxe type, with clip-on metal-and-wood handles. You usually needed three flatirons—one to be heating on top of the stove while you ironed with one, and a third one for a door-stop.

I wasn't the only one whose nostalgia cord got strummed by that little wood stove. Store manager Dwayne Acker said they ordered two as a trial, and have already had to reorder. He plans to put one in his own work-

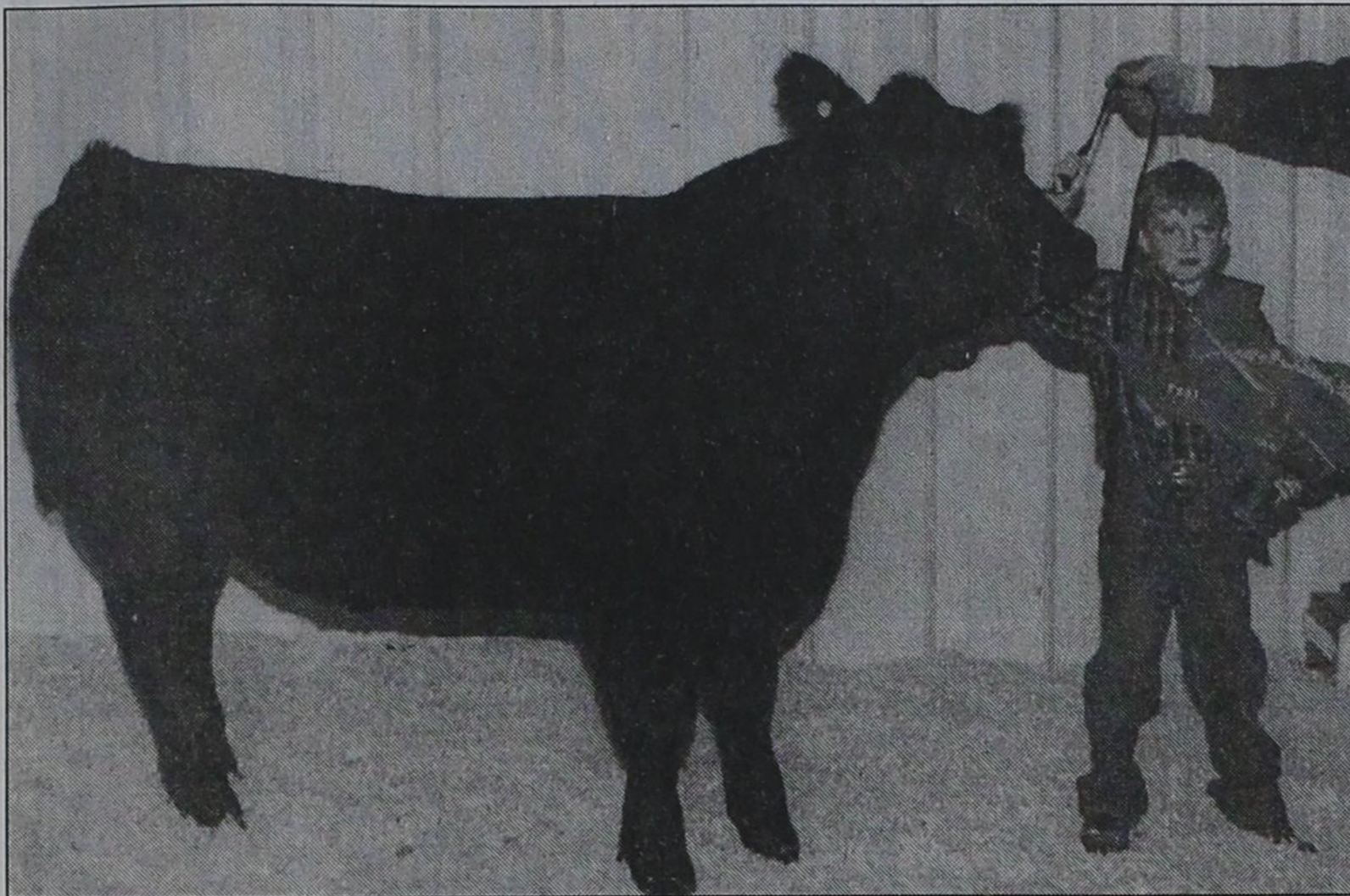
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## Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	71	31	
Friday	69	16	.50
Saturday	28	15	
Sunday	42	15	
Monday	54	24	
Tuesday	67	32	
Wednesday	62	45	

February Moisture . . . . . 0.50  
2001 Moisture . . . . . 1.99

Readings taken every day at 7 a.m. at KDHN, official National Weather Service recording station for Dimmitt.



**THIS 1,255-POUND EXOTIC STEER** graded the Castro County Junior Livestock Show Friday, and it was exhibited by Cutter Johnson. Rafter 3 Feedyard LTD won the bid for the animal Saturday by offering \$2.75 per pound. Photo by Anne Acker

## Johnson, Bradleys exhibit grand champions

# Junior livestock sale raises over \$170,000

Cutter Johnson, Mary Bradley and Beau Bradley were awarded for months of hard work Friday when their animals were selected as grand champions in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show.

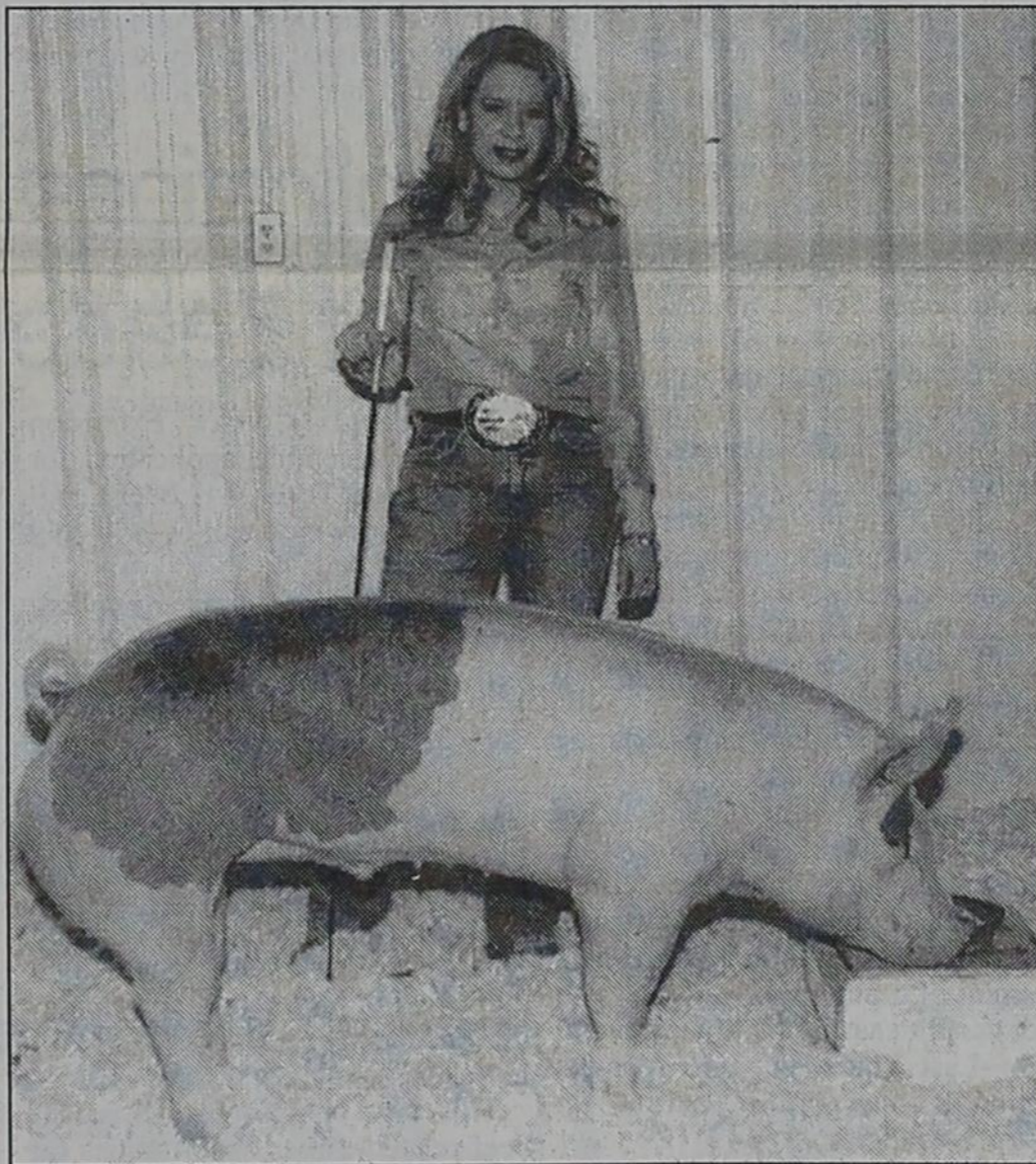
Their animals drew top bids in the premium sale, as did the other 186 animals paraded through the sale ring on Saturday.

Preliminary estimates from this year's sale indicate that \$172,750 was raised—approximately \$170,000 for the 189 animals and another \$2,750 in donations to the Castro County 4-H Center and the Brad Klein Medical Fund.

Johnson's steer, a 1,255-pound exotic breed, was judged the best among the eight steers entered in this year's show. His animal was purchased on Saturday by Rafter 3 Feedyard LTD for \$2.75 per pound.

Mary Bradley drove her 250-pound light heavyweight cross barrow to the grand championship on Friday, then earned a premium bid of \$10 per pound from her uncles and aunts, Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers, in Saturday's premium sale.

Beau Bradley showed the grand champion lamb, a 106-pound lightweight medium wool, and it was purchased Saturday by his great uncles and aunts, the Bacas and Rogers, for \$15 per pound.



**MARY BRADLEY** drove her 250-pound light heavyweight cross barrow to the grand championship Friday at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Bradley earned a bid of \$10 per pound for her pig in Saturday's premium auction, and that bid was provided by her uncles and aunts, Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers. Photo by Anne Acker

**For complete results from this year's stock show, see page 11**

Beau Bradley's big sister, Raynee Bradley, exhibited the reserve champion lamb, a 130-pound heavyweight medium wool. The Bacas and Rogers purchased her lamb for \$12 per pound.

The reserve grand champion steer, a 1,205-pound lightweight British breed exhibited by Dennis Underwood, earned a bid of \$2.70 per pound from The North Gin.

Underwood also drove his 246-pound light heavyweight cross barrow to the reserve grand championship, and it was purchased for \$8.50 per pound by E.M. and Betty Jones and Coby and Connie Gilbreath.

Auctioneer Jack Howell opened Saturday's premium sale by auctioning off the floors, and this year's prices were up from a year ago.

The floor on lambs was purchased for \$78 per hundredweight by Estacado Feed Yard. Plains Hog Company won the barrow floor with a bid of \$34.25 per hundred. The steer floor was bought by Rafter 3 Feedyard LTD for \$78 per hundred.



**THE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB** picked Friday at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 106-pound lightweight medium wool shown by Beau Bradley of Dimmitt. Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers provided the youngster with a bid of \$15 per pound for his lamb. Photo by Anne Acker

## DISD okays application for \$175,000 grant fund

The Dimmitt School Board gave approval Monday for Darlene Collins and Clint Seward to go forward with an application for an Academics 2000 grant for \$175,000.

The grant would be used to implement a research-based reading program at Richardson Elementary School. According to Collins, a goal of the program is to try to close the gap in reading test scores between "at-risk" students and those not at risk and between those with limited English proficiency and those without.

Collins also told the board about other grants the district has received or is applying for. One recently confirmed is for \$11,050 from the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. that would allow students to go on a "virtual field trip." The grant money includes the purchase price of a camera, computer and projector for the high school.

Collins also asked for specific board approval of the application for a Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) grant, but since it was not on the agenda, a vote had to be postponed until the next meeting of the board.

Collins said the grant is for \$100,000 and would be used for installing a distance learning lab at Dimmitt Middle School. It would be used by students from the high school, and also could be available for use by members of the community, she said.

In other business, the board gave approval for purchase of a new school bus. Supt. Les Miller recommended a 30-passenger bus that would be more economical to operate than a 72-passenger model. He said there were routes that could use the smaller-sized bus and it could

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## The Road to the Final Four begins in Castro County

### Class A Girls' Sectional Tournament

Swiftettes vs. Fort Elliott, Friday, 6 p.m., Lubbock Coronado  
Finals: Saturday, 11 a.m., Lubbock Coronado

### Class AAA Girls' Area

Bobbies vs. Slaton, Friday, 7:30 p.m.,  
Rip Griffin Center, Lubbock Christian University

### Class A Boys' Bi-District

Swifts vs. Hedley, Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.,  
Caprock Activity Center

### Class AAA Boys' Area

Bobcats vs. Lamesa/Denver City, TBA

## County will buy new phone system

The courthouse will soon have a new state-of-the-art telephone system complete with voice mail and other features.

Commissioners agreed Monday to purchase a new telephone system from Douglas Telecommunications. Preliminary estimate for the new equipment and installation is close to \$20,000.

The county could have saved approximately \$3,000 on that cost by cutting out the voice mail feature, but after discussing the option, commissioners decided it would be worth the cost.

"If we're going to put in a new system, then I think we should do it right to start with," said Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige.

"This system includes good, easy-to-use telephones and it has a lot of versatility," said Steve Douglas, who presented Douglas Telecommunica-

tion's proposal to commissioners Monday.

The new system will replace the existing telephone system in the courthouse, including the sheriff's department.

Douglas said he should be able to install the new system over the weekend, and would try and ensure that there would be an open line to the sheriff's department at all times.

Commissioners agreed to sell used computers from the County Clerk's office to Computer Solutions of Dimmitt, which bid \$25 per computer for three of the four available units and monitors.

"I think we should agree to accept the bid if he'll agree to take all four computers for the \$75," said Baldrige.

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## Citizens may register for May 5 elections

Residents who have not registered to vote may do so at any time by filling out a voter registration application and returning it to the office of Voter Registrar Billy Hackleman in the Castro County Courthouse.

Also, voters who have had a change of address need to notify Hackleman's office so that they may receive a corrected voter's registration card.

Unregistered persons may register by April 5 and still be eligible to vote in the May 5 elections for municipal, school board and hospital district positions.

Candidates may begin filing for positions on ballots on Feb. 19, continuing through March 21. Applications for early ballots by mail will be accepted beginning March 6.

Early voting will be held April 18-May 1.

Positions that are expiring for the various governing entities are listed below:

**Castro County Hospital District**  
Terms are expiring for Henry Ramaekers, Carolyn Sides, and Jerry Annen.

### Dimmitt

City: Terms are expiring for Mayor Wayne Collins and the three at-large council members, Trish Elliott, Bobby Murdock and Clint Seward.

DISD: Those whose terms are expiring are Rick Wright in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4.

### Hart

City: The terms of Mayor Marguerite McLain and Aldermen Doyle K. Davis and Harvey Perez are expiring.

HISD: Those whose terms are ending are Daniel Higgins and Sandy Farris.

### Nazareth

City: City Commissioner Joel Gerber is the only one facing an expiring term.

NISD: Terms are expiring for Keith Hoelting and Patti Kern.

# Energas to hold four community meetings

Energas Ag Services has scheduled four Community Ag Meetings throughout the area during the coming weeks to give farmers and other interested persons the opportunity to talk with company representatives about the new Energas contracts and the future of natural gas prices.

The first meeting will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at 113 W. Eighth St. in Plainview. Other meetings also are set for 10 a.m., one for Wednesday (Feb. 21) at the VFW in Brownfield at Cedar and E. Webb Lamesa Hwy.; next Thursday in Hereford at the Annex Building, 511 N. 25 Mile Ave.; and Feb. 26 in Muleshoe at the Bailey County Coliseum, 2206 W. American Blvd.

Energas Ag Services wants to make sure farmers are making decisions based on accurate information.

"There is a great deal of misinformation in the field right now and many farmers are understandably confused and concerned," an Energas spokesperson said in a news release about the meetings. "That is why we are planning these four Ag meetings. For customers in the rest of our service area, field representatives will be hosting meetings in communities close to you."

"We are very concerned about how high energy prices will affect

our irrigation customers this upcoming season," said Kelley Grimes, Energas Ag Services General Manager. "All of us are in a unique situation, and we at Energas feel we must all work together to find solutions that are good for everyone concerned."

"Agriculture is vital to our area and vital to the success of Energas. Therefore, we are making ourselves available to all of our customers to ensure that good communication is maintained as we work our way through this difficult time."

The news release said, "The new irrigation contracts reflect the commitment of Energas to provide natural gas at as competitive a rate as possible while continuing to work on providing irrigation customers with unparalleled service. Energas Ag Services is only concerned about the success of its customers."

The release went on to say that all Energas Ag Services customers are urged to attend these meetings.

"We also strongly encourage anyone involved in the irrigation business who may have an interest in high energy prices to attend," the spokesperson said.

For more information, contact Grimes in Lubbock at 806-798-4477.

# CPAT cautions producers about signing gas contracts

Corn Producers Association of Texas (CPAT) is cautioning farmers to seek legal advice before signing new irrigation natural gas sales contracts.

According to a news release from the Texas Corn Producers' Board, a Panhandle gas supplier sent out the new proposed contracts, requesting that they be signed by the recipients on or before today (Thursday).

Specific details from the contracts have been brought to the attention of the CPAT, according to TCPB.

CPAT wants producers to realize that before they sign these new contracts, they must recognize that by signing them they will be releasing the gas supplier from any obligations under past contracts and the business relationship will be governed prospectively entirely under the new contract.

Before signing the contracts, farmers should, therefore, closely review and recognize all of the additions and changes that have been made, CPAT suggests.

"Each individual who signs this proposed contract will be agreeing to provisions that favor the gas provider," said a statement from TCPB. "Farmers are strongly advised to consult with their personal attorneys to determine whether signing these agreements will cause them to lose any substantive legal rights."

The news release said that immediate attention should be directed toward the following summarized areas of particular concern from the proposed contracts:

◆ Each individual who signs these agreements has arguably agreed to indemnify the gas provider for damages resulting from incidents involving natural gas.

◆ The gas company is given the right to curtail, interrupt, and discontinue providing natural gas to individual farmers when "in their sole discretion, it becomes necessary to protect public health and safety, or to maintain service to a higher priority customer." In other words, the provider can arguably shut off a farmer's gas for any reason and at any time. This is simply a very broad contractual right in favor of the gas company.

◆ The new contracts also state

that the company can change the price charged to farmers at any time for any reason.

◆ There are provisions stated that arguably give the gas provider the right to charge a penalty of 10% for any late payment and 18% per annum for unpaid balances.

◆ Another new stipulation says the gas company can require farmers to give them a cash deposit before they will sell them gas.

◆ The proposed contracts state, "No correction or adjustment shall be made for a period longer than 90 days." Simply stated, if a gas meter is found to have been reading incorrectly for a period of one year, the farmer could arguably only seek a correction for the three months preceding the date of discovery.

◆ Assuming a farmer loses his crop as a result of the lack of delivery of natural gas, a provision saying the farmer contractually agrees that any damages resulting from a breach of the contract shall be limited to actual damage could become very important.

Carl Hensz, president of CPAT said, "All farmers need to understand their rights before they consider signing any legal document. I strongly encourage any individual to seek legal advice prior to signing this agreement."

## Letter

### 'Visitor truly was an angel'

Dear Editor:

I do appreciate the article, "Child has miraculous recovery after mysterious bedside visit." I want to thank Anne Acker for writing this article [which appeared in last week's issue of the News].

It is wonderful to have a doctor in our town to run extra tests to make sure the recovery wasn't a fluke.

In years past, I have done a study on the subject of angels. I believe the mysterious bedside visit to the very sick 1-year-old was an angel sent at God's command.

NORMA CONARD



BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS—Dimmitt's Bobbies hoist the bi-district championship trophy in the West Texas A&M Field House Tuesday night after defeating the Tulia Lady Hornets, 56-48. The Bobbies (17-15) will

play next in the area round against Slaton Friday night at 7:30 in the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

Photo by Carter Townsend

# Police Calls

Feb. 6, police were called to Dimmitt High School about a Class C assault in which a suspect had assaulted a 16-year-old victim with her fist.

Joe Franco, manager at the Azteca Complex, told police Monday that someone had broken out the glass of a storm door on one of the apartments. He estimated the damage at \$30.

Maria Castaneda of Dimmitt told police Sunday afternoon that someone broke a window and a door glass at a residence on Northeast Sixth Street. No estimate was given for the damage.

Some suspects were reported Sunday afternoon for shoplifting at the ALCO store in Dimmitt.

A suspect was reported for trespassing at the Azteca Complex Monday night after having been warned to stay away.

A Dimmitt woman told police Feb. 6 that a suspect has been harassing her by phone even though a protective order has been entered against the suspect.

Sheriff's deputies answered a call about a domestic disturbance at Coronado Acres Monday afternoon.

A 28-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Feb. 6 on charges of DWI, third or more offense.

Those jailed on warrants during the past week included:

—Feb. 6, a Dimmitt man, 28, on charges of possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

—Feb. 7, a 42-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for aggravated assault of a public servant, and two for assault causing bodily injury.

—Last Thursday, a 59-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for terrorist threat.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 26, on two warrants for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; and a 39-year-old Gonzales man on warrants for speeding and violation of promise to appear.

◆ Tuesday at 8:10 a.m., a 2000 GMC pickup driven by Troy Kirby, 73, of Dimmitt, backed into a 2001 Chevy Cavalier, driven by Olga Ruiz, 46, of Dimmitt. Both vehicles had been heading south in the 100 block of Northwest Fifth, when the pickup backed into the car, causing no injuries and light damage to both vehicles.

◆ Icy road conditions due to a sudden hail storm last Thursday after-

*A wise mother knows it's better to teach children the roots of labor than to hand them the fruits of hers.*

*A mother teaches her children to count, but more importantly, what counts.*

*A mother is like a quilt—she keeps her children warm but she doesn't smother them.*

**Last Puzzle Solution**

noon contributed to two one-vehicle crashes a few minutes apart about 13 miles north of Dimmitt on US 385.

At 4:25 p.m., a 1999 GMC Denali sport utility vehicle driven by Judith Ellen Minchew, 56, of Hereford, was driving south on US 385. She came across a heavy patch of hail covering the roadway about 13 miles north of Dimmitt and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle skidded sideways, hit a highway sign, slid into the bar ditch, hit a fence post and came to rest in the bar ditch, high-centered on a culvert. The Dept. of Public Safety report stated that Minchew was uninjured and her vehicle had light to moderate damage. She was issued a citation for unsafe speed.

At 4:29 p.m., a 1992 Buick Park Avenue driven by John Robert Simpson, 69, of Dimmitt, also was heading south on US 385, about 13.1 miles north of Dimmitt. DPS reports state that he hit a patch of ice and the vehicle started sliding into the right bar ditch, striking a culvert and rolling 2½ times, going through a fence and coming to rest upside down. Simpson was listed with possible injuries and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. His vehicle was listed with heavy damage. Simpson was given a citation for unsafe speed.

# Applications due for 4-H Beef Leadership Tour

The Castro County Extension Office is accepting application for the inaugural Texas 4-H Beef Leadership Tour, which will be held July 29 through Aug. 4.

The deadline to submit an application is March 1, and completed paperwork must be turned in to the Extension office by that date.

The tour is for 4-H'ers who have demonstrated a desire to pursue a career related to beef. Applicants must be members of Texas 4-H and must have completed at least their freshman year of high school at the time of the tour, with at least one more year of high school remaining.

A total of 30 to 35 participants will be selected for the tour.

This tour is designed to reflect beef-related career opportunities by focusing on beef's role in the food industry, nutrition, beef cattle production, agribusiness, public speaking, leadership, citizenship and/or communications. A participant does

not have to exhibit beef in order to be considered.

Selected participants must document that he or she will be able to participate the entire time of the tour, without exception. Tour members also must demonstrate the ability to actively participate in educational seminars, work in teams to reach outlined objectives, display self-motivation to implement and carry out county educational programs and complete written assignments.

Participants will be required to give back 20 hours of time to their communities as they educate local residents on the importance of beef and the role it plays in our everyday lives.

Applicants will be reviewed for the following qualities: leadership integrity, potential for growth, communication skills, commitment to participate, 4-H activities and ability to self-motivate.

# More about DISD . . .

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also be used on trips for smaller groups.

The board ordered an election for May 5 for the election of school board members. Those whose terms are expiring are Rick Wright in Place 2 and Paul Garcia in Place 4. Oscar Wylie was named election judge.

Approval was given for the DHS Band to take a trip to a music festival in Colorado Springs, Colo., for May 2-6, provided that the members raise enough money to cover the cost.

The regularly scheduled board meeting for March 12 was rescheduled for March 19 at noon. The original date would have fallen during Spring Break. Also, a called board meeting was set for today (Thursday) at 2 p.m. to consider the TIF Grant application, which is facing approaching deadlines.

Following an executive session, the board voted to extend the contracts of administrative personnel for another two years, through the 2002-2003 school year. Those considered were DHS Principal R.L. Stockstill and assistant principal Harold Hinsley, DMS principal George Rasor, RES Principal Clint Seward, Business Administrator John Chase, Curriculum Director Doricell Davis, Special Education Director Kay Gfeller, and Alternative Campus Director and Grant Writer Darlene Collins. They also were given raises.

The board also accepted the resignation of third grade teacher Linda Koch, who is retiring at the end of the school year.

# Master Gardener program planned at 4-H Center

A statewide volunteer training for the Junior Master Gardener program will be held March 8-9 at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood.

Any county 4-H'er interested in attending the program must register before Feb. 20. A \$55 registration fee, per person, will be required with the registration form. The registration fee includes one night's lodging, limited accident insurance, meals, snacks and programming fees.

The goal of the program is to expand the number of Junior Master Gardener programs in county programs. The training will provide practical experience that will assist leaders as they implement Junior Master Gardener programs in their county.

Participants will partake in an interactive overview of the program, implementation procedures, curriculum training, developing youth gardens, service learning projects, working with youth and more.

For more information or to register for the program, call the County Extension Office at 647-4115.

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**ACROSS**

1 "Bullet" Bob Hayes won gold in '64 in 100m  
5 TXism: "como \_\_\_\_ (How are you?)  
6 TXism: "not any"  
7 Presidio La Bahia has fresco of angel with six of these  
8 Galveston-filmed "Capricorn \_\_\_\_"  
9 TXism: "it'll do \_\_\_\_ (adequate)"  
17 Gulf shrimp catchers  
19 TX Tanya tune: "\_\_\_\_ King"  
21 TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_\_ Pretty Woman"  
22 TXism: "what \_\_\_\_ around comes around"  
23 TX Hamblen's "This \_\_\_\_ House"  
24 energetic Margo Jones was the "Dallas \_\_\_\_"  
30 TX Capitol statue "Freedom" has a \_\_\_\_ Roman helmet  
34 Perry is TX \_\_\_\_ Gov.  
35 coastal guide  
36 TXism for "many"  
37 saddle making skill  
39 TXism: "strong as \_\_\_\_ (smelly)"  
43 TXism: "tough row \_\_\_\_ (difficult)"  
44 foes  
45 TX Wills: "Ah \_\_\_\_ take it away Leon"  
46 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ as the driven snow"

**DOWN**

47 criminal evidence  
48 Houston Intl. abbr.  
50 TX B.J.'s "\_\_\_\_ New York Woman"  
53 TXism: "over \_\_\_\_ der"  
54 TXism: "good \_\_\_\_ boy"  
55 Beaumont's first name: Trevis  
56 he started with TX Burnett in "The Four Seasons"  
59 low-lying stretches of land  
60 a pen name of TX Sandra Brown: \_\_\_\_ St. Claire  
61 has the same meaning (abbr.)  
62 TX tots game  
63 TXism: "at the \_\_\_\_ hat"  
38 "\_\_\_\_ and a puff"  
40 "yes" south of the border  
41 quilting or killer  
42 fodder tying  
43 fobber  
49 kid in \_\_\_\_ store"  
27 TXism: "happy as a \_\_\_\_"  
28 actress Rita  
29 TXism: "he's \_\_\_\_ you shouldn't mess with"  
31 strong beer  
32 TXism: "worn \_\_\_\_ frazzle"  
13 TX fire ant, e.g.  
14 wife of TX John Connally (init.)  
15 head of a TX corp. (abbr.)  
16 TXism: "no \_\_\_\_ stepper" (easy)  
18 TXism: "could sell sheep \_\_\_\_ cattleman"  
20 small sofa  
24 this TX Dan was TV's "Hoss" (init.)  
25 affirmative vote in TX legislature  
26 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ your poison" (choose)  
11 Valley healing plant  
12 juror, e.g.

# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

There is an old West Texas saying, "If you don't like our weather, just wait a little while—it'll change." This past week, we've had snow, rain, hail, wind, sleet, and even some warm, sunny days.

During these cold, snowy days as I was at home getting cabin fever, a little tune kept running through my mind. Even a letter from Margaret Parsons, formerly of Dimmitt and now of Friona, said, "Friday and Sunday nights find us with 'nothing to do'."

When the Parsons lived here, it was their custom to eat pizza with a group of Methodists on Sunday night after church and fish or Mexican food with another group on Fridays.

We saw Malcolm and Cindy Reynolds eating out recently. It was Cindy's birthday, and they were celebrating. Cindy confirmed what I had heard—she is now playing the organ at the First United Methodist Church. This is to give Marie Winders a well-deserved sabbatical.

On being reminded that Cindy is a musician, I asked her if she remembered the words to the song I had been humming for days. She said, "Oh, yes! That is an old Statler Brothers' hit!"

After reviewing the words to *I've*

*Nothin' to Do*, I decided to do this very unofficial survey to find out about things to do in Dimmitt. With a population just over 4,000, Dimmitt is like most towns this size in Texas. It is very youth-oriented.

We can always support the Bobbies and the Bobcats. Hopefully, as you read this, both teams are still in the play-offs. The Bobbies were scheduled to meet Tulia at The Box in Canyon Tuesday night. The Bobcats' regular season just ended and they have a game scheduled. Find out the time. Read the *Castro County News*, listen to KDHN Radio, call the school office, participate! Back the Bobcats. They are ranked No. 5 in the state for 3A schools.

Coming soon—many children in the third through sixth grades will be playing in Kids, Inc. basketball games. Parents will be coaching. These games are fun to watch.

The churches offer many opportunities for Bible study and fun. At the Abundant Life Church, Tom and Kay Mullins report having 37 youngsters, fourth grade through high school age, at the church's game place on the east side of the square at 115 SE Second St. on a recent Friday night. The games offered there are

football, ping pong, and pool. On Feb. 23 all kids in this age bracket are welcome to attend a screening of the movie, *Left Behind*, based on the popular series of books. The movie will be shown at the Abundant Life Church meeting place at 500 S. US 385.

Primera Iglesia Bautista at Ninth and Etter offers Bible study by J.R. Cano, youth minister. J.R. is a junior student at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. This study is for junior high and high school students. There is a game time and snacks provided there also. This group was in charge of the Sunday worship service this past week, and recently went to Lubbock to a youth jamboree.

The Catholic youth meet every Wednesday at 8 p.m. following the regular religion classes. Paul and Ortensia Garcia lead this youth group. They plan social services and special activities. They are planning a trip to Ceta Canyon soon for a retreat with many other Panhandle Catholic young people.

The First United Methodist Church youth minister, Virgil Feinsod, leads the youth on Sunday nights, with the junior high meeting at 5 p.m. and the high school at 6

p.m. Each Wednesday night the FUMC youth and the First Baptist Church youth meet together. This group is called the Dimmitt Youth Combination Group. In February they are meeting at the Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. for the junior high and 7 p.m. for the high school students.

The combined group traveled to Atlanta, Ga., during the past summer. They had vacation Bible schools and ministered to many under-privileged children.

During the Christmas holidays, the combined group took a ski trip to Ruidoso, N.M.

The Sunday youth schedule at FBC is junior high, 5:30 p.m., high school grades 9-11 at 7 p.m., and the seniors meet at the home of FBC youth minister Sam Griffins at 8 p.m.

The Dimmitt Book Club meets at Rhoads Memorial Library every second Wednesday at 4 p.m. The program for February was Barbara Bain with a review of the book *I Love You, Ronnie*, by Nancy Reagan. The book contains letters from Ronald Reagan to Nancy, revealing the romantic courtship of this famous couple.

The reviewer for March is Shirley

Wise. Members are encouraged to attend and the public is cordially invited.

The Community Concert group that attends from Dimmitt was in for a special treat at the Harrah Memorial Auditorium at Wayland Baptist University. The program was vocalist Roslyn Kind. Jane Vaughan describes her as a lovely blonde, and said she thought Roslyn was more talented than her sister, Barbra Streisand.

Tickets for the Community Concerts for the 2001-2002 season will be on sale in April. The season tickets are good at the Hereford and Plainview concerts. The ticket holders for this year report that the programs were exceptionally good. For more information, contact Betty Freeman at 647-3214 or Doris Flynt at 647-3473.

Those attending from Dimmitt were Carolyn Jones, Van Earl and Waurayne Hughes, Houston and Doris Lust, Joy Parsons, Doris Flynt, Marie Perrin, Polly Simpson, Shirley Wise, and Ed and Betty Freeman. Mildred Bradford joined the group later, as she stayed in Dimmitt to see her granddaughter, Molly, showing her lambs in the Castro County Stock Show.

Others from Dimmitt who enjoyed the show were Lloyd and Jane Vaughan, Dr. Bill and Julia Murphy and Julia's mom from Ukraine.

Dec. 8 was the last time J.W. Stone saw the hummingbird that he faithfully fed this past summer and fall.

There is always bird watching or "counting flowers on the wall." Can we really say, "There's nothin' to do"?



Rachal Harman

## Rachal Harman participates in concert band

Rachal Harman, a senior at Dimmitt High School, participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary convention and clinic of the Association of Texas Small School Bands on Feb. 7-11 in San Antonio.

She was selected for participation by qualifying at area tryouts. At the clinic in San Antonio, Harman competed against 40 clarinetists for placement in either the symphonic or concert band, and earned fourth chair in the concert band, ranking her 24<sup>th</sup> overall in Texas small school bands. The musicians in the bands were from 1A, 2A and 3A schools.

The concert band was composed of 120 members and was conducted by Bobby Francis, director of bands for Texas Christian University.

After practicing for eight hours a day during clinic sessions, the band performed a concert on Saturday. Selections included *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *Hill Country Holiday*, *French Impressions*, *Japanese Tune*, *Dinosaurs*, and *Honey Boys on Parade*.

The symphonic band also had 120 members and was conducted by retired Col. Arnald D. Gabriel, USAF. The concerts were held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in downtown San Antonio.

The annual clinic and convention is held in conjunction with the Texas Music Educators' Association Convention. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held to celebrate a decade of promoting, encouraging participation in, and maintaining small school bands in Texas.

During her free time, Harman was able to tour the Riverwalk and the Alamo, and saw Jim Cullum's Jazz Band.

## Band boosters to meet Monday

The Dimmitt Band Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Dimmitt High School band hall.

Items on the agenda for discussion include senior band blankets, band trip fundraisers, and band banquet alternatives.

"It is imperative that all high school band parents and students attend this meeting," a club spokesperson said, "but all band students and their parents are welcome."

# Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A "full house" of Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a time of fellowship followed by dinner at the center on Sunday evening.

Table decorations of white chocolate roses made by Nellie Wilhelm were later given to members. Four door prizes also were awarded to lucky members.

New members were welcomed to the group, including Don and Betty Acker and Kenneth Heard. One guest, Lillian Cameron, was present.

Those with recent or upcoming birthdays were recognized and they included Cecil Hoelting, Norita Hoelting, Lillian Cameron and Jimmie Schulte.

Before dinner, Nazareth Senior Citizens President Jimmie Schulte asked for a period of silence for the group's oldest member, Max Acker, who died Jan. 28. She will be missed by everyone.

A large group of relatives enjoyed the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding celebration of Donald and Dolores (Hoelting) Detten of Amarillo.

Mass was read at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, followed by a buffet dinner and dance at St. Thomas Parish Hall.

Hosts for the event were the couple's children and their spouses, and the couple's 14 grandchildren including Fred and Donna Britten and Mike and Peggy Zamora, all of

Panhandle, Kenneth and Diane Detten of Claude and Chris and Connie Lopez of Amarillo.

Congratulations to our Swift and Swiftette basketball teams who won their district championships with perfect 6-0 marks. They did this without two players—Ky Wilcox and Shawna Gerber, each of whom is recuperating from knee surgery.

The Nazareth FCCLA held its annual banquet Saturday night in the school cafeteria. The theme for this year's banquet was a 1950s "Sock Hop."

All of the couples were dressed in 1950s styles, which included poodle skirts and scarves for the girls, and black pants, slicked-back hair and tatoos for the guys.

The banquet menu consisted of hamburgers, French fries and banana splits.

After the meal, speeches and awards were given by the FCCLA officers and their sponsor, Mrs. Rita Huckert.

The "Outstanding Member" award was presented to FCCLA President Lindsie M. Gerber. "FCCLA Sweetheart" was club vice president, Lindsey K. Gerber. The "FCCLA Beau" for the year is senior Mark Birkenfeld.

Following the awards, everyone was ready for the sock hop dance.

Jason Birkenfeld did a great job of serving as the disc jockey, playing a mixture of dance music from the 1950s through the 1990s. Luke Price and Jason then entertained the crowd by performing with Jason's electric guitar.

Everyone really enjoyed the unexpected singing talent of Mark Birkenfeld, as he sang out, accompanied by either Luke's or Jason's guitar music.

During the dance, the students enjoyed playing a round of the "Limbo," which was won by Craig Birkenfeld.

School faculty and school board members and their spouses also attended the banquet.

Pictures were taken by Randy and Monette Schilling beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Prayers are asked for Brad Klein, Leonard Gerber, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Tammy Drerup, Ray Schmucker, Ernie Brockman, Ann Heck and Mary Gerber.

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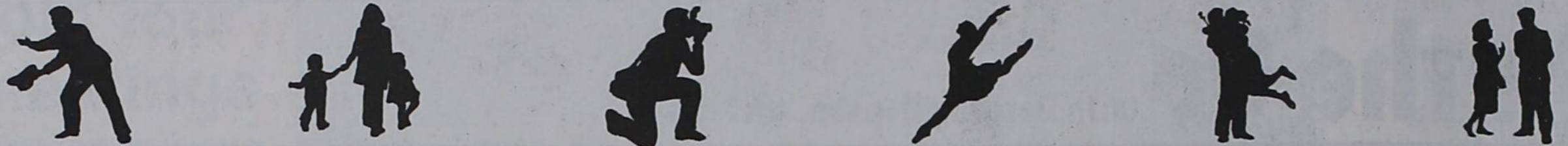
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## SEC offering two \$500 scholarships

Swisher Electric Cooperative will award two \$500 scholarships in March to eligible applicants. The scholarships are available to any student who is a member or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of SEC.

Applicants may be high school graduates, currently enrolled college students or persons wishing to continue their education after an extended absence. Recipients will be chosen based upon character, community involvement and service work, and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include a written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

Applications may be obtained from area high school counselors or by calling Swisher Electric Cooperative at 995-3567. Applications must be received by March 2, and the awards will be presented at the SEC annual meeting on March 29.

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative of Amarillo, a generation and transmission cooperative owned by 10 Texas and one Oklahoma electric

distribution cooperative also is offering a \$1,200 scholarship.

The Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of individuals who were dedicated to the development and advancement of rural electrification for the benefit of their member/consumers. The scholarship provides financial assistance to electric cooperative family members seeking post-high school education in fields of study which are generally beneficial to electric cooperatives. It is available to an entering freshman college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of a rural electric cooperative which is an (owner) member of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative.

Applications for the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative Directors Memorial Scholarship may be obtained from SEC or The Opportunity Plan, Inc., PO Box 1035, Canyon 79015-1035, which is the administrator of the scholarship.



FATHER JIM SCHMITMEYER, a writer, farmer and pastor, will present a special program depicting the lives of Sts. Isidore and Maria on Sunday at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth. A pot luck supper will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the program.

## Additional WTAMU honorees are listed

In a story in last week's *News*, graduates and honor students from West Texas A&M University were listed for the fall 2000 semester. However, several students with local connections were inadvertently left out.

Other graduates included Jaimye S. Bingham of Nazareth, who earned her bachelor of science in nursing degree; and Emilio Nino of Dimmitt, who earned his bachelor of science degree in agri/integrated pest management.

Additional listings for the Dean's List include Michael L. Bell, of Dimmitt, a senior, BBA/MPACC; Marcus J. Brockman of Nazareth, a senior, undeclared major; and Larissa

J. Fuentes of Dimmitt, freshman, undeclared major.

Those named to the Dean's List must achieve a grade point average between 3.25 and 3.85, while carrying a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

## 'Valentine Tea' is planned in Olton today

The Olton Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture is sponsoring a Valentine Tea for area residents today (Thursday) from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Wild Plum Bed and Breakfast in Olton.

The event kicks off an evening of fun for the entire family. An informal style show will be held during the tea with fashions modeled from local dress shops.

A musical is planned at the renovated Roxy Theater beginning at 7 p.m.

"Jelvis," (Jeff Neinst as Elvis) will make his appearance and be the main attraction. Other musical talent from the area also will perform.

## Readers' Theater planned Sunday at Home Mercantile

After a string of recent concert events, a "Readers' Theater" will be performed at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth on Sunday evening.

The public is invited to attend the event, which also will serve as a faith formation night for many participants.

There will be a potluck dinner at 5 p.m., followed by the program at 6.

The performance will depict the lives of Saints Isidore and Maria, a 12<sup>th</sup> Century Spanish couple who are the patrons of agriculture, as well as a modern day rural couple named Doug and Juanita.

The Readers' Theater performance, "A Sunday in Texas," was written by Father Jim Schmitmeyer, a writer, farmer and pastor of two rural parishes in western Ohio. It will be performed by four readers.

Readers' Theater is, in essence, reading literature in a public setting.

"Its goal is to engage an audience in an intricate exploration of how a piece of literature gives shape, texture and color to human experience," said Father Schmitmeyer.

## Freeman brothers honored for heroism

Travis Freeman, 12, and his brothers, Trevor, 10, and Trent, 8, were honored recently in Clovis, N.M., for their part in helping four people who were involved in a serious accident near their home south of Cannon Air Force Base on Nov. 22, according to a story by Lori Frazier in the *Clovis News-Journal*.

The youngsters are the grandsons of John and Doris Wait of Dimmitt and the great-grandsons of P.O. Goodwin, also of Dimmitt.

One of the people they helped was their father, Robert Freeman, whose truck was hit by a pickup occupied by an elderly man and his wife. Freeman and a coworker were knocked unconscious in the collision. The elderly man received a cut on his arm and complained of chest pain, while his wife received a cut on her forehead.

Travis helped the couple, instructing the man to keep pressure on the wound on his arm. Trevor was the

one who called 911, and Trent ran back and forth from the house to the vehicles with needed items.

Travis told the *News-Journal* that he learned how to care for people with injuries from his participation in the World Rangers, a youth group sponsored by the Bethel Assembly of God Church in Clovis.

The boys' mother, Danette, told the *News-Journal* that Robert had to be in the hospital in Lubbock for five days, and that he still has bouts of dizziness. But she said she was extremely proud of her sons for the way they handled the emergency.

Rescue personnel were complimentary of the boys' actions, saying they were very mature and saved valuable time by their actions.

The three were honored in a ceremony at Lockwood Elementary School in Clovis at a special pep rally. The event recognized the Freemans and other students who exemplified the "Six Pillars of Character."

## Texas Tech confers degrees and honors

Texas Tech University recently announced 2000 fall graduates and students who were named to honors lists for the fall 2000 semester.

Degrees were officially conferred on more than 1,500 graduates at the recent commencement ceremonies.

Graduates included Amy Jan Fuller of Dimmitt, who received her bachelor of science degree in family and consumer science.

More than 4,000 Texas Tech students were named to honor lists for the completed semester.

Those on the President's List must achieve a grade point average of 4.0 while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Local stu-

dents who made the list are Amy Denise Garcia of Dimmitt, a senior, majoring in human development; and Jill Danielle Schulte, a freshman majoring in pre-communication disorders.

To make the Dean's List, a student must carry a minimum of 12 hours and achieve a GPA between 3.5 and 3.9. Local students listed include Julie Ann Merritt of Dimmitt, freshman, architecture; Lee Ann Wilkerson of Dimmitt, sophomore, psychology; Sarah Jean Olvera of Nazareth, senior, multidisciplinary studies; Mitchell Frank Brockman of Nazareth, sophomore, pre-medicine; and Susan Marie Jones of Nazareth, sophomore, agriculture and applied economics.

## County 4-H's will form Nutrition Quiz Bowl team

A Nutrition Quiz Bowl team featuring Castro County 4-H's will be organized today (Thursday) and those interested should attend a planning meeting at 4 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

The Quiz Bowl is an activity that resembles a game show and it is designed to help participants learn about basic nutrition, fitness, healthy lifestyles, food preparation, consumer information, and food and kitchen safety.

"We will be trying to form a Junior I, Junior II and Senior team. If enough people show interest in this project, we will be doing it as a competitive team at the district contest on Saturday, April 7," said Castro County Extension Agent Marilyn Neal.

"This is a fun project that will not interfere with any other district competitions," Neal added.

For more information about the program, contact Neal at 647-4115.

## Class of 1991 plans reunion

Members of the Dimmitt High School Class of 1991 are making plans for their 10-year reunion, which has been set for Saturday, July 28.

The event will be held at the Country Club of Dimmitt, and the cost will be \$25 per person.

All members of the class are asked to get in touch with Jamie Baker Mendoza at 647-0443 or log on to the reunion web site at [www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc1991/index.html](http://www.angelcities.com/members/dhsc1991/index.html) and leave their information.

"We are working hard to try to make this a memorable occasion, but we need your help," Mendoza said. "Please call or log on."

## Hereford Nazarene youth set mystery dinner theater

The youth of the Church of the Nazarene in Hereford will hold a Mystery Dinner Theater on Friday and Saturday at the church at 1410 La Plata St. in Hereford, and everyone is invited to attend.

Tickets for the event will be \$10 per person, and includes the theater presentation and a three-course dinner. Call 364-8303 to order tickets or for more information. Proceeds will

be used to send youth to the "Work 'N Witness to Guatemala."

"The Case of the Disappearing Youth Choir" is the title of the audience participatory "Mystery with a Message."

"It is fun and entertaining, and yet it has an underlying Christian message," a church spokesperson said. The performance time is approximately 40 minutes, not including intermissions.

Three "super clues" will be read during Acts I and II, and will be distributed to the audience during the intermissions. The audience will try to solve the mystery of who is responsible for the disappearance of the youth choir.

Characters in the play include "Cassie" Role, a cook; Ann Suzy Astic, the choir director; three choir members, Bo Ring, "Ari" Head, and Clara Sill; Abel D'Drive, the bus driver; and Red Butler.

## Handweavers' Guild to meet

The Palo Duro Handweavers' Guild will hold its monthly meeting Feb. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Amarillo.

Anyone interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts is welcome.

For the meeting location or more information, call Becky Martin at 358-2765.

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## County 4-H'ers plan fashion show March 20

The Castro County 4-H Fashion Show will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

Categories for this year's contest will be the following:

- ◆ Dressy
  - ◆ Formal
  - ◆ Casual
  - ◆ Specialty
- 4-H'ers may enter either the "Buying" or "Construction" contest in any of the previously-mentioned categories.

A complete set of rules for the contest is available at the Extension Office.

Senior 4-H'ers who win at the county level will advance to the District 4-H Fashion Show, which will be held on Tuesday, April 3.

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



## Who's New

**PLAINS MEMORIAL**  
Greg and Becky Sava are the parents of a baby girl, Dallas Ann Sava, who was born at 2:53 p.m. on Jan. 19 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Dallas Ann weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 19 inches long. She has two older sisters, Sarah Rose, who is 34 months old; and Anna Marie, who is 16 months old. Maternal grandmother is Vernie Schacher of Lazbuddie. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Jacque Sava of Dimmitt. Great-grandmothers are Rose Birkenfeld of Nazareth and Barbara Sava of Dimmitt.

**OUT OF TOWN**  
It's a girl for Gloria and Tony Puente. Their daughter, Yasmine DiNelle Puente, was born at 6:30 a.m. on Feb. 9 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She weighed 7 lbs., 14 ozs., and measured 13-3/4 inches long. Her older siblings are 11-year-old Anthony, 12-year-old Kendra and 12-year-old Omar. Maternal grandparents are Richard and Lupe Rodriguez of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Maria Elena Palacios (Moe) and the late Alfredo Puente of Dimmitt. Great-grandmother is Petra Barrera of Dimmitt.

It's a girl for Todd and Jennifer Braafladt of Lewisville. Hope Michelle Braafladt was born Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. in Trinity Medical Center in Carrollton. She weighed 3 pounds and 6 ounces and was 16 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Jenkins of Dallas. Paternal grandparents are Patricia Braafladt of Dimmitt and the late Chuck Braafladt. Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Braafladt of Dimmitt.

Ned and Alison Swink of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Slade Walker Swink, who was born at 9:14 a.m. on Jan. 29 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed in at 6 lbs., 10 ozs., and was 18-1/2 inches long. He has an older sibling, 5-year-old Shayle. Paternal grandparents are Ivy and Kaye Swink of Aspermont. Maternal grandparents are Fred and Sandy Lookingbill of Summerfield. Great-grandparents are Eva Lookingbill and Jesse Veazey.

## St. Ann's, Bovina sets sausage meal

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring its annual German Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 11, with serving set from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third St. in Bovina.

The meal will include German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, homemade bread, desserts, and tea and coffee. The cost will be \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no extra charge.

In addition, sausage will be offered for sale by the pound by ordering from any St. Ann's Society member and also on the day of the dinner.



**THE PIGS WERE CARTED OFF TO MARKET** after the Castro County Junior Livestock Show—before some youngsters ran them through the sale ring Saturday afternoon. That wasn't a problem for Keisha Smith (left), who talked her friend, Bailey Nutt (right) into posing as her prize winner in the sale ring. Photo by Dwayne Acker

## Ogallala Quilt Festival set in Dimmitt April 5-7

Entries are invited for the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 5-7 in Dimmitt.

Members and non-members alike may enter up to three quilts each, with only one per category per person. The entry fee is \$5 per quilt, and the entry deadline is March 17.

"We want to encourage everyone to enter," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt.

Entry forms may be obtained from Bill Sava at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office at 115 W. Bedford, or from Davis at 647-5362 or from Doris Lust at 647-5637.

Completed entry forms should be mailed to Becky Holley, Quilt Show Chairman, 707 ECR 320, Midland, TX 79755, along with a picture of the quilt. The quilts must be delivered to Davis at 1606 Sunset Circle in Dimmitt on or before April 4 at 9 a.m.

Also, there are drop-off locations where quilts may be delivered by April 3. They are R&R Quilts & More of Amarillo, The Quilt Shop II

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# What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Feb. 15-23.

**DIMMITT Breakfast to go**  
THURSDAY: Pancake on a stick with sausage, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: Cinnamon rolls, fruit cocktail and milk.  
MONDAY: Chocolate chip granola bars, orange juice and milk.  
TUESDAY: Super donuts and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Breakfast burrito, peaches and milk.  
THURSDAY: Fruit Loops, fresh banana and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Bologna and cheese sandwich, peas, hamburger salad and milk.  
FRIDAY: Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, potato wedges, fruited gelatin and milk.  
MONDAY: Shrimp poppers, French fries, tossed salad, old fashioned cornbread and milk.  
TUESDAY: Beef taco, refried beans, taco condiment salad, honeydew melon, corn tortilla and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Meat loaf with creole sauce, potatoes au gratin, tossed salad, hot wheat rolls and milk.  
THURSDAY: Chicken strips, French fries, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of bologna and cheese sandwich, barbecued chicken or fish nuggets; stir fried rice, peas or Italian vegetable salad; tossed salad, broccoli and cauliflower salad or hamburger salad; angel flake biscuits, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, chicken and dumplings or green enchilada casserole; potato wedges, pork and beans or southern collard greens; tossed salad, cucumber and tomato salad or fruited gelatin; hot rolls, commercial yeast rolls or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
MONDAY: Choice of shrimp poppers, grilled cheese with a bowl of chili or corn dogs; French fries, Frito corn chips or Mexipinto beans; mixed vegetables, tossed salad, chilled fruit cocktail, watermelon or bananas; cornbread, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
TUESDAY: Choice of beef taco, creole bean soup with ham and cheese sandwich or

chicken and rice casserole; peas, baked potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or honeydew melon; cornbread, crackers or corn tortilla; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of meat loaf with creole sauce, honey-lemon chicken or beef and bean burrito with chili; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls or Fideo Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
THURSDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, baked sweet potato and apple or refried beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; hot rolls, arroz Mexicano or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
FRIDAY: No school.

**HART Breakfast**  
THURSDAY: Pancakes with syrup, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, pancake syrup, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
MONDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
TUESDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
THURSDAY: Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or barbecued beef on a roll; potato puffs, peaches, pinto beans, salad, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
FRIDAY: Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple and milk, punch or tea.  
MONDAY: Choice of tuna salad with lettuce leaf, hamburger and potato chips or chicken nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler or peach cobbler, assorted fruit juice, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of hamburger with

potato chips, corn dogs or sloppy Joe on a bun with potato chips; lettuce, tomato and pickle, carrot sticks, salad, peaches, gelatin dessert, sugar cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chef's salad, chicken sandwich with chips or burrito; sliced cheese, dill pickles, corn on the cob, peaches, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.  
THURSDAY: Choice of chef's salad, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; Texas toast, gelatin dessert, salad, corn, peaches, white cake with strawberry and milk, punch or tea.  
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WEDNESDAY: Sausage on roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
FRIDAY: Pancake and sausage on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
THURSDAY: \* Chicken fried steak and roll or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, applesauce, Jell-O and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Soft taco or taco salad, lettuce, pinto beans, pineapple, cookies and milk or juice.  
MONDAY: \* Nachos or corn dogs, tossed salad, peas, applesauce, dump cake and milk or juice.  
TUESDAY: \* Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, potato cubes, lettuce, black-eyed peas, apricots, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, chicken rice, peaches, gingerbread and milk or juice.  
THURSDAY: \* Sloppy Joe or chef's salad, tossed salad, fried okra, fruit cocktail, pineapple and milk or juice.  
FRIDAY: \* Burrito or baked potato, tossed salad, cauliflower, orange, peanut butter chews and milk or juice.

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## Boll Weevil Foundation hires new zone managers, personnel

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation has appointed five managers to meet the growing personnel needs of its eradication program, and has filled three other positions that will aid the statewide effort.

Two existing zones have new zone managers, including the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone, which includes Castro County.

Stanton Mote has accepted the zone manager position for the Northwest Plains Zone. Mote is a graduate of Sam Houston State University and was previously employed by Farmers Coop of El Campo and by John Deere. He joined the foundation in 1999 as an environmental monitoring specialist in Lamesa. He later moved to Big Spring to become the district supervisor.

Mote will replace Terry Futch, who has accepted the position of logistics director at the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation headquarters in Abilene.

Before becoming the zone manager in the Northwest Plains, Futch served as the assistant zone manager in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone. He farmed for 16 raising cotton and served 10 years in the Marine Corps, where he specialized in logistics. He will be in charge of inventory, acquiring equipment and securing leases for all foundation offices. In addition to these duties, he will also assist the program director

and assistant program director in the training and quality control of all field personnel. Futch started his duties as logistics director in January.

In the Permian Basin Eradication Zone, DeAnn Yates has been named the new zone manager, replacing David Murray, who resigned in December.

Yates has farmed and ranched in Tarzan for 25 years and has worked as a computer graphics designer. She has worked for the foundation since 1999, when she started as district supervisor in Stanton.

Patrick Burson, a native of Haskell, has been named zone manager for the Southern High Plains/Caprock Eradication Zone. Burson, a fourth-generation farmer, studied agronomy and entomology at Texas Tech University.

He joined the foundation in 1996 as an environmental monitoring specialist in Haskell, where he was later promoted to field unit supervisor. In 1999, Burson moved to Muleshoe to become assistant zone manager of the Northwest Plains Eradication Zone. He will be based in Lubbock.

The Southern Blacklands Eradication Zone manager is Joey Hogan, formerly the zone manager in the Northern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone.

Hogan is a graduate of Texas A&M University. He joined the

foundation in 1996 as a field unit supervisor and was later promoted to district supervisor in the Munday office. A location for the Southern Blacklands Zone office is yet to be determined, but Hogan anticipates he will be based in the Bryan/College Station area.

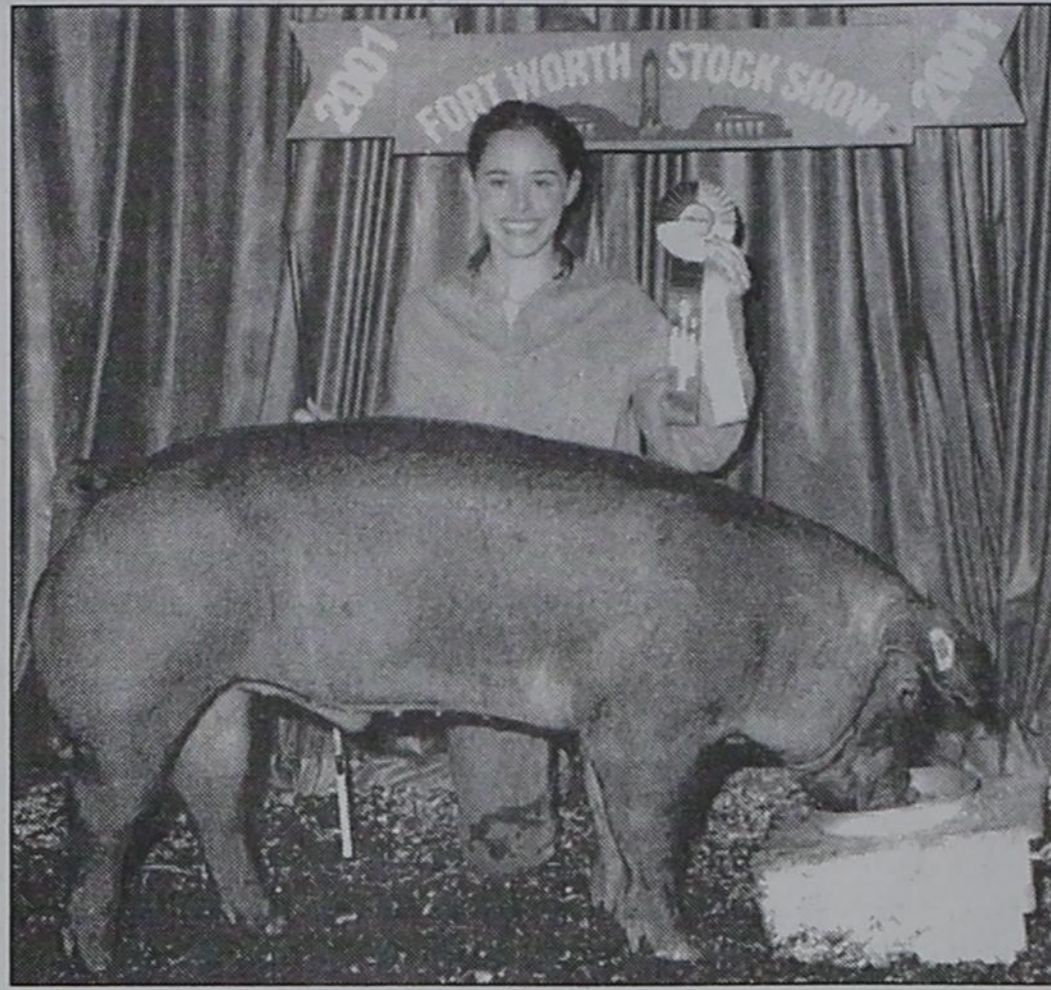
Wes Jones has accepted the zone managers' position in the Northern High Plains Eradication Zone.

Jones hails from Rule, where he farmed and ranched for 16 years. He began working for the foundation in 1996 as a field unit supervisor in the Rolling Plains Central Eradication Zone before moving to Olton to take over the Littlefield/Springlake District. Jones anticipates the zone office will be based in Plainview.

Other recent changes at foundation headquarters include the creation of two new positions: a training director and a fleet manager.

Holly Mote will be heading up the statewide training of foundation employees. She was previously the assistant zone manager in the Permian Basin Eradication Zone. She is a 1996 graduate of Texas A&M University and has worked as an integrated pest management agent for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Midland and Martin counties. She began working for the foundation in 1997. She will be based out of Littlefield where her husband, Stanton, is the zone manager.

Rick Gordon has been named fleet manager and will oversee all management aspects of fleet services, which includes all foundation vehicles. Gordon is a longtime resident of Roby, where he graduated from high school and farmed for 15 years. He joined the foundation in 1996 as a mechanic in the Rotan office and was later transferred to the Lamesa office as a vehicle safety officer. Gordon will be based in Abilene.



RAYNEE BRADLEY OF DIMMITT

... Pictured with reserve breed champion Duroc from Fort Worth stock show  
Courtesy Photo

## Bradley drives Duroc to reserve championship at Fort Worth show

Raynee Bradley of Dimmitt drove her medium weight Duroc to the reserve breed championship in the junior barrow show at the Southwestern Exposition and Livestock Show in Fort Worth on Feb. 1.

Bradley's barrow was selected as the first-place winner in its class, qualifying it for the breed drive.

Two other Dimmitt youngsters also had barrows place in the 105<sup>th</sup> annual show.

Mary Bradley's medium weight Yorkshire finished ninth and Beau Bradley drove a medium weight

white/other pure bred barrow to a seventh-place finish.

The stock show's junior division this year hosted a record 9,224 entries by youth of Texas as the culmination of year-long agricultural educational projects in various areas of livestock production. Junior premiums exceeded \$64,038.

The junior entry list is part of the overall count of more than 22,000 head of cattle, sheep, swine, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, goats, poultry, pigeons and rabbits.

## County 4-H Roundup will be held March 20

The annual Castro County 4-H Roundup will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at the Extension Office in Dimmitt, and 4-H'ers who are planning on entering a Method Demonstration in this year's contest should begin working on their project now.

"If you cannot think of a topic or have questions about Method

Demonstrations, please feel free to come by and we can help you with some suggestions," said Castro County Extension Agents Rick Auckerman and Marilyn Neal.

A special Method Demonstration workshop will be held at the Extension Office in Dimmitt on Tuesday, March 6 at 6 p.m.

## FSA Livestock Assistance Program is available

Castro County is now eligible for the Livestock Assistance Program for losses suffered due to drought and excessive heat. Producers have to have suffered a loss in native grass and/or dryland haygrazer or sweet sorghum, and have livestock. Sign-up has started, with a deadline to be announced at a later time.

Payments are based on the smaller of:

- ◆ Number of livestock by weight for the period of Aug. 1 through Nov. 15, 2000, and their feed requirements. The livestock become eligible once they have been owned for 90 days.

- ◆ Number of acres of native grass and forage sorghum (certified for grazing) and the applicable carrying capacity of those acres.

A dollar value is computed on each of the above based on the feeding value and price of corn.

There is a \$40,000 limit per person. Payments are subject to factoring at the end of sign-up. \$2.5 million gross revenue producers are ineligible (based on 1999 tax return). Acres still under CRP contract are ineligible for loss computation. Cattle "on the gain" are ineligible for this program.

Please call 647-2153, Ext. 2, for an appointment if you think you are eligible for this program. Each applicant must bring in the following documentation to apply:

- ◆ Copies of land lease or proof of payment for acres used for eligibility.
- ◆ Sales receipt showing purchase date, weight of livestock, and number of head.
- ◆ Location of pastures.

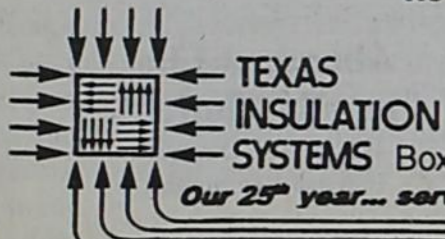
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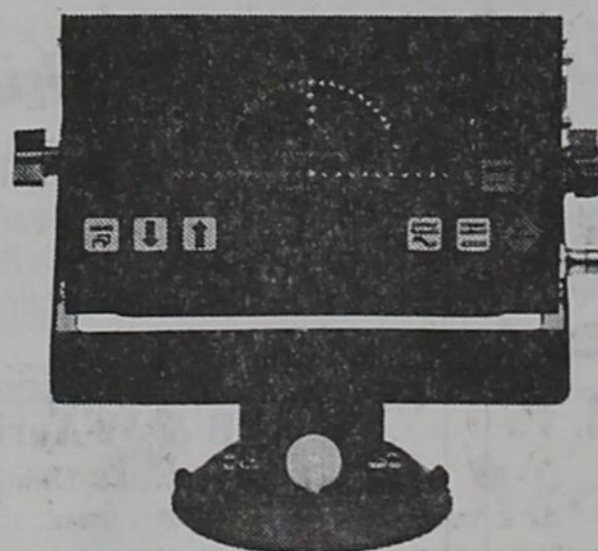


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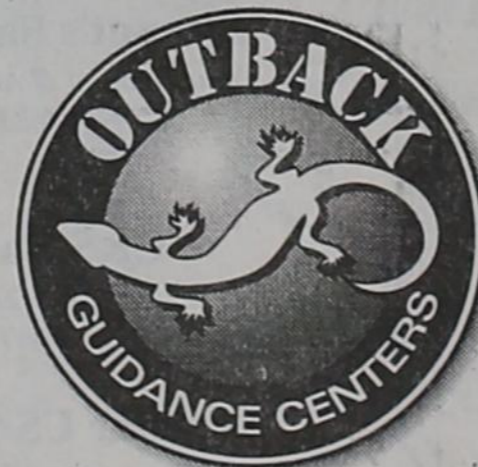
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# County FSA staff honored for service

A. Wayland Shurley, state executive director for the Farm Service Agency, recently presented the Castro County FSA team with a certificate of appreciation.

Service Center personnel are recognized for their "outstanding service and tireless dedication in assisting local farmers and ranchers during the 1999 and 2000 program years," Shurley said.

The Castro County office is one of 30 in the state to receive the distinguished service certificate. Staff members are Patricia Elliott, Ed Luebken, Rosemary Kleman, Dianne Huseman, Regina Hoelting, Edna Schilling, Jill Ehly, Tara Grand and Janie Garcia.

According to Shurley, "FSA has sustained a 30% reduction in staffing over the past decade, while the program payment distribution to producers has doubled since 1995. The farmers and ranchers of Castro County are fortunate to have reliable, effective and efficient USDA program delivery provided by a dedicated staff."

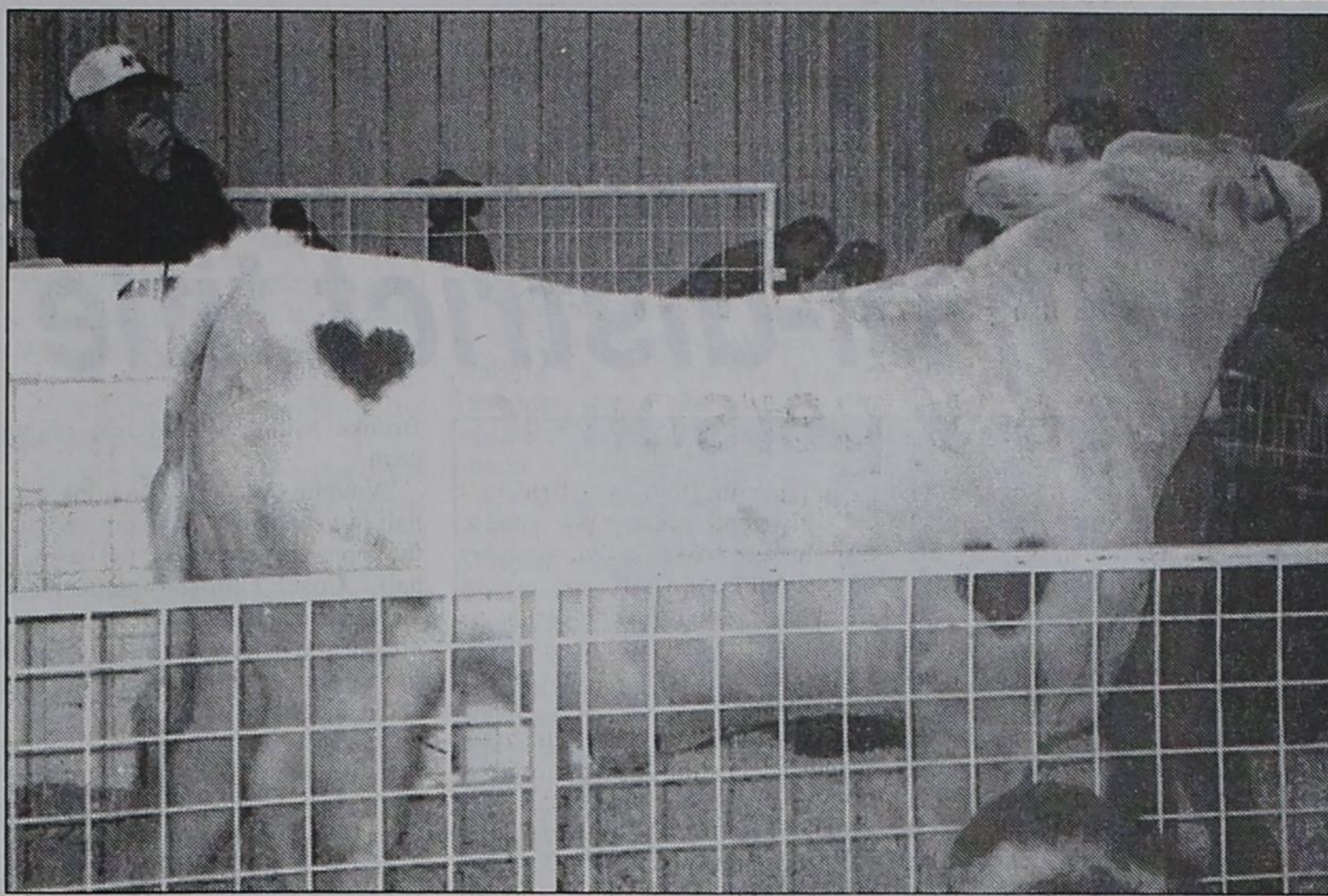
USDA's Farm Service Agency is responsible for the administration of farm programs and farm loans, including distribution of payments

associated with the Conservation Reserve Program, production flexibility contracts, commodity and livestock disaster programs, marketing assistance loan programs and operations/ownership loans.

Direct payments to Texas farmers and ranchers for 1999 and 2000 totaled \$4.1 billion. Statewide, \$285 million was distributed through commodity loans, \$143 million in direct farm loans and \$308 million in guaranteed farm loan commitments. In two years, approximately 700 FSA County Office employees processed an average of 1,000 payments per employee.

The Castro County FSA personnel are commended for their steadfast perseverance during a continued USDA trend of accomplishing "more with less," said Shurley. "During these times of increased workload and reduced resources, Texas FSA has done an outstanding job delivering programs to the state's producers while maintaining and improving program integrity."

For more information regarding farm programs and farm loans, contact the Castro County Office at 647-2153, or visit FSA on the Web at [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).



**BEST-DRESSED HEART THROB**—This 1,360-pound white steer was decked out with red hearts as it entered the sale ring Saturday afternoon at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The steer,

exhibited by Meggie Lemons of Dimmitt (peeking over steer's head), was auctioned off by Johnny Davis.

Photo by Anne Acker

# DHS students 'Showing Respect' through program

The Character Counts pillar for January at Dimmitt High School was "Respect."

During the week of Jan. 15-19, DHS students participated in a contest to see how many students could receive "Showing Respect" cards.

Teachers were given a stack of the "Showing Respect" cards which they could hand out to the students they observed showing respect during the week. The students then placed their cards into a box for a drawing.

The box was kept in the main office for students' convenience.

On Jan. 22, a drawing was held and the winner, Lupe Fierro, was awarded \$50 for showing respect during the week.

The project, along with other Character Counts projects, are sponsored by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA).

The Character Counts projects have made a great impact on the students of Dimmitt High School. Additional projects will be conducted as the school year progresses.

The pillar which is being emphasized during February is "Responsibility." FCCLA members will meet and develop a plan that will involve the entire student body at DHS.

# WTRT Cooperative to give scholarships

West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative is now accepting applications for 10 scholarships for \$1,000 each, which will be awarded in May.

The scholarships are open only to students whose parents or guardians are WTRT members, or to students who are WTRT members themselves. Parents, guardians or students must have a telephone prefix of 258, 276, 265, 578, 825, 295, 357, 225, or 289 to be eligible. Applicants also must be either high school seniors who are candidates for graduation this spring, one who has completed high school, or one who has received a GED.

Scholarship money will be disbursed in increments per semester.

An official application form accompanied by two letters of recommendation and a wallet-sized photo must be submitted. One of the letters of recommendation must be from a teacher, principal, or counselor from the high school that the applicant is currently attending or did attend, or from a college/trade school instructor where the applicant is currently enrolled.

In Hereford, applications may be picked up only at the WTRT office on South Hwy. 385.

Applications and rules may be picked up at the high school counselors' offices in Dimmitt, Lazbuddie, Friona, Bovina, Farwell, Adrian and Vega.

To be considered, applications must be fully completed, have no attachments other than the photo and two required letters of recommendation, and must be received at the offices of WTRT, Box 1737, Hereford 79045, no later than April 2.

Applicants may be asked to attend an interview at the discretion of the WTRT board.

Mechanics of the scholarships

include the following:

◆ WTRT scholarships may be used at any state or church-sponsored college or university, or at any accredited vocational or technical school.

◆ Recipients must maintain a minimum of 12 credited hours throughout each semester, or have full-time student status at vocational or trade schools.

◆ Upon enrollment or pre-enrollment for the fall semester, recipients must send the cooperative a confirmation from the registrar's office. Should a recipient drop out of school for any reason, the unused portion of the scholarship will be rescinded.

◆ At the end of each semester, recipients must send a report of their grades to: Rick Bartels, West Texas Rural Telephone Cooperative, Box 1737, Hereford 79045. Failure to do so will make them ineligible for further payments.

# THE emerging from bankruptcy

As of Jan. 25, Texas Health Enterprises, Inc./HEA Management Group, Inc., emerged from Chapter 11 Bankruptcy, confident about the company's future, according to a news release from Lee Wallace, president and CEO.

Texas Health Enterprises, Inc. (THE) is one of the largest nursing home operators in Texas and one of the first in the country to successfully complete reorganization in bankruptcy.

THE/HEA Management Group operates, owns and manages 53 long-term care facilities across Texas, including Canterbury Villa Nursing Home of Dimmitt. Services of the facilities include long-term care, rehabilitation, and secure units for persons with Alzheimer's and other related dementia disorders.

"We at THE will strive to continue developing positive changes to promote sound financial decisions while maintaining patient care services that promote excellence and a continuum of high quality health care services," Wallace wrote in the press release. "THE will continue to focus on its strengths, which include over 4,000 caring employees."

"However, THE will continue to

enlighten the public and state officials on the plight of the nursing home industry due to drastic cuts in Medicare and low Medicaid rates in the state of Texas.

"We are fortunate to be survivors at this time. We are confident that we will continue being the provider of choice in many of our facilities," Wallace wrote. "Our goal is to provide optimum patient care to the 3,500 elderly and infirm entrusted to our care."

"It has been a tough couple of years for our company," said Peter C. "Woody" Kern, chairman and CEO of the corporation. "Reorganization is never an easy process for any company. Due to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Medicare) and Texas ranking 45<sup>th</sup> in nursing home Medicaid reimbursement, our struggles have been challenging at best."

"For now, it is full steam ahead for THE," Kern said. "We want to thank

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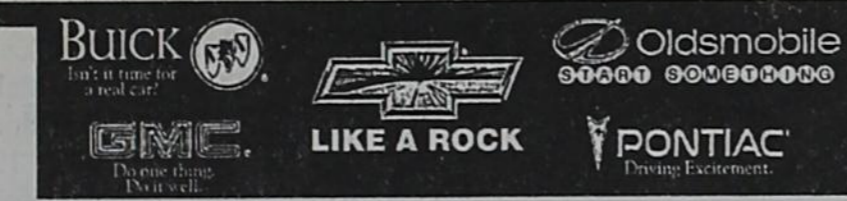


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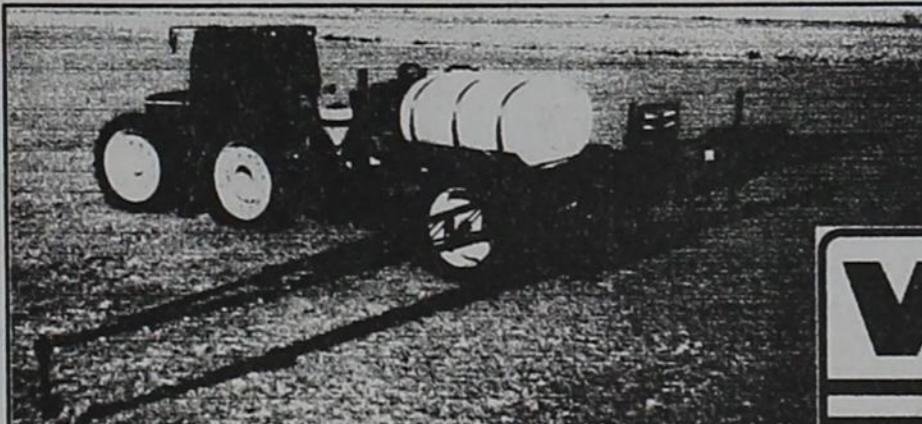


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# Sports



## Bobbies win bi-district title

Three senior Bobbies knocked down every possible free throw in the fourth quarter—14 of 14 in all—to subdue Tulia's Lady Hornets, 56-48, for the bi-district championship Tuesday night.

The game was the first in a Class AAA girls' bi-district double-header played at "the Box" on the West Texas A&M campus in Canyon. The second game pitted Muleshoe of District 2 against River Road of District 1, with River Road winning, 52-48.

Tulia committed seven fouls in the fourth quarter, and they turned out to be fatal as Heather Black swished eight free throws, Rachel Fabela four and Tamara Robertson two to help bring Dimmitt from a two-point deficit to an eight-point victory.

Meanwhile, senior post Audrey Saenz sank two critical back-to-back field goals midway in the fourth to give Dimmitt the lead at 46-44 and 48-44.

That wedge enabled the Bobbies to go into their control game in the final three minutes and collect eight points at the free-throw line while the Lady Hornets were settling for a three-point shot and a free throw.

Black snared a couple of key rebounds off of missed Tulia shots during the stretch to help the Bobbies stay in command.

Until that stretch run, it was still anybody's ball game. The lead changed hands eight times in the game before the Bobbies wrested it away for good on an eight-foot turnaround shot by Saenz with 4:25 left.

Black finished with 21 points, Saenz with 14 and Robertson with 12, while Fabela contributed 6, junior post Stacy Saenz two and senior point guard Lori Schulte 1.

"We really thought free throws could be the difference for us," said



Photo by Carter Townsend

**DIMMITT'S STACY SAENZ PASSES OUT OF A TRAP ... In second quarter against Muleshoe Thursday night**

Coach Tim Gilliland. "I thought that if they kept fouling us and putting us on the line, there was a great chance that we would win the game." On defense, the Bobbies concen-

trated on trying to contain Tulia shooting guard Andrea Vaughn, a 5-8½ senior who carried a 20-point average.

They held Vaughn to just four points in the first half, but she broke loose for 11 in the third quarter on three treys and a driving layup. In the final period, though, Vaughn had to settle for three free throws, finishing with 18 points.

5-11 sophomore post Elizabeth Thompson and 5-8 sophomore sharpshooter Emily Miller contributed 13 apiece for the Lady Hornets. Tulia's other two starters, senior point guard Melissa Williams and senior forward

Brooke Miller, scored two points each.

"Vaughn didn't do much the first half but she really came out and put the pressure on us in the second half," Coach Gilliland commented. "But we were able to step up and put pressure on her, and eventually in the fourth quarter we were able to just about shut her down."

The Bobbies didn't hit a single three-pointer in the game, while the Lady Hornets swished six—four of them in the third period.

Accurate lob passes by Williams and Vaughn inside to Thompson also took a toll as the Lady Hornets started nearly every quarter by trying to take the game inside.

The Bobbies trailed by 12-14 after the first period, by 21-22 at halftime and by 36-38 at the end of the third, and the bi-district title stayed in doubt until the final two minutes, when the Bobbies started tying a bow around it from the free-throw line.

"I figured it would come down to free throws," Fabela said. "I never thought that we might lose it."

"We wanted it," Audrey Saenz added. "We knew it was going to come down to free throws, and we felt like we deserved it."

Of the Bobbies' 14 free throws in the fourth period, hardly any of them rattled. Instead, they mostly touched nothing but net.

"I just tried to shoot with confidence," Black said. "You can't keep from getting nervous, but you just think about how you do it in practice."

In all, Dimmitt collected 24 points from the free-throw line to Tulia's 7. The Bobbies committed nine turnovers and 12 team fouls to Tulia's 14 turnovers and 21 team fouls.

The victory propelled the Bobbies (17-15) to the area championship game against Slaton (23-4), the District 3 champion. The game will be played Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

The Dimmitt-Slaton game will be the nightcap of a double-header, following a 6 p.m. matchup between District 2 champion Shallowater (27-4) and District 3 runner-up Lamesa (15-13), a 53-34 winner over Fort Stockton Tuesday night.



**LEE CEJNA sinks a fast-break layup to give Dimmitt a big 63-39 lead over the Roosevelt Eagles midway in the fourth quarter of the District 2-AAA finale here Monday night. Cejna, an exchange student from the Czech Republic, finished with four points as the district champion Bobcats won, 67-52.**

Photo by Carter Townsend

## Cats end regular season with lopsided home wins

The Bobcats clinched the District 2-AAA championship here Friday night by winning a 65-36 yawner over Littlefield.

By halftime the Bobcats owned an overwhelming 42-16 lead, and they coasted home from there. It was a surprisingly wide victory margin; the Bobcats had downed the Wildcats by 13 in their first meeting at Littlefield.

Dee Norman had another double-double with 19 points and 13 rebounds for Dimmitt. Other Bobcats scoring in double figures were Brent Josselet with 12 and Daniel Proffitt and Julian Velo with 10 each.

Leading the floor play for the Bobcats were Josselet with 11 credits and Proffitt and Velo with 10 apiece.

The victory gave the Bobcats an 8-1 district record, making them uncatchable with one game left to play in the loop schedule. The loss dropped Coach Brian Huseman's Wildcats to 14-12, 4-6.

In the boys' junior varsity game, Coach Anthony Howerton's JV Bobcats made it a double with a 57-49 win. Kenneth Worsham with 19 and Nicky Gauna with 14 paced the JV Bobcats, who led all the way.

### Bobcats 67, Roosevelt 52

The Bobcats finished out their regular season Monday night with a 67-52 victory over the Roosevelt Eagles in Cleveland Memorial Gym.

The Bobcats will carry a 22-7 record to Burkburnett for a practice game Saturday. As the District 2-AAA champions, they'll get a first-round bye in the playoffs, then will play a District 3 runner-up—most likely Lamesa or Denver City—in the area round Friday, Feb. 23.

Coach Alan Steinle's Bobcats were in peak form as they raced to a 21-9 first-quarter lead and stretched their advantage to 27 points, 57-32, early in the fourth before coasting to a 15-point win.

Dee Norman scored a triple-double in the game as he racked up 21 points, 16 rebounds and 10 credits.

Norman opened the game with a floating three-pointer en route to an 11-point first quarter, and did all of his scoring in the first three periods.

Daniel Proffitt with 13 points was the only other Bobcat in double figures. Marcus Larra and Matthew Wright were the team's floor leaders with 15 credits apiece, while Proffitt and Brent Josselet rang up 10 each.

The Bobcats connected on 29 of 53 field goal shots for 55%, including 5/17 on three-pointers (29%) and 24/36 on two-pointers (67%). They hit four of six from the free-throw line (67%) while Roosevelt netted 14

of 23 (61%) from the charity stripe. Norman and Proffitt did all of Dimmitt's scoring in the opening period until Wright knocked down a three-pointer with 30 seconds left to give Dimmitt a 21-9 lead.

Norman continued on a roll with two driving layups and a put-back in the second quarter while Matthew Gauna netted a follow shot. Proffitt added a six-foot jumper on a fast break and Josselet scored with a driving left-handed layup to give Dimmitt a huge 33-17 lead before Roosevelt's Bobby Chiles swished a trey with 10 seconds left to close the halftime gap to 33-20.

The Bobcats continued their onslaught in the third, and when Lee Cejna ended the quarter with a 13-ft. baseline jumper, it was 53-30.

For Cejna, DHS's American Field Service exchange student from the Czech Republic, that was his first basket of the season, and the big Dimmitt crowd erupted in cheers when he swished it.

"Yeah, we had that play set up so Lee could slip out in the corner and get a shot," Coach Steinle said after the game. "We had tried to set up a play for him during a time out on the out-of-bounds, but he didn't get the ball. So we ran the same play later on, and he got the ball in the corner and made the shot."

Cejna also scored a fast-break layup midway in the fourth and finished with four points.

"It felt pretty good," Cejna said with a big grin after the game. "I thought I was never going to score. I got kinda nervous at the end, I don't know why. Probably the crowd. It felt good, though."

Proffitt, Gauna, Larra and Wright also scored for Dimmitt in the fourth quarter, although the Eagles finished the game—and their season—with a 10-2 run in the final 2:13 to earn a 22-14 advantage in the final frame.

"We played a lot of different combinations tonight," Coach Steinle said after the game. "We had a lot of guys who got to get their jerseys wet. In a game like that you like for them to have fun, although you don't want them doing any hully-gully things after you've worked all year on trying to do things right."

"We actually had the district championship after the Littlefield game, but we wanted to finish it right."

In the junior varsity game, Dimmitt posted a big 69-54 victory over the JV Eagles. Nicky Gauna scored 16, Kenneth Worsham 12, Brandon Furr 10, Miguel Neri 8, Matthew Sanders 8, Tyler Myatt 8, Patrick Hunter 6 and Colby Williams 1 for Dimmitt.

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### Scoreboard

**THURSDAY**  
District 2-AAA Playoff for Seeding  
**Bobbies 56, Muleshoe 41**

Muleshoe	10	12	6	13	—41
Dimmitt	11	14	8	23	—56

**DIMMITT**—Heather Black 17, Rachel Fabela 13, Stacy Saenz 9, Tamara Robertson 8, Kylie Webb 3, Audrey Saenz 2, Lori Schulte 2, Kelsey Welch 1, Sharla Kenworthy 1.

**MULESHOE**—Myndi Heathington 10, Megan Tipps 8, Britni Gartin 7, Jessica Carpenter 7, Shani Rasco 3, Kayla Glover 3, Tommie Hernandez 2, Mindi Locker 1.

**FRIDAY**  
District 2-AAA Playoff for Seeding  
**Bobbies 56, Lubbock Roosevelt 48**

**Dimmitt** 10 12 14 29 —56  
**Roosevelt** 7 21 7 13 —48

**DIMMITT**—Tamara Robertson 14, Rachel Fabela 10, Heather Black 8, Audrey Saenz 7, Stacy Saenz 6, Sharla Kenworthy 5, Kelsey Welch 3, Lori Schulte 3.

**ROOSEVELT**—Cecily Chitwood 10, Heather Thomas 10, Latrina Harris 9, Diana Torres 8, Felicia Castilleja 7, Brandi Campbell 4.

**Bobcats 65, Littlefield 36**

Littlefield	9	7	12	8	—36
Dimmitt	20	22	17	6	—65

**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Dee Norman 19, Brent Josselet 12, Julian Velo and Daniel Proffitt 10.

**JV Bobcats 57, Littlefield 49**

**MONDAY**  
Practice Game at Idalou  
**Swifts 71, Paducah 78**

Nazareth	15	20	22	14	—71
Paducah	17	17	19	26	—78

**SCORING:** Nazareth—Eric Schilling 27, Daryl Pohlmeier 15, Kade Wilcox 13.

**District 2-AAA Finale**  
**Bobcats 67, Lubbock Roosevelt 52**

Roosevelt	9	11	10	22	—67
Dimmitt	21	12	20	14	—52

**SCORING:** Dimmitt—Dee Norman 21, Daniel Proffitt 15.

**TUESDAY**  
Class A Bi-District Playoff at Canyon High School  
**Swifts 69, Groom 38**

Nazareth	13	24	13	19	—69
Groom	4	13	10	11	—38

**NAZARETH**—Stephanie Thiel 10 5-5-27; Whitney Hoelting 7 2-2-16; Wendy Black 3 2-2-9; Mandy Hoelting 1 1-2-3; Leslie Brockman 1 1-1-3; Tara Klemm 0 0-0-0; Marsha Black 0 1-2-1; Erica Gerber 2 2-2-6; Kim Brockman 0 2-2-2; Danette Ramaekers 0 2-2-2.

**TOTALS:** 24 18-20-69.

**GROOM**—Candace Bohr 5 11-14-21; Krisanne Davis 2 5-7-9; Nichole Barnett 1 0-0-2; Brin Burgin 1 0-0-2; Amanda Conrad 1 0-0-2; Lauren Crowell 0 1-2-1; Cassie Ashford 0 1-2-1.

**TOTALS:** 10 18-25-38.

**Class AAA Bi-District Playoff at The Box, WTAMU**  
**Bobbies 56, Tulia 48**

Dimmitt	12	9	15	20	—56
Tulia	14	8	16	10	—48

**DIMMITT**—Heather Black 21, Audrey Saenz 14, Tamara Robertson 12, Rachel Fabela 6, Stacy Saenz 2, Lori Schulte 1.

**TULIA**—Andrea Vaughn 18, Emily Miller 13, Elizabeth Thompson 13, Melissa Williams 2, Brooke Miller 2.

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# With wins over Muleshoe, Roosevelt Bobbies earn district's No. 2 seed

The Bobbies earned the right to go into the playoffs as the district's No. 2 seed by defeating Muleshoe last Thursday night and Roosevelt Friday.

Both games were played at Sudan, and the Bobbies won both of them with fourth-quarter rallies to break a three-way tie for second place in 2-AAA.

## Bobbies 56, Muleshoe 41

The two teams were never more than two baskets apart until the fourth quarter, when the Bobbies put it away with a 23-13 run.

Heather Black scored 16 of Dimmitt's 25 first-half points—8 in each of the first two quarters. The Lady Mules adjusted their defense in the second half and held Black to one point the rest of the way.

But the Bobbies made some defensive adjustments of their own, and the Lady Mules could hardly buy a basket in the second half.

"One of our goals in the second half was to block out harder against them than we did before, and I think that was one of the things (that helped shut the Lady Mules down)," Black said.

After a slow 8-6 third quarter, the Bobbies iced the game with 23 points in the fourth to the Lady Mules' 13.

With Muleshoe's Kayla Glover sticking like glue to Black throughout the second half, the Saenz sisters got all of Dimmitt's points in the

third, with Stacy scoring 6 and Audrey 2. Then Rachel Fabela and Tamara Robertson stepped up in the fourth with 9 and 6, respectively, to lead a surge that propelled the Bobbies to their 15-point win.

"They changed what they were doing (on defense) in the second half, and everyone else was open, so we just worked it around," Black said.

As both teams cranked up their defenses, the fourth quarter was riddled with foul calls and the two teams took 29 free throws, with the Bobbies sinking 9 of 14 and the Lady Mules notching 6 of 15.

Another major factor in the fourth was that the Bobbies made six field goals while the Lady Mules managed only three. The Bobbies made runs of 5-2, 5-2 and 9-0 to stretch their lead to 20 points, 52-32, going into the final minute.

## Bobbies 56, Roosevelt 48

Friday's seeding match waxed and waned until the Bobbies managed to turn a 22-28 halftime deficit into a 56-48 win over the Lady Eagles with the help of a big 10-2 run midway in the fourth.

In their regular-season meetings, the Lady Eagles won the first one, 45-42, at Roosevelt and the Bobbies took the rematch, 61-47, at Dimmitt.

The Bobbies surprised the Roosevelt girls Friday by replacing their 2-3 zone with a man-to-man defense

from the opening buzzer.

The strategy worked as the Lady Eagles didn't get their first field goal until Diana Torres sank a three-pointer with 10 seconds left in the opening period.

But Roosevelt went on a tear in the second quarter, outscoring Dimmitt by 21-12 to take a 28-22 halftime lead.

The Lady Eagles made a 12-2 run in the last four minutes of the second, taking the lead for the first time at 19-18 on a pair of free throws by Felicia Castilleja and building it to 28-20 before Dimmitt's Kelsey Welch sank a 16-ft. baseline jumper with eight seconds left to cut the Roosevelt advantage back to six points.

While the Lady Eagles put up a fierce defense in the second period that led to five turnovers and a lot of rim-outs by the Bobbies, they also challenged the Dimmitt defense inside, collecting six of eight free throws in the process.

But the Bobbies, after talking things over in the dressing room, opened the second half with a 10-0 run to take back the lead.

Black ante'd up with a 15-ft. jumper, and within the next three minutes Audrey Saenz converted a three-point play off of a rebound, Schulte sank the first of two free throws and missed the second, Robertson rebounded the missed FT and put it back up, then came back to

score a fast-break layup off of a steal and feed by Black.

The Lady Eagles found themselves trailing by 32-28 before Heather Thomas scored Roosevelt's first basket of the second half at the 3:45 mark.

Castilleja sank a last-second three-pointer off of the dribble to cut Dimmitt's lead to 36-35 going into the fourth, and Roosevelt retook the lead at 39-38 just 28 seconds into the fourth quarter on a big four-point play by Brandi Campbell.

Dimmitt answered with six straight points by Black, Schulte and Fabela to take a 44-39 lead, then stayed out front the rest of the way.

The fourth quarter became a foul-fest as the Lady Eagles picked up their 10th team foul with 4:17 remaining and the Bobbies followed with their 10th at 3:19.

Robertson played the entire fourth quarter with four fouls, Fabela picked up her fourth with 4:38 left, and Stacy Saenz fouled out on a disputed charge call with 1:31 remaining. Both Saenz and Castilleja were helped off the court limping after the collision. Near game's end, Roosevelt's Tamie Jo Runyan twisted an ankle and had to be carried off.

Roosevelt closed to 44-41 midway in the half but the Bobbies kept control with three points by Sharla Kenworthy, six by Robertson, two by Audrey Saenz and one by Fabela in

the stretch.

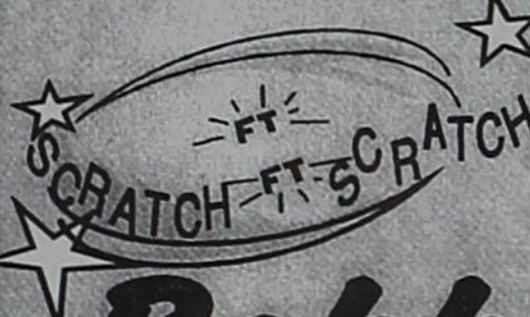
Robertson's final two free throws with 14 seconds left gave the Bobbies a 10-point lead before Roosevelt's Cecily Chitwood ended the game with an uncontested layup.

Since Muleshoe and Roosevelt both lost to Dimmitt in the first two playoff games, they had to play each other Saturday for the No. 3 seed.

The Lady Mules won that game, 46-31.



AUDREY SAENZ (30), KELSEY WELCH (31) MAKE A STEAL ... During Bobbies' victory over Roosevelt in playoff Friday night


**Good Luck,**  
**Bobbies and Bobcats**  
**in the playoffs!**

**FRIDAY: Bobbies Area Game**  
**Bobbies vs. Slaton, 7:30 p.m.**  
**at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University**

**SATURDAY: Bobcats Practice Game**  
**Bobcats vs. Burkburnett, 6 p.m., There**

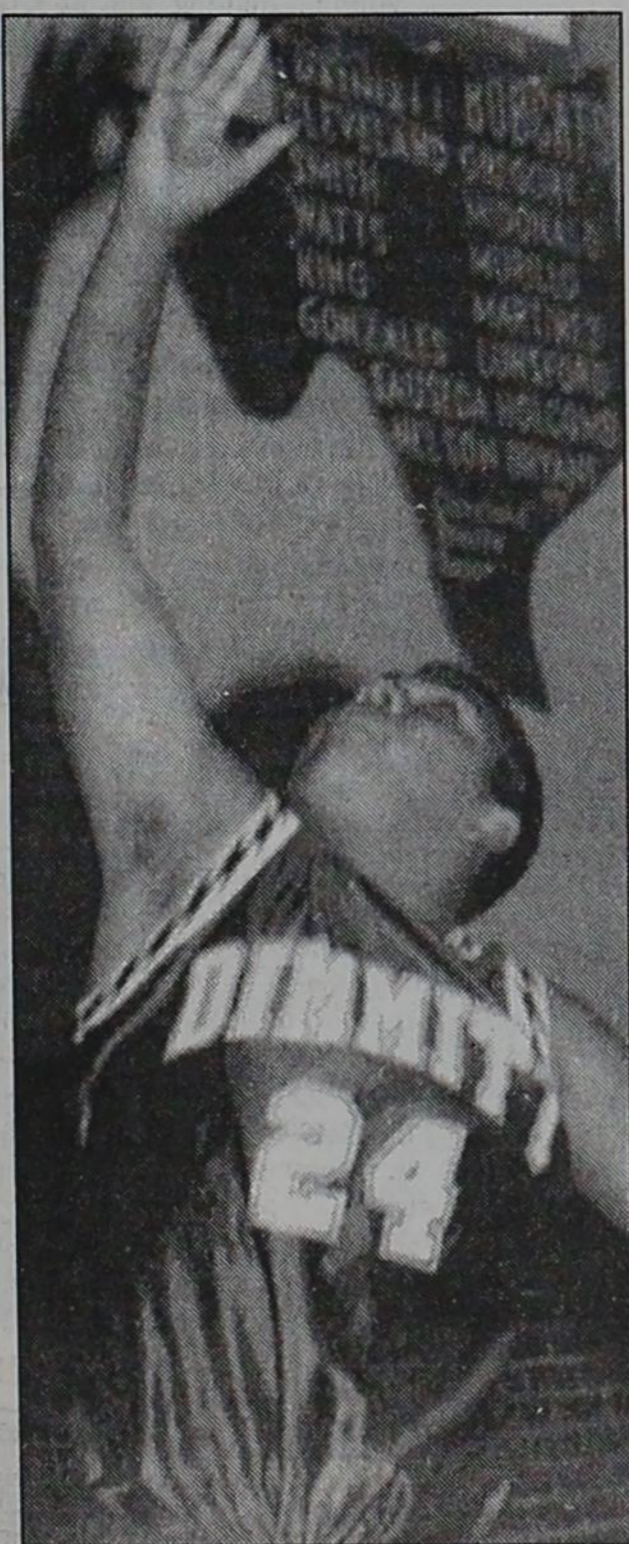
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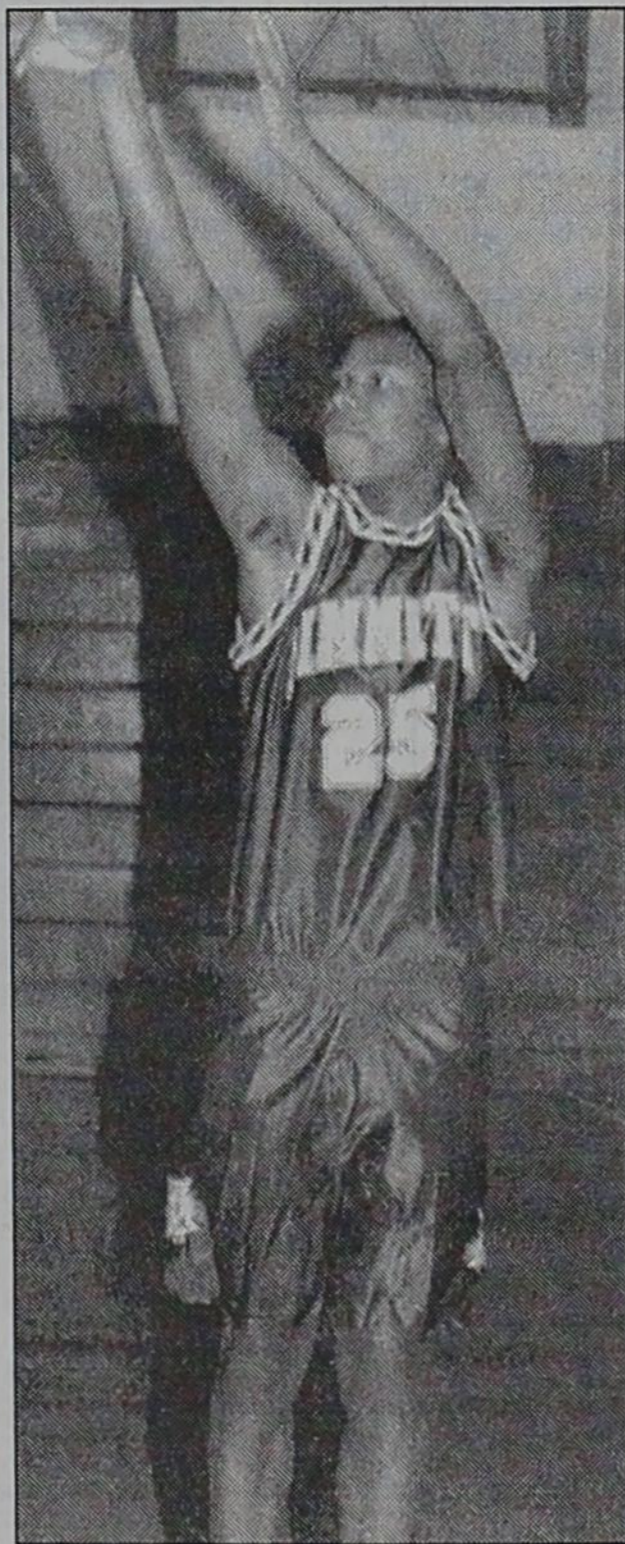
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- 71, Shallowater 53
- 46, Muleshoe 37
- 59, Lubbock Cooper 52
- 65, Littlefield 38
- 67, Lubbock Roosevelt 52
- Season Record: 22-7
- District Record: 9-1



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# Swiftettes shrug off cobwebs to topple Groom in bi-district

The accidental trigger of a fire alarm midway through the second quarter halted action in the Class A bi-district playoff between Nazareth and Groom Tuesday, and that was as close as Groom came to shutting down the top-ranked Swiftettes.

Nazareth didn't play its best game of the season, but still managed to control every facet of the game enroute to a 69-38 win at Canyon High School.

After a sluggish start in which they missed numerous layups and failed to capitalize on Groom errors, the Swiftettes finally pulled ahead and led 13-4 after the first quarter.

A full-court man-to-man defense applied by Nazareth forced nine Groom turnovers in the first quarter, but Nazareth only converted one of those into points.

The Swiftettes took the early lead on a layup by Wendy Black, but Groom's Candace Bohr tied it up with a layup of her own.

Both teams struggled to score for more than half of the opening stanza, until the Swiftettes finally put together a 9-2 run over the last 3:38.

Whitney Hoelting nailed a turnaround jumper to start the drive, but Bohr followed with a jumper of her own seconds later to keep it close.

Over the final three minutes Nazareth picked up buckets from Stephanie Thiel, Black and Hoelting to take the 13-4 lead.

Thiel went to work in the second quarter and was just beginning to ignite a fire under the struggling Nazareth offense when the fire alarm brought action to a screeching halt

with five minutes left in the half.

Prior to the fire break, Nazareth had put together a small run and had just scored to take a 22-6 lead, forcing Groom to take a time out.

After a 30-minute rest period while Canyon school officials and firemen reset the alarm system, the Swiftettes picked up the pace.

Thiel posted up and penetrated at various times, picking up some inside jumpers and cashing in on the ensuing free throws when she was fouled. She converted three three-point plays during the final minutes of the first half, then added an offensive putback to spark Nazareth.

Suddenly, Nazareth was on top by a commanding 37-15 margin and the Swiftettes controlled the game, 37-17, at halftime.

Nazareth's offense struggled in the third quarter, smoldering for more than six minutes until a spark caught when Thiel hit a three—her only basket of the period.

Bohr, who Groom relied on for most of its offense and a good part of its defense, had guarded Hoelting in the first half, limiting her to 10 points. Thiel had 18 during the first half. In the second half, Bohr switched to guarding Thiel, and limited her to the three in the third quarter.

But when Thiel was off, Hoelting picked up the slack and poured in six points to boost Nazareth to a 50-27 lead.

That 50-27 advantage after three quarters grew to more than 30 points early in the fourth, and Nazareth walked away with the win.

Thiel, who had 15 points in the second quarter alone, finished with 27 points. Hoelting chipped in 16 and Black added nine.

For Groom, Bohr finished with 21 of her team's 38 points, and Krisanne Davis added nine.

The Swiftettes connected on 24-of-56 field goal attempts, and finished with 3-of-11 shooting from three-point range. Nazareth was perfect from the free throw line until the fourth quarter, and made 18-of-20 charity shots in the game.

Groom made 10-of-24 field goals and hit 18-of-25 free throws.

The big difference was in the turnover column. The Swiftettes lost possession 13 times, but forced the Tigerettes into turning over the ball 28 times. Nazareth won the board battle, too, 25-20.



MAN-TO-MAN PRESSURE—Tara Kleman (24) of Nazareth races downcourt and cuts off Groom ballhandler Amanda Conrad (20) in first-half playoff action Tuesday at Canyon High School. The

Swiftettes and Tigerettes squared off in the bi-district playoff and Nazareth captured the title with a 69-38 win.

Photo by Dwayne Acker



NAZARETH SENIOR WHITNEY HOELTING (left) accepts the bi-district trophy from Sandy Heiman, former Swiftette coach who is now living and teaching in Canyon. The Swiftettes captured the bi-district crown Tuesday night at Canyon High School with a 69-38 win over Groom.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Dimmitt, Nazareth teams racing for post-season titles

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Nazareth Swifts are preparing for their first playoff games of the season while the Dimmitt Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes gear up for second-round playoff action.

While the girls' teams are in the middle of playoff action already, the Bobcats and Swifts each will have a practice game before they begin playoff action this week.

## Bobcats

The Bobcats won the District 2-AAA championship Monday night and that earned them a bye in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

They'll probably face the Lamesa-Denver City winner in the area round, but no plans were definite at press time because those teams will have to meet in a bi-district playoff

first. The bye will allow Dimmitt to get a good workout this week.

The Bobcats will play Burkburnett, there, Saturday at 6 p.m. That will be one of seven games featuring 14 playoff teams in what's being billed as "Hoop Hysteria."

"Burkburnett (a Class AAAA team) is a very athletic team and it will be a good test for us. They have a 6-8 guard who has already signed with Oklahoma," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle.

Admission to the practice game will be \$2 for students and \$4 for adults.

## Swifts

The Swifts will meet District 3-A runner-up Hedley at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Amarillo Caprock Activity Center in a Class A bi-district showdown.

"They don't have a lot of size, but they're quick. I think the strength of their team is their guard play. They run a zone and they'll try and spread you out offensively so they can utilize their quickness," said Nazareth Coach Mike Scarborough.

Hedley finished as the District 3-A runner-up behind Groom.

The Swifts also have scheduled a practice game against West Texas High, and that game will be played Saturday at 5:30 p.m. at Canyon Randall High School.

## Swiftettes

Nazareth's girls downed Groom to claim the bi-district championship Tuesday night and now advance to the No. 2 Sectional Tournament at Lubbock Coronado High School.

First up in the sectional tourney for the Swiftettes will be Fort Elliott, and that game will be played Friday at 6 p.m.

If the Swiftettes win that game, they'll advance to the sectional finals, slated for 11 a.m. Saturday against either Guthrie or Wellman Union.

The sectional winner will advance to the semi-state tournament at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls on Feb. 23-24.

Fort Elliott (18-9) beat Texline Tuesday, 53-25, to claim the bi-district championship.

Leading the way for Fort Elliott are Ashley Estes, Kirbie Kinnaman and Tamera Hartline, each of whom finished in double figure scoring against Texline.

Fort Elliott has two players with decent size—one stands at 5-10 and the other is 5-11. One of the girls is a post and the other is a guard.

"We're going to have to play some good basketball this weekend," said Nazareth Coach Matt Garrett. "We were off for a week and that really showed Tuesday night. This weekend we need to play sharper than we did Tuesday if we want to win."

"Fort Elliott has a good team. They've got some good guards. We can't give them good looks or they'll nail the shots. We can't afford to leave anybody uncovered. We'll have to be ready to play."

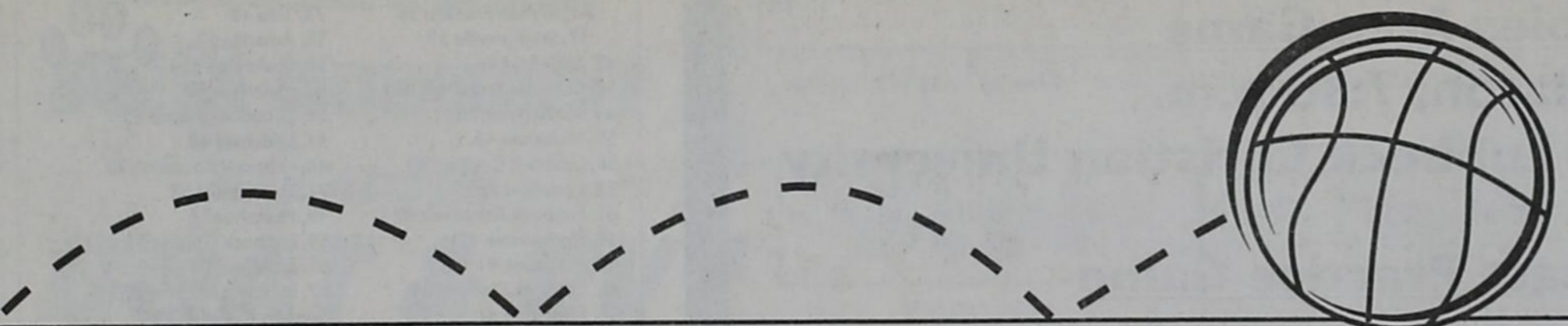
## Bobbies

The Bobbies (17-15) knocked off Tulia Tuesday night to win the bi-district championship, and now they'll meet District 3-AAA champion Slaton (23-4) in the area round. That game is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Rip Griffin Center at Lubbock Christian University.

Slaton earned a bi-district bye after winning district, and the area game against Dimmitt will be the Tigerettes' first playoff appearance this season.

Slaton is led by 5-10 senior Brittany Huddleston, 5-8 junior post Latasha Smith, 5-9 senior post Aissa Trotty, 5-9 junior wing Raelye Taylor and 5-3 senior guard Linsey Boyd.

The Slaton-Dimmitt winner will advance to the regional quarterfinals and could face state-ranked Perryton, who will meet either Midland Greenwood or Presidio in area.



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## Good Luck, Swiftettes, in the Sectional Tournament!

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# County stock show winners are named

A lightweight medium wool lamb, a light heavyweight cross barrow and an exotic steer were selected as the top animals in the 2001 Castro County Junior Livestock Show, held Friday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Beau Bradley exhibited the top lamb, a 106-pound lightweight medium wool, that was selected as the grand champion. Reserve grand champion honors went to his sister, Raynee Bradley, who showed her

130-pound heavyweight medium wool to the runner-up spot.

The top steer, a 1,255-pound light-weight exotic, was shown by Cutter Johnson. Exhibiting the reserve grand champion steer—a 1,205-pound British—was Dennis Underwood.

Winner of the barrow show was Mary Bradley, who drove her 250-pound cross to the breed championship, then the grand championship. Underwood's 246-pound cross fol-

lowed Bradley's pig in both the breed and grand drives as it claimed the reserve grand champion honors.

Here are complete results from this year's show, which was conducted by the Dimmitt Young Farmers.

## LAMB SHOW

**Grand Champion:** Beau Bradley.  
**Reserve Grand:** Raynee Bradley.

## FINEWOOL

**Breed Champion:** Raynee Bradley.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Adam Acker.

**Class Results:** 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Adam Acker, 3. Chase Hatla, 4. Reagan Hunter.

## FINEWOOL CROSS

**Breed Champion:** Raynee Bradley.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Trinity Robb.

**Lightweight:** 1. Bryce Pohlmeier, 2. Whit Whitaker, 3. Beau Bradley, 4. Thomas Brockman, 5. Cailee Gilbreath, 6. Chase Hatla, 7. Will Whitaker.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Chauncey Gilbreath, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Reagan Hunter, 4. Andrew Brockman, 5. Mark Lange.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Chauncey Gilbreath, 4. Ryan Hunter, 5. Houston Sutton.

## MEDIUM WOOL

**Breed Champion:** Beau Bradley.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Raynee Bradley.

**Lightweight:** 1. Beau Bradley, 2. Lacey Acker, 3. Ross Hunter, 4. Anthony Hochstein, 5. Molly Bradford, 6. Cailee Gilbreath, 7. Mark Lange, 8. Curtis Thomas, 9. Jinna Wright, 10. Thomas Brockman, 11. Bryce Pohlmeier, 12. Dustin Thomas.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Ross Hunter, 2. Beau Bradley, 3. Jinna Wright, 4. Ryan Hunter, 5. Shae Odom, 6. Cailee Gilbreath, 7. Molly Bradford, 8. Bryce Pohlmeier, 9. Will Whitaker, 10. Reagan Hunter, 11. Anna Brockman.

**Light Heavyweight:** 1. Trinity Robb, 2. Jinna Wright, 3. Cliff Wright, 4. Mary Bradley, 5. Ryan Hunter, 6. Jenna Acker, 7. Eric Odom, 8. Landon Porsch, 9. Andrew Brockman.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Trinity Robb, 3. Mary Bradley, 4. Adam Acker, 5. Jenna Acker, 6. Lacey Acker, 7. Whit Whitaker, 8. Jake Porsch.

**Jumbo:** 1. Cliff Wright, 2. Sage Annen, 3. Brooke Parker, 4. Ross Hunter, 5. Cliff Wright, 6. Houston Sutton, 7. Chase Hatla, 8. Sage Annen.

## SOUTHDOWN

**Breed Champion:** Thomas Brockman.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Chauncey Gilbreath.

**Lightweight:** 1. Thomas Brockman, 2. Molly Bradford, 3. Anna Brockman, 4. Curtis Thomas, 5. Brittany Allen.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Chauncey Gilbreath, 2. Anna Brockman, 3. Whit Whitaker, 4. Shae Odom.

## STEER SHOW

**Grand Champion:** Cutter Johnson.  
**Reserve Grand:** Dennis Underwood.

## British

**Breed Champion:** Dennis Underwood.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Dennis Underwood.

**Lightweight:** 1. Dennis Underwood, 2. Ross Schulte, 3. Meggie Lemons.  
**Heavyweight:** 1. Dennis Underwood, 2. Meggie Lemons.

## Exotic

**Breed Champ:** Cutter Johnson  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Ross Schulte

**Class 1:** 1. Cutter Johnson, 2. Ross Schulte, 3. Corey Lane.

## BARROW SHOW

**Grand Champion:** Mary Bradley.  
**Reserve Grand:** Dennis Underwood.

## HAMPSHIRE

**Breed Champion:** Matthew Wright.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Raynee Bradley.

**Lightweight:** 1. Holly Lane, 2. Beau Bradley, 3. Keli Schulte, 4. Adam Wright, 5. Gus Gesling, 6. Bryce Parker, 7. Elizabeth Olvera, 8. Nicky Rowland, 9. China Foster, 10. Chance Hanes, 11. Brittany Nelson.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Brooke Parker, 3. Kendra Huseman, 4. Charley Nutt, 5. Kelby Myrick, 6. Trevor Barnes, 7. Kenley Kleman, 8. Adrienne

Hart, 9. Jake Porsch, 10. Jeff Bennett.  
**Heavyweight:** 1. Matthew Wright, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Jeremy Simpson, 4. Tyler Cornett, 5. Ross Schulte, 6. Kelsey Hochstein, 7. Landon Porsch, 8. Garrett Kleman, 9. Zachary Farris, 10. Ross Myatt.

## POLAND CHINA

**Breed Champion:** Michelle Davis.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Zane Farris.

**Lightweight:** 1. Zane Farris, 2. Wade Price, 3. China Foster, 4. Chauncey Gilbreath.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Michelle Davis, 2. Beau Bradley, 3. Kenley Kleman, 4. Tyler Myatt, 5. Kendra Huseman, 6. Dustin Horn.

## SPOTS

**Breed Champion:** Clifford Gerber.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Kelsey Hochstein.

**Lightweight:** 1. Kelsey Hochstein, 2. Cutter Johnson, 3. Bailey Nutt, 4. Rebecca Olvera.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Clifford Gerber, 2. Brooke Parker, 3. Corey Lane, 4. Dustin Horn.

## YORKSHIRE

**Breed Champion:** Jeremy Simpson.  
**Reserve Breed Champion:** Zane Farris.

**Lightweight:** 1. Zane Farris, 2. James Clearman, 3. Macee Schulte, 4. Eric Odom, 5. Aaron Hart, 6. Ross Schulte, 7. Nicky Rowland, 8. Chase Foster, 9. Brady Schulte, 10. Aaron Kern, 11. Drew Higgins.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Jeremy Simpson, 2. Maegan Farris, 3. Brooke Parker, 4. Charley Nutt, 5. Corey Lane, 6. Lyndsey Heard, 7. Trevor Barnes, 8. Garrett Kleman, 9. Brittany Nelson, 10. Jordy Rowland, 11. Brandy Smith.

## DUROC

**Breed Champion:** Bryce Parker.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Raynee Bradley.

**Lightweight:** 1. Trent Barnes, 2. Maegan Farris, 3. Gus Gesling, 4. Cailee Gilbreath, 5. Macee Schulte, 6. Bailey Nutt, 7. Brandi Kern, 8. Shane Hanes, 9. Logan McLain, 10. Orrin McLain, 11. Orrin McLain, 12. Logan McLain.

**Mediumweight:** 1. Bryce Parker, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Regina Montiel, 4. Zachary Farris, 5. Braden Nelson, 6. Jeff Bennett, 7. Chauncey Gilbreath, 8. Brandon Burks.

**Heavyweight:** 1. Brad Lane, 2. Landon Porsch, 3. Holly Lane, 4. Kelby Myrick, 5. Kelsey Hochstein, 6. Clifford Gerber, 7. Karis Kleman, 8. Evan Huseman.

## CHESTER WHITE

**Breed Champion:** Tyler Cornett.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Caitlin Huseman.

**Class 1:** 1. Tyler Cornett, 2. Caitlin Huseman, 3. Whitney Mitchell, 4. Brandi

Kern, 5. Cailee Gilbreath, 6. Anna Neudorf, 7. Jeff Bennett, 8. Keisha Smith, 9. Rebecca Olvera, 10. Aaron Kern.

## BERKSHIRE

**Breed Champion:** Eric Odom.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Beau Bradley.

**Lightweight:** 1. Beau Bradley, 2. Brady Schulte, 3. Lyndsey Heard, 4. Luke Price.  
**Heavyweight:** 1. Eric Odom, 2. Chase Black, 3. Brandy Smith, 4. Jake Porsch.

## CROSS

**Breed Champion:** Mary Bradley.  
**Reserve Breed Champ:** Dennis Underwood.

**Lightweight:** 1. Dennis Underwood, 2. Maegan Farris, 3. Cutter Johnson, 4. Brady Schulte, 5. Zane Farris, 6. Adam Hart, 7. Clifford Gerber, 8. Bailey Nutt, 9. Garrett Kleman, 10. Michelle Davis, 11.

Freddie Hernandez, 12. Chase Foster, 13. Ashley Burks.

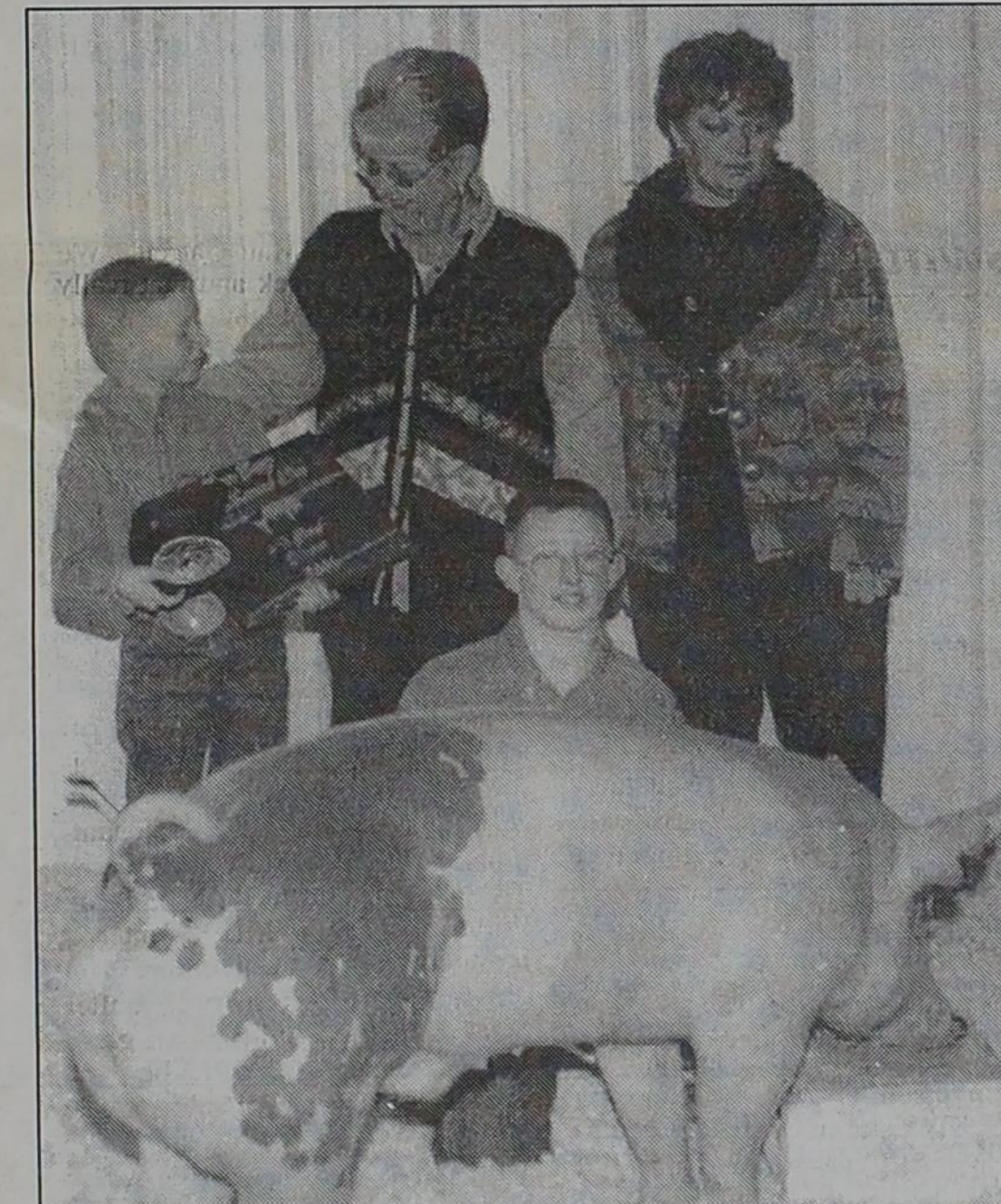
**Mediumweight:** 1. Matthew Wright, 2. Tyler Cornett, 3. Dennis Underwood, 4. Keli Schulte, 5. Evan Huseman, 6. Margie Neudorf, 7. Braden Nelson, 8. Brad Lane, 9. Brandy Smith, 10. Keisha Smith, 11. James Clearman, 12. Brandon Burks, 13. Brandi Kern, 14. Logan McLain.

**Light Heavyweight:** 1. Mary Bradley, 2. Dennis Underwood, 3. Jeremy Simpson, 4. Raynee Bradley, 5. Elizabeth Olvera, 6. Trent Barnes, 7. Ross Myatt, 8. Whitney Mitchell, 9. Brittany Nelson, 10. Trevor Barnes, 11. Eric Odom, 12. Aaron Kern.

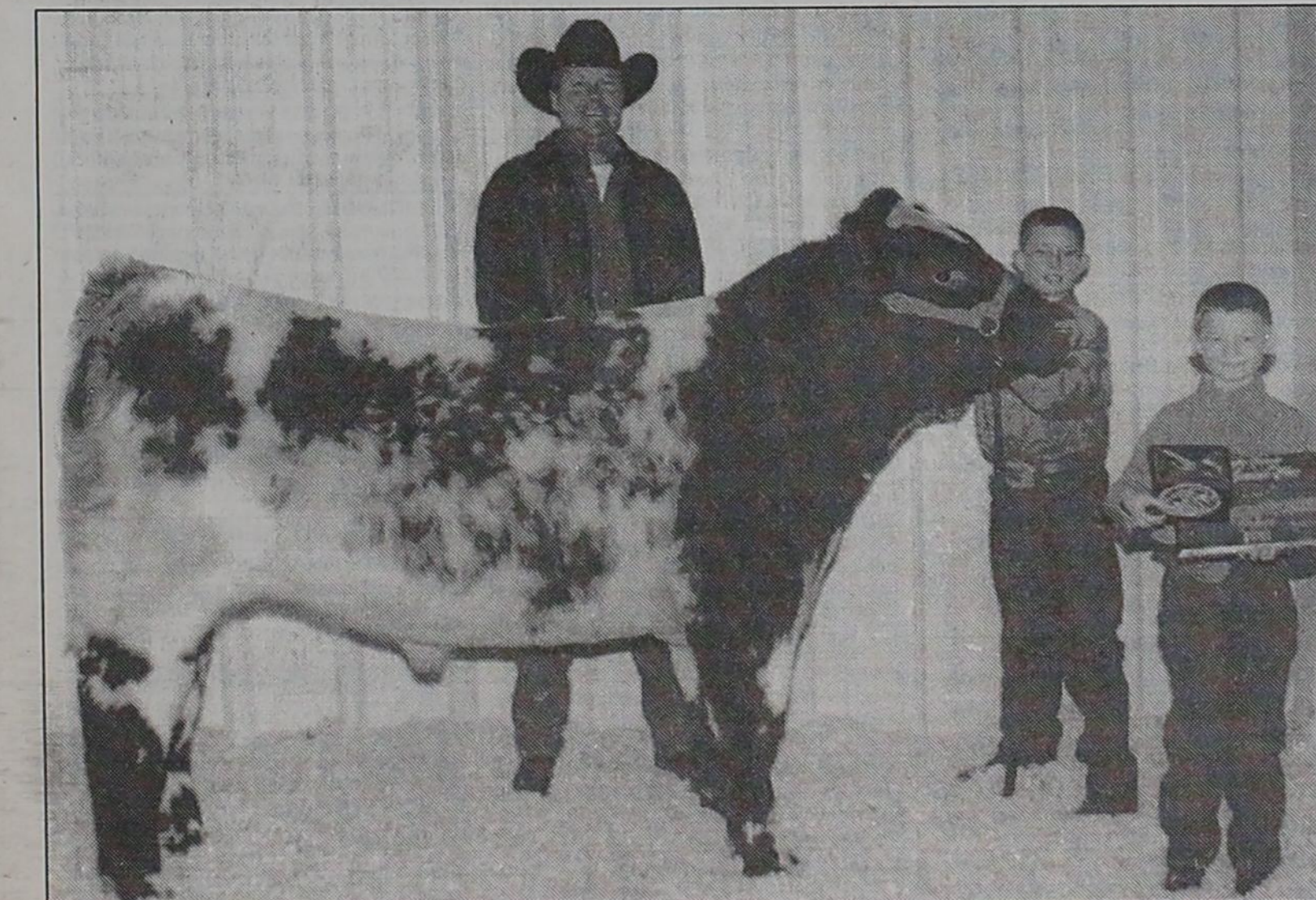
**Heavyweight:** 1. Zachary Farris, 2. Mary Bradley, 3. Karis Kleman, 4. Adam Wright, 5. Aaron Hart, 6. Kelby Myrick, 7. Jordy Rowland, 8. Charley Nutt, 9. Bryce Parker, 10. Michelle Davis, 11. Jake Porsch, 12. Drew Higgins, 13. Chauncey Gilbreath.



RAYNEE BRADLEY'S 130-pound light heavyweight medium wool lamb was selected as the reserve grand champion in Friday's Castro County Junior Livestock Show. Bradley's lamb was purchased for \$12 per pound by Mike and Jan Baca and Andy and Kay Rogers. Taylor Bradley is holding her sister's reserve championship plaque. Photo by Anne Acker



THE RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION BARROW in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show was this 246-pound light heavyweight cross driven by Dennis Underwood (kneeling). His pig was bought for \$8.50 per pound by E.M. and Betty Jones (she's standing second from left) and Coby and Connie Gilbreath (she's on the far right). Underwood's plaque is being displayed by his brother, David Underwood. Photo by Anne Acker



DENNIS UNDERWOOD earned \$2.70 per pound for his reserve grand champion steer, a 1,205-pound British breed, at the Castro County Junior Livestock Show. The animal was purchased by North Gin of

Dimmitt, represented here by Jim Bradford. Holding Underwood's reserve grand champion plaque is his little brother, David Underwood. Photo by Anne Acker

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24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Lois Mason would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and gestures during the passing of our sister and aunt. We would like to especially thank Dr. Hardee, the Hospice and Canterbury Villa staffs for all of their special care and concerns during Lois' long illness. May God bless you all.  
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We could never repay you, so we have asked God to bless you and impress you with the heartfelt gratitude we feel for all of you. Living in the same place for so many years, we take a lot of things for granted. At the time of our deep need we were humbled with the outpouring of love and concern. Thank you for every card, phone call, visit, flower, dish of food and any other expression of your sympathy. Most of all, thank you for your prayers that have continued to sustain us these past weeks. May every kindness be returned to you a hundred fold. God bless you. Thank you for your friendship and support.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
Our thanks to each of you for the loving kindness you sent to our family after the loss of our loved one. The cards, food, visits and phone calls will never be forgotten. Thank you to those who provided care during her 18 years in Dimmitt, and a special thank you to Sharon Leinen for the kind love and care she had for our mother—always there when needed.  
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We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Roy Stotts Kidney Fund through their attendance at the benefit barbecue held at the Country Club on Super Bowl Sunday, and by purchasing raffle tickets for the John Deer lawn tractor. We really appreciate your support, thoughts and prayers during this time as Roy battles his illness. Thank you for your friendship and support the past few months.  
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**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to offer a special thanks to Brother Rusty for his visits and prayers while Don was in the hospital. We would also like to thank ambulance driver Sal Ortiz and Diana Collier, EMT, for their special care. A special thanks goes to all those who visited, sent flowers, plants and cards, and to those who offered prayers for us. It sure helps you to know so many people care. May God bless you all.  
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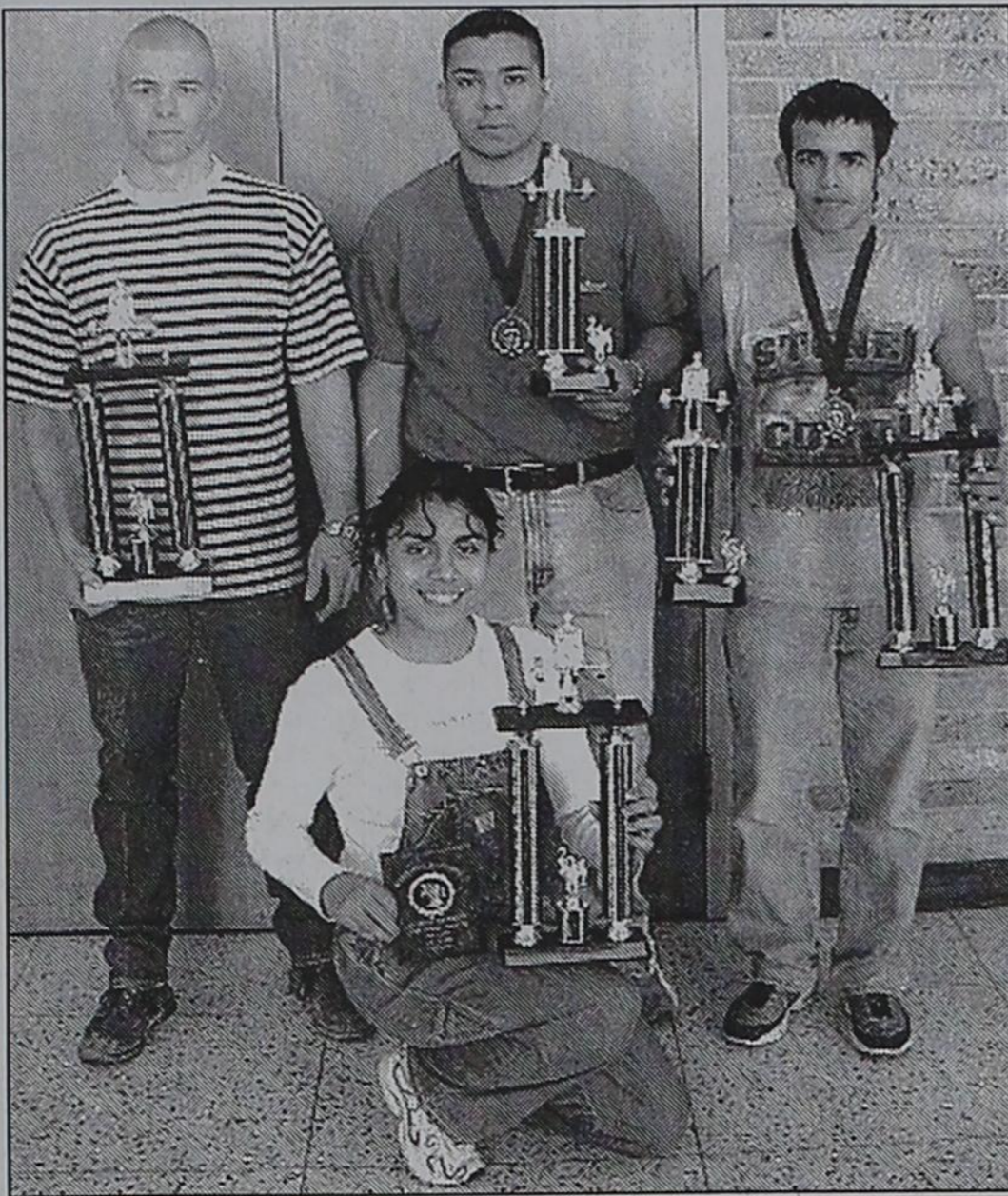
**CARD OF THANKS**  
The family of Max Acker thanks the community for all the love and support given to us following the death of our mother. May the Lord bless you for your sweet spirit and many kind deeds shown her over the years.  
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25—Legal Notices

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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of BETTY J. PATTERSON, Deceased, were granted to Lonnie Joe Boothe and American State Bank, Lubbock, Texas, on Sept. 14, 2000, by the County Court of Castro County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby requested to present same to Lonnie Joe Boothe and American State Bank, Lubbock, Texas, within the time prescribed by law. The post office address for these purposes is:  
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**WINNERS**—These powerlifters from Dimmitt High School placed first in their weight classes at the Dalhart Powerlifting meet. With only seven participants, the team took second place over-all at the meet, competing against some 4-A schools with more team members. Those who helped bring home the trophies include: (standing from left) Tanner Self, T. J. Reyna and Mitchell Gentry; and (kneeling) Cassandra Casas. Others contributing to the scoring (not shown) included first place winners Alex Wilkerson and Casey Villanueva, and fifth place winner Adam Guzman.  
Photo by Linda Maxwell

# Powerlifters tops at Dalhart meet

Dimmitt High School sent seven powerlifters to a Powerlifting meet in Dalhart, and they came back with six first place honors and a trophy recognizing them as the second place team in overall scoring.

"We were edged out by Dumas [a 4-A school] by about 50 lbs.," said powerlifting coach Trent Wilson. "Of course, they also had a lot more team members competing than we did."

In the girls' division, Cassandra Casas won first in the light weight division and also received a trophy as "Best Over-All Girl" for all weight divisions. She competed against 11 other lifters.

In the boys' division, Mitchell Gentry took first in the 123-pound weight class and won a trophy as "Best Lifter" of the whole meet, based on a scoring system comparing weight lifted to the weight of the lifter.

T.J. Reyna took first in the 190-pound weight class and won a trophy for "Best Lifter" among those weighing 181 and over.

Other first place winners in their weight classes were Tanner Self, 165-pounds; Alex Wilkerson, 181-pounds; and Casey Villanueva, 240-pound and above.

Also, team member Adam Guzman took fifth in the 130-pound weight class.

"Adam showed a big improvement over the 10<sup>th</sup> place finish he had at his last meet," Wilson said.

Based on a ranking system, the top 10 lifters of each weight class in the region will be invited to the Regional Powerlifting Meets, set for March 2, with the girls in Colorado City and the boys in Levelland.

Wilson said Casas, Reyna and Gentry will definitely be going, and he also expects several other team members to qualify.

"I am proud of the efforts of these lifters, and I feel this program is an asset to our entire athletics program," Wilson said.

## St. Ann's, Canyon sets Czech dinner

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Canyon will hold its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Czech Sausage Dinner on Sunday, March 4, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parish Family Center at 605 38<sup>th</sup> St. in Canyon.

The meal will include Czech sausage, sauerkraut, parsley potatoes, bread, cobbler, and all the trimmings. Take-outs will be available. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 6 to 12. Those under 6 may eat free.

# Obituaries

## Richard Ford

Richard Ford, 78, of Hereford, died Feb. 7 in Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Graveside services were held last Thursday morning at West Park Cemetery in Hereford with Doris Huckert officiating, under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

Mr. Ford was born April 19, 1922. He moved from Amarillo to Hereford in June, and was a resident of Hereford Care Center.

He had no known survivors.



## Edna Peterson

Graveside services for Edna Peterson, 82, of Olton, the mother of Jerry Peterson of Hart, were held Friday afternoon in Olton Cemetery with Rev. John Kasparie officiating.

Arrangements were under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mrs. Peterson died Feb. 6 in Amarillo.

She was born Dec. 15, 1918, in Van Zandt County. She married Glenn "Pete" Peterson on Oct. 20, 1934, in Ben Wheeler. He died Jan. 17, 1992. They moved to Olton in 1952 from Wilson. Mrs. Peterson also had lived in Plainview and Amarillo. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Peterson of Hart; three daughters, Yvonne Pirkle of Amarillo, Patti Pool of Mount Pleasant and Kathy Coleman of Katy; a sister, Carolynn Feagin of Dallas; two brothers, Eddie Feagin of Tyler and Jerry Feagin of Dallas; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Greg Thompson Scholarship Fund, Attn: Matt Ramsey, Amarillo National Bank, Plaza One, PO Box 1, Amarillo 79105-0001, or to the Crown of Texas Hospice, 1007 S. Jefferson St., Amarillo 79101.

## Opha H. Burks

Funeral services for Opha H. Burks, 82, of Dimmitt, were to have been held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Burks died Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. at BSA Health Systems in Amarillo.

She was born Feb. 22, 1918, in Riley, where she graduated from high school. She attended business college in Dallas. On Feb. 1, 1942, she married Charles Burks in Dallas. They moved to Dimmitt in 1943. Mrs. Burks was a member of the Dimmitt Senior Citizens, the Bridge Club and the Arney Club, and attended the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by a sister and six brothers.

She is survived by her husband; three sons, Larry Burks of Amarillo, Ronnie Burks of Dallas, and Gregg Burks of Cumming, Ga.; a brother, Jeff Sims of Dallas; and eight grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Dimmitt Senior Citizens, PO Box 156, Dimmitt 79027.

## Kids Inc. sets basketball sign-up times

Kids Inc. of Dimmitt is signing up kids now for the basketball program, which is open to all kids in Castro County, with minor and major leagues for both boys and girls.

The entry fee is \$20 for players, and absolutely no late sign-ups will be allowed. Coaches also are required to sign up.

Forms for signing up are available at local schools or the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office. The forms should be returned to the Chamber office by Feb. 22.

For more information, call 647-2524 or Sal Ortiz at 647-3653 or any Kids Inc. board member.

## More about

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shop, he said.

The little wood-burner was a nostalgic, if brand-new, piece of Americana.

Made, of course, in China.

Bessie Strickland brought in a yellowed newspaper clipping from the World War II era that someone had saved for the next time they had the flu.

Since this is the season, you may benefit from it.

Here 'tis, exactly as written back then:

### Simple Remedy for Influenza

The following remedy for influenza published in the Corsicana Daily Sun as having been used successfully in that city, and which has also been used in Wichita Falls with satisfactory results during the past few days is reproduced for the benefit of those who may wish to give it a trial:

Two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, two tablespoonfuls of castor oil, ten to fifteen drops of turpentine. Put in a teacup half full of hot water, mix a teaspoonful of baking soda and drink while it is foaming. The remedy should be applied with first symptoms of the disease and if relief does not come in a short while repeat the dose.

The lemon juice, it is explained, acts on the liver, the castor oil on the bowels, the turpentine on the kidneys and the soda on the bladder.

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## Quilters will need housing

Local residents are being invited to share their spare bedrooms with visitors to the fourth annual Ogallala Quilters Festival, set for April 5-7 in Dimmitt.

Over 1,000 people are expected to attend the festival, and places will be needed for some of them to stay.

"We would like for residents to allow a guest or guests to stay for one to three nights and to provide breakfast each morning," said Ogallala Quilters member Joyce Davis of Dimmitt. "Each resident who furnishes a room will be paid."

Forms or additional information may be obtained from Davis at 647-5362.

The festival will include quilting classes, lectures, demonstrations, entertainment, appraisals and a quilt show.

The Ogallala Quilters' Society is an organization with over 200 members from the tri-state area.

## Breast cancer screenings are set March 1, 12

Two breast cancer screening clinics will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt next month, one on March 1 and another on March 12. Appointments are still available for both screenings.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

The clinic is being conducted by the Women's Center of the Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System.

Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse.

Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.



BRENT JOSSELET drives inside for a basket late in the second quarter of the Bobcats' game against the Roosevelt Eagles here Monday night. Josselet sank a layup off of the drive to hike Dimmitt's lead to 33-17, and the Bobcats went on to post a 67-52 win.

Photo by Carter Townsend

## More about

### County will buy . . .

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Recent snowfall and ice storms have caused commissioners to look at possible hazards in front of the county tax appraisal office.

When ice forms on the sidewalk in front of the office, it remains there for several days because the area is shaded and receives very little sunshine.

"It's a mess," said Pet. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron.

Damron suggested the county look into tearing out that sidewalk and rebuilding it from scratch, designing it so the water falling from the building will drain off instead of collecting on the sidewalk.

Commissioners decided to have a

couple of local contractors look at the site and offer recommendations.

The county agreed to allow Jim Baker of Baker Electric install new electrical outlets in Justice of the Peace Tana Young's office at the courthouse.

Baker Electric had submitted a bid of \$450 for materials and labor for the job.

In other action, commissioners appointed Bill Sava to serve a three-year term on the board of directors of Rhoads Memorial Library; and appointed Lewis Jordan, Paula Portwood, Carla Miller and Alan Steinle to serve on the county's salary grievance committee.

## More about

### Day care idea . . .

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If a center is established, Sava said funds are available through the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission (PRPC) to help pay the costs of child care for less fortunate families.

"We simply have a lot of kids who are not receiving proper care right now," Sava said.

"Each of us is supposed to take care of our own kids, but that's in a perfect world. Today, both parents have to work in many instances and that means they need someone to care for their children while they are working. Some would like to continue their education, but can't because there is no one to care for their children while they attend classes," Sava said.

Parents want a safe environment in which to leave their children while they work or attend classes, and there are limited resources to fill those needs here.

Pybus Christian School, owned by Cheryle Pybus, provides such a setting, but not for infants, and only in the mornings. There are a few licensed child care providers who care for children in their homes, but they are full and can't accept any more children. Waiting lists are long

with these providers.

"I spoke with Cheryle Pybus and she said while a child care center would hurt her business some, it is definitely needed here," Sava said. "She said she's turning people away every week and she thinks it's just going to get worse."

"H.O.P.E. didn't intend to go in this direction when it was organized, but our surveys indicate this is a big issue here," Sava said.

Sava and Neal said they have spoken with those who operate the W.I.C. program in Castro County, and they said several of their clients are worried about leaving their children so they can attend school or find jobs.

But soon those parents will be required to find jobs or further their education or they will lose their benefits.

"We can't tell these people they have to go to work and not provide them with a place to leave their children," Sava said.

"It's just going to take so much money to get this off the ground. But if there is a way to get a center open here, we want to do it. And we will appreciate any help we can get," Sava added.

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