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WINTRY SCENE — This is a recent picture of South Park Lake, showing the winter as it's been lately in Castro County.

Snow was falling at press time as temperatures (and wind chills) dipped into the teens. Snow was expected for the area throughout

Tuesday.

Photo by Tommy Portwood

Bobcats remain in Class 3A, Nazareth, Hart leagues differ

By **JOHN HASSELMEIER**

Two schools from District 2-3A dropped down to Class 2A as announced in Monday's University Interscholastic League realignment.

However, Dimmitt wasn't one of them. DHS turned in 362½ which was 17½ above the 345 cutoff, so DISD will remain a Class 3A school district.

As in the two previous years, Dimmitt will also be in District 2-3A again. That's also true for Littlefield, Lubbock Cooper and Muleshoe.

However, some things did change. Dimmitt might not have dropped, but both Roosevelt and Shallowater did, both into District 4-2A. They'll be

replaced by Brownfield and Slaton.

Alan Steinle, head boys basketball coach and athletic director for the Dimmitt Independent School District, said that he was a bit surprised by some things.

"With Canyon and Borger going down (to Class 3A), I'm surprised we didn't go down, too," Steinle said. "I really felt, that we came out as well as we did staying in Class 3A."

Dimmitt head football coach Glen Dunnam said that he liked the result.

"I think it turned out all right for us," Dunnam said. "We could have gone north and picked up Canyon and Borger,

which dropped from 4A. With Brownfield and Slaton coming in, the district didn't change too much."

Dimmitt head girls basketball Tim Gilliland said that he was okay with the district.

"I think it was as good as we could possibly get and still be in Class 3A," Gilliland said. "I really didn't want to get in that district with Canyon and Borger."

As for Nazareth and Hart, the football competition will be different. Hart and Nazareth are now a part of District 4-1A. Kress will remain a district opponent.

However, things are different from there. Stratford, semi-

finalist last year and state champion the year before that, moved up to District 1-1A along with Vega. As for Boys Ranch, the Roughriders moved up to Class 2A and were assigned to District 6-2A.

Instead, Bovina, Farwell and Springlake-Earth will provide the district competition along with Kress.

Neither Nazareth head football coach Ricky Peacock nor Hart head football coach Jay McCook minded the new district set-up.

"I think it turned out pretty good," Peacock said. "It'll take a lot less travel and I think it'll make our district a little more competitive."

"Plus it's some different people and that will excite the kids," Peacock said. "They like to see different people."

McCook also touched on traveling time.

"It eliminates Stratford, Vega and Boys Ranch, which were our 'away' games last year," McCook said.

"I think we'll be competitive," McCook said. "We'll still have a good district

with Bovina, Farwell, Kress, Nazareth and Springlake-Earth."

Nazareth will also have different basketball opponents. The Swifts and Swiftettes will be in District 3-1A of Division II along with Happy.

That is where the similarities end as Silverton and Valley move to District 4-1A. The rest of the district will consist of

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City council votes in meter contract

By **JOHN HASSELMEIER**

The Dimmitt City Council approved a contract for water meters at Monday night's meeting.

In introducing the item to the council, Mayor Wayne Collins said that the meters could be read from a vehicle.

City Manager Don Sheffy stated that the first payment, which would be in the amount of \$52,000, would be made in December of this year.

The measure didn't pass unanimously, however, as councilman Roy Garza voted against the issue.

In other business, the council also called an election for May 4, the first Saturday of the month.

The Emmett Heard Annexation has also been approved was held.

The minutes of the previous meeting, which took place Jan. 21, were also approved.



FORT WORTH GRAND CHAMPION — Raynee Bradley is pictured with her Heavyweight Barrow, which captured grand champion at the Fort Worth Stock Show this weekend. Mark Boe, judge for the competition, is also pictured. Bradley received \$25,000 for the animal at the show's sale.

Courtesy Photo

Bradley sports FW grand champion

FORT WORTH — Raynee Bradley picked up a very big honor from the Fort Worth Stock Show this weekend.

Bradley, representing the Dimmitt High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America, had a heavyweight barrow that earned not only Breed Champion, but Grand Champion.

Bradley wasn't the only Castro County honoree to finish high as Cutter Standlee as he earned first OPB and breed champion with his barrow. Standlee represented Castro

County 4-H.

Tyler Cornett also earned a first place. It was first in Light Heavy Cross breed.

Makenzie Cornett and Beau Bradley each had second-place finishes. Cornett earned hers with a Middle Weight Chester and Bradley with his Middle Weight Hampshire.

As for others, Dennis Underwood was 13th with a Lightweight Hampshire, Eric Odom 16th with a Middleweight Hampshire and Charley Nutt 19th with a Heavyweight Hampshire.

Much of the changes dealt with 7th Street and East 8th Street, which were moved from Precinct 4 into Precinct 2.

Judge Miller said she would be in touch with Chris Herron. Bass would also call him and she hoped to call another meeting "later this week" to update the court.

She pointed out to the commissioners that early voting would be coming up Feb. 25 and county voting registrar Billy Hackleman would need five days before that to get things ready.

Castro redistricting plan still on hold

By **JOHN HASSELMEIER**

Castro County redistricting problems remain.

Judge Irene Miller told the commissioners court at a called meeting Tuesday morning that the plan, according to San Antonio attorney Judith Castro, needed additional work.

Castro met with Allison/Bass attorneys Portia Bosse and Bob Bass last week and the trio worked out a plan. Castro indicated that she wanted to visit with local citizen Larry Gonzales about it first before it was sent on to the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C. She reported that Gonzales had said he needed a couple of days to think about it.

"I was really hoping I would have some good news for you today," Judge Miller said. "I really don't know what else to do."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron asked Judge Miller what would happen if the plan hadn't been pre-cleared by that time.

"I guess we wouldn't have an election," Judge Miller said.

She said that during the meeting between Bass, Bosse and

Castro, Castro had expressed a desire for a larger population in Precinct 2. Bass, however, pointed out to her that a larger population would decrease the minority percentage.

According to Miller, Castro had wanted a percentage of 72, but settled for 71.4 percent as the plan that was sent on to Gonzales contained.

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Wednesday	56	35	.55
Thursday	35	17	.59
Friday	29	12	
Saturday	40	13	
Sunday	44	24	
Monday	43	26	
Tuesday	41	28	.08

February Moisture 0.08
2002 Moisture 1.57

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



FIREMAN OF THE YEAR — Mat Bradley, a six-year veteran was named Fireman of the Year at Saturday night's Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Department banquet.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

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Pictures must be received by Friday, Feb. 8, to be included on the Brag Page. For more information, call the News at 647-3123.

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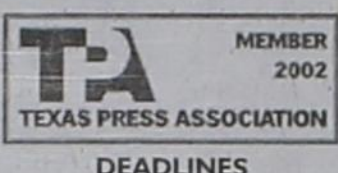
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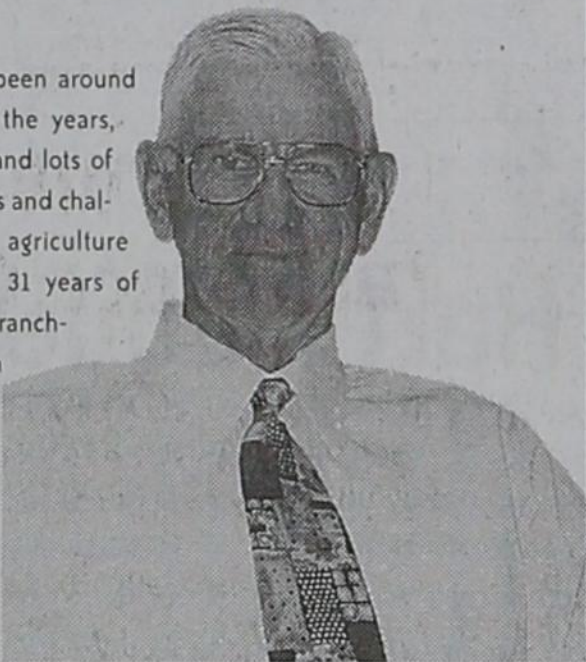
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HOMETOWN PEOPLE

Rex Wooten has been around Dimmitt since 1945. Over the years, he's seen lots of changes and lots of growth. He knows the needs and challenges that face today's agriculture industry and he uses his 31 years of experience in farming and ranching everyday as a Loan Officer at First United. In his spare time, you might catch him building things in his shop, traveling with his wife, Jerrye, or "just cruisin" on his Harley.



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Local veterinarian featured in Fort Worth newspaper story

Note: The following story featuring local veterinarian Dr. W.J. Hill appeared in the Dec. 31, 2001 issue of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. Entitled "Rural vets a dying breed" and written by Bill Hanna, it is reprinted courtesy of the *Star-Telegram*.

After 33 years as a veterinarian, W.J. Hill is accustomed to midnight phone calls.

The 59-year-old Hill doesn't give a second thought to crawling out of bed at his home in the panhandle town of Dimmitt to tend to a sick cow or an injured horse.

"I'm on call all the time," Hill said. "If I leave town, there's no vet (in Castro County)."

Hill is ready to share the load for a few years before he retires. The only problem is finding someone.

And it isn't just in remote places like Dimmitt, where both Amarillo and Lubbock, are about 85 miles away. All across rural Texas, vets approaching retirement age are wondering who will replace them. The answer may be no one.

Veterinarians are following the Texas population shift to the cities, where they work exclusively on small animals, make more money and work shorter hours.

Officials at Texas A&M University's veterinary school say that about one-third of the

128 graduates each year are from rural areas and that about 40 percent express an initial interest in working on farm animals. But most eventually move to cities.

"It's not an issue of students not being interested in large animals or rural practices," said Richard Adams, dean of veterinary medicine.

"The reality is that individuals that own companion animals like dogs, cats and horses are willing to pay far beyond the actual utilitarian value of the animal. Their pets are part of the family."

Contrast that with the situations on farms and ranches, where profit margins are razor thin. It's the opposite of the spare-no-expense of most pet owners.

"Folks that are in cattle production view their animals in purely economic terms," said Dwight King, a Wharton veterinarian and president of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. "Small animal owners have an emotional attachment to their animals. You have two different mindsets. For a vet to be able to switch isn't always easy. It can be a problem, and I think some vets don't want to have to deal with that."

King also said rural vets have done a poor job of selling the advantages of small-town life, from knowing your neighbors to working on a variety of animals. If rural vets are able to raise their fees to match their urban counterparts, King says, many of the issues can be addressed.

"I feel like it's a problem where we've painted a rugged picture of the rural vet as a cowboy who gets up at 2 in the morning in the freezing rain to take care of a sick cow," King said. "We like to exaggerate and we need to tell them about the good things. I moved from Houston to Wharton and I think some of today's graduates would do the same thing if they knew the advantages."

But the economic realities are hard to ignore. A vet school grad can make as much as \$60,000 in an urban animal clinic while working only 35 hours a week. In cities, they can also have more nights and weekends off.

By contrast, a rural vet may make as little as \$35,000, work 50 hours a week and always be on call.

And with vet school graduates running up \$60,000 in debt from attending vet school, the pay disparity

becomes even more important.

Both the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Farm Bureau say incentives to persuade vets to work in small towns would help.

Two ideas have been proposed to address the problem, but they haven't made much progress.

A proposal to create a second veterinary school at Texas Tech University has stalled. And in 1999, legislators passed Senate Bill 1183, which created the Rural Veterinarian Assistance Act. The legislation stipulated that some of a vet student's tuition costs would be paid if he or she works in a small town for a specific amount of time. The bill, however, was never funded.

"It's certainly a hot-button issue," said Matt Brockman, executive vice president of the cattle raisers association. "We are watching it closely. We still think there are enough vets out there right now but over time, we're worried it may change."

Rural vets say the shift in veterinary practices is already changing the way they do business.

The days of hands-on examinations and answering late-night calls may be coming to an end.

"We think if there's a solution, and it requires a change in the paradigm of large animal practitioners," Adams said. "It requires a change from an individual sitting by a telephone waiting for one telephone call to individuals

becoming consultants and herd-management consultants."

Adams argues that farmers and ranchers are already headed in that direction and that vets are simply following the trends of the industry. With agriculture becoming more and more corporate and ranch managers handling many of the basic veterinary needs, fewer vets can cover a large area and visit a particular ranch only three or four times a year.

But vets such as Hill argue that there is still a need for personalized attention.

"These feed lots and dairies are all being bought up, meaning one consultant will handle all of their work," Hill said. "There won't be much of that work to go around. You are still going to need someone to suture that horse that goes through the fence or has colic. That isn't ever going to go away."

"These vet grads aren't going to be able to get this big consulting work. Those places are very picky and aren't going to trust that to some kid just out of vet school. It's a specialty and takes years to break into."

Still, Hill has talked informally with veterinarians in neighboring counties about consolidating their practices. If they shared equipment expenses and alternated being on call, Hill said they might find a formula that will work.

"If one of us, gets fed up enough and says that's it, we might actually do something," Hill said.

Letter

City councilman discusses votes

Dear Editor,

I voted against the burning down of the "forest" some time ago.

I visited the place back in 1973, and had brief conversations, with some of the Anglo students that went to school with me. Prior to that, I had seldom had a conversation with any of those fellow students.

Students, people, will find different places to congregate. They will relocate. The root of the problem was never quite

solved.

I voted against the automated water meters. The million dollar expenditure, appears to be manageable at the present. But as "massive" unemployment plagues the country, these expenditures will become monumental.

I was the sole vote against those two issues. These are my opinions about them.

Roy Garza
City Councilman

Cancer screening today

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Plains Memorial Hospital today.

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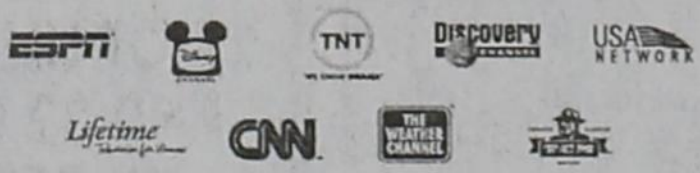
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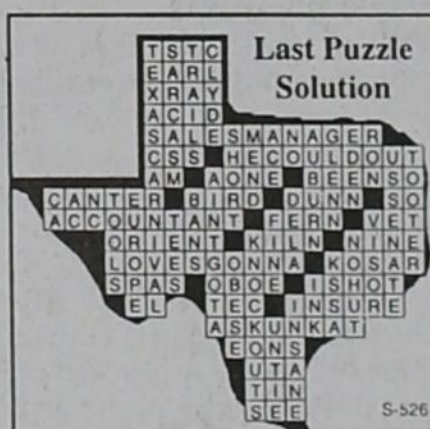
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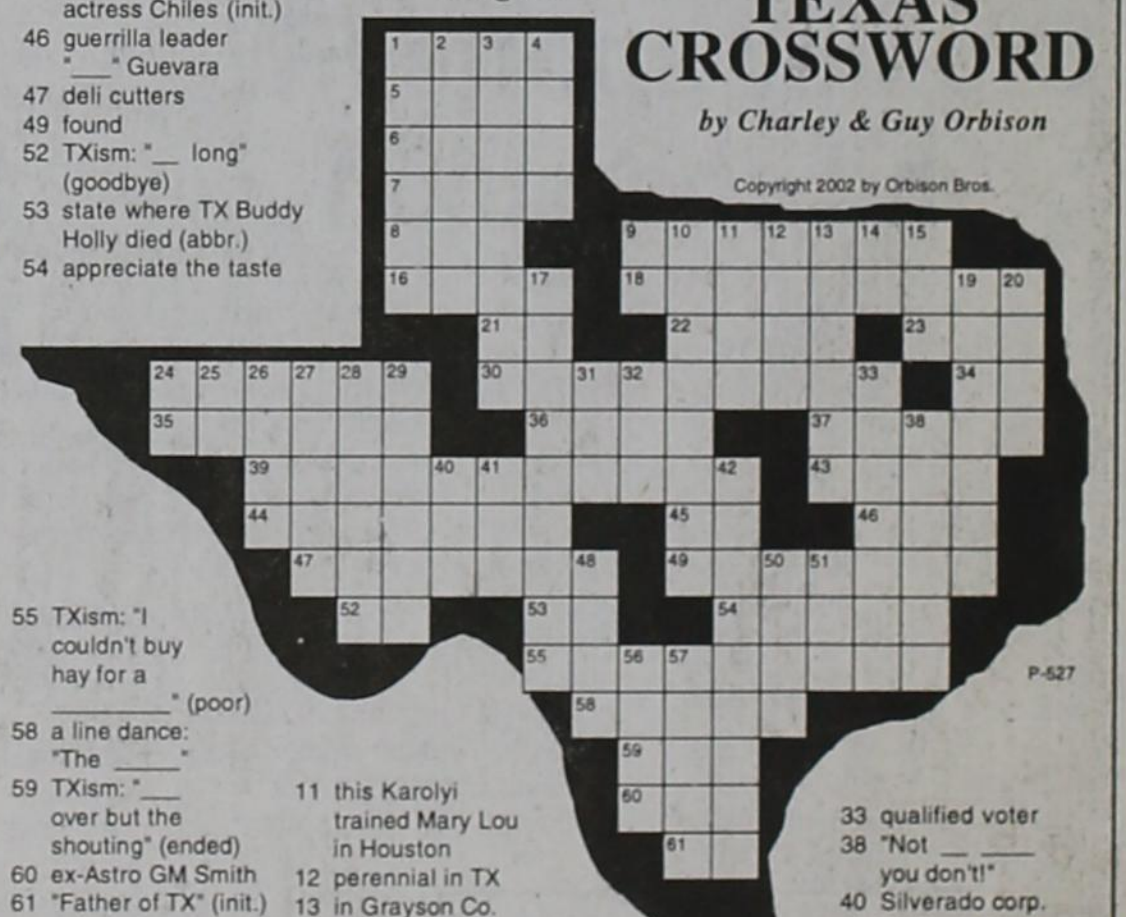
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On the Go

with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

A dozen close friends gathered at Cleo Forson's home to celebrate her 85th birthday on Jan. 29. They were Loranell Hamilton, Betty Freeman, Doris Flynt, Claudia Langford, Rosalie Hawkins, Edith Graef, Joy Parsons, Louise Mears, Myrtle Lois Moran and Dude McLaurin.

Cleo is a retired school teacher. She began her teaching career in 1926 in a rural area near Lubbock. She moved to Hereford in 1944 and taught the second grade at Hereford Center School.

While at Hereford she met and married Claude Forson, a building contractor. They moved to Dimmitt in January of 1947.

She began teaching at the old brick school on South Fourth Street, where the city park is now. Mr. Blaine was principal.

Claude contracted and built an addition near the brick school that was a white two story building with eight rooms.

In 1955, Richardson Elementary was completed, and Cleo began teaching special education, not in the new building but in an apartment at the back of the school. The other two remaining teachers in those days were Alice Cowan and Laverne Bates.

Cleo retired in 1970 as a school teacher. She then filled her days helping to establish and undergird the Senior Citizen's organization.

She was never an officer, but worked with presidents M.A. Pennington, Ed Freeman, Andy Schumacher, Sal DiCuffa and Edith Graef.

Cleo went everyday to the senior's facility, helping to serve lunch, decorating or redecorating the building.

Cleo still leads an active life today and I believe that anyone who participates in any of the senior's activities always remembers and appreciates her for the support she's contributed to its continued success.

While Randy Stephen's mother, Leeida, was in Phoenix, Ariz. for a sibling reunion, he was in Shallowater visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Patty and Mike Chester. They visited Texas Tech Museum in Lubbock, bought a book — *The Wit and Wisdom of Presidents* and had Mexican food at Fazolis. Randy's niece, Marissa Chester, works there.

Leeida flew to Phoenix where her sister and brother-in-law, Tommye and Dick Ware, live. They were joined by a brother, Jack White of Hood River, Oreg. and a sister, Hazel Jay of Big Fork, Mont.

Big Fork is about 50 miles this side of the Canadian border. That is a long way from good "Tex-Mex" Mexican food. To appease Hazel's appetite for good tacos and "the whole enchilada," the group ate four meals of Mexican food and one meal of Chinese food.

There were 27 people at the sibling reunion.

The "other" Darlene asked me to send a belated birthday wish to Bryce Dowell, who with his wife Darlene now resides in Granbury. This was a BIG birthday, the one that comes with Medicare benefits. I promised Darlene Walters that I would send greetings.

Several Dimmitt people enjoyed the welcoming party to new residents of Mackenzie House Retirement Place in Lubbock. Hubert and Willie Mae Edwards and Henry (Red) and Dora Baldrige, both former Dimmitt residents were honored.

Leroy and Jackie Edwards of Dimmitt, along with the other Edward's children were there.

Red and Dora Baldrige's daughter, Marsha Thompson, and their granddaughter of Lubbock were there. Bay and Bobbie Baldrige also attended and enjoyed the festivities of cake, punch, gospel music and visiting.

There are many avid football fans in Dimmitt. I've just learned about the Fantasy Football League.

Several men belong. Each man drafts his own team from the NFL professional team roster. This group even has its own Super Bowl game. The winner must host the real Super Bowl party.

Jim Bradford and his wife, Sally, fortunately or unfortunately won the 2001-2002 season and hosted these people for the New England Patriots verses St. Louis Rams game: Norman and Kim Hays, Charles and Jill

McLean, Layne and Sue Rita Myatt, Darrell and Beth Buckley, David and Sherry Schaeffer and Terry and Ann Widick.

The season league that doesn't have an official name was hosted by Eddie and June Sutton. The team members and their wives who were present are Ray and Barbara Bain, Mike and Cindy Bain, Vickie and Steve Buckley, Susan and Russell Birdwell, Trudy and Richard Jackson, Pam and Joe Josselet, Alicia and Matt Bradley and Betty and Don Car-

penter.

The First Baptist Church hosted a Super Bowl Tailgate Party with hot dogs and pick-up foods for several who watched the game on a wide screen. Some of the women played games during what was one of the most exciting bowl games ever.

Wasn't it fitting that the underdog Patriots won this year when patriotism is the highest in the United States than it's been since World War II?

Grain workshop slated for Amarillo

AMARILLO -- The Tri-State Chapter of the Grain Elevator and Processing Society in cooperation with Texas Cooperative Extension will host its 14th annual workshop at the Civic Center, Third and Buchanan Streets on Feb. 14.

"The event is unique in the region and has been designed specifically for the grain storage and processing industry," said Carl Patrick, Texas Extension entomologist of Amarillo.

In addition, participants can earn continuing education units (CEUs) approved for licensed commercial, non-commercial, and private applicators by Texas Department of Agriculture.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. with refreshments. The workshop fee is \$30 per person.

Pre-registration is encouraged, according to David Hoffman of Amarillo, president of the Tri-State Chapter of GEAPS. Greg Cronholm, Extension inte-

grated pest management agent at Plainview, and conference co-organizer will serve as moderator of the morning session that will open by 8:30 a.m.

Edmond Bonjour, manager of the Oklahoma State University Stored Product Research and Education Center at Stillwater, will provide an overview of current programs. OSU's Ron Noyes, agricultural and biosystems engineer, will discuss facility fumigation strategies.

Greta Schuster, Extension IPM specialist and West Texas A&M University assistant professor from Canyon will review karnal bunt issues.

Conference evaluation and CEU completion will end by 4 p.m. To pre-register, contact Carl Patrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, 6500 Amarillo Blvd West, Amarillo, TX 79106; or call (806) 359-5401; or call Cronholm at (806) 291-5273.

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Deaf Smith Electric to award scholarships

Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative will award five \$2,000 scholarships in May to eligible applicants or their immediate families of active members and active employees of Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative.

Applicants may be either traditional high school graduates or students wishing to continue their education after an extended absence.

Applicants must be of good character as evidenced by at least three letters of recommendation from teachers, principals, or counselors.

Selection will be based on grade point average, community activities, service work and recommendations. Secondary criteria will include written essay, SAT/ACT scores and academic honors.

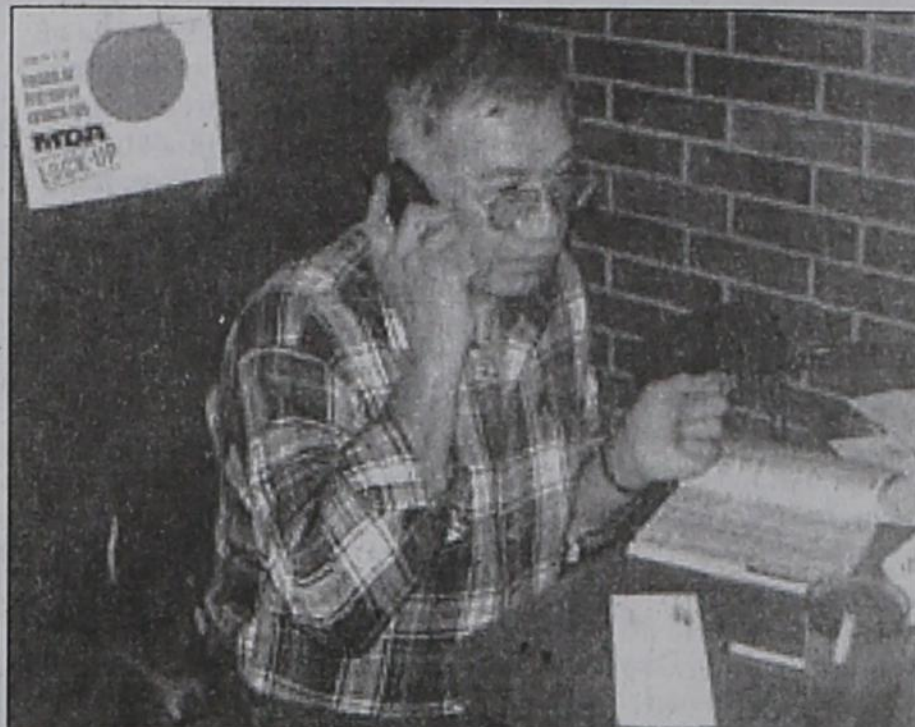
Applications may be obtained from area high schools, extension offices of Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro and Oldham Counties, or Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative's office in Hereford.

Applications must be received no later than March 15, 2002. Awards will be announced within 60 days of this date.

Dimmitt Book Club to meet Wednesday

The Dimmitt Book Club will be holding its monthly meeting Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 4 p.m. at Rhoades Memorial Library in Dimmitt.

Darlene Collins will be reviewing the book *The Persian Pickle Club*. The public is invited to attend.



RAISING HIS BAIL — Local citizen Chevo Lumbra is shown raising his bail for Muscular Dystrophy during last Thursday's lock-up at K-Bob's. The total amount raised was over \$3,308.

Photo by John Hasselmeier

Local MDA lock-up raises over \$3,308

The lock-up staged last Thursday at K-Bob's netted over \$3,308 from the 12 people who were locked up.

The "jailbirds" in question were David Bone, Joe Franco, Jerry Frazier, Ortensia Garcia, Jerry Kittrell, Chevo Lumbra, Betty McClure, Diane Parker,

Jimmy Ross, Ignacio Sifuentes and Bob Tabb. Tabb was the group's upfront bail raiser.

Jody Hodges, area program director for the MDA, served as judge. He offered special thanks to Castro County Judge C.D. Fitzgerald for issuing the warrants for the "jailbirds".

Arrendondo honored

Diana Arrendondo has been named Fourth Grade Student of the Week at Dimmitt Middle School.

She was born March 9, 1992 in Mexico to Hermelinda and Jesus Arrendondo.

Her favorite subject is math and her favorite book is *Harry Potter*.

As for people, her favorite person is her mother. Her favorite food is pizza and favorite

type of animal is the puppy. She said if she could change one thing in the world, it would be nothing.

For fun, she enjoys playing basketball. Her teachers are something she likes about school.

Arguijo receives naval commendation

Aaron Arguijo of Dimmitt, an Aviation Electronics Technician Airman with the United States Navy recently received a letter of commendation.

The commendation, penned by Naval Commander M.R. Hunter, the Commanding Officer of Strike Fighter Squadron 82 follows below:

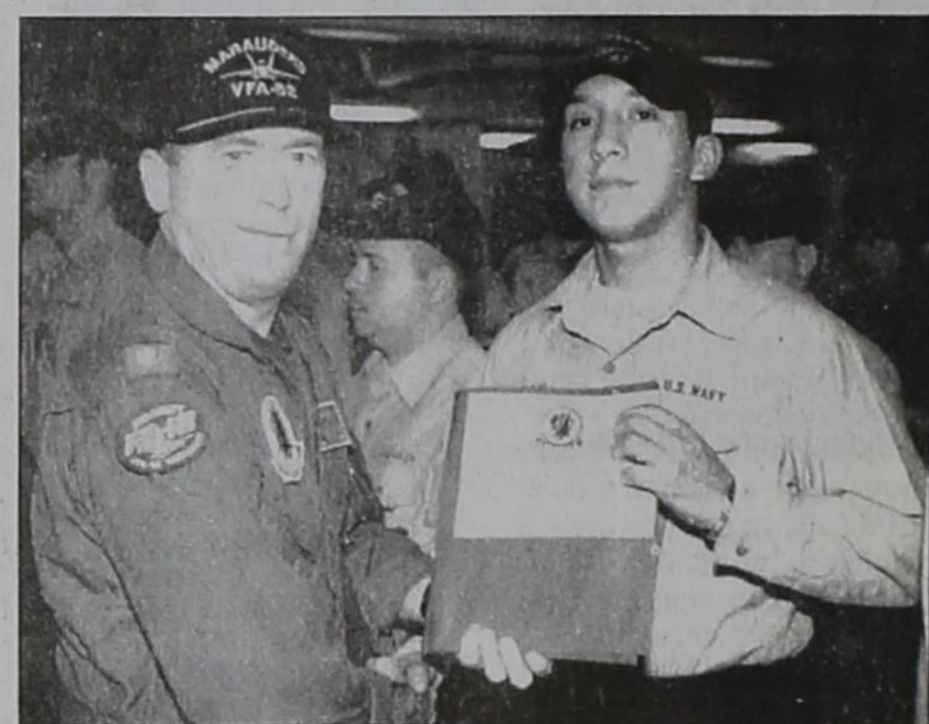
"For professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving as plane captain in Strike Fighter Squadron Eight Two from April to August 2001. Going above and beyond the call of duty, Airman Arguijo devoted countless hours of personal time to his fellow shipmates by helping them prepare for their respective plane captain boards. Serving as a pillar of knowledge and constantly availing himself to his peers, Airman Arguijo consistently improved the line divi-

sion and demonstrated a genuine vested interest in his squadron's performance. Airman Arguijo's exceptional performance and loyal dedication to duty reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

Birkenfield named to Texas A&M Dean's honor roll

COLLEGE STATION — A Nazareth student recently was named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Texas A&M University.

Mark Joseph Birkenfield is the individual in question. He is majoring in Biomedical Science.



NAVAL COMMENDATION — Aaron Arguijo of Dimmitt (right), an Aviation Electronics Technician Airman with the United States Navy, recently received a letter of commendation from Naval Commander M.R. Hunter (left).

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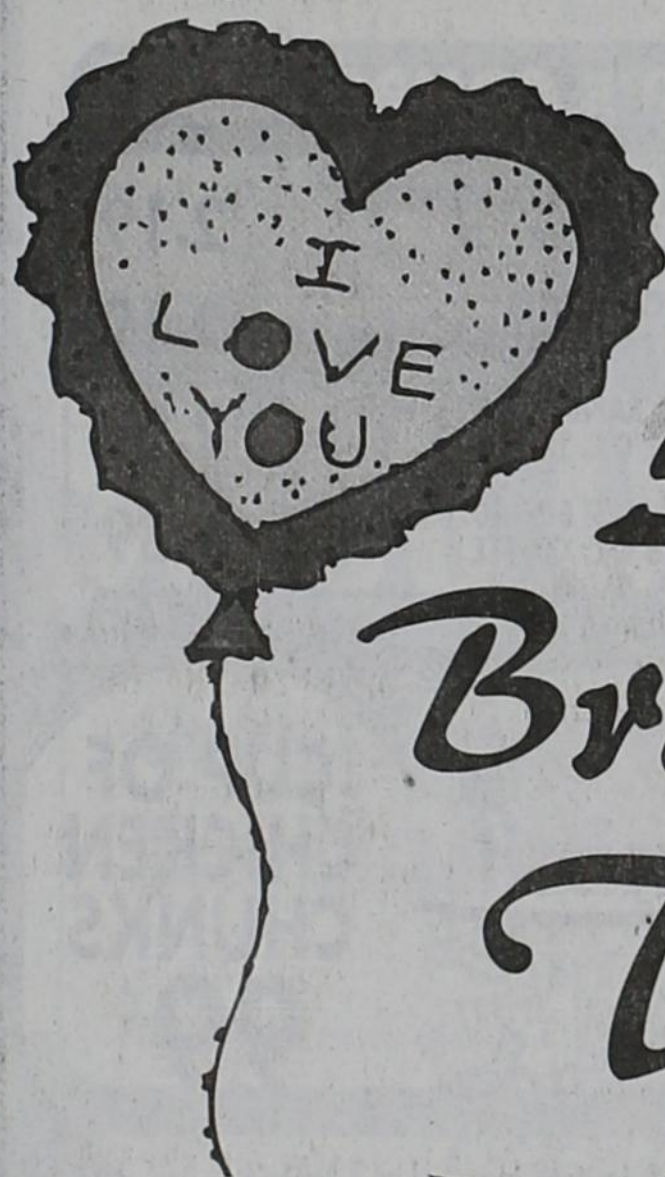
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Campos' celebrate golden anniversary

Juan and Elida Campos celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 2.

To commemorate the occasion, a dinner was held at 602 W. Lee in Dimmitt. The dinner was given by their children.

Mr. and Mrs. Campos were married Feb. 2, 1952 in Littlefield. In 1954, they moved to Dimmitt.

He has worked as a farmer in the Dimmitt area since 1954. She has been a stay-at-home mom. She's also been a member

of Primera Iglesia Bautista for over 40 years.

Their list of children includes Juanita Campos, Gloria Fernandez, Elva Garcia, Ortensia Montiel, Jesse Campos, all of Dimmitt; Vicenta Ozuna of Rio Grande City, Jesusa Cordova and Mary Ann Rodriguez of Austin, Elena Hill of McAllen, Josie Roach of Manteca, Calif. and Ester Campos of Amarillo. The couple's 49 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren were all special guests at the dinner.

DISD Calendar

The Dimmitt ISD is proud to announce that all of the campuses have been rated "RECOGNIZED" by the Texas Education Agency.

CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 7

- DHS Student Council Meeting - 12:00 in the Library
- Balance Literacy Training in the RES Library - 2:30-4:00

Friday, Feb. 8

- Basketball: DHS JV & Varsity Boys vs. Littlefield - There

Saturday, Feb. 9

- Baseball: DHS JV & Varsity Scrimmage at Dalhart

Monday, Feb. 11

- DISD Board of Trustees Meeting - 7:00

Tuesday, Feb. 12

- Basketball: DHS JV & Varsity Boys vs. Roosevelt - There

Wednesday, Feb. 13

- Head Start Field Trip to the Post Office

CAMPUS EVENTS

RICHARDSON ELEMENTARY

- Third grade students are working hard getting ready for their TAAS tests.

DIMMITT MIDDLE SCHOOL

- The 7th grade girls basketball teams won the Levelland Tournament Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

DIMMITT HIGH SCHOOL

- The San Antonio Stock Show will be taking place the week of Feb. 11-16.

DIMMITT ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

- Visit Dimmitt ISD on the web at www.dimmittisd.net updated daily!

Support student events and performances by attending them.

The silent patients speak

By JIM DAVIDSON

Have you ever thought about the thousands of people in this country who spend countless hours confined to a bed in a hospital or a nursing home, who for one reason or another cannot speak for themselves or make their wishes known? If I had family or loved ones in this condition, I would want to know they were receiving the best possible medical care, but I would also want to know that the people who were taking care of them were thoughtful, tenderhearted and kind, especially in light of a touching article I read a while back.

This article is titled The Silent Patients Speak, and it was written by Anita Wildhaver, a registered nurse. If you have never had a reason to contemplate the plight of people in this condition, I believe the message this article contains will speak to your heart.

"Though we can't speak, see, or move of our own will, we are living beings. We are your stroke patients, the brain damaged, and all your other patients who by illness or injury are locked inside the dark, silent shells of our bodies. We can't cry out in pain or discomfort, regardless of how severe they are. We can't express anger, despair, disgust, nor even happiness. But hear us, you walking, talking, feeling, doing beings. Some of us are aware. We hear, think and know. We are not living vegetables, nor do we think we would be 'better off dead.' We still have enough self-respect to be embarrassed at hearing your conversation about your personal problems and your sex lives."

"We are frightened by your conversations that relate the latest gossip about the questionable ability of the

doctor who is responsible for our care, for his knowledge must be used to save us, if we are to ever recover.

"We feel shame at having our bodies exposed for any and all to see. It does matter to us that we lie in feces or urine for hours, and our muscles ache with pain from the strain of remaining in one position without being moved. We can feel our mouths filled with mucus, drying and caking to form ulcerated areas. We can feel the stomach cramps from ice cold tube feedings with all the speed and lack of concern of pouring water down the drain.

"We can feel the pain of our skin breaking down from poor and careless nursing care. We can also feel joy -- the joy derived from the firm, gentle touch of a person giving us good nursing care. We can rest more carefully when we are bathed, when our mouths and lips are cleansed, when our bodies are correctly positioned, when good skin care is given, when our beds are made neat and straight. We can appreciate being told when procedures are about to be done, before they are begun."

Thanks, Anita, your words have so much meaning and hopefully, my sharing this will help some of these dear people receive better care. The vast majority of people in the nursing profession are kind, thoughtful and considerate, and highly qualified from a medical standpoint. Unfortunately a small percentage are not. Then, too, because of human nature, we all have bad days from time-to-time, and get up on the wrong side of the bed. Still other people have so many personal problems and are so wrapped up in themselves that they just don't think at all.

Sometimes all it takes to make tremendous changes for the better is a simple reminder of things we know but have forgotten. As Will Rogers once said, "it's just as important to be reminded as it is to be educated." If you know someone, either a nurse or a patient who might benefit from this article, why not take a moment and share it? It could result in some of the greatest blessings you have ever received.

Pageant looking for Mrs. Castro County

The Mrs. Texas America Pageant has issued a call for Castro County to find a candidate to compete for the title of Mrs. Texas America 2002.

The Mrs. Texas America pageant will be taking place June 7-9 at the Crown Plaza Brookhollow Hotel in Houston. The contestants will compete in Evening Gown, Swimsuit and Personal Interview. Mrs. Texas America 2002 will go on to participate in the nationally-televised Mrs. America Pageant to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii in September.

Contestants range in age from 18 to 72 years. Women interested in competing for the title of Mrs. Texas 2002 are encouraged to contact the Mrs. Texas America office at (480) 563-4216 or visit the website at www.mrstexasamerica.net to request application information.

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Sports



ONE SIDE, ROO! — Hart's Maegan Farris (22) is shown battling two Kress players for a rebound.

Photo by Neoma Williams

Ladyhorns beat Bovina and Kress

Their hopes dashed for a post-season berth, the Hart High School varsity girls deserve some credit as they picked up a couple of victories recently.

First, the Ladyhorns beat 64-40 and then bumped off Kress 52-42.

Hart left little doubt it wanted some of the sweet taste of victory as they scored 18 of the first 22 points of the Bovina game, led 31-12 at halftime and went on from there.

Maegan Farris exploded for 25 points to lead Hart. Crystal Diego joined her in double figures with 21.

Cynthia Gonzales hit two three-pointers and almost finished in double figures with

eight. Lacie Curry had six and Amanda Carrasco and Kellie George two points apiece.

The Kress game turned out to be closer. Hart led 12-9 after the first quarter, 23-19 at halftime and 32-28 after three before finally getting some breathing room in the final period.

Diego led in scoring this time with 19 points. Farris joined her in double figures with 15 while Curry had 11. Both Farris and Curry hit three-point shots along the way.

Jessica Guerrero scored four points while Carrasco put in the remaining three.

The Ladyhorns hoped to close the regular season with a victory at Springlake-Earth Tuesday.

Longhorns earn post-season berth

The Hart High School varsity boys basketball team is in the playoffs.

The Longhorns earned second place in District 3-1A with a 58-45 triumph over Springlake-Earth. Their win, combined with Sudan's loss to Bovina, put Hart in the playoffs.

In earlier games, the Longhorns took down Bovina 61-55 in overtime and followed that up with a 73-61 win over Kress Friday. The news proved doubly good that night as league-leading Farwell dropped Sudan into a tie with Hart after beating the Hornets 69-58.

Keith Finch topped the scoring column with 23 points against Bovina. Jacob Reyna hit two three-pointers on the way to joining him in double figures with 18.

Marcial Mendoza was next in line with six points. Joel DeLaFuente have five, Albert Velasquez four, Eran Castillo and

Corey Moore two apiece and Matt Gonzales one.

Finch led the way against Kress as he poured in 26 points. DeLaFuente joined him in double figures with 10.

Velasquez almost reached double figures with nine points. Castillo and Reyna each had eight apiece while Moore had six and Logan McLain, Gonzales and Mendoza each had two points apiece.

The Longhorns closed out the regular season at Springlake-Earth Tuesday, hoping for more.

Consignment farm auction is slated for February 16

Consignments of farm equipment are current being accepted for the Nazareth Knights of Columbus farm auction, which will be held Feb. 16 for area farmers.

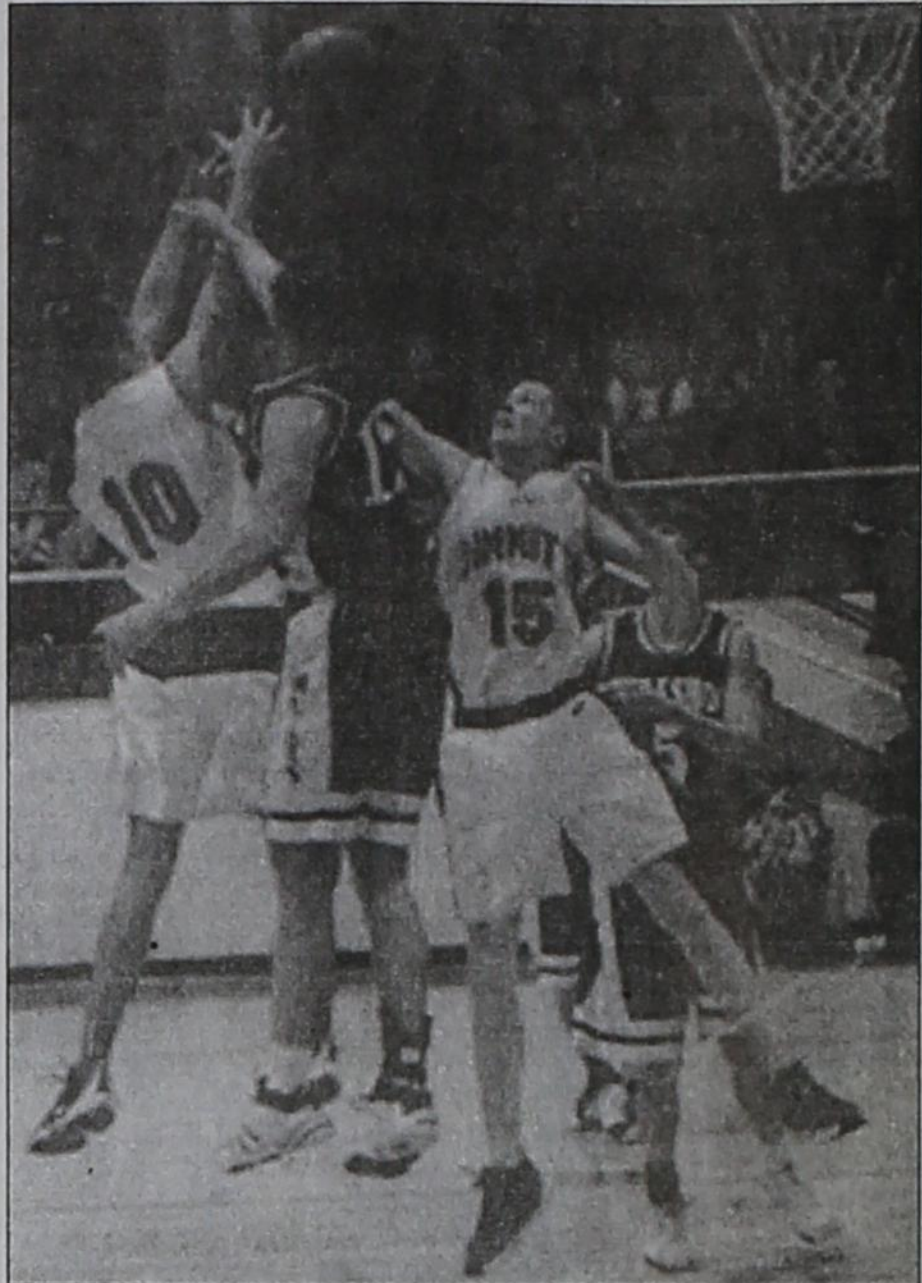
The auction will be held at the Dimmitt Agri Industries location just west of the light in Nazareth.

Five Star Auctioneers of Plainview will be conducting the auction and will donate half of the commission to the Knights of Columbus. The money earned will benefit Knights of Columbus charities in the panhandle.

Consignments will be taken up to the day of the sale.

Those who wish to place equipment for the sale should contact either Joe Kleman at 945-2301 or 647-7259 or Brian Raemakers at 945-2331 or 647-7372.

Make new friends, but cherish the old ones.



MULE SANDWICH! Nicky Gauna (10) and Patrick Hunter (15) battle a Muleshoe Mule for the rebound. Gauna won the battle coming away with the rebound and the Bobcats won the war, 70-53 to sweep the Mules for the season.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Bobbies earn spot in 2-3A tourney

The Dimmitt High School varsity girls basketball team will be playing in a third-place tournament at Shallowater High School that starts Thursday.

The Bobbies will be playing Roosevelt at 8 p.m. today (Thursday). If they win, they'll play the winner of the Cooper/Littlefield game Friday.

The Bobbies ended up having to play the two league-leaders and came up short falling to Shallowater 59-38 and Muleshoe 57-47.

In the Shallowater game, the Bobbies had the better of the first quarter, scoring 18 points to the Fillies' 16. Jill Merritt and Sharla Kenworthy led the way with six for the period.

In the second quarter, however, things got much tougher for Dimmitt as Shallowater limited the Bobbies to four points while putting up 17 of their own. Kenworthy and Lyndee Behrends scored the DHS points.

The Bobbies played some good defense in the third period, limiting Shallowater to eight points, but only scoring five of their own. Jenna Steinle and Kenworthy each scored two points apiece in that frame.

Things did get better for Dimmitt in the fourth period, but not quite good enough as the Bobbies scored 11 to Shallowater's 18.

Merritt hit three three-pointers to pace the Bobbies with 13.

As for the Muleshoe game, MHS outscored Dimmitt 15-8 in the first quarter. Kenworthy scored four of the points.

In the second period, Muleshoe outscored Dimmitt 14-11 to take a 29-19 halftime lead. Steinle scored four of the Bobbie points in that period.

The Bobbies improved in the third period, outscoring Muleshoe 15-10 in the third period, but still trailing 39-34 after three quarters. Welch led the scoring with six points for the quarter.

In the fourth-however, Muleshoe parlayed an 18-14 edge into the 57-47 victory. Steinle was high point for the quarter with eight points.

Steinle was also the leading scorer with 14. Kenworthy hit a three-pointer on the way to joining Steinle in double figures with 12.

Welch was next with six points while Sally Stahl, Merritt and Irons each scored five points apiece. Merritt and Irons had three-pointers along the way. Kenworthy joined him in double figures with 10, including a "three".

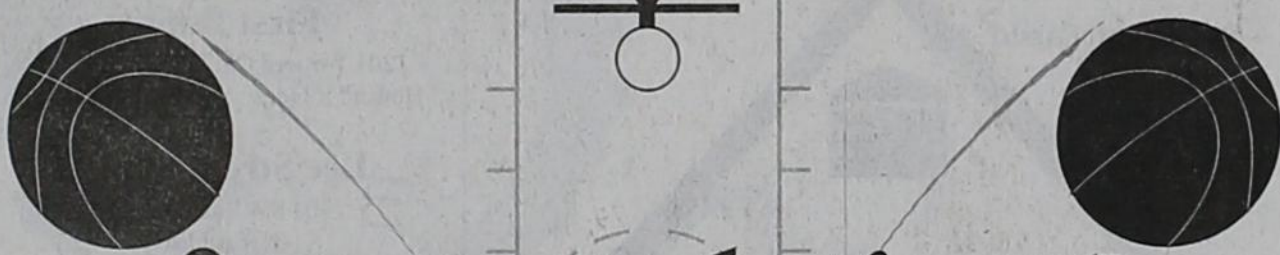
Kelsey Welch followed with five points, including a three-pointer. Steinle scored four points. Ashley Irons had three, Behrends two and Lauren Waggoner one.

Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.



I'VE GOT TO GET THAT BALL — Hart's Albert Velasquez is going after a loose ball while teammate Keith Finch watches.

Photo by Neoma Williams



Congratulations, Longhorns, District Runner-up!



Tuesday, Feb. 19: Bi-District Game

Longhorns vs. Lorenzo

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Bobcats get revenge on SHS

SHALLOWATER — Winning on the road is always sweet, but doing so when it really counts for a lot makes it even sweeter.

That's the feeling the Dimmitt High School varsity boys basketball team felt as the Bobcats rallied to knock off Shallowater, 69-64.

Dimmitt's winning continued Friday as the Bobcats dropped Muleshoe 70-53 Friday. The game also marked the first game of the season for Michael Norman, who had previously been out all season with an injury.

In the Shallowater game, the Bobcats got the upper hand early as they outscored the Mustangs 17-14. Brent Josselet led the way in that quarter with five points.

In the second quarter, however, Shallowater came out smoking and put up 24 points to Dimmitt's 15 to take a 38-32 lead into the locker room. Matthew Wright had five points for the Bobcats during that eight minutes.

In the third quarter, Shallowater extended that lead with 15 points to Dimmitt's 13 to take a 53-45 lead after three

quarters. Austin Sherman paced the scoring in that quarter with five.

In the final period, though, the Bobcats went on the rampage, outscoring the Mustangs 24-11 to take the victory and earn a tie at the top of District 2-3A. Sherman lit up Shallowater for 12 points in that final period.

Sherman also led in scoring with 24 points, including three three-pointers. Josselet joined him in double figures with 12 while Wright hit a "three" on the way to 10.

Kenneth Worsham was next in line with eight points. Patrick Hunter had six, Nicky Guana five and Bandon Furr four.

When the Bobcats traveled to Muleshoe earlier this year, the Mules took the Bobcats to overtime, but that wasn't the case Friday night.

Dimmitt started out by outscoring the Mules 16-9 in the first period. Guana paced the quarter with six points.

Muleshoe came out a little more inspired in the second period as they outscored Dimmitt 20-18. However, the Bobcats were still up 34-29. Norman was high point for the quarter

with five.

The Bobcats removed all doubt from the game in the third period as they scored 21 points while holding Muleshoe to just seven. Austin Sherman and Guana each had eight points apiece for Dimmitt in the quarter.

In the final period, Muleshoe outscored Dimmitt 17-15, but it was too much, too little, too late. Lee Broan and Norman each scored five points apiece.

Guana topped the scoring column this time with 18 points. Sherman was right behind him with 17, including three three-pointers. Norman made his seasonal debut a successful one with 12 points, including two three-pointers.

Brown followed with seven points, including a "three". Josselet also had a "three" on the way to five points. Colby Williams also joined in the "three" parade for his points.

Four other players scored two points apiece. These were Wright, Hunter, Worsham and Matthew Guana.

The Bobcats looked to keep pace at Cooper Tuesday.



MERRITT TO THE HOOP! Junior Bobbie, Jill Merritt (12) drives to the hoop in action against the Shallowater Mustangs played in Shallowater. The Bobbies lost a hard-fought battle, 59-38.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

THURSDAY: Bobbies vs. Roosevelt
at Shallowater, 8 p.m.

If the Bobbies beat Roosevelt, they will play to determine third place in district against the winners of the Cooper/Littlefield game Friday at 6 p.m. in Shallowater.

FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. Littlefield
There, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY: Bobcats vs. Roosevelt
There, 8 p.m.

Schedule and Scores

Feb. 8—*Littlefield (Boys), There
Feb. 12—*Roosevelt (Boys), There

Bobbies

35, Randall 60
30, Levelland 44
29, Borger 52

Queens Classic

51, Hereford 45
33, Plainview 71
45, Levelland 67

56, Hereford 58

Nazareth Tournament

75, White Deer 46
57, Hamilton 63
62, Hale Center 49

47, Tulia 42

31, Sudan 44

37, Abernathy 50

49, River Road 53

52, Dalhart 37

Caprock Tournament

43, Trinity Christian 58

52, Brownfield 41

42, Abernathy 36

42, Estacado 82

43, Littlefield 47

53, Roosevelt 50

29, Shallowater 41

44, Muleshoe 72

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42, Littlefield 44

55, Roosevelt 33

38, Shallowater 59

47, Muleshoe 57

46, Cooper 52

Season Record: 10-19

District Record: 3-7

Bobcats

49, Randall 51

70, Levelland 62

59, Borger 65

74, Hereford 57

Pioneer Classic

80, Clint 65

68, Hereford 56

77, Borger 62

62, Plainview 63

79, Tulia 62

Crossroads Classic

55, Hereford 46

53, Clyde 42

77, Trinity Christian 70

66, Abernathy 63

61, Caprock 39

63, Dalhart 43

Caprock Tournament

82, Panhandle 45

52, Estacado 69

49, El Paso Coronado 66

68, Tulia 50

71, Dalhart 52

56, Amarillo High 76

64, Shallowater 65

77, Muleshoe 71

72, Cooper 39

65, Littlefield 55

80, Roosevelt 69

69, Shallowater 64

70, Muleshoe 53

57, Cooper 52

Season Record: 22-7

District Record: 7-1

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Nazareth boys win league championship

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
SILVERTON — The Silver-ton gymnasium was a noisy place Friday night as Nazareth and Silvertown slugged it out for the district championship.

However, things were proba-bly a bit noisier on the visiting side at the end as the Swifts pulled away to a 76-51 triumph Friday night.

"That was a good ball game," Nazareth boys coach Mike Scar-borough. "They (the Owls) played hard.

"I was very proud of our guys," Scarborough said. "We got a lead and they made some runs at us. We withstood them and added to our lead."

The Swifts were actually trail-ing, 8-4 at the 4:43 mark of the first period before going on a 14-1 run that lasted the rest of the period.

Ky Wilcox started it off with a basket. Kade Wilcox tied the score at 8-8 with a basket at the 3:37 mark.

Eric Schilling then rebounded a Silvertown miss and Brock Birkenfield connected for a 10-8 lead. Schilling then came up with a steal and scored for a 12-8 lead.

Silvertown ended the run with a free throw, but Kade Wilcox answered with a three. Chase Schulte then did likewise and the Swifts led 18-9 at the end of the first period.

Kade Wilcox had a champion-style performance as he poured in 28 points, including six three-pointers. He was one of three

Nazareth players in double fig-ures.

Eric Schilling also hit a three-pointer on the way to 13. Ky Wilcox joined them in double figures with 12.

Chase Schulte, Trey Robb and Daryl Pohlmeier all were next in line with five points. Schulte and Pohlmeier each made three-point shots along the way. Justin Kleman followed with four points while Brock Birkenfield and Tyler Ehly each put in two apiece.

Before that, the Swifts clinched a playoff spot with a 78-46 pasting of Happy.

"In the first half, we played good defense," Scarborough said. "In the second half, we weren't as consistent as we were in the first half, but you could see us coming together. I thought, overall, we did a good job on defense."

Ky Wilcox led in scoring this time with 26 points, including a three-pointer. Schilling made two "three's" on the way to 16 points.

Robb also had two three-pointers on the way to eight as did Kade Wilcox, who finished with six. Pohlmeier also scored six points.

Birkenfield hit a three-point shot for most of his five points. Kleman scored four while Schulte made a "three" for his points. Jordy Rowland and Ehly each had two points apiece.

The Swifts closed out the regular season at Valley Tues-day.



TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS — The Dimmitt Middle School seventh-grade girls basketball team won the Levelland Tournament this weekend, beating Shallowater, Levelland and Plainview along the way. Front row (from left to right): Anna Brockman, Chelsea Buckley, Brandy Smith, Brittany Heard, Kyla Riddle and coach Thel Shelby. Back row: Jessica Arguijo, Kayla Saenz and Brittany Nelson.

Courtesy Photo

More about Bobcats remain ...

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Amherst, Cotton Center, Lazbuddie and Spade.

Swiftettes coach Matt Garrett said that the new district was pretty much what he'd expected.

"I didn't think we'd be having to go across the interstate again," Garrett said.

He also commented he liked the idea of being in a six-team district instead of the four-team district the school currently is in for basketball.

"Six-team districts are the best," Garrett said. "In a four-team district, you don't start district until about the middle or the end of January and you're always having to look for games to complete your non-district schedule. In an eight-team district, you start district in early December and that's too early."

As for Hart, the Longhorns will have the exact same district competition again. Competing in District 3-A, Division I. The opposition remains Bovina, Farwell, Kress, Sudan and Springlake-Earth.

"I figured that was how it would end up," Hart boys basketball coach Carl Irlbeck said. "I was trying to think of ways the district could change and I really couldn't think of any — unless we went to the small school division."

As for girls basketball coach Jon Curry, he said that he could see both good and bad in it.

"It's good in that we know the district competition," Curry said.

However...

"I was afraid that was how it was going to go," Curry said. "Sudan and Farwell are always loaded and that makes it tough for us to make the playoffs."

Swiftettes clinch district title Friday

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
SILVERTON — Yet another in the extraordinarily long list of district championships for the Nazareth High School varsity girls basketball team has been clinched.

The Swiftettes did so in im-pressive fashion Friday, mowing down Silvertown 86-26.

Nazareth flexed its muscle from the beginning, scoring 15 of the first 17 points of the game.

"We talked before the game about peaking and now is the time to start peaking," Nazareth High School girls basketball coach Matt Garrett said. "Up until this point, we've been play-ing on skill and knowledge. We started playing as one mind and we did an awful good job to-night."

"I think it was a totally fo-cused effort," Garrett said. "We played 12 girls today and all 12 of them were very focused, the way they needed to play."

Wendy Black scored first for a 2-0 lead 46 seconds into the game. The Lady Owls turned it over and Stephanie Thiel made a three-pointer for a 5-0 lead. Silvertown then turned it over and called time out.

Once was back in, things didn't get better for the Lady Owls. Thiel converted a steal into an-other three-point shot for an 8-0 lead. Black then made a "three" and it was 11-0 at the 4:42 mark of the first period.

Silvertown used a pair of free throws to finally get on the board at the 3:55 mark. How-ever, Black and Thiel each added baskets and it was 15-2 with 2:14 still left in the first.

Thiel led the way as she out-scored the Lady Owls all by herself with 34 points, which included five three-pointers. She was one of three Swiftettes in double figures.

Black had four three-pointers of her own on the way to 16.

Jackie Thiel also reached double figures with 11, which also in-cluded three "three's".

On the subject of three-point shots, Mandy Hoelting had two of her own on the way to eight points. Lesley Brockman also put one in for three of her five points. Danette Ramaekers and Megan Schulte rounded out the scoring with four points apiece.

Friday also marked the first varsity game for freshman Jamie Birkenfield.

"I thought Jamie did a real good job," Garrett said. "Who didn't do well? Everybody shot three's. Everybody made three's. Everybody played de-fense. Everybody blocked out. It was a complete effort."

Nazareth clinched a playoff berth in the game before that and they defeated rival Happy 60-51.

"We weren't in danger of losing," Garrett said. "We just didn't finish as strongly as we wanted to and they (the Cow-girls) hit everything they shot. They should be commended. They hit 11 three's."

"We didn't play flat," Garrett said. "We didn't play as sharp. We just didn't score like we want to score."

Stephanie Thiel topped the scoring column with 25 points. Black joined her in double fig-ures with 14 points, including two three-pointers.

Brockman had two more three-pointers on the way to eight. Hoelting also had a "three" for half of her six. Mar-sha Black also had six while Erica Gerber scored one.

"Stephanie Thiel, Mandy Hoelting, Wendy Black and Lesley Brockman all played great," Garrett said. "Stephanie, Mandy and Wendy played all 32 minutes. They didn't have a 'sub'. Lesley played 30-plus minutes."

The Swiftettes closed out the regular season at Valley Tues-day.

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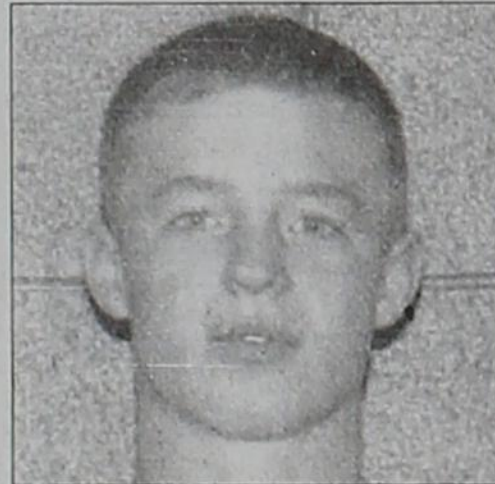
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WFAA to feature Swiftettes team

By JOHN HASSELMEIER
DALLAS — The City of Nazareth was recently visited by a television station from the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex.

WFAA-TV, Channel 8, was the station in question. The reason for the station's presence was a segment about the Nazareth High School varsity girls basketball team, which will be shown on the station Sunday.

The station, an affiliate of the American Broadcasting Com-pany, has a high school sports show on Sunday nights at 10:45 p.m. following a sports show with sports director Dale Han-sen.

"My boss, Dale Hansen, likes to do the high school stories, so we travel and do one big story every year," explained Dave Scallan, high school sports re-porter for the station. "Last year, we went to Odessa Permian and did the Joe Beene story. He was paralyzed in football practice and we got him graduating."

"I was at a basketball tourna-ment last year," Scallan said. "Nazareth wins the girls champ-

ionship every year. They're by far the most dominating high school program of any sport in the state, boys or girls. We thought we'd come out to this little town and see what makes it tick."

However, Scallan, a high school sports reporter with the station, explained that the Swift-ettes' segment would air during Hansen's program, which starts at approximately 10:20 p.m.

In obtaining information for the report, Scallan interviewed and cameraman Arnold Wayne filmed a few people around town and attended Swiftette practices. In addition, the duo was at Nazareth's recent home game against Valley.

"We talked to the mayor and a lot of people in the community, the farmers, current players, old players," Scallan said. "We've got a lot of good stuff, so we think it's going to be a good one."

"We knew they had big fami-lies out here, but we didn't real-ize that everybody was so close-

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What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Feb. 7-15.

DIMMITT

Pre-K to 12th Grades

Grab-and-go breakfast

THURSDAY: Fresh donuts, fruit cocktail and white milk.

FRIDAY: Fresh donuts, fruit cocktail and white milk.

MONDAY: Honey bun, pineapple juice and white milk.

TUESDAY: Fruit Loops cereal, fruit cocktail and white milk.

WEDNESDAY: Rice Krispies treats, orange wedges and white milk.

THURSDAY: Sausage and biscuit, orange juice and white milk.

FRIDAY: Blueberry muffin, assorted fruit juice and white milk.

Lunch

Pre-K to 1st Grade

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, vegetable medley, fideo Mexicano, orange gelatin surprise, white or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Pepperoni pizza, corn on the cob, tossed salad, applesauce, white or chocolate milk.

MONDAY: Hoagie submarine, French fries, orange wedges, taco condiments, white or chocolate milk.

TUESDAY: Italian spaghetti, tossed salad, jellied cranberry sauce, garlic bread, white or chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken fillet strips, French fries, mixed vegetables, pineapple sunset surprise, white hot rolls, white or chocolate milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos with ground beef, frijoles refrito, apple slices with cinnamon, white or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Chicken enchilada, mexipinto beans, taco condiments, fruited gelatin, birthday cake, white or chocolate milk.

2nd-12th Grades

THURSDAY: Choices of nachos w/cheese; tuna and noodles or fruit and cheese plate; vegetable medley, baked potatoes or sweet potatoes; tossed salad, honeydew melon or orange gelatin surprise; hot wheat rolls, fideo mexicano or crackers and white or chocolate milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choices of pepperoni pizza, grilled cheese sandwich or red beans and rice; potato wedges, corn on the cob, broccoli/cauliflower or tossed salad or applesauce; angel flake biscuits, crackers or old fashioned cornbread and white or chocolate milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choices of Hoagie submarine, steak fingers with gravy or beef taco, french fries, peas or corn and green beans, taco condiments, tossed

salad or tomato salad with cheese; white hot rolls, tortilla chips or stir fried rice and white or chocolate milk.

TUESDAY: Choices of Italian spaghetti, fajitas with onions or poor boy steak; country rice dressing, parsley buttered peas or butter beans; pea salad, tossed salad or jellied cranberry sauce; hot wheat rolls, garlic bread or tortilla chips, white or chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choices of chicken fillet strips, old-fashioned beef stew or macaroni and cheese; french fries, mixed vegetables or mexipinto beans; tossed salad, pineapple sunset surprise or cucumber/tomato; white hot rolls, old-fashioned cornbread or crackers and white or chocolate milk.

THURSDAY: Choices of nachos w/ground beef; grilled chopped steak or pigs in a blanket, Chinese-style vegetables, frijoles refrito or lynnoise carrot, tossed salad, apple slices with cinnamon or fruit fantasy; hot cheese rolls, sliced bread or tortilla chips and white or chocolate milk.

FRIDAY: Choices of chicken enchilada, fishburger or salmon casserole; tomato and okra, baked potato, mexipinto beans or tossed salad or applesauce; crackers or Frito corn chips; fruited gelatin or birthday cake and white or chocolate milk or punch.

HART

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, pancake syrup, sausage breakfast pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal, and milk.

MONDAY: Holiday.

TUESDAY: Sausage, waffles, pancake syrup, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice, variety of milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hash browns, scrambled eggs, biscuits, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Breakfast pizza, graham crackers, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Pancakes w/ syrup, Hash brown potatoes, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of pizza, chili beans with cornbread, or hamburger, salad, French fries, sliced cheese, sliced pickles, gelatin dessert, chocolate milk and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of hot dog on a bun, burrito, corn dog, chili, potato chips, peaches, dill pickles, gelatin

dessert, milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Holiday.

TUESDAY: Choice of taco beef, turkey with turkey gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, wheat rolls, peaches, gelatin dessert, white cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Choice of grilled cheese sandwich or nacho cheese sauce, plain tortilla chips and meat, pinto beans, salad, sliced pickles, peaches, ginger cookies gelatin dessert and milk, punch or tea.

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger, burrito or enchilada casserole, salad, chips, tortilla pieces, assorted fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream, chocolate milk and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, pizza with cheese top or chalupas, Spanish rice, peaches, salad, gelatin dessert, longhorn cookie, milk, punch or tea.

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Canadian bacon on roll, rolls, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.

MONDAY: Blueberry muffin, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, assorted cereal, orange juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY: French toast sticks, sausage patty, Lucky Charms cereal, orange juice and milk.

THURSDAY: Cinnamon pastry, rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Sausage and roll, assorted cereal, fruit juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Chicken fajitas or sausage pizza, pears, vegetarian beans, lettuce, orange cake and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Spaghetti pasta or sausage pizza, spaghetti meat sauce, tossed salad, vegetarian beans, fruit cocktail, Jan's dump cake, milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, cream-style gravy, white bread, chicken rice, tossed salad, applesauce, orange cake, and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Frito pie or sausage pizza, cornbread, green beans, chocolate pudding and milk or juice.

WEDNESDAY: * Fish portions or chef's salad, hush puppies, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, orange cake, peaches and milk or juice.

THURSDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, french fries, green beans, lettuce, fresh apples, sugar cookies and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Bean chalupas or hamburger, french fries, lettuce, corn, pineapple chunks, apple crisp, milk or juice.

(Items designated with an asterisk (*) will be served to elementary school students.)



PARENTS NIGHT MOMENT — Victor and Eva Saenz, parents of late Dimmitt girls basketball player Stacy Saenz are surrounded by Bobbies during Parents Night ceremonies

Friday night. Bobbies pictured include Lyndee Behrens (33) and Kelsey Welch (31). Saenz was killed in an automobile accident Aug. 19.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Grand jury returns two indictments

The Castro County Grand Jury convened Jan. 31 and returned two indictments.

Juan Alberto Fernandez, 40, of Dimmitt, was indicted for Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd or More.

Candido Garcia, 42, of Earth, was indicted for Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd or More.

Schulte receives degree from A&M

COLLEGE STATION — A Nazareth student received a Master's Degree during fall commencement exercises.

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Bishop John W. Yanta of Amarillo came to Holy Family Church in Nazareth Saturday evening to celebrate the evening mass, during which he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to the second grade Christian Formation Class. A very memorable celebration.

The Knights of Columbus hosted a benefit steak supper Saturday evening at the Community Hall for Robert Verkamp. A large crowd enjoyed the evening.

A huge crowd gathered at the Nazareth Cafeteria Sunday afternoon for a reception for N. Dean Johnson, our school superintendent since 1989. Keith Hoelting, our school board president, did a 'great job as emcee. J.C. Pohlmeier, Henry Ramaekers, David Olvera and Sidney Birkenfeld all served as board presidents during those years. Several former school teachers attended including Mr. Crone and his wife, Skip, who spoke briefly. Also attending was Father Neal Dee of Groom, a very close friend, who was pastor of Holy Family Church for several years.

Mr. Johnson was presented with his favorite Kenneth Wyatt picture. He will be living in Tulia, but not really leaving Nazareth as he is a very active

member of the Lions Club and the Senior Citizens.

Mr. Johnson's wife, Agatha, his son, Nick of Amarillo, his daughter and her husband, Leslie and Paul Henderson of Halfway, and his two granddaughters, Mikayla and Camarie all attended the reception. His daughter, Noel of San Marcus, was not able to attend.

The top 10 ideas for Mr. J's retirement from the second grade students were posted on a wall. They were: relax, be a Walmart greeter, drive a race car, teach CCD, go rock climbing, hunt crocodiles, go back to college, be an astronaut, go bungee jumping, be on *Survivor*.

We hope he just tries to relax, enjoy life and his family.

The Nazareth Senior Citizens enjoyed a Super Bowl party at the Center Sunday evening. A good football game, fellowship, food and cards were enjoyed by all.

Prayers are asked for Monica Mote, Braden Robb, Dorothy McQuilliams, Father Pat Hoffman, Patricia Kern Butler, Robert Verkamp, Francis Wilhelm, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Fr. Richard Scully, Hailey Blackwell, Irma Garcia and Father Terry Burke.

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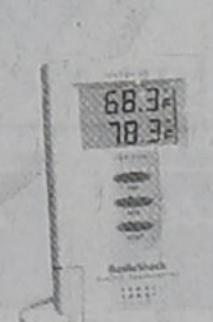
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22—Notices

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Hart and Myrick earn top honors

HART — Adam Hart and Kelby Myrick took away the biggest honors from the recent Hart Junior Livestock Stock.

Hart sported the grand champion lamb, a Cross while Myrick showed the grand champion swine, a Spot.

As for the reserve champions, Will Whitaker earned one for his lamb, a medium wool while Myrick also had the reserve breed champion with a Hampshire.

In addition, there were also some showmanship awards. Whit Whitaker earned one for he lambs while Myrick earned the junior showmanship award. The senior showmanship award went to Zane Farris.

Results of the show follow below:

LAMBS

Grand Champion: Adam Hart.
Reserve Grand Champion: Will Whitaker.
Showmanship: Whit Whitaker.

Southdown
Breed Champion: Will Whitaker.
Reserve Breed Champion: Whit Whitaker.

Cross
Breed Champion: Will Whitaker.
Reserve Breed Champion: Adrienne Hart.

Medium Wool
Breed Champion: Will Whitaker.
Reserve Breed Champion: Adrienne Hart.

3. Whit Whitaker.
SWINE
Grand Champion: Kelby Myrick.
Reserve Breed Champion: Kelby Myrick.

Junior Showmanship: Kelby Myrick.
Senior Showmanship: Zane Farris.

More about WFAA to feature ...

(Continued from Page 8)
ly related," Scallan said. "Apparently there's some talent in the bloodlines here."

22—Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale is Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at West Texas Mini Storage, 403 E. Stinson, Dimmitt, TX. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Immediate removal is required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property from the sale. Property includes the contents of the unit from the following delinquent account: Ronnie Sears, 306 NW 3rd, Dimmitt, TX. For further information contact Mary Jo Birdwell, 200 E. Jones, Dimmitt, TX. 647-3427. 22-45-2tc

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Chester White
Breed Champion: Whitney Mitchell.
Reserve Breed Champion: Trevor Barnes.
3. Orrin McLean.

Duroc
Breed Champion: Eran Castillo.
Reserve Breed Champion: Trent Barnes.
Lightweight: 2. Logan McLain.
Heavyweight: 2. Zachary Farris.

Hampshire
Breed Champion: Shane Hanes.
Reserve Breed Champion: Zachary Farris.
Lightweight: 2. Brent Boyd, 4. Orrin McLean.

Mediumweight: 1. Zane Farris, 2. Adrienne Hart, 3. Kelby Myrick.
Heavyweight: 2. Maegan Farris, 3. Trevor Barnes.

Berkshire
Breed Champion: Brent Byrd.
Reserve Breed Champion: Eran Castillo.
Lightweight: 2. Trent Barnes.
Heavyweight: 2. Drew Higgins, 3. Steven Hightower.

Poland
Breed Champion Poland: Whitney Mitchell.
Breed Champion Spot: Kelby Myrick.

Yorkshire
Breed Champion: Kelby Myrick.
Reserve Breed Champion: Maegan Farris.

Lightweight: 2. Carrie Gally, 3. Steven Hightower, 4. Zachary Farris.
Mediumweight: 2. Brent Byrd, 3. Zane Farris, 4. Trevor Barnes.

Heavyweight: 1. Zane Farris, 2. Adam Hart, 3. Chance Hanes.

Cross
Breed Champion: Zachary Farris.
Reserve Breed Champion: Maegan Farris.

Lightweight: 2. Logan McLain, 3. Adrienne Hart.
Mediumweight: 2. Drew Higgins, 3. Jeff Corbett, 4. Shane Hanes.

Heavyweight: 1. Drew Higgins, 2. Trent Barnes, 3. Chance Hanes.

Scallan said he has some ideas as to what makes for Nazareth's number of championships.

"Watching them in practice, I don't think I've ever seen a high school team practice so hard," Scallan said. "That kind of summed it up for us, watching them practice. It's shows in how hard they're playing tonight. It shows in the way they play. They're just so 'in-sync' and their work ethic is incredible."

"Plano, which has 4,800 students, the largest school in the state, might send one player to Division I every 10 years," Scallan said. "This (Nazareth) school of 70, which is one-tenth of one percent the size of Plano, sends a player to Division I every other year. There's just something about this town. They win state every year. It's just unbelievable."

Scallan said that while it wouldn't be seen live by anyone in Nazareth, it would certainly be seen by quite a number of people.

"Our Sunday night show typically has a million viewers," Scallan said. "It's a very highly-rated sports show."

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FSA Ag News

by Castro County Farm Service Agency Executive Director Trish Elliott

Kenneth Frye was re-elected to the Castro County Committee (COC). He will represent farmers from the northern part of Castro County (LAA-1).

The election results for LAA-1 are as follows:

Kenneth Frye, COC member
Bryan Reinart, First Alternate
Gregg Sides, Second Alternate

Bill Potts, Member of LAA-1
The results for the organizational meeting of the county committee are as follows:

Kenneth Frye, chairperson
Weldon Davis, vice chairperson

Shari Willis Bradley, member
Change in Power of Attorneys for Entities

In the past, administrators, executors, trustees, guardians, receivers or conservators could re-delegate their signature authority by filing a power of attorney for an agent to sign on behalf of the entity.
Now, the authority to act for

entities, such as trusts, estates and other entities, may be re-delegated by the entity's authorized representative only if the entity's documents allow for this re-delegation.

The document has to specifically state that the authorized representative has the authority to re-delegate powers to an agent. If an individual can furnish the documentation (trust agreement, will, estate papers, amendment to the agreements, etc...), that specifically authorizes this re-delegation, a power of attorney may be used.

Anyone with any questions concerning this may contact the FSA office at (806) 647-2153.

Conservation Practices Sign-Up

Farmers may sign up for conservation cost-share practices at any time before Friday, March 29 to be considered in the funding for this year.

The Environmental Quality

Incentive Program (EQIP) provides cost-share funding to install conservation practices that improve water quality and reduce soil erosion. Applications are rated and funded based on environmental benefits.

CRP Weed Control

CRP Producers are reminded to begin weed control before the problem gets out of hand.

Especially musk thistle control. Treatment will need to be started within the next month. If you an absentee landowner, please have someone check the CRP acreage. Check with NRCS for control measures that need to be taken.

CRP Grazing Extension

Emergency CRP grazing authorization (not haying) has been extended for Castro County through Thursday, Feb. 28.

CRP participants must file a request to graze CRP acreage

before grazing begins.

Agricultural Risk Protection Act of 2000

In June of 2000, Congress passed legislation enacting the Agricultural Risk Protection Act (ARPA) of 2000. Section 515 of the act requires the Farm Service Agency and the Risk Management Agency (RMA) to partner in an effort to improve farm compliance, with an integrity of the Federal Crop Insurance Program.

Along with the ARPA came a mandate that the FCIC and FSA reconcile all relevant information received by FCIC or FSA from a producer who obtains crop insurance coverage under the Federal Crop Insurance Program.

The Castro County FSA office is in the process of reconciling our 2001 records with FCIC records. The office must match social security numbers, shares and acerages of crops.

If there's a discrepancy that can't be resolved, the office will be getting in touch with the producers to see which record is correct.

2002 Non-Insured Assistance Program

If you have not done so already, it's not too late to purchase NAP coverage on the 2002 crop year crops that are not insurable with an insurance company.

The Federal Register with the provisions of the NAP program has not been published as of yet; therefore, until 30 days after the regulations are published, an individual may apply for all the 2002 non-insurable crops.

It is imperative that the producer file a notice of loss on the non-insured crop acres 15 days after you notice you have a loss. This may be the middle of a drought, a hailstorm, or any other natural disaster.

There are some deadlines that you should be recognizing now. The final date to certify native or improved perennial grasses for the 2002 crop year only is the earlier of May 15 or the date damage to the specific crop acreage becomes apparent to the producer.

For 2002, whether it's wheat

or other small grains that are being grazed or going to hay, it's very important to certify those acres at least 15 days prior to putting cattle on those acres.

Also, if the producer hasn't realized any grazing due to the drought, a notice of loss needs to be filed within 15 days after it is realized.

Foreign Investors

Foreign investors who have purchased or sold agricultural land must report the transaction to the local FSA office within 90 days of the purchase. Failure to do so could result in a penalty amounting to 25 percent of the fair market value of the land.

Tree Orders

The Running Water Soil & Water Conservation Office is now taking orders for trees to be delivered this spring.

Any number of trees can be ordered, from one tree to hundreds. There are a broad variety of evergreens, deciduous and fruit and nut trees.

Sizes that can be ordered vary from bare-root, one gallon, five gallon, up to baled and burlapped. The conservation district also has drip irrigation supplies for sale for tree watering needs.

The Conservation office is located at 114 W. Belsher.

Several Castro FFA, 4-H members to go to Houston

HOUSTON — A total of 58 members of Castro County Future Farmers of America chapters and 24 members of the Castro County 4-H chapters have entered to be in the final Houston Livestock Show to be held in Reliant Hall.

The junior livestock portion of the show will be starting Friday, Feb. 22. Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Houston Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

A list of the Castro County participants follows below, along with their type of projects, follow below:

Dimmitt FFA

Molly Bradford, Junior Market Lamb.
Wendy Bradford, Junior Market Lamb.
Beau Bradley, Junior Market Barrow.
Raynee Bradley, Junior Market Barrow.
Makenzie Cornett, Junior Market Barrow.
Tyler Cornett, Junior Market Barrow.
Cailee Gilbreath, Junior Market Barrow.
Jason Harris, Junior Market Barrow.
Chase Hatla, Junior Market Barrow.
Bradley Lane, Junior Market Barrow.
Holly Lane, Junior Market Barrow.
Monty Lane, Junior Market Barrow.
Monty Morrow, Junior Market Barrow.
Tyler Myatt, Junior Market Barrow.
Bailey Nutt, Junior Market Barrow.
Charley Nutt, Junior Market Barrow.
Eric Odom, Junior Market Steer and Junior Market Barrow.
Shea Odom, Junior Market Lamb.
Brooke Parker, Junior Market Barrow.
Bryce Parker, Junior Market Barrow.
Jake Porsch, Junior Market Barrow.
Landon Porsch, Junior Market Barrow.
Brandy Smith, Junior Market Barrow.
Keshia Smith, Junior Market Barrow.
Houston Sutton, Junior Market Lamb.
David Underwood, Junior Market Steer.
Dennis Underwood, Junior Market Steer.
Lauren Waggoner, Junior Market Lamb.
Adam Wright, Junior Market Barrow.
Cliff Wright, Junior Market Lamb.
Jinna Wright, Junior Market Lamb.

Matthew Wright, Junior Market Barrow.

Nazareth FFA

Charles Black, Junior Market Barrow.
Augustus Gesling, Junior Market Barrow.
Evan Huseman, Junior Market Barrow.
Garrett Kleman, Junior Market Barrow.
Karis Kleman, Junior Market Barrow.
Kenley Kleman, Junior Market Barrow.
Elizabeth Olvera, Junior Market Barrow.
Rebecca Olvera, Junior Market Barrow.
Nick Rowland, Junior Market Barrow.
Brady Schulte, Junior Market Barrow.
Ross Schulte, Junior Market Steer and Junior Market Barrow.
Shay Wilhelm, Junior Market Barrow.

Hart FFA

Trent Barnes, Junior Market Barrow.
Trevor Barnes, Junior Market Barrow.
Stephen Byrd, Junior Market Barrow.
Maegan Farris, Junior Market Barrow.
Zachary Farris, Junior Market Barrow.
Zane Farris, Junior Market Barrow.
Chance Hanes, Junior Market Barrow.
Shane Hanes, Junior Market Barrow.
Drew Higgins, Junior Market Barrow.
Steven Hightower, Junior Market Barrow.
Logan McLain, Junior Market Barrow.
Orrin McLain, Junior Market Barrow.
Whitney Mitchell, Junior Market Barrow.

Barrow.

Kelby Myrick, Junior Market Barrow.

Castro County 4-H

Adam Acker, Nazareth, Junior Market Lamb.
Jenna Acker, Nazareth, Junior Market Lamb.
Jamie Black, Nazareth Market Barrow.
Marsha Black, Junior Market Barrow.
Wendy Black, Junior Market Barrow.
Beau Bradley, Dimmitt, Junior Market Lamb.
Chauncey Gilbreath, Dimmitt, Junior Market Lamb.
Adam Hart, Hart, Junior Market Barrow.
Adrienne Hart, Hart, Junior Market Barrow.
Ross Hunter, Hereford, Junior Market Lamb.
Ryan Hunter, Hereford, Junior Market Lamb.
Caitlin Huseman, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Kendra Huseman, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Cutter Johnson, Nazareth, Junior Market Lamb and Junior Market Barrow.
Aaron Kern, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Brandi Kern, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Devin Kern, Junior Market Barrow.
Jordy Rowland, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Keli Schulte, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Landon Schulte, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Macee Schulte, Nazareth, Junior Market Barrow.
Whit Whitaker, Hart, Junior Market Lamb.
William Whitaker, Hart, Junior Market Lamb.

Grow your own Health Care Professional

Castro County Hospital District has developed a "Grow Your Own Health Care Professional Program" to help replenish and continue supplying the growing need for healthcare professionals for CCHD. The District will subsidize interested and qualified persons with their educational needs. Areas of health care will include nursing service, radiology, laboratory, medical records, physical and occupational therapy along with respiratory therapy and emergency medical services. Individuals receiving subsidized assistance will be required to work for CCHD for a certain period of time. Individuals interested in this program need to contact Trudy Jackson, Director of Nursing Services or Linda Rasor, Chief Operating Officers at 647-2191.

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Castro TDH clinic set for Feb. 21

The Texas Department of Health will be holding an immunization in Dimmitt on Thursday, Feb. 21.

The clinic is set for Dimmitt City Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All times are subject to change or cancellation due to weather or scheduling conflicts.

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Obituaries

Bill S. Burnam

Bill S. Burnam, 87, of Hereford, formerly of Dimmitt, died Saturday, Feb. 2 at Westgate Nursing Home in Hereford.

Services will be Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. at First United Methodist Church with Dr. Tom Fuller, officiating. Burial will be at Castro County Memorial Cemetery in Dimmitt under the direction of Rix Funeral Directors of Hereford.

He was born March 25, 1914 in Dimmitt to Bill O. and Fannie Burnam. He grew up in attended schools in Dimmitt. He married Mavis Hulin on Feb. 2, 1935 in Clovis, N.M.

He moved to Hereford in March of 2000 from Friona. He was employed by Hays Implement in Dimmitt, Bovina Implement in Bovina and International Harvester in Friona. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Korby Hawkins.

Survivors include his wife, two sons, Billy Burnam of Hereford and Carroll Burnam of Guymon, Okla.; one daughter, Pat Biener of Graham; one brother, James Burnam of Dimmitt; one sister, Frankie Norwood of Hereford, six grandsons and nine great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Diabetes Association; Western Regional Office; 8008 Slide Road, Suite 12A; Lubbock, TX 79424.

M.L. 'Bud' Griffin

M.L. "Bud" Griffin, 79, of Miami, formerly of Dimmitt, died Sunday, Feb. 3, in Miami.

A graveside service will be today (Thursday), Feb. 7, at 3 p.m. in the Wheeler Cemetery with the Rev. Andy Taylor, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Sayre, Okla. officiating. Burial will be under the auspices of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

He was born May 10, 1922 in Olustee, Okla. to Edgar and Ruth Parker Griffin. He worked

for Phillips Petroleum for 30 years before moving to Amarillo. He was in the trucking business there for 10 years before he retired.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, the American Legion and the V.F.W. Post No. 8056 in Dimmitt.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Milton Ray Griffin in 1945 and Ronnie Lee Griffin in 1949.

Survivors include one son, Randy Griffin of Miami; two daughters, Linda Byrd of Miami and Kathy Allen of Amarillo; two brothers, Jim Griffin of Clarendon and Jay Griffin of Dallas; four sisters, Trinia Kelley of Manteca, Calif.; Reba Kinnison of Stockton, Tillie McCabe of Tulsa and Mary Braddock of Nazareth; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests that memorials be made to V.F.W. Post No. 8056 in Dimmitt.



ANYONE FOR BASKETBALL? — This basketball goal, located on 12th Street, probably will stay unused as long as the icicles are on it.

Photo by Paula Portwood

Xcel seeks statewide reduction

AMARILLO — Xcel Energy has asked regulators to approve a third reduction in prices since November for its retail customers on the South Plains and Panhandle.

Action from the Public Utility Commission of Texas may come as early as April.

The decreases Xcel Energy — the new brand name of Southwestern Public Service Company — filed for Friday would go to approximately 299,000 homes and businesses in Texas.

If the decrease request is approved, residential customers will see an electricity price reduction, compared to November, of nearly 24 percent.

"An Xcel Energy-served home that uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity per month would see a decrease from \$78.64 in November — on \$59.99. That's a decrease of \$18.65," said Gary L. Gibson,

Xcel Energy state vice president of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Businesses and industrial customers will see even larger percentage reductions in prices of our electric power," he said. "Compared to November, total expected price reductions will range to as high as 28 percent for some commercial customers, and 38 percent for some industrial customers."

The price reductions reflect decreases in the costs of producing electricity at power plants fueled by natural gas. Regionally, Xcel Energy operates five gas-fueled power stations, and two — larger and more economically fueled — coal-fired stations.

During the past year, the costs of natural gas spiked, driving up prices of electricity. Now, natural gas costs are significantly lower — closer to the low costs

of coal — so prices can be reduced, Gibson explained.

"Because Xcel Energy owns and operates low-cost coal-fueled plants as well as gas-fueled plants, our prices have remained in the most competitive in the region. Now, our prices are going even lower," he said.

Xcel Energy customers in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas are seeing similar reductions in prices. Prices have also been reduced to Xcel Energy's wholesale customers, such as rural electric cooperatives and city government-owned utilities.

The first and second rounds of recent price reductions for Xcel Energy customers in Texas went into effect in early December and early January. The decreases resulted in an average residential price of about six cents per kilowatt-hour. Friday's request would lower the residential price another five percent.

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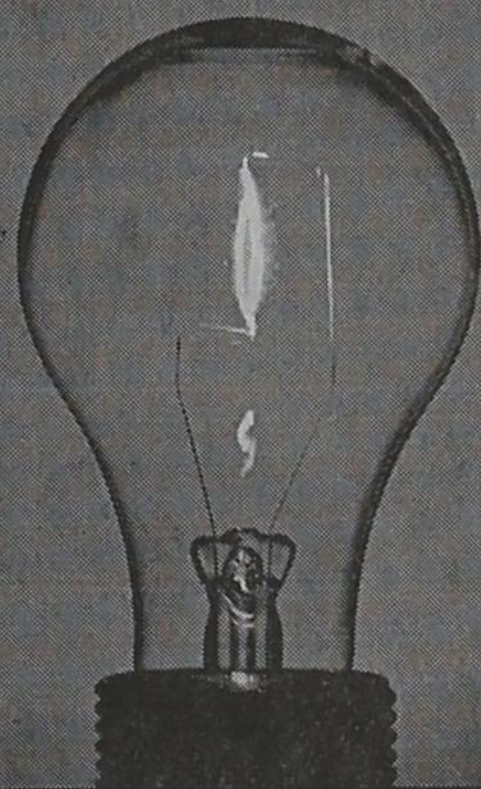
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