

# The Castro County News



**WINTER RESIDENTS**—A large flight of Canada geese joins other flocks of Canada and snow geese for the evening meal in a corn field four miles south of Dimmitt Sunday evening. Hundreds

of thousands of geese and ducks have completed their fall migration and are here for the winter, enjoying a bountiful supply of stubble fields and playa lakes. Photo by Don Nelson

## Drought leads list of 'Top 10' news of 1998

The drought with its record-breaking heat wave was the biggest news event in the county in 1998.

That's what the *News* staff decided in a staff poll after surveying the year's news stories.

Because of the drought, Castro County was declared a federal disaster area and many governmental measures were approved to combat the effects of the long, hot dry spell.

The county's farmers received \$5.6 million in disaster relief payments.

Livestock growers were granted permission to graze their Conservation Reserve Program land.

Farmers were offered low-interest loans through the USDA's Farm Services Administration.

The Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Services offered heat relief measures and funding through the Panhandle Community Services office.

Record-breaking heat plagued the area from June through September, and temperatures soared over 100 degrees 12 days in June, including a record eight-day streak.

At KDHN Radio station, Dimmitt's official weather reporting site, only 3.6 inches of rain was recorded from June 1 through Sept. 30.

Here's how the *News* staff ranked other top news stories of 1998:

2. The formation of AgriFarm Industries, LLC, by a merger of the financially troubled Dimmitt Agri Industries, Inc., and Farmland Industries, the nation's largest agricultural cooperative.
3. The federal Balanced Budget Act's decidedly unbalanced effect on many local agencies, most noticeably the Castro County Hospital District's Home Health Agency, which had to cut back its operations by 60% or more.
4. Completion and dedication in June of the Welch Home Place at Plains Memorial Hospital, the only geriatric psychiatric unit within a 100-mile radius, which draws patients here from throughout the Panhandle and eastern New Mexico.
5. Rains totaling almost seven inches from Oct. 28 through Nov. 3, which broke the long drought and filled playa lakes in the area.
6. Approval in June by Nazareth Independent School District voters of a \$1 million bond issue to construct a new physical education facility including a gymnasium, dressing rooms and a classroom.

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## 1:1

By Don Nelson

Maybe I led a sheltered childhood. Maybe I grew up in a juvenile fog, not paying attention.

Whatever the root cause was, I didn't learn until I was in my mid-20s, living in Arizona, that Texans always eat blackeyed peas on New Year's Day for good luck.

I found it out at a new year's party at the home of some friends who also grew up in Texas.

(There are lots and lots of native Texans in Arizona. In fact, it has long been said that if you took all the Texans out of Arizona, they'll really appreciate it.)

"You've never heard of eating blackeyed peas on New Year's Day?" our wide-eyed hostess asked me. "And you grew up in Texas?"

The custom was news to both Verbie and me.

"Uh, I guess it's just different in North Texas," I stammered.

I've always wondered if the black-eyed peas custom was just a "downstate" thing.

At the Lions Club meeting Tuesday, after we had slaughtered "Auld Lang Syne," I asked how many of my fellow members — old and young alike — grew up eating blackeyes on New Year's Day.

Every hand shot up — including those of the few guys in the club who actually grew up here.

I confessed that it had not been a custom in our family.

Fred Bruegel said that I'm lucky to still be alive.

Ever since Verbie and I learned about the custom in Arizona, we've practiced it.

I guess it has been lucky, because I feel pretty lucky every day.

1999 may become the year that gets overlooked. I hope not.

Right now, 1999 looms like the girl against the wall at the ball, waiting in vain for some guy to notice her and ask her to dance. But all the guys are interested in that more exciting number out there—2000, or Y2K.

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## Local subscribers may vote by phone for extended calling

Subscribers of the Dimmitt telephone exchange who have not received a ballot from the Public Utilities Commission may vote by phone or fax to express their choice in the expansion of the local calling area.

If the measure passes and gains

### Chamber will 'burn the note' on Wednesday

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce has paid off the note on its building and will have a special note burning ceremony Wednesday in conjunction with its annual meeting.

This year's annual membership meeting will be held at the Chamber meeting room for the first time in several years and those attending will enjoy a beef stew lunch.

"Yes, we know the room's small, but we actually hope to be crowded," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava. "We'd just like to be 'at home' when we burn the note."

The stew will be ready around noon and all Chamber members are invited to attend.

"We'll give you a report on what's been going on at your Chamber and show you our proposed budget for 1999," Sava said.

final approval by the PUC, phone subscribers in Dimmitt will be able to call Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford, Plainview and Tulia without a long distance charge. To be included in the extended calling area, each city must receive at least 70% approval among all the votes that are cast.

Ballots were mailed out earlier this month and should have been received already. However, Betty McClure, one of the organizers of the petitioning effort that started the process for getting the extended calling area, said that several people have told her that they have not received a ballot.

McClure said that mailed ballots sent to the PUC must have a Jan. 11 postmark. Phone and fax responses also must be made by that date. McClure said she had requested a two-week extension for the voting deadline, because of the possibility of delays due to the volume of holiday mail.

Subscribers wanting to vote by phone may call 1-888-782-8477.

They must state that they want to vote, that they are from the Dimmitt exchange, give their name, telephone number, mailing address, and how they want to vote on the five communities listed on the ballot.

The same information may be faxed to (512)936-7328, attention Garnet Elkins.

McClure said Elkins told her that subscribers should have already received their ballots, and phone votes will be accepted and cross-checked against any mailed ballots that have been received.

"If you have received a ballot, please fill it out and get it returned by the deadline, and if you have not received a ballot, then call or fax your vote," McClure said.

Although the extended calling area will give toll-free calling to the selected communities, there will be an additional \$3.50 per month charge per line for residential customers and an additional \$7 per month per line for businesses.

## Chambers to highlight annual Chamber banquet

Kenneth L. Chambers of Dawn, also known as "The Cellular Cowboy," will be the featured speaker for the 51st annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet, set for Jan. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

Known for his "Western wit and humor," Chambers will speak about "The Funny Side of Catching Cattle Rustlers, or How Not to Steal Cattle for Fun and Profit."

Another highlight of the evening will be recognition of the winners of the Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year Awards.

The theme for this year's banquet is "Be a Sport: Support Dimmitt." Cheryle Pybus will be the emcee. Tickets for the event are priced at \$15 per person if purchased in advance, or \$16 at the door. Student tickets will be \$10 each. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford. Also, tickets have been mailed out to chamber members.

The meal will be a steak dinner prepared by Dimmitt's Methodist Men. Tables will be decorated by individual businesses and recognition will be given for Most Original, Best Theme Interpretation, and Judges' Choice.

Southwest Airlines is once again offering a door prize of two free tickets to any place Southwest flies, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

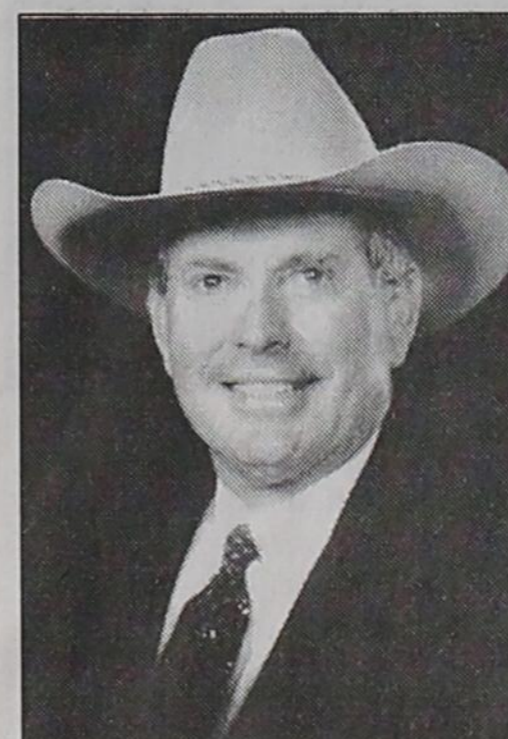
Chambers is a field inspector for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, headquartered in Fort Worth. A 30-year veteran of law enforcement in Texas and Oklahoma, Chambers has been on the trail of cattle rustlers and horse thieves for the past 25 years. He is

commissioned as a "Special Texas Ranger" by the state of Texas and as a "Ranger" by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

A 1981 graduate of the Dale Carnegie Course, Chambers also has served as a graduate assistant in five other course sessions, helping teach others how to reach their goals, become more confident in their daily lives, and to become successful speakers.

As an after dinner and keynote speaker, Chambers has entertained such groups as the American Quarter Horse Association, the New Mexico Horse Breeders Association, the Kansas Livestock Association, the Farm Banking Credit Association, and the National Cutting Horse Association.

He is currently the president of the Professional Speakers Association of the Southwest.



Kenneth L. Chambers

## Nominations due for citizen honors

If you haven't nominated someone for one the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years" and "Teacher of the Year" awards through Tuesday at 5 p.m. Winners will be announced at the annual Chamber banquet, which is scheduled for January 16.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office in Dimmitt.

"Every year when our selection committees convene, the names of several people who weren't nominated are brought up and, invariably, someone says, 'Well, it's a shame...,'" said Bill Sava, executive director of the chamber of commerce.

"This is a great way for organizations, groups of friends, churches, individuals, students, and even family members to recognize someone who has made worthwhile contributions to our community."

## Postage hike goes into effect Jan. 10

Effective Jan. 10, 1999, you'll be paying more to mail letters through the US Postal Service. That's when a 32-cent stamp skyrockets to 33 cents.

Under the new rate hike, First-Class Mail will be 33 cents for the first ounce and 22 cents for the second ounce.

First-Class Mail is matter that is wholly or partially in handwriting or typewriting or that has the character of actual and personal correspondence. All mailable matter may be sent as First-Class Mail.

Here are the new First-Class Mail changes which will take effect on Jan. 10.

- The first-ounce, single-piece letter rate increases 1¢ (card rate unchanged).
- Additional-ounce rate is reduced from 23¢ to 22¢.
- Maximum weight increases from 11 to 13 ounces.
- The first-ounce presorted letter rate increases 0.9¢, 3-digit rates increase 0.7¢, 5-digit rates increase 0.5¢ and the first-ounce carrier route letter rate increases 0.8¢.
- Basic automation rate for flats increases 1¢ (3/5-digit rate is unchanged).
- Qualified Business Reply Mail with a reduced postage rate of 30¢ for the first ounce and 18¢ for cards.
- Reduced fees for other Business Reply Mail.

New rates also will go into effect Jan. 10 for Priority Mail and Express Mail through the US Postal Service.

Priority Mail is defined as First-Class Mail weighing more than 13 ounces and, at the mailers option, any other matter (including regular First-Class Mail) weighing 13 ounces or less.

Here's what's new for Priority Mail:

- Flat rate for up to 2 pounds is now \$3.20. All rates up to 5 pounds increase, and in some cases, zoned rates over 5 pounds will decrease.
  - Delivery Confirmation, which will be available this spring, will be available at no charge to mailers who use the electronic option. Retail Delivery Confirmation will be available for 35¢ per piece.
  - Signature Confirmation, also available this spring, will be available for an additional \$1.25.
  - Bulk Insured Service saves 40¢ per piece in insurance fees.
  - Pickup service increases to \$8.25 per pickup.
- Express Mail Service is a premium service offering guaranteed next-day and second-day delivery nationwide. Effective Jan. 10, Express Mail rates, pickup service and insurance fees have increased. The pickup service will rise to \$8.25.
- Other rate changes also will take effect on Jan. 10. For more detailed information, contact the post office.

## Second quarter sales in county up in 1998

Gross sales by Castro County's retail businesses rose by more than 32% in the second quarter of 1998 while sales of all industries in the county were up 22.4% during the period.

Retail sales during the second quarter of this year totaled \$12,243,216, up 32.1% from the 1997 second-quarter total of \$9,265,489.

Sales among all industries for the second quarter this year were reported at \$28,753,059, which is 22.4% higher than the 1997 total of \$23,490,130.

While the sales figures were up, the number of reporting outlets

dropped in the county, from 95 in 1997 to 83 this year.

Of the second quarter gross sales in the retail trade division, \$7,511 was use tax purchases and \$3,740,366 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

Use tax purchases for all industries in the county amounted to \$22,177 while \$4,856,782 was subject to the state sales and use tax.

The number of reporting outlets for all industries was down, too, from 165 in 1997 to 154 in 1998.

The second quarter state sales and use tax report was issued by State Comptroller John Sharp on Dec. 10.



# On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Kay Kellar and son, Ty, of Amarillo, hosted their family and friends for Christmas dinner Friday. Imagine everyone's surprise when Ms. Claus came Ho-Ho-Ho-ing down the hall with a bag full of goodies. After the initial surprise of Santa being a female, we settled down and pondered the reason for the season. Joe Burleson read the Christmas story to us from the second chapter of Luke. Ms. Claus took over again and we played Chinese Christmas. There were some strange gifts, but everyone had good laughs. Everyone must have been good boys and girls this year because there were lots of gifts. Those present were Joe and Midge Burleson of Lubbock, Kay's mother and step-father; Billy and Mike Settle, Kay's brother and sister-in-law of Tulia; Suzanne Settle of Tulia, Kay's niece; and her friend Charlie Cox; Bill Settle of Amarillo, Kay's nephew; Martha Jo Hyman and Lu Lynn; and Art, Harriet and Sawyer Flacha of Brownfield (Harriet is Joe Burleson's daughter and Sawyer is his grandson.).

Art and Harriet drove up to Dimmitt in a 1957 Chrysler Imperial. Joe says that this is a four-generation car. It belonged to Art's grandmother, Art's mother, and now it is Art's. Sawyer is looking forward to the time when it will be his. Art is

quite an antique car buff. His work pickup is a 1957 Chevy.

Hank and Syd Lynn enjoyed their family for the holidays. Those visiting were Cliff and Jerry Cook of Amarillo, Syd's brother-in-law and sister; Dude McLaurin, Syd's mother; George and Ruby McLaurin of Wheeler, Syd's brother and sister-in-law; LeAndre and Matt Pletcher of Austin, Syd and Hank's daughter and son-in-law; and Lu Lynn of Dimmitt, Hank and Syd's daughter.

Reagan Mendoza, daughter of Jamie and Frank Mendoza of Lubbock and the granddaughter of Sandy and Jim Baker and Frank Mendoza of Dimmitt, celebrated her first birthday at the home of Weeze and Honorable Grandfather (Sandy and Jim).

Russell Stringfield and Kay Stringfield and Penny and Stephanie Ellis, all of Fort Worth, visited in the home of Billy and Ruth Hackleman over the Christmas holiday.

CD and Linda Fitzgerald went to Blanchard, Okla., along with Linda's mother, sister and brother, Catharine Russell, Robert Russell and Doris Neeley. They had Christmas with Gaines, Crystal, Misti and Clint Howell. Jack and Charlene Howell also went. They had a joyous Christmas, and went to see some Christmas lights.

Bryce and Darlene Dowell had Christmas in Dallas with Melony, John, Michael and Rebecca Fant, and Teri, Kenneth, Maegan and Laurel Ussery and Brett and Brandon Dowell on Dec. 20.

I had my family over for Christmas on Christmas Eve. Jo Hyman and Randy Friesen of Amarillo and Leigh and Curtis Durbin and Aubrie all celebrated with me. Jo spent the entire week with me as I recuperated from foot surgery. Jo and Randy went to Clinton, Okla., on Christmas Day to celebrate with his family.

Visiting with Lorann Hamilton over the holidays were her daughters and their families, Sheila and Jim Wolfe, Allyson, Brett and Adam of Crystal Lake, Ill.; Mary Kay and Mark Watson and Rachael and Sara of Altus, Okla.; and Jean Marie Toulouse of Fort Worth, her daughter, Mackenzie Pipes, her granddaughter, Olivia McDonald of Fort Worth, and Jeremy Holt of Norfolk, Va. Lorann fell in the mall Saturday and broke her arm.

Jean and Larry Morris, along with Scott Morris, Ann and Kyle Williams and Julie and Tye of Canyon, Craig Neal and Heather Montgomery, Kay and Clayton Neal of Quinlan (Jean's sister and brother-in-

law), and Jeff, Katie and Hannah Neal of Bovina, all spent the weekend of Dec. 18-19 in Red River. They had good weather and went skiing, even though there wasn't much snow.

On Christmas Eve, the Morris, Williams and Neal families enjoyed a dinner of Cajun Fried Turkey with the Braafladis, McLeans, and Chip and Phil Thrasher. Santa visited Julie and Tye Williams in Dimmitt. He gave Julie a Barbie® four wheeler and Tye a motorcycle.

The tennis group met at the home of Margaret Parsons to celebrate the birthdays of Kay Kellar and Janice Richards. Janice is from Bovina. Those attending were Deanne Clark of Lubbock, Jane O'Kelley and Janet Smith, both of Amarillo, Noemi Ponce, Doricell Davis, Linda Langford, Debbie Fewell and Shelly Conkin. After the party, the whole group went to Judy and Winston Waggoner's open house. Needless to say, they enjoyed good food at both places.

RETRACTION: In last week's column, the rehearsal dinner hosted by Donnie and Wanda Nelson was mistakenly attributed to "Donnie and Wanda Murdock." The News regrets the error.

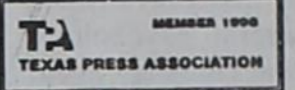
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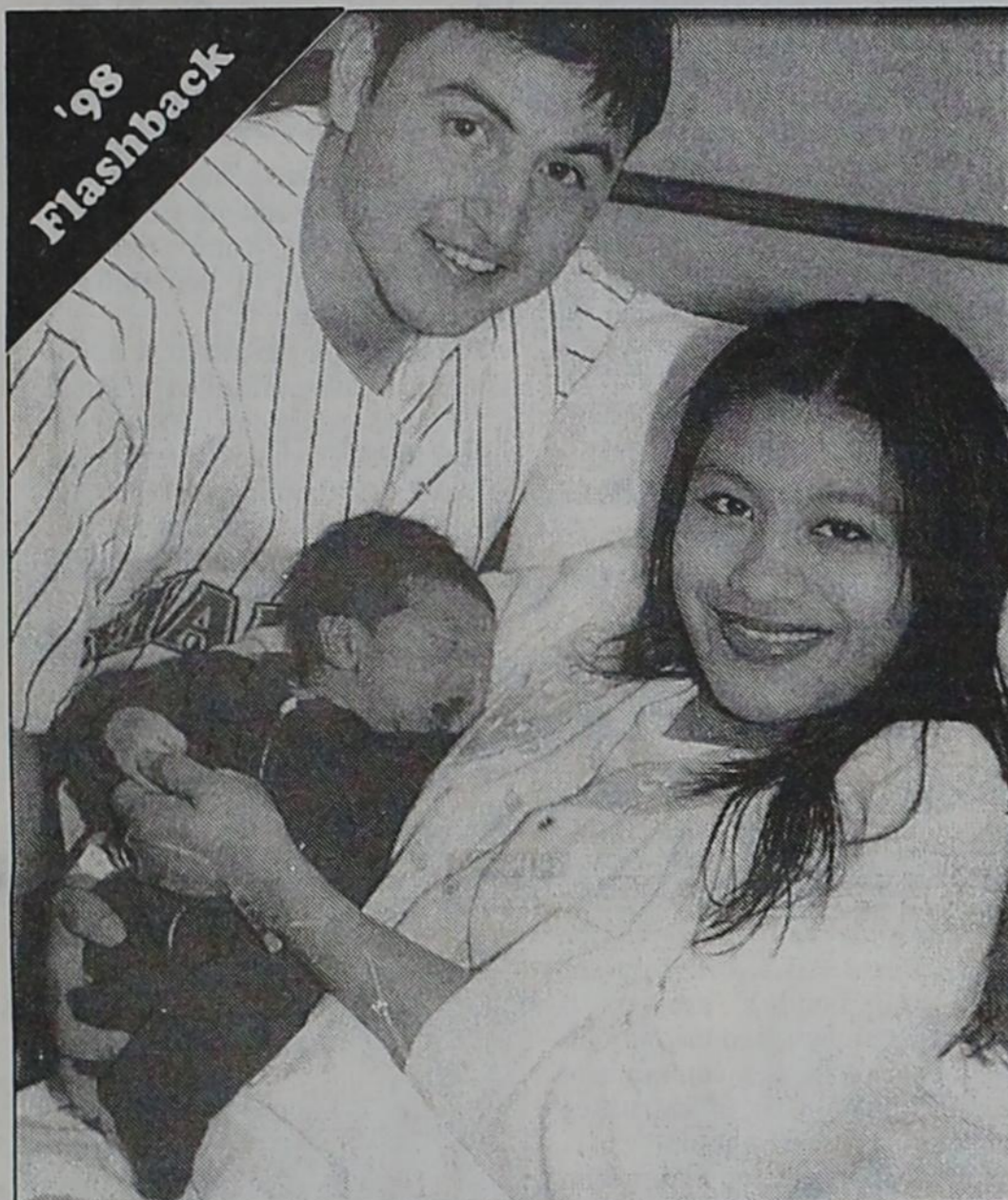
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**THE FIRST BABY BORN IN CASTRO COUNTY IN 1998** was Devon Bryce Martinez, son of Richard Martinez (left) and Myra Pena (right). The infant was born Jan. 30, 1998, at 6:07 a.m. at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 8 lbs., 11 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Photo by Linda Maxwell

## Nazareth

with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Christmas was a wonderful time as always for families to gather. All attended mass in beautifully-decorated Holy Family Church after which families gathered for dinners. It was great to see so many of our young families and college students return to Nazareth for the holidays.

The family of Max Acker gathered at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center on Sunday before Christmas to celebrate the holidays.

The annual Christmas dinner of the Rose Birkenfeld family took place Dec. 20 at the Nazareth Legion Hall.

Approximately 80 members of the family and a number of friends attended from Nazareth, Lubbock, Dimmitt, Snyder, Amarillo, Friona, Fort Worth, San Marcus, Canyon, Oklahoma City, Farmington, N.M., and Colorado Springs, Colo.

About 50 family members gathered at the El Camino Restaurant in Tulia Sunday evening to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday of Dorothy Pohlmeier.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Sister Jane Brockman, Tony Acker, Greg Hoelting and Regina Steffens.

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# People



## AC will offer classes in Hart

Amarillo College will be offering two college credit classes through the Hart schools for the spring semester. They will be open to high school seniors and adults.

The classes will start Jan. 18. Public speaking will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 9:15 a.m. General psychology will be offered on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

The cost of the classes will be the regular tuition fee, and instruction will be provided by AC personnel.

Admission requirements include application to AC, and completing a certificate of residence. Also, an applicant may possess a bachelor's

degree from an accredited college or university, or be a non-degree or non-certificate-seeking student 55 or older by the first day of the semester.

Graduates of accredited high schools must submit an official high school transcript. Persons with a GED, who are at least 18, may be admitted on an individual approval basis. Also, applicants must pass the appropriate areas of the TASP, unless exemptions apply.

All interested persons in the area are welcome to apply. For more information contact Hart counselor Cheryl Upshaw, Box 490, Hart 79043; or call 938-2141 or 938-2143.



THE FOLLIES RETURNED to Dimmitt in 1998 and was a hit with the many who attended. Here, Chamber of Commerce President Bill Sava, who was one of the organizers for the show, is "attacked" by Stella Devers (left) and Jennifer Harmonson (right),

who had their feathers ruffled when Sava insisted on one more rehearsal for their skit, "Rent-A-Car." The show was held in late August, helping to kick off the annual Castro County Harvest Days celebration.

Photo by Anne Acker

## Dimmitt Dollars winners named

The final prize drawing was held in Dimmitt last Thursday at noon in connection with the annual "Santa's Open House" promotion sponsored by the Merchant's Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

The first drawing was held Nov. 19, and additional drawings were held weekly, except for Thanksgiving week.

Winners from last week's drawing and where they registered were: Maxine Tidwell, \$100, Village Shop; Sandy Ward, \$10, village Shop; Jesse Campos, \$10, Borderline Restaurant.

Participating businesses included ALCO, Bealls, Bobcat Barber Shop, The Borderline Restaurant, Castro County News, Dimmitt Market, Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply, First Bank of Muleshoe, First United Bank, The Headhunter, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, Merle Norman, the Pancake House, Seale Florist, Tots & Teens, Thriftway, Unique Gifts & More and The Village Shop.

## Heroism award nominees sought

Nominations are being sought for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1998 Rural Heroism Award, according to Ben Bullard, council president.

To qualify for the award, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1998. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching. The 1998 recipient will be announced in March at the Texas Safety Association 60th annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition in Houston.

The nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than Feb. 1. They should be sent to the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 5539, Waco 76708.

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## Family Pathfinders trains volunteers

State Comptroller John Sharp has announced that Family Pathfinders, his innovative welfare-to-work program, has trained over 2,500 volunteers to help Texas families help themselves.

"We're proud of the individuals in religious and community organizations across the state who help families make the transition from welfare to work," said Sharp. "We're succeeding in our goal of moving 1,000 families off welfare by the year 2000."

Family Pathfinders links local religious and civic organizations with families who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

(TANF). The volunteers work with TANF recipients who want to find jobs, become self-sufficient, and move from welfare to the workforce. The training sessions train sponsoring groups on how to deal with the unique needs of welfare families.

A report from the Dept. of Human Services indicates that almost 75% of the families matched in the first two years of the program are now off monthly welfare benefits.

More than 189 organizations in 73 Texas communities are currently working in the Family Pathfinders program. The groups have been matched with 439 families.

The program is open to civic clubs, churches, and local businesses. Sponsoring groups are matched with families whose needs are compatible with the services the group offers. Paperwork to track participating families' progress is kept to a minimum, and the families may look forward to a commitment of at least one year of assistance from their sponsoring group.

Application forms and information about Family Pathfinders is available by phoning toll-free 1-800-355-PATH or contacting the nearest Comptroller's field office. Access is available on the Internet on Sharp's Window on State Government at: <http://www.window.state.tx.us>

## Lamb Classic set Saturday

The second annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic will be held Saturday at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

This year there will be two lamb shows and both will be sanctioned by the Texas Club Lamb Association. The first show will start at 10 a.m. and will be judged by Ronny Dennis. The second show will start approximately one hour after the end of the first show and will be judged by Marvin Ensor.

Entry fee is \$20 per show or \$35 for both shows. All weight cards will be due by 9 a.m.

A showmanship competition will be held for anyone interested, and the event will be judged by both judges. Entry fee for the showmanship is \$5 per person.

All Texas Club Lamb Association rules apply for both shows and the showmanship.

For more information contact the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

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*Welcome to the New Year*

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THE 1998-99 STATE 4-H President is Dimmitt's own Kaci Schulte. Schulte, who has been active in 4-H since she was first eligible to join, was voted the organization's new state president this year. She will speak across the state, promoting 4-H during the coming year. Photo by Anne Acker

**Castro County Hospital District wishes you and yours a happy and healthy**



Throughout the year, Castro County Hospital District is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week with only one purpose – to provide excellence in healthcare for you and your family.

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## Reception to honor Young

Marshall Young, Justice of the Peace for Castro County for six terms, will be honored with a come and go party today (Thursday) from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Country Club of Dimmitt.

Friends are invited to stop by and visit with Young, who decided not to seek re-election to his position in the last election. He has said he will pursue other interests after his term officially ends tonight at midnight.

### Letter

## 'A poem can be a special gift'

Dear Editor:

A young person wrote me: "Christmas is coming up. My mother and father are divorced. She and I live together. I have no brothers or sisters. I would like to get her something really nice. She has a lot of nice things so it would be hard for me to decide on what to get her. I have one other problem. I'm broke. I can't afford to get her anything. I do love her a lot and she loves me. What could I get her that she would really like? It has to be something really low priced."

I answered: "We live in a very materialistic society where things are important. We wrongly believe we must buy expensive gifts to make someone happy. Not so. When I was 13, I had no money and my mother's birthday was the next day. I didn't know what to do. In desperation I wrote an eight-line poem to her. It was about how I love her and need her. I wrote it neatly and gave it to her in an envelope. She kept and cherished that short poem until the day she died, some 50 years later.

"Your gift does not have to be something you buy. Try a poem from your heart."

TONY WEISSGARBER

Weissgarber is a columnist from San Antonio.



**INTERNATIONAL FAVORITE**—This Friendship Wreath quilt, created by the Friendship Quilters Guild of Dimmitt, earned a second-place award and \$700 at the International Quilt Festival in Houston in November. Among the local quilters who had a hand in the patchwork stitchery were (front row, from

left) Winona Franks, Cassa Beddow and Cenci Hardee and (back row, from second left) Joyce Davis and Yvonna Hays. The quilt was raffled off earlier this year and winner was Jean Dean of Midland (back row, left).

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## Vitamin C helps with iron absorption

If you take iron supplements, consider washing them down with orange juice.

Iron deficiency is a common nutritional problem, especially for women. Although the body readily absorbs iron from red meat, and to a lesser extent from plant foods like tofu or black-eyed peas, some people need supplementation.

"Vitamin C boosts iron absorption if taken at the same time as either

dietary or iron supplements," said Jo Ann Carson, a clinical associate professor of clinical nutrition at UT Southwestern School of Allied Health Sciences. "Foods high in vitamin C, like tomatoes or orange juice, can help your body take full advantage of the iron in pills you take and foods you eat."

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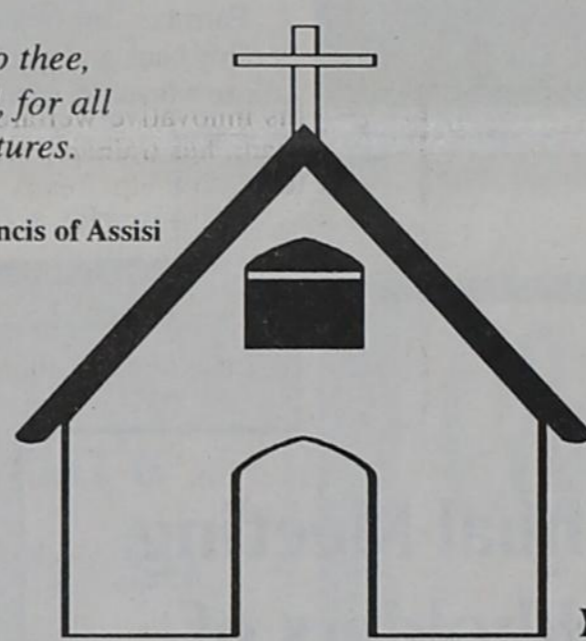
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## '99 fed cattle outlook could be a 'mixed bag'

While fed cattle prices should trend higher in 1999, the meat complex will still stagger under the weight of burdensome supplies, which will limit the upside potential in the market.

With that analysis, Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) Market Director Jim Gill said the outlook for 1999 is a mixed bag, with a few bright spots to provide encouragement to cattle feeders.

One of those bright spots will be a

drop in beef supplies.

"Beef production in 1999 will be near 24.4 billion pounds, 5% below the 25.6 billion pounds this year," Gill said during the annual TCFA year-end news conference in December.

"This will be the first year to show a decrease in beef production since 1993 and will put annual consumption near 64 pounds on a retail weight basis."

Leading a drop in beef production

will be a decrease in carcass weights, Gill said.

"Average carcass weights are expected to be lower than the record 724 pounds in 1998, dropping to a more normal 700 to 705 pounds."

However, cattle feeders will still have to deal with pork and poultry supplies, which will keep a lid on the upside potential in fed cattle prices.

"Pork production in 1999 is expected to be near 19 billion pounds, a 1% increase from the 1998 record of 18.8 billion pounds. Poultry production next year is expected to increase another 2% to 34.6 billion pounds, compared with 33.8 billion pounds in 1998," Gill said.

While those figures are concerning to cattlemen, consumers will continue to enjoy steady retail beef prices and an abundant selection of meat protein at the grocery store. Retail beef prices averaged around \$2.76 per pound this year, down about four cents from last year's \$2.80 per pound, Gill said.

"With the anticipated drop in beef production in 1999, retail prices may edge higher, but competition from record pork and poultry supplies will temper any price increase," Gill said, adding that he anticipates average retail beef prices will increase slightly in 1999, settling around the 1997 average of \$2.80 per pound.

On the input side of the equation, grain production in 1999 is expected to be near 9.3 billion bushels, given normal weather. That's down from the estimated 9.8 billion bushels harvested this year, Gill said.

"Exports will play a typically crucial role in prices and the instability in the Far East and Pacific Rim markets will likely have a major impact on final prices to feedyards."

The downward trend in feeder cattle supplies will continue, with numbers tightening over the next several years.

"This reflects the continued cow and heifer liquidation in 1996, 1997 and 1998," Gill said. "Prices, which averaged \$76 per hundredweight in 1998, will likely remain steady during 1999, provided the fed cattle market moves higher next year."

In spite of the challenges ahead, Gill expects that cattle feeders will see a slightly better market in 1999. His price outlook for the first quarter has fed cattle prices ranging from \$55 to \$63 per hundredweight.

In the second quarter, some strength returns to the market, with prices anticipated to range from \$63 to \$70. Third quarter prices are projected to remain relatively steady at \$64 to \$69, and fourth quarter prices should range from \$63 to \$68 per hundredweight.

## Minding Your Own Business

### A One-Year Countdown to 2000



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR

By the time you read this, some of you will have already broken a few of your New Year's resolutions. Others will approach this year as you have every previous year. Ho hum, so what else is new?

What's new is that we are on the brink of a new millennium. An exciting, once-every-thousand-years experience that we will never witness again.

In early 1900, the *New York Times* chronicled the new century with these editorial comments: "The advance of the human race during the past 100 years has not been equaled by the progress of man within any of the preceding ages." The *Times* could rewrite that editorial and apply it to this century as well. What a glorious century it has been.

As Americans read the paper that day in 1900 they never dreamed of headlines to come. No one expected World War I, the stock market crash, the ensuing depression and World War II, manned flight and space travel. Television, computers and car phones were not on their minds.

Now, as we count down the days to 2000, we are in no better position to predict the future than were they. Global economies will rise and fall, trends will come and go and leaders will succeed and fail. Only the master timekeeper will know the course of events.

When we awaken on Jan. 1, 2000, we will face a brand new day just as we did today. There will be problems to solve, jobs that need doing and reasons for action.

#### The new century

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T-boxes replaced personal computers in 2007. These new "technology-boxes" are the size of a credit card, radio-wave powered, voice-activated and directed, and require no operating system or software. Bill Gates took bankruptcy in 2008. The government dismissed Microsoft's anti-trust investigation in 2010. They cited Microsoft's 2008 revenues of \$519 as evidence that the company no longer held a monopoly position.

Ford Motor Company produced the last Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) in 2011. The latest transportation rage is the Chrysler built Flying Aquatic Regional Transporter, affectionately referred to as... "The Runabout." GM and Ford are testing prototypes of their new plane/boat/car vehicles.

Harley-Davidson acquired Japan's Honda Motor Company for \$1.3 trillion and free lifetime golf for all Honda directors. Harley will produce its 2012 models in the old Honda factories. City commissioners from Milwaukee, Wisc., annexed Sturgis, S.D., in a surprise move last month.

I'd love to tell you more, but I've got to beam this column to the "Netpaper." Funny thing about columns, deadlines still apply.

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

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## ACGA convention slated for February

The seventh annual convention of the American Corn Growers Association (ACGA) will be held Feb. 4-7, 1999, at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

Theme for this year's convention is "Call for Survival—A Rally to Address the Crisis in Agriculture." Chairman of the convention is Steve Waters of South Dakota.

Farmers must take agricultural policy back and put it in the hands of those who care, according to Waters.

Programs on credit availability, changes needed to the Freedom to Farm bill, value-added processing and how it can put money in farmers' pockets, and delivering farm programs to the countryside will be part of the program. A highlight panel will include six presidents of national agricultural and rural groups discussing what needs to be done in this new Congress to help bring price and profit back.

A barbecue dinner and line dancing at the home of The Nashville Network's "Wildhorse Saloon Dance Show" will highlight the opening reception.

ACGA attendees will receive dinner and a tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame the second night and will receive premier seating at the Grand Ole Opry the third night of the convention.

Because of the importance of this convention, ACGA has made registration fee voluntary.

For more information on the convention, call the ACGA Washington office at (202) 835-0330.

## 4-H sets entry time for county stock show

Castro County 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to enter their barrows, steers and lambs in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show during a special sign-up Jan. 11-15, 1999.

During that week, 4-H'ers with livestock projects are asked to stop by the Extension office in Dimmitt to sign up for the stock show. Entry fees are \$15 per animal.

Judges for this year's county stock show are Scott Doss for lambs, Greg Jones for steers and Rick Whitman for barrows.

For more information about the show or entries, call Benny Martinez or Rebel Royall at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of **Dimmitt Consumers** will be held at the **DIMMITT CITY HALL MEETING ROOM** Monday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

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## The Pancake House



**EXTREME TEMPERATURES** were one of the "hottest" stories of 1998. A long drought settled over the area this summer, bringing hotter than normal temperatures and no moisture for months. This high of 110 was recorded on a downtown sign on June 27 at 4:15 p.m. Temperatures soared over the century mark 12 days in June, and 10 of those days came during a 12-day period in the month. *Photo by Don Nelson*



**THE WEATHER CONTINUED** to be a story throughout the year, but mild temperatures made headlines late in the year. These fresh daisies were found in full bloom at the home of Don and Ginger Scarborough, 219 Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> in Dimmitt—in early December. The Scarboroughs had already decorated their home for the holidays, but flowers continued to bloom because of the unseasonably warm weather during the fall. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

# Water quality demo project includes county sites

Agriculture producers across the US are generally viewed as good stewards of the land and its natural resources.

In an effort to protect the water quality of the Panhandle, experts from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Agricultural Experiment Station have joined forces with state and federal agencies and local landowners to conduct the Tierra Blanca Creek demonstration project, which is being conducted at sites in Parmer, Castro, Deaf Smith and Randall counties.

"What we are attempting to do is persuade local producers to voluntarily implement best management practices into their daily operations by demonstrating the programs' positive effects and benefits," said Dr. Brent Auvermann, assistant professor and environmental quality engineer at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

Best management practices include efficient irrigation, reduced tillage, integrated pest management, manure management, rotational grazing, vegetative filter strips and water quality management plans.

"There is a laundry list of best management practices and those of us involved in the project are trying to do a good job of helping farmers and ranchers manage their feedlots, irrigate more effectively, and so forth," Auvermann said.

Lanny McDonald, water quality assistant for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and project director, routinely gives tours of the demonstration sites.

"This is a constant demonstration project," McDonald said. "We're

showing neighboring producers how these scientifically proven practices work in the field."

"It is taking known technology and practices, and proving through demonstration that these ideas work," Auvermann said.

In conjunction with adoption of best management practices, farmers and ranchers are also being encouraged to join a water quality management plan.

The plan lists practices the farmer promises to do to ensure ground water quality. They are filed and approved through the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board.

"The benefits are two-fold," Auvermann said. "First of all, the state board agrees to participate in cost-sharing to enable producers to

follow the plan. For example, the cost of installing terraces would be split. Secondly, the farmer is automatically immune from any waiver quality complaints his neighbor may have if he is following the plan."

Funds to support the Tierra Blanca Creek project are allocated by the federal government through the Clean Water Act to help diminish the

effects of non-point source pollution. "Point source pollution comes from one major source like a factory, plant or a feedlot," Auvermann said. "Non-point source is everything else, like highway runoff and by-products of agricultural land."

For more information on best management practices, contact the county Extension office.

## Substitute inservice is scheduled

Anyone interested in serving as a substitute teacher in the Dimmitt schools may sign up for a substitute teacher inservice session that will be held Wednesday (Jan. 6), beginning at 10 a.m. at the school administration building at 608 W. Halsell.

Doricell Davis, curriculum director for DISD, said that those who have already attended a session for this school year do not have to attend again.

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# Sports



## In Caprock Tourney

# Bobcats, Swiftettes reach fifth-place games

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Nazareth Swiftettes enjoyed two-game winning streaks before losing their third contests Wednesday in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock.

Both fell in the championship quarterfinal round of the big 32-team tournaments and were scheduled to play for fifth-place honors Wednesday.

The Bobcats, after posting wins over El Paso Bowie (62-51) and Lubbock High (66-61), lost their third game to Frenship in a close, overtime thriller, 60-58.

Nazareth's girls posted wins over Lubbock Estacado (54-37) and Whiteface (44-23) before losing to Canyon in the quarterfinals, 34-17.

The Bobcats were scheduled to

meet Trinity Christian at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday while the Swiftettes were slated to play Perryton at 12 noon Wednesday.

The Nazareth Swifts managed a first-round win over Dalhart, 66-53, before losing their next two games to Trinity (71-50) and El Paso Jefferson (50-36).

The Dimmitt Bobbies struggled in their first two tournament games, losing to Whiteface (49-38) and Lubbock Estacado (80-74) before pulling off a win over Trinity Christian in a guarantee game.

### Bobcats

The Bobcats jumped out to a 20-15 lead over El Paso Bowie in the opening round, and extended that

lead to 37-28 by the break.

El Paso would come back in the third, closing the gap and knotting the game at 43 by the end of the third quarter.

Dimmitt regrouped between periods and outscored El Paso 19-7 over the final eight minutes for the 62-51 win.

Jerry Thomas and Derek Buckley paced the Bobcats to the win with 23 points apiece.

That win moved Dimmitt into the championship second round against Lubbock High.

The Bobcats built an early lead, then had to hold off a determined Westerner team in the second half to escape with the 66-61 win Tuesday morning.

Buckley and Daniel Flores finished with 20 apiece while Thomas chipped in 10.

Dimmitt took a 15-6 lead in the first and was up 35-25 at halftime.

Lubbock High outscored Dimmitt 36-31 in the second half, but it wasn't enough for the win.

Later that day, the Bobcats had another hard-fought battle on their hands when they faced Frenship in a quarterfinal game.

This time Dimmitt couldn't hold off their foes and lost in overtime by a bucket, 60-58.

Dimmitt led after the first, second and third quarters (13-10, 22-21 and 38-35), but Frenship came back to tie the game at 52 in regulation, then outscored the Cats 8-6 in the bonus for the win.

Buckley finished with 23 points while Jerry Thomas had 22.

### Swiftettes

Nazareth had an easy time in the opening round, posting a 54-37 win over Lubbock Estacado.

Three Swiftettes finished in double figures, paced by Cassie Birkenfeld's 21-point performance. Shawna Gerber finished with 14 and Whitney Hoelting added 10.

Nazareth held Dalhart to eight points in the first quarter, but their 16-8 lead didn't last long. Dalhart

outscored the Swiftettes over the second and third quarters to keep the game close, 43-39 after three, but the Swiftettes blew the game open in the fourth, exploding with 23 points to put the game away.

In the second round championship bracket game, the Swiftettes' defense held Whiteface to 23 points en route to a 44-23 win.

Nazareth had downed Whiteface earlier in the year by eight points, but this game was all Swiftettes.

Whiteface managed just 12 points over three quarters as Nazareth's defense proved to be intimidating.

An 11-4 Nazareth lead in the first turned into a 25-7 lead at halftime and a 34-12 lead after three stanzas.

Hoelting had 12 points to lead Nazareth while Stephanie Thiel finished with 11 and Cassie Birkenfeld added 10.

The Swiftettes' defense limited Class AAAA power Canyon to 34 points in a quarterfinal game Tuesday, but their offense was stagnant, managing just 17 points.

Canyon jumped out to a 10-7 lead in the first quarter, then shut down Nazareth's offense after that.

By halftime, it was 14-10 in favor of the Lady Eagles and they took over from there.

Canyon held Nazareth to a free throw in the third period, then won the fourth quarter, 11-6, for the 34-17 win.

Gerber and Thiel each finished with six points to lead the Swiftettes.

### Bobbies

The Bobbies had their hands full against Whiteface in the tournament opener, and dropped the match, 49-38.

Whiteface held the lead through most of the game, taking an 8-7 advantage after eight minutes and a 24-16 lead after 16 minutes. Trailing by 13 headed into the final period, Dimmitt managed to gain two points on Whiteface, but could draw no closer.

Tonya Robertson finished with 13 points to lead the Bobbies.

In Dimmitt's second game (a consolation first-round showdown), the Bobbies got into a shoot-out with Lubbock Estacado, but ran out of gas in the fourth quarter, allowing Estacado to come from behind for an 80-74 win.

Dimmitt led by seven in the first, 17-10, and was still on top in the second, 30-25. But Estacado started a comeback in the third, narrowing the Dimmitt lead to three, then taking over in the fourth, outscoring the Bobbies 24-15 over the final eight minutes for the win.

Shawna Kenworthy finished with 19 points while Stephanie Hinojosa and Heather Black each had 12 for Dimmitt.

The Bobbies beat Trinity Christian in a late game Tuesday night, but scores were unavailable at press time.

### Swifts

Nazareth used a big first quarter and even bigger fourth quarter to



DIMMITT'S DANIEL FLORES (20) works against Frenship's Colin Schafer, bringing the ball down the floor Tuesday in a championship quarterfinal game at the Caprock Tournament. Dimmitt watched a lead evaporate in regulation as Frenship came from behind to tie the game and send it into overtime. The Cats lost in the bonus period, 60-58. Earlier in the tournament, Dimmitt beat El Paso Bowie and Lubbock High.

Photo by Gary Wise



LOOKING TO PENETRATE—Dimmitt guard Stephanie Hinojosa (10) gets a step on Lubbock Estacado's Jennifer Velasquez (32) and heads toward the bucket Tuesday in action at the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock. Estacado topped the Bobbies, 80-74. Dimmitt, which lost to Whiteface in the first game, came back after the Estacado loss to beat Trinity Christian Tuesday night.

Photo by Gary Wise

hand Dalhart a loss in Monday's first round, 66-53.

Nazareth was up by eight in the first, but Dalhart came back to nar-

row that lead to six by the break, 32-16.

It was a four-point Swift lead

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## A Note of Gratitude.

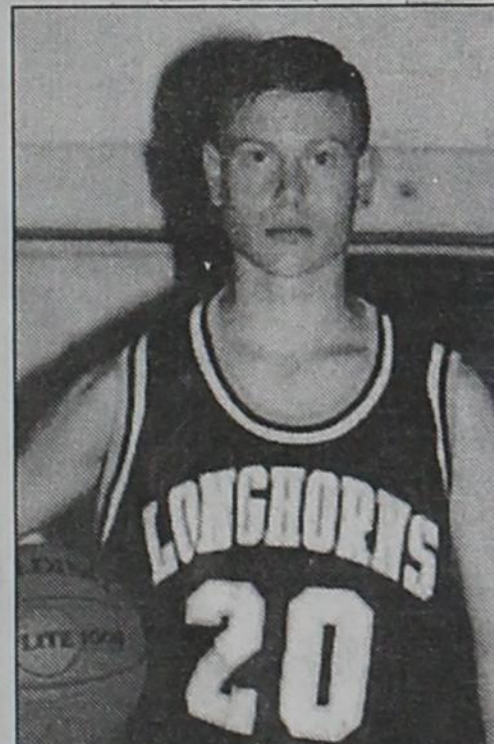
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# Good Luck, Ladyhorns and Longhorns!

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**TUESDAY:  
Ladyhorns  
and Longhorns  
vs. Morton,  
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*We're proud of our Ladyhorns and Longhorns!*

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# Hart teams lose in semis Tuesday

The Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns were each scheduled to battle for third-place honors in the Silver-

ton Hoot-Out Wednesday after both lost their games in the championship semifinal rounds on Tuesday.

Both won their first-round games but fell shy of a spot in the finals Tuesday.

The Hart girls downed Cotton Center, 70-45, on Monday behind Geneva Finch's 19-point performance. Angelica Perales added 14 for the Hart ladies.

In Monday's first-round boys' action, the Longhorns beat Miami, 55-30. Jeremiah Velasquez chipped in 22 points to lead Hart while Keith Finch added 13.

Tuesday's semifinal in the girls' tournament was a hard-fought battle between the Lady Horns and Claude, and the Lady Mustangs won it in overtime, 63-58.

After a tied 20-point first quarter, Hart pulled ahead at halftime, 37-29. The Lady Horns held a 47-37 lead after the third, but Claude came back to tie the game in the fourth quarter, then outscored Hart 7-2 in overtime for the win.

Hart's leading scorer in the game was Perales, who finished with 17. Ysa Rodriguez and Finch had 14 each.

In the boys' semifinal, Silverton pulled away from Hart in the fourth quarter for a 52-46 win.

The Owls were up by two after the first quarter, 14-12, but Hart came back to tie the game at 25 at halftime, and the score was still a stalemate after three periods, 36-36. Silverton outscored Hart 16-10 in the fourth for the win.

The Longhorns' top point-getter was Velasquez, who had 20. Jared Aven finished with 11.



**NO CONTEST**—The Cotton Center Lady Elks proved to be no match for Geneva Finch (42) and the Hart Lady Horns Monday. The two teams squared off in a first-round game at the Silverton Hoot-Out and the Lady Horns posted an easy 70-45 win. Finch was Hart's leading scorer with 19 points.

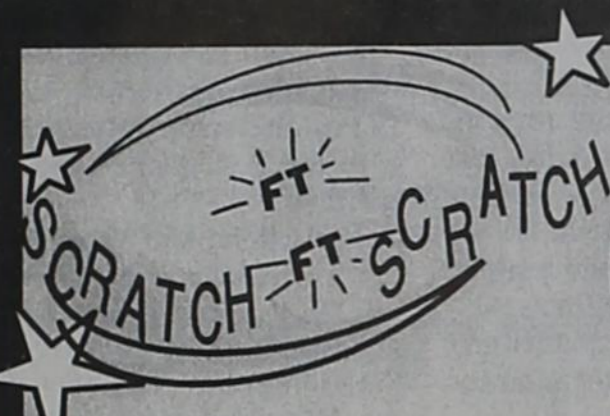
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**LOOSE BALL!**—Hart's Jeff Bennett (20) battles a Miami opponent for a loose ball Monday during Hart's 55-30 first-round win in the Silverton Hoot-

Out. Also pictured are Hart's Jared Aven (4) and Keith Finch (33).

Photo by David Knox


Good Luck,

Bobbies and Bobcats!

SATURDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Littlefield, Here

TUESDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Slaton, There

### Schedule and Scores

Jan. 2—Littlefield, Here  
 Jan. 5—Slaton, There  
 Jan. 8—Muleshoe (Boys), Here  
 Jan. 8—\*Perryton (Girls), Here  
 Jan. 12—\*Tulia, There  
 Jan. 15—\*River Road, Here  
 Jan. 19—\*Sanford-Fritch, There  
 Jan. 22—\*Dalhart, Here  
 Jan. 26—\*Tulia, Here  
 Jan. 29—\*Perryton, There  
 Feb. 2—\*Sanford-Fritch, Here  
 Feb. 5—\*River Road, There  
 Feb. 9—\*Dalhart, There  
 Feb. 12—\*Perryton (Boys), Here

#### Bobbies

22, Randall 42  
 32, Levelland 52  
 56, Borger 49  
**Queen's Classic**  
 58, Lockney 66  
 80, Ray 75  
 72, Vega 62  
*Consolation Champions*  
 43, Hereford 32  
 54, Amarillo High 66  
 57, Muleshoe 42

#### Seminole Tournament

87, Hobbs 76  
 66, Andrews 38  
 63, Seminole 66  
*Second Place*  
 54, Friona 43  
 52, Coronado 90  
**Caprock Tournament**  
 38, Whiteface 49  
 74, Lubbock Estacado 80  
 Season Record: 8-8

#### Bobcats

61, Randall 69  
 81, Levelland 72  
 61, Borger 43  
 67, Farwell 48  
 49, Hereford 54  
**Pioneer Classic**  
 59, Lubbock High 61  
 67, Lubbock Estacado 44  
 75, Plainview 48  
 47, El Paso 52  
 70, Muleshoe 62

#### Seminole Tournament

50, Denver City 62  
 77, Andrews 53  
 71, Pampa 67  
*Consolation Champions*  
 56, Friona 37  
 44, Coronado 54  
**Caprock Tournament**  
 62, El Paso Bowie 51  
 66, Lubbock High 61  
 58, Frenship 60  
 Season Record: 11-7



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**MOVE IT!**—Mitchell Brockman (44) of Nazareth drives around Trinity Christian's Billy Joe Nuefeld (32) and Jared Duyck (12) Monday night in a championship second-round game at the Caprock

ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. Brockman drove the baseline and sank a layup to make it 60-44, Trinity Christian. The Swifts beat Dalhart in Monday's opener before falling to Trinity.

Photo by Don Nelson

# Scoreboard

## CAPROCK ABC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

**First Round**  
**Swifts 66, Dalhart 53**  
 Nazareth 16 16 11 23 —66  
 Dalhart 8 18 13 14 —53  
 Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 19, Ky Wilcox 18. Dalhart—Swecker 13, Jessop 12. *Record:* Nazareth 7-7.

**Swiftettes 54, Estacado 37**  
 Nazareth 14 14 9 17 —54  
 Estacado 12 11 7 7 —37  
 Nazareth—Cassie Birkenfeld 21, Shawna Gerber 14, Whitney Hoelting 10. Estacado—Davis 10. *Record:* Nazareth 12-3.

**Bobcats 62, El Paso Bowie 51**  
 Dimmitt 20 17 6 19 —62  
 El Paso 15 13 15 7 —51  
 Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas and Derek Buckley 23. El Paso—E. Venzler 18, I. Carrara 12. *Record:* Dimmitt 10-6.

**Bobcats 66, Lubbock High 61**  
 Dimmitt 15 20 14 17 —66  
 Lubbock 6 19 17 19 —61  
 Dimmitt—Derek Buckley and Daniel Flores 20, Jerry Thomas 10. *Record:* Dimmitt 11-6.

**Consolation First Round**  
**Bobbes 74, Lubbock Estacado 80**  
 Dimmitt 17 23 19 15 —74  
 Estacado 10 25 21 24 —80  
 Dimmitt—Shawna Kenworthy 19, Stephanie Hinojosa and Heather Black 12. *Record:* Dimmitt 8-8.

**Consolation Quarterfinals**  
**Swifts 36, El Paso Jefferson 50**  
 Nazareth 8 9 10 9 —36  
 El Paso 21 14 11 4 —50  
 Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 9, Ky Wilcox 8. *Record:* Nazareth 7-9.

**Championship Quarterfinals**  
**Swiftettes 17, Canyon 34**  
 Nazareth 7 3 1 6 —17  
 Canyon 10 4 9 11 —34  
 Nazareth—Shawna Gerber and Stephanie Thiel 6. *Record:* Nazareth 13-4.

**Championship Second Round**  
**Swiftettes 44, Whiteface 23**  
 Nazareth 11 14 9 10 —44  
 Whiteface 4 3 5 11 —23  
 Nazareth—Whitney Hoelting 12, Stephanie Thiel 11, Cassie Birkenfeld 10. *Record:* Nazareth 13-3.

**Swifts 50, Trinity 71**  
 Nazareth 12 16 8 14 —50  
 Trinity 25 12 16 18 —71  
 Nazareth—Ky Wilcox 19, Kade Wilcox 12. *Record:* Nazareth 7-8.

**Bobcats 58, Frenship 60 (OT)**  
 Dimmitt 13 9 16 14 6—58  
 Frenship 10 11 14 17 8—60  
 Dimmitt—Derek Buckley 23, Jerry Thomas 22. *Record:* Dimmitt 11-7.

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**SILVERTON HOOT-OUT**  
 First Round  
**Lady Horns 70, Cotton Center 45**  
 Hart 20 13 9 18 —70  
 Cotton Ctr 9 12 12 12 —45  
 Hart—Geneva Finch 19, Angelica Perales 14. Cotton Center—Cline 16, Oden 11. *Record:* Hart 12-3.

**Longhorns 55, Miami 30**  
 Hart 15 15 14 11 —55  
 Miami 4 8 10 8 —30  
 Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 22, Keith Finch 13. Miami—Thompson 7. *Record:* Hart 4-9.

**Championship Semifinals**  
**Lady Horns 58, Claude 63 (OT)**  
 Hart 20 17 10 9 2—58  
 Claude 20 9 8 19 7—63  
 Hart—Angelica Perales 17, Ysa Rodriguez and Geneva Finch 14. *Record:* Hart 12-4.

**Longhorns 46, Silverton 52**  
 Hart 12 13 11 10 —46  
 Silverton 14 11 11 16 —52  
 Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 20, Jared Aven 11. *Record:* Hart 4-10.

## More about

# Caprock Tourney . . .

(Continued from Page 8)

headed into the final stanza, but Nazareth shooters caught fire and pulled off the win with a 23-14 fourth-quarter show.

The Wilcox twins, Kade and Ky, accounted for 37 of Nazareth's 66 points, finishing with 19 and 18, respectively.

The Swifts' stint on the championship side of the bracket didn't last long, though.

Later that day Nazareth fell to Trinity Christian, 71-50, and dropped to the consolation quarterfinals.

Trinity had a big first quarter and that was enough to take the momentum through the game.

Nazareth narrowed Trinity's 25-12

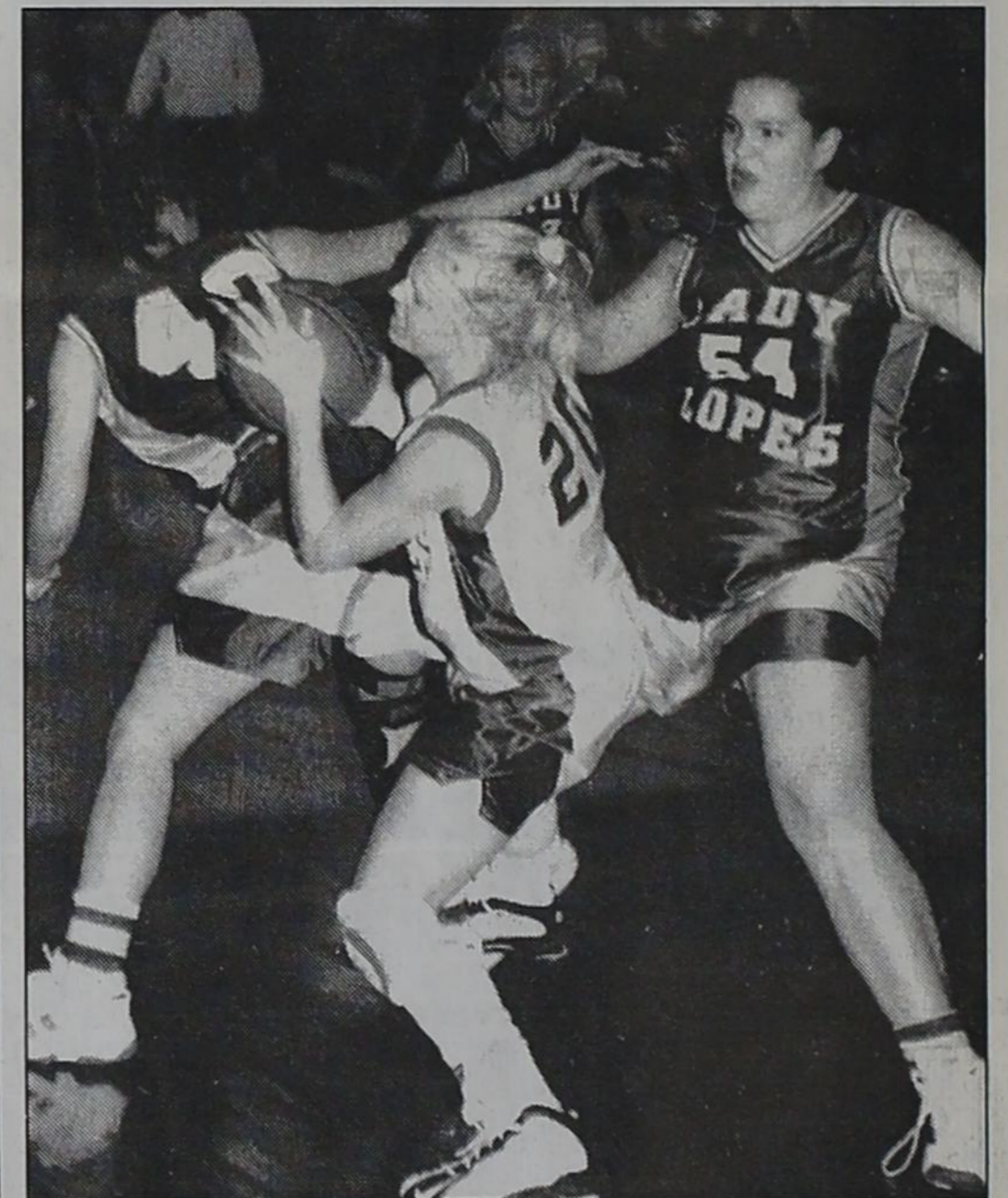
first-quarter lead to nine by halftime, but Trinity made up those points in the second half, outscoring the smaller Swifts 36-31 for the win.

Ky Wilcox finished with 19 points while Kade Wilcox added 12 for the Swifts.

Nazareth struggled in Tuesday's consolation quarterfinal game with El Paso Jefferson, falling behind 21-8 in the first quarter and 35-17 at halftime.

The second half was closer, with the Swifts outscoring Jefferson 19-15, but the first-quarter deficit was too much for Nazareth to overcome.

Leading scorers for Nazareth were the Wilcoxes, with Kade scoring nine and Ky adding eight.



**TRAPPED!**—Sara Schulte (20) of Nazareth is cut off on the baseline by Whiteface's Jennifer Stockman (40) and Tasha Castaneda (54), but still manages to dish off to a teammate with 55 seconds left in the game Monday night at Lubbock High. The Nazareth-Whiteface game was the second for both teams Monday in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament. Both won their morning games, and Nazareth took the nightcap, 44-23, to advance to the championship quarterfinals.

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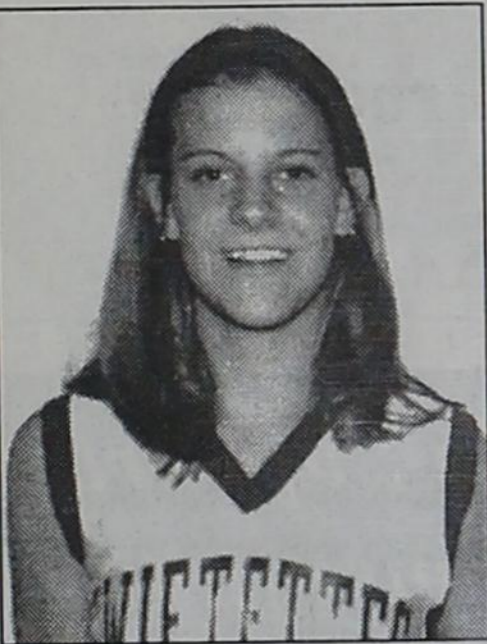
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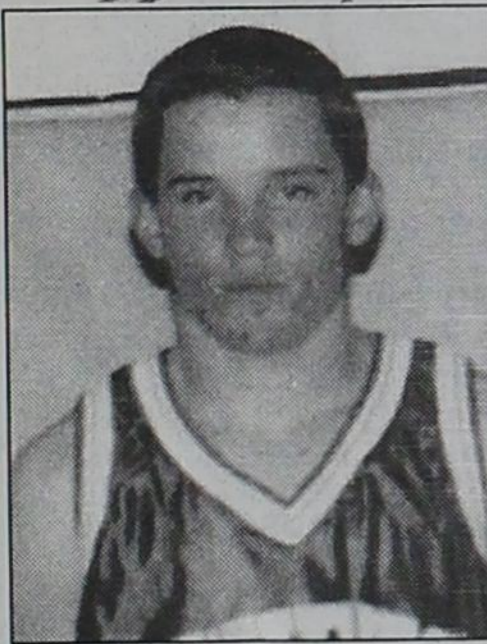
# Good Luck, Swiftettes & Swifts!



## TUESDAY: Swiftettes and Swifts vs. Sanford-Fritch at WTA&M



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Assault/family violence (Class A misdemeanor) charges were listed against a Dimmitt man, 48, and his wife, 44, who had been fighting the night of Dec. 23. The man also was charged with injury to a child, because an 11-year-old girl was injured during the course of the fight.

Two Dimmitt men were jailed Christmas night as the result of an incident at the Star Dance Hall. A 17-year-old was arrested on a warrant and a 19-year-old was subsequently arrested for interfering with the public servant who was making that arrest.

A 44-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed Saturday in connection with an incident of family violence. He reportedly struck a 13-year-old girl in the mouth, causing bodily injury to her.

Raymond Braddock of Nazareth told deputies last Thursday that he had located a pickup that had been stolen in Nazareth. It was recovered in Amarillo.

Raul Ramos Jr. of Dimmitt told

deputies Dec. 23 that a dog had killed two goats in an animal pen alongside the old dump ground road. He valued the animals at \$70. The dog was followed to a residence in Dimmitt, and an attempt will be made to capture the dog and have it taken to the animal shelter.

Jose Santos Alvarez of Dimmitt reported to deputies Sunday that someone took some wooden pallets from around his animal pens on the old dump ground road. He valued the pallets at \$150.

A 25-year-old man was jailed Sunday night for no commercial driver's license and no motor carrier cab ID card.

Alcohol-related offenses during the past week included:

—Dec. 22, a 70-year-old Hereford man was jailed for driving with license suspended and failure to stop and give information.

—Dec. 23, a Dimmitt man, 25, was jailed for DWI, second offense.

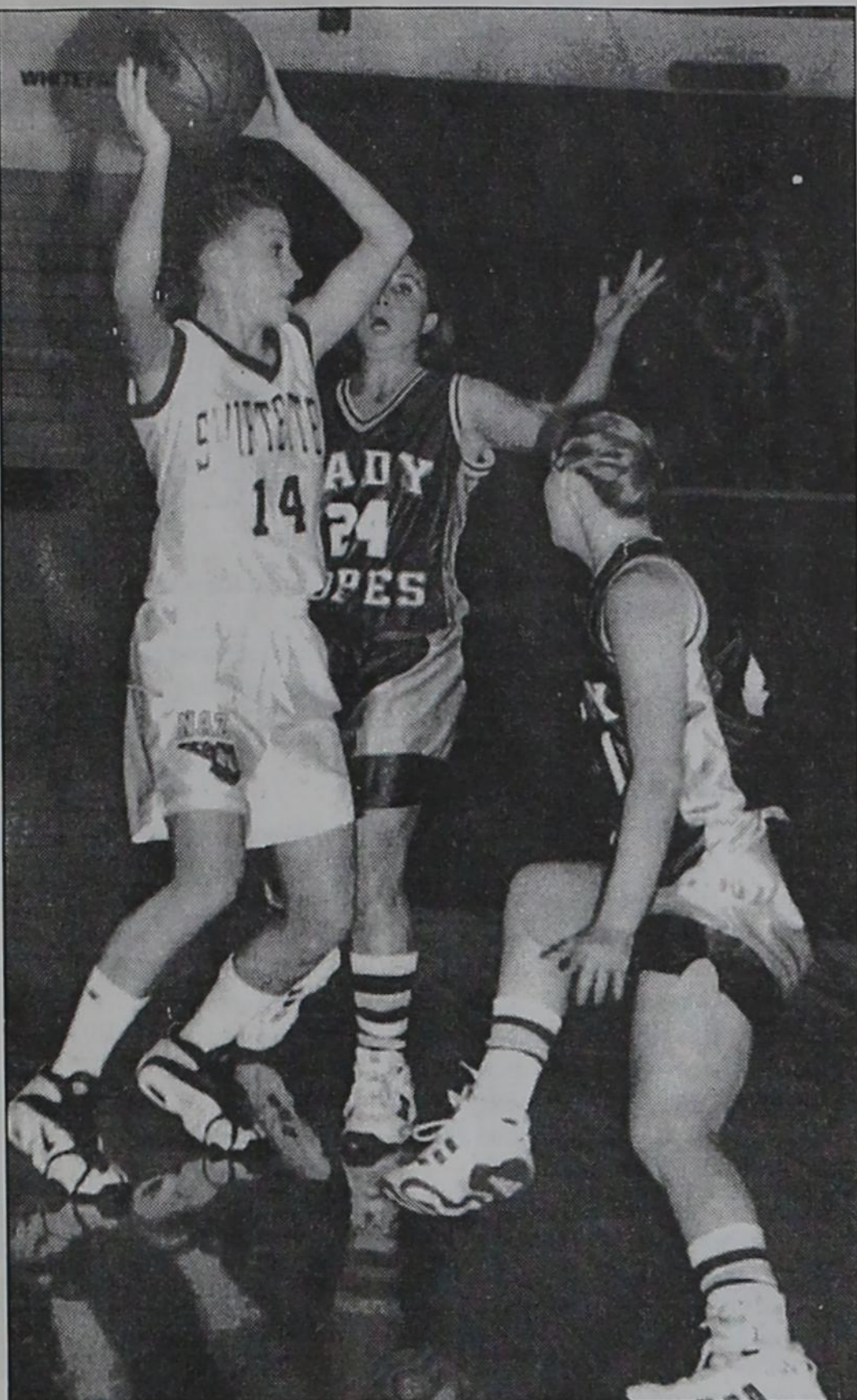
—Last Thursday, a Nazareth woman, 45, was jailed for DWI, first offense and endangering a child.

—On Christmas Day, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed at 1:15 a.m. for DWI, first offense, and also for three outstanding DPS warrants; at 1:44 a.m., a minor was arrested for driving under the influence; and at 11:37 p.m. in the 1000 block of West Bedford, some suspects were charged with being minors in possession of alcoholic beverages.

Jailed on warrants or for violations of parole during the past week were:

—At 3:05 a.m. Christmas Day, a 32-year-old Dimmitt man on a Deaf Smith County warrant for violation of probation stemming from DWI charges.

—In separate incidents Monday afternoon, a Hereford man, 38, on a warrant for theft by check; and a 26-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for theft by check over \$500 and under \$1,500.



NAZARETH'S STEPHANIE THIEL (14) passes to an open teammate and avoids a trap by Whiteface's Sommer Moses (24) and an unidentified Lady Lope Monday night in a second-round game at the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. The Swiftettes won their first game with Estacado, 54-37, then downed Whiteface, 44-23. Photo by Don Nelson

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## 24—Card of Thanks

**CARD OF THANKS**  
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## 25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE  
NO. PR 2311

**THE ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE SADLER, DECEASED** IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIE MAE SADLER, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of WILLIE MAE SADLER, Deceased, were issued to MYLES FREEMAN SADLER and EMBREE GALE SADLER on the 23rd day of December, 1998, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law to: Myles Freeman Sadler, Independent Executor, and Resident Agent for Embree Gale Sadler, 8004 Vinton Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79424. 25-39-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE  
NO. PR 2315

**THE ESTATE OF E.R. SADLER, DECEASED** IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF E.R. SADLER, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of E.R. SADLER, Deceased, were issued to MYLES FREEMAN SADLER and EMBREE GALE SADLER on the 23rd day of December, 1998, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and they now hold such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law to: Myles Freeman Sadler, Independent Executor, and Resident Agent for Embree Gale Sadler, 8004 Vinton Avenue, Lubbock, Texas 79424. 25-39-1tc

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**25—Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
NO. PR 2314

**THE ESTATE OF PAULINE E. HOLLAND, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF CASTRO COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PAULINE E. HOLLAND, DECEASED**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of PAULINE E. HOLLAND, Deceased, were issued to GARNETT F. HOLLAND on the 23rd day of December, 1998, in the proceedings indicated above, which proceedings are still pending, and he now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the County Court above named, are required to present the same, given before suit upon same are barred by the general statute of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law to: Garnett F. Holland, 1007 Maple, Dimmitt, Texas 79027.

25-39-11c

# FSA is accepting applications for Livestock Assistance Program

The Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee is accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). Livestock producers in the county may apply for this aid because of drought conditions this past summer which diminished grazing and feed supplies.

The FSA will be taking applications through Feb. 5, 1999. If you are interested in signing up, call (806) 647-2153, Extension 105, to schedule an appointment.

The deadline for signing up for the program was Jan. 8, 1999, but it has been extended to Feb. 5, 1999.

Benefits will be based on the lesser of the feed value of available grazing land or the feed value required for

eligible livestock.

The following are some items you will need to bring to the office when signing up for the program:

- If you have not participated in other FSA programs, you must provide the name of your livestock operation, address, telephone number and social security or tax identification number.
- Acreage, location and type of grass or forage grazed in 1998. If pasture is leased, you must provide the name of the person the pasture is leased from and proof of payment of the lease as well as whether the lease is by the month or the year.
- Estimated percentage of your loss of grazing in 1998.
- The number, weight and type of

livestock you owned in the 1998 calendar year. If you purchased livestock and turned the animals out on pasture or other leased pasture, you will be required to provide proof of purchases. If you sold cattle during the calendar year, you will also need the sales receipts. These receipts will help FSA determine ownership dates and changes in livestock numbers during the year.

To be eligible for the livestock assistance program you must meet the following requirements:

- You must have a beneficial interest in livestock used for production of food and fiber (this eliminates rodeo stock, exotics and certain horses from eligibility).
- You must have owned livestock for 90 days (some livestock could become eligible during the payment year if not owned 90 days prior).
- You must report eligible livestock numbers and acreage grazed in your normal operation (excludes any small grain pasture), and your 1998 grazing losses.
- You must complete person determinations for new persons or operations.
- You must certify HELC compliance on Form AD-1026.
- You must be a US citizen or legal resident alien.
- You must not have a gross annual income in excess of \$2.5 million.

An appropriation of \$200 million has been allocated for this program. If total requests nationwide exceed this amount, a factored reduction will be applied to each application.

"This makes it necessary to complete all applications by the deadline. We will not accept any late-filed applications," said Trish Elliott, FSA county executive director. "We will upload all requests to the national office. We'll receive the factor percentage from that office and then we will be allowed to start making payments."

"Payments for the livestock assistance program will be made by Direct Deposit, so be prepared to complete the necessary forms concerning the financial institution/bank routing information if you haven't already done so," Elliott said.



Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Jan. 4-8.

**DIMMITT Breakfast**  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Apple Jacks cereal, orange wedges and white milk.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple juice and white milk.

**Preschool-First Grade Lunch**  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Sloppy Jane on a roll, Spanish rice, gelatin and milk.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Sliced ham, savory green beans, peaches and white milk.

**Second-12th Grade Lunch**  
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: No school.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Choice of beef taco, sloppy Jane on a roll or chicken tetrazzini; Mexipinto beans, Spanish rice, southern collard reens, tossed salad, taco condiment salad or gelatin; corn tortilla, crackers or hot rolls; and chocolate or white milk or punch.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Choice of sliced ham, chicken pot pie or Chili Fritos; savory green beans, baked potatoes or tomato and okra gumbo; tossed salad, peaches or pineapple sunset salad; tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk and punch.

**HART Breakfast**  
MONDAY: Pancake and chicken breakfast stick, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or chicken fajita; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or sub sandwich; potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert and gingerbread.

## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

**WEDNESDAY:** Sausage, buttermilk biscuit, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**NEXT THURSDAY:** Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.  
**NEXT FRIDAY:** Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

**Elementary Lunch**  
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or corn dog; peaches, corn, sugar cookie, carrot sticks and milk.  
TUESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, ham sandwich or chicken nuggets; gravy, mashed potatoes, assorted fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or chicken fajita; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or sub sandwich; potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert and gingerbread.

**High School Lunch**  
MONDAY: Choice of pizza, burrito or corn dog; peaches, corn, sugar cookie, carrot sticks and milk, punch or tea.  
TUESDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, ham sandwich or chicken nuggets; gravy, mashed potatoes, assorted fresh fruit, green beans, wheat rolls, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.  
WEDNESDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or chicken fajita; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or sub sandwich; potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, assorted fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert and gingerbread.

salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk, punch or tea.  
**NEXT THURSDAY:** Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or burrito deluxe; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.  
**NEXT FRIDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk, punch or tea.

**NAZARETH Breakfast**  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
NEXT THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
NEXT FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

**Lunch**  
MONDAY: No school.  
TUESDAY: \* Spaghetti or pizza, tossed salad, green beans, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.  
WEDNESDAY: \* Sliced ham and bread or corn dogs, Mexican salad, scalloped potatoes, peaches, brownies and milk or juice.  
NEXT THURSDAY: \* Frito pie or pizza, tossed salad, cornbread, mixed vegetables, applesauce, pudding and milk or juice.  
NEXT FRIDAY: \* Chicken enchiladas or hamburger and French fries, tossed salad, corn, pineapple, apricots and milk or juice.

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

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**TIME TO CELEBRATE**

We don't want to let another minute go by without letting you know how much we appreciate your friendship and support.

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When the clock strikes twelve And the new year is here - We hope it's filled with much Hope, joy and cheer.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming year.

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**TIME TO SAY "Thanks"**

May the coming year bring lots of great moments for you and your loved ones.

We thank you for sharing so many good times with us this past year.

**The 19th Hole**  
Nazareth

**To Old Acquaintances AND NEW ONES, TOO!**

We'll never forget the kindnesses of the many good friends and neighbors we've had the privilege to serve this past year.

Happy New Year to all of you.

**Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer & Myatt**

**We Never Forget Old Acquaintances**

Or new ones, either!

Here's hoping your New Year is the best in an elephant's memory.

Many thanks!

**Pro-Ag, Inc.**

# Obituaries

## Paul E. Cotter

Funeral services for Paul E. Cotter, 50, of Amarillo, the brother of a Dimmitt man, were held Monday morning in Boxwell Brothers Ivy Chapel in Amarillo, with Rev. Arturo Meza of St. Laurence Cathedral officiating. Additional services were held Monday afternoon in the Church of Christ in Gruver with James Knaard officiating.

Burial followed in Gruver Cemetery under direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cotter died Dec. 24.

He was born in Gruver and had lived in Amarillo for 19 years. He worked for the City of Amarillo as supervisor of city warehouses. He was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in telecommunications. He married Rose Ann Wethington in 1980 at Nazareth. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Joshua Cotter of the home; a daughter, Angela Cotter of the home; three brothers, John Cotter and Donald Cotter, both of Gruver; and Charles Cotter of Dimmitt; three sisters, Mary Olsen and Peggy Dillow, both of Gruver, and Margaret Smith of Spokane, Wash.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 2404 W. Seventh, Amarillo 79106.

## Joe Daniels

Funeral services for Joe Don Daniels, 48, of Hereford, the brother of a Summerfield woman, were held Sunday afternoon at Parkside Chapel in Hereford with Rev. Jeremy Grant officiating.

Mr. Daniels died Dec. 25 at Hereford Regional Medical Center.

He was born Jan. 3, 1950, in Levelland. He was an electrician for more than 30 years and was employed by Brandon and Clark in Hereford. He was an artist, a master craftsman, a sportsman and outdoorsman, and a preservationist.

Survivors include a son, Michael Daniels of Austin; a daughter, Sadra Cheyenne Daniels of Hereford; and two sisters, Denise Lemons of Summerfield and Kelley Hill of Amarillo.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

## A.T. "Buster" Morgan

A.T. "Buster" Morgan, 80, of Dimmitt died Dec. 30 at 3:45 a.m. in Dimmitt.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, with Rev. Gary Morgan, pastor of First Baptist Church of Boyina, officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Morgan was born April 25, 1918, in Winters. He was raised in Winters and attended school there. He moved to Amherst for several years. He served in the US Air Corps in World War II. Mr. Morgan married Mearle Holmes on May 17, 1945, in McGregor. They moved to Fieldton in

1947, where Mr. Morgan began farming. In 1950, they moved to Dimmitt, then in 1977 they moved to Bovina. When he retired from farming in 1988, they returned to Dimmitt. Mr. Morgan was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; two sons, Randy Morgan and Ricky Morgan, both of Dimmitt; a daughter, Deanna Coorner of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three brothers, Horace Morgan of Muleshoe, and Earl Morgan and "Red" Morgan, both of Amherst; a sister, Velma Howell of Duncanville; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Gideons Bible Fund or to the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt.

## ★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

### Now it's Cline vs. Cline

"Can't anyone around here outguess Milas Cline Jr. in the Texas POWER POINTS Football Contest?"

That's the question we asked here two weeks ago, after Cline had won the weekly POWER POINTS Football Contest for the third time this season.

The answer, evidently, is no.

The contest results from two weeks ago were delayed because of the Christmas postal rush. When the tally finally came in, guess who had won? With a lowly score of 93, in a week when the top score in the state was only 126!

And last week—Week 17, the final week, the last chance for somebody to beat him—when it came down to a tie-breaker in the local contest, Cline won again—even though he had to beat his wife to do it.

Maybe we'd better rephrase that. Cline and his wife, Sharon, tied with 126 points apiece, and he won by guessing the closest on the total score in the Cowboys-Redskins game in the first tiebreaker.

"We got a laugh out of that," Cline said. "She missed two games on her picks—a 6 and a 4. I missed one game, and it was a 10. I didn't figure I'd win the contest, though."

In all, Cline won the \$20 local prize money from the *News* five times in the 17-week contest period, including the final three weeks in a row.

When he learned he had finished the contest year with back-to-back wins, he said simply, "That will start the new year off right, I guess. I appreciate it."

Maybe Mrs. Cline will at least get a free dinner out of her near-upset last week.

In the statewide contest last week, there were half a dozen perfect scores of 136. Ramon Aguirre of Abilene won the \$1,000 grand prize with a perfect Tiebreaker 1 guess of 30 points in the Cowboys game.

Thanks to those who played POWER POINTS Football in the *News* and helped add fun to the season.

Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

—Will Rogers

## More about

# Drought leads list . . .

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room.

7. Formation of a local Teen Court, in which juveniles who plead guilty to misdemeanor offenses may opt to be sentenced by a jury of their peers in a court made up of teenage officers and judge, with the force of law be-

hind the sentencings.

8. The first Ogallala Quilter's Festival in April, which drew more than 750 quilting enthusiasts to Dimmitt from seven states and three foreign countries.

9. An unscheduled major drug bust in September by state troopers who made a routine traffic stop of a van that turned out to have a false floor containing 56 bricks of marijuana weighing 80 pounds, with an estimated street value of \$128,000.

10. Negotiations by Dimmitt's Economic Development Committee with the Corrections Corporation of America to attract a privately owned prison here. The effort has been joined by the Chamber of Commerce, local governmental bodies and local businesses and individuals. CCA's feasibility study is still in progress.

Other notable news events of 1998 included:

—Vandalism of headstones at Castro Memorial Gardens in August, and repair of the damage by volunteers.

—The Nazareth Swiftettes' state runner-up finishes in girls' basketball in March and in cross-country running in November.

—The state third-place finish by Dimmitt's Odyssey of the Mind high school structure team, "Camouflaged Creation," in April.

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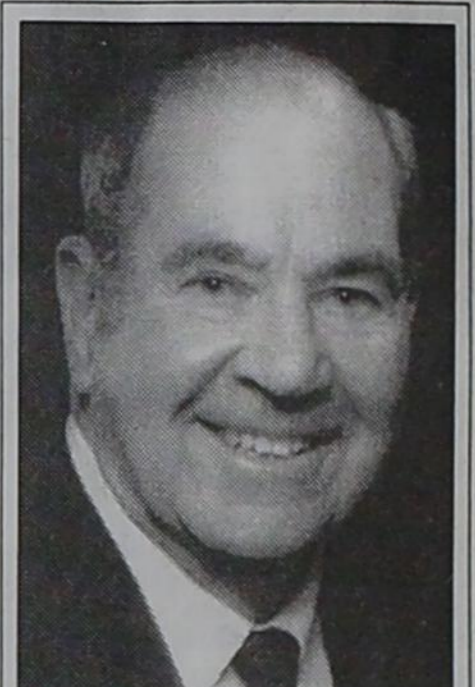
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1998 wasn't any great shakes, with the drought and low prices and all. 2000 isn't expected to be so hot because of all the computer glitches.

So let's get out the polish, apply the elbow grease, and go to work on the year at hand. Let's try to make 1999 shine.

Happy New Year!



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