

Hall of Fame to induct Junior Coffey Sunday

By DON NELSON

Junior Coffey, a Dimmitt High School sports legend who broke the racial barrier in Texas high-school athletics in the early 1960s, will be inducted Sunday into the Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame.

Ceremonies will begin at 2 p.m. in Amarillo College's Ordway Auditorium, 22nd and Washington. The event is open to the public, and a reception will follow in the Hall of Fame Room in AC's Business Occupations Building.

Coffey will be the 108th inductee in the PSHOF, and will be one of three inducted Sunday. The others will be Allene J. Stovall of Canyon and Freida Rousseau Altman of Tulia.

Also, Melinda Schmucker of Nazareth and Texas Tech

will be honored as the Basketball Athlete of the Year. She is among 23 athletes, coaches and teams that will be recognized for special achievements during 1996 in various sports.

Coffey will be the fourth person from Dimmitt to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. The previous three were Lometa Odom, all-state and all-America basketball

forward; John Blaine, the winningest high school coach in the nation in 1951-52; and Ken Cleveland, who was one of the 10 most successful high school basketball coaches in the US at the time of his death in 1993.

Coffey's former coaches and teammates recall his historic high school career here.

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"I'm awfully proud to be mentioned in the same company with the other three from Dimmitt who have been named to this Hall of Fame," Coffey said.

Before graduating from Dimmitt High School in 1961, Coffey attained state and national recognition in both football and basketball.

He was all-state in both sports, was named to the high-school All-America team as a fullback, and as a junior in 1960 he became the first black athlete ever to play in a Texas UIL state basketball tournament.

He accepted a football scholarship to the University of

Washington, where he became an all-America fullback, played in the Rose Bowl and graduated as the second leading rusher in the school's history.

He was drafted in 1965 by Coach Vince Lombardi's world champion Green Bay Packers, and later played for the Atlanta Falcons and New York Giants.

After retiring from pro football in 1970, Coffey settled in Seattle, where he has built a successful horse-training business. He now trains seven thoroughbred horses which he races five months of the year, mostly in California. His wife, Kathleen, oversees the training operation while he is on the racing circuit.

Coffey has a son, Tony, 26, who is an engineer with
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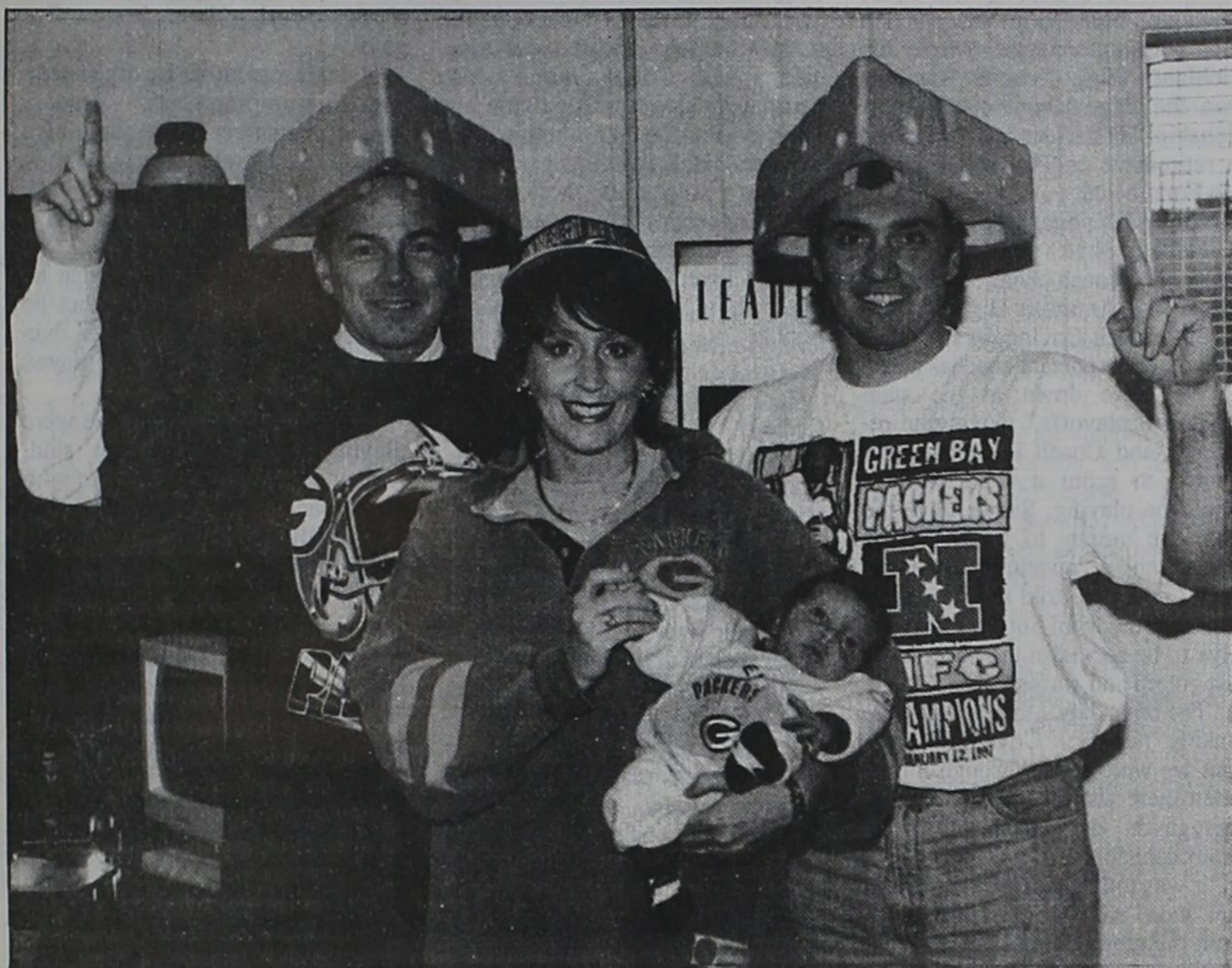
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HAPPY DAYS!—Green Bay's 35-21 victory over New England in the Super Bowl Sunday made it a great time for "cheeseheads" everywhere — including these four locals. David Bone (left), director of operations at the Cerestar USA-Dimmitt plant, was raised near Milwaukee and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Melody and John Link, who farm and raise dairy

cows west of Dimmitt, both grew up in small towns near Madison, and also are UW alums. The Links' eight-week-old son, Jacob, is a Texan by birth but a cheesehead by choice—he already has his own Packers outfit. Bone has lived in Cowboys territory 14 years and the Links three years, but their hearts are always with the Packers.
Photo by Don Nelson

Farm bill, drought creates new problems for producers

Agriculture producers are once again battling for their welfare as new legislation, rising fuel prices, diminishing water and drought present new obstacles for farmers to overcome.

After months and months of negotiations in 1996, Congress finally passed a new farm bill lifting farmers out of limbo.

But agriculture leaders addressing the Texas Corn Growers Association last Thursday in Dimmitt say the legislation introduced more problems that will be felt for many years to come.

"Last spring when corn was \$7 a bushel and wheat was \$6 or so a bushel, everyone thought that was great. Then they passed this farm bill (Freedom to Farm Act)," said State Farm Service Agency Executive Director Harold Bob Bennett.

"I said then that it was probably the best piece of farm legislation I've ever seen in my life—if you were going to farm one year. If you were going to get out of farming after that first year, it was great. But folks, I think we're all going to see the day come when we'd have wished they never wrote that legislation," Bennett said.

According to Bennett and other speakers on last Thursday's agenda, the only good part of the Freedom to Farm Act is that it keeps "permanent law" in place. But will that help farmers in 2002 when the government has to look at farm legislation again?

Bennett said that if Congress doesn't agree to reopen discussions on the Farm Bill in 2002, the farm bill will revert back to permanent law.

Contained in that permanent law is the authority to have county committees, the authority for the Commodity Credit Corp and all of the structure for programs.

But legislators like Army and Luger are hoping to destroy that structure before 2002.

David Senter, TCGA's consultant in Washington, D.C., says that people who supported eliminating permanent law from the Freedom to Farm Act have decided they must now dismantle the Farm Service Agency, county committees and local FSA offices.

"They want to get rid of that structure, because then Congress can't



HAROLD BOB BENNETT
... State FSA Director

Photo by Anne Acker

come back and reauthorize farm programs in 2002 because they won't want to spend money to put the field structure back in place," Senter said.

According to Bennett the government plans to "rain down a massive amount of cuts," including closing many offices. Several of those closings will come in the Texas Panhandle, he said.

"The proposal that is being discussed by the Office of Management and Budget will close 50% of all FSA offices in the country. That's about 1,000 offices. It'll shut down our delivery system," Senter said.

Bennett identified two congressmen as "mortal enemies of production agriculture," because their stated goal is to totally do away with the Farm Service Agency. They are Sen. Dick Luger from Indiana and Rep. Dick Armey of Texas.

Bennett said the production capacity of agriculture has increased in the past 60 years, and the farmer's ability to produce a safe, secure supply of food has come about because of a partnership between the government, individuals and the agriculture industry.

"It takes us out there on the land, plowing the ground and planting the seed to produce the crop," Bennett said. "Government is not our enemy. It's what we choose it to be. It can be a catalyst or it can be an obstacle."

The 1996 drought presented another obstacle for farmers to clear last year. Even though they were able to keep their crops alive through continuous irrigation, it was costly. The result was a good crop and major irrigation expenses.

"We've had some major problems in Texas in the past year or two, and the drought has been the top one," said Bennett.

"The biggest loss of income, biggest loss of crops and biggest loss of economy came because of day after day after day of beautiful weather. The sun was shining, we didn't have an earthquake, hail, clouds, freeze or storm."

The 1996 drought and irrigation by farmers put more of a strain on an already-declining water table.

"Hopefully, up in this area we'd like to think the drought has been broken," said Bennett.

Water is the "most limiting factor" for agriculture on the Texas High Plains, according to Wayne Wyatt with the High Plains Underground Water District.

The lack of rainfall in recent years has caused a dramatic decline in the level of water in the Ogallala Aquifer, and the rain we have received has done little toward replenishing any of the water pumped out of the aquifer.

Wyatt told producers that the Texas Senate is currently studying a new bill (Senate Bill 1) designed to protect private ownership of ground water. He said the bill also keeps the "right of capture" law in place and promotes additional underground water conservation districts in the state.

An earlier proposal by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission would have taken away private ownership rights. Under the proposal, if a well drilled on property lines pulled water from a neighbor's land, the well owner would be liable for damages, because he would be guilty of "stealing" his neighbor's water.

"I think if either of those proposals would have passed, it would have created entire economic chaos in the state of Texas," said Wyatt. "Many of the cities' or rural water supplies,
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County okays replacement of leaking tank on fire truck

The water tank on one of Castro County's fire trucks is full of holes, and Fire Chief Randy Griffith approached commissioners Monday about replacing the tank with a new one.

Commissioners hesitated, because the new tank will run approximately \$4,500, and there is nothing budgeted this year for such an expense. But after studying the current fiscal-year budget, commissioners decided to take \$3,500 from capital outlay in the courthouse to help pay for a new tank.

When studying the budget, County Judge Irene Miller said she hesitated about taking any money from the courthouse budget because she is afraid the county could be looking at major repair expenses on the courthouse heating and cooling system.

Commissioners asked Griffith if it was possible to repair the tank. He said the tank had already been repaired once, and he wasn't sure if he would be able to find anyone who would tackle the job again.

"Personally, I think it's probably a waste of time to try and patch it," said Pct. 3 Commissioner Bay Baldrige.

"If we fix it, there's no guarantee

that it'll hold, either," Miller said.

The truck that is leaking is the fire department's best equipment option when fighting grass fires because firefighters can pump water while the truck is rolling. "It's the only truck that will do that and we can't afford to shut it down," Griffith said.

Griffith said the tank is leaking to the extent that it has to be refilled every day.

He told commissioners the tank could be replaced with a plastic tank liner. Some modifications would have to be made to the truck so the tank will fit, he added.

In addition to the county's \$3,500, Griffith said the fire department has
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Grandparents, it's time to BRAG!

It's time once again for all grandparents to brag on their favorite Valentines—grandchildren. Grandparents who want to show off their Valentines to friends and neighbors can have their grandchildren's picture printed in the Feb. 13 issue of the News. The picture will be printed in a decorative frame, identified by the child's and grandparents' names for a \$10 fee. Grandparents who would like to show the rest of us their favorite Valentines should bring their picture to the News office at 108 West Bedford in Dimmitt by 12 noon on Feb. 7. A wallet-sized picture is best, but we'll make it work no matter what size it is.

New additive mixed with water, ethanol may be new fuel source

If current research proves accurate, producers may be "growing" their own fuel in the future.

A group of researchers from Texas Tech University conducted a demonstration using an alternative type of fuel to power an engine during the 24th annual meeting of the Texas Corn Growers Association, which was held in Dimmitt last Thursday.

The demonstration used a generator-type motor, operated by a 14-horsepower Briggs and Stratton engine, powered by a combination of ethanol and water with a new fuel additive, Enviro Max Plus.

"What you're seeing today is the possibility of a totally new energy source—ethanol burning with at least 25% water," said Kenneth Sanders, president of Maxma L.C. of Lubbock, one of the researchers involved in the project. "What that means is that if you've got 15 gallons of fuel in your tank, you have the ability to go out and fill a five-gallon bucket of water, pour it into your tank and have it perform like gasoline."

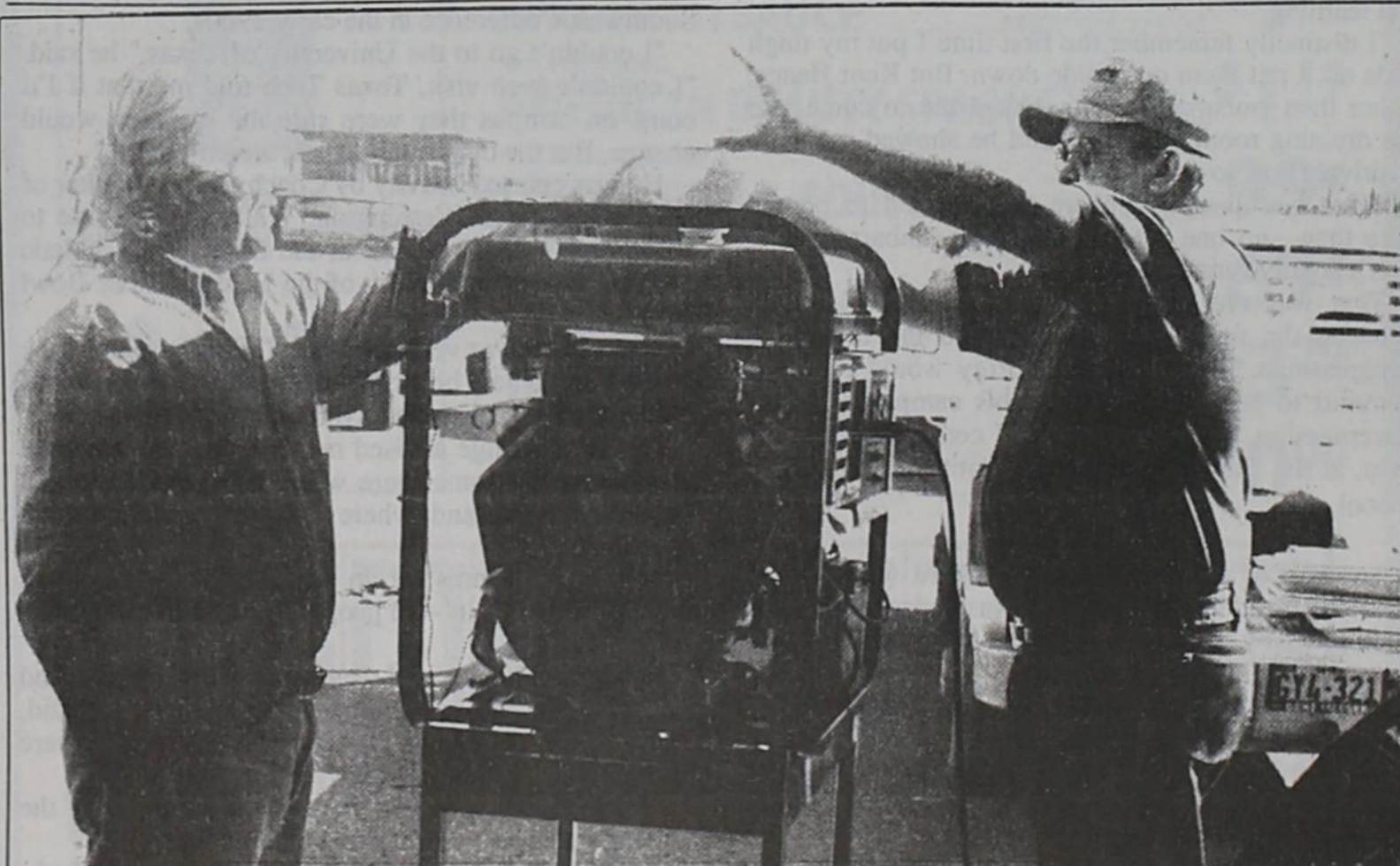
Sanders said the fuel combination results in increased mileage in cars and a decrease in emissions. It also gives farmers an alternative fuel source.

"This means that the farmer could possibly grow his own fuel in the future."

Weather

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A NEW AGE FUEL MIXTURE was tested in an engine powered by a 14-horsepower Briggs and Stratton motor last Thursday at the Texas Corn Growers Association. Here, Danny Bruton of Dimmitt (right) pours water into the engine, mixing it with ethanol and the fuel additive Enviro Max Plus.

The new fuel combines 75% ethanol with 25% water and the additive. It was developed through a research project at Texas Tech University. Pictured at the left is one of the researchers involved in the project.

Photo by Anne Acker

DHS teammates, coaches recall 'Coffey era'

By DON NELSON

When Junior Coffey is inducted into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Sunday, few will be prouder of the honor than his former Dimmitt High School coaches and teammates.

They learned together, back in the early '60s, what it was like to be around a future all-American and pro football player.

And the white ones on the team got a taste of what it was like to be black in a society that was yielding only grudgingly to integration.

They all went through it together. They were turned away from one restaurant after another. They stayed in "rat-hole motels" on playoff trips. They endured all the common racial slurs.

But in the end, they won. They won championships on the field and in the gym. And they won victories within their own consciences. They did it together.

Coffey was one of the first black students in Dimmitt High School. In fact, his family was among the first black families in Dimmitt.

Dimmitt was virtually an all-white farm town until the mid-1950s. Coffey's teammates had not

grown up in a mixed-race atmosphere. They were largely unfamiliar with segregation. But most of them knew what the Bible, the Constitution and the Supreme Court had to say about it.

And they knew—as youngsters usually do—what was fair and what wasn't.

So when it came time to choose between a teammate or the prejudices imposed by an adult society, they always sided with their teammate.

Coffey and Jimmy Chavers were the first black athletes in Dimmitt High School, and among the first to compete in Texas public high schools following the Supreme Court's 1954 desegregation ruling.

In 1960, Coffey became the first black athlete ever to play in a Texas UIL high school basketball tournament.

Getting there wasn't easy for him, or for any of them.

"I can't even remember all the trouble we went to just to find a place to eat," said Hal Ratcliff, who—like Coffey—was an all-stater in both football and basketball at Dimmitt High School. Ratcliff is now superintendent of Friona

schools. "We went to one state tournament (in 1960) and spent the night in Brownwood and worked out there," Ratcliff recalled. "There wasn't a single restaurant in Brownwood, Texas, that would serve us because of having a black kid on the squad. We ended up getting hamburgers and taking them to our motel rooms to eat."

When the team got to Austin for the 1960 state tournament, "We stayed in a rat-hole of a motel because we couldn't find any place that would let Junior stay," Gene Bradley recalled.

Bradley, who was a grade behind Coffey, started with him two years in both football and basketball. He is now a cattle feeder here.

Coffey's appearance alone in the 1960 state tourney created a media storm.

"After our final game in the tournament, I don't know how many phone calls Junior got, mainly from reporters wanting to know how he felt being the first black player ever to play in Gregory Gym," Bradley said.

"The second year, we got to stay in a better place (in Austin)," Bradley said. "But the team all felt the same way about it—if Junior

couldn't stay somewhere, or eat somewhere, neither would the rest of us."

Kent Hance, one of Coffey's classmates and closest friends, usually "ran interference" at cafes during the team's road trips.

"When we went to any new place, I'd always go in and check," Hance said. "All of us were willing to go out of our way to protect him from any unpleasant circumstances."

Hance, a former US congressman and former chairman of the Texas Railroad Commission, is the senior partner in an Austin law firm.

"We didn't just go to school and play football and basketball with Junior," Hance said. "We went hunting with him. He showed pigs in the FFA, and was active in more than just sports."

"The race issue was a big factor with him, and with his teammates," said J. D. Covington, who was the boys' football coach.

After a successful stint at DHS, Covington coached in New Mexico and Washington state, where his Richland High School Bombers won the large-school state championship. He and his wife now live in retirement on Flathead Lake at Big Fork, Mont.

Johnny Ethridge, who now lives in Hobbs, N.M., was the boys' basketball coach here, and later coached at Amarillo High School. He and Coach Covington served as each others' assistant coaches here.

"We were down at the state basketball playoffs," Covington recalled, "and Coach Ethridge and I wanted to scout a team that we would be playing. So we gave the team the money to go eat. They went into a restaurant and sat down, and were told they could be served in the front but Junior would have to be served in the back. They just got up and walked out."

"The boys didn't know they were making history," Covington said, "but we were going through a time when there was still a great deal of segregation despite the Supreme Court decision."

"It was tough, some of the things that were said to Junior by kids from the other teams," he added. "I wouldn't have taken it at all. But Junior never once said one word to me or to anyone else about the situation he was in. And our team never said anything about it, either, because they respected him for what he was."

And what kind of kid was Junior Coffey?

"He was a great guy—a great player with a great work ethic," Ratcliff said. "You couldn't have gone out and picked a greater guy to break the color barrier."

"He had great accomplishments on the field and the basketball court, but he was just as outstand-

ing in his personal life," Hance said. "There could not have been any better person to help integrate our schools than Junior."

"What he wanted to do was play ball, and that's what he did," Bradley said. "He'd block for somebody else just as hard as he'd run when he had the ball. There wasn't anything selfish about him. And he made good grades—I'm pretty sure they were straight A's."

"He was something else," Covington said. "He was a great ball player and a great leader, and he was very humble about it. . . . He was just a great kid. He was always a gentleman, on and off the field. His aunt was a great influence on him. She was very knowledgeable and conscious of Junior's needs."

"In his personal life, Junior was just another kid growing up with the other kids. He was always ready and willing to do what was right."

(Montana is under a foot of snow right now, but Covington is planning to drive out of it, and on to Texas for Sunday's induction. It's mainly because of his close association with Coffey, but it's also part payback: When Covington was inducted into the Washington State Coaches Hall of Fame, Coffey made it a point to be there. "I sure wasn't expecting it," he said.)

"He was something," Ethridge said. "I loved him. He was just so unassuming, and tougher than a boot."

Just how good an athlete was Coffey?

That's almost a rhetorical question. Reams have been written about his athletic abilities. But his high-school coaches and teammates—who were the first to realize that Coffey wasn't just another player—have their own first-hand accounts of his special abilities.

His most unique physical attribute, they say, was his leg strength. It enabled him to carry four, five, six or seven players while still gaining yardage on the football field. And it enabled him to out-jump much taller players on the basketball court.

"On the football field one night against Muleshoe," Ethridge said, "he carried one guy on his back for

17 yards, and three others were trying to get him down. We were looking at the film later and I asked, 'Junior, how come you didn't fall?' He said, 'Coach, I was about to lose the ball, and I was concentrating on not fumbling.'

"Nobody ever outjumped him," Ethridge said. "In the state tournament, Linden-Kildare had this 6-9 kid (John Beasley, who went on to play for A&M). Junior was 6-0, and was getting the tip every time. In the fourth quarter, they finally got the tip on us because that 6-9 kid just beat him up to the ball—but he didn't outjump him."

"I was in my office once and heard some of the players laughing out in the gym, and I went out to see what was up. Junior was showing them how he could dunk the ball. It was illegal then."

"And when Junior went up for a gimme and they grabbed his arm, he'd just lift them off the floor."

"He was sure one of the most powerful runners any of us had ever seen," Bradley said. "He was always carrying three, four or five guys."

"I don't remember hardly anyone ever outjumping him," Bradley said. "I remember his outjumping a 6-7 kid by several inches when they jumped center. I was always back on defense on the tips and had a good look."

"I don't remember now what he weighed," Covington said, "but he didn't seem to be any bigger than any other players that we played against."

"I recall one time when we were playing Olton," Covington said, "and there were eight players who hit him and didn't bring him down, and finally they just piled on him and rode him down just short of the goal line."

Coffey's induction into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Sunday "is a long-overdue deal," Ratcliff said. His former teammates and coaches agree.

"If the Southwest Conference had been different back then, they would be trying to break Junior Coffey's records now instead of Earl Campbell's," Covington said.

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Boeing Aircraft in Philadelphia.

Coffey was notified of his latest honor by Friona School Supt. Hal Ratcliff, a former teammate who also was an all-stater in football and basketball in Dimmitt High School.

"When Hal told me, my ears got hot," Coffey said. "I don't think I've absorbed the surprise completely. I never, ever had any idea that I'd be considered for anything of this magnitude. It's just overwhelming. It's the greatest thing that's happened to me personally, and that includes being part of an NFL championship."

"I've seen other people being recognized, but until it touches you, you never can really know what it feels like."

Coffey and his wife both will be on hand for Sunday's induction, along with his former high school coaches, J. D. Covington and Johnny Ethridge, and many of his former teammates. Covington is making the trip from Big Fork, Mont., and Ethridge will come in from Hobbs, N.M.

Coffey's induction Sunday will be a redemption of sorts for the problems he endured as one of the first black athletes after the integration of public schools in Texas.

He was an eighth grader when he moved here with his uncle and aunt, Roden and Maudie Sanders. They came here from Lockhart, "where segregation was still very much in evidence."

"God put me in a place and position," Coffey said. "When things were in turmoil all around Texas and everywhere, I landed in a place that was very unique."

"When we arrived in Dimmitt, there was a terrible snowstorm (the blizzard of 1957), and we didn't have anything. People offered to help; they invited us into their homes; they gave us food and blankets to get by on at first. It was such a severe winter that people were using tractors to get to town."

After they had farmed for a year here, Coffey's Uncle Roden accepted a job at the Jack Bradley farm "and we moved to his place two miles down the road," Coffey recalled. "That's where we lived until my sophomore year in high school, then we moved in to Dimmitt."

Coffey got his eighth-grade schooling here under a black teacher, in "a little side building out there," near the new middle school complex. Then he advanced to Dimmitt High School as a freshman in the fall of 1957.

"I never had played sports of any type," he said. "I wasn't an athlete or anything. Kent (Hance) just asked me, 'Why don't you go out for athletics?' and I said 'Okay.'"

"I went from the B team to the varsity in one year, just learning."

"I distinctly remember the first time I put my thigh pads on, I put them on upside down. But Kent Hance, rather than embarrassing me, asked me to come into the dressing room with him, and he showed me there in private how to put them on."

"That was the atmosphere that seemed to prevail here then—no one wanted me to be embarrassed. It was a positive atmosphere."

That was the beginning of a lifelong friendship between the future all-American and the future US congressman. In later years, Coffey would return to Dimmitt to help Hance during his campaign for the governorship. They posed for TV commercials in the gym, at the Dairy Queen and in front of the old high school.

The rest of Coffey's teammates here were just as aware of his individual worth and as concerned for his feelings. Any racial slights that he endured, they endured with him.

"Those guys, they all rallied around me," Coffey recalled. "It's history. With our high school team, it was always unanimous. No matter how hungry they might have been, they wouldn't eat at a place unless I could."

And at most Texas restaurants in those days, he couldn't. So they didn't, either.

"I didn't realize until a couple of years into college that Kent had been running interference for me," Coffey said. "Our team bus would pull up at a cafe and the coach would send Kent in to check it out. Kent would come back and say, 'Coach, I don't think we want to eat here—their kitchen is terrible,' or 'They're

too crowded.' So we'd go on down the road.

"For an individual and a team to try to protect the feelings of one of their comrades . . . those things you remember and cherish," Coffey said. "There are a lot of things I don't recall about my boyhood, but those things you remember."

"Sure, I got lots of accolades in sports, but it didn't start that way," he said. "When they first befriended me, I wasn't an athlete or anything. I was just another kid on campus. They got to know me before passing judgment."

"It just showed the love that those young guys had," he said. "It just shows the love that Dimmitt has."

Coffey had such a spectacular high-school career here that he stamped his imprint in the UIL state record books. And word of the sensational black fullback and post forward from Dimmitt spread throughout the nation.

During his junior year, the Bobcats posted an 8-2 season record in football, but missed the playoffs. In basketball, they finished as the state runners-up, and Coffey was the first black athlete ever to play in Gregory Gym on the University of Texas campus. The Bobcats lost to Linden-Kildare in the state championship game.

In his senior football season under Coach Covington, Coffey ran for 16 touchdowns, passed for two, returned a punt 90 yards for one, and scored another on a pass interception and 35-yard return as the Bobcats won the district championship and posted a 7-4 record.

In a 44-0 win over Muleshoe, he scored on touchdown runs of 50, 3, 55 and 58 yards and threw a 43-yard pass for another. He scored four TDs in a 34-0 victory over Tulia.

In the final district game, against Dalhart, he averaged 5.2 yards per carry, scored one touchdown and had two more called back as the Bobcats won, 24-0.

In the bi-district game against Olton, he scored both of Dimmitt's touchdowns and gained 253 yards on 34 carries—while fighting leg cramps—although the Bobcats lost, 12-15.

Such performances led to Coffey's being selected to the all-state and high school all-America football teams. He also gained the attention of college coaches throughout the nation.

During his senior basketball season under Coach Ethridge, Coffey was the only senior on a starting five that advanced to the state championship game before losing to Buna. He was named to the all-state team.

Although Coffey was recognized as one of the premier athletes in Texas, and had earned a straight-A grade average in high school, he couldn't play in the Southwest Conference in the early 1960s.

"I couldn't go to the University of Texas," he said. "I couldn't even visit. Texas Tech told me that if I'd come on campus they were sure the situation would change. But the opportunities just weren't there."

He was courted heavily by Coach Chesty Walker of the University of Washington. Walker even came to Dimmitt in 1961 to speak at the high school athletic banquet and show the film of the Huskies' Rose Bowl game.

"Oklahoma was very persistent," Coffey said. "They wanted me to help break the color barrier. I told them I didn't need that obstacle anymore."

"Coach Ethridge advised me that it would be better for me to play somewhere where race wouldn't even be an obstacle, and where I could concentrate on playing."

"I went to Illinois for an on-campus visit, and you wouldn't believe it—the people there were worse than in Texas."

"I went to Seattle, and they showed me around. And gosh, I could go anywhere. I called my aunt and said, 'You won't believe it, but we can go in anywhere here. This is definitely where we want to be.'"

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders moved to Seattle after the harvest that year to be close to their nephew.

After completing his all-America career at Washington and going into pro football, one of the first things Coffey did was to buy his aunt and uncle a new home in Seattle.

His Uncle Roden died in 1983. His Aunt Maudie, now 84, still lives in Seattle, near the nephew that she once brought to Dimmitt so that he might have a better chance.

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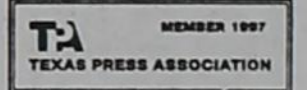
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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Shelly Nutt and Becky Stovall asked me to go to the Chamber of Commerce office to see the beautiful pearl necklace made by Kenneth Wyatt to be given as a door prize at the Chamber of Commerce banquet, set for Feb. 15. Also, they showed me a print of the painting "Nearing Home" that the chamber is selling chances on at \$2 each or three for \$5. The winner will be announced at the banquet.

Shelly and Becky showed me the beautiful fresh flower arrangement sent by the young man who has a job

in Dimmitt but no place to live. Shelly and Becky were so helpful in assisting him one day to find a place to live that he showed his appreciation by sending the flowers.

Emily Clingsmith and Duda McLaurin were hostesses for the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. They served chicken spaghetti, cole slaw and cherry pie for lunch. Loranell Hamilton won high score and Heler Braafadt was second. Others playing were Opha Burks, Susie Reeves, Alma Kenmore, Edith Graef, Ina Rae

Cates, Virginia Crider, Emily, Bill Thornton, Cleo Forson, Bernice Hill, Louise Mears, Neva Hickey, Dugan Butler and Duda.

The deacons and their wives from First Baptist Church of Dimmitt enjoyed the annual retreat on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17-18, at the Plains Baptist Assembly at Floydada. On Friday night they enjoyed supper followed by games, more food and fellowship. On Saturday morning they were served breakfast and then heard a devotional by Dr. Gary Manning. They had a time of sharing,

then lunch, and they soon left for home after a fun time. Those attending were Milton and Sandra Bagwell, Wayne and Faye Mohon, Bay and Bobbie Baldrige, Dan and Oma Dee Heard, V.C. and Dorothy Hopson, Elbert and Frances Smith, Don and Paula Graham, Troy and Billie Kirby, Don and Colleen Newman, Charlie and Sue Summers, Max and Karen Newman, Jack and Charlene Howell, Garner and Ysleta Ball, and Dr. Gary and Paulette Manning, the interim pastor from Plainview.

The women of Primera Iglesia Bautista served a super enchilada dinner at the First Baptist Church following the morning service. A large crowd attended, including several from Lee Street Baptist, the Presbyterian Church and others. The meal included enchiladas, red beans, rice, tossed salad and ice cream. The Methodists usually attend, but they were having their own annual stew and cornbread dinner that was served by the Wesleyan Fellowship Sunday School class.

Several have celebrated their birthdays in January. Kate Beecher and I took Oleta Gollehon to the Pancake House for her birthday and Myrtle Lois Moran and Mrs. Martin were there celebrating Cleo Forson's early birthday.

Avie Lewis came in from Georgetown to help her mother, Geneva Justice, celebrate her birthday.

Sharon Wilke of Lubbock came to Dimmitt on Sunday to help her mother, Mozelle Lilley, celebrate her birthday.

Our sympathy to the family of Kris Dowell, son of Bryce and Darlene Dowell of Dimmitt.

Several friends and relatives who had been unable to attend Kris's funeral in Richardson last week went to Bryce and Darlene's on Sunday afternoon to give them their love and sympathy.

Edith Graef and her daughter, Reta Welch, drove to Clovis, N.M., and picked up her other daughter, Charlene Phillips, and they all drove on to the Graef Ranch at Balmorhea.

There they helped an aunt, Oma Graef, celebrate her 85th birthday. There were many ranch people from the area. They had two birthday cakes and lots of food for everyone to enjoy. Edith, Reta and Charlene drove on to Fort Davis and Alpine, where they spent the night. They had a leisurely drive home, 900 miles in two days, but they had a wonderful time.

New members are needed for the Castro County Senior Citizens. The age is 50 and over and the dues are \$15 per year. The 1996 members need to pay their 1997 dues now. This is a wonderful place to entertain a large crowd.

Sunday afternoon, Gene, Shari and Mary Bradley hosted a Super Bowl Party at their home for the Dimmitt Youth group. About 60 junior high and high school youth representing several local churches were in attendance.

The teens were treated to plenty of good food and snacks. Before the game, each youth predicted the score by quarters for the game. Winners were awarded Dimmitt Youth Group tee shirts or certificates good for a \$20 discount on a youth group trip. Winners were Rae Odom, Bobby Hill, Stacy Bull, Jason Mustain and Daniel Proffitt.

At halftime, the group viewed the Super Bowl Halftime Video, featuring several NFL stars sharing personal testimonies of their faith in Christ.

Kathryn Lewis and Martin Perry,

duo pianists, were the Community Concert Association program last Thursday evening in Harrel Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. They played brilliantly the *Introduction and Allegro of Maurice Ravel*, the *Duetto Concertante "After Mozart"* by Ferruccio Busoni, and the *Suite No. 2, Op. 17* of Sergei Rachmaninoff for the first half of their program. For the second half they performed their own arrangements of popular music from the '20s, '30s, '40s and '50s, and Broadway show tunes.

Both Lewis and Perry had a good sense of humor that they shared freely with their audience throughout the program.

Among the Dimmitt people observed at the concert were Mildred Bradford, Deanne Clark, Don and Bea Ethington, Doris Flynt, Ed Freeman, Dwight and Beth Joiner, Carolyn Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Murphy, Margaret Parsons, Marie Perrin and Shirley Wise.

Ruth Cochran and Ed and Betty Freeman attended the meeting of the Palo Duro Presbytery on Friday evening and Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church of Plainview.

It was party, party, party for Deanne Clark as she celebrated her birthday this week. Friends feted her to lunches and gatherings and cards and singing, and the beat went on. Clara Patton and Paula Graham and Noemi Ponce also had birthdays and balloons and songs as they faced another year.

Sunnyside with Teeny Bowden

Brandi Green showed two Suffolk lambs at the Earth Livestock Show Thursday. She sold both lambs in the sale Saturday. Kelley, Dara, Will and Melissa went both days to support her.

Rose Mary Wilhelm and Lucille Drerup of Nazareth visited with Teeny Bowden Wednesday morning. They are working on an application to the Texas Historical Commission for a historical marker for their new museum in Nazareth.

Teeny Bowden received a card from Sadie Holcomb Friday with her new address and phone number. It is 240 South Inglewood, Apt. 310, Russellville, Ark., 72801, phone (501)967-5076. She didn't write any, but sent the poem from the memorial of Bus's funeral.

Ezell and Verba Sadler visited in Melrose Friday with their friend, Cleo Widner, who lost his wife not long ago.

Teeny Bowden talked to Bess Bills Saturday. She said R.V. had been having some problems with his heart. The doctor told him to take nitro pills as needed, and they have been working. They were happy to

have R.V.'s brother, Hollis Bills of Wichita Falls, and his wife, Lola, visit with them Tuesday. Richard Bills also came from Earth to visit with them.

David and Gay Sadler and her mother, Ruth King of Hereford, went to Hobbs, N.M., Saturday afternoon to visit and stayed through Sunday with Melody and Walter Roye and their children, Shaina, Samuel, Spencer and Shyann.

Hershell Wilson strained his back or something on Jan. 9 and the doctor took him off the active list for a while. Their daughter, Debbie Elder of Lubbock, is doing all right now and will be able to go back to work soon. Retha's mother, Mrs. Epperson, is home from the hospital now. Johnnie and Barbara Epperson, former residents of the community, called Retha to tell them her brother had died. The funeral is scheduled for Monday.

Friday Hershell visited his mother and brother and had dinner with them while Retha visited her mother. Hershell also visited Mrs. Epperson in the afternoon.

Rev. Bennie and Joyce Wright visited in Lubbock Tuesday with her brothers and Joyce's sister-in-law, Carolyn Jones, who was air-lifted from Lubbock to Dallas Saturday for better treatment and to get her higher on the list of liver transplant patients.

Brandi Green played ball Monday at Sudan. The Springlake-Earth team won the game.

Rosie Loudder and Lenzey went to Amarillo Monday for a visit with her mother, Ruth Swink, and her sister Paula McMenamy, also of Amarillo. They came home Thursday. Luke Loudder spent the weekend with his family, Lyle and Rosie and Lenzey.

Lee and Louise Bradley had their grandchildren, Ashton and Bailee Saturday through Sunday. Tanner and Aimee came Saturday afternoon from Dimmitt to play with them.

Lillian Carson has Supper Thursday night at Resa's house in Lubbock. Gregg George also ate with them. Lillian and her sister, Ruth Brown of Dimmitt, ate dinner in Dimmitt Sunday and then went on to Hereford for a visit with their brother, Hilrey Avens and his wife, Mary Lou.

Robert and Frances Duke and the Wesleyan Sunday School Class sponsored a cornbread and stew dinner for the whole church Sunday noon. Sunday afternoon, Robert and Frances went to Lubbock to help Alyesa Duke celebrate her sixth birthday and to watch her in a practice basketball game. Sandra came from Canyon to be with them. Sandra went back home but the rest went out to eat at Red Lobster for supper.

On Saturday night, Robert and Frances Duke went to Slaton to the closing service for the "Walk to Emmaus" for three men: Charles Axtell, Danny Underwood and Randy Nutt.

Thursday, Frances Duke went with a group from Hart and Dimmitt to the Wild Plum in Olton to celebrate the birthdays of Deanne Clark and Paula Graham.

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

A card shower is being planned for Ray Swirczynski, who is undergoing chemotherapy treatments again. Ray and Mattie were a big addition to our community for several years and we do miss them. Well-wishers may send their cards to 622 Main Street, Muenster 76252.

Congratulations to Paul and Leslie Henderson of Halfway on the birth of a girl, Mikayla Beth, on Jan. 21 at Methodist Hospital in Plainview. Grandparents are N. Dean and Agatha Johnson of Nazareth and Jay and Gay Henderson of Plainview.

Melvin Wethington is home to recuperate after having hip surgery at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

Congratulations to Nick and Renee Weinheimer of Groom on the birth of a girl, Cari Elizabeth, on Jan. 21 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Ed and Leola Ramaekers of Nazareth and James and Janice Weinheimer of Groom. Alvin Schmucker of Hereford is her great-grandfather.

Leona Maurer will come home on Tuesday to recuperate after having surgery in Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital for a broken ankle she received in a fall on Saturday.

Congratulations to Brad and Ashley Kleman of Nazareth on the birth of a boy, Mason Bradley, on Jan. 21 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Alphonse and Viola Kleman and Bill and Bernita Hoelting, all of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Sylvia Hoelting and Martha Schulte, both of Nazareth.

Eric Rose, son of Jerry and Tricia Rose of Amarillo, has been moved from intensive care to intermediate care at Northwest Texas Hospital.

The Arney Community Club held its annual "Texas 42 Tournament" on Saturday with people attending from Hereford, Tulia, Nazareth, Clarendon, Amarillo, Happy and Dimmitt. The first session high prize of a calculator was won by Mary Beth Hoshler of Amarillo. The second session prize was won by

Dozier Thornton of Happy. Grand overall prize winner of color-coded 12 dominoes was won by James Acker of Tulia.

Congratulations to Rex and Michelle Acker of Canyon on the birth of a girl, Michayla Aimee on Jan. 24 at Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Bob and Charlotte (Acker) Middleton of Vega, Mary Ann Schulte of Nazareth and David Schulte of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Joe and Amy Schmucker and Clarence and Odelia Schulte of Nazareth and Charles and Virginia Steele of Bovina.


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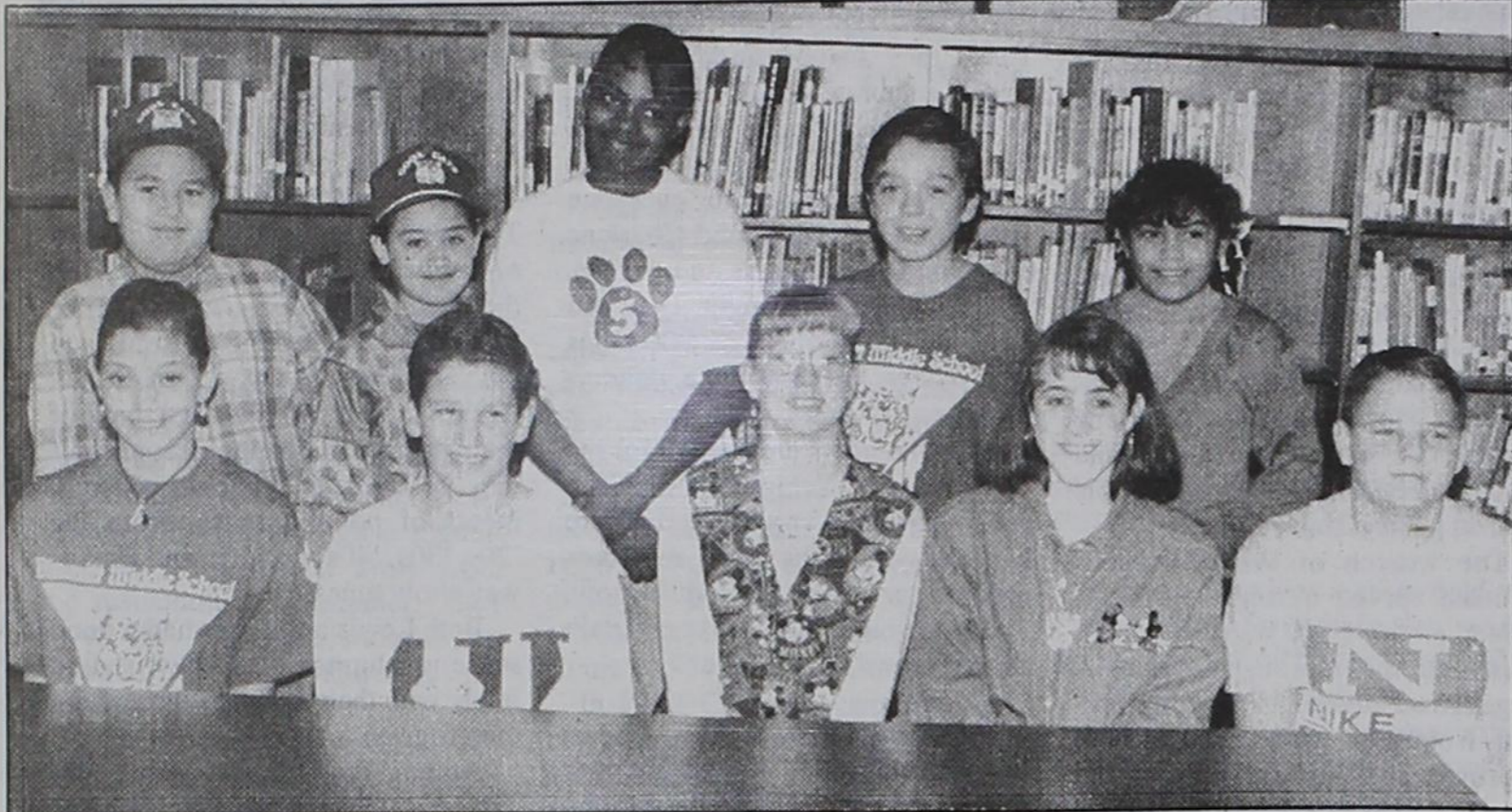
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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH were honored recently at Dimmitt Middle School. They are (from, from left) April Torres, Jeremy Bishop, Lyndee Behrends, Rachal Harman, and Jonathan Stevens;

and (back, from left) Jaime Cavazos, Rosina Ornelas, Jhirvon Starling, Ricardo Jimenez and Marcela Salinas.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Porters establish new home in Dimmitt

Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Porter are at home in Dimmitt after their Dec. 31 wedding at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church. Rev. Rusty Dickerson, pastor, officiated at the formal ceremony.

The bride is the former Frances Pauline Bolton, daughter of Fred and Joyce Bolton of Dimmitt. The groom is the son of Joe L. And Mollie Porter of Dimmitt.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a formal length designer gown of white Shantung silk styled with a sweetheart neckline and French puffed sleeves. The princess style bodice was encrusted with pearls and jewels and the princess waistline was adorned with pearl swirls. Her gown plunged to a low back, centered with a designer bow. The full, flowing skirt of silk was hemmed with a deep border and formed a chapel-length train studded with pearls and jewels.

She carried a bouquet of white, long-stemmed roses accented with tulle, and wore a fingertip-length veil of illusion anchored by a halo of silk flowers and pearls. She wore a pearl necklace and earrings to complete her accessories.

Jeanie Wall of Dimmitt, friend of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Amber Langford of Dimmitt, Carrie Mathews of Canyon, Carrie Sheffy of Canyon and Tangi Woolbright of Dimmitt, all friends of the bride.

Randy Porter of Dimmitt, brother of the groom, served as best man. Groomsmen were Scott Acker of Lubbock, Prentiss Washington of Amarillo, Jackie Thomas of Dimmitt and Marlon Backus of Hart, friends of the groom.

Tim Rochelle of Austin, cousin of the bride, served as candlelighter. Ushers were Andy Rochelle and Dr. Gary T. Rochelle of Austin, cousin and uncle of the bride.

Organist was Dwight Joiner and



MR. AND MRS. JOE L. PORTER WITH REV. RUSTY DICKERSON ... The bride is the former Frances Pauline Bolton.

Terry Loudder was the soloist.

The feminine attendants wore long dresses of navy, hunter green and burgundy. They carried long-stemmed red roses.

The church was decorated with navy, hunter green, and burgundy bows on the pews, with candles placed in each window and one at the front of the church.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall. Navy, hunter green and burgundy decorated round tables holding candy. Mem-

bers of the house party included Gary and Linda Langford, Rachel Goldsmith, friend of the bride, and Dot Rochelle and Cathy Rochelle, aunt and cousin of the bride.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of Dimmitt High School and is a freshman at South Plains College, where she is majoring in business.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of DHS and obtained a degree in business from SPC in 1989. He is employed with the Texas Highway Dept. in Dimmitt.

Dr. Morris Webb

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Hope Shiver to appear at Dimmitt schools

Hope Shiver will portray Harriet Tubman, the famed conductress of the underground railroad, in a special one-person program Monday at Dimmitt Middle School and Dimmitt High School.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. at DMS, and at 1:35 p.m. at DHS. The public is invited to attend the free program.

Tubman is counted among the most famous African-American heroes of all time. Her undaunted exploits in the cause of freedom are legendary.

Shiver's presentation brings the past to life. In dress, attitude and feeling, she is Tubman.

The script for Shiver's program, *Get On Board*, is original material created and presented by Shiver. It is based on extensive research into the life of Tubman. She has performed the program more than 50 times in the past year.

Shiver's career includes performances with the Eugene Opera, Opera Omaha, Opera To Go, Houston Grand Opera, the USO and Theater Under the Stars. She has performed for several world leaders, including former President George Bush.

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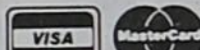
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Plainview Symphony to hold 'Pops Concert' this evening

The Plainview Symphony will present its popular "Pops Concert" tonight (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in Haral Auditorium on the campus of Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

A few tickets will be available at the box office prior to the concert. Student tickets will be \$3 each and adult tickets will be offered for \$8.

Hart students are named to all-region band

Four Hart students were selected to the all-region band during a recent tryout.

High school students earning all-region honors are Jessica Montemayor, 16th chair clarinet; and Dalid Mata, sixth chair clarinet.

Junior high band members Geneva Finch and Amy Carrasco made the all-region honor band. Finch was selected as 23rd chair clarinet while Carrasco was dubbed as second alternate clarinet.

The students performed Saturday in an all-region concert at Lubbock.

Playing music from the Big Band era will be the Amarillo College Radio Orchestra. Well-known Amarillo realtor and musician, Hugo Loewenstern will be the soloist with the Pops Band in "Harlem Nocturne" for alto saxophone and concert band.

The Pops Concert is an annual event for the Plainview Symphony Orchestra, according to artistic director J.W. King Jr. "The wind and percussion sections of the orchestra are augmented by area players of band instruments to become a 65-piece concert band."

The Pops Concert will be directed by O.T. Ryan, former longtime director of the Plainview High School band. Special guest conductor will be former director of the "Going Band of Raider Land," Dean Killion, who will conduct Sousa's *Semper Fidelis* march.

The program will include listener favorites *Fiddle Faddle*, a medley of World War II favorites and other special arrangements.

In keeping with a Symphony tradition of inviting special guests, the students of the stage bands from Estacado, Coronado and Plainview High Schools will be recognized at the concert.



Olga Ruiz

Ruiz honored by Food Service

Olga Ruiz of Dimmitt has been recognized by Dimmitt Independent School District as its "Food Service Employee of the Month" for January.

Ruiz is employed as a salad maker and is responsible for the preparation of all salad items served at Richardson Elementary School and Dimmitt Middle School. She has worked in food service for 24 years.

Charles Ketchum, food service director, recognized Ruiz with a commemorative plaque, \$50, a bouquet of roses and a corsage on Jan. 22 in recognition of her honor.

Memorial fund is established

A memorial fund has been established at First United Bank in Dimmitt in memory of Kris Dowell, son of Bryce and Darlene Dowell of Dimmitt.

The purpose of the fund is to help start an educational fund for Kris's children.

Anyone wanting to make a donation to the fund may contact First United Bank.

Josselet listed

Renae Josselet of Dimmitt, daughter of Joe and Pam Josselet, has been listed on the University Honor Roll for the fall semester at Midwestern State University.

Those qualifying for the Honor roll must complete a semester of at least 12 hours with a minimum grade point average of 3.5 with no grade lower than a "C."



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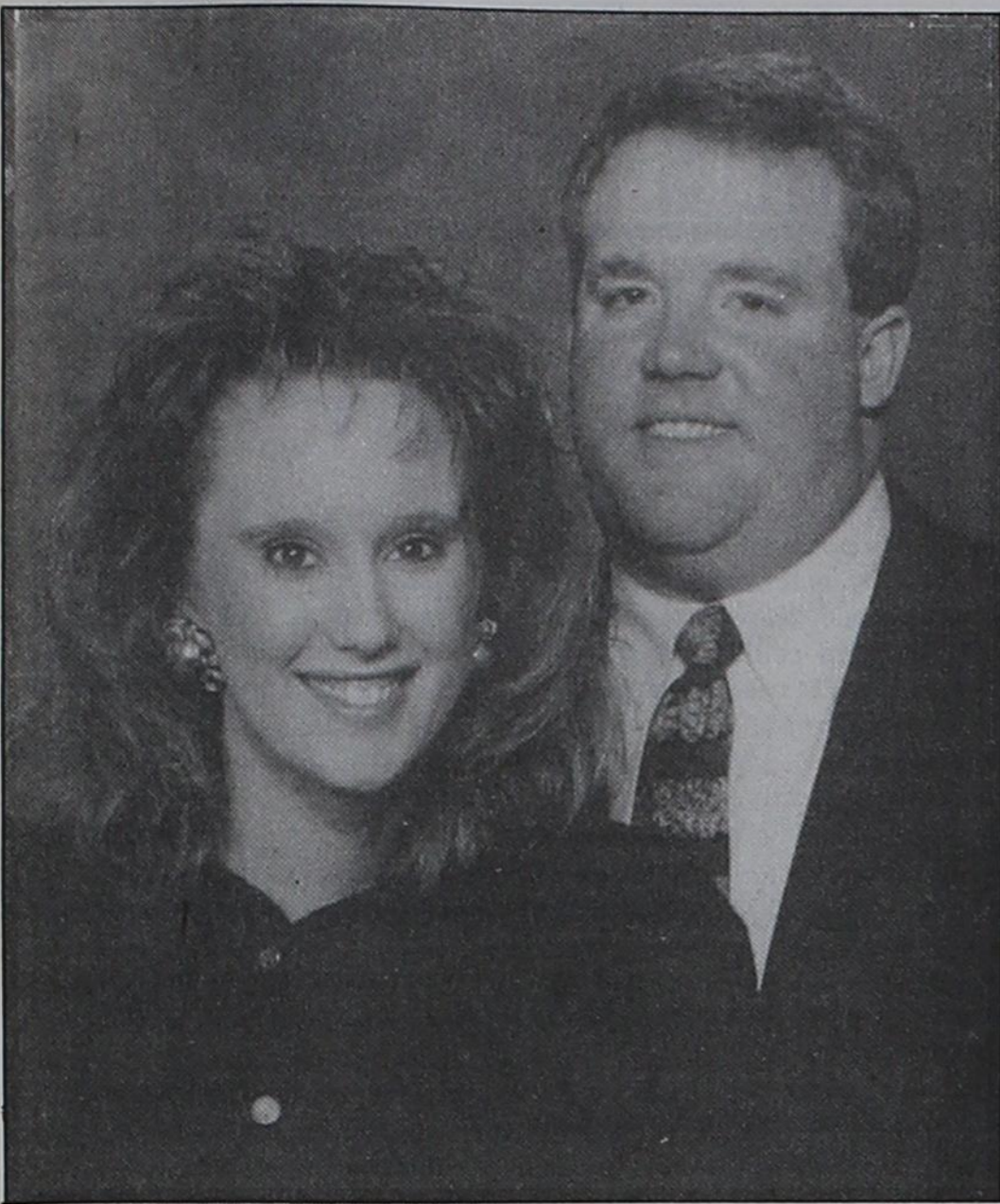
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Alexandra Rene Herrera Granddaughter of Miguel & Carmen Herrera

DMS names honor students



Jennifer Lynn Carter and Kennen James Howell

Couple plan March vows

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carter of Dimmitt announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jennifer Lynn Carter, to Kennen James Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Howell of Dimmitt.

The couple plan to exchange vows March 22 in the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt, and will reside in Dimmitt after the wedding.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Dimmitt High School and a 1994 graduate of West Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. She is pursuing a master's degree in school counseling, and is employed as a fourth grade teacher at Dimmitt Middle School.

The prospective groom is a 1984 graduate of Dimmitt High School and obtained his bachelor of science in agricultural engineering in 1988 from Texas A&M University. He is a manager at Cerestar USA Dimmitt Inc., and is engaged in farming near Dimmitt.



OUT-OF-TOWN

It's a girl for Paul and Leslie Henderson of Plainview. Their daughter, Mikayla Beth, was born at 4:02 p.m. Jan. 21 at Methodist Hospital in Plainview. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 ozs. Grandparents are J. And Gay Henderson of Plainview and N. Dean and Agatha Johnson of Nazareth. Great-grandparents are Jim and Erlene Henderson of Plainview, Bob and Lydia Wyley of Friona and Mrs. Gabe Wright of Wellington.

Lane and Peggy Louder of Pflugerville are the parents of a baby girl, Lindsey Lane, who was born Jan. 17. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs. Grandparents are Roxie Louder and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bergstad of College Station. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alton Louder of Sunnyside, Zella Mae Rutherford of Earth and Hazel Branchain of Pittsburg, Penn.

Amy Fuller wins scholarship

Amy Jan Fuller of Dimmitt, a freshman interior design student at Texas Tech University, has won the Vernon & Elizabeth Haggerton Scholarship, as announced by the College of Human Sciences.

The award is for the 1996-97 academic year. Over \$217,000 was given out to approximately 396 recipients, with individual awards ranging from \$200 to \$2,000.

Fuller is the daughter of Craig Fuller and Nancy Fuller.

Area prospective students interested in studying in the College are encouraged to apply for a scholarship. Applications may be requested from the Office of the Dean, College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 41162, Lubbock, 79409-1162. Applications are due Feb. 15.

Dimmitt Middle School recently named honor students for the second nine-week grading period and for the semester. Students are listed for the All A and A-B honor rolls, as well as for departmental awards for the nine-week grading period in seventh and eighth grades.

In the seventh grade, Tanner Self was honored for English and pre-algebra; Kelsey Welch, history and reading enrichment; Albert Campos, Math 87; Amanda Rivera, Math 76; Ryan Hays, reading enrichment and science; Jessica Dominguez, reading improvement; Lyndee Behrends, most AR points and band; Jose Garcia, science; Benny Pompa, industrial arts; Johnathan Jimenez, mechanics; Bianey Saucedo, food production; Angela Cartwright, life management skills; April Tijerina, choir; Brent Josselet and Jeremy Bishop, computer; and Cliff Wright, health.

In the eighth grade, Josh Hardwick was honored for English, history, algebra, reading, and computer; Lori Schulte, algebra, health and science; Marcus Larra, history; Stephanie Casas, algebra; Salvador Diaz, pre-algebra; Rachal Harman, computer; Celso Melendez, industrial arts; Jeremy Allison, mechanics; Krystal Woolbright, food production; Stephanie Gauna, life management skills; Lillian Stewart, band; Valerie Everett, choir; and Cherie Norman, health.

FOURTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A Honor Roll
Kayla Acker, Jorge Alvarado, Raynee Bradley, Shelley Burk, Jaime Cavazos, Holly Gilliam, Megan Lemons, Nyssa Martinez, Kristin McClure, Callen Mixson, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Yvonne Sifuentez, Ignacio Sifuentez, Alejandra Velasquez, Salud Zepeda, Elizabeth Hernandez.

A-B Honor Roll
Liliana Aguilar, Jesus Alvarado, Jared Bell, Corrie Black, Matthew Calderon, Christopher Casas, Kelvin Clark, Angelica Covarrubia, Carlos Cruz, Apolonia Flores, Lori Garza,

Matthew Larra, Rosa Marrufo, Raul Melendez, Ryan Miller, Viktorya Navarro, Jose Ontiveros, Susana Ornelas, Chrystina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Nallely Reyes, Charley Saenz, Rodolpho Salinas, Roy Sanchez, Stuart Sheffy, Felisha Starling, Natasha Williams.

Semester
A Honor Roll
Kayla Acker, Jorge Alvarado, Raynee Bradley, Shelley Burk, Jaime Cavazos, Carlos Cruz, Lori Garza, Holly Gilliam, Meggie Lemons, Nyssa Martinez, Kristen McClure, Callen Mixson, Maribel Montiel, Layne Penney, Nallely Reyes, Ignacio Sifuentez, Yvonne Sifuentez, Alejandra Velasquez, Salud Zepeda.

A-B Honor Roll
Liliana Aguilar, Jesus Alvarado, Vicente Alvarez, Jared Bell, Corrie Black, Matthew Calderon, Christopher Casas, Kelvin Clark, Cody Clayton, Angelica Covarrubia, Jessica Delgado, Carlos Escamilla, Ruby Espinosa, Apolonia Flores, Andres Garcia, Estrella Garcia, Nicole Heard, Elizabeth Hernandez, Matthew Larra, Rosa Marrufo, Joshua Martinez, Raul Melendez, Ryan Miller, Viktorya Navarro, Raul Olvera, Jose Ontiveros, Susan Ornelas, Rigo Presas, Chrystina Ramos, Kelly Reyes, Charley Saenz, Rodolpho Salinas, Roy Sanchez, Linda Saucedo, Stuart Sheffy, Felisha Starling, Natasha Williams, Adam Zambrano.

FIFTH GRADE
Second Nine Weeks
A Honor Roll
Erica Abrego, Christina Campos, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Todd Jansa, Angelica Lara, Amy Laurent, Katy Loudder, Reynaldo Medrano, Tyler Myatt, Matthew Sanders, Shantell Self.

A-B Honor Roll
Adriana Arcos, Jimmy Armstrong, Delia Arredondo, Cynthia Barrera, Samuel Cavazos, Isaac Gauna, Lizbeth Gonzalez, Jared Griffith, Alicia Heard, Christy Hernandez, Shayla Kenworthy, Tabitha Laurent, Kayla Luna, Ethan Martin, Mindy Maxwell, Justina Navarro, Shae Odom, Joel Puente, Marcella Salinas, Kami Sanders, Gerardo Sandoval, Sarah Silva, Jhirvon Starling, Brandon Wright.

Semester
A Honor Roll
Erica Abrego, Caleb Dickerson, Sheena Ehly, Alicia Heard, Todd Jansa, Angelica Lara, Amy Laurent, Katy Loudder, Tyler Myatt, Matthew Sanders, Shantell Self.

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Semester
A Honor Roll
Jeremy Bishop, Thomas Brockman, Gabriel Garcia, Ryan Hays, Brent Josselet, Alexis Proffitt, Tanner Self, Sally Stahl, Jace Weaver, Kelsey Welch, Cliff Wright.

A-B Honor Roll
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Jimenez, Jake Laurent, Kody Laurent, Melissa Maldonado, Saul Medrano, Jarod Newland, Charley Nutt, Rae Odom, Chris Reynolds, Jason Riggs, Bianey Saucedo, Omar Torres, Matthew Wright.

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Semester
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St. Ann's sets meal

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Bovina is sponsoring their annual German Sausage Dinner on Feb. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Ann's Parish Hall on Third Street in Bovina.

The meal of German sausage, creamed potatoes and gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, cranberry sauce, relish plate, bread and butter, desserts and tea or coffee will be served for donations of \$6 per adult and \$3 for children under 6. Take-out plates will be available at no additional charge.

Sausage will be available by the pound the day of the dinner or by contacting any member of St. Ann's.

Hart residents are named to fall honor lists

Hart's Fred Reyna and Norma Marquez have been recognized for top academic achievements for the fall 1996 semester.

Reyna, an animal science major at Angelo State University in San Angelo, was named to the school's dean's list. He is the son of Abel and Mary Reyna of Hart.

To be eligible for the ASU dean's list, a student must be enrolled as a full-time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Marquez was named to the dean's list at West Texas A&M University in Canyon. To qualify, she carried a full load of at least 12 hours and maintained at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Ben McAnally, interim presbytery administrator of Palo Duro Presbytery, will lead the morning church worship service on Sunday at 11.

McAnally also will moderate a session meeting at 10 a.m. and the annual congregational meeting immediately following the morning church worship service.

There will be a church dinner following the congregational meeting.

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- First United Methodist**
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Greg Kennedy.....938-2462
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Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106
- Iglesia De Cristo**
E. Lee & SE 3rd, Dimmitt
Pedro A. Gonzalez
- Immaculate Conception Catholic**
1001 W. Halsell, Dimmitt
Guillermo Morales.....647-4219
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Felix Sanchez.....647-3668

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Antonio Rocha
- Immanuel Baptist**
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- Rosa De Saron**
411 NE 6th, Dimmitt
Maria Castaneda.....647-5598
- First Baptist**
302 Ave. G, Hart
Gerald Aalbers.....938-2316

- Harvest Family Church**
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Gary Reid.....647-4195
- First Assembly of God**
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Larry Gilliam.....647-5662
- First Baptist**
1201 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
Paul Kenley.....647-3115
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Kevin Wood
- First Christian**
600 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt
Jim Hardwick.....647-5478
- La Iglesia De Dios Del Promojenito**
East Halsell Street, Dimmitt
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TDA research grant projects include one led by Schuster

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced last Thursday that the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has awarded \$170,000 in grants to 16 research projects, including one led by Greta Schuster, Extension Integrated Pest Management agent based in Dimmitt.

The projects selected are designed to help farmers expand their use of biological pest control and other methods based on Integrated Pest Management techniques.

Schuster's project, "Evaluation of Transgenic Corn and Cotton," was awarded \$5,000 to evaluate new corn and cotton hybrids that are insect and herbicide-resistant. Field crops in Parmer, Bailey, Castro and Lamb counties will be used in the tests.

"The majority of our state farmers

already use IPM methods in one form or another, whether they rotate crops or plow under stalks after harvest," Perry said. "However, many of the projects funded this year should help increase IPM use in some of our state's major crops, such as cotton and sorghum."

IPM is a farming system that curbs pest populations by using a variety of practices, including biological pest controls, pest-resistant crop plants, crop rotations, planting date adjustments and crop residue destruction. When these methods fail to control pests, farmers use pesticides as a last resort when pests reach levels which will cause significant crop damage.

Other IPM projects approved for

funding include: "IPM in the Texas High Plains" for \$4,487, with Greg Cronholm, an IPM extension agent who works out of Hale and Swisher counties, as the principal investigator. He will demonstrate new IPM technologies for corn, cotton, sorghum and sunflowers in the High Plains.

"Assessing Natural Insect Predators for Cotton" was allowed \$6,400 with Allen Knutson as principal investigator. He is a professor and extension entomologist at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Dallas.

TDA's IPM Grant Program is administered through the Texas Pest Management Association, based in Austin.

Introducing— Randy Nutt

Multi-line Insurance Agent

Randy Nutt has joined the Farm Bureau insurance office as a full-service agent.

Randy grew up here, graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1990, and has earned an associate degree in business from South Plains College. He has completed the State Insurance Board exams to become a licensed multi-line agent.

Randy joins manager Paula Stiles and agent Bob Anthony in offering life, home, crop, auto and health insurance, annuities, estate planning and Individual Retirement Accounts.

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Buyers' clubs seeking donations for stock show

The Castro County Junior Livestock Show is just around the corner, and that means representatives from buyers' clubs in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth will be asking for donations.

The buyers' clubs help guarantee that a youngster from their community gets a premium bid for his or her animal when it makes the sale.

But these clubs operate on donations from the public, and one of the reasons the local sale is always successful is because individuals and businesses give generously to the clubs.

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

Dimmitt Buyers' Club: Phillip York at First United Bank, Becky Stovall at the Chamber of Commerce, Chaun Gunstream at First

Bank of Muleshoe—Dimmitt Branch, or Greg Odom. Donations also may be mailed to the Dimmitt Buyers Club, P.O. Box 944, Dimmitt 79027.

Hart Buyers' Club: Stanley Dyer at Hart Auto, Rhonda Aven at Hale County State Bank in Hart, Lester Aven, Rhonda Dyer, Brad Barnes, Ricky Rowland, B.J. Jones or Sandy Farris.

Nazareth Buyers' Club: Dwayne Acker at Higginbotham-Bartlett Co. in Dimmitt, Dale Brockman, Walt Pohlmeier, Virgil Huseman, Dennis Kern, Jerry Kern, J.C. Pohlmeier or Jerry Lange.

Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Buyers' Clubs provide many of the premium bids in the sale.

Donating to a buyers' club is ideal for a person who wants to participate, but who doesn't want to buy an animal. Contributions to buyers' clubs may be made before, during or after the show.

Minding Your Own Business

By DON TAYLOR

Word-of-mouth advertising; cheap, but not free



No clever advertisement carries as much psychological weight with potential customers as a simple, personal referral. A satisfied customer who tells others about your business is the best sales person your business can have.

Every business inspires some word-of-mouth recognition. Some create rave reviews of their products and services, while others generate only bad publicity.

A few businesses may inspire neutral responses from customers, but this is a dangerous position for a business to be in. If your customers aren't so sold on your quality and value that they are telling others about it, they are good targets for your competition.

Word-of-mouth advertising doesn't just happen and it isn't free. However, you can influence it with little money and only moderate amounts of time.

Ring up referrals

Referral business can make your cash register ring and your profit margins sing. The best part is that it doesn't have to increase your advertising budget. You may wish to redirect some of your budget to provide incentives for referrals or thank yous for those received. However, you shouldn't have to spend more.

Here are some thoughts on building a good word-of-mouth referral system.

♦ **Your customers are talking.** The first step in generating positive word-of-mouth referrals is to realize that some discussion of your business is already happening. Your customers are telling others about your products, service and value right now.

♦ **Your referrals will never be better than your offering.** To inspire positive customer response, the quality and value of your offering (products and/or services) must be notable. Making a "me too" offering that is only as good as the competition will never generate rave referrals.

♦ **Your employees can give you a boost.** All employees talk about the business for which they work. They can make you look good to prospective customers or they can undermine your success. Use special incentives to help them understand their value in the word-of-mouth process.

♦ **Reward your customers for referrals.** First you must find the source of the referral. Once you know who referred a new customer to you, you can determine a proper reward. For some customers it may be a special discount, a free meal or a cash award. Try a few to see what works.

♦ **Work on cross promotions.** A good word from another respected small-business owner also carries marketing weight. When you cross promote with other non-competing businesses you both can gain new customers. Be careful to select businesses to work with whose reputation is as good as your own.

♦ **Don't underestimate your personal influence.** Spread the word about your own business. Use your business cards and create a good 10-second commercial to use. Look and act like a professional everywhere you go. If you have an area of special information that might interest others, volunteer to speak to service clubs and business organizations in your trade area.

♦ **Don't depend exclusively on good word of mouth.** You need to continue a strong promotion program even if your referrals are good. Be consistent in your advertising. Your print advertising should echo what your customers are saying about your business. Point out and reinforce the benefits that your present satisfied customers are talking about. Tell them, tell them again and then tell them one more time.

♦ **Don't expect instant results.** Creating positive word-of-mouth advertising is a continuing process. It is not a quick fix. You build strong, positive referrals one satisfied customer at a time. Remember that your long-term goal is to have everyone in your trade area talking about your business in a positive way.

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

Building a Better Dimmitt

The Production Credit Association office in Dimmitt is here to serve the short-term loan needs of farmers and ranchers in an eight-county area. It is a branch of the Plainview Production Credit Association, and works closely with the six other area offices and the six-member board of directors elected from among the shareholders who are customers of the association.

As a member of the Farm Credit System, Production Credit has been operating in Dimmitt since 1958, starting out on a part-time basis in an office above Cowsert Abstract, then expanding to full-time service in 1962. After moving to 112 E. Jones, the business acquired more space and in 1990 underwent major remodeling after a fire.

Ann Armstrong started as a secretary in 1963 and was named assistant manager in 1976, moving up to branch office manager and being named a vice president in 1985.

Also working in the Dimmitt office is Mark L. Kleman, assistant vice president, and Edna Sanders, office assistant. Kleman and Armstrong also both spend one day a week in the Tulia Production Credit Association office.

Kleman has been with PCA for seven years, and Sanders has been employed for four and a half years.

"We have very competitive rates and we are not structured in our lending," Armstrong said. "We are able to give our customers more personalized service. We can fit a loan to meet their needs, and since our board is made up of farmers and ranchers, too, we feel we can better understand the agricultural problems and needs of this area. Our employees have 40-plus years of experience in the Castro County area."

Probably 95% of the loans handled through the local office are from the eight counties of Castro, Bailey, Briscoe, Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Parmer and Swisher. Most are made for operational expenses, capital improvements, equipment purchases and livestock.



Mark L. Kleman, Edna Sanders and Ann Armstrong

Armstrong said the PCA also can make loans to agri businesses that deliver their products direct to the farm, such as fertilizer or spraying providers, in addition to cattle feeding operations.

The seven offices of the Plainview Production Credit Association are in Plainview, Dimmitt, Tulia, Friona, Muleshoe, Olton and Floydada, with a total of 28 employees. Members of the board of directors include Earl Harkins from Castro County. President of the Association is Donald L. Loafman.

A strong supporter of community activities, Production Credit contributes to the local youth stock show, youth sports programs, and various school and civic organizations.

Armstrong's husband, Sonny, is employed at W-B Equipment in Dimmitt, as is one of their sons, Bryan. Their other son, Trent, lives in Lewisville.

Kleman's wife, Missy, teaches school in Nazareth, and they are expecting their first child.

Sanders's husband, Tom, works for Thompson Implement in Olton. Their four children live in Austin, Houston, Midland and Napa, Calif.

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SW Airlines	21-7/8	- 1/8
K-Mart	11-1/4	+ 1/4

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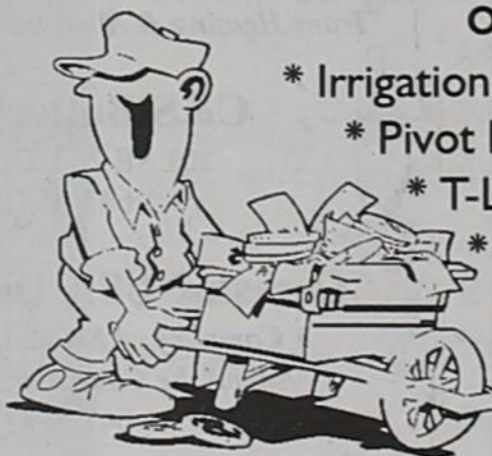
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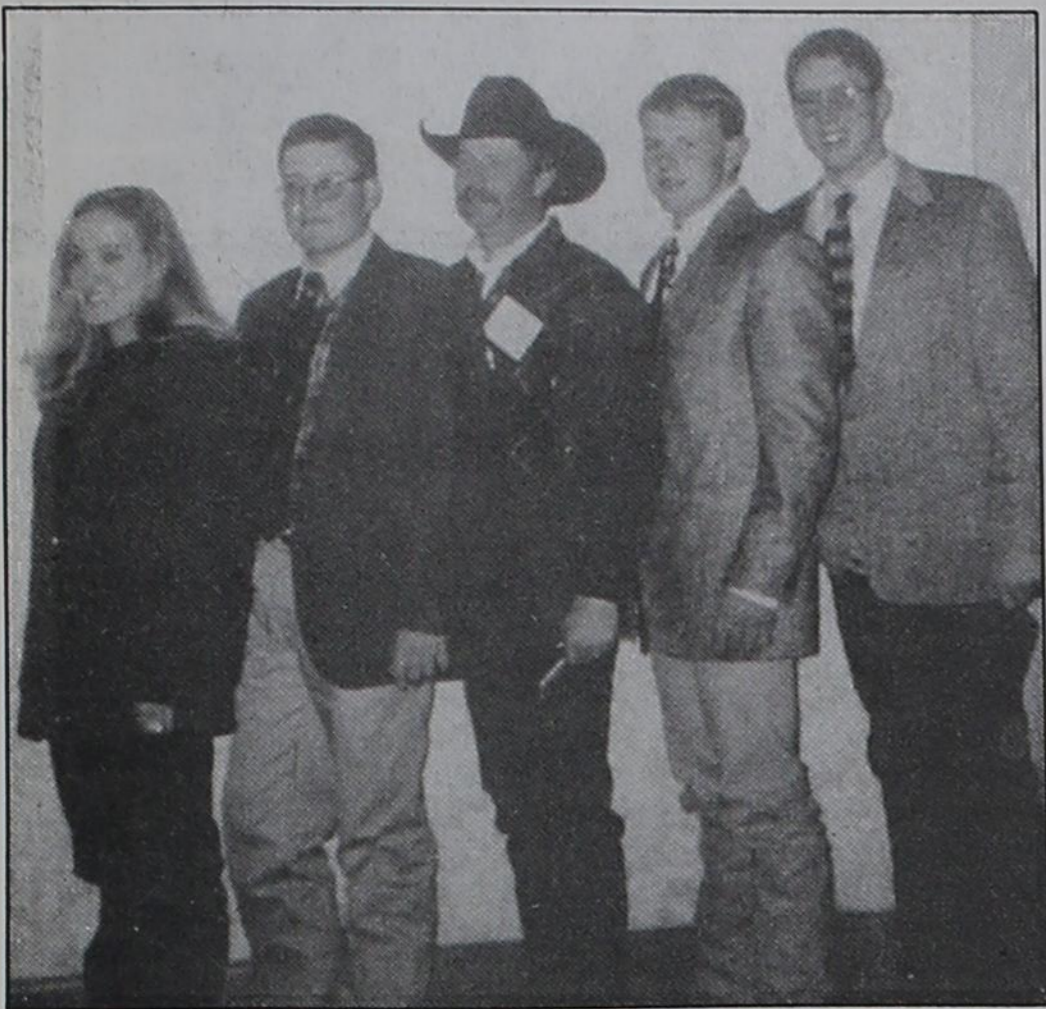
Dr. Hardee renews AAFP membership

Dr. Gary Hardee of Dimmitt has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The AAFP, which has more than 75,000 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first medical group to require members to keep up with medical advancements through regular continuing medical education.

Dr. Hardee has been an active AAFP member since 1981. As a family physician, Dr. Hardee is qualified to work in all major areas of health care and is trained to treat patients of all ages for the vast majority of health problems.

Classifieds gets results



THE CASTRO COUNTY 4-H HORSE JUDGING TEAM including Kristin Hales, Rusty McDaniel, Coach Scott Bagley, Rusty Wooten and Coby Summers recently competed at the National Western Stock Show Contest in Denver, Colo. The team finished 10th overall, fifth in Reasons, sixth in Performance and also took home several individual honors.

Courtesy Photo

Horse judging team competes in national stock show contest

A group of Castro County 4-H'ers exhibited their knowledge of horse flesh and placed fourth at the State 4-H Roundup, qualifying for a national competition.

The team, including Coby Summers, Rusty Wooten, Kristin Hales and Rusty McDaniel, qualified for the National Western Stock Show Contest in Denver, Colo., with the fourth-place finished at State Roundup.

Coached by Scott Bagley of

Dimmitt, the group fared well at national.

In Individual Performance, McDaniel placed eighth while Wooten finished 20th.

The two also placed in Individual Reasons. Wooten was 15th while McDaniel finished 17th.

As a team, the county group finished fifth in Reasons, sixth in Performance and 10th overall.

The group's next competition will be at the Southwestern Exposition in Fort Worth on Saturday.

Windbreak trees available

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

On a farm or ranch, homestead windbreaks determine where the production land ends and the homestead or "yard" begins. In Castro County, such windbreaks establish

more than a living boundary, they also provide protection for the residence, according to RWSWCD information.

Homestead windbreaks, when planted 100 feet from the home, block the hot, dry winds of summer and the cold gusts of winter, which in some regions may also involve snow. Such protection increases the heating and cooling efficiency for the residence, according to Robert Fewin of Lubbock, area forester for the TFS. He said multiple row breaks also add natural beauty, privacy and value to a homestead, and act as a sound barrier to highway or farm road traffic.

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

Within a homestead windbreak, each row and its species plays a unique and yet concerted role in the life and effectiveness of the break. In regions where snow drifting is a concern, a north side shrub row planted 40 feet from the main windbreak will prevent snow accumulation. And for landowners desiring wildlife, the shrubs produce fruit, cover and browse, which will attract and sustain wildlife populations.

The interior evergreen rows, the backbone of windbreaks, create year-round foliage for up to 75 years and sometimes more. The deciduous tree row, which produces a tall barrier quicker than the evergreens, provides earlier protection and also extends the maximum zone of protection on the leeward.

Regions with heavy snowfall benefit from homestead windbreaks, which are also referred to as living snow fences. These living fences prevent snow build-up against the house and along the entryway or driveway leading up to the home or headquarters.

1997 county stock show

Animals due at Expo Wednesday

Steers, lambs and barrows will fill the quonset barns at the Expo Building Wednesday as the Castro County junior livestock show officially begins.

The Dimmitt Young Famers is once again coordinating this year's show, which will be held Feb. 5-8 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Youngsters who plan on showing lambs, barrows or steers in this year's Castro County Junior Livestock Show must have their animals in place by noon Wednesday. Weighing will be at 4:30 p.m. Only one weigh-back will be allowed if the animal does not make the limits set, and the weigh-back must be within an hour of the initial weighing or at the discretion of the show su-

perintendent.

Nazareth will hold its club show Wednesday night and Hart will hold its show next Thursday, Feb. 6.

The Nazareth show will start about 6:30 p.m. with the barrow show. The lamb show will follow. Judging the Nazareth show will be Mark Standlee, ag teacher at Floydada, a former Dimmitt High School graduate.

Hart's show will begin around 7 p.m. next Thursday, Feb. 6.

Youngsters may enter two lambs, two barrows and two steers in the county show, but will only be allowed to sell three animals in the

Wheat Board

Nominations due Tuesday

Tuesday is the deadline for sending application to be placed in nomination for a term on the Texas Wheat Producers Board.

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

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

Beakley said any person qualifying to vote in the election may be placed in nomination for a six-year membership on the board. Applications must be signed by the candidate and at least 10 other persons eligible to vote in the candidate's district, in order to have the name placed on the ballot. Applications should be sent to the organization's headquarters office, First State Southwest Bldg. #803, 2201 Civic Circle, Amarillo, 79109.

The election will be held by mail ballot, which will be provided to all eligible voters 15 days prior to the election, Beakley said. He also indicated that any person qualified to vote who does not receive a ballot 15 days before the election date, may obtain one at Agricultural Extension Service offices as provided by the Texas Commodity Referendum Law.

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

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

Counties included are:

District I: Dallam, Sherman, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hansford, Roberts, Moore, Hartley, Hutchinson and Gray.

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Judges for this year's show will be Larry Grey, steers; Dale Schattner, barrows; Rex Stoltz, lambs; and

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Sports



Bobbies lose Bradley, big game, in River Road

Dimmitt's two second half comebacks came up just short as the Bobbies lost their star player and a share of the District 1-AAA lead in a 60-56 loss last Friday at River Road.

Carrie Bradley, the leading scorer for the Bobbies who keyed a huge third quarter comeback, left the game with 5:58 to play in the contest. She suffered a severe knee injury, tearing both of the major liga-

ments and ending her high school career.

The lone senior on the team, Bradley scored 10 of her team high 17 points in the third quarter to erase a nine-point River Road lead. The Bobbies led by four points, 47-43, after two Heidi Weaver free throws late in the period, and led 47-45 at the end of the third quarter.

You'll have to forgive Carrie's

parents, Ray and A'llan Bradley, if they're doing their best imitation of Job this week. The injury was similar to, perhaps worse than, that suffered by their oldest daughter, Halie, five years ago almost to the day. It was exactly a year since former player Summer McLean tore an ACL in what was her last game.

Carrie Bradley received a deserved standing ovation from fans on both sides of the tiny-but-packed River Road gymnasium. The crowd of 800 saw the Lady Wildcats take a commanding lead in the first half, the Bobbies take charge in the third quarter, a River Road surge to regain what looked like a sure win, then another furious Dimmitt comeback that was just short.

The win all but assured River Road the district championship. The Lady Wildcats have just one loss with four games to go. The win over the Bobbies means River Road can lose one game and still win first place. Dimmitt's loss didn't knock it out of the race for the lead, and the Bobbies had a two-game lead over two third place teams, Perryton and Muleshoe. Bradley was scoreless in the first period, but her teammates picked up the slack to keep River Road from running away. Jacy Buckley had seven points in the first five minutes of the game, her last bucket coming with 3:18 left to make it 14-9, River Road.

The Lady Cats jumped to a nine-point lead, 18-9, when Becky Gregory scored her eighth point of the quarter with 2:10 to go in the opening period. Amber Matthews scored twice down the stretch and Heather Wise came off the bench to nail a clutch try to make it a five-point game after eight minutes.

Bradley hit her first basket of the game 15 seconds into the second quarter to make it 20-16. Dimmitt again cut it to four, 24-20, with 5:55 left in the half on a Weaver bucket. River Road quickly responded to the Dimmitt attack, opening up an 11-point lead just before halftime. Two Buckley free throws late in the half made it a nine-point affair, 38-29, at the break.

Although River Road jumped to a double digit lead, the Lady Wildcats were getting in trouble. Stars Gregory and Mary Adams each picked up their third fouls during the period. When they each got their fourth foul in the third quarter, the Bobbies attacked like a piranha in a packing house to take the lead.

Adams (she's the twin who's No. 42) got her fourth just 38 seconds into the third period. Gregory got her fourth with 6:19 left in the third. They sat out the rest of the quarter, and Dimmitt blitzed their replacements, outscoring River Road 18-7

in the period.

Weaver and Bradley were the only Bobbies to score field goals during the third period. Weaver had two buckets, the last cutting the deficit to 42-37 with 4:51 left in the quarter.

Bradley then went to work, scoring eight points in a 2:10 span, to push the Bobbies into the lead. Dimmitt's first advantage came with 2:10 to go in the quarter on the third basket of the Bradley barrage, putting Dimmitt in front 43-42. Bradley scored again with 1:35 to play to make it 45-42.

After a River Road free throw, Weaver made two free throws with 1:13 left in the quarter to make it 47-43. A Lady Wildcat basket late in

the period made it a two-point game after three periods.

Gregory and Adams came back into the game to start the fourth quarter, and the Lady Wildcats soon jumped back in front, 51-49, on an Adams basket with 6:35 to play.

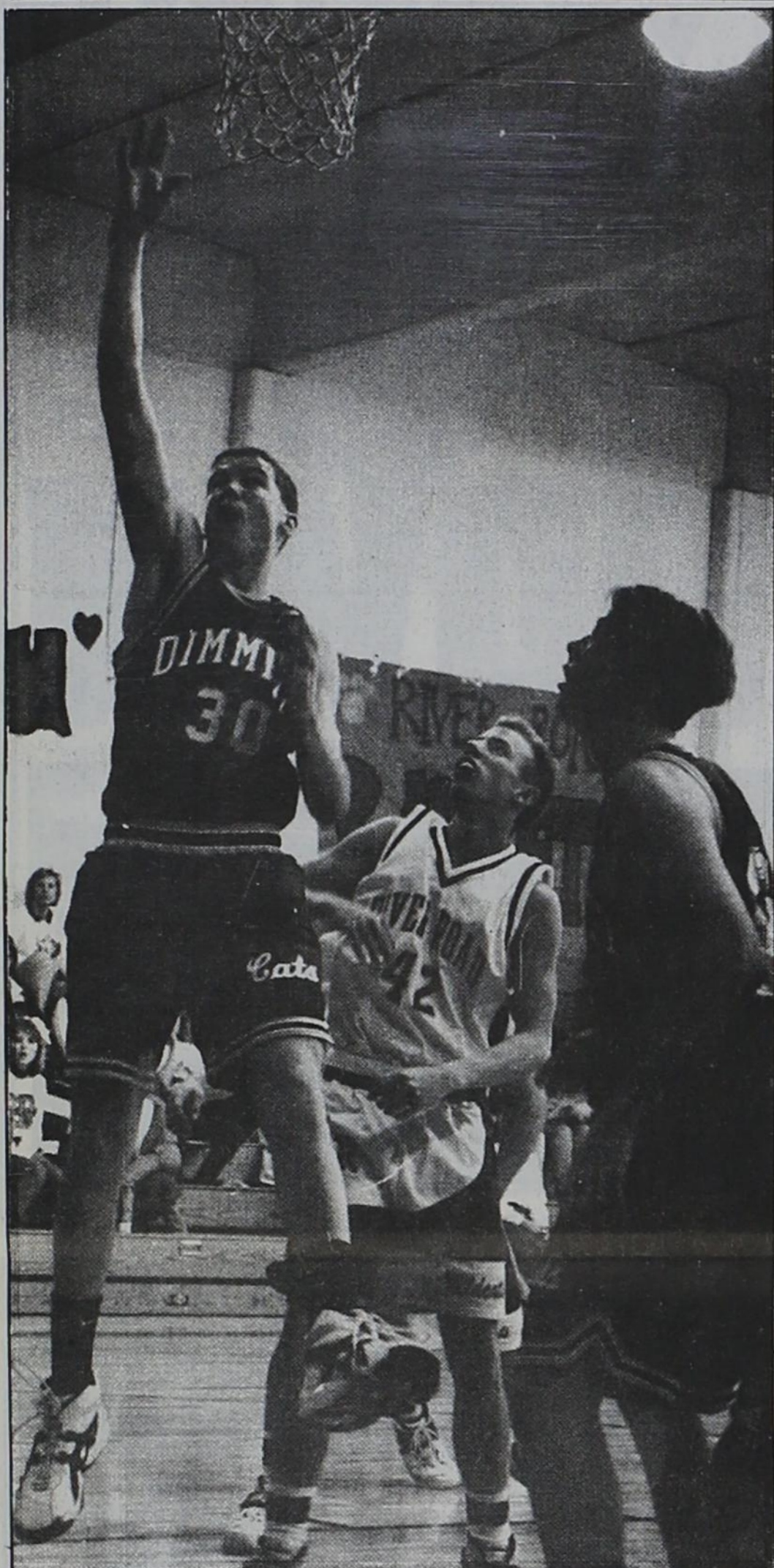
Dimmitt was unable to score on its next possession, and River Road was trying to pack it down low for an inside basket. As the ball came free on a pass, Bradley seemed to be going for it when her knee buckled. The game was stopped for several minutes as the Dimmitt coaches, a River Road trainer and Carrie's mom (a registered nurse) tended to her injury. She was eventually carried

off the floor to the standing "O."

While the Bobbies were trying to recover from the shock, the River Road girls took advantage and opened a seven-point lead, 58-51, with 2:44 left. Kimberly Newland started the last Dimmitt rally with a basket with 1:50 to play to cut it to five points.

That was Dimmitt's last basket, but a free throw by Shawna Kenworthy and two tosses by Matthews cut it to 58-56 with a minute left.

Dimmitt was unable to score the rest of the way and turned the ball over three times in the last minute. Alicia Swaim scored the last basket for River Road for the four-point win.



IN YOUR FACE OFFENSE—Cameron Lust of Dimmitt (30) picks up an easy basket against River Road Friday night while Brad Beck (right) gets in position for an offensive rebound should Lust miss. The Bobcats posted a victory over The Road, 63-45. Photo by Carter Townsend



READY FOR A REBOUND—Dimmitt Bobbies Kimberly Newland (44), Amber Matthews (20) and Carrie Bradley (21) work for position inside as River Road's Alicia Swaim (20) launches a shot from the free throw line Friday night. The two teams squared off in a battle for first place in District 1-AAA, and the River Road girls came out on top in a close one, 60-56. The Bobbies lost Bradley for the season in the game when she went down with a knee injury. Photo by Carter Townsend

Naz defense stuns Happy

By SARAH OLVERA
Nazareth used a crippling defense and balanced scoring attack to post a 48-26 victory over district rival Happy Friday night in Nazareth.

The Swiftettes' defense held the Cowgirls scoreless in the first quarter, and gave up a meager six points in the third stanza.

The victory was Nazareth's first over the Cowgirls this year in the fourth meeting between the two. Nazareth improved to 3-2 in district with the win while Happy fell to 4-1.

The first three minutes of the game were scoreless. The defensive stalemate was broken at the 4:52 mark when Pohlmeier buried a three-pointer, giving the Swiftettes the lead, one which they would never relinquish.

With 2:30 left in the quarter Sara Schulte converted a layup for a 5-0 Nazareth lead. Two possessions later Gerber hit a seven-foot jumper to make it 7-0. Ramaekers rounded out the first quarter with a 20-footer for a 9-0 lead to end the stanza.

Ball picked up a five-foot jumper early in the second quarter, but after

that Nazareth was silent for a couple of minutes.

Happy continued to struggle from the field in the second quarter. The Cowgirls finally saw their first points of the game with 5:38 left in the first half when Jaci Cumby connected on a 20-foot jumper. Jamie Vick then sparked the Cowgirls with a steal, layup and free throw to whittle Nazareth's lead to 11-5.

Nazareth retaliated with four points by Ramaekers and Pohlmeier. Gerber added another two points on a short jumper to give the Swiftettes a 17-7 lead with 2:57 left in the half.

Nazareth added a pair of free throws and by the end of the half held a 19-10 lead.

Tanya Wethington hit a 15-footer with 6:36 left in the third quarter to start the second-half scoring, sparking the Swiftettes to a 12-6 advantage over Happy in the quarter.

Leah Lair answered Wethington's shot to make it 21-12.

Birkenfeld's seven-footer three minutes into the half was answered by an offensive put-back by Vick.

Then Ball went to work. She ex-

ploded for six points in the stanza, including back-to-back layups to give Nazareth a 29-14 lead.

Karen Moudy scored for Happy with 2:13 left in the quarter, but Schulte hit the last shot of the quarter with 1:53 left to make it 31-16 at the end of three periods.

Nazareth put the game on ice in the fourth quarter, pouring in 17 points. The Swiftettes hit 7-of-10 free throws down the stretch, and Ramaekers and Ball each hit two shots to start the rout.

Happy went to work from long range in the final minutes, but only managed to connect on two field goal attempts, both three-pointers. One was by Evan Lair, who also had four charity tosses in the stanza; and the other was by Laci Pearson.

Nazareth forced 13 turnovers, many of which were converted into points. Senior Misti Ball led the Swiftettes offensively, hitting six of seven field goals for 12 points. Amy Pohlmeier added nine points, including one trey and two layups. Jill Ramaekers hit four of her seven field goal attempts for eight points while K'Lynn Gerber added five points and pulled down seven rebounds.



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THE HOELTING BROTHERS, Barry (32) and Nathan (30) battle Happy for a rebound Friday in Nazareth. The Swifts hit 100 for the first time this season, thrashing the Cowboys, 112-33 in a District 3-A game. The top-rated Swifts posted big numbers against Vega Tuesday, too, scoring 62 in the first half, coasting to a 93-33 win. Photo by Susan Jones



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Scoreboard

FRIDAY	MONDAY
Swiftettes 48, Happy 26	7th Bobbies 34, Tullia 25
Nazareth 9 10 12 17-48	8th Bobbies 28, Tullia 35
Happy 0 10 6 10-26	7th Bobcats 54, Tullia 21
Scoring: NAZ— Misti Ball 12, Amy Pohlmeier 9.	8th Bobcats 42, Tullia 26
TUESDAY	TUESDAY
Swifts 112, Happy 33	Longhorns 62, Olton 65
Nazareth 25 28 28 31-112	Hart 14 16 14 18-62
Happy 4 11 4 14-33	Olton 16 13 19 17-65
Scoring: NAZ—Nathan Hoelting 24, Bryan Braddock 22, Barry Hoelting 20, Billy Don Cannon 12, Justin Bingham 11.	Scoring: HART— Dusty Ortiz 29, Moses Reyna 13.
Bobcats 63, River Road 45	Lady Horns 52, Olton 34
Dimmitt 16 14 10 23-63	Hart 7 16 14 15-52
River Road 6 13 10 16-45	Olton 6 11 2 15-34
Scoring: DIMMITT— Cameron Lust 15, Albert Ewing 14, Brandon Smith 12.	Scoring: HART— Tylene Garcia 14, Ysa Rodriguez 10.
Bobbies 56, River Road 60	Bobcats 82, Muleshoe 60
Dimmitt 14 15 18 9-56	Dimmitt 14 21 20 27-82
River Road 20 18 7 15-60	Muleshoe 9 15 19 17-60
Scoring: DIMMITT— Carrie Bradley 17, Amber Matthews 13, Jacy Buckley 11, Heidi Weaver 10.	Scoring: DIMMITT— Brandon Smith 24, Kalem Thomas 16, Brad Beck 16.
Lady Horns 45, Lockney 41	Bobbies 43, Muleshoe 41
Hart 12 15 10 8-45	Dimmitt 8 8 13 14-43
Lockney 13 14 6 8-41	Muleshoe 13 10 9 9-41
Scoring: HART— Ysa Rodriguez 12, Tylene Garcia 10.	Scoring: DIMMITT— Jacy Buckley 15, Kimberly Newland 13.
Longhorns 42, Lockney 85	Swiftettes 31, Vega 34
Hart 12 10 7 13-42	Nazareth 10 8 9 4-31
Lockney 25 24 21 15-85	Vega 5 16 4 9-34
Scoring: HART— Moses Reyna 25, Dusty Ortiz 10.	Scoring: NAZ— K'Lynn Gerber 10, Jill Ramaekers 5.
JV Longhorns 51, Lockney 49	Swifts 93, Vega 33
JV Lady Horns 16, Lockney 38	Nazareth 32 30 16 15-93
JV Swifts 76, Happy 24	Vega 10 5 4 14-33
	Scoring: NAZ— Marcus Brockman 19, Bryan Braddock 18, Nathan Hoelting and Barry Hoelting 15.

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Feb. 11—*Tullia (Boys), There
Feb. 14—*Perryton (Boys), There

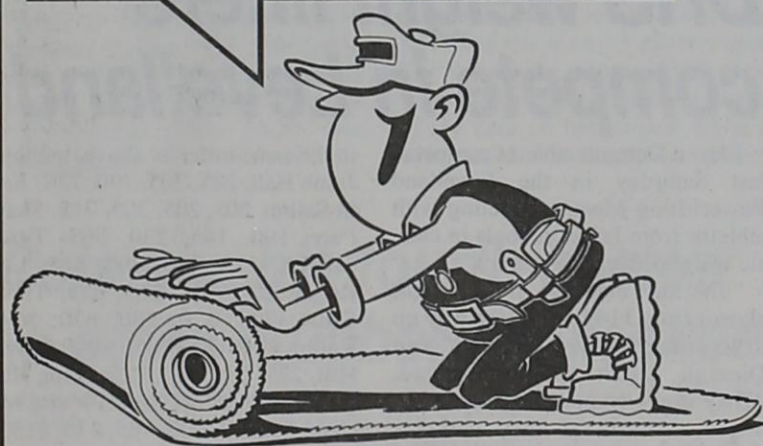
Bobbies

- 41, Randall 50
- 43, Levelland 64
- 56, Borger 46
- 71, Lockney 34
- 45, Hereford 50
- Frenship Tournament
- 53, Lubbock High 56
- 56, Shallowater 60
- 52, Muleshoe 48
- 41, Hereford 59
- Levelland Tournament
- 19, Slaton 29
- 89, El Paso Ysleta 47
- 42, Levelland "Red" 33
- Consolation Champs
- 77, *Perryton 65
- 58, *Tullia 48
- 54, *River Road 70
- Caprock Tournament
- 52, Panhandle 32
- 55, Claude 58
- 60, Caprock 53
- 50, Friona 46
- 52, Shallowater 57
- 51, Cooper 58
- 74, *Dalhart 50
- 63, *Muleshoe 51
- 78, *Sanford-Fritch 34
- 62, *Friona 42
- 61, *Perryton 55
- 63, *Tullia 51
- 56, *River Road 60
- 43, *Muleshoe 41
- District Record: 9-2
- Season Record: 17-12

Bobcats

- 85, Randall 78
- 84, Levelland 62
- 69, Borger 62
- 64, Palo Duro 76
- 57, Abernathy 54
- 67, Hereford 57
- Plainview Tournament
- 73, Lubbock Estacado 65
- 69, Sweetwater 62
- 66, Plainview 60
- Champions
- 63, Caprock 61
- Seminole Tournament
- 66, Denver City 59
- 64, Clint 61
- 45, Andrews 47
- 50, Seminole 57
- Second Place
- 75, *River Road 53
- Caprock Tournament
- 43, Slaton 38
- 70, Panhandle 47
- 58, Seminole 60
- 49, Canyon 58
- 77, Cooper 49
- 63, *Dalhart 40
- 77, *Muleshoe 58
- 78, *Sanford-Fritch 54
- 82, *Friona 42
- 75, *Perryton 46
- 44, *Tullia 45
- 63, *River Road 45
- 82, *Muleshoe 60
- District Record: 8-1
- Season Record: 22-6

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Hart downs Lockney

Lady Horns grasp on 3-AA tightens

Hart's Ladyhorns took a big step toward the playoffs Friday night with a hard-earned 45-41 win over Lockney.

The victory in Lockney's three-year-old gym left the Ladyhorns with a spotless 6-0 record in District 3-AA play going into the final two weeks of conference action.

The win came on the heels of an exhausting come-from-behind victory over Hale Center three nights earlier.

"I had been dreading this week for a long time, and I'm glad we've got it behind us and that we managed to win both of those games," Coach Rachelle Wilcox said.

Offensively, it was cold vs. colder as both teams had trouble making their shots fall. But defensively, it was a super effort by both teams.

The Ladyhorns' full-court trapping press led to a bushel of back-court steals and stymied Lockney's rotating offense.

But Lockney had a good defensive strategy, too, using a man-to-man defense with an inside rover to double-team either of Hart's double posts. The tactic shut off the pas-

sing lanes and forced the Ladyhorns to take most of their shots from the perimeter. And their shots usually wouldn't fall.

"The kids were still exhausted from Tuesday night's (Hale Center) game," Wilcox said. "Even though we kept the workouts soft during the week, they still didn't have any energy. Their legs were gone. But they still pulled it out."

Ysa Rodriguez led the Ladyhorns with 12 points, Tylene Garcia netted 10 and Veronica Gonzales scored 9. Lockney's double-teaming held Hart post Charbra Lee to six points. Nicole Masley led Lockney's scorers with 14.

The Ladyhorns jumped to an 8-0 lead but Lockney came back with a 7-0 run late in the first to take a 13-12 lead.

It was nip-and-tuck throughout the second quarter. Lisa Rincon nailed the game's only three-pointer with four seconds left to tie the score at 27-27 at halftime.

The game continued nip-and-tuck in the third until Gonzales and Nicki Lee scored a pair of late baskets to give the Ladyhorns a 37-

33 advantage going into the final frame.

In the fourth the score was tied at 37 and 39 before Charbra Lee and Rodriguez sparked a surge that gave the Ladyhorns a five-point pad going into the final minute. Lee scored from underneath, and seconds later Rodriguez stole the ball, scored a layup and was fouled, then made the free throw to give Hart a 44-39 advantage with 1:18 remaining.

After a pair of Lockney free throws, Rodriguez sank the front of a 1-and-1 to make it 45-41 with 44 ticks left, then the Ladyhorns rebounded Rodriguez's missed second shot and ran off 11 more seconds before Lockney could get the ball back on a foul and rebound.

But Hart's fierce defense allowed the Lockney girls only a desperation 22-footer that fell short before the buzzer.

"Our girls were so tired after the game," Coach Wilcox said. "They were glad they won, but they couldn't even smile in the dressing room. It wasn't that they weren't happy. They were just exhausted—

their energy was gone."

In the boys' game, Lockney jumped to a 12-0 lead en route to a 49-22 first half, and behind the fancy play of J. R. Walker and Devon Phillips, raced to an 85-42 victory.

The win kept Lockney's Longhorns undefeated in District 3-AA at 6-0, while Hart fell to 2-4.

Moses Reyna paced Hart with 25 points and Dusty Ortiz added 10. For Lockney, Phillips finished with 34 and Walker netted 19.

NISD honors school trustees with breakfast

Nazareth Independent School District honored its current and former school board members and administrators Monday with a breakfast at the school.

There were 25 current and former members of the board of education present along with five current and former administrators.

The breakfast was held to honor the board members and administrators in recognition of Texas School Board Recognition Month.

Swifts top century mark against Happy

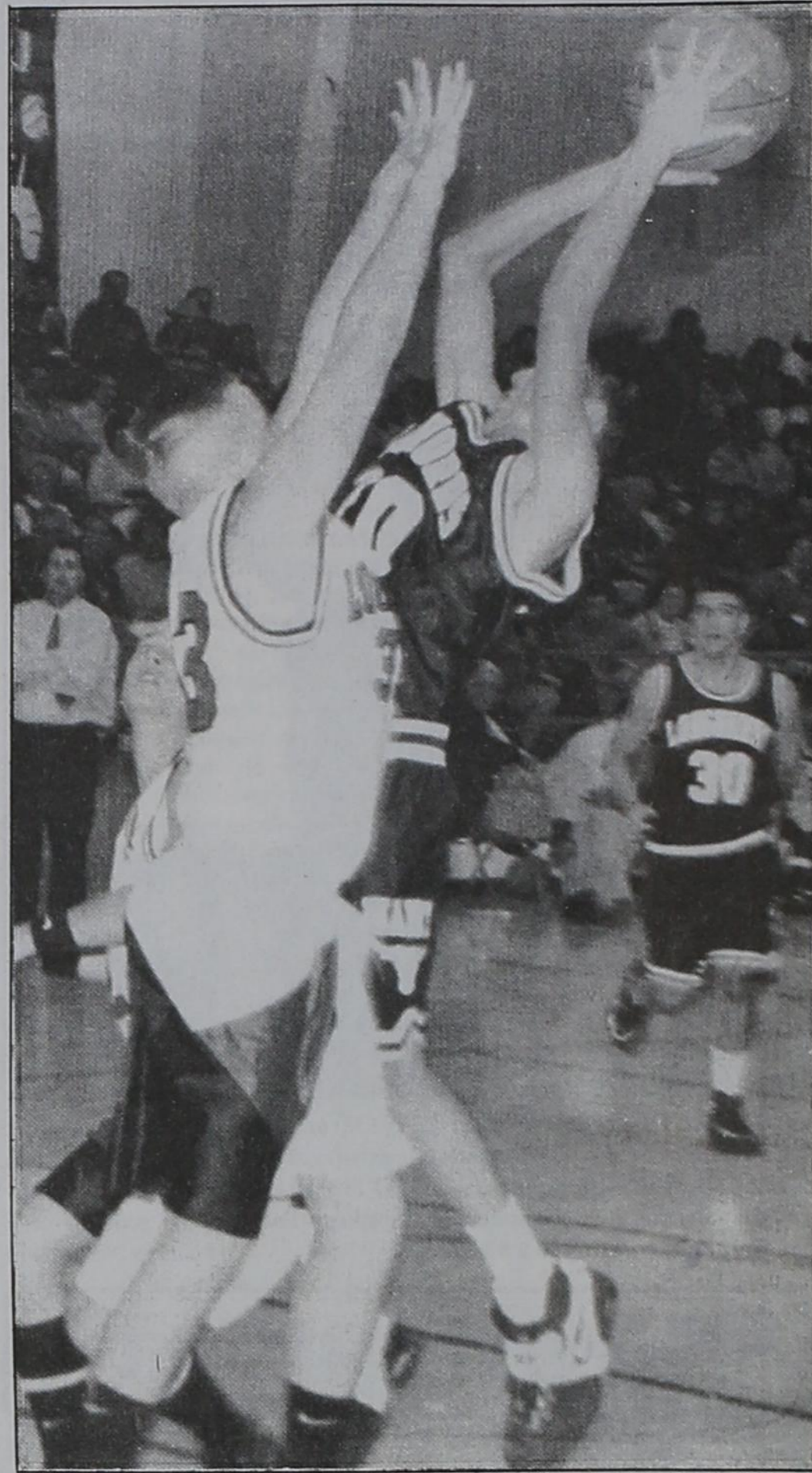
The Nazareth Swifts topped the century mark for the first time this season Friday night, trampling the visiting Happy Cowboys, 112-33, in a District 3-A game.

Nazareth took a 25-4 lead after the first eight minutes and was on top 53-15 at the end of the first half. It was 81-20 after three quarters, then the Swifts poured it on in the fourth, outscoring Happy 31-14 in the quarter to make it 112-33.

Nazareth's Nathan Hoelting led all scorers with 24 points while Bryan Braddock had 22.

Swift Coach Mark Makeever rested his starters regularly in the game, but the second string never let up. Barry Hoelting came in off the bench to pour in 20 points while Billy Don Cannon added 12. Starter Justin Bingham chipped in 11.

Nazareth improved to 22-4, 5-0, with the win.



HART'S MOSES REYNA (20) makes a strong move against a Lockney defender Friday night when the two teams squared off in a District 3-AA game. Hart fell victim to Lockney, 85-42. Reyna had 25 of Hart's points. Photo by David Knox

Bobcats pick up win at River Road Friday

Dimmitt's 63-45 win last Friday at River Road was not a thing of beauty, with the shot chart or stat sheet to be framed and hung on the wall for perpetuity.

Still, it was a win. Another mark went down in the left-hand column, over there under the "W," a nice rebound from the one-point loss suffered against Tulia in the previous outing.

Dimmitt had one of its worst nights of the year handling the ball, with 20 turnovers. River Road had five more rebounds than did the Bobcats, but also turned it over five more times.

Dimmitt started slowly on offense, with just four points in the first four minutes of the game. Once the range was found, though, it was all Bobcats. Dimmitt outscored River Road 12-3 in the last five minutes of the period and was up 16-6 after the first quarter.

The Bobcats again went scoreless the first 1:57 of the second quarter, and River Road got back within seven. Brad Beck broke the drought with 6:03 left in the half to make it

18-9, starting a five-minute, 14-4 Dimmitt run. By the time the streak was over, the Bobcats were up 30-13 with 55 seconds left in the half after a basket by Jason Nino.

River Road scored six points in the last minute to make it 30-19 at half-time. Albert Ewing came off the bench to score nine first half points, and he and Cameron Lust swatted away five River Road shots in the first 16 minutes.

In the third period Lust scored three of Dimmitt's five baskets in a 10-10 quarter, and Dimmitt had an 11-point lead after three quarters, 40-29.

The Bobcats had just four baskets in the fourth quarter, but Dimmitt hit 15 free throws to extend its lead to as many as 22 before settling for the 18-point win. Brandon Smith, who had just four points in the first three quarters, had nine in the fourth, including five free throws. Beck also had five free throws, while Ewing added another five points.

Ewing led Dimmitt with 14 points, while Lust and Smith each scored 13.

DHS weight lifters compete in Levelland

Eleven Dimmitt athletes competed last Saturday in the Levelland Powerlifting Meet, competing with athletes from larger schools in classic weightlifting events.

"The kids compete in 11 weight classes from 114 lbs., all the way up to superheavies, over 275 lbs.," said Dimmitt coach Monty Gothard. "They don't compete against other lifters as much as they compete against themselves and that bar (that holds the weights)."

"The competition is designed to improve not just your strength but your self-confidence."

The athletes lifted in three categories of weightlifting before judges. They participate in the squat, bench press and dead lift. The best lift in each is included in the total.

Beau Hill was the top lifter for Dimmitt, with 990 lbs., total in the weight class up to 181 lbs. His lifts included 350 lbs., in the squat; 225 lbs., in the bench press; and 415 lbs., in the dead lift.

Other participants, with their lifts

in the same order as above, included Jason Hall, 225, 205, 290, 720; Justin Sutton, 205, 205, 305, 715; Shane Furr, 190, 145, 230, 565; Tyson Traylor, 225, 140, 300, 665; Luis Reyes, 225, 145, 265, 635; Travis Crow, 220, 170, 280, 670; Mike Keith, 330, 220, 350, 900; Andy Hill, 225, 185, 315, 725; Jason Hargrove, 215, 275, 320, 810; and Michael Penney, 300, 185, 330, 815.

Gothard said the athletes in the powerlifting program participate as an adjunct to the traditional off-season program.

"It provides a mid-winter sport for the athletes who don't participate in a sport between football and track," said Gothard.

Dimmitt was the only Class AAA school participating in the event. Other schools were Lubbock High, Monterey and Estacado; and Levelland, Frenship, Lamesa, Plainview and Fort Stockton.

The Bobcats plan on sending 25 athletes to a meet Feb. 8 at Petersburg, and will compete again Feb. 22 at Sundown.



SANDWICHED! Hart's Tylene Garcia (44) is surrounded by Lockney's Callie Wilson (21) and Stacy Bigham (11) Friday night in a key District 3-AA matchup at Lockney. The Hart girls kept their perfect district record intact Friday, beating Lockney, 45-41. Also pictured is Hart's Charbra Lee (40) and Lockney's Debrah Ballejo (25). Photo by David Knox

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Vega shocks Swiftettes

The Nazareth Swiftettes are fighting for their lives in District 3-A. Nazareth suffered its third district loss of the season Tuesday night in Vega, 34-31, sending the defending state champions into a tailspin. That loss moves Nazareth to 3-3 in district, two games behind district leaders Farwell and Happy.

Nazareth still has a slim shot at a playoff berth, but the Swiftettes have to win their two remaining games, against Farwell and Lazbuddie, and then hope for another Farwell loss (either to Happy or Lazbuddie). That would put Nazareth in a two-way tie for second with the Lady Steers. If that happens, a playoff between the Swiftettes and Farwell will decide who goes into the playoffs and who stays home.

Nazareth struggled against Vega from the beginning. The Swiftettes managed a nine-point lead in the second quarter, but then found themselves shut out in the final 4:46 of the stanza while Vega reeled off 12 points to take over the lead, 21-18 at halftime.

Nazareth battled back in the third quarter and held a two-point edge headed into the final stanza, but the fourth quarter was a seesaw battle for control for two minutes. Nazareth was shut out for the final six minutes of the game, allowing Vega to come back and take the victory.

Horrible shooting throughout the game added to the Swiftettes downfall. Nazareth shot a meager 28% from the field Tuesday. The second-

half shooting performance was worse—4-of-17 for 23.5%.

Vega open scoring with a turnaround jumper by Mika Karber. Karber added a free throw to give Vega a 3-2 lead after K'Lynn Gerber sank a pair of charity tosses.

Nazareth tied it at 3 on a free throw by Misti Ball, then took the lead when Amy Pohlmeier put back an offensive carom with 4:39 in the quarter.

Jayne Schmucker connected with 2:46 left to give the Swiftettes a 7-3 lead, but Vega answered that shot 40 seconds later.

A three-pointer by Pohlmeier with 19 seconds left gave Nazareth a 10-5 lead after the first eight minutes.

Nazareth had a brief explosion in the second quarter. Gerber picked up an easy shot eight seconds into the quarter, then 20 seconds later Ball picked off a pass and turned it into another two points and Nazareth was up 14-5, its biggest lead of the game.

Karber added another two with 5:43 left to cut the margin to 7. Two free throws by Vega made it 14-9 with 4:58 left.

Nazareth worked its fast break downcourt and found a wide-open Jill Ramaekers for a layup and 16-9 lead. It was downhill from there.

Over the last 4:46 of the quarter Vega outscored Nazareth 12-0, starting off with a three-pointer and another jumper by Cami Rea to cut the lead to two, 16-14 with 3:03 left.

Vega took a 19-18 lead on a shot by Rea with 35 seconds left, then

Karber made it a three-point advantage with a shot at the buzzer.

Nazareth was dry from the field for more than 10 minutes in the second and third quarters Tuesday.

The Swiftettes used three free throws in the first 2:40 of the third quarter to tie the game at 21, but didn't pick up their first field goal of the second half until Ramaekers scored with 2:10 left in the quarter. To put the Swiftettes up 23-22.

A shot by Sara Schulte gave Nazareth a 25-22 lead, then Schmucker made it 27-22 with a pair of free throws.

But Rea buried a three-pointer with 50 seconds left to pull Vega with two, 27-25 at the end of the third.

The score was tied at 27, 29 and 31 in the fourth quarter before Karber put the game on ice with 2:37 left when she scored and was fouled by Ball. She picked up the free throw to make it 34-31.

Nazareth got the ball back and passed it around, looking for an open shot. The Swiftettes ran over a minute off the clock before Pohlmeier missed a three.

Rea got the rebound, then turned it back over to the Swiftettes.

Another missed three by Pohlmeier forced the Swifts to foul—they still had five to give in the last minute.

The Swiftettes had one last shot at the tie when Vega was called for a backcourt violation with 10 seconds left, but Gerber's baseline three attempt was a little hard and the Lady Horns pulled out the win.



YOU'RE TRAPPED! Nazareth's Misti Ball (left), Cassie Birkenfeld (10) and an unidentified teammate surround Happy's Leah Lair after she catches an inbound pass Friday night. Nazareth held Happy scoreless in the first quarter, enroute to a 48-26 victory. Photo by Susan Jones

Last-second shot lifts Bobbies over Muleshoe

Kimberly Newland hit a five-footer with five seconds left Tuesday to lift Dimmitt to a 43-41 win over Muleshoe at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

The basket capped a comeback from a nine-point deficit, and almost clinched a playoff spot for the Bobbies.

The game was the first for the Bobbies without senior star Carrie Bradley, sidelined with a left knee injury. Bradley, who had lit up Muleshoe with 30-plus points in the last three meetings between the squads, sat on the sidelines along with Tonya Robertson, who suffered a similar injury earlier in the season.

Dimmitt made up for Bradley's loss with a tenacious defense that forced 24 turnovers, and the Bobbies grabbed five more rebounds than did Muleshoe, 23-18.

Muleshoe shut down Dimmitt's inside game most of the night, giving Amber Matthews just eight points and allowing Heidi Weaver just one basket, in the first period.

Muleshoe led from the get-go and was up 13-8 after the first quarter. In the second quarter, the Lady Mules led by as many as nine, 23-14, with 1:40 left in the half after Kristin Nichols hit her 10th point of the night. Matthews hit two free throws with 1:21 left to make it 23-16 at halftime.

In the third quarter, Dimmitt surged back within range of the Lady Mules. Buckley hit a trey with 6:50 to play in the period to make it 25-19. Three minutes later, Newland scored to make it 27-23, then another 50 seconds later to make it 27-25.

After a Muleshoe free throw, Matthews scored with 2:08 left to make it 28-27. A trey by Brandi Harrison with 40 seconds left made it a four-point game, 31-27, after three periods.

Cats use big fourth quarter to down stubborn Muleshoe

A pesky Muleshoe bunch just wouldn't go away until very late in the game, but the Dimmitt Bobcats finally put them away late with an 82-60 win Tuesday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium.

Dimmitt looked to have the Mules put away in the third quarter when the Bobcats went up by 18, 45-27, with 6:41 to play after a three-point play by Brandon Smith. Muleshoe cut into that lead, though, to close within 55-43 by quarter's end.

In the fourth quarter, Muleshoe got back within eight points, 60-52, with 4:06 left, but the Bobcats outscored the Mules 22-8 down the stretch for the win.

Most of the late points came from the line. Muleshoe began fouling the Bobcats to send them to the line, hope for a miss, and get the ball back. Dimmitt responded by making 11 free throws late in the game to ice the win.

For the game, Dimmitt shot 32

In the fourth, Buckley and Newland were the only two Bobbies to score, but it was team play that made it all work, including the game-winning bucket.

Buckley tied it at 34 with 4:47 to play with a 19-foot trey from the right side. Harrison answered 45 seconds later to put the Lady Mules up 37-34.

Buckley hit a driving layup with 3:45 to play to make it a one-point game Newland then tied the score at 38 with 2:37 left with two free throws.

Just 18 seconds later, Newland made two more free throws, giving Dimmitt its first lead of the night at 40-38. She made another free throw

with 1:35 to play to put Dimmitt up three, 41-38.

Muleshoe then made three of four free throws to tie the score again, at 41, with 31 seconds left.

Dimmitt worked the ball down the court and was trying to run some clock when the Bobbies turned it over. Dimmitt got the ball right back when Matthews stole it on a great defensive play on the press. She rifled the ball to Newland, whose five-footer trickled over the left side of the rim to give Dimmitt the win.

The Bobbies will clinch the playoffs with a win Friday at Sanford-Fritch. The Lady Eagles have won just one game all season.

Police Calls

An incident of assault was reported to police Jan. 21 at an apartment in the Azteca Complex. A juvenile female was in a fight.

Two incidents of slashed tires and two cases of dog bite were reported in the past week.

Jan. 22, Martha Reyes of Dimmitt told police a dog had bitten her on her left ankle. The incident happened in the 400 block of Northwest Sixth. Salina Lule of Dimmitt told police that a 6-year-old boy was bitten by a dog last Thursday afternoon in the 300 block of East Dulin.

Gaye Tomlinson of Dimmitt reported Jan. 21 that someone had cut two tires on her car while it was parked at her place of employment. She valued the tires at \$100 each. Clara Vick reported damage to two of the tires on her vehicle while it was parked at her residence on Jan.

free throws and made 20. Muleshoe made 10 of 16 free throws.

The Dimmitt defense made up for the loss of Charlie Sanders, who is still nursing an ankle injury. Sanders scored 25 points in the 77-58 win at Muleshoe. This time out, the Bobcats forced 22 Muleshoe turnovers while making just 12 mistakes.

Kalem Thomas was hot early, making three of four three-point shots to help boost Dimmitt to a 35-25 halftime advantage. It was almost a 12-point half for Thomas, but his lob from 85 feet at the halftime buzzer just missed going in.

Meanwhile, Brandon Smith had 11 first half points and pushed Dimmitt up by 13, 35-22, with a basket with 10 seconds left in the second quarter.

Smith added another 11 in the second half to lead the Bobcats. Brad Beck, who made 10 free throws, had 16, while Thomas had 14 and Derek Buckley pitched in 10.

22. Investigation into the two incidents is continuing.

Diana Tetlow of Dimmitt complained to police that someone had thrown an egg at her storm door Friday evening.

A VCR was found beside the road on FM 3215 Friday night. It had been damaged, police said.

A 17-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Friday for assault bodily injury.

Saturday, a Dimmitt man, 47, was picked up on Potter County warrants for theft by check.

Charges listed against an 18-year-old Dimmitt woman jailed Sunday included violation of probation, which stemmed from aggravated assault of a public servant and criminal mischief.

Violation of probation was listed against a 34-year-old Dimmitt man jailed Jan. 22. A Hereford man, 32, was jailed the same day for violating his probation on DWI charges.

A 24-year-old Amarillo man was jailed Monday on warrants from Potter and Randall counties on theft by check charges.

Theft charges were listed against a 26-year-old Summerfield man who was arrested Monday afternoon.

County okays replacement . . .

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\$1,000 in donations from individuals which it can contribute toward the tank.

Commissioners accepted a bid of \$14,200 from Elias Martinez for Lots 17, 18 and 19 in Hart, currently owned by Ralph Cole.

The property was seized by the Castro County Appraisal District for back taxes, and was originally put up for sale at a public sheriff's auction. The total amount owed on the property, including back taxes and court costs, is \$14,137, according to County Tax Appraisal Manager Jerry Heller.

No bid was received on the property during the sale, according to Heller. He said he finally ran an ad for the property and received a bid of \$14,200 from Martinez.

The \$14,200 will be divided into proportionate shares between the county, Hart Independent School District and the City of Hart, Heller added.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland requested information on the legality of county employees using county equipment to go on private property to retrieve road building materials.

County Attorney Jerry Matthews told Rowland and other commissioners that "they can use county equipment to go onto private property and pick up materials to be used for the betterment of the county, dump that material and use it to improve county roads."

Rowland said a Pct. 1 resident had offered the road building material to the county free of charge, if the county would agree to build roads with it.

Rowland said he was worried about his loader holding up through the work.

"I can't afford to fix or replace that loader, and I'm afraid that if we use it for this, we could have problems."

It was also mentioned that although the material might be free, it would still cost the county a lot of money in diesel fuel to operate the machinery, to haul in water when building the road, and in salaries for employees doing the actual work. Commissioners also felt like the job could be so time consuming that

other county roads would be neglected in favor of a couple of miles of road.

"You've got to determine what's fair," Matthews told commissioners. "Just because someone says they're giving you road building material to put down, you don't have to do it. Also, if you spend that much money (in fuel, salary, etc.) how will it affect the rest of the county. You could use up a good portion of your gas and oil budget."

Commissioners took no action on the matter.

A request from Rhoads Memorial Librarian Cindy Pottorff to hire Jewell Connell as a part-time library aide was tabled by commissioners.

Connell has been working at the library for several years under the Green Thumb Program, but was recently informed she no longer qualified because of changes in her

financial status. Pottorff told commissioners she would like to employ Connell for 17 hours a week at \$5.15 per hour, without benefits.

Commissioners told Pottorff it may not be possible because nothing was budgeted for this year. They did tell her to check with the city, which also helps with library expenses.

Pottorff said she will meet with city officials, then report back to the county.

She also presented a list of books which she plans on purchasing for the library with money donated in memory of Goldie Thompson. Commissioners approved the list.

Pottorff also informed the court that she had received a bid from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper to redo the library's heating and cooling system. Money for that project will come from a memorial fund. Commissioners also gave their okay to that project, which will run approximately \$5,390.

In other action, commissioners: ♦ Heard an annual report from the Castro County Historical Commission.

♦ Agreed to allow the City of Hart to put up road signs using the county's 9-1-1 grant from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

♦ Discussed painting the walls and replacing ceiling tiles in the assembly room, located in the courthouse basement.

Screening set Feb. 6

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and High Plains Baptist Health Systems will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic Feb. 6 at Medical Center of Dimmitt, 112 W. Jones.

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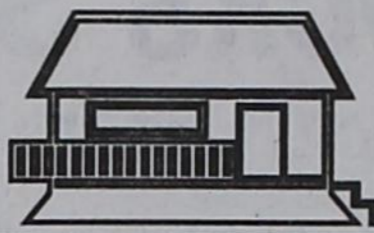
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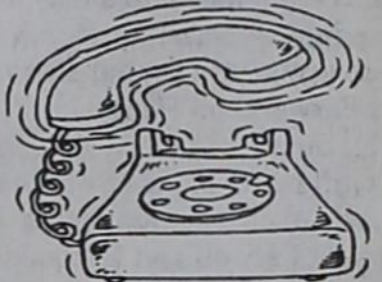
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- Household goods for sale
- Farm equipment and supplies
- Agricultural services
- Feed, seed and grain for sale
- Farm produce for sale
- Livestock and pets
- Automobiles for sale
- Recreational vehicles
- Auto parts and supplies
- Business opportunities
- Services
- Insurance
- Students seeking work
- Help wanted
- Notices
- Lost and found
- Cards of thanks
- Legal notices

14—Automobiles

MUST SELL! 94 Mitsubishi Mighty Max pickup, air conditioning, sport trim package, custom wheels, AM/FM stereo cassette and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make, just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Huldeman in the credit department, Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-43-1tc

MUST SELL! 95 Chevrolet Tahoe, 4-door, 4-wheel drive, power windows, power door locks, tilt wheel, cruise control, leather, AM/FM stereo cassette with compact disc player, custom wheels, low miles and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make, just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Huldeman in the credit department, Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-43-1tc

MUST SELL! 96 Chevrolet C1500 extended cab, Silverado package, power windows, locks, tilt, cruise, AM/FM stereo cassette. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make, just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Huldeman in the credit department, Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-43-1tc

MUST SELL! 96 Pontiac Grand Prix SE, 2-door, V-6, automatic transmission, power windows, power door locks, tilt wheel, cruise control, AM/FM stereo cassette, custom wheels and much more. No old contract to assume, no back payments to make. Just need responsible party to make reasonable monthly payments. Call Doug Huldeman in the credit department, Friona Motors, 806-247-2701. 14-43-1tc

14—Automobiles

FOR SALE: 1984 Lincoln Town Car, in good condition. (806) 467-1568. 14-37-tfc

17—Business Opportunities

AVON REPRESENTATIVES urgently needed. Pay off those Christmas bills. Individual sales rep. Call 1-800-388-3744. 17-42-2tp

18—Services

NON-PROFIT nursing facility seeking an LVN for full-time position, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. For consideration, please complete application in detail at the business office, King's Manor Methodist Home, 400 Ranger Drive, Hereford, Texas. 20-36-tfc

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OTR TRUCK DRIVERS wanted! Experienced or non-experienced. Free training and 1st year income \$30K. Stevens Transport 1-800-333-8595, EOE.

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18—Services

DOUBLE D ELECTRIC— For all your electric needs call 647-0807, office, or 647-9823, mobile. 18-41-tfc

RIDDICK'S APPLIANCE REPAIR, 420 E. Broadway, Tulla, 995-2337. We work on all major brand appliances and will come to Dimmitt or Nazareth. Call and leave a message. We also buy and sell used appliances. 18-43-tfc

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20—Help Wanted

COUNTRY MUSIC TALENT competition, March 22, Clovis. No band necessary to enter. Cash prizes and trophies. Special guest Judge Wrestling Legend "Rapid Ricky Romero." For entry, 1-800-775-0712, Ext. 5939. 20-43-1tp

HELP WANTED: Part-time truck driver. CDL required. Local hauling. 945-2573. 20-42-4tc

STUDENTS WELCOME and others. Up to \$9 conditions exist. Call between 11-5 Monday-Friday, 358-2559. Interview in Amarillo, work in Castro County. 20-41-4tp

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS for Rns, LVNs and CNAs for all shifts. Call or come by, (806) 364-7113; 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-35-tfc

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Weekly paid with good pay rate. Home most weekends.

Requirements include: class 'A' CDL, two years tractor/trailer experience, clean driving record, drug free, clean and neat appearance with a good attitude towards this profession.

If you meet these requirements and are looking for a good job with a growing company please call 1-806-647-3135.

THE USDA, CASTRO COUNTY Farm Service Agency, located at 114 W. Belsher, Suite A, Dimmitt, Texas, is accepting applications for the position of Temporary Program Assistant. Applications can be obtained at this location. The duties of this position are to assist in the administration of farm programs as they relate to Castro County, Texas. Applicant will be responsible for the programs assigned and must also assist with other programs administered in the county. The required basic qualifications and knowledge, skills and abilities are: 1. Applicant must possess basic computer and good office skills; 2. High school diploma or GED; 3. Must be able to work with the public; 4. Must be able to accept responsibilities and meet deadlines; 5. Must be able to adjust to changes in assignment of work as needs in other work areas arise; 6. Must be dependable and have good work habits; 7. Must be a US citizen; 8. Farm experience or background helpful; 9. Ag credit experience preferred. Applications will be accepted at the Castro County FSA office through Feb. 7, 1997, or can be mailed to Castro County FSA Office, 114 W. Belsher, Suite A, Dimmitt, Texas, 79027-2524 by this date. This office is an equal opportunity employer. Candidates will be considered without discrimination for any non-merit reason such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, political affiliation, marital status, mental or physical ability, age, or membership or nonmembership in any employee organization. 20-42-2tc

22—Notices

CHIEF JUVENILE PROBATION OFFICER
CASTRO-SWISHER COUNTY
The Castro-Swisher County Juvenile Probation Board is seeking a person to fill the position of chief juvenile probation officer. Qualifications and applications should be picked up at the Texas Work Force Commission, Castro-Swisher County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 22-43-2tc

Nazareth students place at UIL meet

Each Nazareth student competing in the Lazbuddie Invitational UIL Meet Saturday placed among the top six in at least one event, and five of the eight competitors ranked in the top six in two events.

The students garnered six medals and seven ribbons. Medal winners were Jessica Kern, Sarah Olvera (two silver), Angela Fortenberry, Susan Book and Heather Braddock.

Kern earned the gold in News Writing and placed fourth in Editorial Writing. Olvera earned second-place medals in News Writing and Editorial Writing.

Fortenberry won the silver medal in the Current Events competition and landed sixth in the Mathematics contest. She also competed in Literary Criticism.

In Feature Writing, Braddock captured the bronze. Sara Birkenfeld finished fourth in News Writing and sixth in Editorial Writing. In Headline Writing, Vanessa Wilhelm finished fifth and was also sixth in Feature Writing. Stephanie Gerber was fifth in Feature Writing.

Book placed third in Spelling and Vocabulary and competed in Current Events.

Navarro is honored

Viktorya Navarro, daughter of Oscar and Connie Navarro, has been named Citizen of the Week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Navarro was born March 12, 1987. Her favorite food is lasagna and her favorite book is *Sarah Plain and Tall*. Her favorite animal is a little dog and she writes well. She wishes she were better at everything.

She likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School and when she grows up she wants to be a teacher. She admires her cousin, Jessica Navarro. In her free time she likes to work on puzzles.

Durbin graduates from WTAMU

Hugh W. Durbin of Nazareth, the son of Paul and Joan Durbin, was among the 397 students who graduated from West Texas A&M University at commencement ceremonies in December.

Durbin was one of 13 graduates who earned Magna Cum Laude honors for maintaining a grade point average of 3.75 to 3.89. He received his bachelor of science degree in agri-business and economics.

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 945-2553. 22-39-5tc

PUBLIC NOTICE

Applications/nominations for Trustee position for Castro County on the Board of Trustees for Central Plains Center for Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse will be accepted Feb. 13, 1997, to Feb. 18, 1997, at 5 p.m.

QUALIFICATIONS: Interest and commitment to the people served by Central Plains Center for Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, desire to serve the community, willingness and capacity to commit time and effort, ability to deal with large quantities of data, ability to make objective decisions, good working relationship with citizens of the county. Expertise in law, business, finance, medicine, mental health, mental retardation or substance abuse desirable.

REQUIREMENTS: Resident of and qualified voter of the County. Person or their spouse does not own or control a business organization receiving funds from the Center. Person is not related to a Center employee by affinity within second degree or by consanguinity within the third degree.

Members of minority groups, consumers or a family member of a consumer of mental health, mental retardation or substance abuse services are encouraged to apply.

Application and nomination forms are available in County Judge's Office, and the County Rural Outpatient Clinic and Central Plains Center for Mental Health/Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse, 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, Texas 79072.

IRENE MILLER
Castro County Judge
22-43-2tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

Maybe you sent flowers or a memorial as a tribute for our mother. Maybe you sent food or a card, perhaps you said a special prayer for her and another one for us to accept His will. Or perhaps you simply called to share our sorrow and tell us what she meant to you. These are the reasons Mother loved the people here so much. And for this, please accept our deepest thanks.

THE CHILDREN OF IOMA STOKES
QUINCY, SUE, JEREMY &
JUSTIN HAWKINS
LEE & APRYL STOKES & ANN LONG
JIM, BOBBIE & JASON STOKES
BROOKA, CARL & GLENN STOKES
JAMES, ALLISON & TOBY STOKES
24-43-1tc



Heather Tradup

Caprock Girl Scout Council hires Tradup

The Caprock Girl Scout Council has hired Heather Tradup as membership and marketing director for the Plainview area.

Her office will be in the Girl Scout Hut in Plainview, and she also will serve the communities of Dimmitt, Hart, Friona, Bovina, Floydada, Hale Center, Silverton, Quitaque, Spur, Matador, Roaring Springs, Lockney, and Kress.

A get-acquainted reception in her honor is planned for today (Thursday) from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Girl Scout Hut in Plainview. Light refreshments will be served and the public is invited.

Tradup's primary duty will be to work with adult volunteers and the community to provide the Girl Scout program to all girls in the area.

A graduate of Lubbock High School, Tradup earned her bachelor of science degree in family studies from Texas Tech University. She has been involved in the Girl Scout program ever since she was a scout. She has earned both the Silver Award and the Gold Award.

She is a member of Tau Beta Sigma, the junior chamber of commerce, Texas Tech Ex-Student Association and the Texas Tech Band Alumni Association.

She is married to Greg Tradup.

Hardee graduates submarine course

Navy Ensign Ryan T. Hardee, son of Dr. Gary and Cenci Hardee of Dimmitt, recently graduated from the Submarine Officer Basic Course.

During the 12-week course, which is taught at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Conn., students learn about the theory, construction and operation of nuclear-powered submarines. They also receive instruction concerning damage control, submarine safety and escape procedures, and in submarine weapons, fire control and sonar systems.

The 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School joined the Navy in May, 1995. He is a 1995 graduate of the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., with a BAME degree.

'Granny' nomination deadline is April 4

They're looking for a few good grannies.

The Washington Apple Commission has set April 4 as the deadline for nominations in the annual "Search for Granny Smith."

The promotion is a nationwide quest to find the perfect grandmother to promote "Granny Smith" apples. Nominations should include a non-returnable photo and a statement of 100 words or less why the nominee should be considered.

Nominations should be sent to Granny Smith, P.O. Box 18, Wenatchee, Wash., 98807.

Kenley is named to president's list

Barbara Kenley of Dimmitt has been named to the President's List for the 1996 fall semester at Hardin-Simmons University.

To qualify for mention to the President's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours, completing all courses with a perfect 4.0 grade point.

Ponce earns master's degree from WTAMU

Noemi Ponce of Hart has earned a master's degree in educational diagnostics from West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Ponce, a former Hart resident, received her diploma during commencement exercises on Dec. 12, 1996.



What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 30-Feb. 7.

DIMMITT

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese and peppers, refried beans, fresh watermelon, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

FRIDAY: Baked cajun fish, baked potatoes, pineapple sunset salad, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY: Pizza supreme, corn on the cob, fruited gelatin and milk.

TUESDAY: Chili fritos with picante sauce, Mexipinto beans, orange wedges, Fideo Mexicano and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hoagie submarine sandwich, Frito corn chips, tossed salad with dressing and milk.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

Grades 2-12 Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun with cheese, macaroni, ham and cheese casserole or nachos with cheese and peppers; potato chips, mixed vegetables, refried beans, tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or fresh watermelon; muffins, hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of baked cajun fish, Chinese plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, Chinese-style vegetables or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or tomato slices; cornbread, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

MONDAY: Choice of ravioli with meat sauce, pizza supreme or taco pie; corn on the cob, scalloped potatoes or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad or carrot-raisin salad, fruited gelatin; garlic bread, hot wheat rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of chili Fritos with picante sauce, chicken pot pie or Monterey casserole; rice-vegetable casserole, quick-baked potatoes or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or orange wedges; assorted muffins, hot rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken patty with gravy, hoagie submarine sandwich or chicken taco with hot sauce; mashed potatoes, Frito corn chips or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or waldorf salad; assorted muffins cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART

Elementary School

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, fresh fruit, wheat rolls, banana pudding and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili, sliced cheese, fresh fruit, peaches, peanut butter bars, dill pickles and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green beans, mashed potato, peaches, carrot sticks,

raw broccoli, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or beef enchilada; gelatin dessert, corn, pears, tortilla pieces, salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or meatloaf; quick-baked potatoes, salad, dill pickles, fruit cocktail, chocolate cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; quick-baked potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Hamburger basket, pizza, hot dog on a bun with chili; potato chips, gelatin dessert, peaches, Rice Krispie bar, dill pickles and milk, punch or tea.

Junior High and High School

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce, salad, corn, fresh fruit, wheat rolls, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or hot dog on a bun with chili, sliced cheese, fresh fruit, peaches, peanut butter bars, dill pickles and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or chicken nuggets with gravy; green beans, mashed potatoes, peaches, carrot sticks, raw broccoli, wheat rolls, chocolate pudding and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or beef enchilada; gelatin dessert, corn, pears, tortilla pieces, salad and milk, punch or tea.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket and meatloaf, quick-baked potatoes, salad, dill pickles, fruit cocktail, chocolate cake and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or barbecued ribs on a bun; quick-baked potatoes, salad, fresh fruit, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, pizza or hot dog on a bun with chili, potato chips, gelatin dessert, peaches, Rice Krispie bar, dill pickles and milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

THURSDAY: *Burrito with chili or baked potatoes, salad, beans, orange, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: *Chicken spaghetti with roll or hamburger and French fries, salad, cauliflower, peaches, applesauce and milk.

MONDAY: *Nachos with roll or corn dogs, salad, green beans, fruit cocktail, pineapple and milk.

TUESDAY: *Hamburger or grilled chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, corn, pears, dessert and milk.

WEDNESDAY: *Frito pie or pizza, salad, beans, applesauce, peaches and milk.

THURSDAY: *Chicken fried steak with roll or corn dogs, salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit salad, pineapple and milk.

FRIDAY: No school!

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

Summer food service providers face deadlines

The Texas Dept. of Human Services (TDHS) recently announced the availability of the Summer Food Service Program to eligible organizations next summer.

The program provides meals to children from needy areas when schools are closed for vacation. Service institutions eligible to sponsor the program can prepare the food themselves or through a contract with a Food Service Management Company (FSMC).

All FSMCs which intend to bid for a Summer Food Service Program contract must register with TDHS by March 15. Applications for registration will be mailed to companies that were registered in 1995 and 1996.

Others may request an application by calling Jimmie Mitchell at (512)467-5870 or write Texas Dept. of Human Services Special Nutrition Programs, Y-906, P.O. Box 149030, Austin, 78714-9030. Applications must be received by March 15.

Service institutions eligible to sponsor the program include public or non-profit private schools, private non-profit organizations, residential summer camps, and local, municipal or county governments. Service institutions should contact TDHS for more information about the program training schedule. Applications should be received by April 15.

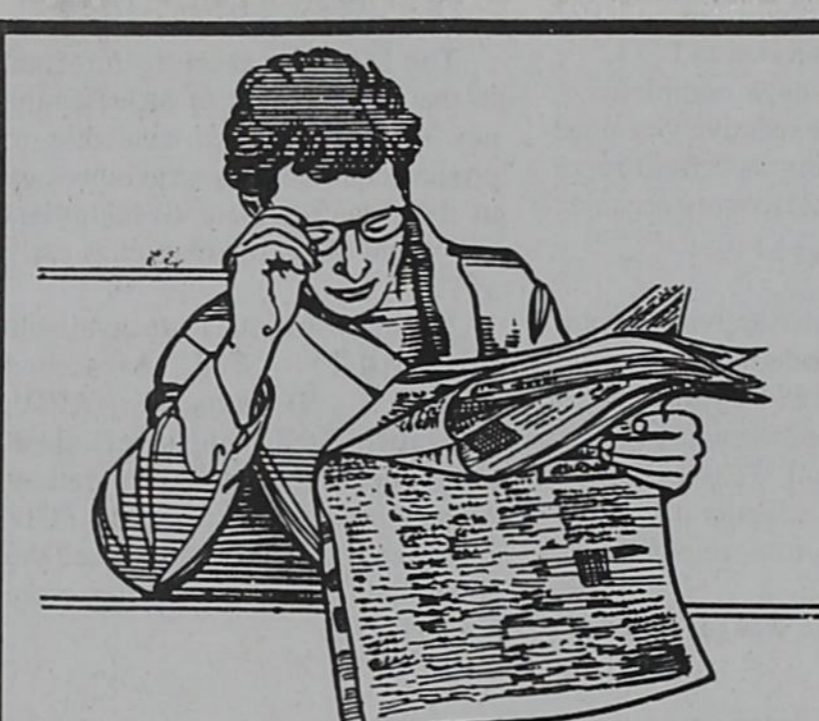
Castro County has been identified as having high service need.

Organizations interested in sponsoring a summer feeding program should contact Mitchell at the above phone number or address.

Museum group to meet today

The Castro County Museum Association will meet today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at the Castro County Museum, on West Halsell in Dimmitt.

The monthly meeting is open to all interested persons.



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Obituaries

Ernest Jones

Funeral services for Ernest Jones, 81, of Olton, were held Monday afternoon at First United Methodist Church of Olton with Rev. Wendell Horn, pastor, and Rev. Kyle Streun, pastor of First Baptist Church of Olton, officiating.

Burial was in Olton Cemetery under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Olton.

Mr. Jones died Jan. 24 at Hi-Plains Hospital in Hale Center.

He was born June 24, 1915, in Olton. He married Ethel Perry on July 25, 1931, in Clovis, N.M. He was a member of First United Methodist church, National Flying Farmers and Olton Cemetery Board. He was president of Federal Land Bank Board, and he was a former director of the Farmers Co-Op Elevator in Hart. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Frances Alene Jones, in 1947.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Dorothy Sorley of Bovina and Barbara McFadden of Olton; a brother, Owen Jones of Olton; seven grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Runningwater Draw Care Center, P.O. Box 409, Olton, 79064; or to the Olton Ambulance Association, P.O. Drawer 665, Olton, 79064.

Sharon Motley

Funeral services for Sharon Motley, 53, of Plainview, and formerly of Hart, will be held at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) in Lemons Funeral Home Memorial Chapel in Plainview with Rev. Don Robertson, pastor of College Heights Baptist Church of Plainview, officiating.

Burial will be in Parklawn Memorial Gardens of Plainview.

Mrs. Motley died Jan. 28 in Methodist Hospital in Plainview.

She was born May 30, 1943, in Olustee, Okla., and moved to Halfway in 1952, and attended school in Plainview. In 1956, she moved to Hart and attended school there. She married Weldon Motley on Dec. 21, 1959, in Hart.

They moved to Plainview in 1970, and she worked at the Heritage Home there until 1992. She worked at Plains Convalescent Home in 1993 and 1994, retiring in 1995.

She was a member of First Baptist Church of Hart.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Donna Motley of Plainview; a son, Gary Motley of Olton; a brother, Lonnie Bradley of Plainview; her parents, Myrle and Vanita Bradley of Plainview; and two grandsons.

Marguerite Reynolds

Graveside services for Marguerite Reynolds, 81, of Brownfield, the mother of Jo Hamilton of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning in Silverton Cemetery with John Schott officiating.

Arrangements were by Myers-Long Funeral Directors of Silverton.

Mrs. Reynolds died Jan. 26 in Brownfield.

She was born Sept. 8, 1915, in Gibtown. She married Marvin Reynolds on Jan. 23, 1931. He died Dec. 12, 1974. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Tulia. She had lived in Silverton, and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons, W.W. Reynolds of Tatum and Jerry Reynolds of Highlands; three daughters, Jimmie Ford of Brownfield, Jo Hamilton of Dimmitt, and Dianne Bailey of Austin; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Eunice Sullivan

Funeral services for Eunice Hogan Sullivan, 53, of Hobbs, N.M., the mother of Teleia Hogan of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon in Griffin Leggett-Conway Chapel. Burial was in Harmony Cemetery at Mayflower, N.M.

Mrs. Sullivan died Jan. 23.

Survivors include a son, Philip Hogan of Dallas; four daughters, Brenda Holley of Ponchatoula, La., Tammie Hogan of North Little Rock, Ark., Michelle Adams of Hobbs, and Teleia Hogan of Dimmitt; two brothers, James Sullivan of Anchorage, Alaska, and Charles Sullivan of Little Rock; two sisters, Dorothy Wright of Conway and Mary Dycus of Mayflower; and 10 grandchildren.

A mother is a guide when you're searching.

Glickman launches \$300 million fund

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman has announced his priorities for the Clinton Administration's Fund For Rural America, an innovative, three-year initiative funded at \$100 million annually to aid critical rural development programs, to boost agricultural, rural telecommunications, and other high priority research, and assist beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers.

"The Fund For Rural America delivers on the President's commitment to expand economic opportunities for rural Americans," Glickman said. "USDA is the only federal agency with a primary focus on rural America—advocating for and protecting the interests of rural residents and communities. The fund is an

innovative approach in providing additional resources for agricultural research and rural development programs while finding creative solutions for the challenges facing rural America."

The Fund For Rural America will help meet the critical needs of rural communities with the following assistance:

♦To provide an estimated 36,000 families with drinkable water as part of the President's Water 2000 Initiative.

♦To provide new loans to 140 beginning farmers as well as outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers.

♦To construct or rehabilitate close to 3,000 single family homes for low-income rural residents.

♦To use information technology to advance education opportunities to more than 175,000 students and provide health care access to 400,000 rural residents.

♦To expand gleaning, food recovery, food safety, and nutrition activities.

♦To take additional actions to counter concentration in livestock and poultry industries.

♦To provide additional monies to the President's Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Initiative for technical assistance to Enterprise Communities.

♦To assist farm laborers by building new housing units.

One third of the fund is dedicated to rural development programs and another third to research through competitive research grants.

Glickman is authorized to use the remaining one third of the fund at his discretion in either rural programs, research, or both.

Glickman said that his priorities for the Secretary's one third target approximately \$20.5 million in 1997 to rural development, and \$10 million to research on key secretarial priorities like concentration, food safety, nutrition and gleaning, as well as \$2.8 million for a new re-

search initiative that will investigate the special needs, applicability, and use of cutting-edge technologies for rural and agricultural based information users.

"Only by ensuring that rural Americans have access to information relating to the development of rural America, the development of agricultural science and education can the country ensure that it is providing the best opportunity to all Americans," Glickman said.

The telecommunications research combined with the boost in funding for the distance learning telemedicine program will build upon Vice President Gore's information superhighway efforts by ensuring access to rural Americans.

The fund will provide additional monies for communications technology that will allow children in remote locations to attend classes without leaving their communities and to give sick people in rural areas the benefit of diagnosis and treatment by a specialist in an urban health care center without traveling to that location.

The Secretary's portion of the fund also includes \$4.5 million for outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers.

These funds will help serve over 8,000 farmers and ranchers in 23 states across the country. In addition, there is \$2 million for new loans to 140 beginning farmers.

The Secretary's portion of the fund has \$6.5 million to assist business entrepreneurs in rural communities. It will help create hundreds of jobs via 15 new business development efforts.

The research part of the fund will be awarded on a competitive grant basis. A request for proposals (RFP) will be published in the Federal Register this month. The RFP will focus on three objectives:

♦International competitiveness, profitability, and efficiency—meeting the challenges of globalization of food, feed, and fiber markets in the wake of changes in farm and trade legislation.

♦Environmental preservation and improvement—centering on stewardship of natural resources in agriculture and forestry.

♦Rural community enhancement—centering on employment in rural areas, farm profitability, new crops, and community advancement.

Priority will be given to projects that address all 3 objectives simultaneously.

Cotton Talks

Bridging the gap and smoothing the way has always been the calling card of current Plains Cotton Growers Executive Vice President Donald A. Johnson.

After 37 years of service to PCG, Johnson is in the process of readying this highly respected organization for the second change in leadership in its 41-year history.

Culminating the lengthy effort to map out a future for the organization by the PCG Executive Committee, members of the PCG Board voted unanimously during their Jan. 20 meeting to hire Mr. Steve Verett as the organization's new Executive Vice President.

Verett, currently executive director of the Texas Food & Fibers Commission, will begin his PCG service July 1.

Johnson will remain active in the organization in an advisory role.

"The PCG Board has made a decision that we believe will provide a smooth transition for the organization into the next century," said PCG President Jackie Burris of Wellman. "We are very happy that in making this move we will not lose the insight and experience of Donald Johnson.

"He is one of the most highly respected people in the cotton industry. He will continue to provide a perspective and wisdom built during 37 years of service to PCG."

Johnson will have completed 33 years as PCG executive vice president, after starting as a field representative for the 25-county organization in 1960.

In other board activity, reports were provided updating PCG efforts in several areas. Reports on the Plains Cotton Improvement Program, the enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program, Federal Crop Insurance, and cotton import issues were discussed.

The board also was informed that

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Coffey era . . .

(Continued from Page 2) senior year, when we were down in Austin for the state track meet, Darrell Royal (University of Texas football coach) came over and told me that Junior deserved Southwest Conference recognition but he couldn't offer him a scholarship because the Southwest Conference wasn't ready to accept black players," Covington recalled. "He basically apologized for not offering Junior a scholarship. It was virtually illegal among the Southwest Conference schools then.

"But the University of Washing-

ton had no barriers, so he went up there and had a great career there, and went on to the Green Bay Packers. The Packers under Vince Lombardi were the No. 1 team, and they thought enough of Junior to draft him."

"If there ever was a guy who didn't get a fair shake because of the color of his skin, it was Junior," Ratcliff said. "I don't know what it would have been worth financially if he could have played in the Southwest Conference. But he never got the chance."

From the standpoint of racial tolerance, Coffey, his coaches and teammates were way ahead of the rest of the state back in the early '60s. They led the way into a new era of athletics during a historic period of social change. Their efforts were largely unappreciated then.

But Sunday, Coffey will finally be honored by his home region for the spectacular athletic career that started here.

And his former DHS teammates—many of whom have gone on to outstanding careers in many fields—will be redeemed for the courage they showed as schoolboys.

Many of them will be on hand to share the experience with their famous teammate.

More about

POWs invited to

Iwo Jima reunion

Any Americans interred in Japanese POW camps during World War II are invited to be special guests at the 52nd reunion of the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas.

The reunion is set for Feb. 20-25 in Irving, and retired Air Force Major General Paul Tibbets, pilot of the *Enola Gay* on the Hiroshima Mission, will be in attendance.

Also scheduled to make an appearance is Charles Lindberg, the last survivor of the famed Iwo Jima Flag-Raisers. Reunion plans include a 1940s-style USO show, memorabilia exhibits, a memorial service and flag-raising re-enactments.

POWs wanting to attend are asked to contact Cy Young at 817-845-3261, or write him at P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, TX 76230.

—Lyndon B. Johnson

Producers must search for best gas prices, TCGA speakers say

An announcement by Energas earlier this month that the utility company would be raising its rates could mean the difference in profit and loss for many agricultural producers.

According to speakers at last Thursday's Texas Corn Growers Association meeting in Dimmitt, Energas is planning to hike its rates by 39% or 89¢ per mcf.

Producers who use gas to power irrigation equipment and other farm equipment could be destroyed by the hikes.

Texas farmers have faced some serious problems in the past year,

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industry and agriculture would have been behind the eight ball.

"There's so much diversity in water in this state," Wyatt said. "From the east to the west side, you go from 60 inches of rain a year to about five."

The Panhandle area is closer to the five inches a year than the 60, and Wyatt said the Water District is considering a new project to help increase the rainfall in the area.

"We're looking at putting together a precipitation enhancement program for the Texas High Plains. There are two of these programs in Texas: one in Big Spring and the other in San Angelo. The results of their work has indicated an increase of about 20% in average precipitation a year."

Wyatt said meetings about the project would be scheduled, and said if the majority of the people decide they don't want the program, the Water District won't pursue it.

During the afternoon session, producers heard research updates on Bt corn technology, drought-resistant corn and sorghum hybrids, the P.E.T. Network and how it works for corn production, corn weed control and short-season corn cropping system.

and the 1996 drought is at or near the top of the list.

Farmers were forced to rely on irrigation to get their crop up, then nurture it throughout the growing season. That was costly, even though most producers raised successful crops in 1996.

If regular rainfalls bypass the Panhandle again, the effect could be really detrimental to producers this year, thanks to the increasing gas prices.

"There's no way the corn farmer can pay \$4 for natural gas and sell \$2 corn and make that work," said David Senter, a Texas Corn Growers Association consultant based in Washington, D.C.

Senter was one of many speakers addressing the 24th annual meeting of the Texas Corn Growers Association.

Producers may have an option to

paying the higher gas prices, though.

Longtime area farmer Bill Cleavinger informed producers that "Energas is not the only gas company in this area, and there are other sources that want to sell gas.

"There was a contract signed this week for \$2.25 gas for this season, delivered in the Dimmitt area," said Cleavinger. "It's within our range to obtain this kind of price, but we've got to work at it. You have to give Energas notice by Jan. 30 that you plan to terminate its services because you will be getting gas from somewhere else."

Cleavinger said there are transmission lines which go across the area, and producers have access to those lines.

"It's not easy, but it's not that hard to get a tap on some of these major lines," he said.

Showcase set Feb. 8

Rozz Well and the Aliens will be the featured act at the Feb. 8 performance of the Carlile Country Showcase in Dimmitt at the Carlile Theatre, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$5 per person, and may be purchased in advance through any member of the Dimmitt High School FHA/HERO Chapter as a fund raising project for that group. Also, tickets may be purchased in advance at the theater. Call 647-2091 for more information.

"The whole family can enjoy this night of unusual (but galactic) music, weird lights, strange sounds and even stranger people," said Susan Sandvik, owner of the Carlile. She said those attending should expect a UFO (unsurpassed fun occurrence).

The group bills itself as "a very eclectic bunch of musicians, dedicated to playing music THEY like." Their performance may include selections ranging from Hank Williams to Frank Sinatra to Elvis Presley to ZZ Top, along with a large amount of original material.

Group members include Zerk, on lead guitar and vocals; Hypo, on drums and vocals; Lasso, lead vocals and rhythm guitar; and Rozz, bass and vocals.

"You'll hear songs like *Purple People Eater*, *Long Tall Texan*, *Blue Suede Shoes*, *Crazy Arms* and *Walking After Midnight*," Sandvik said. "Also, they have songs never before played in public, like *The Roswell Incident*, *The Alien Macarena*, and *I'm Just Road Kill on the Information Super Highway*."

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