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Bobbies, Lady Horns, Swiftettes

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By Don Nelson

Weeb Ewbank, who died Tuesday at age 91, was a Hall of Fame football coach.

I think he also was a classy guy. In the wake of his death, we're hearing a lot this week about his fabled career:

He was the only coach in pro football to build two teams from the early stages into world champions. Those teams were the Baltimore Colts and the New York Jets.

In the process, he helped refine the talents of two of the best quarterbacks in the history of the game: Johnny Unitas of the Colts and Joe Namath of the Jets.

He coached the Colts from 1954 through '62, winning the world championship twice, in '58 and '59. In 1963 he was hired to coach the New York Titans of the fledgling American Football League.

One of the team trainers he hired for the Titans was Jack Copeland, who had earlier been a trainer for the Ohio State Buckeyes, the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys, and the Dimmitt Bobcats.

Jack was my team trainer in high school here. He became a student trainer at Hardin-Simmons, where he earned his bachelor's degree, and at Ohio State, where he attended graduate school. From there, the Titans picked him up.

Jack left the Titans after several years to open his own physical therapy clinic in Florida. Later, he switched careers and became an investment banker.

Meanwhile, the New York Titans had been renamed the Jets, and the football powers-that-be cooked up a "world championship" game between the champions of the original National Football League and of the upstart American Football League.

The first two Super Bowls were NFL blowouts, won by Green Bay (35-10 over Kansas City and 35-14 over Oakland).

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News announces early deadlines

The *News* has established early deadlines for its Nov. 26 Thanksgiving edition.

The *News* will go to press with the Nov. 26 issue a day early, on Tuesday.

All deadlines for that issue have been moved up a day. The deadline for society news and advertising (weddings, engagements, showers, etc.) and news from community correspondents will be Friday at 5 p.m.

The deadline for general news and advertising will be Monday at 12 noon.

The Nov. 26 issue will be available for sale on newsstands late Tuesday afternoon.

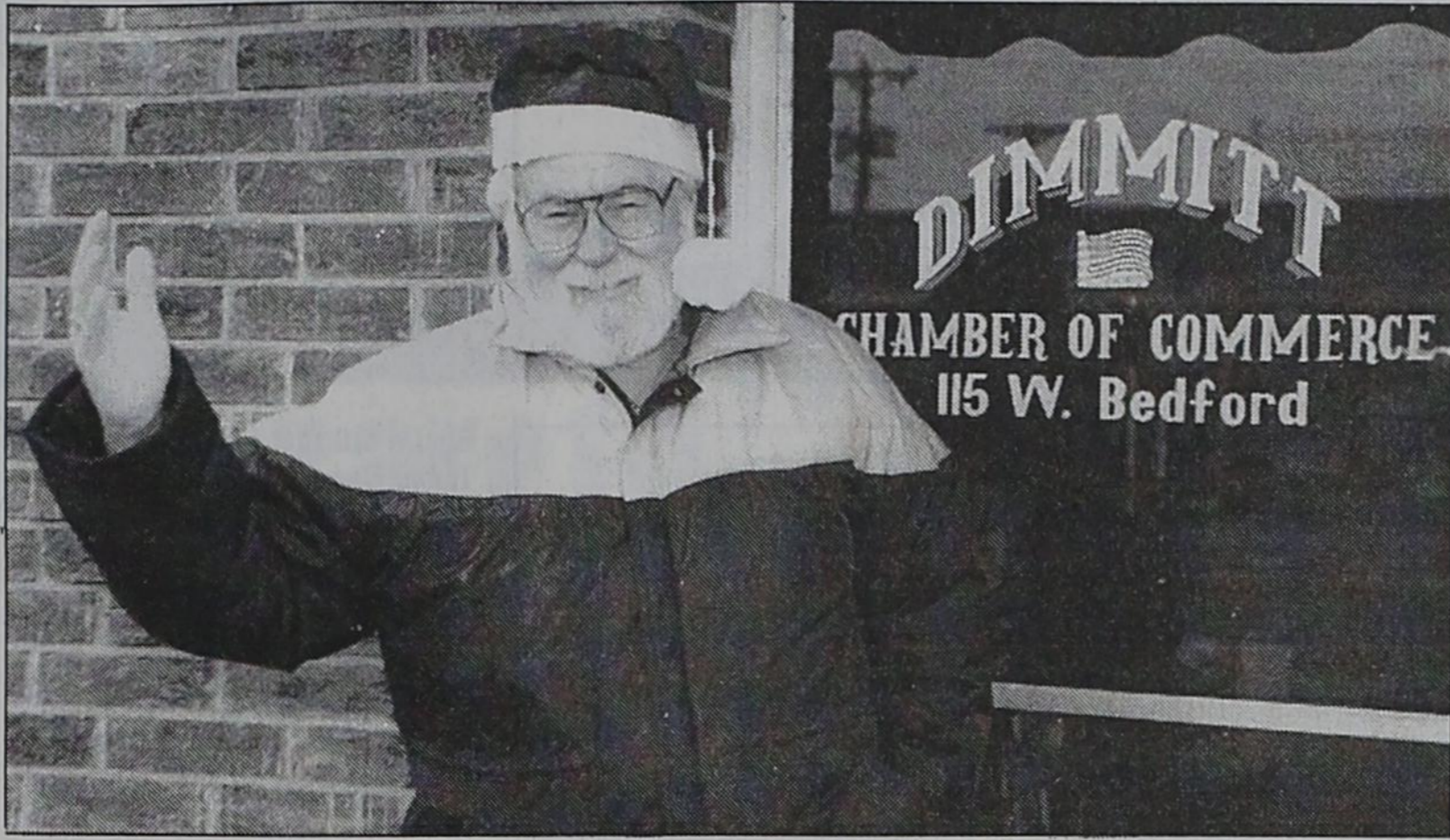
Holiday Calendar

TONIGHT—Santa will visit Dimmitt for the first time this holiday season during the annual Santa's Open House, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. During the promotion, downtown businesses will stay open until 9 p.m. and will have special sales to kick off the holiday shopping season.

SUNDAY—A Thanksgiving dinner and holiday arts and crafts show will be held in Nazareth. The dinner, featuring turkey, dressing and all the trimmings, will be served during the noon hour at the Nazareth Community Hall. The arts and crafts show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

DEC. 2—Letters to Santa Claus written by school children in the county are due at the *News* office by 5 p.m. The *News* will accept letters from preschool children through Dec. 11. The letters to Santa will be printed in the Dec. 24 Christmas edition of the *News* and will be forwarded to the North Pole.

DEC. 9—Hart merchants are planning special sales and events to kick off the holiday shopping season with the annual Hart Open House.



Shop at Ho! Ho! Home!

Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava gets in the holiday spirit for Santa's Open House which will be held today (Thursday) starting at 6 p.m. at the gazebo on the courthouse square.

Participating local merchants will be staying open from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. for the convenience of shoppers, and Santa Claus will visit with children starting at 6:30 p.m. See story this page for other activities.

Swiftettes race through mud to earn silver medals at state

Nazareth runners ploughed their way through a two-mile course of mud and muck Saturday morning and their perseverance and determination paid off with a second-place finish in the Class A state cross country meet.

Heavy rains which had fallen during the week and the night before the race had made the course at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock muddy, slippery and even treacherous at times, but the Swiftettes kept their concentration—and their footing. The Swiftettes were lucky enough to run the first race of the day. Track conditions worsened as the meet progressed through the day.

"It had been raining every since we got there on Thursday, so it was muddy and slippery," said Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton. "The girls had to run through mud puddles and their shoes got heavy. But we didn't have to run in the rain—later that morning teams had to run in heavy rain."

Nazareth finished with 99 points, second only to Alvord, which won the state title with 52 points. Finishing third was Miles with 113 points.

A trio of Swiftette freshmen sparked the team, paced by Danette

Ramaekers, who finished fourth with a time of 13:03, 29 seconds off of the winning pace set by Miles senior Tara Jernigan.

"I had gone to the other end of the course and when I first saw Danette, she was in the top 10. When she got to me she was fourth. I think she had pulled into third, but a girl passed her near the end," Hampton said.

"Everybody performed well. After Danette, the other girls came in in a bunch, which was what we had

wanted to do. Mandy (Hoelting) ran really well and everybody else was just a couple of steps behind her."

Freshmen Mandy Hoelting and Stephanie Thiel were Nazareth's second and third runners, finishing 35th and 40th, respectively. Junior Sara Schulte came in 46th, senior Jayme Schmucker was 47th and freshman Lesley Brockman was 51st.

Lindsey Gerber, who had run at regional for the Swiftettes despite an

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Key places 21st at state

Hart's Valerie Key paced herself and earned a trip to the state cross country meet for the first time and Saturday she kept pace with the best Class A runners in Texas, finishing among the top fifth at Round Rock.

Key finished 21st in the state meet, held at soggy Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. She was clocked at 13:40.

"She was pretty calm before the race. I don't think she was nervous at all," said Hart Coach Lucretia Shropshire. "She did really well for her first time. Anytime you get to

state, you've done well."

Shropshire said she was glad the Class A race was first on the list Saturday morning because rains had made the course sloppy.

"All of the girls coming in at the end were covered with mud," Shropshire said. "There weren't many hills on the course, but there were a lot of tight curves to go around and it was very slick."

Shropshire said the competition was tough in the 106-runner field, and she as well as Key, were pleased with the 21st finish.



STATE RUNNERS-UP—The Nazareth Swiftettes are tired and covered with mud, but they're still happy Saturday morning after they finished second among teams competing in the Class A state cross country meet at Round Rock. The Swiftettes finished with 99 points to earn the state runner-up honor. Team members are (from left) Lesley Brockman, Stephanie

Thiel, Jayme Schmucker, Mandy Hoelting, Sara Schulte, Lindsey Gerber and Danette Ramaekers. Ramaekers finished fourth to lead the Swiftettes while the rest of the team members finished among the top 51. There were 106 runners competing on the muddy, slippery course at state.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Damron wins in canvass Pct. 2 recount is slated Friday

An apparent error in voting tabulations in the Precinct 2 commissioner's race has resulted in the reversal of the previously announced outcome.

Initial results from the Nov. 3 general election, indicated that incumbent Commissioner Larry Gonzales had carried the race with 188 votes to challenger Clyde Damron's 179.

But when the votes were canvassed by county commissioners last week, it was discovered that a number was incorrectly carried over to a tally sheet, according to County Judge Irene Miller. The error was in the tabulation of the early voting returns, she said.

After the error was corrected, Damron had edged Gonzales for the post by a slim four-vote margin, 192 to 188.

Gonzales filed a petition for recount with Miller last Thursday.

That recount will take place Friday at 3 p.m. in the county courtroom. Miller said she has appointed a four-person committee to recount the votes on all Precinct 2 ballots.

Santa's Open House tonight

Santa will be in town tonight (Thursday) to visit with children and to help kick off the holiday shopping season in Dimmitt with the annual "Santa's Open House" celebration, sponsored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Over a dozen local businesses are planning to stay open from 6 to 9 p.m., and will feature various holiday specials. Also, shoppers may sign up at participating businesses for a chance to win \$120 in Dimmitt Dollars. First prize in the drawing will be \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars, and two second prizes of \$10 in Dimmitt Dollars also will be awarded. The drawing will be held at 9 p.m.

The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with music at the gazebo, featuring the Pybus Kindergarten children and the Dimmitt High School band. They will perform until Santa arrives at 6:30 and begins visiting with children. Numbers will be handed out to those standing in line, so that they may enjoy shopping and hospitality while awaiting their turn to speak with Santa.

Participating merchants will display official "Santa's Open House" posters and will have registration boxes and entry forms available for their customers.

According to Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava, "Santa invites everyone to shop at Ho! Ho! Home during Santa's Open House and all through the holiday season, and to register weekly for prize drawings of Dimmitt Dollars."

Additional drawings for the Dimmitt Dollars will be held Dec. 3, 10, and 17 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 24 at noon.

Check this issue of *The News* for additional information on which businesses will be staying open tonight, and look for the many special sales and offers of hospitality.

Crime victim assistance program seeks volunteers

If you love people and have extra time and a desire to help others, Castro County needs you.

Delbert Morris, the district attorney's special investigator and crime victim assistance coordinator for Castro County, is trying to organize a crisis team here, and he's looking for volunteers to serve on that team.

Volunteers don't have to have any special training—that will be provided once individuals are approved.

"I'd like to have 10 to 12 volunteers, but if we have more than that, that's great," Morris said. "Any retired professional would be a great volunteer, although you don't have to be retired to serve. School teachers are wonderful, too."

The volunteers will be trained in

how to contact victims of crimes and help them with everything possible from listening to their problems to helping them fill out application forms for assistance from the state and more.

If the crime victim is the primary wage earner in a household and that person is no longer able to work, the volunteers will assist the family in filing for benefits such as Social Security, Medicaid and other types of assistance.

"It's all about people helping people," Morris said. "We need volunteers from all nationalities, all ages and all genders. The main qualification is that you have to love people."

"We'll use the advocates to assist

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Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Letter

We can't allow school music program to die

Dear Editor:
We have reached a critical juncture in our music programs in the Dimmitt Independent School System. I refer to the extreme decline in the Dimmitt High School Band and its possible effects.

As observed by anyone who attends Dimmitt High School football games, reads recent letters to the editor in the *Castro County News* or attends University Interscholastic League marching contests, the number of students in the Dimmitt High School Band is at an all-time low.

Much of this is undoubtedly due to the so-called block schedule; however, when one steps back to take an overall look at the curriculum in our schools in Dimmitt, one must wonder if part of the decline is due to indifference on the part of administration.

It seems that much of the fine arts curriculum has disappeared from our schools. The last surviving vestige of a choir program in the high school is taught by one of the band directors—an individual who admittedly has no vocal training—an individual who was given no choice, but was told he would be the choir director.

A bright spot in this picture is the beginner, middle school and junior high bands. These students are learning and progressing musically very rapidly. Participation in these organizations is good; however, many of these students will be unable to continue their band endeavors at the high school level because of the dreaded block schedule.

Our own son may be a case in point. He is routinely on the A honor roll in Dimmitt Middle School and will probably be eligible for accelerated courses in high school. Some of these courses are offered only during the same time slot as band.

Our son is also quite accomplished in his junior high band endeavors and has indicated that he may decide to

pursue musical studies in college following high school graduation. What must he give up, band—potentially his chosen field—or accelerated academics? Being forced to give up either one is unfair to him.

It should be remembered by the school administration that there are those students who major in music in college. What a tragedy for them if they were unable to participate in band in high school or if there was no band program for them at all.

I understand that it has been administratively suggested that high school band may be offered at 7:30 each morning before the beginning of the school day. I believe this would be the absolute death knell for the band program in Dimmitt. Folks, we are talking about a substantial 3A high school, not a Class B or even a Class 1A school.

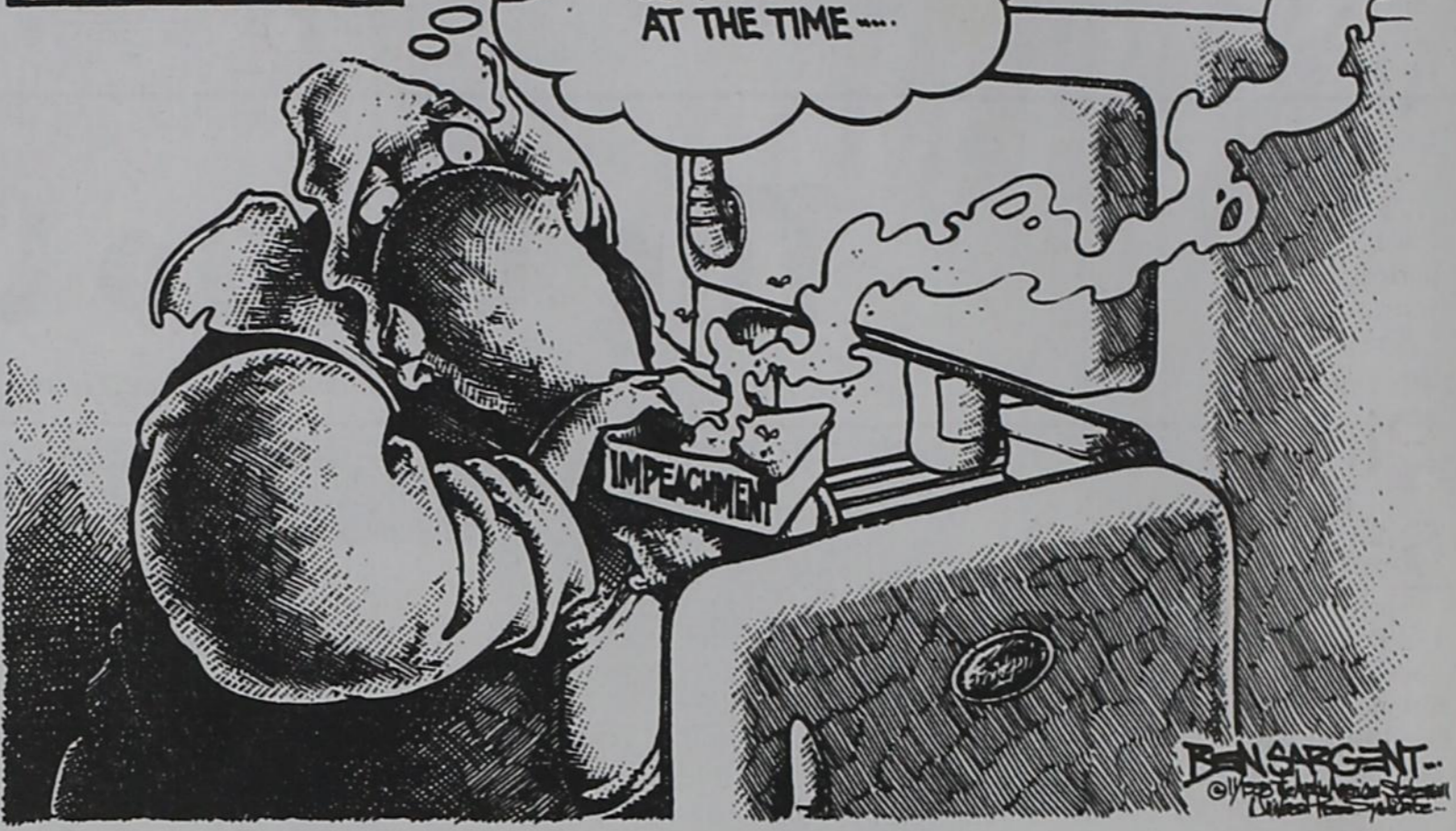
One more thing: Most of us see only the marching band, but that is only a small part of the instrumental musical education that is offered in the band program. There is also concert band, UIL solos and ensembles, participation in area and all-region bands, and for those who wish to excel, a chance to participate in the Texas All-State Band.

Rather than throw hurdles at the band program and its students or sit idly by and allow the program to diminish even more, let the administration work with these students and their instructors and support their endeavors. Band and music has always been a part of the education process. Let us not allow it to die in the Dimmitt school system.

One last thought: publicly opining that it is "not cool" to be in the band, as recently written by a school administrator in a letter to the editor, serves no useful purpose in any discussion. And we are personally offended by such an attitude on the part of the administration.

JERRY & CAROLYN JANSA

LEFTOVERS.



State Capital

HIGHLIGHTS
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filed a bill that would amend the Texas Open Meetings Act to include "staff briefings" — certain meetings at which a governmental body receives information from third persons, including government employees.

Politicos to Get Walking Papers
In a mild allusion to standing Attorney General Dan Morales, Attorney General-elect John Cornyn last week said politics will have no place in his administration.

While Cornyn did not give examples of the office's duties being compromised by politics, he said it has influenced decisions "on whether to defend or not to defend state laws."

Morales defended, however, decisions he has made in office, saying he based them on a choice to have a "strong, independent perspective."

Cornyn told the *Austin American-Statesman* his "standard for retention" at the attorney general's office is "pretty simple: Number 1, no political hacks, and Number 2, people who are doing their job."

He said the attorney general's office is staffed mostly by people who have been "faithful public servants. ... They're not political people, they're just doing a good job. And as I said, to the extent that they continue to do a good job and they don't play politics, I intend to ask them to stay."

"The only people I think who need to be concerned are the people who have politicized the office."

In other news, Cornyn said his transition team would be led by Larry York, who served as first assistant attorney general from 1973 to 1974 under Democrat John Hill.

Bush Denies Role in GOP Coup
Gov. George W. Bush last week

said he had nothing to do with the Republican Party's push to replace House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

A rumor aired on national television "credited" Bush with making a call indicating that if he was to lose the presidential election in 2000, he wanted it to be because of him, not because of Gingrich. The call purportedly resulted in swift action by the party to withdraw support for Gingrich.

Karen Hughes, spokeswoman for Bush, said the rumor is groundless.

Bush said his wife and twin daughters will figure into his decision whether to run or not, and that his main priorities are child literacy and working with the 1999 Texas Legislature.

Other Highlights

■ Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has signed an order adopting an appointment process for professional engineers to serve as qualified windstorm inspectors. After Feb. 1, all engineers must be approved and appointed by the state insurance agency.

■ Last week, the University of Texas board of regents considered a proposal by UT President Larry Faulkner to reopen the observation deck of the campus clock tower. The 28-story, 231-foot-tall building has been closed since 1975.

■ The University of Texas is acquiring through gift and purchase the Suida-Manning collection of 700 Old Masters paintings and drawings valued at nearly \$35 million. The collection will be unveiled in March.

■ Haskell County — the home county of Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry — is considering a bid for the low-level nuclear waste repository project that failed to win acceptance in Sierra Blanca last month. Haskell County is 50 miles north of Abilene.

Letter

'Small band size not due to lack of interest'

Dear Editor:
As an ex-band member, I am disappointed to see the size of the Dimmitt High School band this year. From what I understand, 10 students had to drop band to be in required courses, so I know the size of the band is not from lack of interest on the part of the students.

Yes, they play excellently, for their size, but how much better would they sound if more high school students had the opportunity

to get involved? With this new block schedule, the kids do not have the opportunity to take electives. It is sad to see that the administration does not think band, industrial arts, home-making, ag, choir, debate, theater, etc., are important. Yes, these classes are offered, but they are scheduled across from requirements.

It's been said that the ACT scores have risen so much higher since the block was implemented, but when the scores were looked up, the increase was only 0.7%! Should we get excited about this increase over the past two years? If this percentage is so great, why are so many of our students who graduate in the top of their class having so much trouble with their college courses?

I want to know why the block schedule wasn't presented to the townspeople and students, giving both pros and cons? Yes, the kids only have to take four classes, but each of these classes is 90 minutes, and you have to schedule out electives if you want honors and to get all the requirements. Is the administration aware that the attention span is three minutes times your age? I am in college with 90-minute classes, and my attention span is 63 minutes. Are you telling me that 14-18-year-olds have this long of an attention span? A 30-year-old would have the attention span of 90 minutes!

It is a concern of many parents with younger children that they are

not going to bring their kids to DHS if things aren't changed.

When I was in school, honors, electives and extracurriculars were available. Where are they now?

After visiting with area band directors about the situation in DHS—re: not being able to take honors as well as band—they were astounded! We need these dynamic students in both areas, so that DHS will once again have the respect it deserves.

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SPC wants to revive ex-student association

South Plains College's recent 40th anniversary celebration and a class reunion have sparked interest in re-establishing its ex-students association.

"We had a very successful year-long 40th anniversary celebration and also hosted a reunion this fall for the class of 1964," said Steve Bryant, director of human resources and development. "Through these events, other former students have expressed an interest in contacting friends and faculty who were part of their lives at SPC. We feel that an ex-students association can help them do that."

He said the ex-students association will provide members with information regarding ex-student activities and offer former students an opportunity to support activities and developments currently taking place at SPC.

Former students who want to join the SPC Ex-Students Association can visit the SPC web site at www.spc.cc.tx.us or contact SPC's Development Office at (806)894-9611, ext. 2218.

Letter

Clinton supporters should be beaten with more than stick

Dear Editor:
In reference to your comments regarding Jack Miller, first let me say that I'm also glad that he won his bid for re-election.

With regards to "any Dimmitt resident who voted for his opponent because of party affiliation ought to be beaten with a stick," let me add; any Dimmitt resident that voted for and still supports (God help them) Bill Clinton because of party affiliation ought to be beaten with something more than a stick.

VICKIE NELSON

(Editor's Note: *Touché* Vickie!)

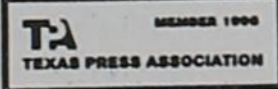
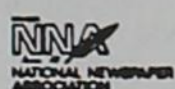
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Last Puzzle Solution

ACROSS

- TXism: "no brag, just ___"
- state of Spurs' Jazz opponent
- TX Buddy Holly hit: "___ On"
- "Gig" or "Hook" end
- Amarillo hosts ___ State Fair
- TXism: "___ poke in the eye with a sharp stick"
- TXs Orbison & Willis did it for a career in Robertson Co. on 14
- TXism: "nail ___ to the barn door"
- TX Carol Burnett won 1st Emmy on the Garry ___ Show
- TXism: "___ a tack" (smart)
- Howe's h.s. rating
- TXism: "a real go-___" (energetic)
- Amarillo is capital of the world
- Rangers NY foe
- Dallas military hosp.
- JFK's funeral had a ___ horse
- followers of the Dallas Stars
- Ebanos ferry is hand-pulled
- what Texans do best
- star of Ace Reid's cartoons (2 wds.)
- TX nurses provide it
- TX Socorro de Sur: oldest ___ in U.S.
- TXism: "beats anything ___ saw"
- TX hardwood tree shelter for early Texas soldiers
- TX ZZ Top's "___ Hombres"
- Galveston hosts Dickens' "Week ___ Strand"
- TX LPGA players event: Nabisco ___ Shore
- cowboy's bolo (2 wds.)
- Stars' league (abbr.)
- '28, the 1st Democrat presidential candidate TX voted against (init.)

DOWN

- TXism: "the ___ was flying" (fighting)
- TXism: "as welcome as a skunk ___ picnic"
- Cascade ___ are near Boerne
- "Texas, our Texas! All hail ___"
- this state Apiary Service tracks killer bees (abbr.)
- TXism: "___ hoof" (hog)
- boot width
- Aggie letters
- TXism: "a good man not ___" (mean)
- TXism: "on a ___ slinging drunk"
- winner of Rangers 7th inning scoreboard race (2 wds.)
- San Antonio-based Diamond
- Miss Texas ex-director: ___ Magness
- TXism: "feel like ___ chewed up and spit out"
- TX DPS licenses of DWIs
- pencil end
- "The Raven" (init.)
- TXism: "no flies on ___" (good looking)
- Ken Norton, Jr.'s dad broke this boxer's jaw in '73
- get ___ of it"
- Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory at
- ex-Ranger Pettrall
- "at least we have ___ other"
- TX newspaper: ___ Feria News.
- sixth sense
- TX Bob Willis hit: "Faded ___"
- rare deer type at San Antonio Zoo: ___ David's
- TXism: "took a likin' ___"
- rip or tear
- home state of TX outlaw Sam Bass
- TXism: "mad enough to spit ___"
- TXism: "chew ___ fat" (talk)

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Concert set at FBC

The Panhandle Singing Men of Texas will be performing in concert tonight (Thursday) at 7 at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

The Panhandle Singing Men of Texas is a group of men made up of music ministers from various churches in the Texas Panhandle.

The group has performed in concerts at churches and prisons around the Texas Panhandle, and have traveled overseas at different times.

Wayland Hazel, minister of music at First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, is a member of the group and will be performing with them during the show.

The public is invited to attend.

Pig jackpot set Nov. 29

The "First Out of the Box" Show Pig Jackpot will be held Nov. 29 at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt.

All ages can show barrows and gilts.

Entries will be accepted from noon until 9 p.m. on Nov. 28, when the entry fee will be only \$15. Entries on Nov. 29 will be accepted from 6 to 11 a.m. at a cost of \$20.

A new rule for this show will be that entrants must weigh in their own pigs, with a five-pound weigh back for 1 and 2 in Class. Also, there will be no washing allowed once the jackpot starts, and no bedding will be provided. Exhibitors must bring their own.

4-H continues bake sale

The 4-H Holiday Bake Sale is slated for November.

Orders will be taken through Friday and delivery will be Saturday through Tuesday.

Items that can be ordered include cinnamon rolls, sticky buns with nuts, hot rolls, nut breads, and pies (apple, cherry, peach, pumpkin, apricot and pecan). Also, cakes, cookies and brownies will be offered.

Order forms can be picked up from the Extension office.

Bakers, delivery people and grocery suppliers are needed for this project. For more information, contact the Extension office at 647-4115.

Band Boosters set meeting time

At a meeting Nov. 10, members of the Dimmitt Band Boosters agreed to set a standard meeting time of 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

In case of scheduling difficulties, members will be notified of any alternative dates or times for meetings.



SERVICE AWARDS—Trish Elliott, county executive director of Castro County Farm Services Administration, presents service awards to local FSA employees (from left) Toby Gerber, with 20 years of service, and Jill Ehly, with 10 years.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

Veteran's Day ceremonies began with a mass in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein presiding, assisted by Deacon Al Maurer.

More than 30 veterans attended the special mass.

A special service followed on the front lawn at the school. The flag was raised and the Swift Band played the National Anthem.

The Legionnaires gave a 21-gun salute to the veterans.

Tom Hoelting, a veteran, gave an excellent talk on why there is an American Legion, the reason for people joining the military and the pride in accepting the call to help defend the country.

Everyone then moved to the gym, where Vanessa Wilhelm and Ann Wilhelm, the two representatives to Texas Bluebonnet Girls' State, and Matthew Kern, Boys' State delegate, gave super talks. Breakfast was served to veterans in the school cafeteria after the ceremony.

Sydney Kay, infant daughter of Bernie and Matthew Hatla, was baptized recently in Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating. Her godparents are Max and Delese Ellison. Grandmothers are Doris Hatla and May Hochstein.

A teen mass was well attended Sunday evening at Holy Family Church with Father Jerry Stein officiating.

It's great to see the students and young adults getting more involved in their church. All who had birthdays in October and November were recognized. Also honored were Joy and Melvin Wethington, who are celebrating their 25th anniversary.

After the service, the junior high students enjoyed refreshments at the

CCD Building and the high school students went to Tulia for a bowling party.

Congratulations to our students who ran at the state cross country meet in Round Rock over the weekend. The Swiftettes finished second overall. They are winners for just qualifying for state.

Some of the parents returned home from the state meet and stopped at Harold Gerber's in Lake Ivie for a visit. They all enjoyed a great boat ride which made for a nice break in their travels.

A large group of Senior Citizens enjoyed fellowship and dinner Sunday evening at the center. They enjoyed viewing pictures taken on the Branson trip, a very good meal and a question-and-answer game, which proved to be very entertaining. Cards and dominoes were enjoyed by everyone.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Angela Acker, Patricia Acker and Mike and Shelly Huseman's infant baby, who is in the hospital in Amarillo.

Nathaniel Garrett, infant son of Daniel and Shena Acker of Elgin, was baptized recently at Holy Family Church in Nazareth with Father Jerry Stein officiating.

Godparents are Allen and Chrissy Acker of Amarillo. Grandparents are Dennis and Melba White of Tulia and Luke and Mona Acker of Nazareth.

Sister Jane Frances Brockman of Fort Smith, Ark., born in 1908 at Nazareth, returned to Nazareth the past weekend to celebrate her 90th birthday. Her brother, Vic Brockman

On the Go

The Moore family held a reunion Oct. 25 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt and those attending celebrated the birthdays of J.B. Moore (Oct. 24) and Omega Johnson (Oct. 26).

An early 60th wedding anniversary celebration was held for J.B. and Thelma Moore, who were married Nov. 5, 1938.

Family members attending the reunion were J.B. and Thelma Moore of Dimmitt; Larry, Gale and Rebecca Moore, Steven and Dana Moore and their two children, and Dusty and Kimberly Self and their two children, all of Altus, Okla.; Janis Williams, Heath and Kara Hestand, all of Mesa, Ariz.; Donna Taylor and her four daughters of Modesto, Calif.; Sammie Hughlett and Butch Scott of Lamesa; Omega Johnson of Dimmitt; Jim and Carol McCullough, Kevin and Darla, Cody and Amy Hinkle, and David, Jennifer, Jessica and C.J. Dennis, all of Lawton, Okla.; Douglas Moke of Benbrook; Don and Carolyn Moke of Dimmitt; Coby and Kendra Moke of Amarillo; Christelle Wilcox of Dimmitt; Stan, Linda and Joe Bob Wilcox, Scott, Missy, Shayla and Shane Wilcox and Weston and Brittany Wilcox, all of Hereford; Joe and Janetta Wilcox of Crane; Dusty, Pam, Clay and Tomas Wilcox of Miami; Todd and Jody Bebb and Nicky and Sunny Seeke of Clayton N.M.; and Bob and Yvonne Wilcox of Mineral Wells.

Guests included Rae Catoe, Winona Bunch, Elbert and Frances Smith, Howard and Belinda Rhodes, Wayland Hazel, Don and Carolyn Warren, Ralph and Sarah Salinas and Randy Morgan, all of Dimmitt; and Loyd and Nell Short of Canyon.

Those attending enjoyed a lot of food and visiting.

The Dimmitt VFW Post held a breakfast and flag raising ceremony on Veteran's Day.

The breakfast began at 6:30 a.m. with the public invited. Bill Sava presented a program of patriotic music, and the flag raising was performed at 7 a.m.

The Acteens of Lee Street Baptist Church spent a recent Wednesday night going door-to-door soliciting items for the search group in Amarillo that was looking for the missing 9-year-old boy. The youth gathered over \$200 in cash donations, in addition to food items and flashlights.

Gold Star Banquet is slated Monday

The 41st Gold Star Banquet will be held Monday at the KoKo Palace at 5105 Avenue Q in Lubbock, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Casey Jones, South Plains 4-H council president, will serve as master of ceremonies.

"A special congratulations to Rachel Wall and Kristin Hales, our Castro County Gold Star Winners," an Extension spokesperson said.

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The SECOND CELEBRATION—Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m.

DIMMITT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND EXPENDABLE TRUST FUND YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998					
Data Control Codes	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES		TOTALS (Memorandum Only)		
	100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds	98 August 31, 1998	97 August 31, 1997	
REVENUES:					
5700	Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 2,828,596	\$ 90,578	\$ 2,919,174	\$ 3,050,734
5800	State Program Revenues	4,145,581	102,835	4,248,416	4,927,209
5900	Federal Program Revenues	29,109	1,134,633	1,163,742	1,160,457
5020	Total Revenues	7,003,286	1,328,046	8,331,332	9,138,400
EXPENDITURES:					
Current:					
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	4,511,291	674,449	5,185,740	5,193,025
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	566,046	133,772	699,818	641,680
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	952,504	602,095	1,554,599	1,556,438
0040	Administrative Support Services	328,372	13,150	341,522	336,924
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	817,279	-	817,279	797,711
0060	Ancillary Services	-	6,683	6,683	27,253
0080	Capital Outlay	229,103	-	229,103	82,785
6030	Total Expenditures	7,404,595	1,430,149	8,834,744	8,635,816
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(401,309)	(102,103)	(503,412)	502,584
7020	Other Resources	5,962	125,000	130,962	134,884
8030	Other (Uses)	(130,000)	-	(130,000)	(206,353)
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(525,347)	22,897	(502,450)	431,115
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,493,952	35,726	3,529,678	3,098,563
1300	Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,968,605	\$ 58,623	\$ 3,027,228	\$ 3,529,678

People



Hospice is prepared to meet special needs

The term "hospice" has a familiar ring, which should come as no surprise since it comes from the same linguistic root as both "hospital" and "hospitality". Its use goes all the way back to medieval times when it described a place of shelter and rest for

wearily or sick travelers on long journeys.

In modern times, the term was first applied to specialized care for dying patients in 1967, when Dr. Cicely Saunders established St. Christopher's Hospice in a residential sub-

urb of London. Today, hospice is used to describe a growing concept of humane and compassionate care which can be implemented in a variety of settings, including a patient's home, a hospital, nursing home or a freestanding hospice facility.

Terminal illness is often extremely traumatic. It can be devastating not only to the patient, but also to loved ones and even to caregivers.

"Hospice is a special philosophy of care that provides sensitivity and support for people in the final stages of terminal illness," Connie Nutt, director of patient care said. "One of our primary goals is to help patients carry on alert, pain-free lives for as long as possible so that their final days may be spent with dignity and the highest quality of life possible."

The focus of hospice is on the quality rather than the length of life. Treatment is directed toward the person, instead of the disease. A team that includes physicians, nurses, counselors, therapists, aides and volunteers, strive to address the medical, emotional, psychological and spiritual needs of both the patient and the family.

"Hospice considers the entire family as the unit of care," Nutt explained. "Patients and family members are included in the decision-making process, and bereavement counseling is provided to the family after the death of their loved one."

"Hospice Care's success belongs to the community and its involvement," Joe Sloan, CHE, CEO/Administrator of Castro County Hospital District, said. "We are very proud of our staff and volunteers and congratulate them on their important role within our community."

Those interested in volunteering or having a desire to learn more about the program may call CCHD Hospice Care at 647-3785.

DMS students selling wood gift items

Dimmitt Middle School technology education students are having a fund-raising project that will continue through Thanksgiving week.

The students have built birdhouses and representations of the US Flag and are selling them to raise money for tools and equipment and to help send class members to the industrial arts shows at Levelland and Waco.

The bird houses are selling for \$5 to \$20 depending on the size and whether they are mounted on a post or not. The painted "flags" range from \$10 to \$20, according to size. Both items are made by the students from old fence pickets.

Don Bell, DMS industrial arts teacher, who can be reached at 647-3108 for orders, said the items would make a great Christmas gift.



MR. AND MRS. JERRY DAVIDSON
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Morgan and Davidson exchange wedding vows

DeeAnne McGowan Morgan became the bride of Jerry Davidson when the two exchanged wedding vows Oct. 8 in an informal, doubling ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt.

Both are residents of Dimmitt. The bride is the daughter of Sandy K. Parsons III of Dimmitt and the late Margie Parsons and the late Tommy McGowan. Parents of the groom are J.W. and Connie Laney of Grayford.

The church was decorated with burgundy and pink stargazer lilies and gardenias, accented with colors of deep purple, lilac and hunter green. Other decorations included gardenia-scented candles.

Muic was provided by pianist Renise Blair Morgan.

The bride was given in marriage by Sandy K. Parsons III and her three children, Brandi Morgan of Amarillo, Hank Morgan of Lubbock and Zack Morgan of Dimmitt.

She wore a three-quarter-length dress of deep purple with lilac and burgundy accents. It featured velvet cuffs and collar. She carried a bouquet of fresh flowers and carried a handkerchief which had belonged to her late mother.

Maid of honor was Donna Hathaway of Hereford, sister of the bride. Best man was Ron Miller of Dimmitt, friend of the groom.

Flower girl was Katy Aljoe of Dimmitt, niece of the bride.

Guests were seated by Ron Hathaway of Hereford and Tab Hathaway of Canyon, nephews of the bride.

A reception was held at the First Presbyterian Church following the ceremony.

The couple enjoyed a weekend wedding trip to Red River, N.M.

The groom is employed by AgriFarm Industries of Dimmitt.

Scroggins and Cline wed Nov. 5

Kara Scroggins became the bride of Adam Cline on Nov. 5 when the couple exchanged vows in an informal, double-ring ceremony at the bride's father's home in Dimmitt.

Justice of the Peace Turrentine of Hereford officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Randy Scroggins of Dimmitt and Barbara Scroggins of Lubbock. Parents of the groom are Mr. and Mrs. Milas Cline of Dimmitt.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Kendra Scroggins of Floydada, sister of the bride. Best man was Michael Cline of Dimmitt, son of the groom.

A reception followed at the bride's father's home. Lattice work decorated with greenery, flowers and mini lights decorated the area. The bride's table held a three-tiered wedding cake and lime sherbert punch in a punch bowl.

A variety of cold cuts, cheeses, fruits and vegetables were served to guests.

After a wedding trip to Carlsbad, N.M., the couple are home in Dimmitt.

Bridal shower fetes McCulley

A shower honoring Rebecca McCulley, bride-elect of Jim Nelson, was held Saturday in the home of Maxine Tidwell in Dimmitt.

Out of town guests included Linda McCulley of Houston, mother of the honoree, and Laura McCulley of LaPorte, grandmother of the honoree. Relatives of the prospective groom attending from out of town included his sisters, Jan Nelson and Jill Rushing and her daughter, Emily, all of Amarillo; and his cousins, Jacalyn McCormick and daughter Megan of Corpus Christi, Karen Griffin and son Reese of Granbury, Katie Nelson of Friona, and Linda and Ginger Cannon of Sundown.

The prospective groom's grandmothers, Bertha Thompson and Gail Nelson, both of Dimmitt, also attended, along with other family and friends.

Decorations for the courtesy included a fall arrangement featuring pumpkins, berries and colorful fall leaves. Appointments of silver and china were used to serve quiche, rolled shortbread dipped in chocolate, grapes, coffee, and fruit punch.

Aggie Moms set meeting

The Golden Spread chapter of Aggie Moms will meet Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. at the Hereford Community Center. Members are asked to bring items for semester finals student care packages.

The group will finalize plans for their annual Open House and Auction on Dec. 10, which will raise money for the scholarship fund.

Any TAMU mother interested in joining the group may contact Rita McDaniel at 647-5522 or Evelyn Lyles at 806-364-8245, or Virginia Artho at 806-364-5429.

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DOUBLE CELEBRATION—Twins Francis Wilhelm and Florene Wilhelm Brockman will celebrate their 75th birthdays on Nov. 28, and their families have planned an open house reception on Nov. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center in Nazareth. The twins are both lifelong residents of Nazareth, having been born there.

Photo by Anne Acker

Festival of Trees slated in Hereford

Hereford will kick off its holiday season with its annual "Festival of Trees," a community involvement and fund raising project for the Hereford Senior Citizens Association.

The event started Wednesday and will continue through Sunday at the Hereford Senior Citizens Center.

Several activities are planned during the celebration, including children's programs, a festival gala, festival auction, visit by Santa, a Lionel Train display, turkey and ham buffet and more.

The main feature of the event is the display of beautifully decorated trees for visitors to enjoy during the five days of entertainment.

The display, within a festival setting, is a major community involvement and fund raising project for the Hereford Senior Citizens Association. In 1997, approximately 5,000 people attended the display and took part in festival activities.

The event is made possible by business organizations, institutions and individuals through advertising, sponsorship of tree display and festival cost, voluntary tree designing and decoration, and donated entertainment and time.

The decorated trees will be sold at auction during the festival and will be delivered to buyers the week following Thanksgiving.

Proceeds of the auction and other festival activities are used by the center to provide services to senior citizens during the following year.

Activities today (Thursday) through Saturday will start at 8:30

a.m. daily. Children's programs today (Thursday) and Friday will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. A preview of the decorated trees was held Wednesday.

A melodrama and finger food buffet will be held tonight (Thursday) from 7 to 9:30.

A festival gala will be held Friday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the festival auction at 7:30 p.m.

Santa will visit with children from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. That day, a Lionel Train display and more Santa fun is planned. A dinner and melodrama will end the day's festivities from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

A turkey and ham dinner will be served from 12 noon to 2 p.m. on Sunday, while the tree and train review will start at noon.

Reservations can be made for the melodrama by calling the Hereford Senior Citizens Center at (806) 364-5681. There is no admission charge for the tree auction, continuous festival activities, the preview of trees, Lionel Train display or children's programs. There is a \$10 charge for the melodrama and finger food event and \$15 for the melodrama and dinner. The turkey lunch will be \$7.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

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Men's leadership seminar planned

Ken Jones will discuss the importance and meaning of leadership and how the Bible has many examples of leadership Saturday during a special men's leadership seminar at the Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

The seminar will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

The importance and meaning of leadership will be the topic of Jones' address from 9 to 10 a.m. After a short break, he will discuss the importance of people and leadership.

Life principles for the leader will be the topic from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

Lunch will be served at noon, then the seminar will conclude with a discussion about leadership examples in the Bible.

Turkey dinner and art show on tap Sunday

A Thanksgiving dinner featuring turkey, dressing and all the trimmings will be held Sunday in Nazareth.

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Nazareth Community Hall. Cost for the meal is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Take-outs will be available for \$6.50 each. The meal is being sponsored by the Christian Mothers Society of Nazareth.

In conjunction with the meal, the Nazareth Art Club will be holding its annual holiday arts and crafts show in the Nazareth School Cafeteria.

The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Carrie Blair

Blair to speak Saturday at women's seminar

Carrie Blair of Lubbock, a business woman, wife and mother of four, will be the featured speaker at a ladies' seminar Saturday at the Senior Citizens Building in Dimmitt.

The public is invited to attend the free seminar and lunch will be provided. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9 a.m. on Saturday, and the program is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. It should run until 2 p.m.

Blair attended South Plains College in Levelland and Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock. She owns and operates Great Plains Communications in Lubbock. She is a frequent speaker and Bible teacher.

The seminar is sponsored by the Fourth and Bedford Street Church of Christ in Dimmitt.

The worldwide use of fossil fuels has nearly doubled every 20 years since 1900.

Friday night is game night at Senior Citizens

The Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center will host game night on Friday nights, starting this Friday at 6 p.m.

All members of the center are encouraged to attend, and those interested in joining the Senior Citizens also are invited.

Those attending are invited to bring along a favorite game, or just

come and participate in the games on hand.

Membership is open to all who are age 55 or older, and the membership fee is only \$15 per year.

For more information, call the center at 647-2654, or Edith Graef at 647-4748 or Cleo Forson at 647-4313.

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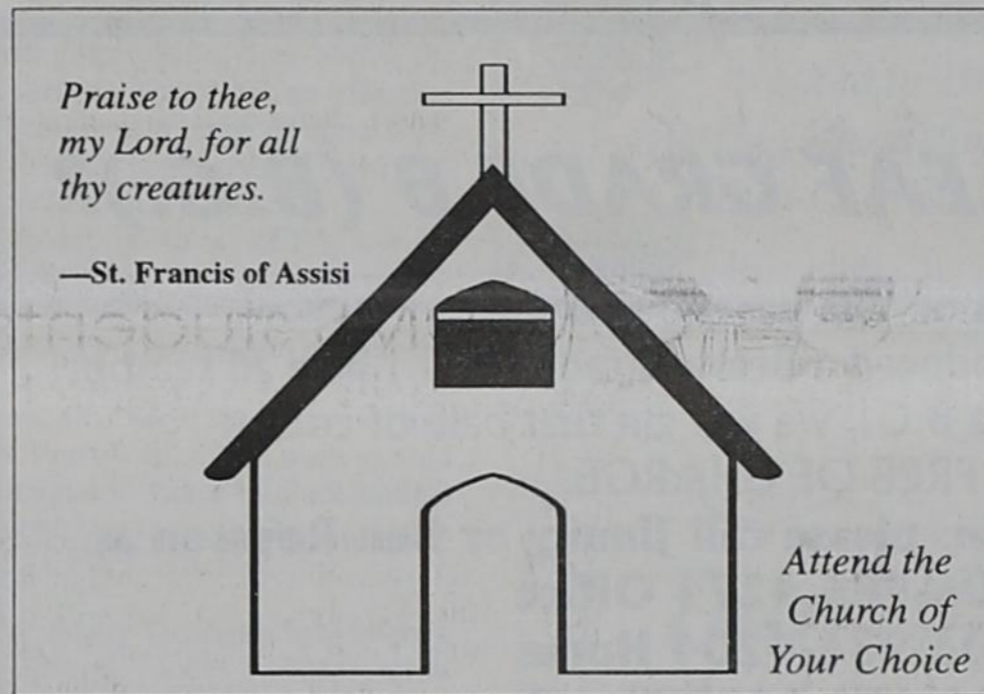
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Nutt is member of regional development board

Shelly Nutt of Dimmitt is a member of the Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation, which is a nonprofit corporation set up to contribute to the economic development of the region.

The group recently elected Scott Bentley of Amarillo as its president. Other officers elected include Nina Beth Hargrove of Perryton, vice president; Michael S. David of Amarillo, secretary; and Lori Vincent of Stratford, treasurer.

Other members of the board include Nutt, Greg Brown of Pampa, Donnie Johnston of Canadian, Rob Parker of Amarillo and Steve Seabourn of Amarillo.

The Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation is a US Small Business Administration certified development company which serves the top 26 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

It works with the Small Business Administration and private-sector lenders to provide financing to small businesses. Through the Small Business Association's 504 Loan Program, Texas Panhandle Regional Development Corporation enables expanding businesses or business start-ups to secure long-term, fixed-rate financing for major fixed assets, such as land and buildings.



IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAYS—Sixty-five frozen turkeys were donated recently to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which is administered by Panhandle Community Services in Dimmitt. The birds are being distributed to needy families and individuals in the county, mostly senior citizens, according to PCS. The distribution was made possible through donations from the Castro County Farm Bureau, the local chapter of the Re-

publican Organization of Women, and the Texas Corn Producers Board. Shown with some of the donated bounty are (from left) Maricela Flores and Lorena Corrales, PCS employees; Chris Cogburn, president of the board of CCFB; Kaye Stevens and Frances Duke, members of ROW; Jerry Don Glover of the TCPB; Doris Flynt, ROW member; and Richard Quiroz and Jerry Pena, employees of PCS.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

County residents to be honored at Texas Farm Bureau convention

Texas Farm Bureau will hold its 64th annual convention Nov. 28 through Dec. 2 in Lubbock and several Castro County residents will be honored.

The meeting will be held at the Lubbock Memorial Convention Center and one of the highlights of the

event is the Pioneer Awards ceremony.

Winner of this year's District 2 Award is the late Larry Hausman, past-president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

"We are pleased for his family because Larry did so much to pro-

mote agriculture in Castro County and in the state," said Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau. "He is very deserving of this award. Farm Bureau is proud to honor the pioneers of the organization who have devoted their lives to agriculture and county Farm Bureau units across the state."

"The Farm Bureau convention offers farmers and ranchers the opportunity to gather together to discuss, debate and adopt state policies which will guide the organization in 1999," said Cogburn. "The policy resolutions that will be discussed address issues important to agriculture and rural families."

More than a thousand voting delegates will adopt national policies that will be forwarded to the American Farm Bureau Federation for consideration at its national convention in Albuquerque, N.M., in January.

"Our state convention will offer several speakers, awards, presentations and youth contests during the five-day meeting."

Also on the agenda is the discussion meeting and Cogburn will be participating in this. Participants will be vying for the use of a 1999 1/2-ton Dodge Ram and \$500 on the state level. Those participating also will be eligible for a national prize of a 3/4-ton Dodge 4x4 and \$6,000 in Savings Bonds.

The Excellence in Journalism Award will be presented in three categories and the statewide award for subscribers of 50,000 or less will be presented to *Castro County News* editor Don Nelson.

Minding Your Own Business

Seeds of Smallness— Fifteen factors for failure

(Part Two of a two-part series)

By DON TAYLOR

In part one of this series, I gave you seven of the 15 factors for failure. One of the best ways to identify failure is to listen to what they say. The failure's words are negative, uncaring and self-serving. Their words become the seeds they plant for a harvest of smallness.

Read on my friends and study the words of flops. If you avoid sowing the seeds of failure, you can reap a harvest of success and great achievement.



Don Taylor

Thoughts for failure

• **I don't care.** This phrase actually means, I want what I want this moment and the consequences down the road are of no concern me." Watch people who say, "I don't care." You will often find them focused on *now* while avoiding the results that come *later*.

• **It's too late.** What the failures are actually saying here is that they are unwilling to pay the price. This is a cop out and a way to avoid work. It is seldom too late to do the right thing. Failure is easy; success carries a high price tag made up of work and diligence.

• **I didn't think.** Henry Ford said, "Thinking is the hardest work there is, which is the probable reason why so few engage in it." James Allen said, "You are today where your thoughts have brought you; you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you." I might add that if you think "after" you act it will increase your chances for failure.

• **I don't have an education.** This phrase means "I dropped out of high school" or "I don't want to go to college." "I can't afford to go to college" is not true today. Though education is costly, it is much less expensive than ignorance. A lack of education is no excuse except to the failures.

• **I quit.** When the going gets tough, quit. Failure is achieved by those who quit. (Especially by those who quit just a little too soon.) I remember reading a story as a child. It was about a man caught in a blizzard. He walked for hours trying to get home. Finally he gave up, laid down in the snow and rested. The following morning his family found his frozen body just a few yards from his front door.

• **I'm just as good as my friends.** The real question here is, "Are you soaring with the eagles or trotting with the turkeys?" Failures are always happy to be just like everyone else. It's the "I'm okay, you're okay" syndrome. This may mean: I'm happy being mediocre if you're happy being mediocre. Choose your friends carefully or they will ensure your failure.

• **I'm too tired.** One of my favorite sayings is this: Every day about 5 a.m. we must decide whether we are genuinely tired or just lazy. The failure quits at the first sign of fatigue. Those who rise above understand that what you achieve after you feel like stopping is the main difference between you and failure. When fatigue sets in, take a short break. Sit if you've been standing; stand if you've been sitting. Enjoy a healthy snack and then tackle one more task.

• **I'll do it tomorrow.** One guaranteed-to-grow failure seed is procrastination. Kay Lons said, "Yesterday is a canceled check; tomorrow is a promissory note; today is only the cash you have—so spend it wisely." The failure will put it off; the successful person will tackle it now.

Your life is like a field. What seeds will you sow? Seeds of failure, or those to make you grow?

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This year's observance of National Farm-City Week will begin Friday and will continue through Thanksgiving, which is Nov. 26.

During National Farm City Week, organizers strive to promote positive interaction between agriculture and industry. Producers and consumers form an inseparable chain that is

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Efficiency and productivity are at the heart of a strong working relationship between urban and rural interests, according to Chris Cogburn, president of the Castro County Farm Bureau.

"Since 1955, this special week has been celebrated to thank hard working individuals," Cogburn said. "Beginning with farmers, the labor of many people helps provide Americans with a bounty of quality food and fiber throughout the year."

Theme for National Farm-City Week is "Partners in Progress," and that illustrates that it is in every person's best interest for farms and cities to remain strong and healthy, Cogburn said.

"Neither farm nor city can exist in isolation," he said. "The message that we need each other must be communicated."

Today, more than 15,000 communities across the nation are involved in Farm-City Week programs. Local events emphasize the grassroots and range from banquets to mall displays and classroom visits and job exchanges between rural residents and city dwellers. Poster exhibits and contests, farm and business tours and special placemats in restaurants are just a sampling of the activities and events that will help commemorate Farm-City Week around the country.

For more information on National Farm-City Week or the council, contact Marsha Purcell at (847) 685-8600 or e-mail her at marshap@fb.com.

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project raised \$371.48, and ALCO Store Manager Al Campbell (left) is presenting a check for that amount to Kids, Inc. board members Shirley Brockman (second from left) and Rhenea Webb (third from left). Looking on is Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Water District staff begins pre-plant soil moisture survey

Personnel from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 and the US Dept. of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) are collecting data for the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey.

The annual survey is conducted to determine general pre-plant soil moisture availability and deficit trends within the 15-county High Plains Water District service area. Information gathered during the survey enables producers to conserve ground water by applying only what is needed to bring the five-foot root zone soil profile to field capacity during pre-plant irrigation.

There are areas within the Water District that are expected to have very good soil moisture conditions, according to Assistant Manager Ken Carver.

"The northern portions of Bailey, Lamb, Hale and Floyd counties as well as Castro, Parmer, Deaf Smith, Randall, Potter and Armstrong counties received heavy amounts of rainfall during the harvest season," Carver said. "The southern portions of Bailey, Lamb, Hale and Floyd counties, as well as Cochran, Hockley, Lubbock, Crosby and Lynn counties will likely show much drier conditions as they didn't receive the above-average rainfall amounts."

Three teams are not collecting pre-plant soil moisture data in the northern portion of the Water District. They will work their way south as the pre-plant soil moisture survey data collection progresses.

"We begin collecting data in November each year to avoid as much bad weather as possible," Carver said. "Also, we want to finish the survey before producers begin irrigating winter crops."

Arnold Husky and Scott Orr are taking soil moisture readings in

Armstrong, Castro, Deaf Smith, Potter and Randall counties. Terry Bridges and Glenn Blackmon are working in Crosby, Floyd, Hale, Lubbock and Lynn counties. Gerald Crenwelge and Becky Britten are working in Bailey, Cochran, Hockley, Lamb and Parmer counties. Weather permitting, data collection for the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey should be completed by the end of December.

Water District and USDA-NRCS personnel use troxler neutron moisture meters to gather data at more than 300 permanently-installed soil moisture monitoring sites within the Water District. Readings are taken at six-inch intervals throughout the five-foot root zone profile by lowering the neutron probe into a previously-installed aluminum access tube.

Precipitation information will be gathered from approximately 400 rain gauge sites during the last week of December.

Soil moisture monitoring sites are selected according to soil type, local crops grown and the saturated thickness of the Ogallala Aquifer, which indicates potential water well yields. Each site represents typical dryland or irrigated farming practices in the area where the site is selected.

Data collected is used to construct maps illustrating the amount of soil moisture available for plant use within the root zone soil profile and the amount of water needed to bring the soil profile to field capacity.

These maps, as well as the results of the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey, will be distributed to area news media and will be published in the Water District's monthly newsletter, *The Cross Section*, prior to the pre-plant irrigation season.

Additional information about the 1999 pre-plant soil moisture survey

is available from the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District No. 1 at 2930 Avenue Q, Lubbock 79405-1499, or by calling (806) 762-0181. The Water District's web site is located at www.hpwd.com and its e-mail addresses are hpwd@hpwd.com and info@hpwd.com.

Water District revises equipment loan guidelines

The High Plains Underground Water Conservation District has revised its agricultural water conservation equipment loan guidelines to make it easier for local producers to upgrade their partial dropline center pivot sprinkler systems to more efficient Low Energy Precision Application (LEPA) systems.

Under the revised guidelines, producers purchasing LEPA conversion kits for center pivot sprinkler systems are now able to secure a loan with an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or an assignment of assets, such as a certificate of deposit or securities.

Loans for other agricultural water conservation equipment such as surge valves, drip irrigation and center pivot sprinklers, must be secured with a first lien on the equipment. Additional security for these loans must be provided with either a deed of trust giving the district a lien on land, an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or the assignment of liquid assets, such as a certificate of deposit.

"The 1998 drought made farmers aware that irrigation application efficiency is necessary if they are going to have profitable irrigated farm management in today's economy. By relaxing our guidelines just a little, we hope this will encourage producers to take advantage of the ag loan program to obtain the funding needed to convert their partial dropline center pivots to LEPA systems," said Board President James P.

Garrison named 'distinguished alumni' by Texas Tech Ex-Student Association

Shirley Garrison of Hereford, who has had business and agriculture interests in Castro County for years, has been recognized as a "distinguished alumni" by the Texas Tech University Ex-Students Association.

Garrison and three other honorees were honored last week at a reception at the Merkel Alumni Center on the Texas Tech campus.

Garrison received a bachelor's degree in agriculture education in 1940.

This is not the first award Garrison has received from Texas Tech. In 1990 he was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the Tech College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

He has dedicated his life to the agriculture industry, starting during his service in the Army during World War II. During that period he helped restore agriculture, which had been devastated by the fighting, according to reports in the Nov. 11 issue of *The Hereford Brand*.

After the war, Garrison returned to the Texas Panhandle and began farming with his family near Idalou. Eventually, he branched out to other areas, including Castro, Deaf Smith and Parmer counties.

Garrison purchased farm land in the Easter community and has operated farms and grain elevators in Lubbock, Castro and Parmer counties.

He has been active as a civic leader in Hereford, and was instrumental in helping bring major industries to Deaf Smith County, according to *The Hereford Brand*.

Garrison became involved in finance in 1986 when he joined the First State Bank of Dimmitt, which later changed to First United Bank and grew with new branches in Lubbock, Earth and Seagraves.

Garrison was a charter stockholder in Southwest Feedyards and started Garrison Seed Co. He served on the board of directors of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and was chairman of the Hereford Economic Development Corp.

Garrison has earned Hereford's Ag Man of the Year award, presented by the Deaf Smith Chamber of Com-

merce. He was one of those involved in establishing the Hereford Senior Citizens Center and was president of the Senior Citizens Association board during its \$500,000 expansion years ago. He was a co-chairman of the Deaf Smith County Centennial Celebration in 1990.

According to *The Hereford Brand*, Garrison and his wife, Mildred, have established three graduate endowment fellowships, agriculture education/communication, agronomy and animal husbandry at Texas Tech and at McMurry University, where he has served as a trustee.

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"This show is a great opportunity for 4-H members to work on improving their showmanship skills," said a spokesperson of the Extension office.

Weight cards will be due at 10 a.m. the day of the show. At 9:30 a.m., there will be a short showmanship clinic on each of the three species of show animals—lambs, swine

and steers.

The lamb show will start at 1 p.m., followed by the steer show, then the swine show.

Those who are planning on taking lamb projects to the show and would like some help shearing should notify Castro County Extension Agent Benny Martinez the week before the show so that a shearing time can be scheduled.

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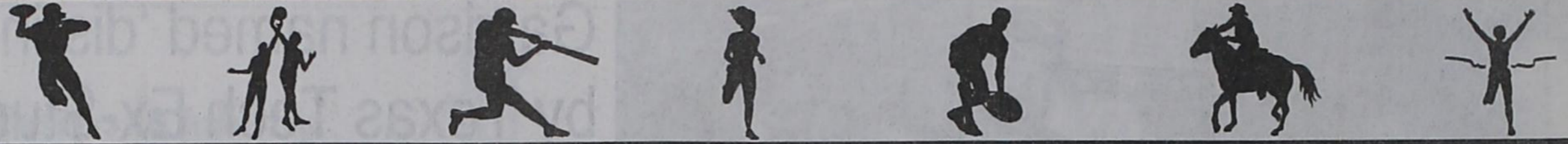
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Sports



Bobbies plan to 'run-and-gun'

Opposing teams had better have their running shoes on when they step onto the court with the Dimmitt Bobbies this season.

New Head Coach Chris Edwards says his Bobbies' primary offense this season will be the fast break.

Translation—Dimmitt's going to run-and-gun.

Edwards was raised at Idalou and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1992. He assisted two years at Brownfield and was head coach at Klondike one year before joining the Bobbies' staff as an assistant three years ago.

"There are some great coaches like Dean Weese at Levelland that are half-court people, real disciplined in their offense," Edwards said. "But our kids love that up-and-down ball game. I think we're going to have a lot of fun."

"I don't think there is anybody who can run the floor with our top five," Edwards said. "I like an up-tempo game. I like to run the floor. We're going to run a lot of full-court presses to try and wear the other team down."

"I've talked and talked with the girls about this. If a team slows down on us, we're kind of like sitting ducks. We've got to force the tempo," Edwards said.

"I think that with the type of kids we have, they're smart enough that they can freeline a little bit, too. I want to give them a little flexibility to use some of their other talents, but our primary offense will be the fast break. If we have to get into a secondary offense, we'll probably go with a three-guard front," Edwards said.

"If a team stops our running game, I think we can set up and challenge them, but our primary goal is to run the other team down. It may not be until the last two or three minutes of the game that we can blow the doors open, but we've got the run the other team out. When you look at our roster, we're not just real tall."

Graduation claimed four starters, and most of the height from last year's regional finalist team including all-stater Amy Matthews (6-1), all-regional Jacy Buckley (5-11), Heidi Weaver and Amy Matthews; and letterman Kim Newland (6-1) who moved.

Returning from last year's starting lineup is all-district guard Shawna Kenworthy, a 5-8 senior. Also back are several lettermen with a lot of varsity playing experience. They are 5-4 senior guard Stephanie Hinojosa, 5-11 senior post Tonya Robertson, 5-5 senior guard Heather Wise and 5-

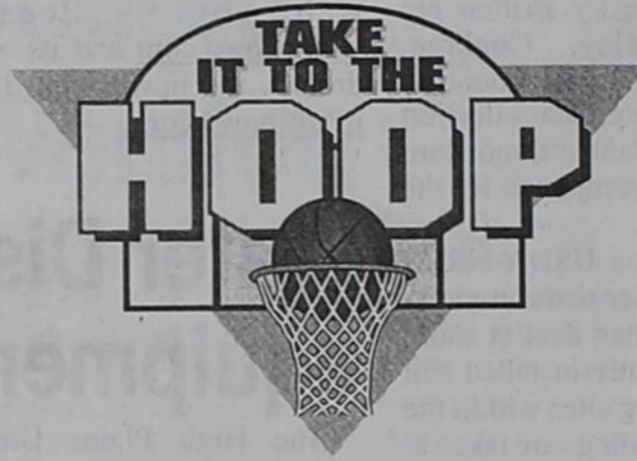


THE 1998-99 DIMMITT BOBBIES, with new coaches and lots of new faces, hope to run-and-gun their way back to the Region 1-3A finals this year. Kneeling, from left, are team manager Jenna Rosier, Heather Wise, Lori Schulte, Stephanie Hinojosa, Larissa Fuentes and team manager Dee Sloan. Standing, from left, are

team manager Kendra Shannon, Head Coach Chris Edwards, Ironica Traylor, Allison Roberson, Heather Black, Monica Ortiz, Tonya Robertson, Carol Summers, Julie Merritt, Shawna Kenworthy, Assistant Coach Jennifer Farris and team manager Tina Casneuf.

Photo by Don Nelson

10 junior forward Carol Summers. Those veterans will be Edwards'



Tip-off '98 Bobbies

starters and all can run the floor well, which fits right in with his game plan.

Newcomers to the varsity squad this year are Monica Ortiz, a 5-8 senior post; Allison Roberson, a 5-5 senior post; Larissa Fuentes, a 5-5

junior guard; Julie Merritt, a 5-8 junior wing/post; Ironica Traylor, a 5-5 junior post; Heather Black, a 5-7 sophomore wing/post; and Lori Schulte, a 5-2 sophomore guard.

Edwards will rely on Kenworthy

to be his play maker this season as she directs the offense from the point.

"Shawna's an excellent ball handler. She's one that we're going to look up to because she has by far the most varsity experience. We depend on her to set the pace for the team," Edwards said.

"Shawna's going to have to take more shots from the outside. She has the shot, it's just a matter of getting her to put it up, to not pass up a shot when she has one," Edwards said.

Hinojosa has earned the nickname "The Stealth" by fellow teammates because of her ability to sneak in and steal the ball. She will be a big defensive cog in the Bobbies' lineup.

"Stephanie gets some big plays for us. Really what we're going to utilize her for is her defensive ability. She's got really quick feet."

Edwards expects Robertson to step in and be a big offensive and defensive threat for the Bobbies.

"Tonya can run the floor just as well as Shawna. She's one of those kids who could be a great forward and could even play outside. She's an exciting player. She was out her sophomore year with a knee injury and didn't get a lot of playing time last year, but boy, she's exciting."

"I think by Christmas, or even before then, she's going to be rolling," Edwards said. "She can crash the boards and pull down some big-time rebounds. When she gets a little

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Meet the Bobbies



Stephanie Hinojosa	5-4 Senior	Guard
Shawna Kenworthy	5-8 Senior	Guard
Monica Ortiz	5-8 Senior	Post
Allison Roberson	5-5 Senior	Post
Tonya Robertson	5-11 Senior	Post
Heather Wise	5-5 Senior	Guard
Larissa Fuentes	5-5 Junior	Guard
Julie Merritt	5-8 Junior	Wing/Post
Carol Summers	5-10 Junior	Wing/Post
Ironica Traylor	5-5 Junior	Post
Heather Black	5-7 Sophomore	Wing/Post
Lori Schulte	5-2 Sophomore	Guard

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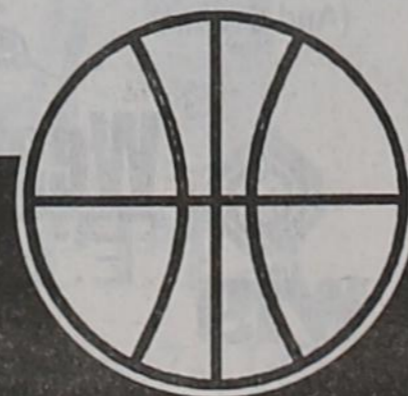
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12. Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

More about

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experience under her belt, she's going to be a major player. I think that later in the season, by the time we get into district, other teams had better take her seriously and may start double-teaming her."

One of the hardest workers on the Bobbies' roster this year is Wise, according to Edwards.

"Heather's attitude has been great. With a little confidence, she can be a big-time shooter for us. She sees the floor well, handles the ball well; if need be, she can step into our No. 1 position and play point. She's a smart player. We're going to use her to try to open up the inside a little bit.

Summers is an all-around player that Edwards says will help the Bobbies in a number of ways.

"We're looking at Carol as a utility player. She's going to play outside for us, but she's one of our taller players, so I'm going to play her inside some, too, and with her ability to take the baseline—she can handle the ball so well—she's going to be everywhere.

"Carol has a tremendous shot from the outside. It's just that we're in a dilemma this year and we're going to have to play her inside some. I'm looking at her taking the role of the small forward, and when you get her up there at the high post position, she

can take it to the basket. She also has the capability of bringing the ball down the floor."

Edwards says Ortiz is a hard worker who should be able to come in off the bench and give a few minutes.

Edwards will look to Fuentes and Merritt to be ready to come into the game if the starters get into foul trouble, and he also expects them to help the running game.

"If we're going to run as much as we need to, we're going to need fresh legs all the time," Edwards said. "Julie has really come on the last couple of weeks. She has a beautiful outside shot. She's becoming more aggressive and that's what it's going to take."

Another newcomer that Edwards expects to step up for the Bobbies is Roberson.

"She's not real tall but she has played hard inside for me for the last two years and knows what to do. She can pop out for a good shot. I look for her to be a real asset on the team," Edwards said.

Traylor will help out underneath, and even though she's just 5-6, "she's got a big heart," Edwards says she can "take the ball to the hole against anybody. I think we can get some mismatches on her and get

some big girls fouled out of the game."

He describes Schulte as a "sparkplug deluxe."

"If you look on the program and see that Lori's a 5-2 sophomore, you might count her out of the game," Edwards said. "But I'll tell you, she's the kind of kid who loves the game. She can see things and dish off quicker than anybody I've seen. I look for her to step up and really help us a lot because of her quickness. She's the type of kid who can go in and spark up a team if the momentum gets a little low."

Schulte and Black played with the older Bobbies at a team camp this summer.

Black is an excellent rebounder who Edwards says is aggressive and really gets after teams. "It's been fun to watch her grow," he said.

The Bobbies' goal this season is to bring home another district championship, then get to the regional tournament.

"Anything beyond that would be icing on the cake," Edwards said. "They're being realistic about it. They're mainly trying to get that common bond built between them, where they're playing together and that's going to be the key to our season—how well we can come

together as a team and play together as a team. I've told the girls many a time, the most talented teams most often don't make it to state. It's the teams that are able to play together that have the most success."

The Bobbies will have to start gelling early. Their schedule is a tough one from top to bottom, starting off with Class AAAA power Randall and the big Queen's Classic. The Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament will be filled with challenges, too.

"We've got a pretty tough schedule, but I think the girls understand the need for it and they've figured out what we need to do," Edwards said.

Things won't let up when district rolls around, either.

"I expect Perryton to be super-tough. They only lost one player and they had a couple of players step up off of their junior varsity at the end of last year.

"I don't think you can rule out Dalhart. They were tough last year. They had a lot of quickness and size and they played us tough. I also look for Fritch to come up and give everybody a run for their money.

"I think any team will be lucky to go through unscathed," Edwards said.

One advantage of Class AAA this season will be the new three-team playoff format. Half of the teams in Dimmitt's district will advance to the playoffs.

"It's a little different," Edwards said. "The first team will draw a bye,

so that first spot is an important spot.

"I wish I could boast that we're going to be world-beaters, but I think we're going to take a few lumps at first. But you know, sometimes in line, the harder you have to work, the more you appreciate what you accomplish."

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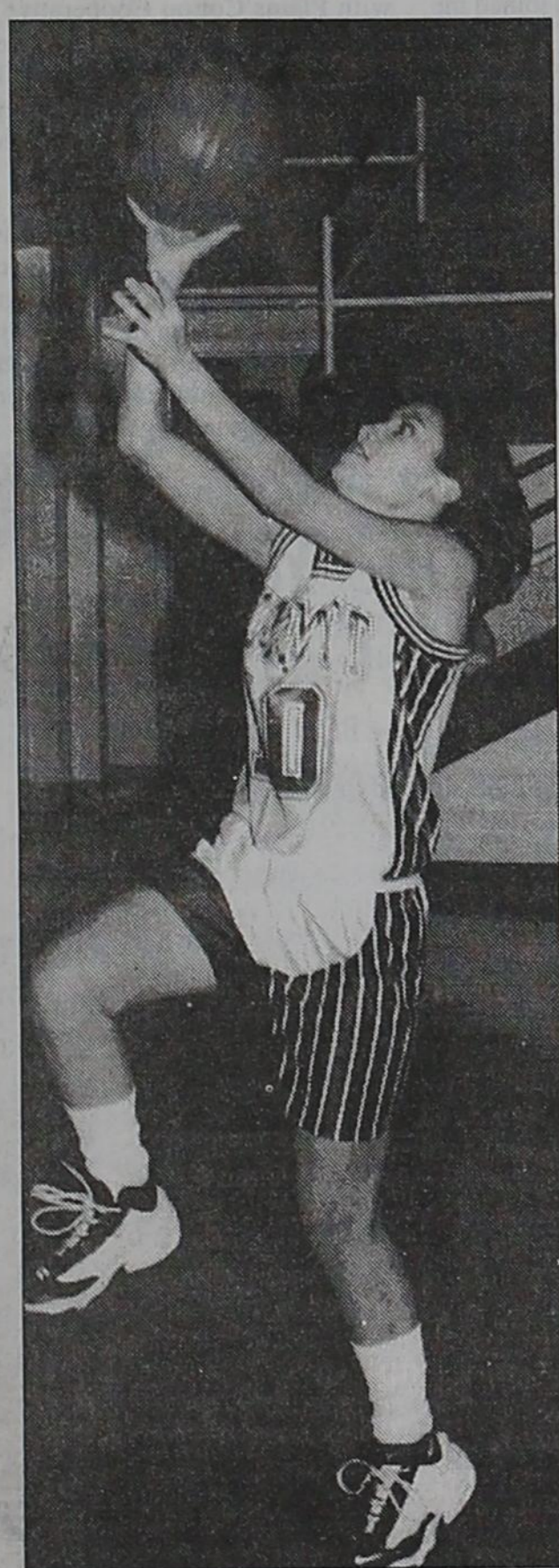
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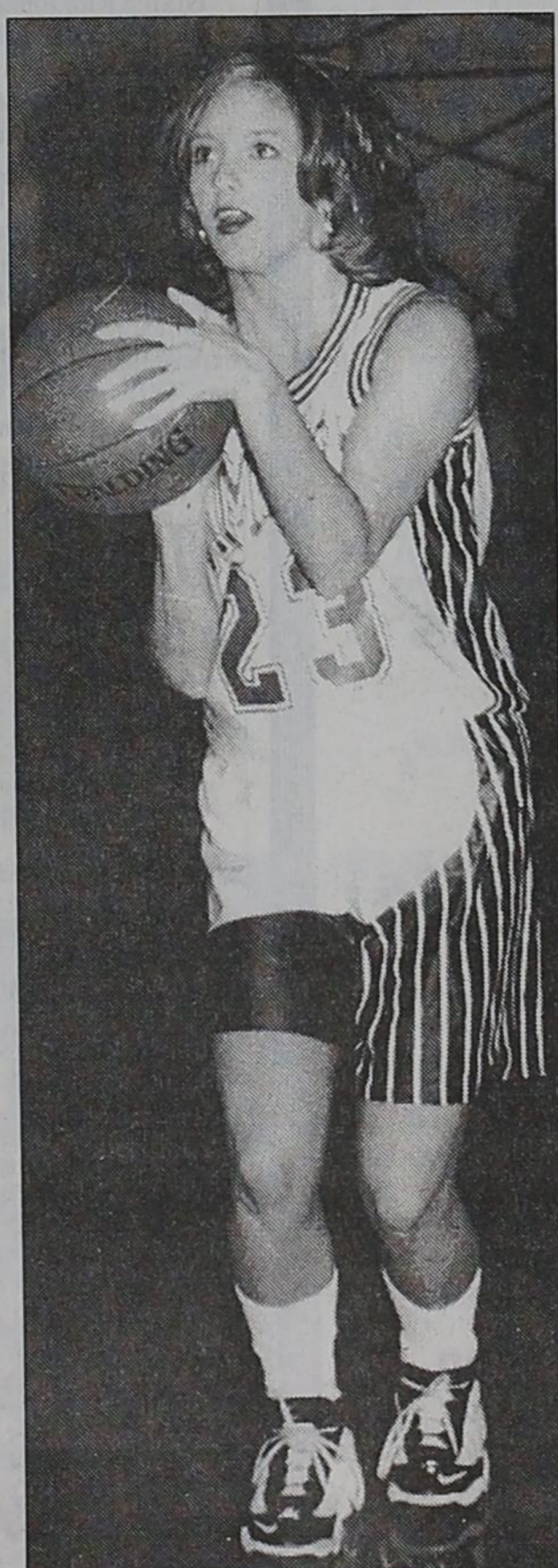
Nov. 20—Levelland, There
Nov. 24—Borger, Here
Nov. 26-28—Queens Classic (Girls), Plainview
Nov. 28—Farwell (Boys), There
Dec. 1—Hereford, There
Dec. 3-5—Lions Classic (Boys), Plainview
Dec. 4—Amarillo High (Girls), Here
Dec. 8—Muleshoe, There
Dec. 10-12—Seminole Tournament, Seminole
Dec. 18—Frona, Here
Dec. 19—Lubbock Cornado, There
Dec. 28-30—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock
Jan. 2—Littlefield, Here
Jan. 5—Slaton, There
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Feb. 26-27—Girls Regional, Lubbock
Mar. 5-6—Boys Regional, Lubbock
Mar. 4-6—Girls State, Austin
Mar. 11-13—Boys State, Austin

Bobbies 22, Randall 42
Season Record: 0-1

Bobcats 61, Randall 69
Season Record: 0-1



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Swiftettes aiming for district, regional, state

Physical strength and mental toughness—that's what Nazareth Coach Johnny Hampton says it's going to take to make the playoffs this year.

That's because the Swiftettes' district is one of the toughest in the state, in any classification.

"District is going to be very competitive. Our main goal this year is to focus on being one of the top two teams in district. There are going to be three playoff-caliber teams out of our district that won't get into the playoffs."

The Swiftettes, who finished as state runners-up last year, are ranked second in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) pre-season poll. District foe Sudan is the No. 1 team in the poll. Also mentioned in the pre-season poll is Springlake-Earth, which is ranked 15th. Vega and Hart, both playoff teams a year ago, round out the district.

"Our biggest challenge this year is going to be getting ready for district and being ready to play each game. There won't be any slack games once district begins."

Hampton does have a few experienced veterans back from last year, including two starters. They are

Cassie Birkenfeld, a 5-7 junior guard who averaged eight points and four caroms; and Shawna Gerber, a 5-7 sophomore guard, who contributed 10 points and two steals.

Also back are lettermen Tiffany Schmucker, a 5-7 senior post; Jayme Schmucker, a 5-7 senior guard; Sara Schulte, a 5-6 junior guard; and Whitney Hoelting, a 5-10 sophomore guard.

Joining the varsity lineup are 5-10 senior post Laura Birkenfeld, 5-7 freshman guard Stephanie Thiel, 5-4 junior guard Mindi Ethridge, 5-5 senior guard Mandy Birkenfeld and 5-6 junior guard Jill Schulte.

Hampton's starting five will feature Laura Birkenfeld and Hoelting inside with Gerber and Cassie Birkenfeld at the wings and Thiel at the point.

"I've been very pleased with our workouts so far. I think we'll be a lot better than we anticipated," Hampton said. "They're all pretty good shooters and we encourage all of them to shoot. Our bench is experienced, too. Several of them have been on varsity for a couple of years."

Hampton said although the Swiftettes have some experience, they're still young overall.

"We've got a lot of growing to do.



THE NAZARETH SWIFTETTES hope to repeat as Region 1-A champions again this season and those who will be battling for that goal are (from left) Mandy Birkenfeld, Jill Schulte, Tiffany Schmucker, Jayme Schmucker, Cassie Birkenfeld, Laura Birkenfeld, Whitney Hoelting,

Stephanie Thiel, Sara Schulte, Shawna Gerber and Mindi Ethridge. The Swiftettes opened the 1998-99 season Tuesday night at Friona. Coaches are Johnny Hampton and Amy Huseman.

Photo by Anne Acker

We have to find people to step up and fill the holes left by last year's seniors (all-stater K'Lynn Gerber, Amy Pohlmeier, and Tanya Wethington). But this group works hard and they stay focused."

Hampton hopes to build on the experience earned by returning starters Cassie Birkenfeld and Gerber.

Cassie Birkenfeld has been on varsity since she was a freshman and Hampton said she's really improved her game since last year.

"Cassie's playing as good as she ever has right now. She has a great attitude and she's moving well. She can play anywhere, too. She's just a good, all-around player."

Gerber was a big offensive threat as point guard last year, and Hampton expects her to be improved this year.

"Shawna's a great offensive player. She loves to score. She doesn't mind missing, either. She just keeps on shooting," Hampton said.

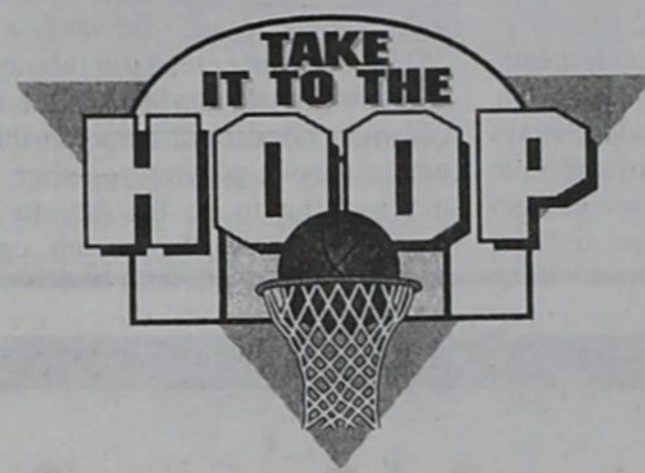
Laura Birkenfeld will crack the starting lineup for the first time. The senior was on varsity her freshman year but a knee injury sidelined her for the past two seasons.

"Laura's got good size and she just keeps getting better every day. She missed her sophomore year because of her knee. She tried to come back last year. Then she fell on the ice and broke her kneecap. She's been recuperating ever since, but now she's getting motion back and should be a big help to us."

Hoelting saw quite a bit of action as a freshman last year and she gained valuable experience. Her size, along with Laura Birkenfeld's, could be intimidating for opposing teams.

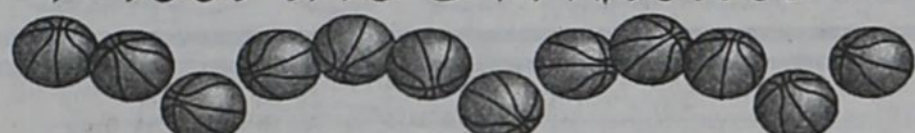
Hampton said Hoelting has grown and gotten stronger since last year and he looks for her to be a big contributor.

Thiel may be a freshman, but Hampton said she's logged a lot of hours through AAU play.



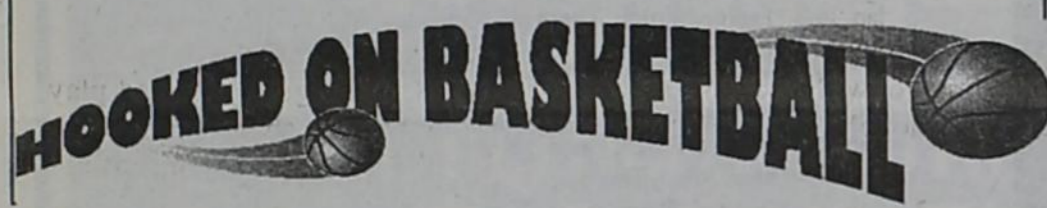
Tip-off '98 Swiftettes

Meet the Swiftettes



Cassie Birkenfeld	5-7 Junior	Guard
Shawna Gerber	5-7 Sophomore	Guard
Stephanie Thiel	5-7 Freshman	Guard
Sara Schulte	5-6 Junior	Guard
Mindi Ethridge	5-4 Junior	Guard
Mandy Birkenfeld	5-5 Senior	Guard
Whitney Hoelting	5-10 Sophomore	Post
Tiffany Schmucker	5-7 Senior	Post
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"Stephanie handles the ball well and she has some great moves. She's our point guard, but she can play inside as well."

Hampton expects his bench to contribute a lot this year, especially the Schmucker twins and Sara Schulte, who know the ropes and what it takes to get to the state tournament.

"Tiffany and Jayme are both excellent shooters, although I think Tiffany has more range on her shot. She's more of a threat from three-point range. Both of them handle the ball really well. Sara brings a lot of quickness and defense to our lineup when she's in the game. She's got a lot of hustle. She could be a starter as we get into the season."

He said Ethridge, Jill Schulte and Mandy Birkenfeld all do good jobs in practice.

"I won't be afraid to put any of them in games down the road," Hampton said.

The Swiftettes will apply an aggressive, man-to-man defense against most teams.

Invitational, I-27 Tournament and the big Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament.

"We have to focus on district first, but our ultimate goal is always winning state."

This year's Swiftettes want that 18th trip to Austin and the school's 14th girls' state trophy.

Hampton said his defense isn't where he'd like it to be at this point in the season, but it's improving each day.

"We'll mix in a little zone defense every now and then. Today you can't rely on one or the other (man or zone). You've got to mix it up. We'll press if we think it'll do well, especially if we're up against teams that have problems handling the ball."

The Swiftettes will have plenty of opportunities to test their skills and work on those defenses before the tough district schedule begins in January.

Nazareth's non-district schedule includes some of the best teams in the area as well as some of the top tournaments in the state—Canyon

NGSP hires Johnson

Norma Ritz Johnson has joined the National Grain Sorghum Producers (NGSP) as communications and membership director. She will be responsible for managing the organization's communications activities, public relations efforts, and other media relations functions in addition to directing strategic membership programs and initiatives.

Johnson has almost five years of experience as chief of marketing for the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's West Texas region. She also was

with Plains Cotton Cooperative Association in Lubbock for four years, after graduating from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural education and communications.

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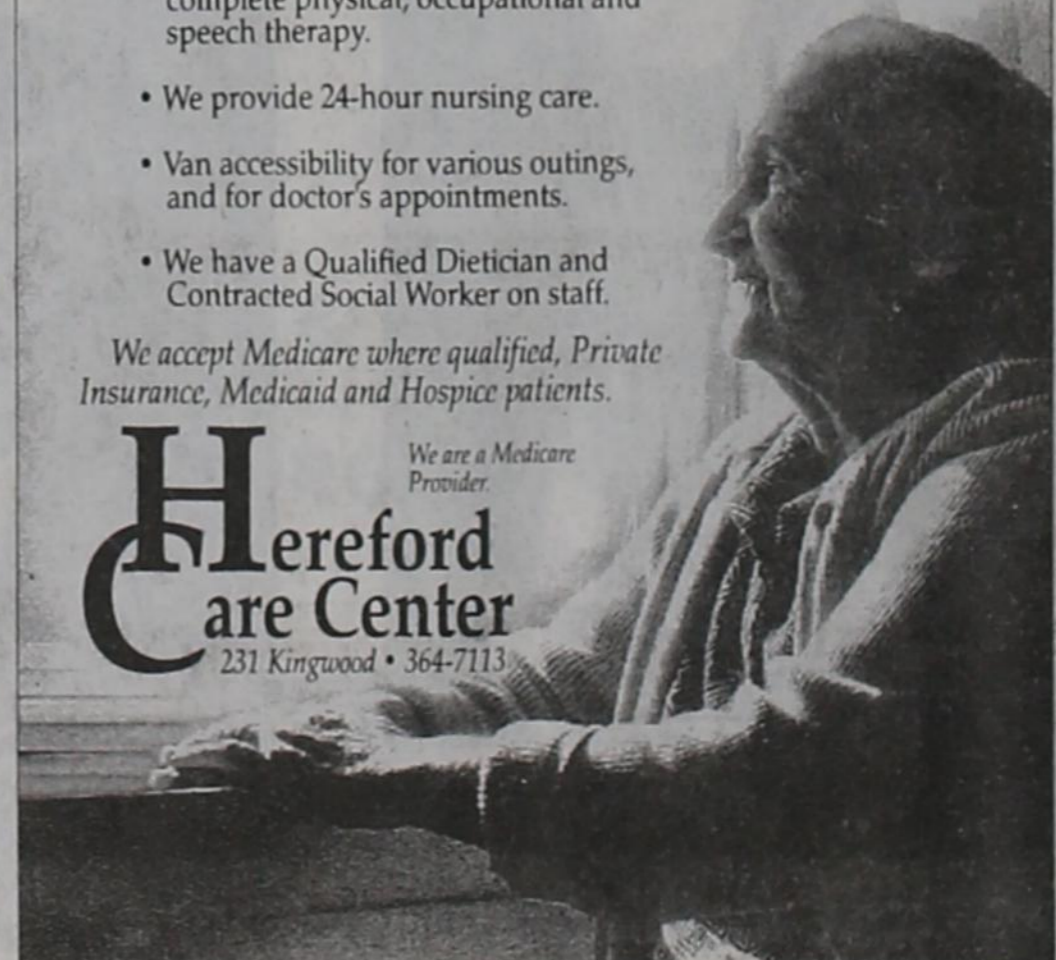
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Aggressive Lady Horns like up-tempo game

The Hart Lady Horns might be small, but they pack a giant-sized wallop and can destroy opposing teams with their quickness and agility.

They'll need every ounce of that plus some to achieve their goal of returning to the playoffs this year.

Hart has dropped from Class AA to Class A this year, and UIL placed the Lady Horns in the toughest Class A district in the state. They'll be battling state-ranked Sudan, Nazareth, Springlake-Earth and Vega for one of two playoff berths.

"We're going to have to be ready to step on the floor every week. Our main goal this year is just to get through district. Last year, all five of the district teams were still in the playoffs in the area round," said Hart Coach Lucrecia Shropshire, who takes over the reins this year after Rachelle Wilcox resigned the post. Shropshire had served as Wilcox's assistant for years.

Shropshire welcomes back three returning starters and four other lettermen from last year's playoff team.

That trio of returning starters includes 5-7 senior point guard Ysa Rodriguez, 5-4 senior wing Veronica Gonzales and 5-10 sophomore post Geneva Finch. Lettermen are 5-7 junior post Angelica Perales, 5-7 senior Wyndi Law, 5-4 senior guard Raquel Garcia and 5-7 senior Valerie Key.

Joining the veterans on the varsity quad this season will be 5-4 junior Becky Guzman, 5-5 sophomore Vanessa Carrasco, 5-6 junior Amanda Ethridge, 5-6 junior Lindsey Montemayor and 5-6 senior Denise Morales.

Shropshire is planning to build her starting lineup around the three veterans with Rodriguez controlling the offense from her point guard position. Gonzales and Carrasco will be at the wings and Finch and Perez will be posts. Garcia could be a part-time starter, too.

Rodriguez was the Lady Horns' second-leading scorer and led the team in assists and steals a year ago. She popped in 337 points, had 124 assists and 96 steals.

Gonzales was right behind Rodriguez in each category, scoring 320 points, and recording 121 assists and 82 steals.

As a freshman, Finch was good for 215 points and 155 boards last season.

That's a strong nucleus on which to build.

"The corps of our offense is back and that helps because they can read off of each other so well. They're good at cutting to the basket and covering," Shropshire said. "They all run the floor well and they all can handle the ball. That'll help us out on fast breaks.

"Veronica and Vanessa really run the floor well. Anytime we get a rebound they're taking off down the floor and Ysa will usually find one of them open," Shropshire said.

Hart plans to use its quickness on both ends of the floor, employing an up-tempo game with presses and in-your-face defense.

"We're small, but aggressive. The girls aren't scared to get in and mix it up with bigger teams," Shropshire said. "Geneva's the only big girl we've got, but she's quick and she can intimidate people."

Shropshire hopes the Lady Horns



THE HART LADY HORNS are ready for action and hope to earn a return trip to the playoffs. Team members are (kneeling, from left) Denise Morales and Becky Guzman; (second row, from left) Lindsey Montemayor, Raquel Garcia, Geneva Finch, Ysa Rodriguez and Valerie Key; and (back row, from left) Angelica Perales, Assistant Coach Amanda Kirkpatrick, Vanessa Carrasco, manager Rebecca Montemayor, Wyndi Law, manager Teresa Rodriguez, Veronica Gonzales, Amanda Ethridge, Head Coach Lucrecia Shropshire, Amanda Ethridge and manager Amy Carrasco. Photo by Neoma Williams

will be able to create a lot of their offense from their press, and she'll rely on the veterans to get the job done.

"Ysa and Veronica run the top of our press. They put a lot of pressure on ball handlers and they come up with a lot of steals. Vanessa fits in really well with them, too."

"These girls do a good job of trapping and double teaming and the others are great at rotating to the ball. They don't ever quit. They get after it all the time," Shropshire said.

Hart will run some zone presses and has worked on half-court sets as well.

"We haven't worked on a man press, but I think they would be fine running that, too. Our main press will be the 2-2-1. The kids have worked on it for so long. They know it and really believe in it."

From the press, Hart will drop back into a man-to-man defense most of the time, but Shropshire said she won't hesitate to apply a zone defense if the situation warrants.

Perales and Finch will be Hart's top rebounders.

Angelica has a good vertical jump and she's very aggressive underneath. She'll really help us on rebounding. She's also spent some time improving her outside shot."

Shropshire said Carrasco does a good job of cutting to the basket and she has a good outside shot.

Gonzales does a good job off of the penetration, hitting the layup or dishing off to the open girl. She can shoot outside.

Rodriguez also is deadly off of the

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penetration, according to Shropshire. "Ysa's got great hands and that shows with her steals off of the press. And with her quickness she can really penetrate and hurt people."

Garcia saw a little bit of playing time last year, and Shropshire said she could crack the starting lineup this season.

"Raquel's a ball of fire. She's aggressive, even though she's tiny. She's so quick, and she's becoming better at shooting outside."

"Wyndi will play post and she'll be able to come in and give the starters a breather. She's good at pinning the defenders."

Key will come in off the bench, spelling the wings and Shropshire said she expects Key to maintain the

level of play set by the starting five..

Morales hasn't had any varsity experience, but Shropshire says she's worked hard on her outside shot, and has improved her three-point shooting in the off season. She could turn out to be a big offensive threat for the Lady Horns.

Shropshire expects Ethridge to be able to come in at different positions.

"Amanda may be point or wing. And on the press, she knows how to handle herself in all of the spots. She'll be able to step in and fill anyone's shoes. She's not as quick as some of the other girls, but she's very smart."

Montemayor will be a post player, and even though she's small, she plays "bigger than she is," according to Shropshire.

Guzman will see action at the post and wing, and Shropshire says she is a fighter. "She gets in there and battles for rebounds. She's versatile and it will help us having her play both the wing and post.

One of the things Shropshire would like to see her team improve on would be shooting.

"We've got good shooters. They're all capable, they just need to develop some confidence."

If that confidence develops before district and if the Lady Horns can stay healthy, look for them to challenge the perennial powers for the district title.

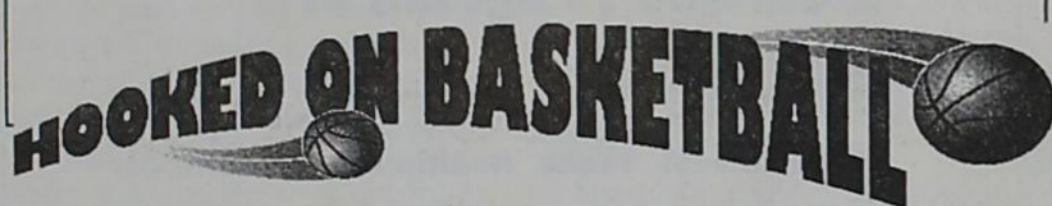
"I think if we get down and play every night, we should be in the thick of the district race," Shropshire said.

Meet the Lady Horns

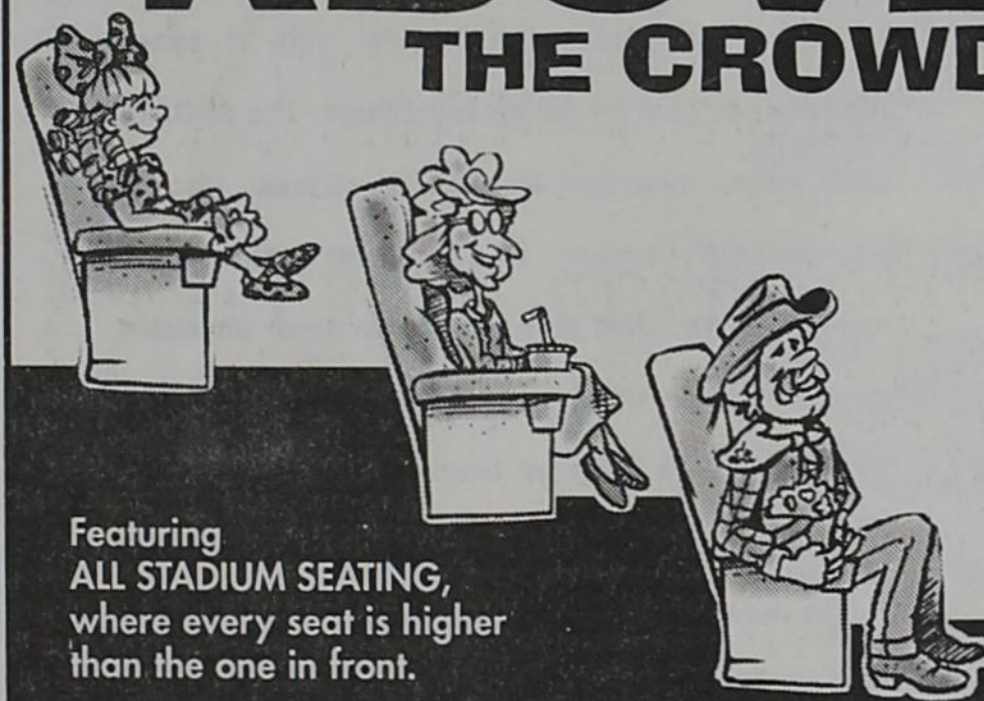


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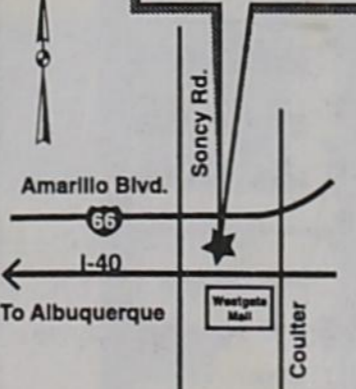
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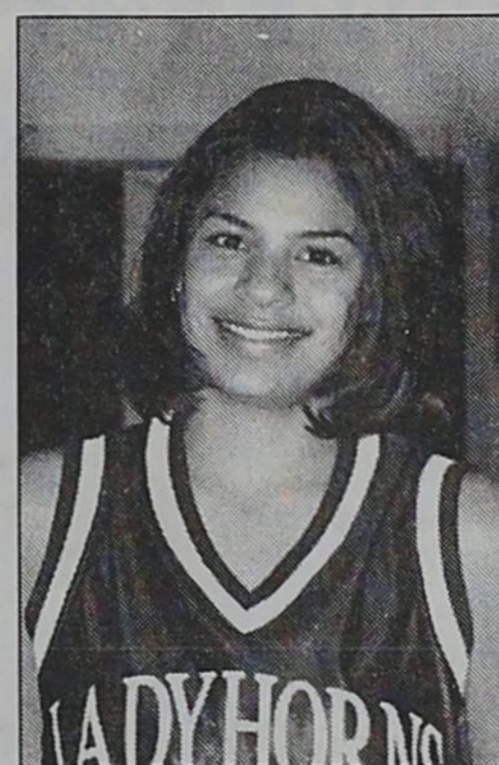
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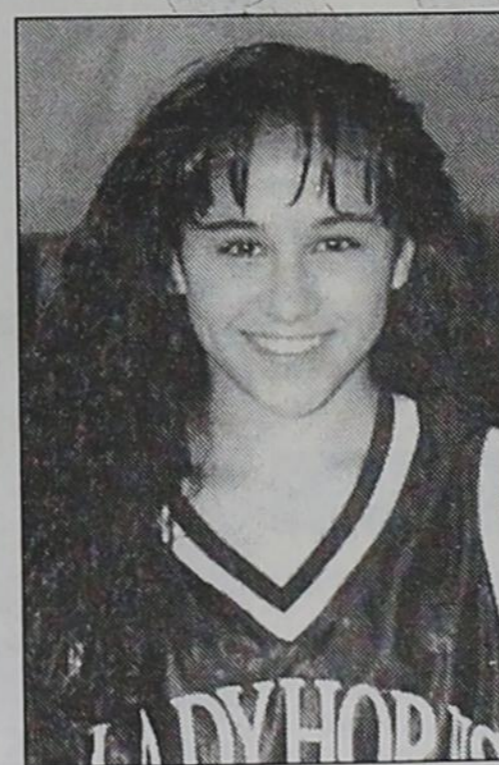
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STRATEGY SESSION—Hart Coach Lucretia Shropshire (right) gives Valerie Key some tips as the senior runner warms up before the Class A state cross country race Saturday morning at Old Settlers' Park in Round Rock. Key managed a 21st-place finish out of 106 runners in the field.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

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NAZARETH'S SARA SCHULTE is hot on the heels of one of her foes at the Class A state cross country meet Saturday morning at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock. The Swiftettes finished second in the state title race with Danette Ramaekers earning a fourth-place finish among all runners. Schulte placed 46th in the race. All of the Swiftette runners finished among the top 51.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Fall sports banquet set Saturday

Dimmitt High School will hold a Fall Sports Banquet Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and the public is invited to attend.

Tickets for the meal, to be held at the Richardson Elementary School east cafeteria, are \$5 per person.

The banquet will honor athletes who participated in football and cross country for the 1998 season.

NVFD sets turkey shoot

The Nazareth Volunteer Fire Dept. has slated a turkey shoot for Sunday, starting at 1 p.m. and lasting until dark.

It will be held on the west side of the draw 3½ miles north of Nazareth on FM 168.

There will be trap shooting only, and 12-gauge shotgun shells will be available at \$5 per box.

Cash prizes will be offered, and the proceeds will benefit the projects of the fire department.

Harris Picks

Here's how the Harris Rating System picks this week's area playoff games.

Perryton 3 over Monahans
 Breckenridge 13 over Abilene Wylie
 River Road pick vs. Colorado City
 Childress 8 over Glen Rose
 Crane 14 over Muleshoe
 Wheeler 14 over Happy
 Sudan 8 over Marfa
 Gruver pick vs. Springlake-Earth
 Wink 10 over O'Donnell
 Roscoe 6 over Paducah
 Spearman 9 over New Deal
 Seagraves 3 over Iraan
 Highland Park 3 over Albany
 Canadian 21 over Jim Ned
 Sonora 7 over Post
 Plainview 8 over El Paso Ysleta
 E. Paso Riverside 7 over Pampa
 Borger 6 over El Paso Burgess
 Amarillo 12 over El Paso Socorro

A good listener is not only popular everywhere, but after a while he gets to know something.

—Wilson Mizner

Bobbies to meet Lockney in Queen's Classic opener

The Dimmitt Bobbies hope to have a few Lady Horns for Thanksgiving supper next Thursday, Nov. 26.

Dimmitt and Lockney will meet in a first-round game of the Queen's Classic on Thanksgiving Day in Plainview. Game time is 6 p.m. at the Hutcherson Center on the campus of Wayland Baptist University.

The Dimmitt-Lockney matchup is one of four high school games on tap next Thursday.

Other first-round games on Thanksgiving pit Plainview against Corpus Christi W.B. Vega at 9:30 p.m., Levelland against Ray at 12 noon and Randall versus Farwell at 10:30 a.m.

If the Bobbies beat Lockney, they will advance to the championship

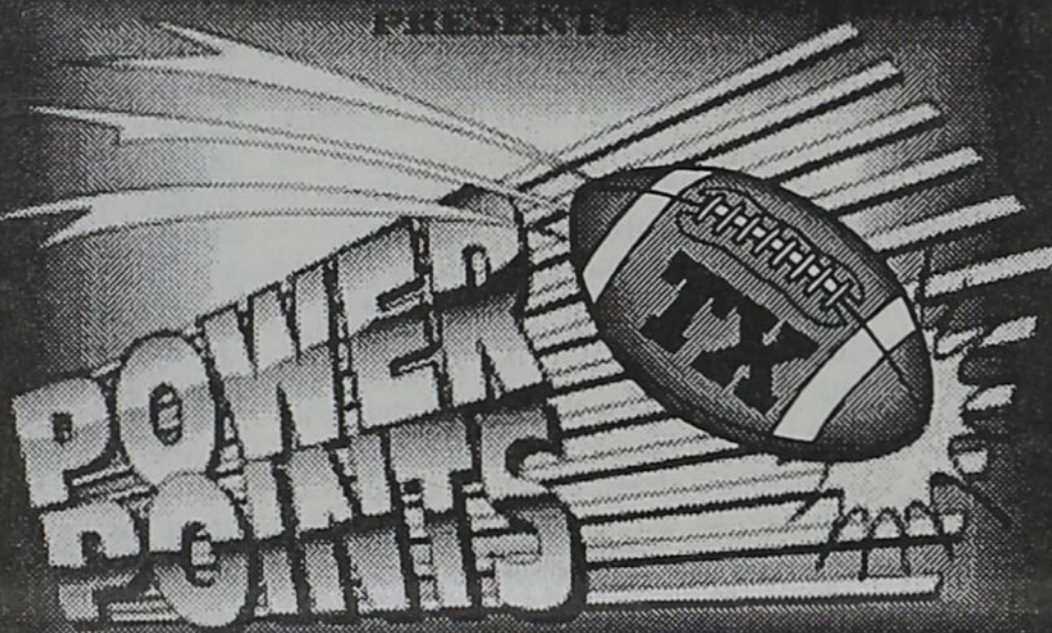
semifinal round Nov. 27 at 9:30 p.m. against the winner of Plainview and W.B. Ray. The losers of the two games will square off Nov. 27 in a consolation semifinal at 12 noon.

The schedule on Saturday, Nov. 28, opens with the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., followed by the consolation championship at 12 noon. The championship half of the bracket features the third-place game at 6 p.m. and the championship at 9:30 p.m.

The college division of the tournament features Wayland Baptist University, McKendree College, Simon Fraser, Lubbock Christian, Arkansas Tech, Southern Colorado, Southwestern Oklahoma and Texas Lutheran.

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TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.

TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Minnesota at Dallas	Philadelphia at Green Bay
Pittsburgh at Detroit	Tampa Bay at Chicago
Arizona at Kansas City	Buffalo at New England
Atlanta at St. Louis	Tennessee at Seattle
Carolina at NY Jets	Washington at Oakland
Indianapolis at Baltimore	Denver at San Diego
Jacksonville at Cincinnati	NY Giants at San Francisco
New Orleans at Miami	Texas A&M at Texas

WEEK 13 Games of Nov. 26 - 30	
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136 TOTAL POINTS

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State (zip) _____
 Day Phone () _____
 Night Phone () _____

POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES

- Object of the game is to amass as many of the 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and decide which game you are SUREST of picking a winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, you win 16 points. Write the name of your second-surest winner on the 15-point line, and so on down to the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by both teams in the week's designated game. If this step fails to produce a winner, the judges will apply Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage in this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing will be held among those contestants still tied. Decisions of the judges are final. The weekly statewide winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.
- Any entry form that does not contain a legible name, address, etc., will be disqualified.
- Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each and every game will be disqualified, as will entries that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of New York.
- No points are awarded on tie games or in case any game is not played for any reason during its scheduled week.
- Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permission by contestant for his or her name and photograph to be used for news and reasonable promotional purposes at no charge.
- Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are ineligible to participate.
- Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results must be made by noon on the Friday following the announcement of winners.
- No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating co-sponsors.
- Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form.
- Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen or damaged in any way.
- Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, "systems" or other attempts to enter multiple entries will be disqualified. Filing out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior to grading.
- Contestants must have reached the age of eight (8) years by the Sunday of any week's play.

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SOME EATING, SOME JUST LOOKING—It was a rare person, indeed, who wasn't eating at the holiday spread put on by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Friday at the Expo building. The Thanksgiving Dinner and Bazaar served an estimated 270

and brought in approximately \$3,000 for the organization. Eating his meal is Evan Riley, 3, (left) and taking a break is his brother, Joshua, 2, held by their father, Jody.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cotton Talks

Farmers and ranchers across the state of Texas are approaching an important deadline for the removal of non-exempt underground storage tanks. Contrary to rumor, there is no planned extension of the deadline.

Owners of non-exempt underground storage tanks that have not yet been upgraded to comply with new leak detection, corrosion, containment and overflow requirements are subject to fines after Dec. 22.

The Dec. 22 deadline is rapidly approaching and many farmers are still confused about whether the underground storage tanks on their property should be removed.

Officials from the Lubbock office of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) have explained that there is an exception for underground storage tanks (and any connected piping) with a capacity of 1,000 gallons or less if those tanks are used for storage for motor fuel for noncommercial purposes. This "small farm" exemption is provided under the Texas Water Code, 26.344.

TNRCC officials also stress the importance of having an accurate facility registration on file with their office if underground storage tanks have been removed or modified to

comply with the new requirements. Amendments to facility registrations should be made as necessary.

Questions about underground storage tanks and whether or not they meet the small farm exemption criteria can be directed to the Region 2 office of the TNRCC in Lubbock by calling (806) 796-7092.

The 1998 boll weevil grid trapping project conducted by Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service has come to its season's end.

Boll weevil traps spread across 28 High Plains counties have been monitored weekly since April to determine the development and spread of boll weevil populations during the 1998 cotton growing season.

High temperatures and arid conditions over the entire summer not only took a toll on cotton fields, but also on this economically damaging insect; however, even as the area's two million acres of irrigated cotton made a surprising comeback in spite of the challenging weather, so did the boll weevil.

By late September, thousands of weevils had made it through the hot summer and had spread as far north

and west as Muleshoe, and some were even spotted in the Hereford area. The population growth dynamics of the boll weevil can easily allow an early season mating pair to generate a quarter of a million or more viable offspring in a cotton growing season.

Between the first week in May and the last week in October, 604,452 weevils were trapped in the 1,073 traps gridded across 28 counties. The area trapped covered the entire High Plains extending from Deaf Smith County in the north to Midland County in the south; from the New Mexico state line eastward to Motley, Dickens and Kent Counties.

In a normal year, more than 3.5 million acres of cotton is planted in the High Plains of Texas.

Swine validation set today

All youth in Castro County who are planning on exhibiting swine at this year's Junior Livestock Show and sale or at any other major show must have their swine validated before Nov. 30.

The Swine Validation Committee started validating swine projects last week at the Dimmitt FFA Farm.

Today (Thursday) at 3 p.m., the committee will continue validating at the 4-H Livestock Center in Dimmitt. All 4-H and FFA members around the Dimmitt area are encouraged to bring their swine projects to the 4-H Livestock Center.

All FFA members in the Hart area should check with Mr. Tucker concerning swine validation dates.

For more information, contact Benny Martinez or Rebel Royall at the Extension office or your local ag teacher.



What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for Nov. 19-27.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Flakes Cereal, grape juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh bananas and milk.

MONDAY: Scrambled eggs with biscuit, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY: Rice Krispies cereal, apple slices and milk.

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and milk.

FRIDAY: Cheese enchilada with sauce, refried beans, guacamole salad and milk.

MONDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, jellied applesauce, jalapeno peppers and milk.

TUESDAY: Baked fish Scandia, French fries, tossed salad, cornbread and milk.

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory green beans, tossed salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken and noodles, ham and cheese sandwich or cheese enchilada with sauce; potatoes au gratin, potato chips or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, guacamole salad or peaches; banana bread squares, cheese rolls, Spanish rice, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

MONDAY: Choice of chicken fried steak, nachos with cheese or enchiladas; mashed potatoes with gravy, Mexipinto beans or Fideo Mexicano; tossed salad, jellied applesauce or fresh spinach salad; tortilla chips, hot rolls or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

TUESDAY: Choice of baked fish Scandia, macaroni and cheese or fajitas with sauted onions; French fries, refried beans or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, pasta salad, or rainbow salad; cornbread, wheat rolls or flour tortilla; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, Lucky Charms Cereal, fruit juice and milk.

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

TUESDAY: Pancakes, sausage, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, variety of cereal and milk.

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

Elementary Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or spaghetti and meat sauce; toast, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili and cheese; salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert and milk.

MONDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, fresh fruit and milk.

TUESDAY: Hot dog on a bun, sliced cheese, chili, peaches, gelatin dessert, nugget cookie and milk.

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

High School Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of burrito, pizza or lasagna with ground beef; wheat rolls, salad, peaches, green beans, gelatin dessert, and milk, punch or tea.

FRIDAY: Choice of submarine sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili and cheese; salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.

MONDAY: Choice of steak finger basket, chicken sandwich or chicken strips and nuggets; gravy, mashed potatoes, peaches, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.

TUESDAY: No school—P.A.Y. Day.

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

NAZARETH Breakfast

THURSDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

FRIDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange juice and milk.

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

WEDNESDAY: No school.

THURSDAY: No school.

FRIDAY: No school.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Turkey and a roll or pizza, tossed salad, dressing, cranberry sauce, pumpkin dessert and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: * Soft tacos or pizza, lettuce, pinto beans, apples, peanut butter bar and milk or juice.

MONDAY: * Chicken taco casserole or pizza, tossed salad, sopapillas, corn, pickles, pears and milk or juice.

TUESDAY: * Ham sandwich, ham and turkey hoagie or corn dog, lettuce, tater tots, peas, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.



ALL-STATE PERFORMANCE. Danette Ramaekers of Nazareth concentrates on keeping her footing on the slick track at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock Saturday morning. The freshman runner paced the Swiftettes in the Class A state championship cross country race, finishing fourth overall to lead her team. The Swiftettes finished second as a team.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

TODAY'S THE DAY
Stop Smoking.
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County residents should order windbreak trees now

A tree standing alone adds a certain aesthetic quality to rural living, but the systematic planting of trees and shrubs in a windbreak becomes a management tool that affects every aspect of a farm or ranch, according to officials with the Texas Forest Service.

Now is the time for Castro County landowners to order windbreak seedlings produced by the Texas Forest Service West Texas Nursery in Lubbock. Orders should be placed soon, before preferred stock is sold out, according to Robert Fewin, Texas Forest Service forester.

To order windbreak seedlings this fall or for more information, contact the Running Water Soil and Water Conservation District at 647-2153 or the Texas Forest Service at (806) 746-5801.

Windbreaks protect the soil, increase land value and crop yields and reduce livestock weight loss and death rate, but producing a high-performance windbreak requires more than just planting a line of trees.

Prior to planting a windbreak, landowners should determine the area or structure in need of protection, trees species adaptable to the planting region and the planting dimensions of the break, whether it is a homestead, livestock, field or wildlife windbreak or a living snow fence.

A planting dimension, such as proper spacing, prevents crowding and reduces tree stress, which also decreases insect and disease susceptibility, thus extending the life of the windbreak. Generally, each tree row should be planted 20 feet apart with 10- to 25-foot spacing between each tree within that row.

When designing a windbreak, multiple rows of evergreens and deciduous trees and shrubs should be planted. The purpose of the windbreak dictates the number of rows required.

Each row within a multiple row windbreak serves as a backup in case one row is lost to pest damage or other casualties. Generally, insects and diseases are confined to a species.

Also, within the multiple row

structure, a deciduous tree row will provide early protection. Deciduous trees are faster growing than evergreens which are the backbone of multiple row windbreaks.

Species diversity in a multiple-row windbreak also enhances aesthetics with foliage that changes with the seasons (depending on the species).

A single row of trees may suffice for a period, but a multiple-row windbreak established with the recommended dimensions can serve for a lifetime.

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20—Help Wanted

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25—Legal Notices

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FARM/FEEDELOT MECHANIC needed. Send inquiries and resume to P.O. Box 307, Hart, Texas 79043.

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22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-4594.

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
On behalf of Mrs. Santos G. Perez, David Jr., Joe, Lino, Sylvia, Daniel, Luis, Delia, Elias, Charlie, Priscilla, all of the grandchildren, daughters-in-law, Mr. David Perez's brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces, we want to thank all that came to comfort us and respect a wonderful person that we love very much and will always be in our hearts forever. We would like to thank all his friends that were there for him. We know that made him so happy. For all the special prayers, we thank you. We know he loved them. Thank you to Dr. Leon Joplin for his concern and the special care he gave to our loved one. Thanks to all the doctors and nurses that cared for him in a loving way. From our hearts, we thank you so much. God bless all of you and your families.
THE DAVID PEREZ SR. FAMILY

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

CONTRACTOR'S NOTICE OF TEXAS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORK
Sealed bids for mowing highway right of way will be received at the Texas Department of Transportation, 135 Slaton Rd., Lubbock, 79404.
COUNTY: Castro
HIGHWAY: SH 0086
ESTIMATE: \$111,828.00
PROJECT NUMBER: RMC-603538001
PREBID MEETING: DECEMBER 3, 1998, 9:30 A.M., LUBBOCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM, 135 SLATON RD., LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79404. This meeting is not mandatory, but is highly recommended that bidders be in attendance.
GUARANTY: \$2,300.00

Only a cashier's check, money order, or teller's check on a State or National Bank, on a State or National Savings and Loan Association or a State or Federally Chartered Credit Union for the guaranty amount listed above will be accepted. The Proposal Guaranty must be in the amount stated and may be payable at or through the institution issuing the instrument or may be drawn on a non-bank and payable at or through a bank. The Department will not accept personal checks, certified checks, other types of money orders and bid bonds.

Bids received until 11:30 a.m. December 17, 1998.
Bids will be publicly opened and read at 11:30 a.m. December 17, 1998.

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135 SLATON RD.
LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79404

Approximate limits of work: North county line to south county line and east county line to west county line. Plans are

required for this project and may be obtained from plan companies.
Questions regarding this proposal may be addressed to:
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P.O. Box 148
Plainview, Texas 79072
806-293-5101
or
Ann Finley, Contract Tech
806-748-4403

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Bid proposals may be requested from the Maintenance Division, Austin, by telephoning 512-416-2496 or by contacting the district maintenance office in Lubbock at 806-748-4403.

LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Package Store Permit by Janie S. Vick, doing business as Corner Place Package, to be located at 301 E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.
JANIE S. VICK, OWNER
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LEGAL NOTICE
Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine Only Package Store Permit and a Beer Retailers Off Premises Permit by Janie S. Vick, doing business as Corner Place Barn, to be located at 301-A E. Bedford, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas.
JANIE S. VICK, OWNER
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Knox earns nursing honor

Retta Knox has been awarded the 1998 President's Outstanding Achievement Award by Texas Association of School Nurses, Inc.

Knox is the school nurse at Hart Independent School District and directs the school's School-Based Clinic.

According to the Texas Association of School Nurses, Inc., Knox has demonstrated outstanding leadership in Texas and has had a positive influence on school nursing.

She was presented the award on Nov. 6 during a special banquet in Lubbock.

The toothpaste tube was first devised in 1892 by Dr. Washington Sheffield, a dentist of New London, Conn.



BUYING AT THE BAZAAR—Mitzie Brockman (left) looks over the baked goods offered for sale at the annual Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Bazaar, held Friday in the Expo building in Dimmitt. Auxiliary members Claudine Langford and Waldine

Webb help her make a selection. The bazaar and holiday meal sponsored by the organization brought in an estimated \$3,000, which will be used to buy equipment for the hospital. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Linda Rasor gets new post; other changes noted in hospital's structure

Linda Rasor, R.N., B.S.N., has been named to the new post of associate administrator of Plains Memorial Hospital.

Her appointment was announced by Joe Sloan, hospital administrator and chief executive officer of the Castro County Hospital District, who also revealed several other new staff assignments.

Rasor has been with the hospital district 18 years, the last 4 1/2 as director of nursing services.

Belinda Crow, R.N., has been named to succeed Rasor as director of nursing services. Crow, who has been with the CCHD eight years, has been the district's obstetrical nurse, conducting pre-natal and post-partum education as well as assisting with deliveries.

Succeeding Crow as the district's OB nurse is Cindy Ellis, R.N., B.S.N., who has been serving as a charge nurse at the hospital.

In addition to handling the administrator's duties in Sloan's absence, Rasor is responsible for supervising nursing services, the hospital pharmacy, hospice care, laboratory, radiology and the employee health plan.

Other multi-departmental supervisors, all of whom report directly to Sloan, are:

Mark McDonald: durable medical equipment, maintenance, dietary services and housekeeping.

Ron Walton and Vada Wilcox: accounts payable, personnel, business office, medical records, materials management, risk management, and the clerical staffs at the Medical Cen-

ter of Dimmitt and the Home Health Agency.

Six department heads still report individually to Sloan. They are:

A'Ilan Bradley, R.N., B.S.N., and Jill McLean, R.N., B.S.N.: quality and regulatory control.

Crystal Backus: rehabilitation services.

Michael Ellison: emergency medical service and respiratory therapy.

Joe Villeneuve, C.R.N.A.: anesthesia.

Bill Fernihough, M.S.W.: social services.

The hospital district employs approximately 160.

"We had about 180 employees before we had to cut 20 Home Health positions because of the Balanced Budget Act," Sloan commented.

Come and See Our New Tree.

It's the custom at our bank to decorate a different "theme tree" each holiday season for our friends and customers to appreciate. We invite you to come for the unveiling of this year's "Old-Fashioned Christmas" tree during



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Holiday Buffet, Too.

We invite you to enjoy our buffet of gourmet holiday snacks, punch and coffee from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday.

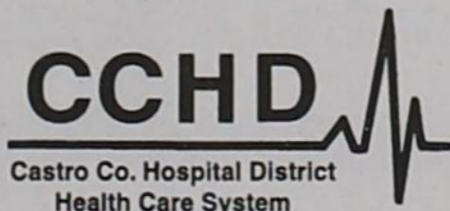
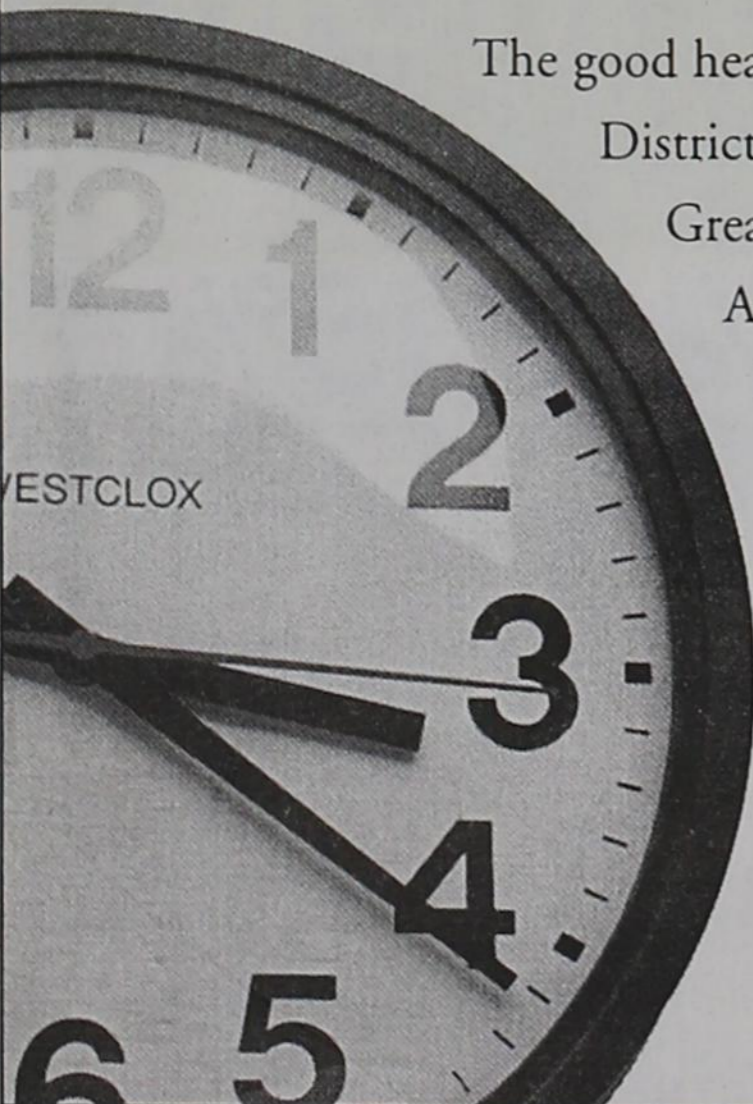
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Obituaries

Jack George

Funeral services for Jackie Neal "Jack" George, 71, of Tucumcari, N.M., and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon in Dunn Memorial Chapel in Tucumcari, with Joe George Jernigan and Donnie J. George officiating.

Burial was in the family plot of the Tucumcari Memorial Park Cemetery under direction of Dunn Funeral Home of Tucumcari.

Mr. George died Nov. 13 in Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

He was born Dec. 28, 1927, in Wheeler County and was reared in Dimmitt. He had been a farmer, rancher, real estate broker and home builder. He lived in Tucumcari for the past 25 years, and was the owner and operator of George Real Estate there. He developed the subdivision of George Town West in Tucumcari, as well as other homes in the area, including Canyon, Dimmitt and Herford. He was a Navy veteran, serving during World War II, where he took part in the battle of Okinawa and the Kurile Islands.

He was preceded in death by his parents, C.W. and Cletha George, and by two brothers.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Chollis George of Tucumcari; two daughters, Nancy English of Tucumcari, and Jacquie Tyer of Virginia Beach, Va.; a brother, Jimmie George of Dimmitt; and four grandchildren.

Bill D. Hodges

Bill D. Hodges, 66, of Wichita Falls, former Dimmitt resident, died Nov. 3.

Services were held in Nocona on Nov. 5 with the Rev. Ronald Hodge of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Mr. Hodges was born July 3, 1932, in Wellington. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1950. He attended Eastern New Mexico College in Portales, N.M., and Austin College in Sherman. He served in the Coast Guard.

Before his retirement, Mr. Hodges had been a regional manager for M.A.C. He married Mary Bishop on June 25, 1998.

He was preceded in death by his father, Walter Hodges, in 1995.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Vicki Cearley of Wichita Falls; his mother, Marguerite Hodges of Nocona; two brothers, Jack Hodges of Panhandle and Carol Hodges of Red River, N.M., and two grandchildren.

David Perez Sr.

David Perez Sr., 70, of Dimmitt, died last Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 11:08 a.m.

A vigil service was held last Thursday, Nov. 13, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

Funeral mass was read Friday afternoon at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Guillermo Morales, pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Cemetery under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Perez was born Jan. 5, 1928, in San Benito. He married Santos Guerra on Sept. 26, 1948, in Brownsville. He had been a resident of Dimmitt since 1962, moving here from Brownsville. He worked for Dimmitt Safety Lane and Tire Shop as a front-end alignment specialist for 26 years. He was active with Dimmitt's Little League program, serving as an umpire. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; seven sons, David Perez Jr. and Daniel Perez of Yoakum, Jose Perez of Hale Cener, Lino Perez of Dimmitt, Luis Perez and Carlos Perez of Amarillo and Elias Perez of Conroe; three daughters, Sylvia Perez of Amarillo, Delia Cavazos of Weslaco and Priscilla Chavira of Dimmitt; five brothers, Jose Perez II of Goliad, Antonio Perez and Daniel Perez of San Juan, Elias Perez of Edinburg and Lino Perez of Santa Paula, Calif.; two sisters, Oralia Perez of Oregon and Elena de Leon of Alamo.

Charlie "Jack" Sutton

Services for Charlie "Jack" Sutton, 78, of Happy, father of Charlene Hunter of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday morning at the First Baptist Church of Happy with Cordell Huddleston and the Rev. Lonny Poe, pastor of First Baptist Church in Happy, officiating. Burial followed in Wayside Cemetery at Wayside under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Happy.

Mr. Sutton died Saturday in Amarillo.

He was born Jan. 20, 1920, in Ceta. He graduated from Happy High School. He married Geneva Burns in 1943 at Dodge City, Kan.

He was a veteran of the Army Air Force, serving four years during World War II as a B-26 bomber pilot. He farmed and ranched around Wayside on the ranch where his grandparents settled in 1887.

He was a member of the Randall County Sheriff's Posse and Trail Riders. He also competed in rodeos as a bull rider. He assisted with the Randall County Stock Show and was an avid supporter of the Happy Days celebration and parade, missing just one parade since 1946.

He was a 47-year member of the Masons, first joining the Happy Lodge which later merged with the Canyon City Lodge #730.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter and son-in-law, Charlene and Richard Hunter of Dimmitt; three grandchildren including Rodney Hunter of Dimmitt, Charlynn Wilhelm of Houston and Sherri Lynn Hunter of Amarillo; and three great-grandchildren, Ross, Ryan and Reagan Hunter, all of Dimmitt.

The family requests memorials be to Wayside Emergency Team, P.O. Box 131, Wayside 79094-0131, Wayside Cemetery or to a favorite charity.

More about

Crime victim assistance program . . .

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crime victim families; to be with them and help them out. They become the 'friendly neighbor' until others arrive."

Morris said not everyone who applies will be accepted for the volunteer program. Applicants will have to go through a screening process conducted by the district attorney's office, and background checks will be run.

He said he's already had some individuals express interest in volunteering, and hopes that as the program is organized, more will take an interest.

The volunteers will be on call, especially during the weekend, according to Morris.

More about Swiftettes . . .

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injury, was unable to run Saturday morning.

"Lindsay was having problems in warm-up, so she didn't run at state," Hampton said.

Prior to suffering the injury, Gerber had been the Swiftettes' second runner most of the season.

"This was a great season," Hampton said. "We graduated a lot last year and we had to start from scratch this year. The girls worked hard all year long and didn't complain too much. We won every meet we were in except for state, and we finished second there."

"None of the girls had ever been to state before and they were all nervous. They didn't really know what to expect, but they handled it well. This has been an enjoyable year."

Police Calls

Raul Dones of Dimmitt told police early Nov. 11 that someone broke the rear window on his 1988 Ford van in the 600 block of Northwest Fifth. He estimated the damage at \$500.

Sandy Parson of Dimmitt told police Saturday morning that someone broke the door glass at Lockhart Pharmacy, but apparently the vandals did not get inside. Damage to the door was estimated at \$150.

Early Sunday, an 18-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for driving without a license. He was stopped in the 200 block of Northwest Sixth.

Police were called to Dimmitt High School the afternoon of Nov. 11, due to a suspect who made a terroristic threat to the assistant principal.

Persons jailed for alcohol-related offenses included:

—A 24-year-old Hereford man early Friday for DWI, third offense, and no driver's license.

—For public intoxication early Sunday, a 30-year-old Earth man.

—Also early Sunday, a Friona man, 29, for DWI, second offense.

Jailed on warrants or for violation of probation were:

—On Nov. 11, a 23-year-old man on a warrant for burglary of a building.

—Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 25, on a warrant for bond surrender, injury to a child.

—A 34-year-old Earth man last Thursday on two warrants for theft by check.

—Friday, a Clovis, N.M., woman, 27, on a Hale County warrant for theft by check.

—A Plainview man, 46, for violation of probation stemming from DWI.

James Ryan Hays, 14, of Dimmitt was ticketed for backing without safety and driving without a license as the result of an accident Nov. 11 at 7:20 p.m. in the 400 block of North Broadway. Hays had been driving a 1986 Buick and backed out of a parking space. His vehicle struck a 1995 Chevrolet driven by Manuela Dones, 31, of Dimmitt. Her vehicle was parked. Police said that Hays left the scene after the accident. Both vehicles were listed with no damage. A passenger in the Chevrolet was listed as having possible injury.

Last Thursday at 3:20 p.m., a 1997 Lincoln driven by Jimmie Ray George, 67, of Dimmitt, backed out of a parking space in the 200 block of Southeast Second and struck a 1992 Chevrolet pickup driven by Horace Andy Lynn, 66, of Dimmitt, who was trying to pull into another parking space. No injuries were reported and damage to both vehicles was rated light.

Friday at 6:55 p.m., a 1992 Lincoln driven by Weston Wade Crist, 58, of Amarillo, turned left at the stoplight in Dimmitt and was struck by a 1994 Buick driven by Shirley Kelley Williams, 63, of Happy. Crist had been heading east on West Bedford and turned north onto Broadway. Williams was going west on East Bedford. Crist was ticketed for failure to yield right of way—turning left. Williams was listed with possible injuries, while her husband was uninjured, as was Crist. Damage to the Buick was listed as light, while the Lincoln had moderate damage.

"They'll be on call, but we receive very few calls here," Morris said. "The volunteers will work on a rotation schedule. Each might be on call one weekend a month."

The volunteers will work closely with county law enforcement agencies.

Applications for the volunteer program are available in Morris's office on the second floor in the courthouse.

Many victims of crimes can qualify for monetary compensation from the government, and the volunteers will be trained in how to help those victims apply for that aid.

Innocent victims of violent crime that have resulting expenses that cannot be reimbursed from insurance or other sources may be eligible for some assistance from the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Fund.

The Attorney General's office administers the fund and helps victims who qualify under the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Act.

The money in the fund comes from fees paid by those convicted of crime.

Morris said Castro County contributed \$21,141 to the fund last year.

The mission of the Texas Crime Victims' Compensation Division is to provide all available statutory benefits to injured crime victims and their families who have no other means of paying for expenses incurred because of the crime.

The victim must be a Texas resident and must report the crime within 72 hours. The crimes covered under the compensation program are sexual assault, kidnapping, aggravated robbery, assault, homicide and other violent crimes in which the victim is injured and suffers physical or emotional harm or death. The only motor vehicle-related crimes covered are

failure to stop and render aid, driving while intoxicated, manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, aggravated assault and intoxication manslaughter.

Approved claimants may be awarded compensation for the following, only if they are related to the crime: reasonable medical, prescription and rehabilitation expenses; mental health counseling; funeral expenses; loss of earnings or support; child or dependent care to enable a victim, spouse, surviving spouse of a deceased victim or guardian to continue employment; reasonable attorney fees for assistance in filing the application and in obtaining benefits, if the claim is approved; reasonable costs associated with crime scene cleanup; and reasonable replacement costs for clothing or bedding taken as evidence or made unusable as a result of the criminal investigation.

The compensation program has been around for years, but few peo-

ple in the county have utilized it.

"We're going to go back three years and we'll file the eligible cases," Morris said. "The majority of crime victims don't know that this is available. With the help of our volunteers, we'll be able to tell victims about their options as the cases come in. Last year only one application was sent in from Castro County and it was approved, although no benefits were paid."

"To qualify, victims have to be totally innocent—they can't have had anything to do with the crime," Morris said.

Crime victims who wish to apply for compensation should pick up an application form at the district attorney's office in the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Completed applications should be returned to the Crime Victims' Compensation Division, Office of the Attorney General, P.O. Box 12548, Austin 78711.

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(After defeating Kansas City in Super Bowl I, Packers Coach Vince Lombardi let it be known that the Chiefs couldn't hold a candle to the team he had had to beat for the NFL title, the Dallas Cowboys.)

Then came Super Bowl III, with Ewbank's old team, the Colts, meeting his new team, the Jets.

It was supposed to be a walk for Baltimore, which had an 11-1 record and was being called the best pro team ever.

But in the biggest upset in pro football history, the Jets won it, 16-7.

Watching that historic Super Bowl game from the sideline was our Dimmitt guy, Jack Copeland

He was there at the invitation of Ewbank, who wanted some of those who had toiled with the team in the

old Titan days to share the experience.

Jack has had many thrills during a highly successful career as an investment banker and as head of his own international consulting firm.

But he told me that the day he got to be an honorary trainer in Super Bowl III was one of the highlights of his life.

That's why I think Weeb Ewbank was a classy guy.

Speaking of Titans, there will soon be another Titan team in pro football: the Tennessee Titans. They won't be the Oilers anymore.

I was hoping they'd rename the team the Dollies, after the state's most famous daughter.

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★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Tech and Hays both win

Bevo the 13th didn't bring any good luck to the Longhorns in Lubbock Saturday as the underdog Red Raiders of Texas Tech upset their uppity rivals, throwing the Big 12 South Division into a mess.

Partly because of the Red Raider victory, one of Tech's loyal exes, Norman Hays, was the local winner in the Week 11 Texas POWER POINTS Football Contest.

"Sure I picked Tech," Hays said. "I picked them low, but I picked them."

Hays notched 124 points to become—to his surprise—the best picker here during the week. It was his second win in the local contest this year.

Statewide, the Tech upset over Texas also played havoc with contest scores, but Louis Preisler of Wharton picked the Raiders and emerged with 135 points to capture the \$1,000 weekly grand prize. Preisler's only miss was the NY Jets for one point.

ALL CONTESTANTS TAKE NOTE: There are two POWER POINTS Football Contests in this issue—this week's on Page 8 and next week's on Page 12. This week's form is due at the usual time, by 2 p.m. Friday. But because of Thanksgiving day games, next week's contest form will be due by 2 p.m. NEXT WEDNESDAY. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St. Good luck!