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Meet Miss Y2K

The "Millennium Baby" at Plains Memorial Hospital was showered by gifts from local businesses and hospital district employees. Here, little Christina Janell Mireles poses on her first day of life Tuesday with her mother, Melissa, in the nursery amid the large array of gifts. At left is Cindy Ellis, R.N., who chaired the

gifting project. At right is Dr. Margaret Bailey, the attending physician. Christina Janell was born at 1:07 p.m. Tuesday. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. Her dad, Carlos III, is attending the Texas Dept. of Corrections Academy at Gatesville and won't get to see her until Saturday.

Photo by Don Nelson

Classic Cable plans rate hike; city to renegotiate franchise

Classic Cable sent a notice to the Dimmitt City Council and Mayor Wayne Collins that the company plans to increase the basic service rate. The council voted Monday night to seek renegotiation of the company's franchise agreement with the city because of what the council said was a violation of the agreement.

Bill Flowers, regional vice president of Classic Cable, sent a letter saying that the basic rate will increase to \$33.10 effective in February. He said that customers will be notified by letter during January.

"Price increases are never popular, but we continue to experience increases in programming fees, employee costs, increased cost of equipment and costs associated with our

commitment to improve on customer service," Flowers wrote in the letter. He noted that the company invested \$23 million in capital improvements to its systems in 1999, and has committed \$50 million for improvements in 2000.

Collins told the council at their Monday night meeting that the cable company has been stringing new cables throughout the town.

However, he said that cable workers have been using a "cherry picker" to break off branches of trees, which is a violation of the company's franchise agreement with the city.

Collins said the franchise agreement states that the company may trim trees that interfere with cables, but that it must be supervised by a city employee.

"When it became apparent what they were doing, a police officer was sent to tell them to stop breaking the branches and they agreed to stop," Collins said.

He told the council that the violation makes the franchise agreement "null and void," and gives the council an opportunity to open negotiations to draw up a new agreement.

City Attorney Jack Edwards was authorized to notify the company about the violation and the need for renegotiating the agreement. He said the current franchise agreement was to have been in effect until 2002.

Collins said one of the things the city should seek in a new agreement is "most favored city" status. In other words, Dimmitt should be able to enjoy the same rate as cities that pay the lowest rates to the company.

Democrats, Republicans file for places in March primaries

No Republican candidates filed for county-wide office as the filing date expired Monday in the March 14 primary elections. Twelve Democrats filed for seven positions, four of which are contested, according to County Democratic Chairman Don Newman.

In addition, individuals did file for voting precinct chairman positions in both parties.

In the Democratic Primary, three candidates are vying for the job of county/district attorney, with incumbent Jerry Matthews being challenged by Jack Edwards and James Horton.

Incumbent CD Fitzgerald is faced by Santos Perez in the race for sheriff; incumbent Billy Hackleman is challenged by Marshall Young for tax assessor/collector; and incumbent Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland faces Harold Smith.

Unopposed in their bids for election are Bay Baldrige as the incumbent commissioner for Precinct 3; James Dobbs as the incumbent con-

stable; and Greg Odom as County Chairman.

Filing for chairman of their voting precincts are: Glenn Reed, 101; Al Biggs, 105; John Nino, 201; Doreen Collins, 206; Don Newman, 301; Carleta Harkins, 307; Richard Hunter, 401; and Dorothy Kleman, 408.

Republican candidates for voting precinct chairman are: Patsy Franks, 101; Sharon Sadler, 105; William Dannevik, 201; Lynn Sides, 206; Kathy Hill, 301; Marguerite Cole, 307; Delores Heller, 401; and Irene Wilhelm, 408. No one has filed as county chairman.

Write-in candidates for precinct and county chairmen may file up to five days after Jan. 3, according to Republican County Chairman Emma Jean King. Other offices may not have write-in candidates for the primaries.

James Horton is candidate for county/district attorney

James Horton is a candidate for the office of Castro County/District Attorney, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

A 35-year resident of Castro County, he has lived in Hart for the past 24 years. He first came to Dimmitt in 1964 to work for Bob McLean, and continued as an employee of First State Bank through 1985.

He graduated from Odessa High School and attended Baylor University in Waco, obtaining his bachelor's degree in economics in 1958 and his law degree in 1960. He was licensed to practice law in 1960. He was a captain in the US Air Force and served in the Judge Advocate General's office from 1961-1964.

Horton has experience in both criminal and civil law, and had concentrated on general practice law for the past 14 years. He is a member of the State Bar of Texas, and is licensed to practice in the Northern Federal District of Texas.



James Horton

"I think I can make the office of county/district attorney more efficient and more responsive to the public," Horton said. "I ask for your vote and support in this campaign."

Weather

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	61	33	
Friday	60	20	
Saturday	63	26	
Sunday	67	27	
Monday	56	27	
Tuesday	40	12	
Wednesday	48	12	

December Moisture	1.52
1999 Moisture	33.33
January Moisture	0.00
2000 Moisture	0.00

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

Top 10 stories of 1999

The weather heads the list of the top 10 news stories for 1999, as compiled by the News staff.

Unusual, threatening, damaging, extreme and wet were some of the words that came to mind in describing weather events of the past year.

Starting back in late January with a winter storm that left some homes without power for almost a week, the weather patterns progressed with flooding, twisters and hail in April and May, twisters, hail and rain in June, a corn harvest delayed by rain in September, an early snow in October, and concluding with another series of winter storms in December.

The winter storm in late January brought over six inches of snow, along with freezing rain that played havoc with power lines. Hundreds of residents across the county lost power at least temporarily, while some went without electricity for five days or longer.

Power lines, cross-arms and poles snapped under the strain of the ice and snow build up, and rural areas were particularly hard hit and difficult to access for repairs.

Swisher Electric Cooperative had to replace or repair hundreds of poles, while Deaf Smith Electric Cooperative mainly had problems with cross-arms.

Then in a four-day period the last part of April and the first of May over five inches of rain fell, delivering almost one-third of the area's average annual rainfall all at one time.

Rainfall totals ranged from just over four inches recorded at Hart all the way up to 11 inches reported 2½ miles northeast of Five Point Gin.

Roads were closed due to flooding, a 64-year-old Brownfield man was rescued from icy waters, at least two confirmed tornadoes were sighted, and hail caused some damage.

A series of storms May 25, June 2 and June 11 dumped more rain and hail, accompanied by twisters on June 2. Crops, homes and automobiles were damaged, with over 130,000 acres of corn and cotton lost

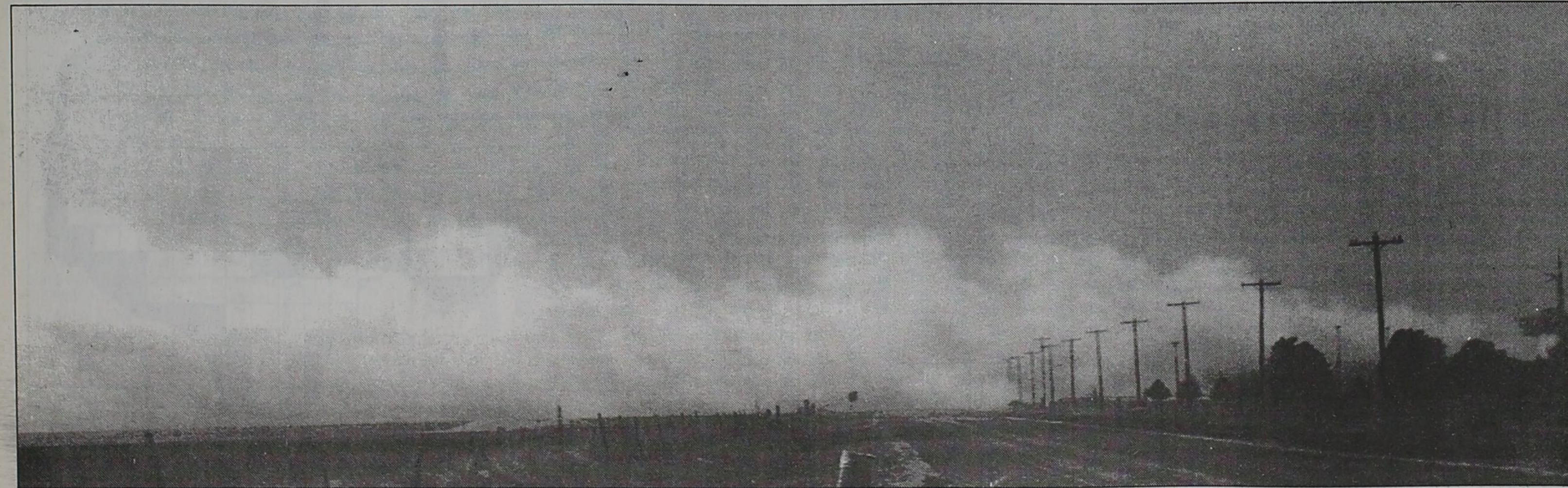
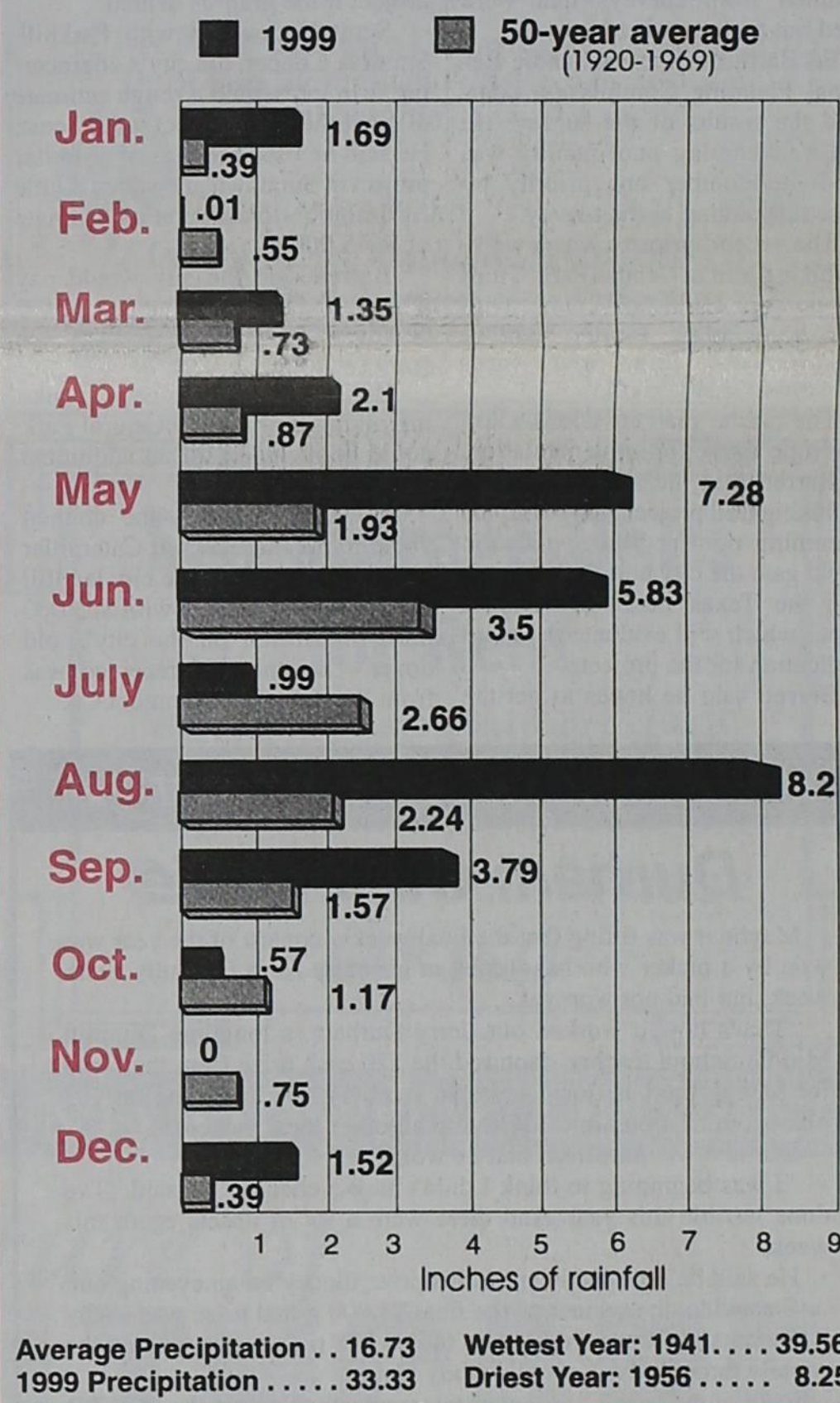
to the storms' destruction. Roofers were kept busy most of the rest of the year replacing roofs throughout the county.

In July, the wheat harvest was coming in, showing increased yields,

largely due to the increased moisture received in the spring and early summer. A report published in July by the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District showed that

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1999 Precipitation comparison



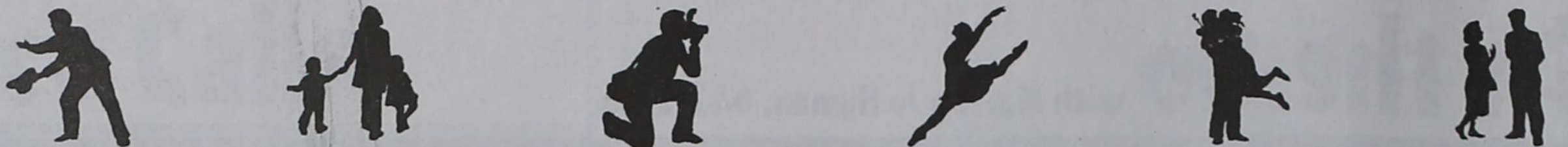
TRAFFIC STOPPER—Whipped by a 50-mph north wind Monday, this cotton-burr fire near the Ronnie Gfeller farm four miles west of Dimmitt laid a blanket of smoke over the countryside and forced traffic on US 86 to be diverted until 9 a.m. Tuesday. The fire spread to an old abandoned farmhouse nearby, which burned to the ground, but the Gfellers' home

was never threatened, Fire Chief Tommy Cleavinger said. Dimmitt and Nazareth residents got a good whiff of the burr fire when the wind shifted to the west early Tuesday. The blaze was first noticed at midday Monday in a stack of cotton burrs west of the Gfeller farm, on Bosch Estate property which Gfeller rents. Gfeller said he thinks the fire may

have been caused by smoldering embers which the high wind whipped out of a nearby pit. As of Wednesday morning, the stack of burrs was "about three-fourths burned, and the other fourth is going to take a while," Gfeller said. "It won't go any further than it already has," Cleavinger said. "There are plowed fields all the way around it."

Photo by Don Nelson

People



Mr. and Mrs. Gruhlkey establish home in Kress

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Gruhlkey are home in Kress after enjoying a honeymoon trip to Orlando, Fla., and Disney World.

The couple exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 18, 1999, in a formal ceremony at the First Baptist Church in Hale Center. The Rev. Gene Meacham, pastor of the church, officiated at the nuptial service.

The bride is the former Heather Huffhines, daughter of Barbara and Eddie Huffhines of Hale Center. She is the granddaughter of Marie Walker of Plainview and Retha Huffhines of Hale Center. Parents of the groom are Phyllis and Perry Gruhlkey of Plainview, formerly of Dimmitt. He is the grandson of Ruthie Gruhlkey of Adrian.

Music for the service was provided by Kim Hadley of Lubbock and Bill Deardorf of Plainview.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents, wore a romantic gown of tulle and Venice-covered Italian satin from the designers of Alfred Angelo. The sleeveless gown featured a jewel neckline of illusion with a sweetheart line underneath. The full ball gown skirt swept into a semi-cathedral train. The skirt was accented with scattered pearls and a satin cord edge.

Her veil was highlighted by a pearl-looped garland and double illusion pouf.

She carried a cascading bouquet of bridal white roses, dendrobium orchids, stephanotis, Casablanca lilies with mixed pine. The bouquet was tied with gold French ribbon.

Maid of honor was Holly Huffhines of Hale Center, sister of the bride. Matron of honor was Heidi Huffhines-Inglet of Cypress, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Memory McEachern of Lubbock, Courtney Mahagan of Hale Center and Kaylynn Hadley of Plainview.

The bridal attendants' gowns were fitted straight skirts and tailored jackets of hunter green crepe-back satin.

Each carried a nosegay of bridal white roses, French heather and Casablanca lilies with mixed pine tied with French gold ribbon.

Flower girls were Morgan



MRS. CODY GRUHLKEY
... nee Heather Huffhines

Ashmore of Plainview and McKinzie Strange of Kress.

Best man was Dr. Jay Gruhlkey of Pearland, brother of the groom.

Groomsmen included Tom White, Chris Hingst and Colby Boedeker, all of Plainview; and Jon Pigg of Quitaque.

Ring bearer was Heath Huffhines of Hale Center, cousin of the bride.

Ushers were Mark Huffhines of Plainview, uncle of the bride, Jerod Walker of Houston, cousin of the bride, and Dustin Hamilton of Hale Center and Monty Moore of Kress.

Candlelighters were Jeremy Huffhines of Hale Center and Landon Walker of Plainview, cousins of the bride.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at the church's Fellowship Hall.

Members of the house party were Elaine Barrett, Kathy Davis, Marilyn King, Theresa Walker, Sandra Walker, Janis Berry, Andrea Ingram, Jeana Edwards, Holly Ward and Mandy Gruhlkey.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Hale Center High School. She attended West Texas A&M University and is currently a student at Wayland Baptist University. She is employed by Armstrong-McCall Beauty Supplies.

The groom graduated from Plainview High School in 1993. He is engaged in farming and custom harvesting in the Kress area.



Who's New

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Benny and Diana Navarro of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Zachariah Jacob, who was born Dec. 26 at 2:22 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and was 19½ inches long. Big brother is Armando, 1. Grandparents are Maria Navarro, Andres Navarro, and Paul and Sylvia DeLeon, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Walter and Eloisa Leal of Dimmitt, Andres Sr. and Sophia Navarro, Francisco Cuevas of Lubbock, and Tony and Irene Vasquez of Levelland.

It's a girl for Carlos III and Melissa Mireles of Dimmitt. She was born at 1:07 p.m. Tuesday, and is the county's New Year's Baby for 2000. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, was 19 inches long, and has been named Christina Janell. Grandparents are Carlos Jr. and Santos Mireles and Paul and Sylvia DeLeon, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Patsy Gonzales and Martha Mireles, both of Dimmitt, Francisco Cuevas of Lubbock and Tony and Irene Vasquez of Levelland. Christina has three brothers—Marcus, 5, Matthew, 3, and Brandon, 2.

OUT OF TOWN

It's a girl for John and Melody Link of Dimmitt. She was born Dec. 16 in Lubbock Methodist, weighed 5 pounds and 14 ounces, was 19½ inches long, and has been named Micah Renee. She has two older brothers, Jacob, 3, and Zachary, 20 months. Grandparents are Helen Link, Janice and Jerome Eith, all of Wisconsin.

Shot clinic will be held in Dimmitt today

The Texas Dept. of Health will conduct an immunization clinic in Dimmitt today (Thursday) from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Dimmitt City Hall.

The immunization clinic will offer protection against several childhood diseases.

Vaccines offered will give protection against polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, mumps, rubella, HIB (haemophilus influenza type B) and varicella (chicken pox).

The Texas Dept. of Health is charging money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount of money charged will be based on family income and size and the ability to pay.

The Mason-Dixon Line is named for Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, English Astronomers who surveyed the border between Pennsylvania and Maryland in 1767.

Vegetable conference set Jan. 18 in Hereford

A full day of presentations and workshops awaits vegetable growers Jan. 18 at the West Texas Vegetable Conference in Hereford, said a Texas A&M University horticulturist.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center (100 Avenue C at Park Avenue). Registration begins at 8 a.m. and costs \$25 per person, which includes a luncheon provided by the Deaf Smith County 4-H Parents Association and admission to a trade show stocked with commercial and education displays.

"Participants can earn CEUs toward their pesticide applicator licenses. Certified crop advisors can earn professional development credits, and certified master gardeners can earn six hours credit toward their vegetable specialty certification," said Dr. Roland Roberts, horticulturist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Lubbock.

The morning session will include a potato health workshop, and presentations on pesticide laws and regulations; plant breeding at Texas A&M University; and how to do business with large retail chains.

Keynote luncheon speaker John McClung, Texas Produce Association, will explain how retail consolidation may affect Texas growers-shippers, Roberts said.

A lunch break will allow participants to visit the trade show and see poster displays on drip irrigated watermelons, potato seed piece treatments, post emergent weed control in chile, food and clothing pesticide safety, and smart lunches for the field.

Speakers at the afternoon session will discuss implications of the Food Quality Protection Act, Texas produce leadership and needs, consumer food safety, vegetable establishment techniques, soil and water salinity management, chile production techniques and pesticide record keeping.

Two qualify for area try-out

Two Dimmitt High School band students will participate in area band auditions on Saturday.

Their performance there will determine if they will participate in the all-state band concert at the Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio in February.

Rachal Harman, a junior, and L.J. Soler, a freshman, were required to meet certain qualifications at the regional auditions held in December.

For more information on the conference, contact Roberts at (806) 746-6101 or the Deaf Smith County Extension office at (806) 364-3573.

Breast cancer screening is set for Feb. 3

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Feb. 3 and appointments are now being accepted.

Those who wish to have an exam should call 1-800-377-4673 or (806) 356-1905 to schedule an appointment.

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

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

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

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



Susan Grisanti

Classical guitarist will perform in Nazareth Jan. 16

Susan Grisanti will give a classical guitar concert on Sunday, Jan. 16, in Nazareth.

Grisanti's concert was originally scheduled for December, but it was postponed due to bad weather.

The concert was rescheduled to Jan. 16 and it will begin at 7 p.m. at the Home Mercantile Building in Nazareth. Admission to the show will be \$5 per person and complimentary desserts and refreshments will be served.

Grisanti's show will showcase classical guitar music from her tour of the "Strasse der Romanic" (Romanesque Road) in Germany. A narrative and slide show segment on the Romanesque Road by Dr. Wanda Merchant, a German language professor at Texas Tech University, will also be shown during the Jan. 16 concert.

Grisanti is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, and she now lives in Lubbock. She has performed in numerous concerts throughout the United States since the 1970s and she is included on the US Embassy Touring Roster in Washington, D.C., and the Texas Commission on the Arts. She has been the feature artist in dozens of television, radio and news articles. Her mentors have been Pepe Romero, Alice Artzt and she did post-graduate study with Dr. James Bogle of Texas Tech University.

Grisanti's latest CD, *Great Classics, Vol. II: Music Along the Romanesque Road* will be available at the concert, and portion of the proceeds from sale of her CD will benefit The Promised Land Network, the organization sponsoring the event.

The Promised Land Network is an ecumenical non-profit organization dedicated to sustaining agriculture and rural communities on the Southern Plains through land stewardship, education and a promotion of the creative arts.

For more information about the show, contact Lydia Villanueva at The Promised Land Network at 364-4445.

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Mavrik Gfeller
Grandson of Kay & Ronnie Gfeller,
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January is School Board Recognition Month

Gov. George W. Bush has proclaimed January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to bolster understanding of the crucial role elected boards of education play in their communities and schools.

"Texas leads the nation when it comes to improving public education. Texas stays on the leading edge of education reform and academic excellence by giving local school districts the freedom to innovate and the power to design programs to meet their communities' needs. Although the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency provide leadership and guidelines, the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the public trust lies with more than 1,000 local school districts in Texas. More than 7,000 publicly elected school board members make decisions that affect the education of almost four million young Texans," Bush said.

"These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts—at a point closest to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago: staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable results in academic achievement. Board members are there to listen to

parents, teachers, and residents, and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service," he said.

"The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), created in 1949, has designated January 2000 as School Board Recognition Month to increase public awareness of the vital role these boards play. I urge all Texans young and old to recognize and honor the dedication and diligence of school board members. I also encourage local residents to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Texas Education Code to participate in the dialogue that is the foundation of local control over our schools," Bush said.

"School board members serve as advocates for our children first and foremost, protecting each child's opportunity to maximize his or her potential. Trustees offer vision, knowledge, leadership, and dedication, and work purely for the common good. It is important to recognize the many contributions made by our locally elected school board members and support them as they tackle the demanding and rewarding task of educating our youth," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

"Local trustees work with community leaders, families, and educators to develop sound educational policies in their districts. They help us to set high standards in the education system and encourage us to strive to reach those goals. The re-

sults of this cooperative effort are reflected in a generation of Texas children who are more prepared to be our nation's leaders," he said.

"Today's schools face great challenges and great opportunities, making the school board's role more critical than ever before. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees, and particularly their local school board members, who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

All-Region band concert planned

Students from Dimmitt who qualified for the All-Region band clinic and concert will participate in those activities Jan. 14-15 at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, with the concert on Jan. 15 open to the public.

Qualifying from Dimmitt High School are Rachal Harman, Jessica Salinas, and L.J. Soler.

Students from Dimmitt Middle School who qualified for the Middle School All-Region band include Kayla Acker, Raul Barrios, Matthew Calderon, Holly Gilliam, Caleb Dickerson, Todd Jansa, Deidre Perez, Whitney Nutt and Maribel Montiel, and alternates Stephanie Hazel and Nathan Olvera.



Cheryl Upshaw

Upshaw earns master's degree

Cheryl Upshaw of Dimmitt graduated from West Texas A&M University on Dec. 17, 1999, with a master's degree in counseling.

Upshaw is employed by the Hart Independent School District as a junior high and high school counselor. She taught third grade in Dimmitt prior to accepting the position in Hart.

She is married to Freddy Upshaw.

Nutrition outreach program is being organized by Texas DHS

The Texas Dept. of Human Services (DHS) is requesting proposals from organizations to provide nutrition education and increase participation in the food stamp program.

The outreach program will be designed for state residents who are at-risk of inadequate nutrition and health-related problems.

Authorization for the program was included in House Bill 1 by the 76th Legislature, and was signed by Gov. George Bush in June 1999.

Recognizing the importance of an adequate diet, the state and federal governments have established food and nutrition programs to help persons achieve an adequate diet. This outreach program is based on the correlation between an adequate diet and good health. \$700,000 has been set aside for this endeavor.

"This outreach program will seek to assist persons who truly need help in accessing nutrition-related programs. The Texas DHS maintains a commitment to those in need," said Eric M. Bost, commissioner of the agency.

Funding for the outreach program comes from funds earned by employees of the Texas DHS. The agency

achieved an "enhanced funding" bonus from the federal government for its outstanding administration of the food stamp program.

Eligible organizations include non-profit community-based entities, governmental entities or councils of government, institutions of higher learning, faith-based organizations and service organizations such as PTAs, United Way, Second Harvest Food Banks, etc.

Prospective organizations are required to inform the agency of their intent to participate by Jan. 17 and a final proposal must be submitted by Feb. 15.

Organizations interested in this outreach effort can obtain information from the Texas DHS by calling Taylor O'Brien at (512) 438-3719, or by visiting the agency's web site at www.dhs.state.tx.us.

Hear
The First United Methodist Church
 Morning Worship Service
 Sundays, 10:45 a.m.
On KDHN 1470

Changing lifestyle habits key to keeping resolutions

Start the new century with a new you.

Are you the person who makes a solemn resolution every new year to live a healthier life, and then loses your resolve by Feb. 1? If so, you join a large group of Americans who find changing habits a difficult proposition.

"Since we are starting a new millennium, why not try a new approach," said Joe Sloan, chief executive officer of the Castro County Hospital District. "Instead of clamping your jaw and trying to tough it out on a new diet or exercise plan, decide to make actual changes."

You should choose one area of your life to improve, and then make gradual changes, Sloan said.

"Stick to the plan for 21 days, and see if you haven't formed a new habit," Sloan said.

If you want to lose weight, "don't go on a major starvation diet or some kinky eating plan," said Marka Dempsey of Plains Memorial Hospital's dietary department. "Try eating anything you want—just cut the portions in half. After the second or third day, you won't miss the extra food, and the pounds will glide off effortlessly."

If you want to increase your exercise, "park your car in the farthest space at the shopping mall. Skip the elevator and take the stairs at work. Move your computer up higher and stand up while you work for part of the day. Vacuum your floors every night after work. Carry your two-year-old as often as possible (it's better than lifting weights)," said Nimfa Martin, physical therapy manager at Plains Memorial Hospital. "Walk to work. Walk to the grocery store. Walk anywhere that you possibly can."

Tips also are offered for those who want to quit smoking.

"You've heard all the tricks and tips on how to cut back or slow down. This time, try quitting in your head first. Set a date at least three weeks in the future," said Belinda Crow, a registered nurse with the

Castro County Hospital District. "Keep smoking, but begin looking at cigarettes as killers, not as your best friend. Make negative statements about those nasty things. Keep a diary and every day write down five reasons why you want to quit smoking. Do this religiously for 21 days," she said. "If you find yourself having a positive thought about smoking, stop and think of all the bad things you've written down in your diary. Start looking forward to the day when you can finally get rid of your cigarettes. If nothing else has worked for you, the mind games just might. After all, most smokers know that their addiction is to the habit, not the nicotine."

Behavior specialists say that lasting changes are the ones that you can adopt gradually. Give yourself a healthier life, and make this the best year yet.

ACS plans 'Relay for Life' event

The Castro County chapter of the American Cancer Society will meet Wednesday to make plans for its "Relay for Life" event.

The meeting will be at 12 noon at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office and lunch will be served. All interested in helping with the event are invited to attend.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour community involvement event. Teams participating in the event will be made up of 15 people and each person on the team must raise \$50 in pledges.

Community and civic organizations as well as students are urged to sign up for teams.

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 Aaron Reed.....938-2316
- St. John's Catholic**
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 Fern Couture.....647-0105
- Church of Christ**
 SW 4th at Bedford, Dimmitt
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Bobcats and Swifts fall to tough foes in Caprock

The Dimmitt Bobcats and Nazareth Swifts recorded one win each in the Caprock ABC Tournament last week, but those wins were sandwiched between losses to tough, perennial powerhouse teams.

Both teams lost to Big Spring and Seminole in the tournament. The Bobcats' win came over Amarillo Caprock in the second round while the Swifts topped Brownfield in round two.

After falling to Big Spring in a two-point heartbreaker, 52-54, on Dec. 29, the Bobcats rebounded with a hard-fought 47-44 win over Caprock. In the consolation second round, Dimmitt squared off against Seminole, but a slow first half allowed the Indians to take a commanding lead which turned into a 69-61 Seminole win.

The Swifts got the Indians in the first round of the tournament, dropping the game, 52-75. Nazareth came back with a 79-68 win over Brownfield in the second game before losing to Big Spring, 64-75.

Daniel Flores popped 14 points in Dimmitt's loss to Big Spring hitting half of his shots from the field, including two three-pointers.

Dimmitt led by a point after the first quarter and by a bucket at the break, but a third-quarter chill settled over Dimmitt's goal and Big Spring outscored the Cats 18-9 in the stanza to claim the lead.

Dimmitt came back in the fourth quarter, but came up a basket short as the final buzzer sounded.

The Bobcats struggled from the field, hitting just 19-of-58 attempts, but they made six three-pointers. Flores had two long balls along with Sammy Prieto while Daniel Proffitt and Van Jeter added one each. The Bobcats also struggled from the free throw line, making just 8-of-17 attempts.

Jeter and Prieto finished with 9 points apiece.

In the Swifts' first game, they hung with the No. 6-ranked Indians (in Class AAA) in the first and final

quarters, but Seminole tore through the Nazareth defense in the second and third quarters to take a big lead and eventual win, 75-52.

Seminole held a slim, 12-10 lead in the first quarter, but gradually pulled away in the second period and led 32-24 at the break.

The Indians outscored Nazareth 26-11 in the third quarter to build a big lead, then matched the Swifts point-for-point in the fourth quarter to hold on for the win.

Kade Wilcox finished with 22 points while Ky Wilcox added 14.

The Bobcats enjoyed a little better success in the second game, although they had to come from behind to beat Caprock, 47-44.

After scoring just 15 points in the first half and trailing 15-20 at intermission, Dimmitt got on track in the second half.

The Longhorns still managed to outscore Dimmitt by a point in the third quarter and held a 32-26 lead headed into the final period.

But once the Dimmitt comeback started, Caprock was doomed. Dimmitt shooters poured in 21 points over the final eight minutes, overtaking the lead and posting the win.

Flores and Keevin Sanders sparked Dimmitt, scoring 18 and 17 points, respectively. Taylor Matthews added nine points while Prieto hit two and B.J. Hill added a free throw for Dimmitt's scoring.

The Bobcats hit just 17 shots in the game, and seven of those were from three-point range. Flores counted four of those treys.

Nazareth jumped out to an early lead over Brownfield in the second game, then had to hold off a late fourth-quarter comeback attempt by the Cubs in order to preserve a 79-68 win.

Four Swifts reached double-figure scoring in the game, with Kade Wilcox leading the attack with 20 points. Eric Schilling added 19, Ky Wilcox had 15 and Daryl Pohlmeier also finished with 15.

The Swifts took a 22-19 lead early,

and controlled the game by a comfortable 42-28 margin after 16 minutes. The Swifts were able to extend their lead to 17 points in the third quarter.

Brownfield shooters got hot in the fourth period and the Cubs made a desperation run at Nazareth in the waning minutes, only to fall short.

Poor first-half shooting buried Dimmitt in the third tournament game.

Seminole held the Bobcats to seven first-half points and dominated the scoreboard with a 38-7 lead at halftime.

A different Dimmitt team took the floor in the second half, though.

The pumped Bobcats jumped all over Seminole in the second half, outscoring the Indians 18-14 in the third quarter and 25-17 in the fourth, but the first-half deficit was too huge for the Bobcats to overcome.

Prieto finished with 14 points while Proffitt and Sanders added 13 apiece.

A meager 24% shooting performance from the field was at the root of the Bobcats' downfall, and a 56% from the line didn't help much, either.

The Swifts also struggled in a couple of quarters in their third game, and that allowed Big Spring to claim the win, 74-65.

Nazareth struggled in the early minutes of the game and trailed Big Spring 23-9 after the first period.

The Swifts found their shot in the second quarter and trimmed the Big Spring lead to six points by halftime.

The shooting chill settled on Nazareth again in the third quarter, and that allowed Big Spring to extend its lead to 16.

The Swifts came back in the fourth quarter, outscoring Big Spring 26-19, but they ran out of time.

Kade Wilcox had 27 points in leading Nazareth, while Schilling added 15 and Ky Wilcox finished with 14.



SCRAMBLING—Dimmitt's Keevin Sanders battles a Littlefield player for control of a loose ball during the varsity boys' game Friday afternoon at Littlefield. In background are Dimmitt's Daniel Flores (20) and Matthew Sandoval (right). The Bobcats led all the way for a 55-40 victory. Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobbies get on track with two tourney wins

The Dimmitt Bobbies put it all together last week to close out 1999 with a pair of wins in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament, but they also lost two games in the tournament, one of which was to Amarillo Caprock in the consolation semifinal round.

The Bobbies started off the tournament on a positive note, blowing past Lamesa's Lady Tornados, 50-32.

Shallowater, which is ranked No. 3 in the state among Class AAA teams, handed Dimmitt its first tournament loss in the second round, 67-40.

After dropping to the consolation bracket, Dimmitt put together a solid game in beating Lubbock Estacado, 55-44.

The Bobbies looked to be on their way to a consolation semifinal victory over Caprock last Thursday, but the Lady Longhorns erased Dimmitt's first-half lead in the third quarter and held on through the fourth quarter to claim the win, 51-45.

The Bobbies had no problems with Lamesa on Dec. 28, cruising to the first-round win, 50-32.

Dimmitt used a balanced scoring attack and an intense defense to rattle the Tornados and control the game's pace from the opening tip.

Heather Black was Dimmitt's leading scorer with 10 points, and nine Bobbies scored in the game. Audrey Saenz and Carol Summers finished

with eight each and Tamara Robertson contributed six points.

In addition to her 10 points, Black had three steals and three rebounds.

Dimmitt recorded 24 rebounds and forced Lamesa into committing 26 turnovers in the game.

The Bobbies made 34% of their shots from the field (18-of-53) and 62.5% from the charity stripe (10-of-16).

In the second game with Shallowater, Dimmitt struggled from the field, making just 12-of-43 field goals for the game. The Bobbies enjoyed a little more success from the free throw line (14-of-18), but they couldn't control the Fillies' offense.

After taking an 8-7 first-quarter lead, things fell apart for the Bobbies.

Shallowater quickly gained control of the game in the second quarter and led 27-17 at the break. The Fillies outscored Dimmitt 40-22 over the second half for the win.

Dimmitt had two players finish with eight points—Robertson and Lori Schulte. Saenz finished with seven.

Turnovers plagued the Bobbies in the Shallowater game. They committed 19 errors and only recorded 10 take-aways.

The Bobbies didn't let that loss bother them, though, because tip-off

with their next opponent was just hours away.

Lubbock Estacado gave Dimmitt everything it could handle through the first three quarters of the second-round consolation game, but the Bobbies held on and used a big fourth-quarter run to seal the 55-44 win.

Carol Summers had a great game, finishing with 19 points, three steals and two rebounds. She hit two three pointers and was accurate on 47.1% of her shots from the field.

As a team, the Bobbies shot 33.8% from the field for the game (22-of-65) and made 6 of 11 free throw attempts. Nine Bobbies cracked the scoring column again.

Dimmitt had a good first half against Caprock in the consolation semis, but a third-quarter slump allowed Caprock to pull away for a 51-45 win.

Dimmitt owned a 14-10 lead eight minutes into the game and still controlled the scoreboard with a 27-22 advantage at halftime.

Caprock took over in the third quarter, though, outscoring Dimmitt 18-11. The Lady Longhorns added to their lead in the fourth as Dimmitt shooters struggled.


Summers finished with 14 points after making three treys in the game. Black added 13 points and Saenz chipped in 8.

Dimmitt pulled down 26 rebounds and forced 13 turnovers in the game.

Good Luck, Ladyhorns and Longhorns!

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Ladyhorns and Longhorns
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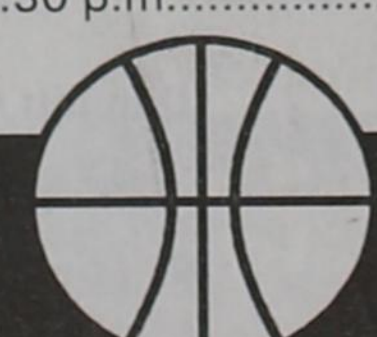
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Lady Horns top Claude to win Hoot Owl Tournery

The Hart Lady Horns were all over the Claude Lady Mustangs last Wednesday, and their defensive effort lifted them to a 66-55 win and the championship of the Hoot Owl Tournament in Silverton.

Hart had earned a spot in the championship game after beating Cotton Center, 60-23; and Silverton, 45-39, in the first two rounds of the holiday tournament.

In last Wednesday's title game, Hart held Claude to seven points in the second quarter and that enabled the Lady Horns to build a 10-point lead at halftime. They were able to hold onto that advantage through the second half, despite an attempted run by Claude in the third quarter.

Vanessa Carrasco paced the Hart girls with a 25-point performance while Geneva Finch chipped in 13 and Lindsey Montemayor added 12.

Hart claimed a 17-14 lead in the first quarter, then outscored Claude 14-7 in the second period. Claude cut Hart's lead to nine in the third quarter, but the Lady Horns out-ran the Fillies over the final eight minutes, pouring 24 points through the net for the win.

a 58-38 win over the Longhorns in the consolation championship game.

Hart dropped to the consolation bracket after falling to Cotton Center in the first game, 61-58.

The Longhorns were able to topple Kress in the consolation semifinals, 69-61, and that gave them the spot in the fifth-place game.

Jacob Reyna, who had scored 17 against Kress and 11 against Cotton Center, was Hart's leading scorer against Bovina. He finished with 8 points.

Bovina's defense was able to hold Hart's Jeremiah Velasquez and Joey Pantoja at bay most of the game.

The Mustangs claimed a three-point lead over the first eight minutes and extended their advantage to 12 points at halftime.

Hart struggled through the third quarter, allowing Bovina to build upon its lead for a 49-25 lead.

Hart tried to comeback with a mini-run in the fourth quarter, but the second and third quarter cold spells were too long.

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude.

-Rainer Maria Rilke

We don't understand life any better at forty than at twenty, but we know it and admit it.

-Jules Renard

The Hart Longhorns advanced to the consolation finals in the tournament, but couldn't claim the trophy from the Bovina Mustangs.


Bovina broke open a tight game in the second quarter before coasting to



GOING OUTSIDE—Dimmitt's Kelsey Welch whips an outlet pass from the baseline during the Bobbies' game with Littlefield's Lady Cats Friday afternoon at Littlefield. In background are Dimmitt's

Tamara Robertson and Lori Schulte (32). The Bobbies opened with a 17-4 quarter and closed with a 10-3 period to post a big 50-34 victory.

Photo by Carter Townsend



Good Luck, Bobbies and Bobcats!

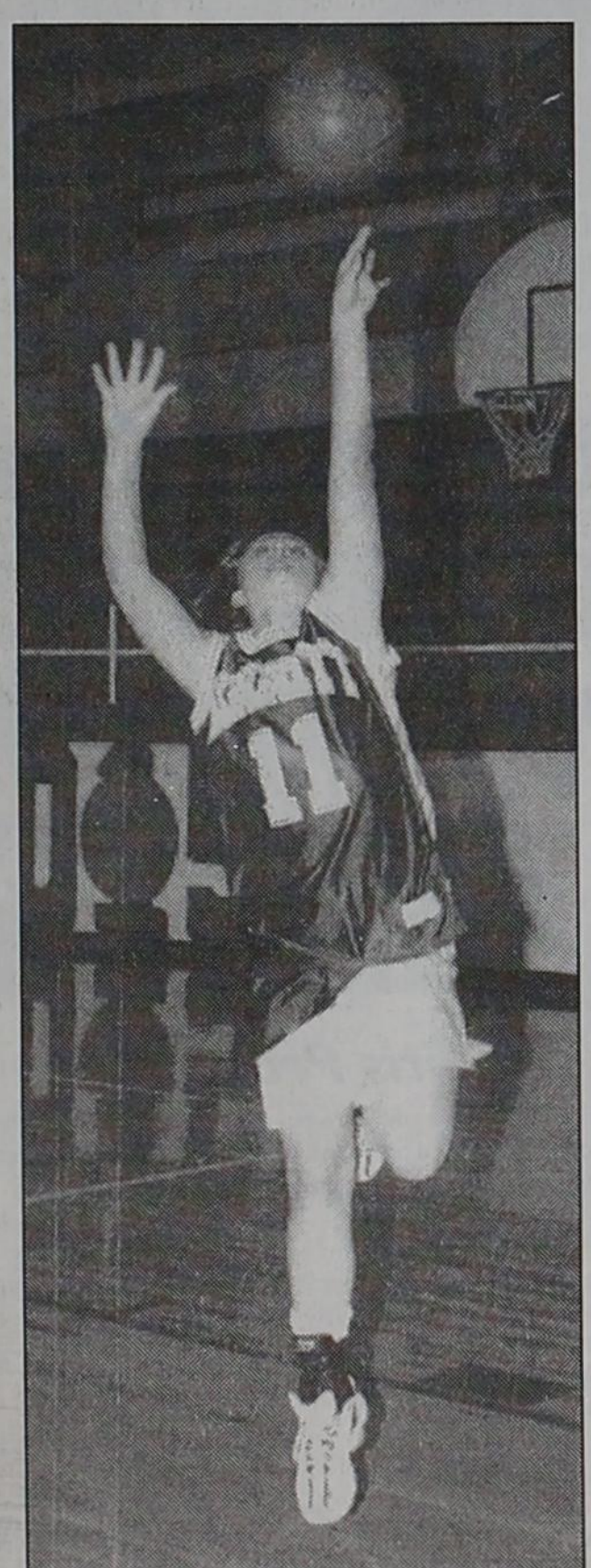
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FRIDAY: Bobbies vs. Perryton, There

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FRIDAY: Bobcats vs. Muleshoe, There

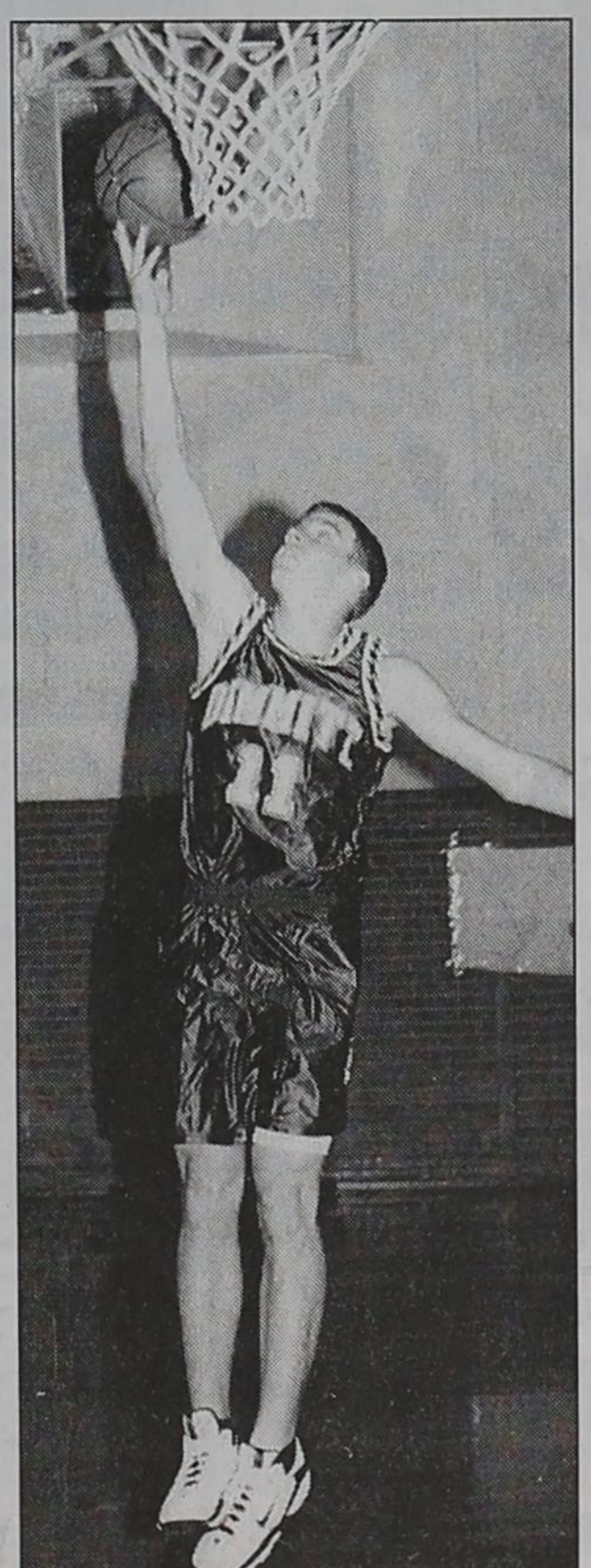
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Schedule and Scores

<p>Jan. 7—Muleshoe (Boys), There Jan. 7—*Perryton (Girls), There Jan. 11—*Tulia, Here Jan. 14—*River Road, There Jan. 18—*Sanford-Fritch, Here Jan. 21—*Dalhart, There Jan. 25—*Tulia, There Jan. 28—*Perryton, Here Feb. 1—*Sanford-Fritch, There Feb. 4—*River Road, Here Feb. 8—*Dalhart, Here Feb. 11—*Perryton (Boys), There</p> <p>Bobbies 32, Randall 56 32, Levelland 37 31, Borger 66</p> <p>Queen's Classic 27, Plainview 66 62, Vega 69 55, Hale Center 40 35, Hereford 49</p> <p>Levelland Invitational 40, Idalou 42 49, Slaton 51 57, Muleshoe 59 46, Levelland 50 40, Friona 53 46, Lubbock Coronado 85</p> <p>Caprock Tournament 50, Lamesa 32 40, Shallowater 67 55, Lubbock Estacado 44 45, Caprock 51 50, Littlefield 34 53, Slaton 50</p> <p>Season Record: 5-14</p>	<p>Bobcats 54, Randall 61 69, Levelland 60 67, Borger 60 74, Farwell 57 60, Hereford 33</p> <p>Pioneer Classic 67, Estacado 66 47, Hale Center 50 78, Muleshoe 72</p> <p>Abernathy Tournament 64, Trinity Christian 84 40, Muleshoe 45 50, Idalou 38 54, Friona 42 56, Lubbock Coronado 62</p> <p>Caprock Tournament 52, Big Spring 54 47, Caprock 44 61, Seminole 69 55, Littlefield 40 54, Slaton 41</p> <p>Season Record: 11-7</p>
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Naz falls to eventual champs in quarters

Swiftettes win three of four games in Caprock Tourney

After blowing away their first two opponents in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament, the Nazareth Swiftettes ran into a tough Lubbock Coronado squad in the quarterfinals and that game would be their only loss out of four tournament games last week.

Nazareth held the lead over Class AAAAA's fourth-ranked team, Lubbock Coronado, in the fourth quarter. That's when Swiftette shooters turned cold from the field and Coronado was able to take charge of the game and come from behind for the win.

Coronado went on to beat Hereford, 76-40, in the semifinals; and Lubbock Monterey, 62-50, in the championship game.

After falling to Coronado, 61-66 in the quarters, Nazareth bounced back

to beat Crawford, the No. 2-ranked team in Class AA, by a 63-60 count to claim one of the consolation crowns in the winner's bracket of the tournament.

The Caprock Tournament's annual sportsmanship award, named after legendary Dimmitt Coach Kenneth Cleveland, was presented to the Swiftettes this year.

Two Swiftettes also were named to the all-tournament team: Whitney Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel. Hoelting led Nazareth in scoring in three of the four games, counting 19 against Trinity Christian, 24 against Lubbock Coronado and 22 against Crawford. Thiel finished with a team high 22 against Lubbock Cooper and added 12 against Trinity and 10 against Coronado.

Nazareth opened Caprock action on Dec. 28 with a 77-38 rout of Lubbock Cooper. The Swiftettes followed that win with a 78-47 thrashing of Trinity Christian later that day in second-round action.

The Swiftettes got off to a quick start against Trinity Christian in the nightcap, taking a 21-6 lead in the first quarter. Nazareth cruised after that, posting a 42-17 lead at halftime and a 63-28 advantage after three quarters.

Nazareth shooters sank five three-pointers in the game, with Hoelting and Thiel counting two apiece. The Swiftettes hit 9-of-11 free throws in the game.

Hoelting finished with 19 points for the Swiftettes while Cassie Birkenfeld added 16, Shawna Gerber finished with 15 and Thiel added 12.

The Swiftettes squared off against Lubbock Coronado in the championship quarterfinals on Dec. 29.

After taking a 15-14 lead in the first quarter, Nazareth found itself trailing Coronado by a point at halftime, 32-31.

The Swiftettes led by three after the third quarter, but their shots wouldn't fall in the fourth quarter, and they allowed Coronado to outscore them, 20-12, for the win.

Gerber finished with 13 points to complement Hoelting's and Thiel's performances. For Coronado, Erika Valek finished with 22 points while Erin Lewis added 16.

Nazareth sank five three pointers against Coronado, with Thiel draining two and Hoelting, Gerber and Birkenfeld each adding one.

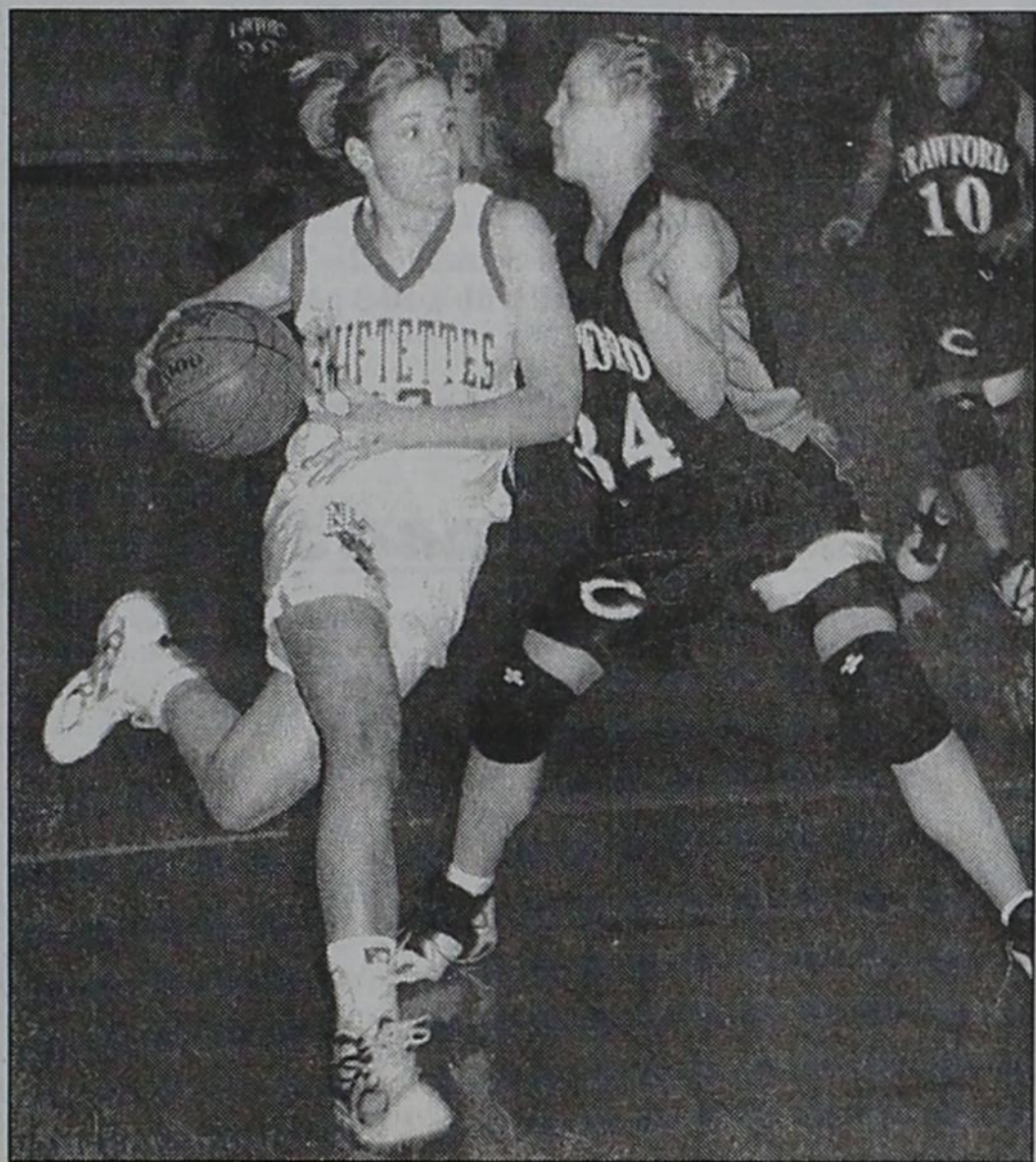
Nazareth made 16 of 18 free throw attempts while Coronado sank 16 of 26 shots from the charity stripe.

The loss to Coronado dropped the Swiftettes into the consolation game on the championship side of the bracket, and they faced Crawford in that game.

Nazareth took the early lead over the Lady Pirates, 16-9, and the Swiftettes were still on top at intermission with a 35-29 edge.

Crawford attempted a fourth-quarter comeback, but Nazareth was able to hold on for the 63-60 win.

Hoelting's 22 points was high for Nazareth while Birkenfeld and Gerber added 13 apiece.



DRIVING—Nazareth's Shawna Gerber drives past Crawford's Robbie Hoffman on a fast break in the first quarter of the championship bracket consolation finals Thursday in the Lubbock Monterey High School gym. The Swiftettes won in a squeaker, 63-60, in one of the tournament's best-played games.

Photo by Don Nelson

Hoop Scores

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Consolation Finals
Longhorns 38, Bovina 58
 Hart 11 5 9 13—38
 Bovina 14 14 21 9—58
Scoring: HART—Jacob Reyna 8.

Championship
Lady Horns 66, Claude 55
 Hart 17 14 11 24—66
 Claude 14 7 12 22—55
Scoring: HART—Vanessa Carrasco 25, Geneva Finch 13, Lindsey Montemayor 12.

CAPROCK ABC HOLIDAY TOURNEY

Second Round, Championship Bracket
Swiftettes 78, Trinity Christian 47
 Nazareth 21 21 21 15—78
 Trinity Christian 6 11 11 19—47
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 19, Cassie Birkenfeld 16, Shawna Gerber 15, Stephanie Thiel 12.

Bobbies 40, Shallowater 67
 Dimmitt 8 10 14 8—40
 Shallowater 7 20 25 15—67
Scoring: DIMMITT—Tonya Robertson 8.

Championship Quarterfinals
Swiftettes 61, Lubbock Coronado 66
 Nazareth 15 16 18 12—61
 Lubbock Coronado 14 18 14 20—66
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 24, Shawna Gerber 13, Stephanie Thiel 10.

Consolation First Round
Swifts 79, Brownfield 68
 Nazareth 22 20 19 18—79
 Brownfield 19 9 16 24—68
Scoring: NAZ—Kade Wilcox 20, Eric Schilling 19, Ky Wilcox 15, Daryl Pohlmeier 15.

Bobcats 47, Caprock 44
 Dimmitt 6 9 11 21—47
 Caprock 10 10 12 12—44
Scoring: DIMMITT—Daniel Flores 18, Keevin Sanders 17.

Consolation Second Round
Bobbies 55, Lubbock Estacado 44
 Dimmitt 11 12 11 10—55
 Lubbock Estacado 13 12 13 17—44
Scoring: DIMMITT—Carol Summers 19.

Bobcats 61, Seminole 69
 Dimmitt 5 2 19 25—61
 Seminole 22 16 14 17—69
Scoring: DIMMITT—Sammy Prieto, 14, Daniel Proffitt and Keevin Sanders 13.

Swifts 65, Big Spring 74
 Nazareth 9 21 9 26—65
 Big Spring 23 13 19 19—74
Scoring: NAZ—Kade Wilcox 27, Eric Schilling 15, Ky Wilcox 14.

Some people are so fond of ill luck that they run half-way to meet it.

Consolation Semifinals
Bobbies 45, Caprock 51
 Dimmitt 14 13 11 7—45
 Caprock 10 12 18 11—51
Scoring: DIMMITT—Carol Summers 14, Heather Black 13.

Consolation Finals
Swiftettes 63, Crawford 60
 Nazareth 16 19 15 13—63
 Crawford 9 20 14 17—60
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 22, Cassie Birkenfeld and Shawna Gerber 13.

FRIDAY
Swiftettes 82, Groom 37
 Groom 15 25 24 18—82
 Naz 8 11 8 10—37
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 18, Cassie Birkenfeld and Stephanie Thiel 17, Shawna Gerber 15.

Bobbies 50, Littlefield 34
 Dimmitt 17 13 10 10—50
 Littlefield 4 19 8 3—34
Scoring: DIMMITT—Heather Black 12, Carol Summers 11.

Bobcats 55, Littlefield 40
 Dimmitt 13 9 17 16—55
 Littlefield 10 9 9 12—40
Scoring: DIMMITT—Taylor Matthews 13, Keevin Sanders 12.

JV Bobcats 57, Littlefield 44
 Dimmitt JV 6 17 13 21—57
 Littlefield 13 10 10 11—44
Scoring: DIMMITT JV—Anthony Oltivero 18, Austin Sherman 12, Matthew Wright and D. Norman 10.

Longhorns 45, Friona 63
 Friona 15 16 10 22—63
 Hart 16 8 7 14—45
Scoring: HART—Keith Finch 14, Jeremiah Velasquez 12, Jacob Reyna 10.

Lady Horns 58, Friona 54
 Friona 18 13 10 13—58
 Hart 16 12 11 19—58
Scoring: HART—Geneva Finch 13, Angelica Perales 12.

TUESDAY
Bobbies 53, Slaton 50
 Slaton 11 15 12 12—50
 Dimmitt 6 14 16 17—53
Scoring: DIMMITT—Heather Black 21, Tamara Robertson 13.

Bobcats 54, Slaton 41
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 Dimmitt 11 7 21 15—41
Scoring: DIMMITT—Van Jeter 10.

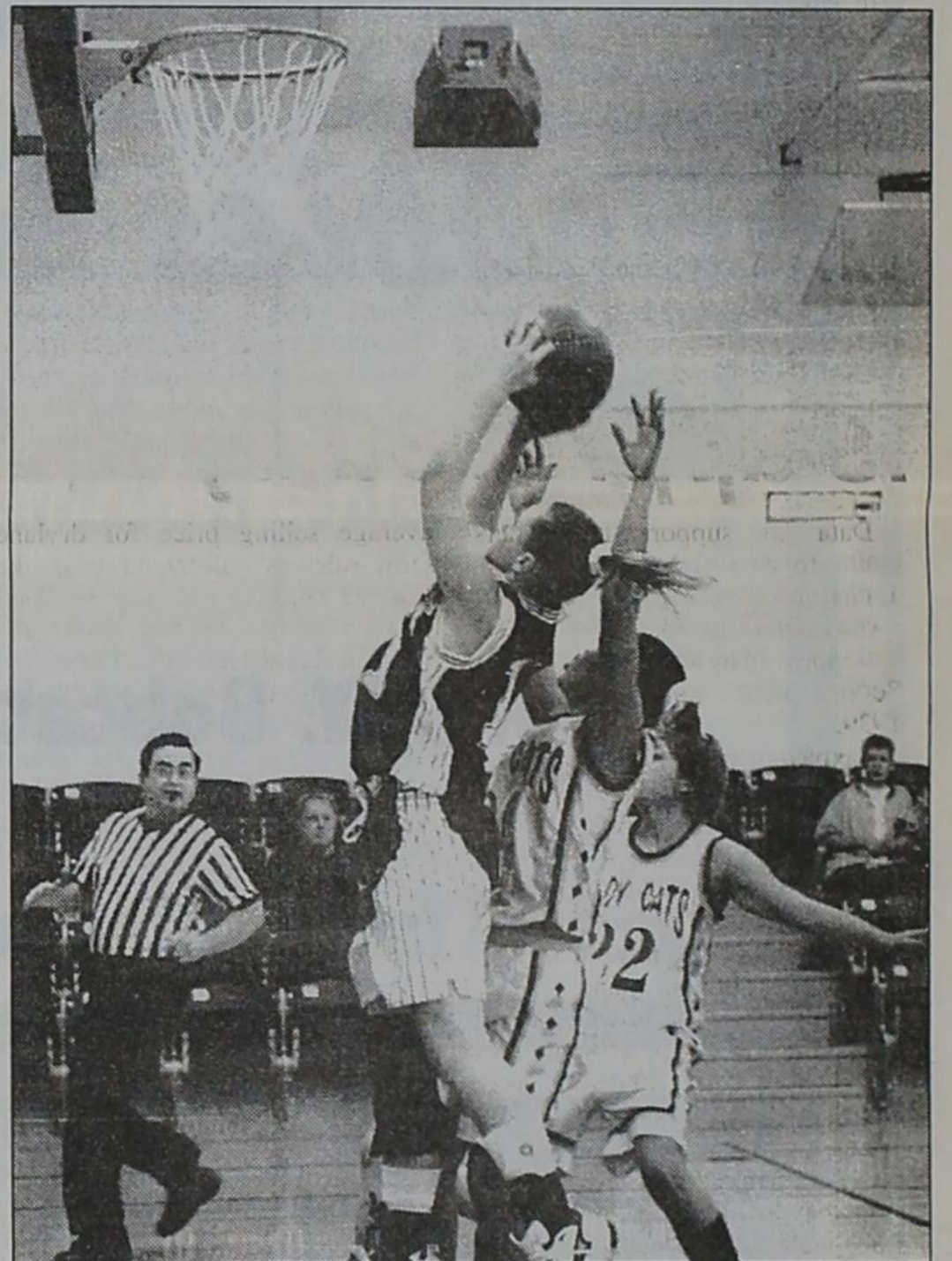
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Scoring: HART—Vanessa Carrasco 14.

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Scoring: HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 24, Joey Pantoja 15.

Swiftettes 65, Sanford-Fritch 33
 Nazareth 16 21 6 22—65
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Scoring: NAZ—Stephanie Thiel 20, Shawna Gerber 11, Whitney Hoelting and Marsha Black 10.

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Scoring: DIMMITT JV—Austin Sherman 25, Corey Lane 21, Mathew Wright and Anthony Oltivero 10.

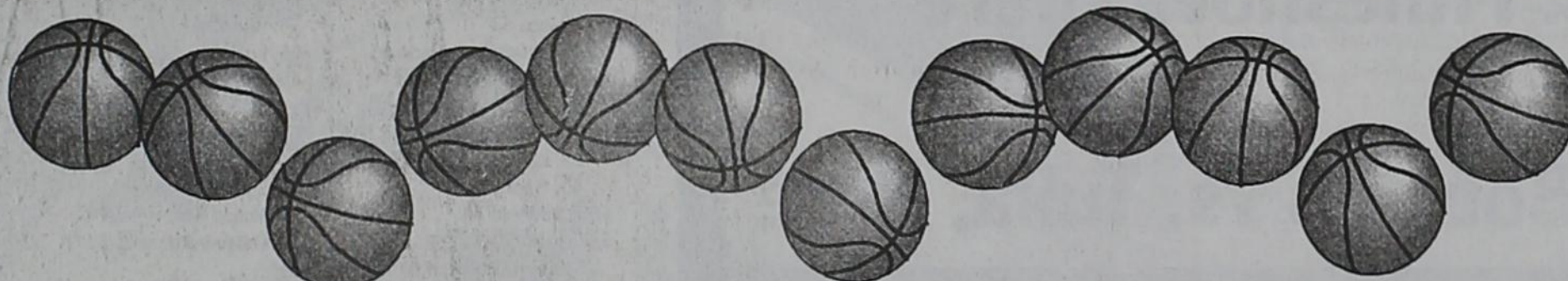


NICE MOVE—Dimmitt's Dorothy Hamilton gets past two Littlefield defenders and puts up a shot in the Bobbies' game against the Lady Cats Friday afternoon at Littlefield. The Bobbies won the non-conference game, 50-34. Photo by Carter Townsend

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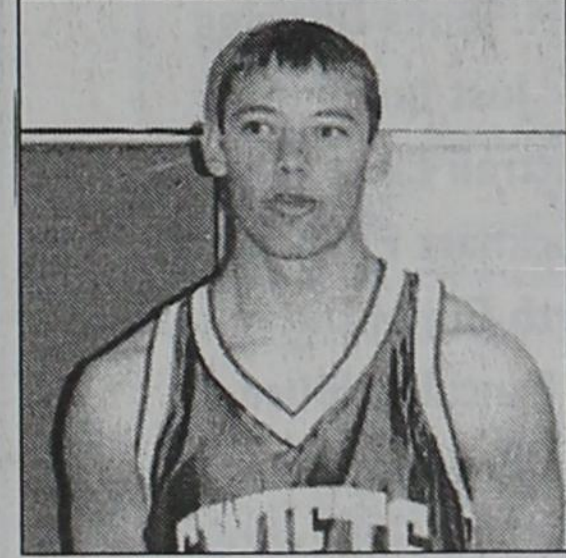
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Castro County received 12.31 inches of rain during the January to May period, but heavier amounts were received south and west of Dimmitt during different times.

Sept. 14-16, the corn harvest was rudely interrupted by heavy rains and hail, which also damaged developing cotton in some areas of the county.

Mainly providing a novel topic of conversation for October, the snow that fell Oct. 17 brought .47-inch of moisture, but failed to bring a killing freeze.

The year's weather was topped off by the five to 12 inches of snow that fell in the county Dec. 4, paralyzing travel and causing power outages in isolated spots in and around Dimmitt.

Other note-worthy news stories from throughout the year included agricultural news, two exciting res-

cues, two stories affecting local phone service, a national honor bestowed upon Dimmitt and Castro County, and the possibility of a bond election for a new jail.

2 Ag Production

According to information released in February by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, Castro County was ranked number one in the state in market value of agricultural products sold in 1997.

The total market value of all ag products sold, including all row crops, forage, livestock and livestock products (including dairies) was estimated at \$668,439,000 for 1997, with the bulk of that coming from livestock, poultry and related products.

3 Farm Relief

The county's farmers received almost \$11 million more for their crops than the current market prices

will provide, due to an \$8.7 billion emergency farm relief package approved by Congress and signed by President Clinton on Oct. 22. The federal aid was expected to boost income on many farms by 25 to 30%. The bulk of the aid package was designated to help compensate farmers who are struggling to make ends meet because of depressed farm prices.

4 Boll Weevil Vote

The Northwest Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone was established in a five-county zone, which includes Castro County, with a 75% approval rate from the 1,928 ballots received. Only 476 voted against establishing the zone, while 596 voted against the proposed assessment rates of \$12 per acre for irrigated cotton and \$5 per acre for dryland cotton.

5 Expanded Calling

Expanded Local Calling was approved by Dimmitt subscribers to GTE/Contel telephone service by well over the 70% approval rate needed. Toll-free service was made available in August to Amarillo, Canyon, Hereford and Tulia, with Plainview scheduled to be added by Feb. 29, 2000. Subscribers agreed to an additional \$3.50 per month per line charge for residential, and \$7 per line for businesses.

6 Fire Rescue

Nov. 1, three Dimmitt High School students rescued a young mother and her two sons from their burning mobile home at 504 Southwest Third Street. Josh Chancey, 17, Solomon Torres, 18, and Eric Enriquez, 16, pulled Denita Mirelez and Kolby, 6, and Oscar, 2, out a window. The home had heavy dam-

age, especially to the kitchen area, but no one was injured.

7 Flood Rescue

On May 2, five men helped in the effort to rescue James Meeks, 64, of Brownfield, whose pickup had plunged into icy floodwaters on US 385 about 10 miles south of Dimmitt. Dimmitt Volunteer Firefighters Ty Lively and Jackie Thomas, DPS Trooper Brian Smith, Sheriff's Deputy Billy Cox and local citizen Quint Waggoner all played a part in the effort and were honored May 21 with plaques commemorating their bravery.

8 GTE Sale

GTE announced its intention to

sell more than 300,000 customer access lines in parts of Texas (including Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth) to dba Communications (now known as Valor Communications, LLC). The purchasing company was formed by the private equity firms of Welsh, Carson, Anderson & Stowe (WCAS), Vestar Capital Partners and Citicorp Venture Capital in partnership with several prominent Hispanic-American investors with long-standing ties to the business community and governmental institutions in the Southwest.

9 'Champ' Status

The City of Dimmitt and Castro County were designated as a "Champion Community" under the US Dept. of Agriculture's round II Rural

Champion Community program. Dimmitt/Castro County was one of the four applicants that were accepted for the "Champion Community" designation. As such, Dimmitt/Castro County will receive continuing technical and financial assistance through regular USDA Rural Development programs.

10 Jail Bonds

The Castro County Commissioners voted Nov. 22 to begin the process of setting up bonds to build a new jail. A financial advisor and bond attorney must be selected and a bond election must be called. The commissioners voted to pursue the bonds, even though they expressed doubt that the issue will gain approval of the voters.

Obituaries

Dollie Herington

Services for Dollie Herington, 86, of Dimmitt, were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Muleshoe Memorial Park in Muleshoe with John Herington officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mrs. Herington died Saturday at High Plains Hospital in Hale Center. She was born May 6, 1913, in Tipton, Okla. She married Grady Herington on Nov. 19, 1932, in Clovis, N.M. He died March 30, 1987.

She graduated from Oklahoma Lane High School in Parmer County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Joyce Holland of Lubbock and Judy Waggoner of Dimmitt; two sons, John L. Herington of Weatherford and Jerry W. Herington of Farwell; three sisters, Cassie Mae Ginnings of Corsicana, Frankie Henson of Lubbock and Bobbie Gulley of Clovis, N.M.; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials be to the Children's Home of Portales, N.M.

Bill Struve

Funeral services for Bill Struve, 80, of Hereford, a charter member of the Easter Lions Club, were held Monday afternoon in Frio Baptist Church with Rev. Larry Perkins officiating and Rev. Cliff Hargrove of Sudan assisting.

Burial was in West Park Cemetery of Hereford under direction of Parkside Chapel Funeral Home.

Mr. Struve died Jan. 1 at Hereford Care Center.

He was born March 29, 1919, in Olton. He married A. Florene Whitford on July 25, 1940, in Plainview. He served in the US Army and was a veteran of World War II. He was a charter member of the Easter Lions Club and was a member of Frio Baptist Church. He was a lifelong farmer and realtor in the Hereford area. He also was a woodworker who specialized in hand-crafted dominoes.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Kerry Struve of Hereford; a daughter, Kita Hargrove of Sudan; a sister, Bertha Grant of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Vista Care Hospice of Plainview or a favorite charity.

Tyler sheriff will speak at CofC banquet

Sheriff J.B. Smith of Tyler will be the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, slated for Jan. 22 in Dimmitt.

This year's banquet will start at 7 p.m. at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and Cheryle Pybus will serve as emcee.

Guests will be served a filet mignon dinner with all the trimmings. The meal will be catered by the Methodist Men.

The 1999 Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, Chamber Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year will be recognized at the banquet.

Nominations for the awards were accepted through Wednesday and the winners will be selected from among those nominations.

Tickets for the event are \$15 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office in Dimmitt.

Those holding tickets will be able to register to win two Southwest Airlines tickets to any of the carrier's US destinations.

Smith has served his county as sheriff since 1976 and is currently in his sixth term. During his tenure, he has compiled a series of stories telling of his weaknesses and experiences as a Texas lawman.

The subject of his talk will be "laugh at yourself, or you're in a heap of trouble."

He travels nationwide and averages over 100 lectures and entertainment speeches each year.

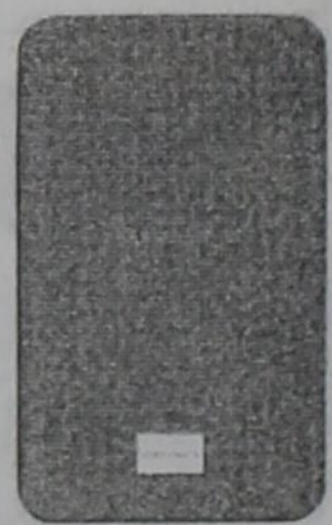
Smith heads an organization that has several specialized units that have received national recognition, most notably a riot control unit that kept the peace during the hate crime trials in Jasper.

For more information about the banquet or to purchase tickets, contact Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava at 647-2524.



A SPECIAL GIFT—Members of the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. voted to give up their annual Christmas party and donate the money to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance for use in helping needy people throughout the year. Representatives of the Sheriff's Dept. are (from left) Deputy Don Williams, Sheriff CD Fitzgearld, and Capt. Jail Administrator Mary Ewing. They presented the money to Ministerial Alliance member Howard Rhodes (right) last Thursday. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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