

CPS removes seven children

After a civil hearing Friday, the 64th District Court ordered seven Castro County children to be taken away from their parents and placed in the temporary custody of the Texas Dept. of Human Services Child Protective Services Division.

Conditions in the home led to the removal of the children Dec. 2 after criminal charges were brought against the father last month for alleged sexual abuse of one of the girls, age 9.

The abused girl was removed from the home Nov. 22, and in the course of interviews with her at the Panhandle Assessment Center in Amarillo, authorities decided to further investigate conditions in the home, which led to removal of the other six children, including four girls, ages 8, 5, 4 and 3, and two boys, ages 6 and 1.

Testimony by area Child Protective Services caseworker Gloria Robinson in Friday's civil hearing recounted the alleged treatment received by the children from their mother, 25, and the father, 33, who is the natural father of the youngest two and step-father of the older five.

Reportedly, the 8-year-old girl had also been fondled, and the parents sometimes resorted to back-handing the children in an effort to discipline them. Another form of discipline they used was forcing the children to eat hot pepper sauce, Robinson reported.

Statements from the children, which were confirmed by the mother, revealed that the 5-year-old girl had been forced to sleep on the commode on occasion because of bedwetting. She was first made to sleep on the carpeted bedroom floor, then was banished to the bathroom when the bedwetting

continued. On at least one occasion, she was given only a thin cotton receiving blanket for covering. The children revealed to Robinson that the girl used towels for

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Greetings deadline is today

The deadline for signing up for the annual community Christmas greetings projects in three local communities is today (Thursday).

Individuals are asked to donate the amount they normally would spend on sending Christmas greetings to local friends, and in return, they will be listed on a community greeting card, published in the Christmas edition of the *News*.

Dimmitt's Operation Christmas Greeting is sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, with the funds to be used to purchase equipment for the hospital. Donations will be accepted by any auxiliary member or may be made at the First State Bank of Dimmitt.

Hart's Hale County State Bank is the place for making donations to the Hart community greeting, with the funds designated for the Hart Cemetery Fund.

In Nazareth, the funds benefit the Holy Family Church Cemetery Fund and donations may be made in specially designated boxes at Home Mercantile in Nazareth, at the Nazareth Post Office or at Holy Family Church.

Survey

Do you want a prison here?

Response to an informal public opinion survey concerning placement of a prison in the local area has been extremely light so far, with only 15 persons registering an opinion either way.

Of those who had called in to the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office by Monday afternoon, five spoke against the proposal and 10 were listed as favoring it, according to Chamber office secretary Mary Calderon.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Dimmitt City Council are conducting the survey to gauge public support for an economic development project that would bring a state prison to this community.

The city council will consider pursuing the matter further at its Monday meeting at 6:30 p.m., and would like to have a clear picture

of community support or rejection by that time.

Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins said that community support for such a project would be a vital factor in getting the state to place a facility here, along with other incentives the city and county might offer.

Collins noted that it is very important for local citizens to voice an opinion before the city becomes committed to completing the complex application needed for consideration in the site selection process by the state. He added that the application would need to be submitted very soon.

Collins said that citizens wishing to voice an opinion on the issue may call the Chamber of Commerce at 647-2524 and register their name and a "yes" or "no" vote.

excellent at Nazareth, good at Hart and slow at Dimmitt.

I'm told that the Senior Citizens groups that served the cake in the three communities will put the leftovers to good use.

If you missed out, they were beautiful cakes, decorated by Sharon Kinser, with the Centennial logo in full color.

Tempus fugit:
Next week's issue of the *News* will be the Christmas edition.

The Dimmitt Post Office sold \$3,000 worth of 29-cent stamps Monday and Tuesday.

Christmas cards.
That's why only one of the co-chairmen (yours truly) presented the Centennial Commission report to the Commissioners' Court Monday. The other co-chairman, Postmaster Bill Sava — who was

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OPEN WIDE, SON!—Barbara Sava serves her son, Centennial Co-Chairman Bill Sava, a piece of the county's 100th birthday cake Monday at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt. Looking on, from left, are Nelle DiCuffa, Cleo Forson and Edith Graef. The colorful

birthday cakes also were served at the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center Sunday and at the Hart Golden Group building Monday. The county's organization petition was approved Dec. 9, 1891.

Photo by Deana McLain

Plaza project earns \$90,000

The county's year-long Centennial celebration generated approximately \$100,000 in income.

Brown Bag project set

Sunday will kick off the annual Brown Bag project, sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and the county's volunteer fire departments.

County residents are being asked to bring toys and canned food to church with them on Sunday morning, and the collected items will be taken to the respective community fire stations with sorting and boxing to be done later by volunteers.

Food items should be canned or other non-perishables, but home-canned items cannot be distributed due to health reasons.

The Ministerial Alliance will buy Christmas hams with the money from the Thanksgiving Service offering, which was more than \$1,000, plus contributions from several organizations.

If you can't make it to church on Sunday, you can bring foodstuffs to any church in the county and the items will be delivered to the fire stations.

The Dimmitt fire station will be open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Sunday for delivery of the items from churches.

A project spokesman said cash donations also are welcome, and will be used to purchase needed items.

The food and other items will be delivered on Dec. 23, and volunteers from county organizations and churches will be needed to deliver the food.

A list of needy families is still being formulated, according to a project spokesperson. The list includes people who are permanently on the poverty list, plus those who are unemployed or disabled, who face a bleak Christmas.

The list is formed from the social agencies that work with impoverished families. Applications by individual families generally aren't taken.

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

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Thursday	55	19	
Friday	59	22	
Saturday	66	26	
Sunday	67	39	
Monday	65	27	
Tuesday	56	27	
Wednesday	67	30	
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The bulk of that amount — \$90,463.23 — came from the sale of engraved granite tiles for the Centennial Plaza, plus interest on deposited funds. The rest came from the sale of trees, T-shirts, caps and calendars.

At the same time, the home-grown celebration created extra income for local civic clubs, businesses and communities while helping the people here enjoy the county's history and heritage during its 100th year.

These were the highlights of a Centennial Commission report to the County Commissioners' Court on Monday — the county's 100th birthday.

"We hope you agree that it's been a good celebration throughout the year," Co-Chairman Don Nelson told the commissioners.

The permanent monument to the county's 100th year — the Centennial Plaza on the courthouse square, with its gazebo and engraved granite tile-line walkways — cost approximately \$78,300, Nelson reported.

Another \$10,000 went to pay

back the county in August for the "seed money" which the Commissioners' Court had allocated for the celebration, Nelson said.

After paying other expenses of the celebration, the Centennial had a balance of \$14,441.65 in two funds as of Dec. 1, Nelson reported.

Then he presented the county with a birthday present — a cake in the form of a check for \$10,000.

"This money will be an endowment, with the interest from it to be used as a perpetual maintenance fund for the Centennial Plaza," Nelson said.

He added, "The Centennial Commission was determined that the celebration not cost our taxpayers anything, and it didn't. And now the future upkeep of the plaza won't cost the taxpayers, either."

He said that the remaining funds will be kept on deposit beyond the first of the year to pay some outstanding bills and incidental expenses.

"People tell us what a good year it's been," Nelson told the commissioners, "but for four of us —

Delores Heller (Centennial secretary), Bill Sava (co-chairman), Polly Simpson (county judge) and me — it's been 19 months. And for most of the other Centennial Commission members, it's been 15 to 18 months."

Nelson presented a framed parchment document of the Centennial.

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Holiday Calendar

SUNDAY: The First United Methodist Church will present a Christmas Cantata at 10:45 a.m. at the church. At 6:30 p.m., the children's choir will present *A Christmas Wish* program. After the evening program, a Christmas party will be held in the church's fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to attend both programs.

DEC. 21-22: Holy Family Church in Nazareth will hold a Christmas pageant at the church beginning at 8 p.m. nightly. The public is invited to attend.

Pheasant season to open Saturday

Hopeful hunters will converge on Castro County this weekend hoping to bag their limit of the king of the gamebirds, the ringneck pheasant.

Pheasant season officially opens 30 minutes before sunrise Saturday and legal shooting hours end 30 minutes after sunset each day. The season runs through Dec. 29. Bag limits are two cock pheasants daily, with four in possession, and one foot must remain attached to the carcass until it reaches its final destination. Only cock pheasants are open targets for hunters; hens are not "fair game."

According to Ray McDonald, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. game warden who covers Castro County, pheasant populations in the areas he covers should be up from last year.

"We had a wet spring and were able to raise a few birds, but the numbers still aren't going to be anything spectacular," McDonald said.

"I've spotted pockets of birds west of Dimmitt in the Lazbuddie area, north and northwest of Hereford and southeast of Hereford along the Castro-Deaf Smith County line."

McDonald said the birds he has spotted seem to be good sized and



it looks like two hatches might have been raised here this year.

He added that the majority of the birds spotted have been found in or near Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands, and says it's difficult to count the birds when they're hiding in this cover because it's so dense.

CRP lands, along with stubblefields, fence rows and tailwater pits are the most common hunting grounds during pheasant season.

Hunters' Meals

DIMMITT — The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club will serve its annual Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast starting at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt. For \$4.50, hunters can eat their fill of scrambled eggs, sau-

sage, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk and orange juice. The meal is open to everyone — hunters and non-hunters alike. Baseball caps with pheasant emblems will be offered for sale.

HART — The Hart Lions Club will serve breakfast in the school cafeteria starting at 5 a.m. The menu includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, gravy, biscuits, coffee and orange juice. The meal will be served free to those signed up for the club's organized hunt, but others are welcome to attend, but will be charged per plate.

EASTER — Coffee and doughnuts will be served Saturday morning at 6 in the Easter Community Building to those signed up for the Easter Lions Club's organized hunt. The Lions also will serve a barbecued lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Community Building. This meal also is free to those signed up for the club's hunt, and will be offered to others for \$5 per plate.

NAZARETH — The Nazareth Lions Club will serve breakfast and lunch for hunters in its organized hunt. Breakfast will be served at 6 or 6:30 a.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Lunch also will be served in the Community Hall.

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By Don Nelson

You know you're getting older when you can go to the basketball games and compare the players' shots and moves with those of their parents.

Do you realize how close Nazareth High School's football team came to being in the Class A state semifinals this weekend?

The Swifts lost to the Memphis Cyclones in bi-district, 18-25, after leading most of the game. And until the final minutes, the Swifts could have won it with a big play — which they were capable of.

Since then, the Cyclones have blown away every other team they've met in the playoffs.

Let's hope they go ahead and bring the state championship to North Texas.

Devoutment (do you like that word?) of the county's 100th birthday cakes Sunday and Monday was

On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Opel Elliott of Hereford spent the weekend with Dolores Griffith. They went to Fieldton to check on their farm, then traveled on to Littlefield to visit the Wayne Elliott family and to see Kathy, who is from Charlotte, S.C.

It was fun singing with the Centennial Singers during the 100th celebration of Castro County. It started at the Dimmitt football field on July 4 and ended Sunday night singing "Liberty" at the Castro County Ministerial Alliance's Thanksgiving Service. Special guests were the Dimmitt Middle School Chorus, which performed under the direction of Avie Lewis. Paul Kenley, president of the Ministerial Alliance, gave the welcome and prayer. The "Liberty" program was directed by Richard Young and Don Webster served as narrator. Benny Baker, treasurer of the Ministerial Alliance, conducted the Thanksgiving offering, and approximately \$1,000 was collected.

The Hereford Community Concerts Association presented the Moscow Balalaika on Sunday, Nov. 23, and the program was very entertaining. It was one of the best concerts we have seen. It was so good, in fact, that a couple drove from Midland to Hereford just to hear it.

We especially enjoyed the theme from Doctor Zhivago, the Lullaby from Porgy and Bess and the Russian Melodies. We were fascinated by the balalaikas instruments and the Russian folk instrument, which is a combination of a piano and autoharp.

Another fun-filled weekend was enjoyed in Dimmitt by many.

The Tour of Homes, sponsored by the Republican Organization for Women, included the Steve and Vicki Buckley home, which featured beautiful Christmas decorations throughout the house. I especially liked the Christmas tree in little Chelsea's room. It was an all-white frame tree filled with white paper and white lights.

At Rosa Acker's home, a tree decorated every room. Among the trees were an all-gold tree in the living room, a blue tree on the sun porch, a tree decorated in a patriotic theme including special little soldiers made of flower pots was in a bedroom. There were many more trees in the home. Many of her decorations came from her home country, which is Italy. She showed us a seven game table, which is an all-in-one table; and a large brass foot warmer. Many of the holiday decorations in her home she had made.

Pete and Darla Stewart's home was decorated in a country style. Darla showed me some pictures she had borrowed for their son, Brian's room. She especially wanted me to

see them because they were pictures of my nephew, Trevor Thuet's horn and his sister, Kerry, had made them. Trevor, Kerry and Brian all attend Texas Tech University and they have all been in the Tech band. Brian's room had the Tech colors of red and black with banners, a blanket on the bed, and miscellaneous pictures. In his typewriter was a letter to Santa, asking for a degree from Tech and asking Santa to help him find some girl friends.

Darla asked me to mention that a set of Ford car keys was found in her front yard Saturday, the day of the tour.

Alpha Chi Omega sponsored an arts and crafts show at the Expo Building Saturday and they served a delicious lasagna dinner at noon. There were many booths filled with pretty and useful gifts for sale.

We enjoyed visiting with Mearle Morgan and her friend from Bovina, who came over for the Tour of Homes and the arts and crafts show. They visited with Merle's son and wife, Randy and Renise.

Several members of the First Baptist Church and their children met in the home of Sara Hill Saturday afternoon to make a film that will be shown soon at a Christmas program. Sara served cookies (which were part of the props) and hot apple cider to those present.

The Castro County Museum board members held their Christmas party and business meeting last Thursday evening at the Museum. Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix served red and green sandwiches, chips, cookies and hot spiced tea to Lon and Mary Woodburn, George Bagwell, William Bellinghausen, Madge Robb and Clara Vick.

Steve Dyer of Alameda, Calif., was the only out-of-town visitor at the museum last week. He was in Dimmitt for the funeral of his grandfather, Elzie Teague.

Dude McLaren was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a day of bridge. Susie Reeves won high score and Helen Braafladt won second high score. Others playing were Ferne Dickey, Dugan Butler, Loranell Hamilton, Louise Mears, Cleo Forson, Alma Kenmore, Emily Clingsmith, Bernice Hill, Gladys Benson and Oleda Schumacher.

Wanda Warren Gehring of Indianapolis, Ind., visited Tex and Norma Conard (Wanda is Norma's sister) recently. They were on their way to Yucaipa, Calif.

Weldon and Ann Rodgers of Paducah entertained relatives over the Thanksgiving holidays. Visiting with them were Tobin and Angela Touchstone, Ret and Sam of Mansfield; Kyle and Flo Touchstone, Tammy, Ty and Trey, all of Lubbock; Scott and Trish Campbell of Muleshoe; Todd Touchstone of Lubbock and Oleta Gollehon of Dimmitt.

Jack and Charlene Howell of Dimmitt and Herb Howell and Billy Marshall of Bovina went to Oklahoma City to the World Quarterhorse Show and to visit with Gaines, Crystal, Misti, Clint and Matt Howell. Charlene enjoyed eating lunch at school with Misti on Friday while the men went to the show. On Saturday morning the group all attended the show.

"Beyond Measure" is a three-year-old stallion raised by the Howell Brothers and it was sold to Cindy Buchanan of Weatherford and Tex and Dr. Al Marti of Del Rey Beach, Fla. There were five judges at the show judging all the three-year-old stallions. All five judges put "Beyond Measure" first. He is the world champion of the three-year-old stallions. When this was announced there were a lot of excited people celebrating.

On Thanksgiving day, Jimmie, Sue, Kennen and Kelly Howell; Jack and Charlene Howell of Dimmitt went to Weatherford to visit with the Moss Howells. During the Thanksgiving holidays, their 10 kids were there, and about 37 people gathered for dinner on Thanksgiving day. There were about 55 kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids went through the house during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Sunday was a fun day for members of the First Baptist Church. Bro. Paul, Barbara and Nikki Kenley held a Christmas Open House in the afternoon. They served cookies, cheese balls and cheese logs and crackers, along with egg nog to many church members on a beautiful afternoon.

Then it was on to the First Baptist Church where the missions organizations presented a "Foreign Missions Fair" in the Fellowship Hall. Amanda Annen gave us our ticket to a "designated country." Debby Annen explained the things we should do on the "airplane flight" to our country. We visited eight different "countries" including Australia, Guatemala, Europe, East Asia, South Pacific Islands, Africa, the Middle East and Canada.

On Sunday night the First Baptist Church Choir and others presented the "Hanging of the Green." The Atchley family, including Sue, Scott, Julie Mikel and Mekesha, sang "The Gift Goes On." Bro. Paul Kenley sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," the choir sang "With Joy and Rejoicing," the children's choir performed "Away In A Manger," and everyone joined in to sing Christmas carols. The youths decorated the church with garlands of green accented with red bows and red poinsettias.

Bill and Deanne Clark spent Thanksgiving in Lubbock with their children and grandchildren, the Jim Harris's, and then travelled on to Chicago to be with Tonya and Kirk Brewer and their children. While in Chicago, the Clarks watched their grandchildren ice skate and play ice hockey and then enjoyed a high school ice hockey tournament. Deanne came home to help prepare for the Republication Women's Home Tour and Bill went on to Kansas City for the Farmland Industry Convention.

Jackie Clark, Luke Acker and Lance Louder met Bill for the convention. They told their wives that they attended meetings and ate out.

Elva Forrester, Deanne Clark's mother, visited Dimmitt the week before Thanksgiving. She and Margaret Parsons' sister, Florene Knight, visiting from Sayre, Oklahoma were introduced to several Dimmittites at the Senior Citizens Center lunch.

Zona Vilas, now of Lubbock, and Linda Burks from Amarillo were two out-of-towners visiting the Republican Women's Home Tour on Saturday.



IT'S REALLY IRELAND—In last week's issue of the *News*, this classroom at Dimmitt High School was mistakenly identified as portraying the country of Norway. The foreign atmosphere was a part of the International Culture Day project held Nov. 27, with the entire student body participating in portraying and touring 25 different cultures from

around the world. "Ireland" filled the classroom of Jane O'Kelly and included the Blarney Stone, a castle, portrayals of famous Irish persons, and samples of shamrocks made of gelatin. Local citizens were invited to follow the "world tour" along with the students. The *News* regrets the error.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from Dec. 12 to 20.

DIMMITT

MONDAY: Beef stew, cornbread, pineapple tidbits, chocolate cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Corn dogs, curly fries, cookies, pears and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Barbecue on a bun, potatoes with cheese sauce, baked beans, fruit salad and milk.

THURSDAY: Roast turkey with gravy, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, prune cake and milk.

FRIDAY: Sandwiches, potato chips, pickles, apple and milk.

HART

MONDAY: Barbecue brisket, potato salad, pinto beans, hot rolls, apricot cobbler and milk.

TUESDAY: Corn dogs, pickle spears, pork and beans, one-half of an orange and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Turkey and dressing, Italian green beans, sliced bread, cranberry sauce, oatmeal cake and milk.

THURSDAY: Pizza, salad, corn on the cob, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Chalupas, salad, corn, pears and milk.

NAZARETH

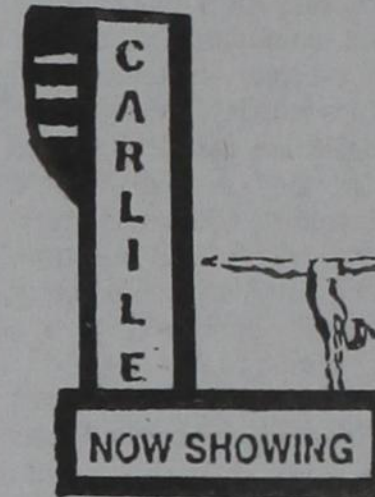
MONDAY: Enchiladas, tossed salad, hot buttered bread, applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY: Beef stew, cornbread, cheese slice, fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, pudding and milk.

THURSDAY: Nachos, tater tots, pork and beans, pears and milk.

FRIDAY: Sandwiches, pickle spears, potato chips, oranges and milk.



Come to the Carlile Theater Sunday, Dec. 22 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and visit with Santa Clause before the 7:30 p.m. showing of



all i want for CHRISTMAS

We Salute

'Brown Bag Sunday'

This Sunday is "Brown Bag Sunday" throughout Castro County.

When you go to church Sunday, please take a brown bag with you containing toys and food to help make Christmas brighter for the poorest among us.

Specifically, what you're asked to put in the brown bags are canned foods (no perishables) and toys for small children.

If you don't make it to church Sunday, or if you forget to fill a brown bag, you may take your contributions to any church in the county within the next 10 days. The ministers will see that your brown bag of Christmas goods gets to the right place on time.

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance will buy Christmas hams to go with the donated canned goods. The hams will be purchased with money donated at the recent Community Thanksgiving Service.

Monday, Dec. 23 will be delivery day. And on that day, volunteers will be needed from all the churches and service organizations to help deliver food to poor families throughout the county.

If you'd like to help prepare and deliver boxes of food and toys in the Dimmitt area, report to the Dimmitt Fire Station by 9 a.m. on Dec. 23. If you'd be willing to deliver in the Hart area, contact Rev. Perry Hunsaker at the First United Methodist Church or Rev. Gene Aalbers at the First Baptist Church.

"We expect to have more than 100 families on the list who are in pretty dire need," one member of the Ministerial Alliance reported. "That's a lot for a county our size, but the situation is that bad this year."

The Ministerial Alliance has coordinated the Christmas charity project for many years, with the cooperation of the fire departments, local government agencies, service clubs, church members and individual volunteers. Jerry Stump is the overall chairman of the project this year.

Brown Bag Sunday is very important to more than 100 poor families in our county who face a bleak Christmas without your help. And it can be an important part of Christmas to you, too. After all, what's Christmas all about? Please help with this worthy project.



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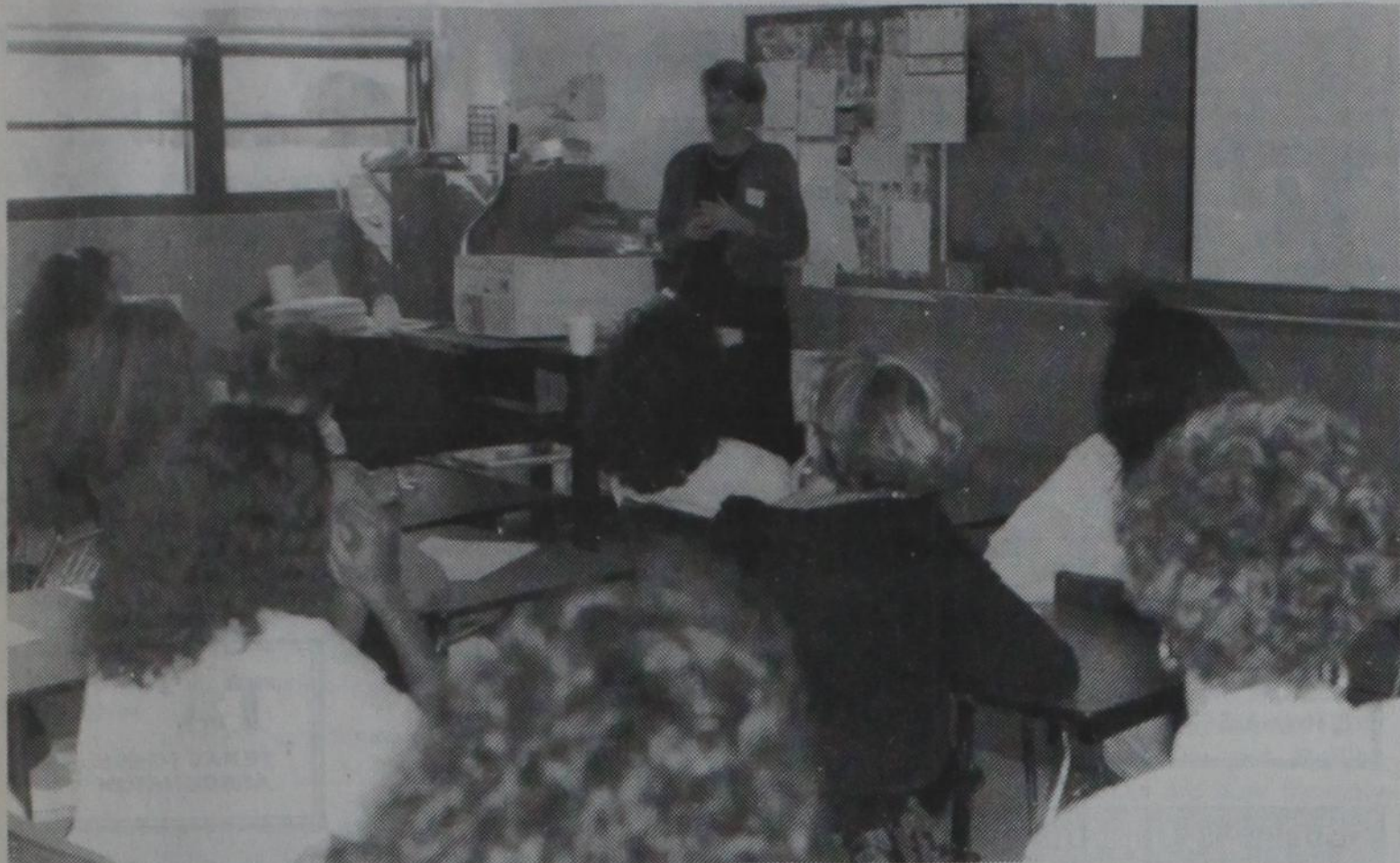
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Sunnyside By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703



WANNA BE A FLIGHT ATTENDANT?—Former Dimmitt resident Stephanie Ryan, a graduate of Dimmitt High School, tells DHS students about her career as a flight attendant during a Career Day presentation Friday. Students selected four sessions to attend during the day to learn about various career options. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

Chamber Singers to perform

The Hereford Chamber Singers will present their annual Christmas concert at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Hereford High School Auditorium.

Admission to the concert is free, but donations will be accepted to defray expenses of the group.

Highlights of the program will include familiar Christmas carols and tunes sung to various arrangements. The men's chorus will sing

The banana plant is not a tree. It is an herb. The stalk is made of leaves that overlap each other, like a celery stalk.

the spiritual *Child of God* by Emily Crocker and the women's chorus will perform Tolmage's *Ave Maria*.

Jan Walsler directs the choir and Dee Ann Trotter is the piano accompanist. Serving as music chairman is Joe Flood and Gene Streun is the chairman of the board.

Numbers to be performed during this concert are *A Merry Christmas*, *Christmas Dreams*, *Everybody's Coming to Bethlehem*, *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, *Christmas Question*, *Silent Midnight*, *Angus Dei* and a special musical feature number, *A Mucial Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas*, which is an arrangement which parodies

classical compositions during the past four centuries.

The choir features 35 adults from Hereford, Dimmitt and Vega, who compose the chorus of musicians who sing and share their vocal talents with others. The group has been organized since 1974. The group has traveled to Australia and Romania as ambassadors from the Panhandle.

The choir recently performed during the "Choir Festival" which was held during the Hereford Senior Citizens' Center's Festival of Trees.

The public is invited to attend the concert.

Nazareth

By Ursje Gerber

Ten independent compost producers from the area and from as far away as the Oklahoma Panhandle and southeastern Colorado were on hand for the compost fertilizer information meeting held Saturday at the Nazareth Community Hall.

The event was hosted by the

Amarillo Diocesan Rural Life Board.

After opening discussions, the 22 men who were attending went on an informative tour of the KB&G composting operation at Swisher County Feedyard. This provided the men with an opportunity to compare techniques and ideas.

After enjoying a delicious catered meal, an eight-member panel of the producers fielded questions and comments from farmers and interested public people concerning the particulars about compost: how it is made, how it affects the soil and some of its performance results.

Those in attendance were given small bags of compost to take home and use on their house plants. The entire day was beneficial to the producers, as well as helpful to farmers who came.

A 1-1/2-hour home video was made of the afternoon panel discussion and anyone who would like a copy should call Bob Birkenfeld or Greg Birkenfeld at 627-4275.

Rev. David and Debra Fletcher attended a pastor and staff Christmas party and supper at First Baptist Church in Dimmitt Thursday night the 5th. It was for the pastors and staff of Llano Altos Association.

Francis Duke was honored with a birthday party in her home by the Birthday Club Thursday afternoon. Those present were Nelda Curtis, Mattie Axtell of Earth, Bess Bills, Betty Rose Loudder and Verba Sadler.

Gale and Verna took Willie Mae Sadler to Lubbock Monday to get her back x-rayed since she was still having difficulty with her back. There were no bones broken, just bruised muscles.

Last Sunday Gale and Verna spoke at both services of First Baptist Church in Dimmitt and Wednesday night at the First Baptist Church.

Leslie Loudder returned home this week after visiting about three weeks with his daughter, Sandy and Rev. Larry Odom of San Angelo, and being treated in Veteran's Hospital in Big Springs. He broke his foot when he jumped off his mover last month.

Saron Sadler drove Teeny Bowden to St. Anthony's pain clinic in Amarillo for the third injection of a cortisone derivative into the spine. He also gave an injection to the muscle on each side of the spine. It has been very painful.

Hershel Wilson's mother is some better this week but still very ill.

Gale and Verna Sadler spoke to the Baptist Women in First Baptist Church in Lubbock Thursday morning.

Sunday Gale Sadler preached at Parkview Baptist Church in Littlefield Sunday morning. He and Verna had dinner at the church with the congregation and they both spoke to the group after the meal for an early evening service.

Joan Norrell had a reaction to her allergy shot in Muleshoe one day

this week, and James had to go get her. Rev. David and Debra Fletcher went after her car for her. She was ok the next day and able to go to work.

Haley Fletcher was on the "A and B" Honor Roll in science for the 8th grade in Dimmitt Middle School. Justin Damron was on the "A" Honor Roll for the 8th grade. Shaun Furr was on the "A & B" Honor Roll for the 7th grade and Tracy Damron on the same roll for the 6th grade. Shane Furr was on the same roll for the 4th grade, and Lacy Loudder was on the "A" Honor Roll for the 4th grade.

Billie King underwent major surgery in Central Plains Regional Hospital in Plainview Tuesday. He was dismissed Saturday evening, and was feeling good Sunday.

Walter Royce of Hobbs came after work Thursday for his family, Melody and children, Shaina, Samuel and Spencer and went home Thursday night. They were over their chicken pox by then.

James and Patricia Powell of Canadian spent Friday and Saturday nights with Verba and Ezell Sadler and went to Lubbock to Dr. Myles Sadler for dental appointments Saturday. They went home Sunday morning.

Kathy Kerr of Hereford came Saturday and went Christmas shopping with her mother, Joan Norrell.

Mrs. Jim Dalton of Hart, sister of Bess Bills, passed away Sunday night the 8th in the Plainview Hospital of a heart attack.

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14—Cards of Thanks
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 May God bless you.
 TOMMY PORTWOOD & FAMILY
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 14-35-tfx

CARD OF THANKS
 The family of Oleta Sanders would like to express our appreciation for all the visits, food and flowers which were given to our family. Your prayers and concern meant so much to all of us.
 During this holiday season, may the blessings of the season be with you.
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CARD OF THANKS
 We want to thank everyone for their prayers, care and concern; for the food, the flowers and the visits; and for all the acts of kindness shown to us in the loss of our beloved husband and father, Elzie Teague. We know that Dimmitt must be the most caring place in the world.
 SARENA TEAGUE
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CARD OF THANKS
 We feel a commendation is in order for Randy Griffith and the Dimmitt Volunteer Firemen.
 We were at Pybus Preschool Friday when the house began to fill with smoke. We called the fire department immediately. In a matter of minutes, Randy Griffith and the volunteers arrived. They did an excellent job of finding the cause of the potential fire. We were lucky to have had no major damage, but only because of the quick response by the fire department.
 We are fortunate to have the quality men that volunteer their time in helping our community.
 DOUG & CHERYLE PYBUS
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CARD OF THANKS
 The family of Harold Portwood would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown to us during our time of sorrow.
 Thank you for your calls, cards, flowers, food, memorials and visits.
 A special thanks to Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, Don Nelson, Oleta Raper, Mike

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14—Cards of Thanks

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CARD OF THANKS

Our most heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful friends for the cards and calls during the loss of our most cherished friend, Harold Portwood.

THE FAMILY OF
GABRIELLE ROLAND
14-35-1tp

CARD OF THANKS

Thank you for all the cards, calls, flowers and most of all the caring and love everyone has shown to us since the death of my father. I appreciate everyone so much.

VICKY YOKUM & FAMILY
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15—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

The undersigned hereby gives notice of application to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Austin, Texas, for a Wine Only Package Store Permit to be located on Highway 86, North Side, 5.7 miles East of Intersection FM 168, Castro County, Texas. Said business to be operated under the name of The Line Shack.

AVENT & SCHULTE, INC.
Marvin Schulte, President
Darlene Schulte, Sec.-Treas.
15-34-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Dimmitt Independent School District is taking bids for construction of a parking lot to be located to the west of Dimmitt Middle School. Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud Jan. 10, 1992, at 4 p.m. in the Dimmitt ISD Administration Building. Specifications may be obtained from Dimmitt ISD, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027; phone 806-647-3101.

Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
15-35-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District is taking bids for a maintenance facility to be built adjoining the current Transportation Center, located on Butler Boulevard. Sealed bids will be opened and read aloud on Jan. 10, 1992, at 4:15 p.m. in the Dimmitt ISD Administration Boardroom. Interested parties may obtain specifications from Dimmitt ISD, 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, TX 79027; phone 806-647-3101.

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Cotton Talks

Classifying the past week as a busy one for High Plains cotton people would be an understatement to say the least.

Cotton producers found themselves going full speed in an attempt to get the 1991 crop out of the field. Ag leaders also were hard pressed to attend many of the numerous meetings which were held during the week.

At press time, it appears that the High Plains crop will be 70% harvested. An additional 10 to 14 days of clear weather will allow the remainder of the crop to be harvested. In addition to the harvesting activities of area cotton producers, there also were several meetings of interest to producers.

One of the biggest events of the past week was the Texas Farm Bureau's annual meeting at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. Hundreds of area producers found time to attend the meeting.

Also held during the week were two separate meetings between area congressmen and local ag officials.

On Monday, Dec. 2, US Sen. Charles Stenholm met with area producers, ag leaders and area Soil Conservation Service personnel to look at the question of conservation compliance.

On Dec. 3, Con. Larry Combest held a meeting with area ag officials to discuss some of the important issues affecting the High Plains.

Among the topics discussed at the Combest meeting was the necessity of getting a disaster program signed and the funds available to High Plains cotton producers as quickly as possible.

PCG has been very active in the effort to get a disaster program implemented that will benefit High Plains cotton producers. Details of the regulations the US Dept. of Agriculture will develop for implementation of the disaster program are not known at this time.

It is known that the disaster provision waiting for the president's signature includes \$995 million in disaster funds. The money is to be available immediately to help compensate producers for disaster-related crop losses in either 1990 or 1991. An additional \$755 million in discretionary assistance for 1990, 1991 and 1992 crops also was provided for in the measure.

Eligibility for the program will be based on provisions for the 1990 Farm Bill. In general, producers who failed to make 60% of their established yields (65% for producers who had Federal Crop Insur-

ance) will be eligible to receive payments equal to 65% of the target price for that commodity. Payments are likely to be prorated if the initial \$995 million proves insufficient to cover all claims. Other provisions are expected to be similar to those contained in previous disaster bills.

In other activities across the Cotton Belt, the next USDA Crop Production Report was scheduled to be released Wednesday. USDA personnel are busy compiling figures which will be used to estimate US cotton production in 1991.

The High Plains and Rolling Plains of Texas are now the only sizable cotton growing regions with cotton still in the field. As a result, a much clearer picture of the overall US crop is expected. Estimates of production for the High Plains and Rolling Plains of Texas also are expected to be the most accurate so far. Harvesting and ginning activities in the region are now beginning to provide a clear picture of the 1991 crop.

"All indications at this time are that the production estimates for the High Plains and Rolling Plains of Texas will need a significant downward adjustment," said PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson. "With this area being the only one that has a significant amount of harvesting underway it is likely that the new estimate will be the closest one to date in terms of actually predicting the eventual size of this year's crop."

Donations are needed

Anyone who is willing to decorate and donate a sweatshirt for youths ages 10 to 16, is asked to do so and bring it by the Dimmitt Fire Dept. or the First Baptist Church.

The donated shirts should be new and decorated without a seasonal theme so they can be worn anytime. Plain shirts also will be accepted.

The donated shirts will be given to needy children by Santa Claus this year.

"We know that there are many talented people in our town. We've seen the beautifully decorated shirts that many of the girls are wearing and we hope that these people will put their talents to use and help with this project," said spokesmen for the group.



A GOLDEN GLOW radiates from this Christmas tree on display in the home of Darla (shown) and Pete Stewart as a part of the annual Tour of Homes sponsored by the Republican Organization for Women, held Saturday in Dimmitt. The funds raised from the tour and a bake sale will go toward sending a local girl to Girls State.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Carter is feted

Jennifer Carter, bride-elect of Tim Elliott, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. Hank Lynn, who was assisted by 31 hostesses in the courtesy.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. Charles Carter of Dimmitt, mother of the bride-to-be, and by Mrs. Don Elliott of Tyler, formerly of Dimmitt, who is the mother of the prospective groom.

Refreshments of sausage balls, assorted fruit breads, miniature muffins and hot cinnamon tea were served to guests from a refreshment table decorated with pink and blue flowers, complemented with mirrors and candles.

Special guests included the bride's paternal grandmother, Mrs. Zora Patterson of Dimmitt, and the groom's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Evalene Turner of Tulia.

Out of town guests included Linda Brown and Jovan of Midland; Susan Hanners, Cindy Chesher Adams, Kim Eustace and Becky Maloy of Amarillo; Lynda Brown of Hereford; Paula O'Brian, Gayle O'Brian, Christy Allen, Julia Fairchild, Tawnya Morrison, Charla Chesher, Loretta Hand, Linda Chesher and Cathy Shields of Friona; Teresa Gordon of Sudan; Edna Driskill and Donna Chandler of Lubbock; Evalena Chandler, Hazel Ellis and Sib Workman of Tulia; and Jana Dulton of Plainview.

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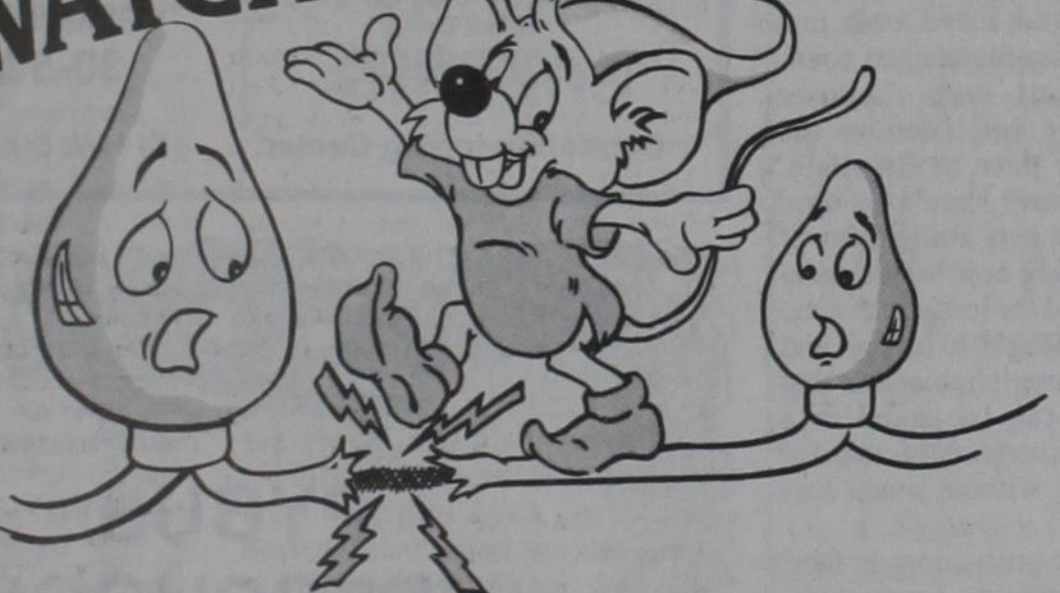
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- When hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees outdoors, stay clear of electrical lines.

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Wishing You A Safe, Happy Holiday



People



Brett Fryar and LaDonna Boles

Boles, Fryar to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Boles of Clyde announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, LaDonna, to Brett Fryar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewane Fryar of Sundown.

The couple plans to marry on Jan. 4 in the First Baptist Church in Clyde.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Owens of Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Boles of Clyde. She is the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Fears. She is associated with a car dealership in San Angelo.

The prospective groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Fryar of Hereford, former Castro County residents. He is the grand-

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Nazareth to stage Christmas pageant

Holy Family Church in Nazareth will present its Christmas pageant Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 22, at the church.

Performances are slated for 8 p.m. nightly and admission is free.

The pageant is being re-enacted this year as a final tribute to Castro County's Centennial celebration. The pageant depicts the story of Christ's life, beginning with the "Annunciation" and continuing through the first 12 years of his life up to his return to the biblical town of Nazareth. The pageant story is told through songs, narrations and acting.

The Christmas pageant, a dream of former Holy Family pastor, Father Staley Crocchiola, was first presented in 1972 with Donna Birkenfeld serving as originator and director. The pageant was pre-

sented each year through 1982.


The choir performs under the direction of Sharon Brockman, who took over the direction of the choir after the sudden death of Donna Birkenfeld in 1974.

As the event grew, exquisite costumes were sewn by women from the community, as their husbands built backdrops and stages that were later painted by local amateur artists.

The Faithful Friends Choir of Nazareth, directed by Bernita Hoelting, will perform Christmas carols prior to each evening's pageant performance. The choir will begin its performance at 7:30 p.m. The choir includes a talented group of third through fifth grade singers accompanied by sixth grade honors choir members and instrumentalists.

**Carolyn's
Corner**

By Carolyn Osborn
CEA-Home Economics



DON'T LET TURKEY SPOIL HOLIDAY MEALS

With Christmas only two weeks away, I want to remind consumers that a few precautions will keep the holiday turkey safe from bacterial growth that can cause foodborne illness.

Like many other foods, turkey is highly perishable and requires special care when storing, thawing, preparing and cooking.

Most people suffer only mild flu-like symptoms of gastrointestinal distress, nausea, vomiting and perhaps fever. However, foodborne illness strikes millions each year and can cause serious problems for some groups of people—the very young, older adults, and those with immune systems weakened by chronic diseases.

Following safe handling practices is your best ally against sickness.

Recommendations to reduce the risk of getting foodborne illness from turkey:

Buy a turkey that's solidly frozen and keep it frozen at zero degrees or below until you are ready to thaw it.

Thawing a frozen turkey in the refrigerator is the preferred and safest method. When thawing in the refrigerator, keep the turkey in its original wrap and place on a tray. Allow two to three days to thaw an 8- to 12-pound turkey and three to four days to thaw a 16- to 20-pound turkey. For faster thawing, put the turkey in a water-tight plastic bag and submerge in cold water. This method can take from four to 12 hours, depending on the size of the turkey.

Never thaw a turkey on the counter. Bacteria can multiply rapidly at room temperature, and outer portions of the turkey may thaw and reach room temperatures before the inside is thawed.

Before cooking, wash the turkey inside and out. Remove the neck and giblets from the cavity. To prevent spread of bacteria, wash hands, utensils and the sink after contact with the turkey.

Cooking stuffing inside the turkey creates a high risk for bacterial growth. Cook stuffing separately.

Take care of leftovers promptly and properly. Remove turkey from bones and store leftovers in the refrigerator in small, shallow containers. Do not leave foods in a warm oven or on the kitchen counter for the next meal. Leftover cooked poultry will keep in the refrigerator for three to four days. Stuffing and gravy should be used within a day or two. Bring leftover gravy to a rolling boil before serving. Freeze food for longer storage.

If you bought a turkey and decided not to use it, remember that frozen turkey can be stored in a freezer at a temperature of zero for about one year without much loss of quality.

A few simple precautions in food handling can prevent happy holidays from becoming miserable ones.

Who's New?

Plains Memorial

Jessie and Laura Arguijo of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Sinforoso Miguel, who was born at 8 p.m. on Nov. 25 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 8 lbs., 15 oz. and measured 20 inches long. He joins big sister, Jessica Arguijo, who is 2. Paternal grandparents are Louie and Florence Arguijo of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Domingo and Victoria Saucedo of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Domingo and Ramona Saucedo. Great-great-grandparents are Sinforoso and Simona Flores.

It's a girl for Les and Carla Miller of Dimmitt. Jill Marie was born at 8:07 a.m. on Nov. 26 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 19 inches at birth. She joins big brother, Ryan Miller. Her paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. Miller of Roswell, N.M. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Paul Beagles of Albuquerque, N.M.

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GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY—D.N. (Nakomis) and Cyble Gamblin of Avery, former county residents, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 21, with a reception at the Avery First Baptist Church. The reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. and friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend. *Courtesy Photo*

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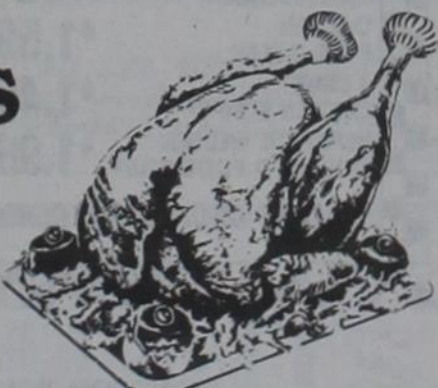
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Amy Michelle Helton

Helton, Gillum to wed

Charles Helton of Kress and Sandra Helton of Plainview announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Amy Michelle Helton, to Randall Ray Gillum, son of Karen and Buddy Gillum.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Doris Frazier of Dimmitt. The prospective groom's grandmother is Hazel Gillum of Edmond, Okla.

The couple plans to exchange wedding vows at 4 p.m. on Dec. 30 at the First Baptist Church of Edmond, Okla.

Helton is a 1991 graduate of Andress High School.

Gillum is a 1987 graduate of Edmond High School. He is a freshman at Elrend Junior College majoring in agri-business. She is presently employed by Hallmark Farms.



I love Christmas. Of course, I'm partial to all food-related holidays, which brings me to the problem at hand. It's time for the pre-Christmas diet.

Sure, I'd rather think about carolers and parties and decorations and presents—anything but diets. But I was shocked to discover so little difference between my shape and that of my Christmas tree this year. (Confidentially, our measurements are about the same, too!)

Yep, it's time for the old pre-Christmas diet. I thought about a pre-Thanksgiving diet, but Thanksgiving came around so quickly that I really didn't have time for one. Then, during Thanksgiving I was on this fast food plan—whenever I saw food, I ate it as fast as I could.

After Thanksgiving I would have dieted, but there were early bird sales at the Mall. You know the Mall, with Food Courts and pizza by the slice and funnel cake and stuffed potatoes. Naturally, I avoided those obvious pitfalls and headed straight for the grilled chicken sandwiches (gotta watch those fat grams) with a side order of curly fries—oops!

So, there we have it. Christmas is approaching like a snowball headed downhill, and if I wear green in public, somebody's going to hang lights on me, I just know it.

But how can I diet? There are children's class parties to attend with plates full of frosted Santas, which I personally will lick the beaters for. There are open houses with pick up foods. (I've always been confused about that one. Does it mean foods you can pick up, or eat until you're the size of a pick-up?)

And then there are Christmas dinners with grandmothers bearing trays of home-made peanut patties, saying, "It would be a shame to let this good food go to waste." (Let's hear it for grandmothers.)

Am I supposed to muster up a festive holiday spirit by nibbling on a rice cake, which, by the way, tastes ever so slightly like a styro-foam cooler? I should say not! I owe it to my family, my friends, to join in the Christmas festivities and eat with gusto.

Yeah, I'm going on a pre-Christmas diet—NOT!

Besides, there's always January. I think I tore a diet out of *Good Housekeeping* once. Something called the "Hide the fudge, run for your life, she's hostile, post-holiday quick weight loss plan." Maybe I stuck it in my recipe box.

Gayland McGill receives honor

Gayland McGill of Olton has completed membership requirements for invitation and entry into the Epsilon Chapter of the Pi Sigma Eta National Honor Fraternity in Funeral Service.

Her husband, Mack, is affiliated with Foskey Funeral Homes of Olton and Dimmitt.

Having completed three quarters of funeral service study, McGill is anticipating a graduation date of Feb. 14, 1992, in Dallas.

She is married to Tom B. (Mack) McGill and is the daughter of Mildred Graham.



David Shannon Barton and Andra Lynn Jackson

Engagement is announced

Andra Lynn Jackson and David Shannon Barton of Dimmitt will be married on Jan. 11, 1992, at the First Christian Church in San Angelo.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jackson of San Angelo. Parents of the prospective groom are Melvin Barton of Anson and Violet Barton of Dimmitt.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of San Angelo Lake View High

School. She has a bachelor's degree in human development and family studies from Texas Tech University and is a graduate student at Angelo State University.

Barton is a graduate of Dimmitt High School. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Angelo State University and is attending graduate school.

In old England, the word "child" referred only to a girl.

Church Happenings

Presbyterian Church

Sunday school classes meet at 10 a.m. Sunday.

"Living in the Last Days," will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, scheduled to begin at 11.

There will be a church family covered-dish Christmas dinner following the morning church worship service on Sunday.

There will be a Living Christmas Tree on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

The mid-week services are scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Ministerial Alliance

Castro County Ministerial Alliance members and their spouses will meet Tuesday morning at 10 at the Presbyterian Church manse.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

We congratulate the newly-elected Pastoral Council members including Angie Sandoval, Mary Helen Flores, Roy Gonzales, Pete Salinas, Seferina Davila, Johnny Leal, Oleada Schumacher and Sal Ortiz. We thank the outgoing members for their service. They are Paul Garcia, John Nino, Chevo Lumbra, Jerry Casares, Sylvia Nino, Connie Martinez, Charles Richard and Sal Ortiz.

Our annual feastday and Christmas celebration Sunday was an evening of rejoicing and merriment. Our thanks and appreciation go to all who made it a success, especially to the Pastoral Counsel-

ors, to Sal Ortiz for food, T.D. Davila for music, John Nino for setting up and helping clean up, Connie Martinez for decorations and Irene Cavazos for wrapping the goodies. We also want to thank Santa Claus for making an appearance. We also thank the following children for helping in the preparations: Joe and Jacob Larra, Terri and Brenda Flores, Rene Garcia and Eric Cavazos.

The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated today (Thursday) at 7:15 p.m. in Dimmitt and at 8:30 p.m. in Hart.

A "Ladies Majella Day" will be held today (Thursday) at the Bishop DeFalco Retreat Center in Amarillo. Father John Dalton of Happy will present the workshop. His theme will be "Advent, the Coming of the Lord." Cost for the day's activities will be \$10, and this fee includes lunch. For reservations call 1-383-1811.

Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens' Menu

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THURSDAY: Fiesta and trimmings, dessert, tea and coffee.

FRIDAY: Stew, cornbread, salad, dessert, tea and coffee.

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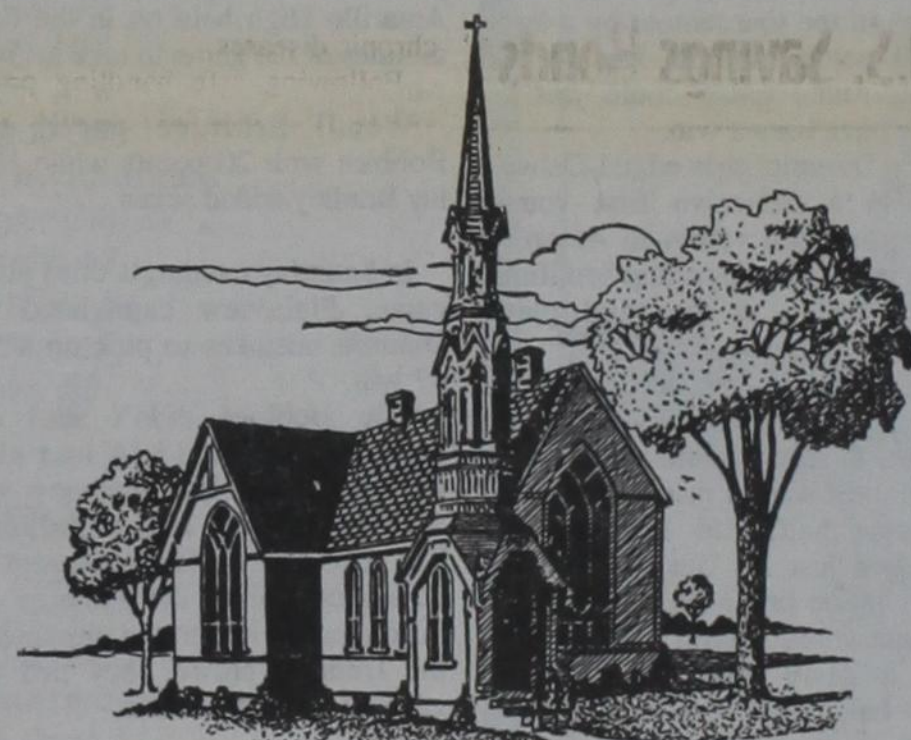
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When Kenan had lived seventy years, he became the father of Mahalalel. Kenan lived after the birth of Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Kenan were nin hundred and ten years; and he died.
Genesis 5:12-14

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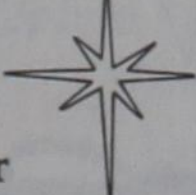
First United Methodist Church

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10:45 a.m. "Prince of Peace" presented by the Adult Choir

6:30 p.m. "A Christmas Wish" presented by Children's Choir

Everyone is invited to attend.



Sports



CLOSE QUARTERS—Dimmitt's Armando Arce (11) and Miguel Saucedo (25) trap Levelland's Jason Braddock in the first quarter of the opening game in the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic Thursday. For the second time this season, the Lobos came from behind to defeat the Bobcats by three points. The Lobos won the championship and the Bobcats captured the consolation title. *Photo by Don Nelson*

In Pioneer Classic

Bobcats win consolation

After Dimmitt Coach Ken Cleveland watched Estacado execute its run-and-gun type of basketball against Andrews in the Pioneer Classic, he changed his own game plan in an attempt to shut down that fast-paced game, and it worked.

The Bobcats captured the consolation championship of the Plainview Pioneer Classic Saturday with a 73-51 victory over Estacado.

The tournament was held at Wayland Baptist University's Hutcherson Center.

The Bobcats had an easier time handling Estacado than any other team they faced in the tournament.

Dimmitt jumped out to a 15-12 lead in the first quarter, then extended the margin to 38-25 at halftime. The Bobcats went on to outscore Estacado 35-26 in the second half to claim the consolation title.

Miguel Saucedo, who earned all-tournament honors, paced Dimmitt in the game with 24 points while Richard Newman scored 17.

"I had watched Estacado and Andrews play earlier, and Estacado roared down the floor and hit 20 layups. We decided we weren't going to press and give them the

opportunity for those layups. We like to run and gun, too, but we didn't do that this time. We didn't press them a bit. We forced them into a half-court game, and that's just not their style," Cleveland said.

The Bobcats dropped into the consolation bracket after losing the opening-round game against Levelland last Thursday. It was the second time this season that Levelland beat the Bobcats.

After being down 15-12 at the end of the opening stanza, Dimmitt found its mark in the second quarter and took a 26-25 lead into the dressing room at halftime.

But Levelland's defense virtually shut down the Bobcats in the third quarter, outscoring the Dimmitt boys 12-6 in the stanza and that gave them a 37-32 lead.

Early in the fourth quarter Saucedo scored to tie the game at 39, and the Bobcats worked until they held a 47-41 lead late in the game. But Levelland outscored the Bobcats 9-2 in the closing minutes, and capitalized on a crucial steal in the waning seconds that led to the insurance basket in the 52-49 victory.

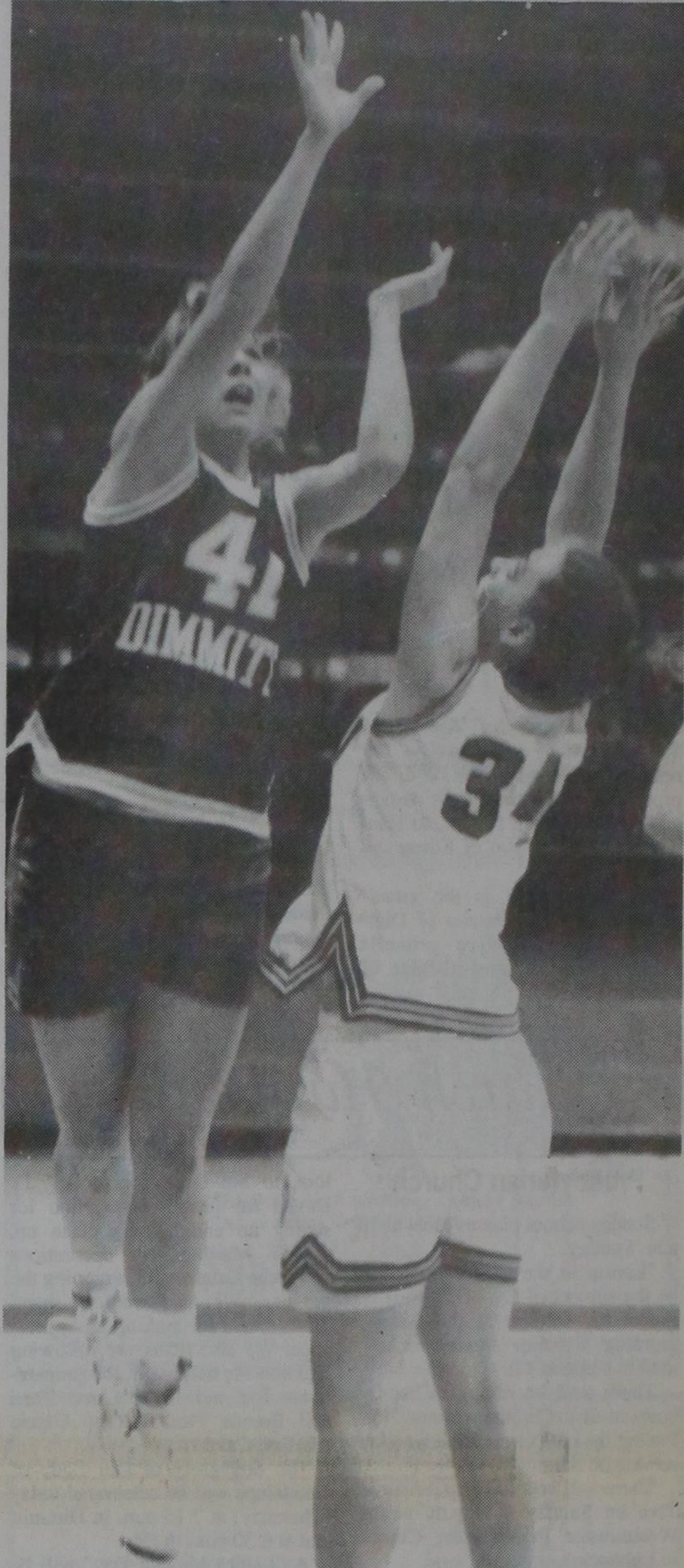
"It was the same type of game as before (when the Lobos beat Dimmitt on Nov. 22)," Cleveland said. "We had them beaten, and then let it slip through our fingers. I'm still convinced we should have beaten Levelland both times we've played them, but you can't deny that they have a good team. They're due the credit—they play a different style of ball; they'll hold onto it and slow the game down, and they don't make many mistakes."

In the second-round game, the Bobcats saw a third quarter lead slip away, and then were forced to reclaim it late in the game to beat Slaton, 77-75.

"We were just really lucky to win it, I don't mind telling you. We were down 75-71 with a minute and a half left in the game. Miguel hit one then Mark Horn and Miguel double-teamed a guy and got the ball and Miguel scored again to tie it up. We got the ball back with 33 seconds left and called time out and went for one shot. Miguel took it at the buzzer and it fell—we were lucky to escape with a 77-75 victory.

I guess it all evens out," Cleveland said. "I didn't think Levelland should have beaten us, and I'm sure the Slaton coach doesn't think we should have beaten them."

Lincoln Stewart was the Bobcats' leading scorer in Friday's game against Slaton with 30 points, followed by Saucedo who tossed in 21.



UP AND OVER—Dimmitt's Wendi Ethridge (41) gets off a shot over the hands of Plainview's Jennifer Roberson in the third-place game of the Levelland Invitational Tournament Saturday evening. Although Ethridge led the scoring with 23 points, the Bobbies lost, 47-53. *Photo by Don Nelson*

Bobbies finish fourth in Levelland Tournament

The Dimmitt Bobbies' fourth place finish at the Levelland Invitational this weekend was one of the hardest fought for finishes in the area.

Dimmitt lost its second and third games in the tournament by a total of 10 points, and its loss in the second-round game could just as easily have been a win.

The Dimmitt girls edged Denver City in a defensive first-round battle, then fell victim to Amarillo High in the championship semifinal before losing in the third place game to Plainview, 54-47.

The Bobbies got off to a slow start against Denver City and never seemed to regain momentum.

Dimmitt scored just 10 points in the first half, and Denver City managed just 11. But the Bobbies came out on fire in the third quarter and outscored Denver City 13-8 to take a 23-19 lead. The Dimmitt girls held Denver City to three fourth quarter points to seal the 30-22 win. Michelle Schumacher and Tara Grand tossed in nine points apiece for the Bobbies.

The first half of Saturday morning's championship semifinal game went to Amarillo and the second half went to Dimmitt. But somewhere in between the halves, Dimmitt wound up on the short end of the stick.

Amarillo High jumped out to an early 12-8 lead, then outscored the Bobbies 17-15 over the next eight minutes for a 29-23 lead. But Dimmitt cut that margin to a three-point lead in the third quarter. Amarillo High held on in the final minutes of the game to take a 43-40 win.

Wendi Ethridge paced the Bobbies with 20 points while Haley Bradley added seven.

In Saturday evening's third place game, Plainview capitalized on Dimmitt mistakes to pick up a 54-47 win.

The Bobbies didn't start off slow, and held a 15-14 lead after the first period. But Plainview was sporting a 33-28 lead at halftime. The Bobbies made an attempt to regain control of the game in the third quarter, and to the pleasure of the Dimmitt crowd, they tied the game at 37 in the stanza.

But the Bobbies' heroic efforts at a comeback died in the final minutes, as Plainview outscored Dimmitt 17-10 to seal the 54-47 victory.

Ethridge earned top scorer honors with 23 points while Bradley tossed in eight.

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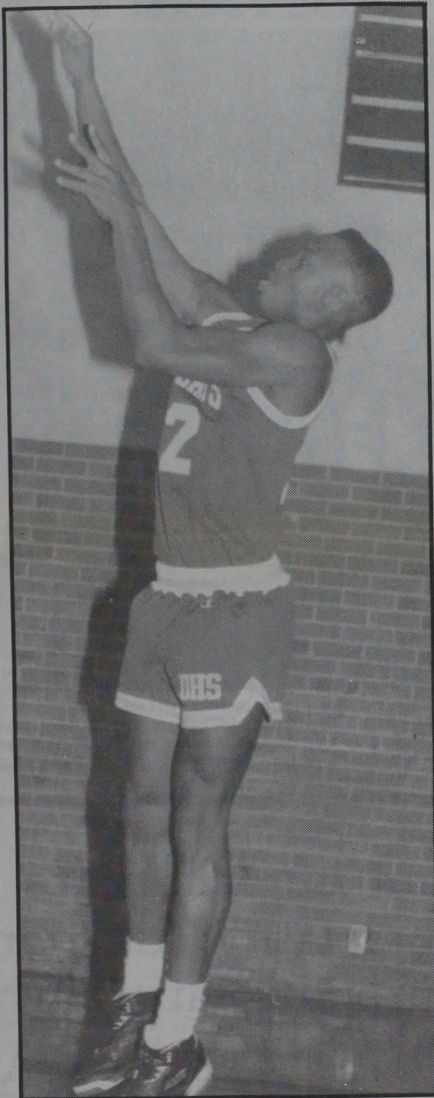
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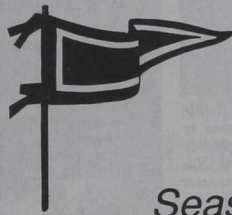
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Season Records

Bobbies:

68, River Road 53
 37, Levelland 38
 60, Palo Duro 45

Queens Classic:

64, Nazareth 36
 49, Canyon 33
 45, Randall 50
 (Second Place)

Levelland Invitational:

30, Denver City 22
 40, Amarillo 43
 47, Plainview 54
 (Fourth Place)
 44, Monterey 50

Bobcats:

104, River Road 56
 56, Levelland 59
 67, Palo Duro 58


Borger Tournament:

69, Palo Duro 51
 50, Amarillo 63
 65, Borger 61
 (Third Place)

Pioneer Classic:

47, Levelland 52
 77, Slaton 75
 73, Estacado 51
 (Consolation)
 81, Hereford 49



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BOARD BATTLES — Nazareth's Brandon Schilling (34) outreaches Springlake-Earth's Trey Weldon (23), Brian Hulett (22) and Brent Coker to snare an offensive rebound during action in the championship game of the Springlake-Earth Invi-

tational Tournament Saturday night. The Swifts outran the Wolverines in the fast-paced game to claim a 58-50 victory and their second-straight S-E Invitational championship. Also pictured is Nazareth's Travis Schulte (20). *Photo by Anne Acker*

Swifts win S-E Tourney

The Nazareth Swifts breezed past their first two opponents, then held off a pesky Springlake-Earth bunch to defend their championship in the Springlake-Earth Invitational Tournament Saturday night.

The Swifts had few problems in the opening round of the tournament, shutting out the S-E junior varsity 82-29. Sudan was the next Nazareth victim, as the Swifts dominated the Hornets from the word go and claimed a 49-21 victory and the spot in the championship game Saturday.

The host team also posted wins in the first two rounds and came out ready to claim their tournament championship, but Nazareth's pressure defense proved to be too much for the Wolverines and when the final buzzer sounded, the Swifts were on top 58-50.

It was a touch-and-go game Saturday, with Springlake-Earth dogging the Swifts' every move. But a strong second-quarter performance enabled Nazareth to go from a 9-9 first quarter tie to a 29-15 halftime lead. Nazareth added a point to that lead in the third quarter, then outscored the Wolverines 15-12 in the final eight minutes to claim the win.

Leading the Swifts were Nick Johnson, who scored 14 points, and Michael Schmucker, who tossed in 13.

The fast-paced game was highlighted by both teams' full-court pressure defenses, and it was the Swift defense which eventually enabled Nazareth to pull out the win.

After an even (9-9) first quarter, Springlake-Earth gained a small measure of control, when it went up 21-18 with 3:35 left in the quarter. But over the rest of the period, Nazareth allowed the Wolverines just two field goals and scored nine points of their own to take a 29-25 advantage into the dressing room at half time. Lynn Nelson hit two free throws to pull the Swifts within a basket, 23-21 with 2:07 left in the half. Schmucker stole the inbound pass and scored to tie the game at 23, then sank two free throws to give the Swifts the lead at 25-23 with 1:34 left. Adrian Farris scored on a fast break play after Nelson stole the ball and that gave the Swifts a four-point lead, which they would hold on to.

Springlake-Earth started off the third quarter with two quick baskets and tied the game at 29, but Nazareth gradually pulled away with the help of its pressure defense, which forced five turnovers in the period. Nazareth took a five-point lead with 2:06 left in the quarter when Schmucker penetrated the lane-area and scored to make the score 41-36.

The Swifts never relinquished the lead in the second half, and held their biggest lead of the game with 6:33 left, when Johnson scored after Schmucker pulled down an offensive rebound and passed off to him.

The Wolverines cut Nazareth's lead to two points with 4:50 left, but Swift Coach Mark Makeever

called a time out and settled his team down.

After the break, the Swifts scored six unanswered points, then coasted to the 58-50 win.

It was Johnson and Schmucker who led the Swifts in the semifinal game, scoring performances of 12 and 10, respectively, enroute to the 49-21 victory over Sudan.

Sudan saw its only lead of the game disappear with 5:28 left in the game when Johnson stole the ball and drove the length of the floor and scored to give the Swifts a 3-2 lead. Nazareth's pressure defense forced the Hornets into turning the ball over seven times in the opening quarter and had mounted a 19-9 lead by the end of the stanza.

The Swifts' defense shut out Sudan in the second stanza to post a 29-9 halftime lead, then coasted to the win.

Swiftettes win consolation trophy in Canyon Classic

The Nazareth Swiftettes got back on the winning track this weekend, when they captured the consolation championship at the Canyon Classic, which was played at the Canyon High School Fieldhouse.

The Swiftettes dropped into the consolation bracket after losing their first-round game to Canyon Randall, the eventual tournament champion.

Randall defeated the Swiftettes 52-36, then went on to beat Lubbock Monterey, 50-35 and Canyon, 40-34 to win the title.

After the first-round loss to Randall, Nazareth bounced back Friday to defeat Amarillo Caprock 67-44, then trounced Hereford on Saturday by a 59-39 count to claim the consolation championship.

Against Randall last Thursday, the Swiftettes played the undefeated Lady Raiders tight in the first half, and were down by just six points, 25-19, at halftime. Nazareth stayed right with the Lady Raiders in the final period (each team scored 10 points), but it was the third quarter that sealed the win for Randall.

The Lady Raiders outscored the Swiftettes 17-7 in the stanza, and that gave them a 16-point lead

headed into the final period and that margin was just too much for the Swiftettes to overcome.

Peggy Huseman and Jill Pohlmeier both reached the double-figure category in scoring, with 23 and 11 points, respectively.

In Friday's consolation semifinal game, the Swiftettes overcame a slow first-quarter to outscore Caprock 20-9 in the second period for a 34-21 halftime lead. After that it was smooth sailing for the Swiftettes. They outscored the Amarillo team 33-21 in the second half to claim their first victory of the season, 67-44. Huseman scored 24 points and Pohlmeier added 23 to pace the Swiftettes.

The duo were Nazareth's top two scorers again on Saturday, when the Swiftettes beat Hereford 59-39 for the consolation title.

Although Hereford managed to outscore the Swiftettes in the second quarter, Nazareth mounted big enough margins of victory in the first, third and fourth stanzas to walk away with the win.

Nazareth shut out the Lady Whitefaces for the first five minutes and held an 8-0 lead before Hereford's Misty Dudley finally put her team on the boards with

2:51 left in the period. Dudley scored again to narrow that lead to four points, but Nazareth pulled away in the latter part of the period to post a 15-7 lead after the first eight minutes of play.

In the second period, the Swiftettes managed just six points—a two-pointer from Jodi Johnson, a trey from Natalie Schmucker and a free throw from Pohlmeier—allowing Hereford to narrow the gap to 21-17 at halftime.

The Swiftettes put the game away in the third quarter, however.

Nazareth scored six unanswered points at the start of the third quarter, and its full-court pressure defense stole the ball five times in the stanza. The Swiftettes scored seven points off of the Hereford errors and were up by 10 points, 40-30 headed into the final minutes of regulation.

Nazareth increased that lead to 55-32 with 2:49 left in the game when Pohlmeier scored and was fouled on the play. She missed the ensuing free throw, but the basket was a big one for the Swiftettes. Nazareth's bench players finished out the quarter and scored six points down the stretches to provide the final margin of victory.

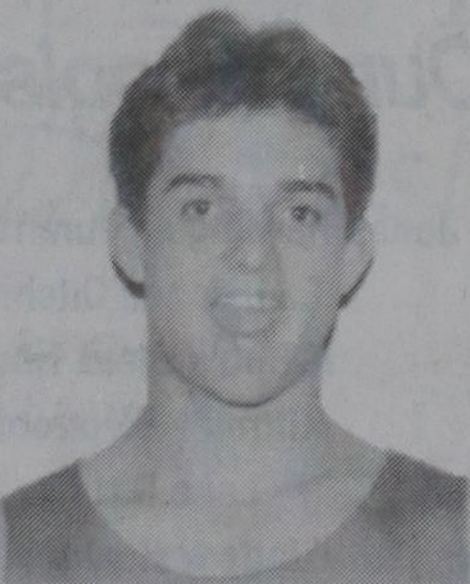


INBOUNDS STEAL—Nazareth's Jenny Jones (24) knocks the inbound pass away from a Hereford guard, then Jodi Johnson (20) picks up the loose ball and puts up a shot. She misses, but gets her own rebound and is fouled. She hits one of two free

throws to give the Swiftettes a 30-21 lead late in the third quarter. The Swiftettes beat Hereford 59-39 to claim the consolation championship in the Canyon Classic. *Photo by Anne Acker*



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Hart teams face tough foes in Anton Tournery

The consolation championships of the Anton Tournament were just a finger's length out of the reach of the Hart Longhorns and Lady Horns over the weekend.

Both the Lady Horns and Longhorns played Anton in the first round of the Anton Tournament last Thursday, and both teams were on the losing end of the scoreboard when time expired.

That moved the Hart teams into the consolation semifinal round, where they had a little more success.

The girls won their game against

Grady handily, 72-35, while the Longhorns had a tougher battle, eventually winning 38-31.

Both teams saw their hopes of a fifth place finish in the tournament vanish, as Morton's boys and girls claimed victories over Hart's teams in the consolation championship.

The Hart girls were a point better than Anton after the first quarter of play last Thursday, but the Lady Horns fell apart in the second stanza and allowed Anton to take a 28-14 lead into the dressing room at halftime. Anton increased that lead by three points after three periods,

but the Lady Horns weren't about to give up easily. They outscored Anton 17-12 in the final quarter, but it wasn't enough to overcome the second-quarter deficit and they were forced to accept a 57-41 loss.

Leading the Lady Horns in the first game were the Bennett sisters, April and Shea, who scored 16 and 10 points, respectively.

The Longhorns also had a difficult first-round game against Anton, and although the Hart team was up by a point at halftime (25-24), it didn't take Anton long to overtake the lead in the second half. A 13-10 third quarter in Anton's favor turned the game around. The Bulldogs outscored the Longhorns 14-12 in the final period to take a 51-47 win.

Gilbert Galan was Hart's leading scorer, with 11 points.

In the consolation semifinal games Friday, the Lady Horns routed Grady 38-19 in the first half, then cruised to a 72-35 win. The Bennett sisters again paced the Lady Horns with Shea tossing in 33 and April adding 12.

Hart's boys used a strong second-quarter performance to take the lead over Grady, then held off a late fourth-quarter run to claim the 38-31 consolation semifinal victory.

Hart outscored Grady 18-8 in the first half, then stayed even with their opponents in the third quarter. The fourth quarter proved to be a tough test for Hart, as Grady started

to pull closer in the waning moments of the game. Hart was outscored 18-15 in the final period, but thanks to the strong first-half performance, it wasn't enough for Grady to overtake the Horns.

Richard Garcia scored 16 points for the Longhorns while Israel Garcia added 13.

In a see-saw matchup Friday, the Lady Horns were edged out of the consolation championship by Morton.

Hart won the first quarter 8-7, but then Morton went on a scoring spree and took a 22-19 lead as time expired in the half. The Lady Horns gained a point on the Lady Indians' lead in each of the final quarters, but it was one point too short, and Morton went on to claim the consolation title.

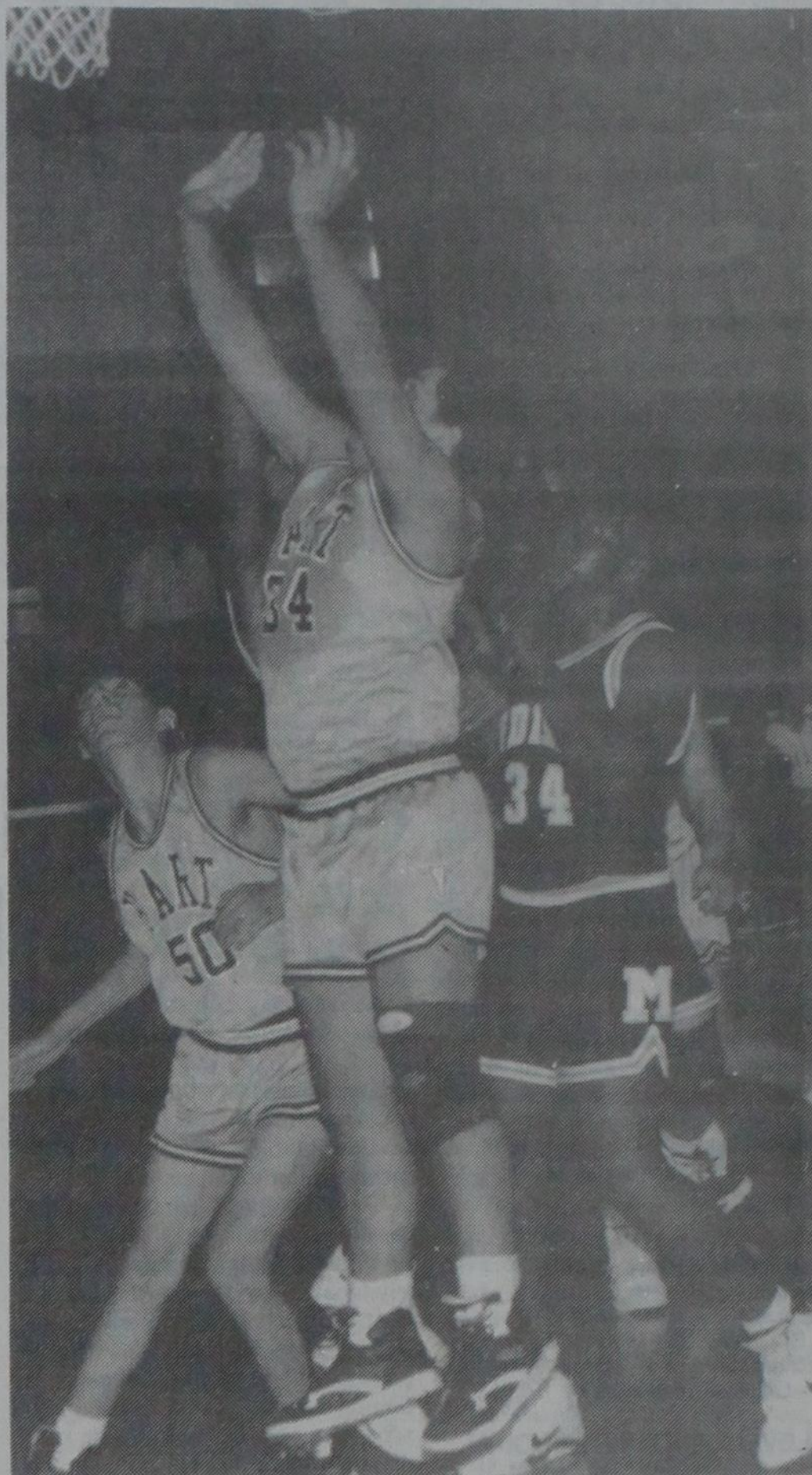
April Bennett scored 11 points for the Lady Horns while Angie Dyer tossed in 10.

Hart's Longhorns had an exceptional third quarter against Morton in the boys' consolation final, but the Indians had built up a solid lead in the first half and it was more than Hart could overcome.

Trailing 33-17 at the start of the third quarter, Hart managed to gain six points on that deficit and were down by just 41-31 entering the final eight minutes of play.

But Morton regained control of the game in the final stanza and held on for a 55-43 win.

Richard Garcia was the Horns' leading scorer with 11 points.



GILBERT GALAN (34) makes a move on Morton defenders and scores two points during action in the consolation finals of the Anton Tournament Saturday night. Morton won the game and the consolation trophy with a 55-43 decision over Hart. Hart's Charles Maldonado (50) fights for rebound position in case Galan's shot is off.

Photo by Deana McLain



SHEA BENNETT battles inside to snatch a rebound away from Morton during action Saturday night in the consolation finals at the Anton Tournament. Hart was edged out of the consolation championship by the Lady Indians, who managed a 43-42 win.

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Sales tax rebates dip in Dimmitt, Nazareth

Sales tax rebates in Dimmitt and Nazareth saw sharp drops while Hart's reimbursement rose by 9.8%.

The City of Hart received a check for \$1,163.81, up from the 1990 rebate of \$1,059.89 issued during a comparable period.

Dimmitt's rebate check reflected a 51.60% decrease — from \$38,605.88 in 1990 to \$18,684.88 this year.

The rebate issued to Nazareth was for \$699.43, a difference of -40.8% from the 1990 payment of \$1,181.53.

Year-to-date rebates in Dimmitt and Nazareth are down while Hart's is up 3.06%.

December's checks to cities, counties, hospital districts and city transit departments include taxes collected on October sales and reported in November by businesses filing monthly sales tax returns

with the state. This month's checks reflect taxes reported in September, October and November. Businesses file either monthly, quarter or annually, depending on the amount of sales tax they collect.

Shoppers pay the local sales taxes of up to 2% along with the state's 6-1/4% state sales tax when they make a taxable purchase. Merchants then send in the taxes to the comptroller's office with their tax returns. The state keeps its share and returns to cities, counties and other taxing entities their portion of the local sales tax.

Area voters must approve all local sales taxes at the polls. Most local governments use the money raised for services such as fire fighting, road maintenance and law enforcement. City sales taxes may also be used for local economic development and property tax reduction.

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Swifts to compete in Abernathy Tournery

The Nazareth Swifts will take on Seminole today (Thursday) at 5 p.m. in the opening round of the Abernathy Tournament.

The Swifts and Seminole will play in the New Deal High School gym, and the winner will play the winner of the Estacado-Tulia game Friday morning at 11:20 at Abernathy High School gym.

The tournament is being held in both Abernathy and New Deal, because there are too many games to be played in just the one facility.

The boys' 12-team tournament also features New Deal, Whiteface, Crosbyton, Randall, Hereford, Floydada, Ralls and Abernathy.

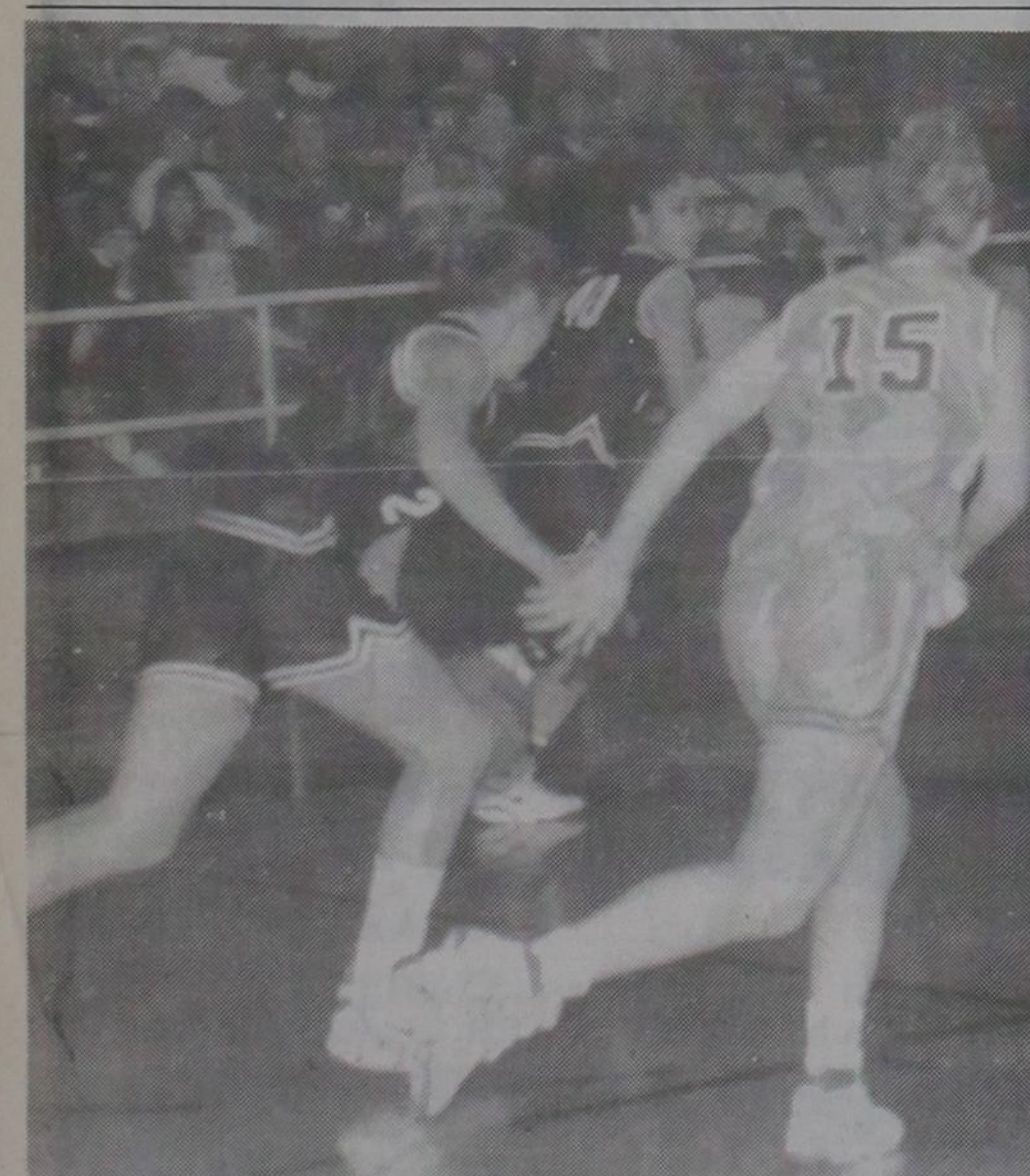
If the Swifts lose their first-round game against Seminole, they will drop to the consolation bracket on Friday and will play the loser of

the New Deal Whiteface game. That game is scheduled for 5 p.m. Friday at New Deal.

If the Swifts win their first two games, they will play in the championship semifinals at 8 p.m. Friday at New Deal.


Saturday's schedule includes the fifth place game, scheduled for 12:15 p.m.; the third place game at 3:05 p.m.; the consolation championship at 5:55 p.m. and the championship at 8:45 p.m. All Saturday games will be played at Abernathy High School.

Nazareth finished second behind Abernathy in last year's tournament. This year's list of teams features several teams which qualified for the playoffs last year, including the defending Class AA state champion Abernathy Antelopes.




APRIL BENNETT of Hart steals the ball from an Anton player, then drives the length of the court and scores a layup. The Lady Horns played Anton in the first round of the Anton Tournament last Thursday, and the Lady Bulldogs came out on top, 57-41. Bennett scored 16 points to pace the Lady Horns in the game. Hart's girls went on to win their second game, but lost in the consolation championship to Morton.

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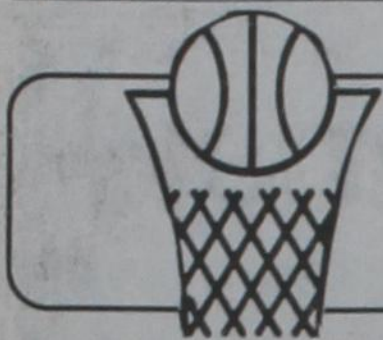
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Scoreboard

CANYON CLASSIC at Canyon High School

First Round
Swiftettes 36, Randall 52
Nazareth 7 12 7 10 — 36
Randall 12 13 17 10 — 52
SCORING: N—Peggy Huseman 23, Jill Pohlmeier 11; R—Corey Norman 13, Tessa Dugan 12.

Consolation Semis
Swiftettes 67, Caprock 44
Nazareth 14 20 14 19 — 67
Caprock 12 9 6 15 — 44
SCORING: N—Peggy Huseman 24, Jill Pohlmeier 23; C—Hodges 17, Montano 12.

Consolation
Swiftettes 59, Hereford 39
Nazareth 15 6 19 19 — 59
Hereford 7 10 13 9 — 39
SCORING: N—Peggy Huseman 21, Jill Pohlmeier 18; H—Misti Dudley 19.

PIONEER CLASSIC at Hutcherson Center, Plainview

First Round
Bobcats 47, Levelland 52
Dimmitt 12 14 6 15 — 47
Levelland 15 10 12 15 — 52
SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 15, Armando Arce and Lincoln Stewart 12; L—Jason Braddock 17, Cleveland Dawson 16.

Consolation Semis
Bobcats 77, Slaton 75
Dimmitt 15 21 22 19 — 77
Slaton 14 23 14 24 — 75
SCORING: D—Lincoln Stewart 30, Miguel Saucedo 21; S—Larkin 24, Bentancourt 14, Williams 17, Johnston 12.

Consolation
Bobcats 73, Estacado 51
Dimmitt 15 23 12 23 — 73
Estacado 12 13 14 12 — 51
SCORING: D—Miguel Saucedo 24, Richard Newman 17, Lincoln Stewart 11; E—Lethridge 16, Ramos 14.

LEVELLAND INVITATIONAL at Levelland High School

First Round
Bobcats 30, Denver City 22
Dimmitt 5 5 13 7 — 30
Denver City 6 5 8 3 — 22
SCORING: D—Michelle Schumacher and Tara Grand 9.

Championship Semis
Bobcats 40, Amarillo High 43
Dimmitt 8 15 10 7 — 40
Amarillo 12 17 7 7 — 43
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 20, Haley Bradley 7; A—Ruzowski 10, Linder 9.

Third Place
Bobcats 47, Plainview 54
Dimmitt 15 13 9 10 — 47
Plainview 14 19 4 17 — 54
SCORING: D—Wendi Ethridge 23, Haley Bradley 8; P—Chapman 20, Jeffress 11, Lane 10.

SPRINGLAKE-EARTH INVITATIONAL

First Round
Swifts 82, S-E JV 29
Nazareth 22 13 25 22 — 82
S-E 8 10 3 8 — 29
SCORING: N—Michael Schmucker 15, Lynn Nelson 14, Adrian Farris 13, Nick Johnson 12; S-E—Moudy 9.

Championship Semis
Swifts 49, Sudan 21
Nazareth 19 10 11 9 — 49
Sudan 9 0 5 7 — 21
SCORING: N—Nick Johnson 12, Michael Schmucker 10.

Championship
Swifts 58, S-E 50
Nazareth 9 20 14 15 — 58
S-E 9 16 13 12 — 50
SCORING: N—Nick Johnson 14, Michael Schmucker 13; S-E—Deleon 23, Cocker 9.

ANTON TOURNEY

Girls' First Round
Lady Horns 41, Anton 57
Hart 10 4 10 17 — 41
Anton 9 19 17 12 — 57
SCORING: H—April Bennett 16, Shea Bennett 10; A—Williams 18, Tyler 11, Conkin and Spradley 10.

Boys' First Round
Longhorns 47, Anton 51
Hart 9 16 10 12 — 47
Anton 9 15 13 14 — 51
SCORING: H—Gilbert Galan 11, Garcia 10; A—Myers 12, Jenkins 10.

Girls' Consolation Semis
Lady Horns 72, Grady 35
Hart 18 20 22 12 — 72
Grady 10 9 8 8 — 35
SCORING: H—Shoa Bennett 33, April Bennett 12; G—Madison 10.

Boys' Consolation Semis
Longhorns 38, Grady 31
Hart 7 11 5 15 — 38
Grady 3 5 5 18 — 31
SCORING: H—Richard Garcia 16, Israel Garcia 13; G—Odom 9.

Girls' Consolation
Lady Horns 42, Morton 43
Hart 8 11 13 10 — 42
Morton 7 15 12 9 — 43
SCORING: H—April Bennett 11, Angie Dyer 10; M—Garrett 23.

Boys' Consolation
Longhorns 43, Morton 55
Hart 7 10 14 12 — 43
Morton 11 22 8 14 — 55
SCORING: H—Richard Garcia 11; M—Williams 20, Hawkins 14.

MONDAY
Freshman Bobcats 28, Floydada 19
Dimmitt 7 3 5 13 — 28
Floydada 11 4 0 4 — 19
SCORING: D—Jill Gfeller 10.

TUESDAY
Bobcats 81, Hereford 49
Dimmitt 20 22 21 18 — 81
Hereford 11 10 17 11 — 49
SCORING: D—Lincoln Stewart 24, Miguel Saucedo 14.

Swifts 49, Abernathy 73
Nazareth 17 10 6 16 — 49
Abernathy 15 22 23 13 — 73
SCORING: N—Nick Johnson 12, Adrian Farris 11; A—Norris 17, Patton 16.

Swiftettes 37, Abernathy 50
Nazareth 12 14 5 6 — 37
Abernathy 15 14 13 8 — 50
SCORING: N—Peggy Huseman 15, Jill Pohlmeier 10; A—Prather 21, Riley and Watts 8.

JV Bobcats 51, Hereford 72
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SCORING: D—Michelle Garcia and Tara Grand 9; M—Kim Sumrall 18.

County discusses possible lawsuit

At Monday's meeting of the Castro County Commissioners' Court, Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith came late to the meeting, excused himself from the executive session, and did not return to the meeting after the lunch break.

The executive session was called to discuss pending litigation by residents of the Coronado Acres subdivision in the north part of Castro County. Texas Rural Legal Aid Attorney Rudolpho Mares represented the residents in their continuing efforts to obtain county acceptance of the roads in the subdivision, which would obligate the county to maintain the roads.

No decision was announced following the session. Smith said he excused himself from the discussion because he felt he would be unable to keep confidential any matters discussed.

At 10:31 a.m., Smith joined the regular meeting, in progress since 10:10 a.m. He came in right after job related trips and expenses were approved by the other commissioners. He did not hear the reading of the minutes or the treasurer's report.

Smith voted against allowing Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Gugemos to go out for bids for the "buy back" of a motor grader in his precinct. The motion carried, with the other commissioners voting in favor. The bids will be opened at the Jan. 13 meeting of the commissioners.

All of the commissioners gave approval to seeking bids on the purchase of two new copier machines for the courthouse, replacing the one placed by the offices of the treasurer and auditor, and the one used by the County Extension office.

County Treasurer Oleta Raper said the machine in use for her office has been needing repairs or maintenance almost twice a week recently, and still makes inferior copies.

County Judge Polly Simpson said the expenditure was not allowed in the budget, but noted that funds could possibly be transferred from another budget item. The bids will be opened at the Jan. 13 meeting of the court.

Smith inquired about what hours his employees should work, and the other commissioners told him 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a one-hour lunch break. Smith complained that some of his workers had been clocking in before 8 a.m.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Dale Winders told Smith to inform them that they should not clock in before 8 a.m. in order to avoid any overtime.

Roger Russell, a resident of Pct. 1, met with the commissioners to request placement of caliche on the county road he lives near. Smith remarked that he would caliche it if the others would allow him to be more economical. He asked for a semi-truck to haul with, instead of the bobtail truck he is currently using.

The other commissioners told him the matter needed to be placed on the agenda before it could be discussed.

After the executive session, which lasted from around 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., the court broke for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Smith did not return after the lunch break.

Castro County Sheriff Lonny Rhynes asked the commissioners for permission to seek bids on two new cars for the Sheriff's Dept. He reported that "executive" cars from

Ford would not be available until after the first of the year, but he noted that Ford was currently offering a special deal on Crown Victoria models.

The commissioners voted to table the matter until after the first of the year, when the "executive" cars would be available. "Executive" cars are new year models that have been driven by company executives for less than 20,000 miles, and are sold at prices well below the cost of a new car.

Disposition of a block of land in the Summerfield community also was tabled. The commissioners authorized payment of a \$360 fee for a title search performed by Burkett & Ross, through Cowser Abstract.

Attorney James Horton told the court that the search revealed at least two clouds on the title, although he said that the county did have the strongest claim on the land, which had been donated as school land for the Summerfield community.

Becky Jones and Bobbie Purcell of Summerfield asked the commissioners to grant the land to the community for use as a park. They said that the community has already invested considerable time and money in getting the lot cleaned up and in establishing a fund for improvements to the park if it is approved.

County Attorney Jimmy Davis said he would research whether the county is able to donate land, or what would be involved in maintaining ownership of the land, and contracting with the Summerfield Park Association for maintenance of it.

Simpson said one family in Summerfield has expressed an interest in buying the land. Horton said if the land is sold it would need to be made perfectly clear to the purchaser that the title is under a cloud. He said it could possibly be cleared by a trespass to try title suit, which could cost as much as \$1,600 or more.

The commissioners expressed that they would rather see the land used as a park to benefit the Summerfield community. The matter was tabled until the Dec. 20 meeting of the court.

In final action, the commissioners heard a report from County Centennial Co-Chairman Don Nelson, who made two presentations to the commissioners' court.

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Organized Hunts

The Lions Clubs in Hart, Nazareth and Easter will sponsor organized hunts again this year, and two of the clubs still have room for more hunters.

EASTER — Eddie Matthews, member of the Easter Lions Club says about 35 hunters have signed up for the club's organized hunt, to date, but the club will accept about 15 more. Anyone who wants to sign up for the Easter Lions Club's guided hunt should call Matthews at 1-276-5255. For a \$100-per-gun fee, hunters receive a free breakfast and lunch and are guided to the land they are allowed to hunt on.

HART — The Hart Lions Club still has room for a few more hunters, and 130 have already signed up at \$100 per gun. The hunters signed up with the club will be served breakfast and receive exclusive rights to hunt the entire season on approved land in the area.

NAZARETH — The Nazareth Lions Club has signed up 101 hunters for its organized hunt Saturday, and that's all the group will

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CPS removes . . .

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covers in an attempt to keep warm during the night.

Robinson told 64th District Court Judge Jack Miller that the children's food was measured and in some instances weighed, and they were allowed only three ounces of water daily, except for the baby.

Robinson told the court that after the children were removed from the home and were allowed to eat as much food as they wanted, most of them developed diarrhea, because their systems were unable to handle it at first.

The two youngest children have

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supposed to give the financial report—was kinda up to his beard in postage stamps.

Speaking of Christmas mail, when I wheeled the papers into the Post Office last week, I gave them my light-hearted rendition of "Oh by gosh, by golly, it's time for mistletoe and holly. . ."

By the time I could get out of there, I felt more like singing "Do you hear what I hear!"

I can't resist telling you this:

The Saturday morning after Thanksgiving, while all our kids were home, I was shakin' and bakin' in the kitchen. Four kinds of oven toast. Maxwell Orchards cider and OJ. Three flavors of preserves. Choice of dry or cooked cereals.

As I was carrying another load of toast to the table, I commented, "When I come to live with you guys, this is the kind of breakfast I want you to fix for me—unless you'd rather do eggs and sausage."

"But you have to watch your cholesterol," my son-in-law said. "At that stage, what will it matter?" I asked. "How long do you want me to live with you, anyway?"

"How did you say you like your eggs?" he asked.

allow this year. For \$100, hunters are served breakfast and lunch and are guided around the fields on opening day.

Shells & Licenses

If you want a hunting license this year, you're going to have to travel to Dimmitt or Hart to get one.

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Plaza earns . . .

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Plaza dedication statement, hand-lettered by Commission member Janet Mitchell, and read the names of the other Commission members: Charles Axtell, Jerome Brockman, Brenda Bruton, Gwen Bryant, Robert Hawkins, Gloria Hernandez, Fred and Helen Kuntz, Carolyn Sides, Polly Simpson, Reta Welch and Francis Wilhelm.

"This was a very talented and dedicated group," Nelson said. "I'm happy that we were given a free

The licenses may be purchased at IGA Foodliner and the county clerk's office in Dimmitt; or at Hart Auto.

Shotgun shells may be purchased at several locations in the county, including IGA Foodliner and Dimmitt Thriftway, both in Dimmitt; Tole Auto Parts and Hart Auto, both in Hart; and at Joe's Beer and Wine and Home Mercantile, both in Nazareth.

hand in forming the commission. This was one of the keys to the success of the celebration."

Other keys to the Centennial's success, he said, were (1) an early start in May 1990, which gave adequate planning time before the January kickoff; (2) the \$10,000 starter fund from the county "which let us proceed with action items before we had generated any income"; (3) the public acceptance of the focal project, the Centennial Plaza; and (4) participation by people throughout the county.

"That participation is the ultimate key to the success of any such endeavor," Nelson commented.

Pillars named sales manager for Energas Co.

C. Brent Pillers has been named manager of large volume sales for Energas Co.

Pillers, formerly consumer service specialist in Lubbock, joined the Energas Co. in February 1989. He is a native of Lubbock and received his bachelor of business administration degree from Texas Tech University.

Throughout his tenure with the company, he has been active in professional, community and civic affairs. He currently serves on the board of governors for American Business Club, board of directors for the Land Use Developers Council and is finance chairman and a member of the board of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He also served as a loaned executive and captain of the employee's division of the 1991 United Way Campaign, and publicity chairman of UNIT.

Pillers and his wife, Pamela, have one daughter and the family resides in Lubbock.

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DISD plans improvements

The Dimmitt School Board voted at its Monday night meeting to seek bids on a new maintenance building and for expansion of parking west of the middle school game gym, and voted to allow purchase of paint for sprucing up the administration building as needed.

The board also rejected a proposal that would have allowed the district to invest funds through outside investment management groups in an effort to earn higher interest rates on the district's money.

The district's maintenance building had been on West Jones Street on the site of a building project proposed by the Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, and had to be vacated. The items which had been stored there have been moved to scattered sites on school property and elsewhere.

Bid specifications will ask for construction of a steel building approximately 35' x 60'. Earlier bids for the same project were rejected because they were deemed too high.

Board members did not look into having the building erected as a project for the building trades classes, because of the additional equipment that would have to be purchased, as well as time limitations in writing a new curriculum.

In the area of the middle school campus just west of the game gym, the board has proposed moving the steel fence back to a line even with the north edge of the field house, stretching to the gym on one side and the north-south alley on the other side.

The board decided to seek bids on paving the area thus opened in order to gain more parking space for the gym and field house. Bids will ask for quotes on paving the whole area, including the alleyway; on paving all but the alley; and on paving the area from the west edge of the fieldhouse back east toward the gym, plus an entrance drive leading west to the street which abuts the north-south alley.

An estimate for the smallest area was set at over \$24,000 by Apjian Pavers.

Board member James Sims made a motion to authorize the district to make outside investments with selected investment management groups. Sims said he felt the district should try it with the funds from a couple of CD's which will mature soon, to see if the amount of return would warrant investing more funds.

Board member Paul Garcia seconded the motion, saying he felt the district should at least have the option to seek greater returns on its investments.

The motion was defeated, with board members Rita McDaniel, John Nino and Cheryl Pybus voting against, and Sims and Garcia voting in favor.

Those voting against the proposal voiced concern that taking the funds out of the local economy might have a negative impact. Also, McDaniel said she felt the local bank's rates are "not that far behind" when compared with other banks.

Board president David Schaeffer abstained from the vote, saying that he holds an economic interest in the matter. Board member Rick Wright was absent.

Supt. Bob Barrett asked for authority to purchase paint and possibly hire a contractor to do painting at the administration building as needed. He said that maintenance personnel would be used wherever possible. The board approved the request unanimously.

Barrett told the board that the middle school is experiencing difficulties with its heating system after the addition of new classroom space. He said that an engineering firm has offered to look at the problem and make recommendations and present estimates at a future meeting of the board.

He said one of the recommendations already suggested by Joe Grimes of Grimes and Associates of Wolforth is shutting off the game gym from the heating system that serves the rest of the building, and giving the gym its own heating system. He said it would eliminate the need to heat the rest of the west wing of the building in order to warm up the gym on game nights.

Barrett said a venting and fan system also has been recommended for the high school gym to recirculate heated air rather than allow it to gather at the gym ceiling.

A rough estimate for correcting the problems at the middle school was placed at "no more than \$15,000 to \$20,000." Barrett said funds are available in the budget under capital outlay for the expenditure.

After an executive session, the board approved a long-term leave of absence for Sandra Wilhite, content mastery teacher at the middle school, who requested the leave due to the illness of her husband, Eva Barrett, wife of Supt. Barrett, was hired to replace Wilhite.

Methodists plan holiday programs

The adult choir of the First United Methodist Church will present a Christmas Cantata, *Prince of Peace*, on Sunday morning at 10:45.

Featured soloists will be Chuck Braafladt, Terri Loudder, Joyce Bolton and Charles Axtell. Charles Wales will narrate the presentation. Accompanists are Marie Winders, Beth Buckley and Deanne Clark. The 25-voice choir will be directed by Jane O'Kelly.

At 6:30 p.m. Sunday, the children's choir, which includes 42 voices, will present *A Christmas Wish*, a story of a young boy who almost wished away Christmas.

Following the evening program, a Christmas party will be held in the church's fellowship hall. Children and adults are invited.

Everyone is invited to attend all of the programs.



ALL-REGION BAND — These four Nazareth students captured all-region honors at a recent contest in Panhandle. They will perform in the all-region concert on Jan. 18 at West Texas State University in Canyon. Students earning all-region honors include (from left) Justin Bingham, 10th chair trombone; Jaimye Bingham, 10th chair flute; Robin Schulte, seventh chair clarinet; and Courtney Hoeltling, third chair trombone. Photo by Brenda Schulte

Candidate, voter deadlines set

Candidates may file for county office, subject to the March 10 Primary elections, through 5 p.m. Jan. 2, and citizens wishing to become registered voters may do so up to 30 days before the election.

County elected officials whose terms are expiring include Commissioner of Precinct 1 Harold Smith, who has already filed for re-election; Commissioner of Precinct 3 Jeff Robertson, who plans to run again; Castro County Sheriff Lonny Rhynes, who has stated that he will not seek re-election; County/District Attorney Jimmy Davis, who will seek re-election; and Tax Assessor-Collector Billy Hackleman and Constable James Dobbs, who have both already announced their candidacies.

Any who wish to challenge one of the incumbents or fill a vacancy, and who meet any requirements for

the desired office, may contact the County Clerk's office for more information on filing procedures.

New blue-colored voter registration certificates were mailed to Castro County's registered voters this month, according to Voter Registrar Billy Hackleman.

The new certificates are valid from Jan. 1, 1992 through Dec. 31, 1993. Any who did not receive a certificate, or who have not registered in the past may do so by contacting the Voters' Registrar's office through Feb. 9 in order to vote in the March primaries.

"Any voters who have changed their name, residence address or mailing address within the county should give written notice in person or by mail to the voters' registrar," Hackleman said, adding that the new certificates cannot be forwarded and must be returned to the

registrar's office in cases of incorrect names or addresses.

Those who are registered and who did not receive a replacement certificate should contact the Voter Registrar's office to find out why.

Any uncorrected certificates returned to the tax office will be canceled on Aug. 16 and the voter will not be able to vote after that date unless undergoing the process of re-registering, according to Hackleman.

Persons who have moved into a county or the state must register to be able to vote.

"The December mass mail-out of blue cards applies to currently registered voters only," Hackleman said. "Those receiving cards on family members who no longer live with you may notify us of any changes as well."

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Congress approves farm disaster aid

Congress has approved a \$1.75 billion disaster assistance bill that will provide payments for farmers from across Texas who suffered losses in 1990 or 1991.

"More than 125,000 Texas agricultural producers suffered losses from flooding, freezes and drought," said US Sen. Phil Gramm. "They will be able to file for claims under this legislation, which will be administered at the local level by the Texas Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS)."

Gramm noted that the Texas cotton farmers were among the hardest hit by the weather-borne agricultural disasters of 1990 and 1991.

"Nearly 40,000 cotton producers are estimated to have incurred damage valued at \$326 million in 1991 alone," Gramm said.

In addition, producers of wheat, grain sorghum, corn and hay had extensive losses.

The senator noted that part of the funding, \$995 million, will be

available for payments on either of the two years, at the producer's option. An additional \$755 million is also available, subject to a budget request by the President.

Some of the incidents which produced widespread agricultural losses were the 1990 flooding along the Red and Trinity Rivers, scattered droughts afflicting the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley and freezes which caused widespread damage to winter wheat production in the Panhandle, North Texas and Blackland Prairie areas.



A REAL SWEET CHECK—The Castro County Centennial Commission presents the County Commissioners' Court with a cake in the shape of a "check" for \$10,000 to use for maintenance of the Centennial Plaza and Gazebo, the central project of the Centennial year. A calligraphic copy of the presentation speech made at the dedication of the

gazebo in August was also presented to the court. Shown are (from left) Centennial Co-Chairman Don Nelson, County Judge Polly Simpson, and Commissioners Dale Winders, Vincent Guggemos and Jeff Robertson. The real check will be deposited in a designated fund later. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Social Security in Castro County

There has been much interest generated by several proposals now before the Congress aimed at changing or eliminating Social Security's "retirement test"—the rules that limit the amount of money beneficiaries can earn without affecting their Social Security checks.

But what would happen if the test were eliminated? Would beneficiaries be more likely to go back to work and earn more, as most people believe?

A Social Security study completed about a year ago suggests otherwise. The study concluded that 80% or more of the 10 million persons ages 65 to 69 getting Social Security would not change their work habits even if earnings limits were abolished.

The number of individuals who would change their hours worked and earnings are fairly evenly split among those who would increase, decrease, or have an undetermined change in their work effort.

Under the earnings test, beneficiaries 65 and older can earn up to \$9,720 in 1991 (\$10,200 in 1992) before earnings are affected. Earnings over that reduce the benefits \$1 for each \$3 in excess earnings. Beneficiaries under 65 can earn up to \$7,080 in 1991 (\$7,440 in 1992), and earnings above that reduce the benefits \$1 for every \$2 in excess earnings. The earnings limits do not apply to beneficiaries 70 and older.

Under this scale, a person age 65 receiving the average retirement benefit of \$602 in 1991 could earn up to \$31,392 before all benefits would be eliminated. The limits increase each year with increased in general wage levels.

According to the study, in the short run, elimination of the earnings test should have little effect on those with no earnings, or earnings below the offset threshold. These beneficiaries are assumed to already have the opportunity to increase their hours of work and earnings without affecting their Social Security benefits.

Elimination would lead to increased earnings for those whose earnings are at the threshold, since their benefits will no longer be lost due to excessive earnings.

It would have little or no effect on the earnings of those who lose only some benefits as a result of the offset. They will either increase hours of work now that the earnings limit no longer applies, or decrease work in favor of the additional benefits payable.

Elimination should lead to decreased earnings for those whose earnings are so large that they lose all benefits because of the offset. Eliminating the limits will allow them to receive the benefits they had been losing because of the offset and they will be able to decrease their work without decreasing their total income.

Considering the size of these five groups among 65-69 year olds, the overall change in work effort would be expected to be minor, the study concludes. Additionally, since there will not be a substantial increase in the workforce participation by this age group, there would be no significant increase in tax revenues as a result of the elimination of the earnings test.

The study is entitled, "The Earnings Test and the Short-Run Work

Response to its Elimination." Single copies may be acquired by writing to the office of Research and Statistics Publications Staff, Social Security Administration, Room 209 Van Ness Center, 4301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20008.

Pesticide workshop scheduled

Wednesday, Dec. 18, will be one of the last chances this year for commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators to earn necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to comply with state requirements.

A one-day training workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Texas A&M university Agricultural Research and Extension Center north of the Lubbock airport on FM 1294 just east of I-27 at the Shallowater exit.

The training has been approved by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for five CEUs, according to Dr. W. Pat Morrison, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Applicators are required to receive five CEUs a year to retain certification.

Topics will include toxicology of pesticide poisoning, pesticide laws and regulations, relationships of soil mobility and bio-persistence of herbicides to ground water interception, bare ground management, chemophobia, and calibration for spray and granular ground applications.

Speakers will include Jill Houkos, Dr. Jack Hayes, Ronnie Halfmann, Bill Rogers, Dr. John Abernathy, Betty Mendl, Dr. Brent Bean, and Greg Cronholm.

MultiVision sets holiday campaign

MultiVision recently announced the beginning of the "Holiday '91 Campaign" that will give customers a discount on selected services and will also provide holiday treats for needy families in the community.

The campaign was announced by Devin McNeal, sales and marketing supervisor. It is scheduled to continue through Dec. 21, 1991.

Customers who donate a new toy or non-perishable food items with at least a value of \$10 to the "Holiday '91 Campaign" will receive installation of basic cable television service or may upgrade their present cable service for a discounted price of only \$10. The donated items will be distributed back into the community by a volunteer organization.

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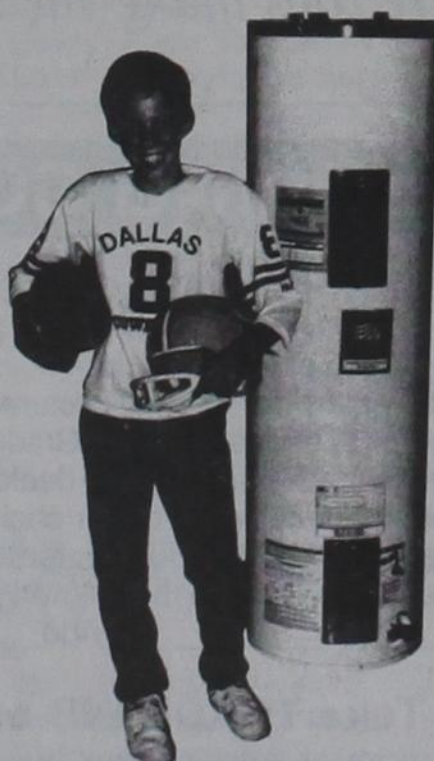
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Obituaries

Mrs. Jim Dalton

John Murphy

Services for Mrs. Jim "Pearl" Dalton, 69, of Hart, were held Wednesday afternoon in the First United Methodist Church at Hart with Rev. Steve Ulrey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Quitaque, and Rev. Earl Smith, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Hart Cemetery under the direction of Lemons Funeral Home of Plainview.

Mrs. Dalton was born in Quitman and grew up in Delta County. She married Jim Sam Dalton in 1937 at Cooper. In 1953 they moved to Childress, Kress and Hart.

She had worked for Panhandle Compress from 1953 to 1966 and with Smith Potato Co. as a secretary. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Shiloh.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters, Nelda Myers of Plainview and Donnie Miller of Hart; two sons, Thomas Jim Dalton of Iowa, La., and David Dalton of Tullia; a brother, Leon Blundell of Fayetteville, Ark.; four sisters, Bessie Bills of Sunnyside, Jessie Robnett of Klondike, Marie Kimbrell of Dallas and Estelle Robnett of Paris; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

John Pierce Murphy, 72, of San Antonio, died Dec. 5. Interment was in Mission Bruial Park North of San Antonio.

Mr. Murphy was born on May 9, 1923, at Lamesa, the son of William A. and Ola Thompson Murphy. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1939. He served with the Marine Corps in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He received the Bronze Star Medal for bravery and also the Purple Heart. He graduated from ACC. He was a minister, school teacher and administrator.

He was preceded in death by two other brothers, William Andrew Murphy II and Vance Harwood Murphy.

Survivors include his wife, Lois of San Antonio; three daughters, Janice Haden and Gayle Fryar, both of San Antonio and JoDee Stordahl of Collierville, Tenn.; six brothers, Dr. Bill D. Murphy and Roy P. Murphy, both of Dimmitt, Ray E. Murphy of Amarillo, Fawayne Murphy of Astoria, N.Y., Verdie P. Murphy of Elgin and Frank Murphy of Graham; three sisters, Ada Chadler and Vivilene Duke, both of Big Spring; and Elfreda Edwards of Clarendon; and eight grandchildren.

Kenn Justice

Harold Portwood

Funeral services for Jasper Kenn Justice, 44, of Paris were held Saturday morning in the First Baptist Church of Paris with Dr. Dwight Blankenship, pastor, and Rev. Bryan Fellers, and Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery of Paris under the direction of Fry-Gibbs Funeral home of Paris.

Mr. Justice died Dec. 5 at 12:30 p.m. at McCuiston Medical Center in Paris after a lengthy illness.

Born Aug. 2, 1947 in Slaton to Virgil and Geneva Bingham Justice, Mr. Justice married Janet Murrell on May 24, 1969 in Abilene. He was a realtor and had served as a trustee of High Plains Baptist Hospital of Amarillo. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Paris, where he served as a deacon, Sunday school teacher, and member of the official board. He was a member of the board of the Young Life Foundation of Paris and a member of the Paris Board of Realtors, and was named Realtor of the year in 1990.

A graduate of Hereford High School and of Hardin-Simmons University of Abilene, Mr. Justice was a former president of the Dimmitt Lions Club and was a veteran of the US Army.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Jennifer and Juli of Paris; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Justice of Dimmitt; and a sister, Avie Lewis of Dimmitt.

The family suggests memorials to the Kenn Justice Memorial Scholarship Fund of Paris High School.

Graveside services for Harold D. Portwood, 61, of Dimmitt, were held Friday afternoon at Westlawn Memorial Park of Dimmitt with Rev. Vernon O'Kelly, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Portwood died Wednesday at the Veterans Hospital in Amarillo after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Childress and had lived there until he moved to Dimmitt in 1965. He married Lillian Fennel on Nov. 11, 1949, in Hollis, Okla. He was an Air Force veteran and had worked as a heavy equipment operator.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Tommy Portwood of Dimmitt; a brother, L.D. Portwood of Childress; and three grandchildren, including Rochelle Portwood of Lubbock, and Brent and Bryan Portwood of Dimmitt.

The family requests memorials be the Etie McDermitt Scholarship Fund, in care of the First State Bank of Dimmitt.

Thank you for reading The Castro County News!

Nazareth

By Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Senior Citizens really appreciated and thank the Christian Mothers, the Band Parents and the Catholic Daughters for the delicious dinner served to 60 members and guests as a Christmas gift on Sunday at the center. Everyone enjoyed a slice of the Centennial birthday cake for dessert.

Thanks also to 4-H members who presented Christmas plates of goodies to each Senior Citizen after the meal.

The Catholic Daughters enjoyed a Christmas party Sunday afternoon for members and their spouses. Secret pals were revealed and new ones were drawn for the coming year. The Junior Catholic Daughters also enjoyed the party and games and did some Christmas caroling to several residences in town after the party. Their sponsors were Dianne Wilhelm and Leona Acker.

Anyone who took time Saturday afternoon for the Holiday Home Tour in Dimmitt certainly enjoyed it and came home with great new decorating ideas. Each home was special in its own way. Rosa Acker's home was beautiful with all the gold and silver glitter and collections from her home country of Italy. Steve and Vicki Buckley's home was truly homey elegance and the home of Pete and Darla Stewart gave you a downhome country feeling.

Kate Hankins of Plainview is doing well after having a leg amputated last week at Central Plains Hospital in Plainview. She has been moved back to a nursing home in Plainview to recuperate. She is 94 years old and is the grandmother of Edna Rae Schilling, Cince Schulte, Jim Hoelting, Tom Hoelting and Bill Hoelting. Everyone wishes her well. Her new address is Heritage House, 2510 W. 24th St., Plainview, Texas 79072.

Evelyn Backus, her children and her grandchildren spent Saturday and Sunday at the Barcelona Courts in Lubbock. This has been their Christmas family get together for years. Those present were Mike, Camille, Dustin, Ashley and Andrea Albus of Hobbs, N.M.; Gary, Penny and Trey Albus of Odessa; and Dan, Gail, Lauren and Landon Sams of Wheeler. On Saturday afternoon the men attended the Odessa Permian-Midland Lee football game while the women and children enjoyed visiting and splashing in the swimming pool at the Court. In the evening they exchanged Christmas gifts and then enjoyed eating at the Black-Eyed Pea Restaurant. On Sunday they attended mass together at Christ the King Church in Lubbock. They enjoyed barbecued ribs for lunch before the family returned to their respective homes. Everyone had a great time and even the springlike weather cooperated.

For Thanksgiving, Evelyn Backus and her family Dan and Gail Sams and children of Wheeler joined the Mike Albus family of Hobbs, N.M. in their hometown of Pep for their annual Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone enjoyed the meal and other entertainment and especially visiting with old friends and relatives.

Winifred Wagner flew to Houston to spent Thanksgiving week with her son, Kenny, his wife Lynn

and their daughter, Jennifer. They enjoyed the attraction Imac which featured the "Blue Planet" and the Galleria Christmas Lights.

Rodney and Mona Schulte spent the weekend in Ulysses, Kan., with their friends, Chris and Kelly Gerber.

St. Mary's Church choir will present a concert on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's main sanctuary at 1200 South Washington in Amarillo. The adult choir has been ministering to this parish through music since its formation 20 years ago, by then director James Wolden. It has grown from humble beginnings to a size of more than 50 dedicated singers, singing every Sunday morning at the 9:15 a.m. mass and at special services throughout the year. In

honor of its 20th anniversary, the choir will present a Christmas gift to the parish and the Diocese of Amarillo. This concert will be dedicated in memory of Wolden, who was director of the choir from 1971 to 1988. There will be no charge. The first half of the concert will feature non-season songs, and the second half will feature Christmas favorites. It will be an hour-long program.

Make plans to attend the Christmas paginat in Holy Family Church on Dec. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Dale Hoelting, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hoelting, and Susan Carter were married Saturday evening at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Dallas. Those attending from here were Cecil,

Norita and Annette Hoelting; Keith, Karleen, Mandy and Brett Hoelting; Gilbert and Dolly Schulte; Floyd, Dorothy and Dana Schulte; Toby and Vincent Gerber; Buddy, Joan, Lena, Denia and Margie Durbin; and Edith Huseman, all of Nazareth. Other attending were Roger and Deanna Schulte of Lubbock, Carol and Marvin Hoelting of Colorado. This group enjoyed breakfast at the home of Ralph and Beth Schulte of Keller before returning home on Sunday. Also attending the wedding were Leland Hoelting of Amarillo, Dickie, Bernice and Mindy Hoelting of Nazareth, Becky Samford of Odessa, Perry Brockman of Omaha, Neb., and Mark, Vera, Marcey, Erin, Tanner and Heather Hoelting of Greenville.

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Hart marshal resigns post

Hart City Marshal James Samples tendered his resignation before the Hart City Council Tuesday night, citing problems with Hart Independent School District as one of the reasons behind his actions. Samples resignation will become effect Dec. 20, pending on pre-scheduled court dates. Samples alleges that problems he has had with the school and HISD Supt. Phil Barfield have hurt his position as being an effective law officer.

"I am not resigning because of Phil Barfield. I want that understood," Samples said at the Tuesday night meeting. "I've just had my hands full of what he was accusing me of doing or not doing. I've been accused of not doing my job, but I feel like I've done a swell job. Many times I've worked for 24 hours around the clock on cases,

and I've cleared those cases up. I've had Joe (Hart Mayor Joe Bailey) up here after midnight several times because I needed a judge present while I was dealing with a case."

Members of the Hart City Council accepted Samples resignation, but told him they "hated to see him go."

Bailey told Samples he had done a good job.

"You're the only officer we've had here in years who has been able to carry out the law," Bailey said. "We don't have the number of family squabbles we were having before. But not everyone understands that—they don't appreciate it at all. And for a while, parents were handing booze out the doors to their kids. He's stopped that. But that's not appreciated."



HOLIDAY SHOPPING—Janet Hand (left) and Verbie Nelson (right) examine hand-made items for sale at one of the exhibitors' booths at the Christmas Bazaar held Saturday and sponsored by Alpha

Chi Omega of Dimmitt. The organization also sponsored a lasagna luncheon during the day.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

CofC annual membership meeting set

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual membership meeting today (Thursday) from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford.

Nominees for the Chamber board of directors will be voted on. Retiring from the board are Don Nelson and Carol Schroeder, and nominees to fill those two places are Charles Axtell, Gary Thompson, Reta Welch and Les Miller. Nominations also will be accepted from the floor.

A financial report will be given and the 1992 budget will be presented, along with a year-in-review report.

Snacks will be provided, and all members of the Chamber of Commerce are urged to attend.

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Police Calls

Raymond Castillo Ramirez, 38, of Hart suffered stab wounds around 2:21 a.m. Tuesday and was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt, then was transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

A 27-year-old Dimmitt woman allegedly stabbed the man in the upper right chest and in the left calf during an argument. When police arrived at the scene, the victim complained of breathing difficulties and was taken to the hospital.

The police report stated that the man had refused to file charges against the suspect.

A 49-year-old Dimmitt man told police around 7:05 p.m. Saturday that a 32-year-old Dimmitt man who shares a residence with him had struck him in the face with a pocket knife, causing bruises on his forehead. The victim told officers that the suspect had touched the victim's 10-year-old daughter on

her breast. On Sunday, the victim advised police he did not want to file charges.

Saturday night around 11, an 18-year-old Canyon youth told police that he was arguing with a 16-year-old Dimmitt youth, when a 19-year-old from Dimmitt struck him in the face, causing a laceration on his forehead and a bump on his nose.

The same 19-year-old was also named as a suspect on harassment charges earlier Saturday night, when a 16-year-old Dimmitt girl told police the youth had been bothering her for the last few weeks.

The windshield and driver's side window was broken out of a 1978 Chevy owned by Raymundo Jaramillo, 52, of Dimmitt. Jaramillo, who estimated the cost of replacement at over \$200, told police the damage was done around 2 a.m. Saturday.

Around \$100 damage was done to the paint of a 1978 Ford owned by Ann Shannon of Dimmitt when eggs were thrown at the vehicle while it was parked in the east parking lot of Dimmitt High School sometime between 1 and 11 p.m. Saturday.

A radio antenna valued at \$20 was taken sometime Monday from a car owned by Susan Michelle Schulz, 25, of Dimmitt, while the car was parked at Dimmitt High School.

Two coin-operated vacuum cleaning machines were broken

into Monday evening at the Autos Unlimited Car Wash in Dimmitt. An estimated \$10 in change was taken, and damage to the machines was estimated at \$80.

A Dimmitt man and a Hart man were arrested around 12:10 a.m. Monday on charges of disorderly conduct after they had been fighting in the Star Dance Hall.

One case of DWI was reported in the past week. A 38-year-old Earth man was stopped around 3:41 a.m. Sunday in the 200 block of East Bedford because of erratic driving. The driver and an adult passenger both appeared to be intoxicated, according to the police report. One of the vehicle's occupants was accompanied by a 6-year-old child.

An accident around 11:30 a.m. Saturday resulted in heavy damage to two vehicles and injury to one person. Desiderio Pesina, 81, of Dimmitt was cited for failure to yield right of way while turning left. He was taken to Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt for treatment of non-incapacitating injuries.

Pesina's 1984 Pontiac struck the front left of a 1983 Ford driven by Marion Boone Odom, 79, of Dimmitt. Odom was heading east on West Lee Street and Pesina was facing west, attempting to turn left onto Southwest Fourth.

Friday at 6:35 p.m., a 1988 GMC pickup driven by Raymond Ortiz Martinez Jr., 28, of Hereford struck the right back of a 1986 Ford pickup driven by Gabriel Nunez

Montiel, 49, of Dimmitt. Montiel had been backing out of a drive way on South US 385 in Dimmitt and pulled out in front of Martinez's vehicle, according to the police report. Damage to both vehicles was rated moderate and no injuries were reported. Montiel was ticketed for failure to yield right of way from a private drive.

Both drivers were ticketed in an accident around 1:09 p.m. Dec. 4, when a 1984 Chrysler driven by Oleta Gollehon, 77, of Dimmitt, failed to yield right of way at a yield sign and struck a 1980 Buick driven by Tracy Chavers, 18, of Dimmitt. Damage to both vehicles was rated light, and no injuries were listed. Chavers was cited for no driver's license, and Gollehon was ticketed for failure to yield right of way. The accident occurred at the intersection of Northwest Seventh and West Etter Streets in Dimmitt.

Injury to a pedestrian was reported in an accident Sunday night on a private parking lot in the 300 block of South Broadway. Rafala Enriquez, 52, of Dimmitt had approached a parked vehicle to speak to someone inside it, when it began to drive off. Enriquez had grabbed hold of the vehicle and fell to the pavement as it drove off. She claimed injury to her left leg. Driver of the vehicle was Rose Maria Enriquez, 18, of Dimmitt.

Chamber working to update, paint organization signs

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is in the process of having the club and organization signs west of town repainted or replaced, and anyone who wishes to have their sign painted should contact the Chamber office by Dec. 20.

The signs are located west of Dimmitt just past the cemetery and at the southeast entry to Dimmitt.

Each organization paid to have their logo painted and placed on the sign frames in 1982.

The signs are in need of new paint and a professional sign painter has been hired to perform the job at a cost of \$48 per disc.

There is room for an addition four organizations to have their logos on the sign. Those already committed to having their organization represented are the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Dimmitt Young Farmers, Extension Homemakers, Republican Organization for Women, Masons, Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and 4-H.

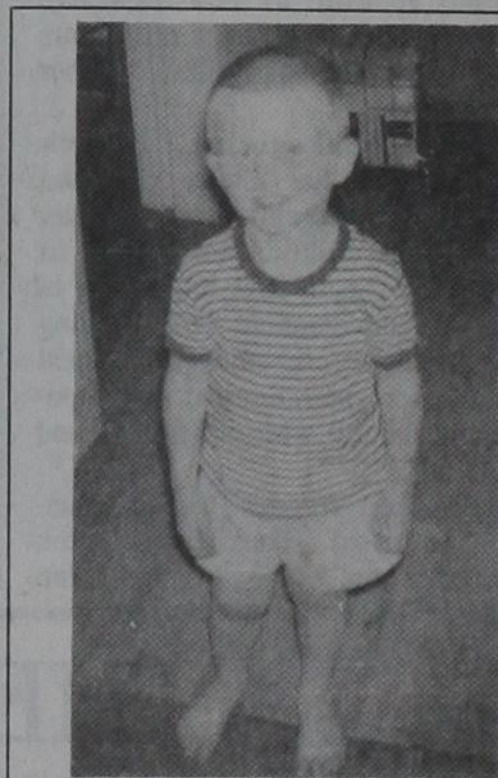
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