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DIMMITT FIREFIGHTERS drag highly flammable spray paint cans and other debris from a back room at Seale Florist last Thursday morning. Fire broke out in the building sometime that morning, and was

discovered by employees. While the back room, which included supplies, tools and other items, was basically gutted, the front showroom area of the store suffered mainly smoke damage. Photo by Anne Acker

Fire guts back work room at Seale Florist

An early-morning fire at Seale Florist in Dimmitt last Thursday gutted a back work room of the business and resulted in heat and heavy smoke damage throughout the store.

The fire apparently started when something fell against a wall heater in the back room.

"It looked like something either fell or got too close to the wall heater," said Dimmitt Fireman Tommy Cleavinger. "It didn't appear to be a malfunction of the heater itself."

The fire was discovered by employees as they opened for business Thursday morning.

According to shop owner Carol Schroeder, Jan Edwards was headed to the back room when she noticed the smoke.

"The girls did what they needed to do and got out," Schroeder said. "I'm

just grateful no one was hurt."

The fire spread through the back room, which is where the shop's supplies, tools, spray paint, baskets, flowers, ribbons, etc., are stored.

Lyman Schroeder said the baskets and paint cans were within a few feet of the heater and provided fuel for the fire.

"I guess the paint cans got too hot because one shot through the ceiling," he said.

"I'd like to brag on our fire department," he continued. "They got in and got the fire out with very little water damage. We're really thankful to them, the police department and others who responded so quickly. It could have been a lot worse. It was mostly contained in the back, although there was some heat damage in the front toward the ceiling. I noticed the tops of the Christmas

trees looked like they'd suffered some heat damage, but it was basically smoke damage in the front."

"In a flower shop there are so many things that are flammable," Carol Schroeder said. "God was definitely on my side, because it could have really blown and gotten the whole block."

Although there was a lot of damage from smoke and heat throughout the store, Lyman Schroeder said there wasn't any structural damage other than some sheetrock that will have to be replaced.

Carol Schroeder said that all of the duct work sustained damage and the heating and air conditioning system in the building will have to be replaced as well. She also thinks the big picture windows in the front of the shop will have to be replaced.

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WHERE IT ALL STARTED—This wall heater in the back room of Seale Florist at 310 N. Broadway in Dimmitt is suspected to have started the blaze that damaged the business last Thursday morning. Tommy Cleavinger of the Dimmitt Volunteer Fire Dept. said something either fell or got too close to the heater. The back room was a work and storage area,

and a large portion of the business's supplies were heavily damaged. "All of our floral merchandise was ruined," said business owner Carol Schroeder. Gift items and collectibles in the front part of the store mainly suffered smoke damage. The shop has moved to temporary quarters in the Hays Company building across the street. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Hopeful hunters will focus sites on pheasant Saturday

Shots will ring out and dogs will chase fallen prey Saturday morning as outdoorsmen from across the stage converge on the county to hunt that elusive, colorful bird, the ring-necked pheasant.

Pheasant season officially opens Saturday morning, 30 minutes before sunrise, and the bird is fair game in this area through Dec. 27.

Hunters are allowed to bag three cock pheasants per day and are only allowed six in possession.

The Lions Clubs in Nazareth, Hart and Easter all organize guided hunts on opening weekend each year and this year, each hunt is filled to capacity with hunters anxious to capture the long, colorful tailfeather of the bird.

Hunters will enjoy good weather for opening weekend. A cold front with chances of snow will pass through the area today (Thursday), but things are expected to clear out Friday, and Saturday should be a sunny day with highs in the mid-50s. Sunday's high is expected to reach 60.

Prospects

The drought wasn't kind to pheasant hatches this year, and the cover has been diminished in some areas, but there are still plenty of birds out there for patient hunters.

Earlier this year the Nazareth Lions Club released 500 birds and about half of those were males, according to N. Dean Johnson.

"In August, reports from the Texas Parks and Wildlife indicated that there were a good crop of birds out there, but recent reports haven't been

as positive," Johnson said.

The latest report from Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist Danny Swepston has revealed that bird numbers are really down from last year.

But Tony Leibel with the Hart Lions Club says he thinks prospects in the county will be fair and could even be as good as last year.

"One guy we've talked to said he's seen quite a few birds out there," Leibel said.

That's the report Eddie Matthews has heard in the Easter area, too.

"It's hard to say how many birds are out there, but some farmers have said there were a lot of young birds in the corn when they were harvesting this year. I think it'll be about the same as last year," Matthews said.

If the bird numbers are down, part of the reason could be attributed to the drought and damage to cover in the area.

"The biggest problem I think we'll have is the poor cover," said Johnson. "Because of the drought, much of our cover has been grazed off. The lake bottoms that we usually walk have water in them since the heavy rains in November, so we're going to have to walk around those areas instead of across them as we have in the past."

Leibel said some areas in Hart are better than others as far as cover goes, although some of the favorite lake spots that hunters have enjoyed for the past 18 years have poor cover

this year.

"Most of our lakes appear to be okay, but there are a couple that don't have any cover at all," Leibel said.

Matthews said a lot of the land hunters walk in the Easter area is maize stubble and CRP land and he expects those fields to provide good prospects for hunters once again.

Organized hunts

The Nazareth Lions Club has accepted reservations from 136 hunters from Central and South Texas regions like Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Midland-Odessa. That's all the club can handle this year.

For \$125 per gun, hunters will be able to hunt on selected lands Saturday.

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Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Thursday	62	43	37
Friday	57	39	
Saturday	66	38	
Sunday	69	39	
Monday	51	30	
Tuesday	38	23	Tr.
Wednesday	48	23	

December Moisture 0.37
1998 Moisture 17.96
Temperatures and moisture are recorded each day at 7 a.m. at KDHN Radio, official National Weather Service reporting station.

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By Don Nelson
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'Music of Christmas' program set

Members of the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Choir and Band programs at Dimmitt Middle School will perform Christmas music at the gazebo in downtown Dimmitt today (Thursday), beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Several adult singers also will present selections and will join the young musicians during segments of the program. Teresa Carlisle will direct the band students and Elaine Hazel will lead the choir students.

Several merchants plan to extend their business hours to accommodate those attending the music presentation who would have difficulty shopping during regular business hours.



PROJECT ANGEL TREE will supply presents for 100 needy children in Castro County this Christmas. The project is sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance, with help from Panhandle Community Services. Putting "Angels" on one of the three trees in Dimmitt are (from left) Larry Gilliam, Rusty Dickerson and Howard Rhodes, members of the Alliance; and Stella Devers and Jerry Peña, PCS employ-

ees. The trees are displayed in First United Bank of Dimmitt, First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. Each Angel has the first name, age and gift wish of a needy child. Local citizens are encouraged to select an Angel, fulfill the wish by purchasing a gift of about \$20 in value, and return the gift and Angel to the PCS office by Dec. 21. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Greetings deadline set Monday

Those who wish to have their names included in Community Christmas greetings that will be published in the Christmas issue of the News must sign up by Monday.

Local residents are asked to make a donation in the amount they would normally spend to send Christmas greetings to local friends.

In Dimmitt, the greeting project is sponsored by the Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and proceeds help purchase needed items for the hospital. Those wanting to make donations may contact any auxiliary member or make donations at First United Bank, 201 N. Broadway in Dimmitt.

In Hart, the greeting project will benefit the Hart Cemetery Fund.

Those wanting to make donations can contact Hale County State Bank Hart Banking Center at 424 Broadway in Hart.

In Nazareth, funds received will benefit the parish Charity Fund. Those wanting to make donations may contact Fr. Jerry Stein at 945-2616 or Vera Ramaekers at 945-2598.

Angel Tree project to benefit needy kids

Angel Trees were set up at local banks Monday, and local residents are asked to select a name or names from one of the trees and purchase the requested gift for a needy child.

The annual project, sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and administered by Panhandle Community Services, will help supply Christmas gifts for needy children under age 11.

Families who showed financial need were able to apply for participation in the project through the PCS office.

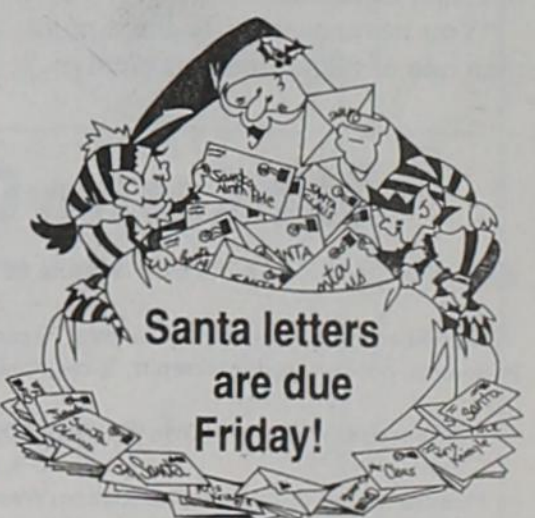
The "Angel Trees" have been set up at First United Bank of Dimmitt; First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch; and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union. Each "Angel" on the trees has a child's first name, age and gift desired.

Persons interested in purchasing a gift are asked to select one or more "Angels," purchase the requested gift (\$20 range), and take the "Angel" and wrapped gift to PCS by Dec. 21.

Church and civic groups may wish to select more than one "Angel" to sponsor. If a group wishes to sponsor a family of children, they may con-

tact PCS to obtain additional information.

Family members of selected children will be notified and will need to pick up the children's gifts on Dec. 23 at PCS or First Baptist Church of Hart for Hart residents.



Friday is the last day that preschool children in the county may bring their Santa letters to the Castro County News office at 108 W. Bedford in Dimmitt.

Copies of the children's letters will be published in the Dec. 24 edition of the News.

Op-Ed

Opinions, Editorials, Letters, Features



Letter

Shopping at home would boost economy

Dear Editor:
I'd like to suggest something to our "holiday shoppers" who rush out of town every weekend and return from area malls and shopping centers with their vehicles bulging with bargains.

Perhaps they should take their school yearbooks, sports programs, church directories, organization project materials, order forms, chances and receipt books along with them to the mall and see how many mall merchants will agree to support THEM in their projects. Only seems fair to me.

After working with our Dimmitt retail merchants for several months, I realize just how steady the drain is and how great the expectations are for them to support every group in the county. I can promise you there are constant requests, and our merchants are as generous as any you'll find. I've never heard one of them ask, "When was the last time you SHOPPED here?" though I'd be tempted to.

Now, there will always be some things that our merchants can't supply, but wouldn't it be great if our local people did their shopping at home when they needed the countless things that are available here? Imagine what that alone would do for our economy!

Dimmitt's prices are already competitive BEFORE you add in the cost of transportation and meals... AND when we support our local merchants, we're actually supporting ourselves.

Having seen the inscription on your newspaper checks, "These are Local Trade Dollars," I'm quite sure you share (at least most of) my sentiments, though you'd word them much more eloquently. Thanks for letting me sound off a bit... and for the support you give Dimmitt, Castro County and the Chamber.

BILL SAVA,
Executive Director,
Chamber of Commerce



1:1

By Don Nelson

Before hitting the shower Sunday morning, I was writing an e-mail letter to my niece, Susan, in Beeville while keeping half an ear on *Sunday Morning*, CBS's excellent weekly TV magazine program.

Charles Osgood was reading some of the selected mail from viewers. "Susan Nelson from Beeville, Texas, writes..." Osgood said.

Whoa! Here I was, writing to her on the computer, and there he was, quoting her on the TV set. Major double-take!

Susan said she had almost forgotten about her letter—she had written it a month earlier—and wasn't paying attention to the program at the time.

She learned about it soon enough, though, when her phone started ringing.

(In her letter, she was defending the program's media critic, John Leonard.)

When I wrote a couple of weeks ago that there didn't appear to be many geese here yet, they were eating up Dan Nelson's wheat a few miles north of town.

"You were just looking in the wrong places," said Dan (no kin). "There are lots of 'em around my place, including a lot of snow geese."

There are certainly plenty here now, following the recent cold fronts. The sky around Hart was full of geese at mid-day Monday as I drove through. They were all Canadas—no snow geese or speckle-bellies that I could see.

Remembering Jack Cartwright: He was the sheriff here from 1955 until his retirement in 1976. At the time of his death last week, he was still one of the best-liked and most respected men in town.

I understand that a Dimmitt man who is doing time in Huntsville cried when he heard that "Mr. Jack" had died.

Sheriff CD Fitzgerald recalls his first meeting with Jack:

"When I was 17, in 1957—when I had hair, you know—a carload of boys from one town would go to another town, and the boys over there would try to run them out.

"Five or six of us from Hereford were over here one night, and we got into a little trouble—not real serious.

"Jack pulled us over, got us all out of the car, and gave us one of his roadside sermons.

"You never wanted to have more than one of them; that was plenty.

"Ten years later, I came here as a DPS trooper.

"Our first duty at a new station was to go around and introduce ourselves to the local elected officials.

"When I walked into Jack's office, he said, 'You don't need to tell me who you are. I know you. Don't you remember, we met down here one time?' And he told me my name, and almost everyone who had been involved in that incident, and what it was about.

"This was 10 years later, and we had not seen each other in the meantime.

"That really got my attention—and my admiration."

Jack was known as a practical joker.

His most famous practical joke involved City Marshal W. W. Jones, who performed a really good knife-throwing act and a quick-draw act.

In his quick-draw act, Jones would have his assistant release helium-filled balloons. In one fluid motion, he would draw his pistol and burst each balloon in the air.

Jones hand-loaded his own "rat shot" for the act, taking the slug out of a low-powered shell and replacing it with No. 8 lead shot, which he sealed into the shell casing with wax.

Not only was the custom load safer, but, as Jones told me once, "Using that rat shot, if I just aimed in the general direction of the balloon, I'd hit it."

Jones was scheduled to perform his acts at the Dimmitt Rodeo one year.

"Jones, if you'll come by my office, I'll give you a ride out there in my car and you won't have to worry about finding a parking place," Jack said. Jones took him up on it.

The time came for Jones's quick-draw act. He strapped on his pistol. His assistant released the first balloon. Jones drew and fired.

The balloon kept right on rising.

"As soon as I shot at that first balloon and nothing happened, I knew what they had done to me," Jones

later told me.

Jack and Deputy Sheriff Rex Cowart had switched Jones's ammo. He was firing blanks.

"After it was over," Jones told me, "I went back out and got in Jack's car, and he just looked straight ahead and said, 'How did it go, Jones?'"

"I told him, 'You know how it went, you so-and-so!'"

In the late '70s, there was a 14-year-old boy here, a really sharp kid, who wanted to be a highway patrolman so badly that he couldn't wait.

He made himself a uniform, complete with homemade patches and a badge. He also made removable "light bars" for his car and installed a siren under the hood.

Then he started patrolling at night around Nazareth. He was pulling cars over and advising the drivers to slow down and drive carefully.

A suspicious motorist called Jack. "This boy has been out there three nights in a row," he said. "He's not doing any harm, but I'm afraid he could get himself hurt."

When Jack notified the state troopers, he couldn't resist telling them: "When I heard that he was working three nights in a row, I knew he wasn't in the Highway Patrol."

(Instead of throwing the book at the kid, Jack and the state troopers took him under their wing. He later graduated from the DPS Academy, and is now a state trooper and helicopter pilot—and a good one, Sheriff Fitzgerald says.)

Letter

'Intelligent voter?'

Dear Editor:

In the Oct. 29, 1998 issue of the *Castro County News*, in an article "Why I Will Vote Democratic" by Don Newman, Castro County Democratic Chairman, he said, "The short answer is I will vote Democratic because I'm a Democrat."

Does that sound like an intelligent voter?

AURELIA SCHOENENBERGER

Letter

'Who will protect principles?'

Dear Editor:

Remember in the budget battle when Carl King and Tom Daschle lobbied successfully for an additional \$4 billion for the agricultural department? They were all over the news for weeks. And we were celebrating the great influence the Democrat Party was able to impose through the Texas Speaker of the House Pete

Laney, as he impressed his West Texas constituents.

All of this clever maneuvering before the election, but who is left now to protect the principles of government (truth, integrity, honesty) that made it possible for these lobbyists and our representatives to exercise their freedom of expression? Have you checked lately?

It's not this bunch! Not a word from them about the responsibilities of Democrats to the scandal at the top leadership of their party, which may obliterate the Constitution of the United States!

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK

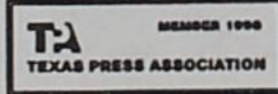
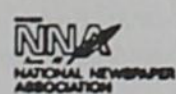
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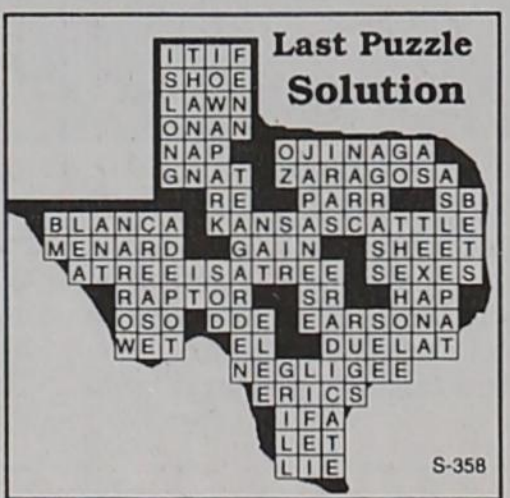
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AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Health last week released the first of a series of reports from what the agency believes is the most comprehensive survey of youth tobacco use ever conducted in the state.

According to the 1998 Texas Youth Tobacco Survey, 27 percent of sixth-graders already are using tobacco.

The survey also shows 31 percent of middle school students and 43 percent of high school students in Texas public schools use some form of tobacco.

"Tobacco is addictive and deadly, and everyone should be shocked that more than one-fourth of all sixth-graders in Texas are using it," said Philip Huang, chief of health agency's disease and injury prevention bureau.

Huang said health officials also were surprised at the popularity of cigars and pipes. The survey found that almost 20 percent of Texas high schoolers and 14 percent of Texas middle schoolers smoke cigars and that 8 percent of both age groups use pipes to smoke tobacco.

The results of the survey are based on an 87-item questionnaire

completed by 13,029 students in 181 public schools in Texas.

Future reports will assess how and where kids get tobacco, why they use it, what cigarette brands they smoke and their knowledge of Texas tobacco laws.

AG Seeks to Overturn Ruling

Lawyers for a Canadian on Texas' death row last week won a court order to force a public clemency hearing for their client, but the Texas attorney general is seeking to overturn the ruling, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

Travis County state District Judge Paul Davis ruled that the Texas Open Meetings Act requires a public hearing and vote by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles in the case of Stanley Faulder — convicted for the 1975 murder of Inez Phillips, matriarch of a wealthy oil family in Gladewater.

Attorney General Dan Morales challenged Davis's ruling, saying the judge had no standing to intervene.

If Faulder, 61, is executed as scheduled on Dec. 10, he would be the first Canadian put to death in the United States since 1952.

Faulder's case has received national and international attention, in part because of a recent request by U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright for Gov. George W. Bush to consider the clemency petition.

Albright called attention to the failure of arresting officials to tell Faulder that he had the right to contact Canadian consular officials, which violated the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

Health Plan Is Failing

The state insurance plan that pays for the health care of more than 100,000 retired public school employees and 17,000 dependents

will be drained to insolvency by September 2000, according to a legislative report made public last week.

Contributions to the plan have not kept up with the increase in claims, which reached \$211 million in 1997.

Failure of the health plan is a certainty unless the state takes corrective steps, House Public Education Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The program, administered by the Teacher Retirement System, was created in 1985 because most public school employees are not covered by Social Security — which means they do not get Medicare coverage upon retirement, the *American-Statesman* reported.

It could take as much as \$2 billion of the state's projected \$3 billion to \$6 billion budget surplus to cover teachers and retirees through Social Security.

Other Highlights

■ Austin mayor Kirk Watson and about two dozen local religious leaders urged whites to acknowledge that Austin is plagued by racism. Their joint statement calls on the community to "repent and seek forgiveness for racist beliefs, attitudes and behaviors."

■ State Rep. John Longoria, D-San Antonio, last week filed legislation that would require restaurants and bars to limit patrons to two drinks an hour.

■ In January, aircraft will drop vaccine-laced coyote and fox bait over 52 south, central and west Texas counties in a state program to wipe out rabies.

■ The price of West Texas intermediate crude last week fell below \$12 a barrel, the lowest price in more than a decade.

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ACROSS

- state legislator
- Glenn who opposed the lottery in '91
- Big Bend Ranch
- Natural _____
- TX school test
- Cybill of TX-filmed "The Last Picture Show" (init.)
- TXism: "got a _____ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- Cuban "two-step"
- TX town
- Marlon Brando heads for TX in this '66 film
- acorn product (2 wds.)
- goodnight gal in song
- TXism: "she has to sneak upon _____ to fix her hair" (homely)
- TXism: "useless as panty _____ to a pig"
- works bread dough
- TXism: "up _____ without a paddle"
- Dodger Carl who signed TX Nokona ball gloves
- Gen. Zachary who fought in TX in Mex.-Amer. War (init.)
- lineage
- she sheep
- Sidney _____ Howard wrote screenplay for "Gone With the Wind"
- TX Willie's "Farm _____" was in Indianapolis, Ind.
- TX Stone Phillips' _____ NBC

DOWN

- TX cooler (abbr.)
- TXism: "useless as speaking _____"
- _____ mule
- long-eared rabbit
- El Paso's early name meant "_____ to the north"
- TXism: "him and the truth ain't going steady"
- Guadalupe River juniper thickets are habitat for golden-
- TXism: "_____ blazes a wide trail" (large)

34 "yes _____, that's my baby..."

35 TX electronics co. 37 quoted

40 bereft, desolate

43 Dublin, TX was named after city of this country (abbr.)

44 identification with another's feelings

50 graphic computer symbols

51 Streep of TX-filmed "Silkwood" (init.)

On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Stanley and Geneva Schaeffer had John and Joan Meason of Las Cruces, N.M., over for Thanksgiving. John and Joan plan to relocate to Plainview in the spring. John will be on the staff at WTAMU. Joan is Geneva's sister.

Thanksgiving dinner guests of Robert and Norma Smith were Judith and Richard Polansky and Jessica of Austin, John and Kelli Smith, Kynzee and Courtney of Plainview, Jill Smith of Athens, Ga., and the Norman Grays of Hereford. John, Judith and Jill all are graduates of Dimmitt High School.

Serge Lynsky was one of many college kids home for the holiday. His parents, Tonya and Alex Lynsky, picked him up in Amarillo Tuesday night. He was busy studying for those dreaded finals coming up. The Lynskys had lunch with the Ed Freemans, and then played dominoes in the afternoon. They went to Amarillo Saturday and had dinner at Kabuki, a restaurant with Japanese cuisine. Serge had a soccer game in Wichita, Kan., on Sunday. He is attending McPherson College in McPherson, Kan. (Oh yes, Bro. Ed won the domino game as usual!)

Some of the college kids home for the holiday were Charley Sanders, Stuart Sutton, Zack Matthews, Jacy Buckley, Jana Nelson, and Candace George. I know there are several more. You students, keep me up on some of your activities.

Visiting Ruby Ramsey for Thanksgiving were her daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and John Cranford of Virginia Beach and Brenda and Jim Truitt of Dallas; and her son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Jean Pitts of Amarillo.

Oleta Hance had company for Thanksgiving—Sondra and David Honea of Plano and their daughter and family, Shari and Van Mason and Ashley and Allison of Dumas. Also celebrating was Lisa Cassadoss of Amarillo and her children, Chris and Chrystal. David's mother, Mrs. Opal Wilson, also joined them.

Louise Mears spent Thanksgiving

in Amarillo with her grandson, Mark Gilbreath and his wife, Jennifer, and Jennifer's mother, Persilla, and brother, Zach. They had wonderful food and lots of visiting.

In celebration of the 80th birthdays of Christeen Moke Taack and Christel Wilcox, cake and punch were served to 41 guests Nov. 28 at the Canterbury Villa dining room. Out-of-town guests included Doug, Shane and Hunter Moke of Benbrook; Sherrie Moke Sims and Meagan, Coby and Kendra Moke of Amarillo; the Stan Wilcox family, Tony Wilcox family, and the Scott Wilcox family all of Hereford; the Joan Wilcox family of Mineral Wells; and G.C., Gladys and Irene Merritt, and Otis and Costalene Lee, all of Hereford. The party was hosted by Don and Carolyn Moke. Sondra Watson of Arlington, cousin of Charlene Howell and Carolyn Moke, surprised them by attending Kenneth Wyatt's open house. They had no idea she was even in the country.

Darlene Stanton had her two daughters, Debbie and Shawn, and two grandchildren, Cannon and Jordyn of Colorado, for a short visit this last week.

Leigh and Curtis Durbin and Aubrie had Thanksgiving in Canyon. It was held at the home of Denia Durbin. Those attending were Edith and Paul Huseman, and Kendra, Carl and Alexis, Dorothy and Doug Ware of Pampa, and Jack and Kayla, Marlin Durbin of Nazareth, Phillip Durbin of Honolulu, Jill and Wade Durbin and Jake of Waxahachie, Hugh Durbin of Nazareth, Margie Durbin of Canyon, Joan and Buddy Durbin of Nazareth, and Lena Durbin and her fiancée, Ben Deusterhaus of Pep.

Phoebe Clayborn's son and granddaughters and their families visited her over Thanksgiving. Those who came were Billy Joe and his daughter Vicki and her son Billy, all of Amarillo; Billy Joe's daughter, Sondra and her husband Calvin Smith and their children Shonda and Wesley of Arkansas; and Shari Tickman and Chris, Danny and Mark of Amarillo.

Those from out of town having Thanksgiving with Van and Carole Hopson and Rex and Jerrye Wooten were Jack and Mary Stewart of Fort Worth, Bobbie and Wanda Stewart of Paris, Tex., and Rod, Candace, Reid and Rocky Fry of Amarillo.

Dorothy and V.C. Hopson have been to Lubbock to visit Bill and Deanne Clark and help them get

ready for Christmas. The Clarks recently moved to Lubbock from Dimmitt.

A group of people from First Baptist Church went to Lubbock Friday night to see the Carol of Lights. Those going were Martha Jo Hyman, Troy and Billie Kirby, Wayland Hazel, Mary Edna Hendrix, Laqueta West, Bernice Hill, Gertie Waggoner, Irene Carpenter, and Bertha Thompson, the mother of Jack Thompson. They said there were about 28,000 lights. After seeing the lights, the group met Deanne Clark and her friend, Rita Wright, at the Golden Corral for dinner.

Charles and Jean Pitts of Amarillo had lunch Sunday afternoon with his mother, Ruby Ramsey, and aunts, Phoebe Clayborn and Oleta Hance.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizen Center with Emily Clingsmith as hostess. Those playing were Clingsmith, Susie Reeves, Edith Graef, Beth and Dwight Joiner, Martha Jo Hyman, Virginia Crider, Dude McLaurin, Cleo Forson, Peggy Broadstreet, Helen Braafladt, and Opha Burks. Reeves won high score with Graef second.

Edith Graef, Mattie Seale, Irene Blanton and Ferne Jones went to Levelland to see "Hello, Dolly." On the way, they stopped in Littlefield to pick up Edith's sister, Doris Graham. They ate lunch at the Cadillac in Levelland.

Aubrie Durbin celebrated her first birthday on Sunday with a party. Those attending were Joan Durbin, Martha Jo Hyman, Jo Hyman, Floyd and Dorothy Schulte, Edith Huseman and Karl and Alexis, Lena Durbin, Wanda Nelson, Justin and Tami Nelson and Tyler, Kay Kellar, Sandy Baker, Kyla and Jodie Riley, Evan and Josh, Ed and Sharon Ewing and Chad, and Shawn and Stacy Ewing, and Bailey and Colton of Amarillo. The birthday cake was decorated with Winnie the Pooh.

Clara Vick recently traveled to Italy, where she was a guest of the Italian Ex-POW's at their annual reunion at Pesaro, on the Adriatic Sea. Vick represented the Castro County Museum and Castro County Historical Commission at the reunion.

Oreste Giorgetti and wife, Ninnie, met Vick at the Rome airport, and they hosted her in their lovely villa-home near the airport. The first night in Rome there was a Texas-size



A GIFT FOR THE CHAPEL—Antonio Bernardi of L'Aquila, Italy, gives a wooden plaque carving to Clara Vick (right). The plaque is to be placed in the Chapel at the former World War II POW Camp site near Hereford. Bernardi made the depiction of the Madonna on July 8, 1945, while he was a prisoner at the camp.

Courtesy Photo

storm with severe bolts of lightning, thunder and sheets of rain that continued for two days and nights. Then the sun came out, bringing a beautiful sunny day with warm weather, perfect for touring, Vick said.

Giorgetti and Vick had an appointment with Col. Nicholas J. Ciccarello, Army Attache to the American Embassy at Rome, hoping for a brief meeting with Thomas Foglietta, US Ambassador to Italy. They were able to meet with Ciccarello and with the Ambassador. Vick presented Foglietta with the book about the decorations at St. Mary Catholic Church in Umbarger, which were done by the Italian POW's during the last six months they were at the Hereford POW Camp in 1945.

Vick said she was impressed with the interest Foglietta showed concerning the attention given to the Italian Ex-POW's by the residents of Castro County and by historians. He also was impressed that the Ex-POW's invited Vick as their guest to the Reunion.

Vick said she explained how and when they became acquainted with many of the Italians, and told about how they invited the members of the Castro County Historical Commis-

sion to attend the reunion each year in September. She said she extended an invitation to Foglietta and Ciccarello to be her guest at the Reunion this year. Both said they could not this year, but maybe next year.

Vick left Rome by Eurostar Train and went to Milan, where Letizia Gambetti met her, and she was a guest in her home for several days. Letizia's husband was in Torino selling some of their glass production to hospitals and specialized manufacturing companies that require chemical and pharmaceutical containers, tubes, etc. Vick had a private tour of this special glass factory. She said it was very interesting to see the dangerous work of several that were handling the hot liquid glass. It was similar to some of the work she has seen on a tour of the famous "Murano" glass factory several years ago.

Vick also visited the office of Letizia, where she has an office along with several architects who specialize in several types of building, such as bridges, tunnels, etc.

She was a guest for lunch in the home of Dr. Armando Boscolo and his sisters, Anita and Adalberta. Francesca Barillaro also came by for a brief visit with everyone.

Letizia and her husband, Francisco, drove Vick by car to Pesaro. Along they way, they visited the "Castle on the Mountain," where there is a beautiful "Mountain Home," nestled in between beautiful old fruit trees with a breath-taking view. In the kitchen of the home there were at least ten big rounds of cheese, aging. It was an unusual and aromatic sight to Vick.

At the top of the mountain, there were beautiful views in every direction. The harvesting of grapes, apples, pears and tomatoes was in progress throughout the region.

The three continued on to Pesaro and arrived at the Cruiser Congress Hotel, where the Conference was held. There were many of the Ex-POW's and their wives and families there. Everyone greeted Vick with the usual embrace and many asked questions about how all of their "Texan friends" were and if the Texas weather had been as hot and dry as had been reported. Vick said she assured them it was true.

The reunion was attended by 100 or more, but many of the Ex-POW's (NON) were not there, mainly due to ill health or inability to travel the long distance by car or train. They were all sad to learn of the death of the retired Gen. Franco DiBello in August, and also of the death of Domenico Carelli. DiBello was the last of the nine artists who decorated St. Mary's Catholic Church at Umbarger. He came back to visit two years ago, shortly after the death of

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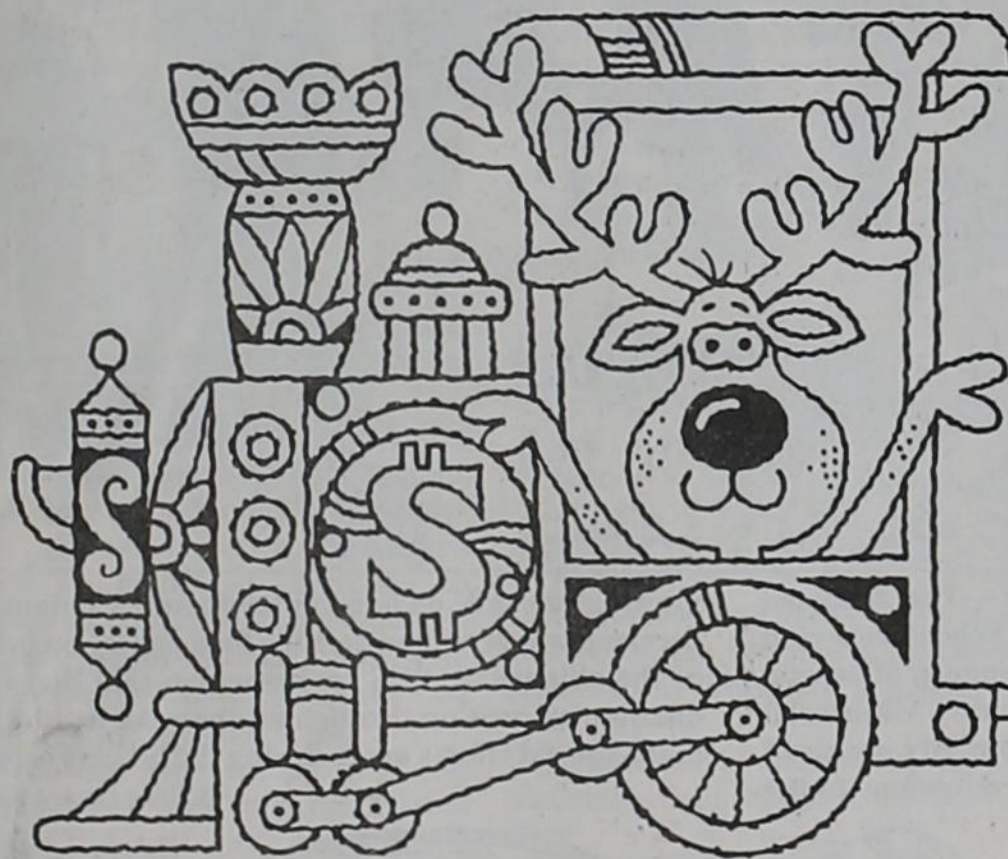
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Correction

In last week's "On the Go," it was stated that Herschel Felder of Hart was instrumental in starting the Church of Christ in Dimmitt. However, he helped start the Church of Christ in Hart. The News regrets the misunderstanding.

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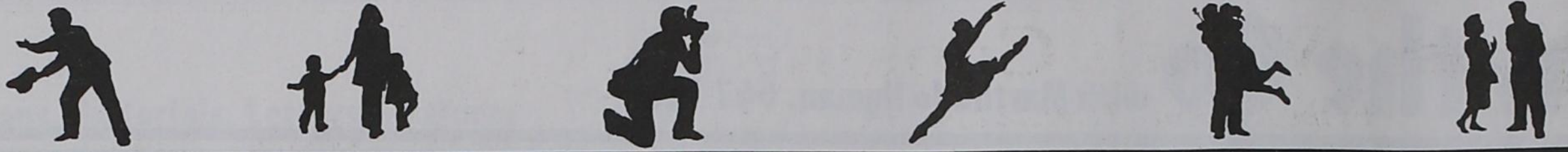
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Dimmitt Dollars winners named

Prize drawings will be held in Dimmitt throughout this month in connection with the annual "Santa's Open House" promotion sponsored by the Merchant's Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

The first drawing was held Nov. 19. Shoppers may continue to sign up at participating businesses for a chance to win additional prizes of Dimmitt Dollars in the next few weeks.

The 22 participating merchants have official registration boxes and entry forms available for their customers.

Winners from last week's drawing and where they registered were: Tami Griffitt for \$100, First United Bank; Eloyce Smith of Olton for \$10, The Borderline; and Rachel Stewart for \$10, the Pancake House.

Additional drawings for the Dimmitt Dollars will be held today (Thursday) and Dec. 17 at 7 p.m., and Dec. 24 at noon. Each week's prizes include one \$100 winner and two \$10 winners.

Besides those mentioned above, other participating businesses include ALCO, Bealls, Bobcat Barber Shop, Castro County News, Dimmitt Market, Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply, First Bank of Muleshoe, The Headhunter, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, Merle Norman, Seale Florist, Tots & Teens, Thriftway, Unique Gifts & More and The Village Shop.



A LOT OF FOOD—Over 2,015 cans and boxes of food were collected by Richardson Elementary School students in a food drive completed last week. Classes competed, and the winning class in each grade level was awarded a Christmas tree for their classroom. Showing some of the food collected are

(from left) Chauncey Gilbreath, Anthony Enriquez, Sam Hazel and Anthony Jackson. Winning classes were Tracy Venhaus, kindergarten; Debbie Matthews, first grade; Shelley Mann, second grade; and Diane Axtel, third grade. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

The Christian Mothers' dinner and Christmas party was very well attended by members and their spouses Sunday evening at the Community Hall.

The Nazareth Oompa Band, under the direction of Fidelis Fetsch, entertained during dinner with a number of beautiful Christmas carols. These talented members are Koty Huseman, Shelby Wilhelm, Mark Birkenfeld, Craig Birkenfeld, Jason Birkenfeld, Susan Lange, Kristi Ramaekers, Andrew Brockman and Quentin Jones. All are Swift Band members.

New members installed into the Christian Mothers by Father Jerry Stein were Missy Kleman, Joan Durbin, Rosie Kleman, Robbie Grossman, Mitzie Brockman, Jan Villanueva, Donna Charanza, Dana Cecil, Cynthia Gerber and Ramona Schulte.

Gin Huseman won the door prize, which was an angel. The "mite box" collection was presented to Tricia Acker.

We then had six tables of Bunco, and it turned out to be a lively game. Others played cards or dominoes. Bev Hill was chairman of the program.

The annual Christmas tour of homes, sponsored by the Nazareth High School chapter of the FHA, was held Sunday and a great number of people enjoyed the tours at the homes of Kim and Kathy Rundell, Larry and Cyrilla Robb, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting and Butch and Linda Merritt. It was an enjoyable afternoon of fun and fellowship.

The Santa party at the home of Cyril and Mitzie Brockman drew a large crowd of adults and children last Wednesday evening. All were interested in seeing the outdoor creche which was displayed in the front yard. It is a memorial in honor of Leonard and Alma Conrad and Cecilia Herzog. All donations go into Holy Family Parish Charity Fund.

Congratulations to Kyle and Stephanie Schilling of Dumas on the birth of a girl, Carli Suzanne, Dec. 1 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Grandparents are Rodger and Edna Schilling of Dimmitt and Ricky and Suzanne Farris of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Walter and Anita Schilling of Dimmitt, Sylvia

Hoelting of Nazareth, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Farris of Hart and Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Hawkins of Hereford.

Prayers are asked for Marvin Jones, Tricia Acker, Greg Hoelting, Amy Schmucker, Tony Acker and Dorothy McQuilliams, who is home to recuperate after having hip surgery.

A very unique and exciting experience for 17 members of Holy Family Church took place Nov. 20-22 when a group of youths took a trip to Houston for the Region X Youth Conference. It was a chance for youth to make new friendships and learn how to "Spread God's Word."

Attending the retreat from Nazareth were seniors Stephanie Gerber, Susan Jones, Jessica McGilvray, Susan Book, Ann Wilhelm, Kira Ball, Jessica Kern, Vanessa Wilhelm and Susan Lange; juniors Karen Wilhelm, Dawn Ramaekers, Meredith Braddock, Melanie Book and Andrea Braddock; and freshman Susan Kern. Sponsors accompanying the girls were Beck Book and Mary Beth Gerber.

They all attended workshops and enjoyed an evening of riding roller coasters and dancing at Astroworld. They still had plenty of time to renew old friendships and to make new ones.

The group thanks the community for all of its support in making the retreat possible. They will never forget the experience.

The following students were selected for Junior High All-Region Band during tryouts at West Texas High School in Stinnett: Nicole Acker, first alternate, alto sax; Craig Birkenfeld, first chair, tuba; Jamie Lynn Birkenfeld, second chair, flute; Jamie Black, first alternate, timpani; Kim Brockman, 12th chair, clarinet; Erica Gerber, second chair, alto sax; Tanya Herring, fifth chair, clarinet; Brett Hoelting, first alternate, trombone; Koty Huseman, seventh chair, trombone; Garrett Kleman, first chair, timpani; Rebecca Olvera, third chair, tuba; Kristi Ramaekers, first chair, mallets; Megan Schulte, first alternate, clarinet; Orin Schulte, second alternate, snare drum; Shelby Wilhelm, first alternate, baritone; and Lindsey Wood, second alternate, clarinet.

Care packages to be sent to Aggie students

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms Club prepared 30 care packages featuring food and study aids which will be sent to area Texas A&M students to bolster them through semester finals.

The group prepared the packages during its last meeting last week at the Hereford Community Center.

President Rita McDaniel presided over the business meeting and wel-

comed new members Cheryl Betzen, Camille Beville, Shelly Diller and Karen Fangman, all of Hereford.

Ginger Olson, vice president for projects, asked for member support for the Aggie Alumni Christmas Open House, which will be held

Aggie Moms Christmas Open House is tonight

The annual Aggie Alumni Christmas Open House will be held today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the E.B. Black House, 508 W. Third in Hereford.

The event is sponsored by the Golden Spread Aggie moms Club and all Texas A&M University alumni and supporters are invited to attend.

Guests will be served a festive meal and will be invited to view the decorated home.

The evening also features a life auction benefiting the Aggie Scholarship Fund. Scholarships are annually awarded to area incoming freshmen. Auction items include baked delicacies and decorator items.

Those unable to attend who wish to bid on an auction item should contact Ginger Olson at 647-2698 or Eileen Alley at (806) 364-2619.

Steak supper set Saturday in Nazareth

A steak supper and raffle will be held in Nazareth on opening day of pheasant season, which is Saturday.

The meal will be served from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.

Proceeds from the meal and raffle will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

tonight (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the E.B. Black House in Hereford. The event includes a life auction benefiting the Aggie Scholarship Fund.

Also attending Monday's meeting and sharing "Aggie Brags" were Suanne Bagley and Diane Townsend, both of Dimmitt; and Karen Abney, Eileen Alley, Virginia Artho, Beverly Bryant, Mariellen Homfeld, Terri Johnson, Evelyn Lyles, Christine Marnell, Carla Scott and Denise Teel, all of Hereford.

The Golden Spread Aggie Moms provide other areas of support for Texas A&M students, including special needs networking and recognition of university seniors.

Any Texas A&M mother interested in joining the Golden Spread Aggie Moms may contact McDaniel at 647-5522, Evelyn Lyles at (806) 364-8245 or Virginia Artho of Hereford at (806) 364-5429.



DONATIONS FOR THE NEEDY—The National Honor Society of Dimmitt High School collected canned food and other staple items Sunday afternoon and donated them to the Castro County Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry, which benefits needy people of the county. The group added their donations to the

growing stockpile on hand at Panhandle Community Services, which administers the food pantry on behalf of the alliance. A PCS spokesperson said that food distribution goes on throughout the year, in addition to the special efforts made during the holiday season.

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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 Dec. 10-18.

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Cocoa Krispie cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
FRIDAY: Pancake on a stick, sausage, pineapple juice and milk.
MONDAY: Pancakes with syrup, apple slices and milk.
TUESDAY: Corn Pops cereal, apple juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Cinnamon rolls, orange wedges and milk.
THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh banana and milk.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, fresh honeydew melon, Fideo Mexicano, jalapeno peppers and milk.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, potato wedges, corn on the cob, cornbread and milk.
MONDAY: Beef taco, taco condiment salad, fruit cocktail, Spanish rice and milk.
TUESDAY: Southern fried chicken, potatoes au gratin, orange wedges, wheat roll and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Chicken pot pie, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, hot rolls and milk.
THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing supreme, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruited gelatin, assorted muffins and milk.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Choice of barbecued beef on a bun, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or fresh honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fresh spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
MONDAY: Choice of Red Baron Pepperoni Pizza, creole bean soup or beef taco; mashed potatoes, baked potato or savory green beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruit cocktail or honeydew melon; cheese rolls, Spanish rice, corn tortilla or crackers; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
TUESDAY: Choice of southern fried chicken, fajitas with sauteed onions or Italian spaghetti; country rice dressing, potatoes au gratin or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate or white milk or punch.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of chicken strips, chicken pot pie or green enchilada casserole; French fries, mixed vegetables or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, orange wedges or potato salad; garlic bread, wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or flour tortilla; and chocolate or white milk or punch.

beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, pineapple sunset salad or cucumber and tomato salad; cornbread, hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.
THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing supreme, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit and chocolate or white milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese chicken plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips and chocolate or lowfat milk or punch.

HART Breakfast

THURSDAY: Waffles, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Scrambled eggs, biscuit, hash brown potatoes, Lucky Charms cereal, fruit juice and milk.
MONDAY: Sausage, buttermilk biscuit, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
TUESDAY: Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, pancake and chicken, breakfast stick and milk.
THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.

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, hot dog on a bun or chili; shredded cheese, sliced pickles, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit and milk.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or chicken fajita; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk.
TUESDAY: Choice of beef stew, burrito or sub sandwich; potato chips, cornbread, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches, lettuce, tomato and pickles and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or chicken nuggets; gravy, rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk.
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole, corn, gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream and milk.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich, barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread, pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and milk.

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 sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or hot dog on a bun with chili; shredded cheese, salad, potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
MONDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or chicken fajita; salad, pineapple, refried beans, sugar cookie and milk.

milk, punch or tea.
TUESDAY: Choice of beef stew, toasted cheese sandwich or burrito deluxe; gelatin dessert, peaches, salad, banana pudding and milk, punch or tea.
WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito, oven-fried chicken or chicken nuggets; gravy, rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple pudding, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.
FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun; pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato, peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.

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: Canadian bacon on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY: French toast and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal, orange juice and milk.
FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.

Lunch

THURSDAY: * Ham and cheese pocket or pizza, tossed salad, mixed vegetables, pears, fruit cocktail and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: * Corn dog or chicken strips, tossed salad, rice, grapes, peanut butter bars and milk or juice.
MONDAY: * Chicken fried steak or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, applesauce, peaches and milk or juice.
TUESDAY: * Hamburger or chicken sandwich, French fries, lettuce, corn, pineapple, dessert and milk or juice.
WEDNESDAY: * Beef stew or pizza, cornbread, green beans, pears, fruit and milk or juice.
THURSDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or corn dogs, tossed salad, beans, fruit, pudding and milk or juice.
FRIDAY: Choice of chicken nuggets or steak fingers, Mexican salad, corn, bread, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

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



NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dimmitt Middle School include (front, from left) Alfredo ByGoytia and Kendra Puente; (middle, from left) Kelly Reyes and Layne Penney; and (back, from left) Priscilla Dones, Angelica Lara, Rey Medrano and Cesar Ruiz. Not shown are Victoria Sanchez, Billy Dollar, Mandi Ebeling, and Darcy Fisher.

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Honor society sets coat drive

The Dimmitt High School National Honor Society is having a coat drive, which will continue through Friday. The coats will be donated to the needy in this area.

Church, First Presbyterian Church, and the Assembly of God.

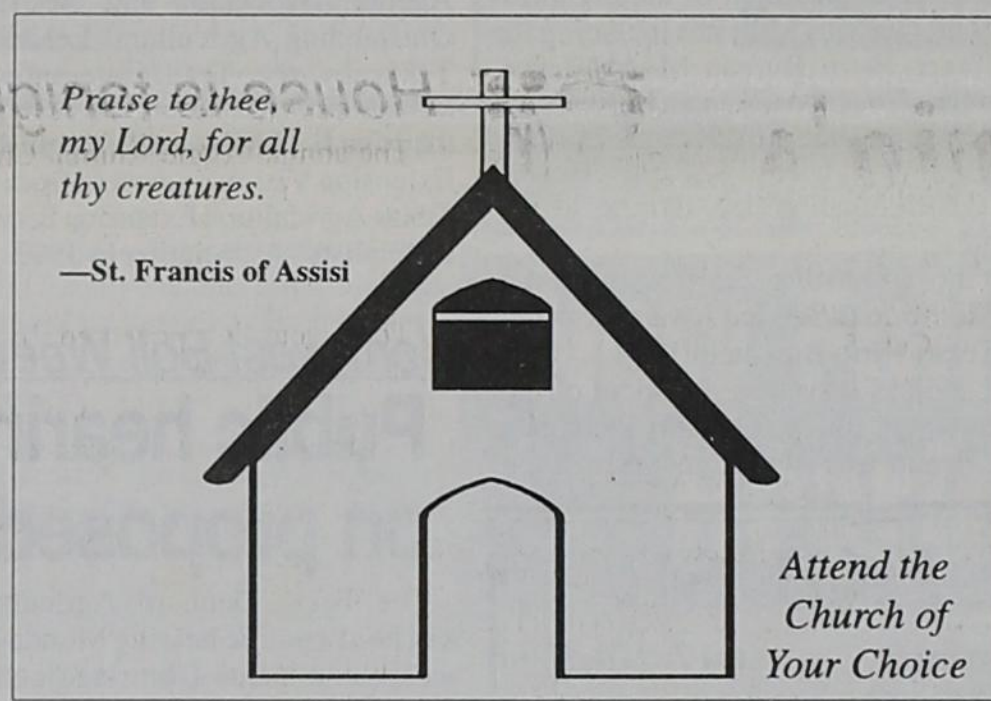
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Guzman completes Marine basic training

Marine Pfc. Javier G. Guzman, son of Mario and Beatriz Guzman of Hart, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, Calif.

Guzman successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Guzman and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Guzman spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Guzman and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values—honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Guzman and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem-solving evaluation which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Guzman joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

Guzman is a 1998 graduate of Hart High School.

Smith enters basic training

Army Pvt. Graciela V. Smith of Dimmitt has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

She is the daughter of Connie Martinez of Dimmitt and is a 1998 graduate of Dimmitt High School.

During the eight weeks of basic training, the soldier will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, Army history and traditions and special training in human relations.

Olmos honored as student of week

Jorge Olmos, son of Estella and Jose Olmos, has been named student of the week in Mrs. Damron's and Mrs. Spring's rooms at Dimmitt Middle School.

Olmos was born in Dimmitt and his birthday is Jan. 21.

He wants to do better in spelling and says he's a good fisherman. His favorite things are pizza, the book, Titanic, and the bobcat. He likes the teachers at Dimmitt Middle School.

When he grows up, Olmos hopes to become a doctor. He admires his mother and he enjoys fishing in his spare time.

Open house set at Dimmitt Alternative School

A special open house has been planned at the Dimmitt Alternative Center today (Thursday) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visitors will be able to observe the students at their regular school activities.

The Alternative Center provides educational opportunities to a variety of students with varied needs.

Graduation ceremonies will be held at 6 p.m. for student who have completed their high school requirements.

4-H plans program for Clover Kids

Castro County 4-H's "Clover Kids" will enjoy a program on sharing Dec. 16 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the basement of the courthouse in Dimmitt.

Anyone between the ages of 4 and the second grade is invited to attend. For more information about Clover Kids or 4-H, contact Marilyn Neal at the Extension Office, 647-4115.

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GIFT GIVING—Tom Hernandez (right), service technician for Classic Cable in Dimmitt, delivers gifts to the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt for distribution to needy children. Helping receive the gifts are PCS employees (from left) Lorena Corrales, Maricela Flores and Jerry Peña.

The gifts will be distributed to families which did not quite qualify for their children to participate in the "Angel Tree" project. Classic Cable is offering a reduced cost of installation in December for customers who donate a \$10 toy. About 25-30 gifts have been received so far. *Photo by Linda Maxwell*

CRP sign-up ends Friday

The 10th sign-up period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) will end Friday and producers planning to submit a bid should contact the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office as soon as possible.

"Initial reports from the field show the 18th sign-up is going well," said Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman. "However, I realize that many farmers have been busy and may not have had a chance to come in and offer acreage for inclusion in the program. I want to take the opportunity to remind all producers time is quickly running out."

The new, environmentally-focused CRP provides benefits to farmers, ranchers and taxpayers through reduced soil erosion, improved water quality and expanded wildlife habitat. Under this voluntary program, landowners enter into 10 to 15-year contracts with the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) to protect highly-erodible and other environmentally-sensitive cropland. In exchange, landowners receive annual rental payments for the land and cost-share assistance for establishing those practices.

"I want to encourage all landown-

ers to consider enrolling their eligible environmentally-sensitive land in this program," Glickman said. "USDA field employees are working hard to inform producers about this important opportunity and are processing offers to enroll land nationwide."

All land that is offered for enrollment during this general CRP sign-up must compete for acceptance based on an environmental benefits index that ensures fair and equal consideration for all types of land. Sign-up for the program began Oct. 26 and will continue through Friday.

True receives 'Distinguished Texan in Agriculture' award

S.M. True Jr., of Plainview has been awarded a 1998 Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award from the Texas A&M University System's agriculture program.

"S.M. True is a leader committed to service, as is evidenced by his lifelong contributions to Texas agriculture," said Dr. Edward A. Hiler, vice chancellor for agriculture and life sciences. "His leadership efforts have helped countless farmers and ranchers across this great state while promoting the vitality of the Texas agricultural industry. We are indeed proud to recognize the service of this great Texan through the presentation of this award."

True received his award Dec. 2 at the annual Texas Farm Bureau meeting in Lubbock. The award was established in 1992 to honor leaders in Texas for outstanding leadership and significant contributions to Texas agriculture.

True's influence on Texas agriculture has come primarily through his involvement in an extraordinary range of issues and organizations—especially his work with local, state and national Farm Bureaus.

"S.M. True Jr. is a stalwart among Texas agricultural leaders because he has given a lifetime of distinguished

service to agriculture," said Bob Stallman, current Texas Farm Bureau president. "His leadership in Texas agriculture continues to play important roles in the success of the Texas farmer, rancher and agribusiness."

A Texas Farm Bureau member since the 1950s, True held every elective office at the county level before being elected to the board of directors of the state bureau in 1975. In 1982 he was elected president of the organization and three years later he was elected to the board of directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

He served as president of the Texas bureau until 1994, and on the national board until 1993. As president of the Texas bureau, he also served as president of the organization's various affiliates including the Texas Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., the Texas Agricultural Marketing and Development Association, the bureau's Rural Health Association, Inc., and 10 other affiliates.

For his efforts, True received the Meritorious Service Award from the Texas Farm Bureau in 1994.

He has served as president of the Southern Bureau Casualty Insurance Co. and was a board member of the

Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Co. and the Southern Farm Bureau Cash Fund, Inc.

Other organizations True has helped lead in service to Texas agriculture include the Cotton Board, the Texas Beef Industry Council, the Governor's Task Force on Immigration and Agricultural Development, the Joint Committee on Farmworkers' Insurance, the Texas Family Farm and Ranch Advisory Committee, and the Texas Dept. of Agriculture's Select Agricultural Committee on the US-Mexico Free Trade Agreement.

Among his other honors and awards are recognition as the 1979 Man of the Year in Agriculture by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association and the 1992 Outstanding Agricultural Leader in Texas by the Texas International Livestock Association. He received the John E. Hutchison Distinguished Extension Visionary Award from the Texas Agricultural Extension Service Specialists' Association in 1992.

Cotton Talks

Plains Cotton Growers officials have been working diligently over the past two months to help shape the final phase of the disaster assistance package for 1998 and multiple-year crop losses.

Those efforts were expected to be completed this week, with the expected announcement of the details of the program's last phase.

PCG officials have been working to promote a set of basic principles to shape the crop loss assistance program. It appears that PCG's input has not fallen on deaf ears as some details are beginning to surface about the last phase of the disaster program.

PCG has touted the need for several items including yield flexibility, crop insurance incentives and preferential treatment for producers who purchased crop insurance in an effort to protect themselves.

It appears that many of these concepts will be included in the program when it is announced.

PCG will be providing additional details as they become available.

It appears that the idea to allow generic certificates to be used to redeem loan cotton will not see the light of day.

Plains Cotton Grower officials have learned that the recommendation to the Secretary of Agriculture regarding the proposal will not be

favorable and will essentially scuttle the proposal.

The idea to allow generic certificates to be used to redeem cotton from the loan was put forth to offset the problem of producers reaching the \$75,000 payment limit for Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) and marketing loan gains. Marketing loan gains would not count against a producer if loan cotton were to be redeemed with certificates.

Since the Adjusted World Price (AWP) has been below the upland cotton loan rate, producers have been able to receive LDPs or marketing

loan gains for several weeks. Combined with LDPs from other crops, many growers are closing in on the cut-off point.

Once reached, the grower is at a disadvantage because his cotton is no longer eligible for the LDP to offset lower offering prices or their cotton is not eligible to be redeemed at the AWP by potential buyers.

If a producer reaches the \$75,000 payment limitation for LDPs and marketing loan gains, he is still able to put cotton in the loan in order to take advantage of free storage and carrying charges as long as the AWP stays below the loan rate.

Minding Your Own Business

Here are seven keys to creating positive attitude



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR

In the past 11 years I've worked with more than 2,000 business owners and preventive entrepreneurs. I've seen every type of business and personality style you can imagine. I've experienced moments of despair and of great jubilation.

Working as a consultant, counselor, coach and friend, I find business owners a fascinating breed. They are living the American dream and most of them are realizing levels of success that men and women in other lands can only dream about.

Yet, in America where all citizens have won the lottery of life, not everyone is successful. While some capture the brass ring of success—often after failure—others just keep failing.

What separates the successes from the failures? Why do some reach the top while others toil on near the bottom? Why do as many search for success and so few find it?

There are many reasons for success. Many self-help books purport to list the factors. On their lists you find knowledge, skills, determination, attitude, perseverance, creativity, drive, focus, goals, hard work, loyalty, self-motivation and dozens of others. I certainly agree that these are critical success factors; however, I've noticed among the varying lists that one trait or characteristic is always present. That one is attitude.

Attitude is both an equalizer and evaluator. Attitude flies higher, runs further and smashes adversity faster than any other trait. Attitude is the catalyst of success. Yes, other ingredients must be in the mix, but the presence of a positive attitude changes the outcome forever.

Attitude builders

• **Understand that attitude is a habit.** Developing a positive attitude is not a one-time enlightenment. A positive attitude is a habit of thought. You begin to cultivate a positive attitude by changing your focus.

• **Develop a positive focus.** To build a more positive attitude, focus on the results you want and the outcomes you wish to create. As your focus shifts from the negative things that might happen to the positive things you want to happen, your attitude will improve to match your expectations.

• **Shut out or avoid negative thoughts and people.** I've worked with negative people who wanted to become more positive; however, their friends continually pointed out past failures and current shortcomings. Even though they knew they had potential for better things, the constant barrage of negativity pulled them down. If you find yourself in this situation, find new friends. Life is too short to let others influence your attitude.

• **Don't wait for someone to jump-start your attitude.** Be a self-starter. Changing your attitude begins with your desire to be more positive. If you earnestly desire to change, you can. Remember, no person cares more about your attitude than you do.

• **Take control.** Someone once said that all motivation is self-motivation. While others may encourage you, you must take control of your actions and attitude. No one can make you have a bad day unless you allow them to. No one can stir your anger, change your focus or steal your initiative if you take control of your attitude. When it comes to your attitude, you're in charge, so take control.

• **Look to the future.** No matter how many times you relive past mistakes, you can't change anything. Forget the past and focus on what you can do instead of what you should have done. Your future is much more important than your past. After all, you'll spend the rest of your life there.

• **Help others.** The best way to improve a bad attitude is to reach out to others who are less fortunate than we are. This holiday season, reach out to someone who needs help. I guarantee a double benefit.

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

Northwest Boll Weevil Eradication Zone Public hearing set Monday on proposed assessment rate

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture will hold a public hearing Monday to accept comments from area cotton farmers and landowners on a proposed assessment rate for the Northwest High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone referendum.

The Northwest High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone includes approximately 500,000 acres of cotton in five counties including Castro, Bailey, Deaf Smith, Lamb and Parmer.

The public hearing is scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday at the Bailey County Coliseum in Muleshoe. Cotton producers are encouraged to attend and offer their input regarding the pro-

posal, which was recommended by the local zone advisory committee.

Texas Dept. of Agriculture will utilize comments to establish a maximum assessment to be voted on by cotton producers in a referendum set for March 12, 1999. At that time, cotton producers will also determine whether or not to establish a boll weevil eradication program for the zone.

For more information on the proposal or Monday's public hearing, contact Katie Dickie Stavinoha, Texas Dept. of Agriculture Special Assistant for Producer Relations at (512) 463-7593.

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Rachal Harman

Harman selected All-Region

Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band member Rachal Harman was selected 11th chair clarinet for the high school Symphonic All-Region Band in try-outs held Monday at Panhandle High School.

Band members from 1A, 2A, and 3A schools competed for selection to the Symphonic All-Region Band and the Concert All-Region Band.

Those selected will participate in the All-Region Clinic and Concerts Jan. 15-16 at West Texas A&M University.

Clinic sessions will be held both days, and concerts are scheduled for Jan. 16 at Northern Hall.

A Directors' Band Concert will be at 1:45 p.m. The 1A Junior High Concert will be at 3 p.m., with the 2A Junior High at 3:30 and the 3A Junior High at 4 p.m. The High School Concert Band will perform at 4:30 and the High School Symphonic Band at 5:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the concerts. Admission is \$2 per person, with proceeds going to a scholarship fund.

Other DHS band members who tried out for All-Region are Debbie Peralez, Dale West, Derik Harkins, Jacob Rodriguez, and Joseph Estraca.

Holiday home tour planned in Littlefield

A Christmas tour of homes will be held Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in Littlefield.

Tickets for the event are \$5 per person and may be purchased at the Littlefield Chamber of Commerce, at Ware's Department Store in Littlefield or at one of the host homes. The homes may be toured in random order.

The tour is being sponsored by We, The Women, Ladies' Branch of the Littlefield Chamber of Commerce and proceeds will be used to provide scholarships to students.

Homes participating in the tour are James and Janice Sokora's, two miles west of Littlefield on Highway 54 (beige brick house on south side); J.M. and Wilma Phillips', 613 N. Sunset; Marie Cline's, 1303 W. 12th; Roy Davis's, 1100 S. Wicker #34 (S. Building, upstairs, Oak Terrace Apartments); Neil and Carolyn West's, 216 E. 21st; Jo Muller's, 725 E. 11th; and Dale and Beverly Thurman's, 723 E. 11th.

"This year's tour will give a good variety of homes to visit, offering a myriad of new decorating ideas for the Christmas season," said a spokesperson for the sponsor group.

For more information call Gini Coffman at the Littlefield Chamber of Commerce, 385-5331.

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The Bookshelf

By Cindy Pottorff, Rhoads Memorial Librarian

We're having a holiday book sale at Rhoads Memorial Library. It will begin Dec. 16 and will run through Dec. 31.

There will be a good selection of adult's, children's, fiction and non-fiction books. Many bargains will be available at 25¢ for each hardback or eight hardbacks for \$1; or 15¢ for each paperback or 15 for \$1.

The modifications needed to bring the library in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act are complete. Some of you will be happy to know we have a new water fountain... and it works!

Both bathrooms have been remodeled and handicapped door openers are installed on the front doors. Thanks go to the Tocker Foundation for funding these modifications.

Meanwhile, the Dimmitt High

4-H sets entry time for county livestock show

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

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

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

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

Nominations due for citizen honors

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years" and "Teacher of the Year" awards, which will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet in January.

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

"Every year when our selection committees convene, the names of several people who weren't nominated are brought up and, invariably, someone says, 'Well, it's a shame...,'" said Bill Sava, executive director of the chamber of commerce. "This is a great way for organizations, groups of friends, churches, individuals, students, and even family members to recognize someone who has made worthwhile contributions to our community."

School art show will be on display at the library until Saturday.

Besides all of this stuff, we do still have books. Here are a few of our newer titles of interest.

Short Christmas books include *The Christmas Wish* by Richard Siddoway and *Christmas in Calico* by Jack Curtis.

Lori Wick's *To Know Her by Name* is an inspirational romance. *Orchid Beach* is Stuart Woods' latest thriller. Bill Bradley's *Values of the Game* covers his life both on- and off-court.

Come on down and check us out.

Breast cancer screening set Dec. 17

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic on Dec. 17 at Plains Memorial Hospital, 310 W. Halsell in Dimmitt.

The screening costs \$75. The Texas Dept. of Health will help pay for the exam for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are done by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-377-4673 or 806-356-1905.

A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns.

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

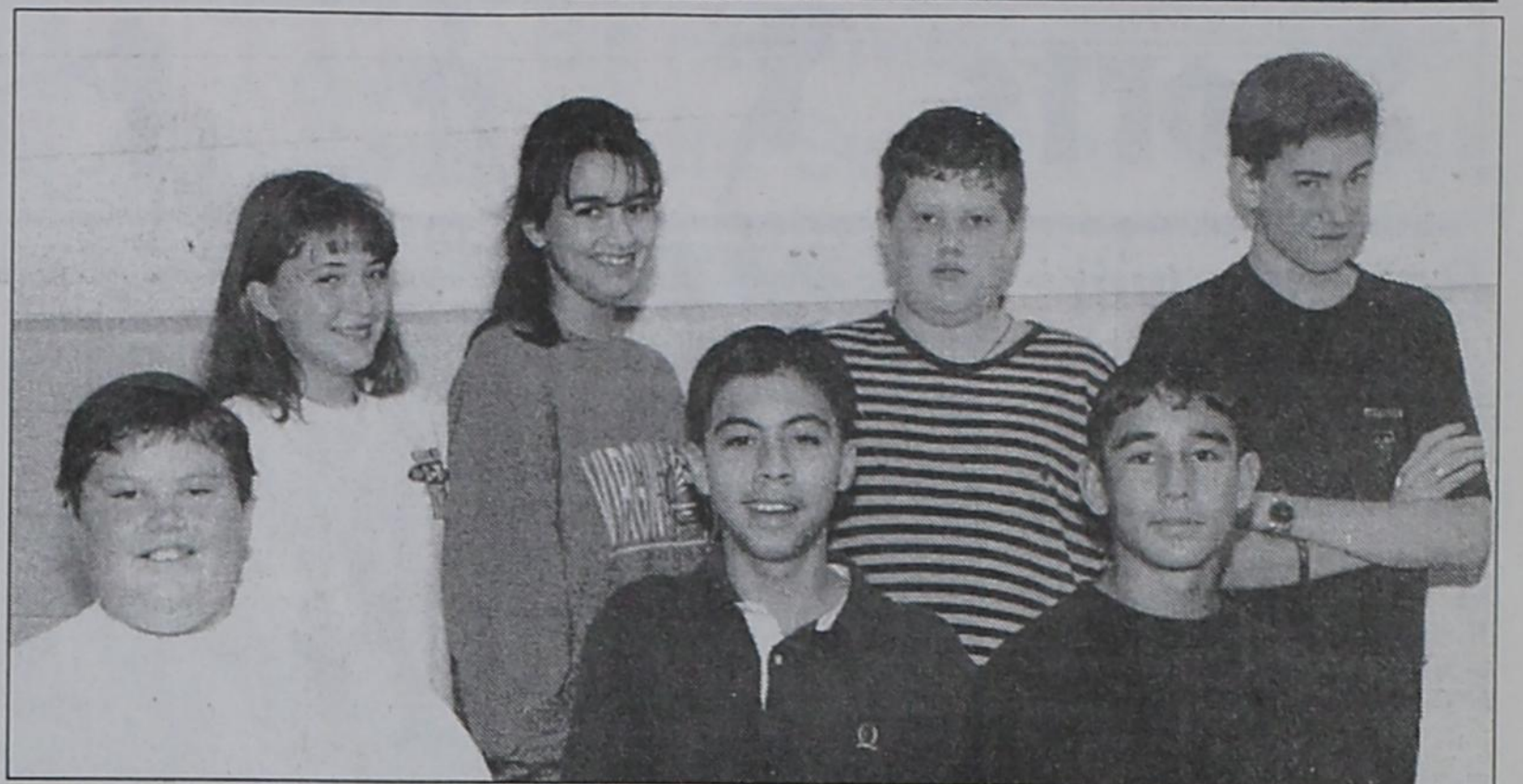
Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

Langford to get 'Golden Trowel'

Marshall Langford of Dimmitt, a member of the Castro Masonic Lodge, will be presented with a "Golden Trowel Award" Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony at the lodge at Northwest Third and Etter in Dimmitt.

The Golden Trowel is the lodge's formal recognition of a member for his devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his lodge. It is intended for the member who quietly but actively demonstrates his devotion to the teachings of Masonry without thought of recognition or special honors, according to information from the lodge.



ALL-REGION BAND—These students from Dimmitt Middle School were selected for the 3A Junior High All-Region Band Dec. 1 at West Texas High School in Stinnett. They are: (front, from left)

Todd Jansa, Ruben Casas, and L.J. Soler; and (back, from left) Elizabeth Stephens, Chris Back, Caleb Dickerson and Casey Jones. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Seven DMS students selected for Junior High All-Region Band

Seven students from Dimmitt Middle School qualified for the 3A All-Region Band in try-outs held Dec. 1 at West Texas High School in Stinnett.

Those who were selected for the band included seventh graders Caleb Dickerson and Todd Jansa, who both took first chair honors, Dickerson in trumpet and Jansa in baritone.

Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic set Jan. 2

The second annual Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic will be held Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

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

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

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

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

For more information contact the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

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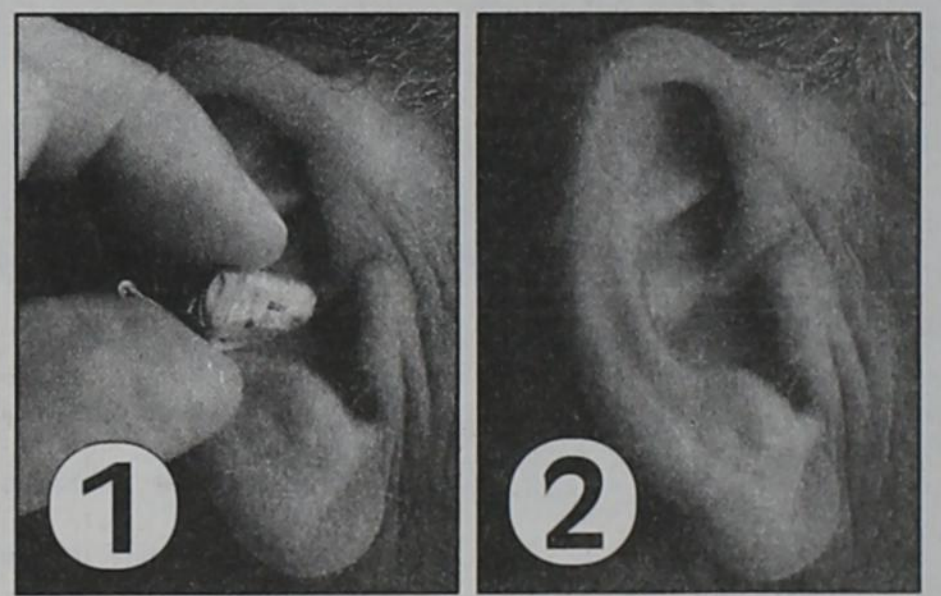
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Sports



Bobbies will meet Hobbs at noon today

The Dimmitt Bobbies hope to get off to a good start in the Seminole Tournament today (Thursday) with a win over Hobbs, N.M.

Dimmitt and Hobbs will square off in a first-round game today (Thursday) at 12 noon.

Andrews and El Paso Coronado will meet in another first round game and the Bobbies will play one of those two teams Friday in semifinal action. If Dimmitt wins its first game, it will play Friday at 3 p.m. Should the Bobbies lose to Hobbs, they will play at 12 noon on Friday.

Other first-round games include Clint versus Odessa junior varsity and Mt. View versus Seminole.

On Saturday, tournament play continues with the seventh-place game at 9 a.m., followed by the consolation championship at 12 noon. On the winners' side of the bracket, the third place game is slated for 3 p.m. with the title game set to tip off at 6 p.m.

Stew, chili meal slated for Saturday

A beef stew and chili meal will be served Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt and the public is invited to attend.

A special invitation is extended to pheasant hunters who will be visiting the county for the opening weekend of pheasant season.

Cost for the meal is \$4 per person and that includes a drink.

The event is being sponsored by the church and for more information call 647-4219.

Som mammoths, related to present-day elephants, had curvy tusks as long as 13 feet.



JERRY THOMAS (22) goes rim-high for a basket against El Paso High in the fourth quarter of the consolation championship game of the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic Saturday. Trying to stop his shot are El Paso's Dave Autunez (34) and Adrian Prieto (20). Thomas scored 17 points and grabbed eight rebounds against the taller Tigers. El Paso won the game, 52-47. After losing a squeaker to Lubbock High in the tourney opener, the Bobcats posted lopsided wins over Lubbock Estacado and Plainview before meeting El Paso in the consolation finals.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Bobcats split four games in big Pioneer Tournament

Dimmitt fell short of its goal in the Pioneer Classic this weekend, but Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle said that other than a couple of lapses and poor shooting in two of their four games, the Bobcats played some of the best basketball they've played all year.

"Our goal was to get in the championship game, but we weren't able to do that," said Steinle. "But it was good for us to play these four games. We played some good teams."

Dimmitt suffered a heart-breaking loss in the opening round, 61-59 to Lubbock High. But Dimmitt recovered to win two good games on Friday and played very well in those games, according to Steinle. The Bobcats trounced Lubbock Estacado in Friday's early game, 67-44, then bounced Plainview in the late game, 75-48.

The Bobcats wrapped up tournament action on Saturday with a loss to El Paso High, 52-47.

Dimmitt held a slim, early lead over Lubbock High, but went cold in the second quarter and couldn't make up for the slump.

Dimmitt led 11-9 in the first, but fell behind 29-21 at the half. The Bobcats came back to outscore Lubbock High in the second half, 38-32, but the second-quarter drought was too big.

"It was close the whole way," Steinle said. "We had opportunities to win the game down the stretch, we just didn't get the breaks we needed."

Jerry Thomas had one of his best games this season, pouring in 32 points and hauling down 12 rebounds for the Bobcats. Derek Buckley hit 14 points, had eight rebounds, four steals and seven assists. But production fell off from there, with only four other Bobcats scoring, including Jacob Larra with five, Wesley Wright with four and Taylor Matthews and Daniel Proffitt with two apiece.

Steinle said the Bobcats' overall shooting percentage hurt tremendously, both from the field and charity stripe.

"We only made 10-of-20 free throws in the game and when you lose a game by two, that fact just jumps out at you," Steinle said.

Dimmitt's accuracy from the field wasn't anything to brag about, either. The Bobcats hit just 37.9% from the

floor overall (22-of-58) and made just 3-of-12 shots from three-point range.

That loss dropped Dimmitt to the consolation half of the bracket, and they won two games Friday, one against Estacado and the other against Plainview.

In those two games, the Bobcats looked as good as they have all year, Steinle said.

"We played our most consistent basketball of the year," Steinle said. "We had balanced scoring and we shot well. We did a lot of good things in those two games."

Dimmitt had no problems with Estacado, turning a 20-4 first-quarter lead into a 40-15 halftime advantage. Dimmitt coasted through the second half for the 67-44 win.

Thomas was Dimmitt's leading scorer again, this time tallying 20 points on 50% shooting from the field and 75% shooting from the free throw line. He also pulled down five rebounds, and had a pair of steals and assists. Buckley added 17 points, eight rebounds, three assists and one steal and his accuracy from the field was even better than Thomas's at 60%.

"We shot much better against Estacado. For the game we hit about 57% from the floor. When you can do that it helps a bunch. We also played good defense," Steinle said.

"I was proud of the way the kids rebounded, too. Estacado was a very athletic team, but we were able to out-rebound them (34-29)."

Steinle also was pleased with the balanced scoring effort his team had. Seven Bobcats scored. In addition to Thomas and Buckley, Wright had nine, Larra had seven, Sammy Prieto finished with six and Taylor Matthews and Keevin Sanders had four each.

Dimmitt's second game on Friday was almost identical to the first, with Dimmitt jumping out to a big lead, then coasting through the rest of the game for a big 75-48 win over Plainview.

Three Bobcats finished in double figures including Thomas with 23, Larra with 15 and Buckley with 13.

Dimmitt shot better than 57% from the field and was 50% from the free throw line. The Bobcats also out-rebounded the Bulldogs, 39-35.

"We hit well against Plainview and we out-rebounded them. We shot 57% and that's really good for us. We feel like if we can hit 50% we've done well. We had good scoring output again, with nine people getting in the books. When you get that kind of balanced scoring it starts to accumulate."

Dimmitt had 20 assists in the game with Plainview, including five by Buckley and four by Wright.

After taking a 17-9 lead in the first quarter, Dimmitt exploded for a 35-19 halftime lead, then extended that to 57-30 after three quarters.

Dimmitt's hot shooting cooled in Saturday's final game with El Paso

and that resulted in a 52-47 loss.

The Bobcats made just 37.8% of their shots from the field and shot a miserable 43.8% from the free throw line. Of Dimmitt's 47 points, 44 were scored by three players: Buckley had 19, Thomas had 17 and Larra had eight.

"We started out slow (against El Paso) and we just didn't get on track," Steinle said. "They hit the basket well, especially in the first half. I think they shot 50% in the first half and we made only 35% of our shots in the game."

Dimmitt trailed 22-19 in the first quarter, but then went stone cold in the second, managing just six points in the stanza. They found themselves down 32-25 at the break.

Dimmitt did regain some of the lost ground in the third quarter, outscoring El Paso 10-4, but El Paso came back to win the fourth-quarter battle, 16-12, to claim the win.

"We were down at the half and we came out and played good in the third quarter, holding them to four points. That got us back in the ball game. But down the stretch they made some plays and they made their free throws and we didn't," Steinle said.

In the first half, El Paso was 80% from the line, hitting 4-of-5 attempts. In the second half, El Paso hit 4-of-7 tries from the line.

Dimmitt didn't have as much luck, going 1-of-3 in the first half and 6-of-13 in the second.

"That was the story of the tournament—we won the two games when we hit the basket and in the two losses we didn't," Steinle said. "We have to find a way to win when we're not hitting."

Bobcats to face Denver City today in Seminole Tourney

The Dimmitt Bobcats will take on Denver City today (Thursday) at 1:30 p.m. in first-round action of the Seminole Tournament.

Dimmitt and Denver City join Lamesa, Andrews, Pampa, Snyder, Seminole and Clint in the annual tournament.

The Dimmitt-Denver City winner will play either Lamesa or Andrews Friday at 4:30 p.m. Losers of the two first-round games will square off at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

On Saturday, the day's schedule begins with the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., followed by the consolation championship at 1:30. The third-place game will tip off at 4:30 p.m. with the championship slated for 7:30 p.m.

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Swifts named all-South Plains

Nazareth seniors Matt Olvera and Matthew Kern have been named to the Class A all-South Plains football team for 1998.

Kern, a 5-10, 185-lb. linebacker, was the District 3-A Defensive Most Valuable Player after leading the Swifts with 85 tackles and three interceptions during the season.

Olvera, a 6-0, 180-lb. kicker, booted 14-of-17 extra points for the Swifts during the season.

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Ritchie notches 37 as tall Lady Sandies halt Bobbies, 66-54

With hotshot guard Natalie Ritchie scorching the net for 37 points and Amarillo's tall-tree defense stifling Dimmitt's inside game, the Lady Sandies earned a 66-54 win over the Bobbies here Friday night.

Ritchie, a 5-9 sharpshooter who was District 3-5A's Most Valuable Player as a sophomore last year, was all over the court as she rang up more than half of the Lady Sandies' points, scoring 18 in the first half and 19 in the second.

6-0 sophomore post Jaime Morgan added 12 points to Amarillo's total as only six players scored all of the points for the Lady Sandies, the District 3-5A favorites.

Junior wing Carol Summers paced the Bobbies with 13 points from all angles. Senior post Tonya Robertson, who has notched as many as 30 points in one game, had to settle for 11 against the Lady Sandies' tall inside crew. Sophomore Heather Black added 10 for Dimmitt.

Senior playmaker Shawna Kenworthy scored 6 points before fouling out with seven minutes remaining. Senior Heather Wise also netted 6, senior Stephanie Hinojosa 5, sophomore Lori Schulte 2 and senior Allison Roberson 1.

Hinojosa, Robertson and Summers

did all of Dimmitt's scoring in the first quarter as the Lady Sandies edged to a 13-11 lead behind the outside-inside swishing tandem of Ritchie and Jaime Morgan.

The score was tied at 19-19 and 21-21 in the second before the Lady Sandies built a 28-22 halftime lead.

A three-point play by Ritchie and a trey by Abby Whittenburg helped the Lady Sandies extend their lead to 44-32 during the third period.

The Bobbies matched their visitors point-for-point in the final frame and drew within eight twice during a seven-point mid-quarter flurry by Summers, but Ritchie and the Morgan sisters combined for Amarillo's final 11 points to keep the Bobbies at bay.

Dedication rescheduled

The dedication of a nativity scene at Holy Family Church in Nazareth will be held Dec. 20 following the Sunday morning Mass, around 9:30 a.m. at the church.



JACOB LARRA of Dimmitt drives past an El Paso High player in the fourth quarter of the consolation championship game of the Plainview Lions Pioneer Classic Saturday. Larra scored eight points and had two assists and two steals for the Bobcats. El Paso won the game, 52-47. Photo by Carter Townsend

Big I-27 Invitational includes Swifts, Swiftettes this week

Nazareth basketball fans will make the trek down I-27 this weekend to watch the Swifts and Swiftettes in the annual I-27 Invitational Tournament, which is played at high school gyms in Abernathy, Hale Center and Idalou.

Up first for the Swiftettes in the 16-team girls' tournament is El Paso Frankling, a Class AAAAA school. Game time is 10:30 a.m. today (Thursday) at Idalou.

The Swifts' first game of the 15-team boys' tourney will be at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) against Idalou at Idalou.

If the Swiftettes win their first game, they'll play the Idalou-Crane winner in a championship quarterfinal game today (Thursday) at 6 p.m. at Idalou. Should the Swiftettes lose to El Paso, they will meet the Idalou-Crane loser at 12 noon Friday at Idalou.

Other teams in the girls' tournament are Abernathy, Tulia, Happy, Trinity, Wall, Whiteface, Springlake-Earth, Lubbock Christian High School, Littlefield and Hale Center. The Swifts will take on either Littlefield or Crane in a second-round game on Friday. If they win, they'll play at 9 a.m. at Idalou. If they lose, the game will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Idalou.

The boys' tournament also includes Tulia, Cooper, Hale Center, Happy, Sonora, Muleshoe, White-

face, Shallowater, Slaton, Lubbock Christian High School and Abernathy.

Saturday's final round in the girls' tournament features the fifth-place game at 9 a.m., third-placed game at 12 noon, consolation championship at 3 p.m., and championship at 6 p.m. All games will be played at Abernathy.

In the boys' tournament, the fifth-place game will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by the consolation at 1:30 p.m., third-place at 4:30 p.m. and title match at 7:30 p.m., all at Abernathy High School.

Swifts named to academic all-district list

Several Nazareth Swifts were named to the academic all-district football team from District 3-A.

Those recognized are Mitchell Brockman, Matthew Kern, Cameron McLain, Matty McLain, Mark Birkenfeld, Bryce Pohlmeier, Blake Birkenfeld, Aaron Kern, Jase Merritt, Daryl Pohlmeier, Kade Wilcox and Ky Wilcox.

To qualify for academic all-district honors, a student must have an "A" average for the first two six-week grading periods.

Good Luck,

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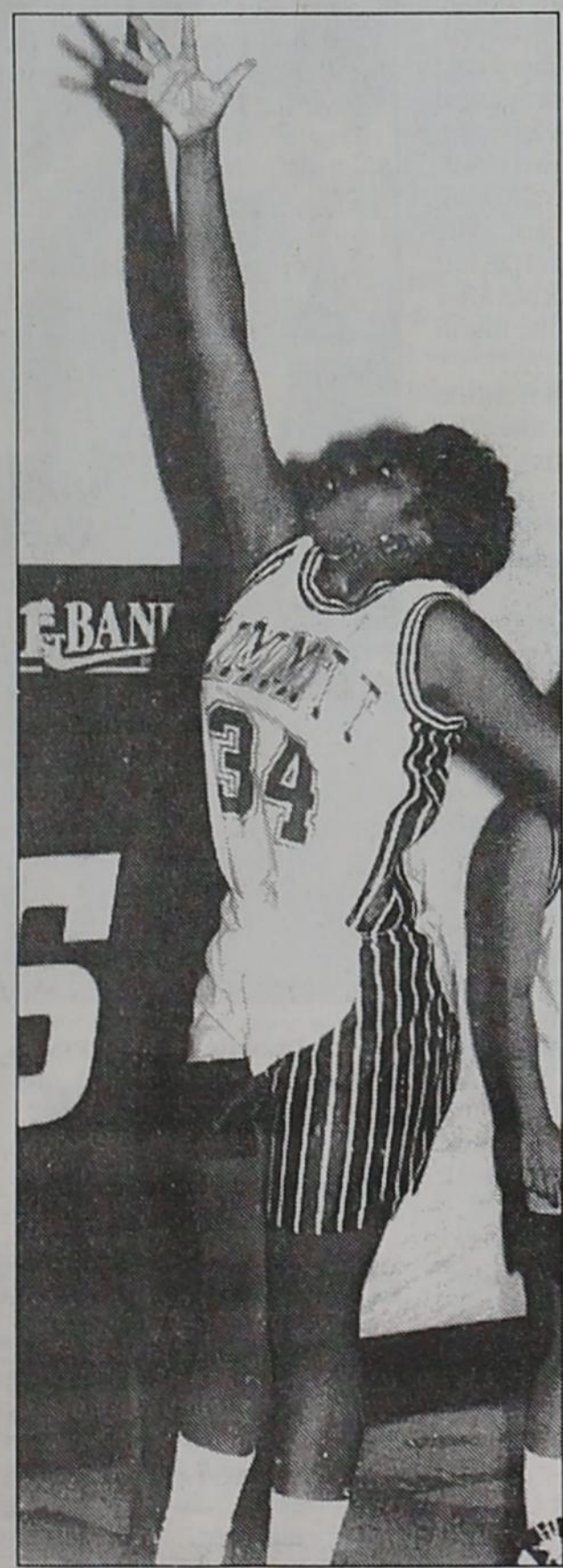
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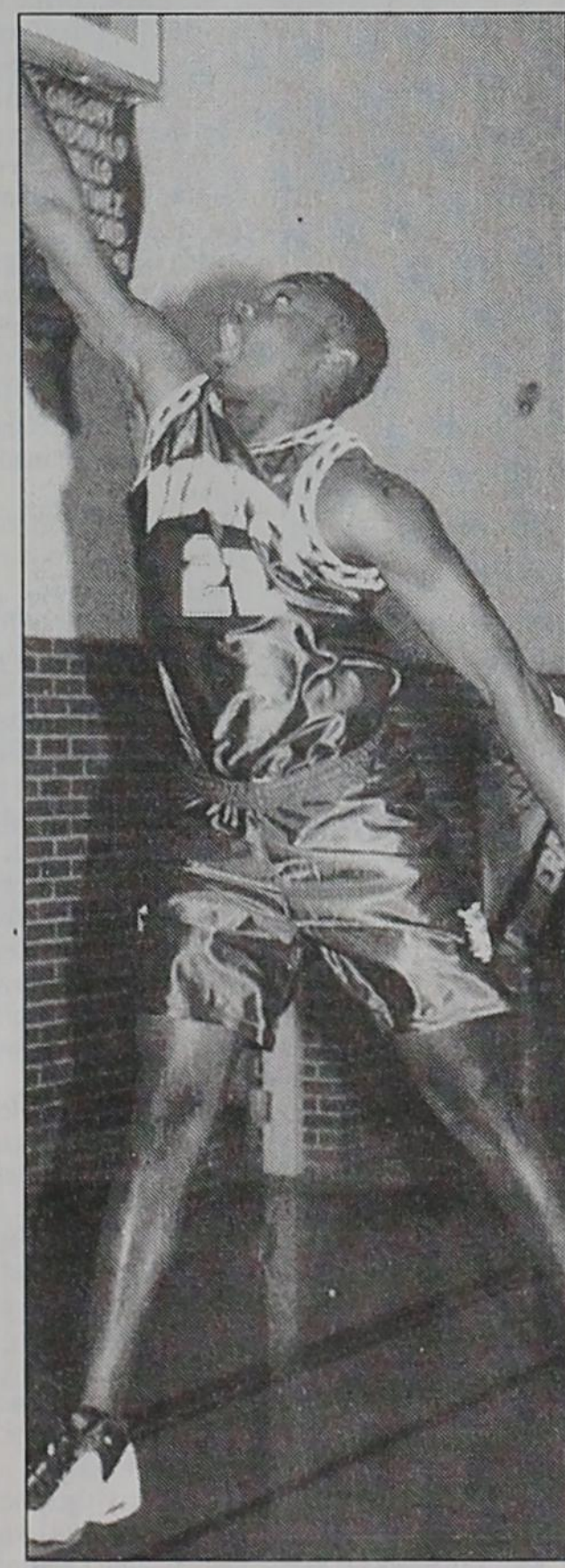
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Swifts claim consolation crown in Friona



BASELINE MOVES—Ky Wilcox of Nazareth (10) drives baseline and gets off a shot despite the efforts of Canyon defenders Michael Lair (23) and Ulyse Moudachirou last Thursday in first-round action at the Friona Invitational Tournament. Wilcox scored 11 points to lead the Swifts, but it wasn't enough as the Eagles went on to claim a 60-46 win. The Eagles went on to win the tournament and Nazareth claimed the consolation crown with wins over Elida and Floyd. *Photo by Anne Acker*

The Nazareth Swifts stumbled in their first-round game with Canyon at the Friona Invitational last Thursday, but battled back to claim the consolation championship while the Eagles went on to win the tournament.

Nazareth dropped the first game to Canyon, 60-46, last Thursday, but came back on Friday to down Elida, N.M., 51-27. Then on Saturday, the Swifts beat Floyd, N.M., 55-41, to finish as consolation champions.

Nazareth stayed with the Eagles through the first quarter, trailing by just a three at the end of the period, 12-9. Canyon pulled in front in the second quarter, outscoring Nazareth 18-10, and the Swifts never recovered, although they were able to keep pace with the Eagles in the second half.

Nazareth struggled from the free throw line, hitting just 15-of-32 for the game. That was the difference in the game. The Eagles earned several trips to the line, too, but they capitalized on 14-of-23 tries.

Three Nazareth freshman kept it close in the first quarter, with Kade Wilcox connecting on a three-pointer and field goal, Daryl Pohlmeier adding a basket and Ky Wilcox picking up a pair of free throws.

Canyon took the lead in the opening quarter on an eight-point performance by Kyle Joy, who finished with a game-high 14 points.

Canyon used a more balanced scoring attack in the second to take the big halftime lead. Matt Lair and Cade Wartes both drained threes while Derek Turner and Joy added four apiece to spark the surge.

The Swifts managed 10 points in the stanza, with Blake Birkenfeld counting a field goal and charity toss, Pohlmeier and Kade Wilcox each adding a bucket and Ky Wilcox and Stanton Wethington chipping in free throws.

But Canyon's big second quarter proved to be the end for the Swifts. Over the second half, Canyon managed to outscore the Swifts—but just barely, 30-27.

Leading scorer for Nazareth was Ky Wilcox, who had 11 points, seven of which came from the free throw line. Kade Wilcox, who had seven in the first half, was limited to a three in the fourth quarter to finish with 10. Pohlmeier chipped in seven.

Nazareth started off hot in Friday's semifinal win over Elida, N.M., jumping out to 21-7 lead in the first

quarter, then cruising through the rest of the game for a 51-27 win.

The Swift defense held Elida to a total of five points in the second and third quarters and didn't give up double-digit scoring in a stanza until the fourth quarter.

Seven Swifts scored in the opening quarter, led by Cameron McLain, who picked up six points. Kade Wilcox added four, Ky Wilcox sank a three, Stanton Wethington and Mitchell Brockman each added two and Jason Huseman picked up a free throw.

From then on it was all Nazareth, dominating with defense and burying with offense.

The Swifts held Elida to one field goal in each of the second and third quarters. On the other end of the floor, Nazareth was on fire. Kade Wilcox picked up eight points in the second quarter after hitting a pair of three-pointers. Wethington added four points in the third and another four in the fourth.

The Swifts still struggled from the free throw line, hitting just half of their shots (6-of-12).

Kade Wilcox led all scorers with 14 points while Wethington finished with 10. Ky Wilcox added nine and McLain finished with eight.

The Swifts enjoyed similar success in the consolation championship, ousting Floyd, N.M., 55-41.

The Swifts led early in the game and continued to build on that lead throughout the second half to claim the win.

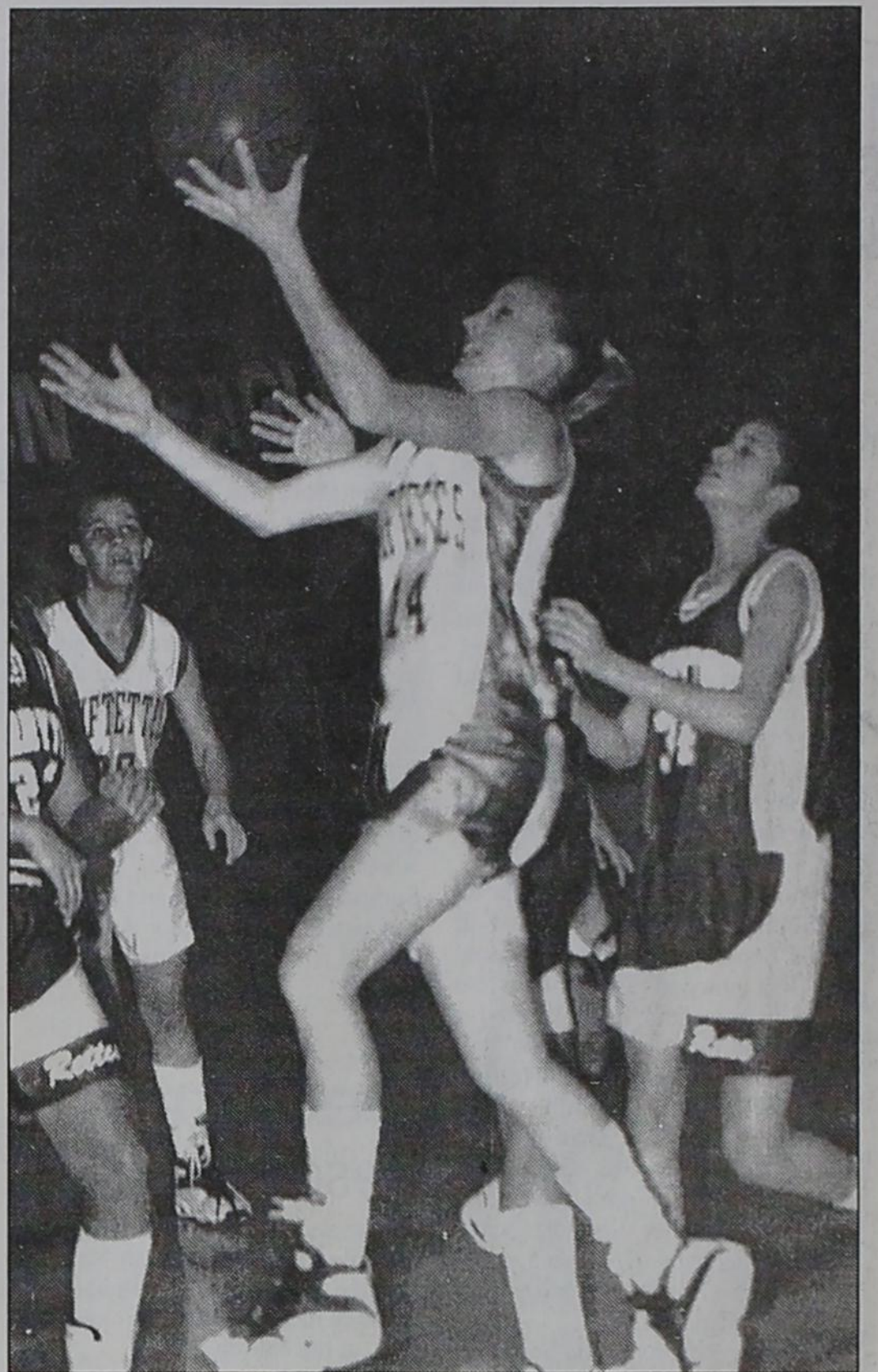
Wethington was leading point-getter with 15 points while Kade Wilcox added 11. Matt Olvera and Ky Wilcox each finished with nine.

Nazareth took a 10-6 lead in the first quarter on a pair of baskets by Matt Olvera and field goals from Wethington, Pohlmeier and Ky Wilcox.

The Swifts held Floyd to seven points in the second quarter while adding 13 to their total for a 23-13 halftime lead.

The Wilcox twins each chipped in three pointers in the second quarter, and Ky added a field goal and Kade picked up a pair of free throws. Olvera added another goal and Pohlmeier added a charity toss.

Nazareth went up by 10 in the third, 33-23, then Wethington caught fire in the fourth, exploding for 10 points to put the game out of reach.



DRIVING THROUGH THE PAINT—Stephanie Thiel (14) of Nazareth drives around several Perryton defenders and picks up one of many layups last Thursday in opening-round action of the Canyon Classic. The Swiftettes claimed a 58-50 win over the taller Perryton girls, then edged Tascosa 51-48 in the second round to advance to the finals in Canyon. Their hosts ended the Swiftettes winning streak, though, claiming a 62-26 win for the tourney title. Against Perryton, Thiel finished with 13 points. *Photo by Anne Acker*

Swiftettes fall to Canyon in tourney title showdown

The Nazareth Swiftettes won a pair of close games over good teams to reach the championship of the Canyon Classic, but they ran into a brick wall in the title game.

Their undefeated hosts, the Canyon Lady Eagles, coached by former Nazareth mentor Joe Lombard, pounded away with a tough inside game that the Swiftettes couldn't handle in Saturday's championship, claiming a 62-26 win for the title.

To reach that first-place game, the Swiftettes knocked off Perryton, 58-50; then handled Tascosa in the semifinal, 51-48.

But Saturday belonged to Canyon, which wasn't challenged through the tournament.

The Lady Eagles dominated with big post players, 6-1 Jolee Ayers and 6-0 T'Nae Thiel, who combined for 37 points, most of which came inside the paint.

The Swiftettes stayed with the Lady Eagles in the first half, trailing by just 13 at halftime. But Nazareth suffered through two long, hard cold spells in the second half that allowed Canyon to blow the game wide open.

The Lady Eagles shut down Nazareth in the third quarter, allowing nothing until the 2:43 mark. The Swiftettes scored again with 1:28 left in the quarter, but were shut out after that until the 2:24 mark in the fourth quarter.

Nazareth hit just 10-of-34 from the field and 5-of-10 from the line. The Swiftettes only made one trey in the game.

Canyon forced 17 Nazareth turnovers and out-rebounded the Swiftettes, 29-16.

Leading scorer for Nazareth was Shawna Gerber, who had 11 points, eight of which came in the first half. Cassie Birkenfeld added eight for the Swiftettes.

Nazareth opened the tournament last Thursday with a big win over Perryton, which also had two big six-foot posts dominating inside.

But the Swiftettes used a patient, penetrating offensive attack to counter Perryton's height advantage and were able to come away with the 58-50 win.

The Rangerettes led 12-10 after the first period, but Nazareth came back in the second quarter to take a 24-21 lead.

The lead changed hands several times in the second half before the Swiftettes were finally able to put the game away at the line late in the fourth quarter.

Gerber paced the Nazareth attack with 23 points while Stephanie Thiel chipped in 13.

For Perryton, Lacie Holt finished with 14 points while Leigh Ann Ogden and Courtney Nowlin finished with 12 each.

Nazareth jumped out to an early lead over Tascosa in Friday's semifinal round, then held off a late Lady

Reb rally in the fourth to claim the 51-48 win.

Whitney Hoelting led Nazareth with 14 points while Thiel finished with 12 and Gerber added 11.

The Swiftettes held a slim, 14-11 lead after the opening eight minutes and still held the three-point advantage at halftime, 26-23.

Nazareth extended the lead to seven after outscoring Tascosa in the third, 15-11, and the Swiftettes needed every one of those points to hold off the determined Lady Rebels in the fourth period.

Tascosa managed to outscore Nazareth 14-10 over the final eight minutes, but it wasn't enough.

The Lady Rebels got 18 points from Lexia Johnston.



Danette Ramaekers is named to all-state team

Nazareth freshman Danette Ramaekers has been named to the Class A all-state cross country team. The honor lists were announced by *Texas Track and Field News*.

Ramaekers was Nazareth's top runner all year, winning several meets. She led the Swiftettes to top team honors in all but the Class A state title race, where they finished second.


At the Class A state meet, Ramaekers finished fourth overall.

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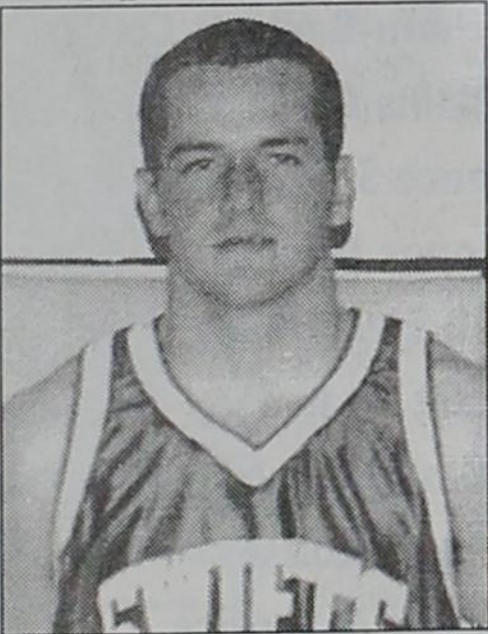
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GOTCHA!—Hart's Veronica Gonzales (10) and Vanessa Carrasco (25) sandwich an Elida ballhandler near the baseline as they apply full-court pressure in last Thursday's opener at the Friona Invitational.

The Hart girls had no problems with Elida, posting a 69-51 win. The Hart girls went on to down Floyd in the tourney, too, but stumbled against Farwell and Friona.

Photo by Anne Acker

Longhorns top Elida in final tourney game

The Hart Longhorns got a big win over Elida, N.M., 44-31, in the seventh-place game of the Friona Invitational Saturday and Hart Coach Todd Bryant hopes that game will be a confidence builder for the Horns.

Hart had suffered losses to Friona and Floyd, N.M., in its first two tournament games, but ended the skid with the win over Elida on Saturday.

Hart took a 14-6 lead over Elida in the first quarter and the Longhorns' confidence started to grow. They dominated the New Mexico guys in the second-quarter, too, and found themselves up 26-13 at intermission.

Elida managed to come back in the third, outscoring Hart, 7-4, but the Longhorns regained the momentum and control of the game in the fourth to outscore Elida and take the 44-31 win.

Although Hart had three good, solid quarters against Elida, Coach Bryant said the Horns still have to learn to play a full game.

"We're not playing consistent ball right now. If we ever put together four complete quarters, there's no telling what they could do. We were better against Elida, scoring 14 in the first, 12 in the second and 14 in the fourth, but then you look at that third quarter—we really fell off there."

Chris George and Keith Finch led a balanced Hart scoring attack by chipping in 10 points apiece.

In Friday's consolation semifinal round, Hart gave Floyd, N.M., everything it could handle, but couldn't pull out the victory.

Jeremiah Velasquez counted 16 points while Finch finished with 10 to lead Hart in the 58-48 loss.

Hart held a slim, one-point lead in the opening stanza, 12-11, but Floyd was able to tie the game at 25 as the teams headed to the locker room at halftime.

Floyd picked up a three-point edge in the third quarter, then exploded in the fourth, outscoring Hart 24-17 to put the game away.

"We only hit 5-of-16 of from the line for the game and we only had 35% from the field," Bryant said. "We're just not shooting very well right now."

Hart really struggled from the field against Friona in last Thursday's first-round game, managing just six points in the first half while Friona rolled to a 31-6 lead.

"Against Friona we shot 20% from the field. That's just killing us," Bryant said.

Hart improved its aim in the second half and stayed with Friona almost shot-for-shot, but the first-half deficit was too big for Hart to overcome and the Chieftains claimed a 51-26 win.

Velasquez finished with 10 points for Hart while Finch added eight.

Hart hopes to get Jared Aven back in the lineup by next week.

Aven suffered a broken arm in football and has been recuperating since then.



HART'S CHRIS GEORGE (23) GETS good position inside and pulls down an easy rebound in action at the Friona Tournament last week. The Longhorns lost their first two games in the tournament, but pulled together to down Elida Saturday in the seventh-place game. George, along with Keith Finch, paced the Longhorns to that win, each scoring 10 points.

Photo by David Knox

Hart girls sweep New Mexico squads in Friona Invitational

The Hart Lady Horns won two and lost two games in the Friona Invitational Tournament, held last Thursday through Saturday.

The Lady Horns quickly disposed of Elida, N.M., in the first round of the tournament last Thursday, using a stifling defense and transition game to post a 69-51 win.

Hart didn't have as much luck in its second game last Thursday, though, losing to the host Friona Squaws, 49-26.

Hart got back on track in the third game, handing the girls from Floyd, N.M. a 72-68 loss; but Farwell downed the Lady Horns in Saturday's final round, 71-48.

It was all Hart from the opening

tip in last Thursday's game with Elida.

The Lady Horns jumped out to a 25-12 first-quarter lead thanks to a lot of steals and layups from their pressure defense.

Hart held an edge in each quarter, but Elida stayed with the Lady Horns, almost basket-for-basket in the second through fourth quarters. Hart was up 38-23 at halftime and 55-38 after three.

Pacing the Lady Horn attack was Ysa Rodriguez, who scored a game-high 19 points. Teammate Geneva Finch finished with 11.

It was a different story in the second game, though, as Friona's defense did a number on the Lady

Horns from the opening tip.

Hart managed just single-digit scoring in each quarter while Friona exploded in the second through fourth quarters with 43 points for the win.

After a slow first quarter, Friona held a 6-2 lead. The Squaws more than doubled that in the second period, opening up the game with a 14-7 edge over Hart for a 20-9 halftime lead.

The Squaws outscored Hart 29-17 in the second half for the 49-26 victory.

Veronica Gonzales and Angelica Perez were Hart's top scorers with eight points apiece.

Hart picked up the tempo of the game against Floyd, N.M. on Friday, outrunning the out-of-staters for a 72-68 win.

The fast-paced game saw Hart on top 21-15 after the first eight minutes. Floyd would come back to make it a 40-36 game at halftime, but Hart was still in control. The Lady Horns gained an extra bucket on Floyd in the third. The Floyd girls would get that shot back in the fourth, but Hart's first-half edge would prove to be too much.

Rodriguez was unstoppable, hitting 28 points to lead the Lady Horn offensive attack. Perez finished with 20.

Farwell's Lady Blue handed Hart its second tournament loss on Saturday, 71-48.

The Lady Horns kept it close for three quarters, but Farwell turned up the heat in the fourth, outscoring the Lady Horns 25-8 for the big win.

The Lady Blue were on top by six, 16-10, in the first quarter, and Hart trimmed that lead to four by intermission, 33-29. It was still a six-point game after three quarters, but Farwell put the Lady Horns away in the fourth.

Finch finished with 16 points for Hart while Rodriguez and Gonzales each contributed 10.

Hart teams entered in Lockney Classic

The Hart Lady Horns will take on Plainview's junior varsity while the Longhorns will square off against Clarendon in first-round games of the Lockney Classic today (Thursday).

Tip-off in the girls' game with Plainview will be 9 a.m. while the boys' game with Clarendon will start at approximately 10:30 a.m.

The girls' tournament also fea-

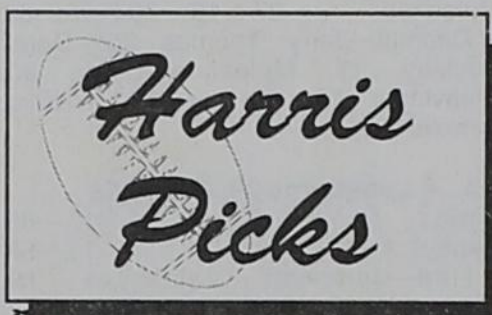
tures first-round matchups between Lockney and Motley County, Kress and Post, and Roosevelt and Petersburg.

The Lady Horns will play either Roosevelt or Petersburg on Friday with the championship semifinal game slated for 3 p.m. and the consolation semi planned at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday's girls' schedule opens with the seventh-place game at 10:30 a.m., the consolation championship at 12 noon, the third-place game at 3 p.m. and the championship at 6 p.m.

In the boys' tournament, other first-round games will be played between Petersburg and Motley County, and Kress and Roosevelt. Lockney drew a bye in the first round and dropped to the consolation half of the bracket to meet the loser of Hart and Clarendon today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. The winner of that second game will return to the championship side of the bracket to face the winner between Petersburg and Motley County Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Losers of the Kress-Roosevelt, Petersburg-Motley County and Lockney-Hart/Clarendon games will play a round robin for consolation.



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- Stephenville 7 over Southlake Carroll
- La Marque 10 over Smithson Valley
- Aledo 6 over Cuero
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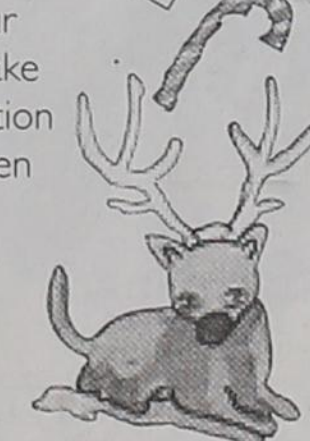
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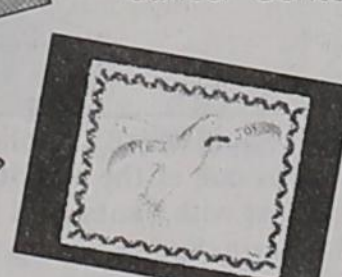
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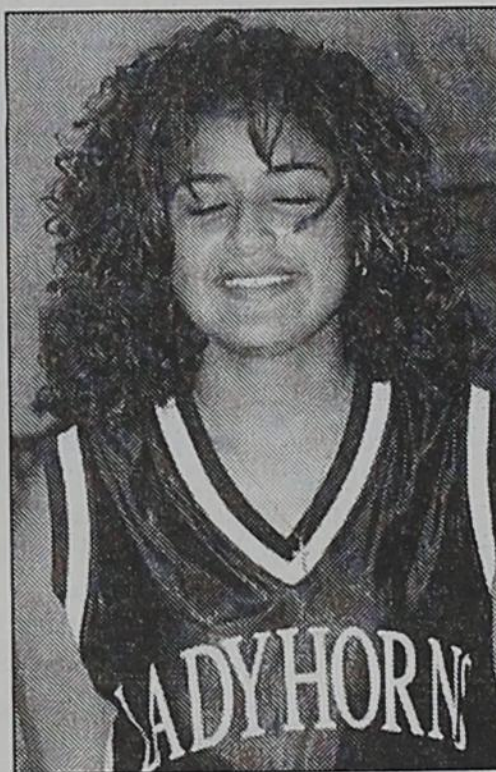
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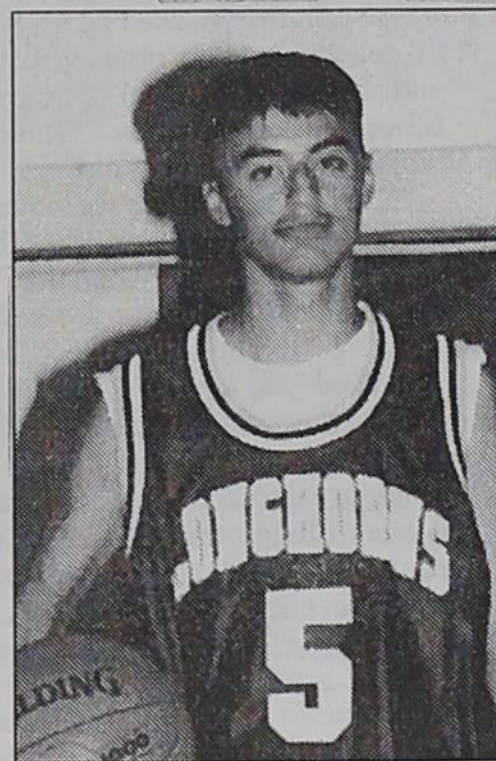
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FIRST GAME: Longhorns vs. Clarendon, Thursday, 10:30 p.m.

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Scoreboard

PIONEER CLASSIC

at Hutcherson Center, Plainview
First round
Bobcats 59, Lubbock High 61
Lubbock 9 20 13 19 —61
Dimmitt 11 10 13 19 —59
Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 32, Derek Buckley 14, Lubbock—Martina 24, Chapman and Hernandez 11. Record: Dimmitt 3-3.

Consolation Quarterfinal

Bobcats 67, Lubbock Estacado 44
Estacado 4 11 11 18 —44
Dimmitt 20 20 13 14 —67
Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 20, Derek Buckley 17, Estacado—Toadrick McGraw 13. Record: Dimmitt 4-3.

Consolation Semifinal

Bobcats 75, Plainview 48
Plainview 9 10 12 18 —48
Dimmitt 17 18 22 18 —52
Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 23, Jacob Larra 15, Plainview—Kyle Autry 11, John Black 10. Record: Dimmitt 5-3.

Consolation Championship

Bobcats 47, El Paso 52
Dimmitt 19 6 10 12 —47
El Paso 22 10 4 16 —52
Dimmitt—Derek Buckley 19, Jerry Thomas 17, El Paso—Adrian Prieto 13, Justin Dominguez 10. Record: Dimmitt 5-4.

CANYON CLASSIC

First Round
Swiftettes 58, Perryton 50
Perryton 12 9 12 17 —50
Nazareth 10 14 11 23 —58
Nazareth—Shawna Gerber 23, Stephanie Thiel 13, Perryton—Holt 14, Ogden and Nowlin 12. Record: Nazareth 4-1.

Championship Semifinals

Swiftettes 51, Tascosa 48
Nazareth 14 12 15 10—51
Tascosa 11 12 11 14—48
Nazareth—Whitney Hoeltling 14, Stephanie Thiel 12, Shawna Gerber 11, Tascosa—Lexia Johnston 18. Record: Nazareth 5-1.

Championship

Swiftettes 26, Canyon 62
Nazareth 7 10 5 4—26
Canyon 16 14 17 15—62
Nazareth—Shawna Gerber 11, Canyon—Jolee Ayers 21, T'Nae Thiel 16. Record: Nazareth 5-2.

FRIONA INVITATIONAL

First Round
Swifts 46 Canyon 60
Nazareth 9 10 8 19—46
Canyon 12 18 9 21—60
Nazareth—Ky Wilcox 11, Kade Wilcox 10, Canyon—Joy 14, Lair and Lair 10. Record: Nazareth 2-3.

Lady Horns 69, Elida, N.M. 51
Hart 25 13 17 14—69
Elida 12 11 15 13—51
Hart—Ysa Rodriguez 19, Geneva Finch 11, Elida—Reins and Winders 16. Record: Hart 4-1.

Longhorns 26, Friona 51
Hart 2 4 12 6—26
Friona 10 21 9 11—51
Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 10, Keith Finch 8. Record: Hart 1-4.

Consolation Semifinals
Swifts 51, Elida, N.M. 27
Nazareth 21 13 9 18—51
Elida 7 3 2 15—27
Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 14, Stanton Wethington 10, Elida—Rains 10. Record: Nazareth 3-3.

Longhorns 48, Floyd, N.M. 58
Hart 12 13 6 17—48
Floyd 11 14 9 24—58
Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 16, Keith Finch 10, Floyd—Chad Heflin 12. Record: Hart 1-5.

Second Round
Lady Horns 26, Friona 49
Hart 2 7 8 9—26
Friona 6 14 10 19—49
Hart—Veronica Gonzales and Angelica Peralez 8, Friona—Ellis 13, Dow 12, Fiel 11. Record: Hart 4-2.

Third Round
Lady Horns 72, Floyd, N.M. 68
Hart 21 19 15 17—72
Floyd 15 21 13 19—68
Hart—Ysa Rodriguez 28, Angelica Peralez 20, Floyd—Tivis 15, Borne 15. Record: Hart 5-2.

Fourth Round/Consolation
Lady Horns 48, Farwell 71
Hart 10 19 11 8—48
Farwell 16 17 13 25—71
Hart—Geneva Finch 16, Ysa Rodriguez and Veronica Gonzales 10, Farwell—Crawford 22, Miller 19. Record: Hart 5-3.

Consolation Championship
Swifts 55, Floyd, N.M. 41
Nazareth 10 13 10 22—55
Floyd 6 7 10 18—41
Nazareth—Stanton Wethington 15, Kade Wilcox 11. Record: Nazareth 4-3.

Seventh Place
Longhorns 44, Elida, N.M. 31
Hart 14 12 4 14—44
Elida 6 7 7 11—31
Hart—Chris George 10, Keith Finch 10, Elida—Rains 11. Record: Hart 2-5.

THURSDAY

Freshman Bobcats 54, Hereford 33
Dimmitt 9th 16 17 10 11—54
Hereford 8 8 9 9—33

Dimmitt 9th—Anthony Oltivero 31. Record: Dimmitt 9th 5-1.

FRIDAY

Bobbles 54, Amarillo 66
Dimmitt 11 11 10 22—54
Amarillo 13 15 16 22—66
Dimmitt—Carol Summers 13, Tonya Robertson 11, Amarillo—Natalie Ritchie 37, Jaime Morgan 12. Record: Dimmitt 4-4.

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Freshman Bobcats 72, Trinity 47
Dimmitt 9th 16 27 8 21—72
Trinity 6 13 18 10—47
Dimmitt 9th—Anthony Oltivero 14, Brent Josselet and Jace Weaver 10. Record: Dimmitt 9th 6-1.

Freshman Bobcats 57, Valley View 69
Dimmitt 9th 11 12 18 16—57
Trinity 22 17 18 12—69
Dimmitt 9th—Anthony Oltivero and Matthew Wright 12. Record: Dimmitt 9th 6-2.

TUESDAY

Swiftettes 62, Panhandle 55
Nazareth 14 14 15 19—62
Panhandle 13 14 12 16—55
Nazareth—Whitney Hoeltling 16, Cassie Birkenfeld 14, Shawna Gerber 13 and Stephanie Thiel 11, Panhandle—Ogletree 17, Stafford 14, Neusch 13. Record: Nazareth 6-2.

Swifts 55, Panhandle 38
Nazareth 14 9 19 13—55
Panhandle 8 12 10 8—38
Nazareth—Kade Wilcox 28, Daryl Pohlmeier 8, Panhandle—Sitz 14. Record: Nazareth 5-3.

Bobbles 57, Muleshoe 42
Dimmitt 9 6 14 28—57
Muleshoe 12 13 6 11—42
Dimmitt—Tonya Robertson 14, Carol Summers 12, Muleshoe—Field 12. Record: Dimmitt 5-4.

Bobcats 70, Muleshoe 62
Dimmitt 17 16 19 18—70
Muleshoe 27 10 20 5—62
Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 25, Derek Buckley 21, Muleshoe—Lewis 20, Cleavinger 19, Sinclair 17. Record: Dimmitt 6-4.

Longhorns 39, Happy 58
Hart 4 8 14 13—39
Happy 19 8 17 14—58
Hart—Jeremiah Velasquez 16, Happy—Hip Saenz 12, Patrick McCuaig 11, Sonny Calhoun 10. Record: Hart 2-6.

Lady Horns 38, Happy 31
Hart 14 6 8 10—38
Happy 8 6 10 7—31
Hart—Veronica Gonzales 12, Ysa Rodriguez 7, Happy—C. Lair 10. Record: Hart 6-3.



WAITING IN THE SANTA LINE—44 children attended the Breakfast with Santa Saturday morning, sponsored by the Hospice Care of the Castro County Hospital District. The participating children visited with Santa, received a treat, ate breakfast, and played games. The event raised almost \$600. Proceeds will benefit Hospice patients. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Police Calls

Deputies are investigating a report of alleged sexual contact with a child. The matter was reported by an Amarillo Police Dept. officer. Offenses were reported to have happened in Dimmitt and on CR 505 south of SH 86. Investigation is continuing.

A 24-year-old Olton man was jailed Saturday morning on Class A misdemeanor charges of assault/family violence and criminal trespass (habitation).

Jerry Casares of Dimmitt told police Dec. 1 that someone entered his residence without his consent and took items valued at \$1,630 and damaged a storm window screen. Items taken included gold chains, charms, three watches, a CD player and a CD, a pair of Nike tennis shoes and some cash.

John Kovacs of Dimmitt told police Monday morning that someone took a tool box from the back of his pickup at his home. The tool box, a voltage meter, and assorted wrenches and sockets were valued at \$600. James Kreig Gallagher of Rt. 3, Hereford, told deputies Saturday that someone stole at least one round bale of hay from the vicinity of CR 513 and CR 601, north of the La Posta store. Investigation is continuing.

Hereford Grain Corp. of Easter reported that wires were damaged on four fans at the Easter elevator. The damage was estimated at \$300.

Arrested on warrants or for viola-

tion of parole during the past week were:

—A 35-year-old Dimmitt man jailed Dec. 1 on a warrant for violation of parole stemming from charges of possession of a controlled substance under 2 ounces.

—A Hereford man, 30, who was jailed Friday on a blue warrant for Pardons and Parole.

—Suspects were served warrants last Thursday afternoon at Plains Memorial Hospital on a warrant for apprehension and detention.

—A suspect was stopped Tuesday morning on outstanding traffic warrants out of Randall County.

Arrests involving alcohol included:

—Friday night, a 20-year-old man was jailed for DWI, first offense.

—On Saturday, at 12:22 a.m., one suspect was charged with public intoxication by a minor and for being in violation of the curfew and another was charged with being a minor consuming an alcoholic beverage, in the alley of the 400 block of Northwest Seventh; at 12:45 a.m., a 26-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed for DWI, second offense; at 1:43 a.m., a 21-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for DWI, second offense, in the 400 block of Northwest Second; and at 11:04 p.m., a Dimmitt man, 41, was arrested in the 200 block of East Bedford for DWI, second offense.

—Sunday, a Tulia man, 39, was jailed for DWI, third or more, and

for child endangerment, in the 600 block of East Etter; and suspects were charged for being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage in the 500 block of West Bedford.

—Monday night a suspect was stopped in the 200 block of Southeast Second on charges of DWI, first offense.

—A 29-year-old Dimmitt man was jailed early Tuesday for DWI.

A Hereford man, 21, was jailed Sunday night for disorderly conduct. Police said he had been urinating in the street in the 500 block of West Jones.

A woman told deputies Dec. 1 that she has been receiving harassing telephone calls.

Saturday at 7:10 p.m., a 1992 Dodge Caravan driven by Audra Eckles Bryant, 33, of Hart, was struck by a 1995 Ford Mustang driven by Roberto Perez, 40, of Dimmitt. Bryant was attempting to make a left turn from FM 145 onto SH 194 a tenth of a mile southeast of Hart. Perez was heading southeast on SH 194. Bryant was ticketed for failure to yield right of way, turning left; and Perez was ticketed for speeding. Damage to the van was rated heavy, while the car had moderate damage. A passenger in the car was listed with possible injury.

More about

Fire guts Seale Florist . . .

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Despite the fire, Seale Florist didn't miss a beat, filling all of its orders that were due to go out on Friday.

With the help of volunteers and friends, the Schroeders and their employees, Edwards, Ann Hays, Teresa Rivera, Glenda Harmon, Molly Scott and Suzanne Gibbs, boxed up what was left of their inventory and supplies and moved

across the street to a back room at Hays Company.

"I call these girls my 'Steel Magnolias,'" Carol Schroeder said. "They never faltered. They kept things running and filled all of our orders, including flowers for a funeral and a Quinceañera. They were set up and ready for business at Hays on Friday. I can't say enough about all they've done."

Seale Florist will continue to do business from Hays Company until renovations are complete at the shop, she said, adding that she hopes to return there in about a week.

"I owe David and Doug Hays a lot. They were so kind to offer to let us move into their building. It's conveniently located since it's just across the street from the shop and I really appreciate their generosity," she said.

The fire hit Seale Florist at its "bread-and-butter" time of the year, according to Carol Schroeder, but she said she should still be able to serve her customers' needs.

"All of our floral merchandise was ruined, but we were able to salvage some vases and collectibles. Something that amazed me is most of the religious things that were scattered throughout the store didn't even have any smut or damage on them," Carol Schroeder said.

She said they packed up 28 boxes of collectibles and other gift items and shipped them to Blackmon-Mooring-Steamatic in Amarillo, which will clean the items.

"The rest of the items we moved to Hays Company and we'll put those on sale at half-price," she said.

She added that there are several loads of freight that haven't been unpacked yet, so she'll be able to quickly restock at least part of her inventory.

While part of the Seale Florist staff is busy filling orders at Hays Company, the others, along with volunteers too numerous to mention, are working on remodeling the shop's "home" across the street.

"We're in the process of rebuilding," Lyman Schroeder said. "We're replacing the damaged sheetrock and we painted everything with aluminum paint and Kilz Monday night."

"There's a reason for everything and through this I've learned how wonderful people really are," Carol Schroeder said.

"So many people came and helped or brought us food...everybody has been absolutely wonderful. Sandra Clark at Tots and Teens has been my inspiration. She cried right with me. Jim Wright brought in a crew of men and they all helped us clean. And only in Dimmitt will you find your banker and loan officer working right beside you when something like this happens. I intend to write a letter to the town, thanking everyone. I wish every town could be like Dimmitt."

More about

Pheasant hunters . . .

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day and Sunday, and they'll be guided around that land on Saturday. They will be allowed to hunt Sunday on their own.

Hunters signing up with the Nazareth Lions Club also will be served a full breakfast Saturday morning at the Nazareth American Legion Hall, catered by the Legion Auxiliary. The menu will include sausage, bacon, eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee and juice.

The fee also entitles hunters to a barbecued brisket lunch on Saturday at the Legion Hall. That meal will be catered by the Nazareth Band Parents Association.

The **Hart Lions Club** is expecting 130 hunters on opening weekend and for the \$150-per-gun fee, those hunters will be entitled to hunt throughout the season. After opening weekend, the Lions Club will accept reservations from hunters who wish to try their luck on the reserved Hart lands for \$100-per-gun.

Breakfast is included for Saturday morning from 5 to 8 a.m., and it will be served at the Hart School Cafeteria. The menu will include eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, biscuits, gravy, juice and coffee. Those not signed up for the club's hunt will be charged \$4 a plate for the breakfast.

The Hart Fire Dept. is selling chances on a 1187 Remington Shotgun and tickets are \$3 each. Tickets will be available at the breakfast and the winner will be announced then.

The Easter Lions Club will host 55 hunters from downstate this weekend and each hunter paid \$100 for the privilege of hunting pheasants on reserved land.

Those hunters will be served cof-

fee and doughnuts before they begin their hunt Saturday morning.

A barbecued lunch will be served to the hunters Saturday at the Easter Community Building. Others are welcome to attend the meal, but will be charged a fee.

Members of the Easter Lions Club will take groups of hunters out Saturday, showing them which land is open for the hunt, and the hunters will be allowed to try their luck Saturday and Sunday.

Other meals

There isn't an organized hunt in Dimmitt, but the **Dimmitt Kiwanis Club** holds a pheasant hunters' breakfast each year.

This year's event will be at the Expo Building and breakfast will be served from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. at a cost of \$4.50 per person. The Kiwanis will serve sausage, eggs, biscuits, gavy, juice and coffee.

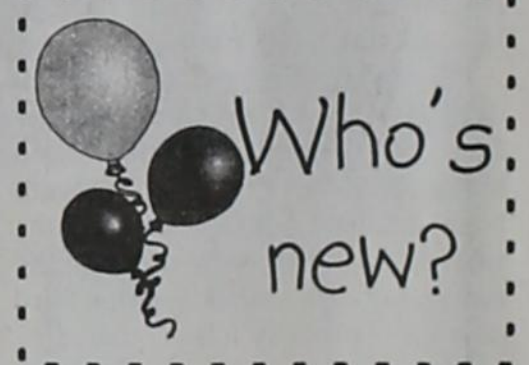
The club also will be raffling off a Remington 870 Pump Shotgun and tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Tickets will be available at the breakfast and the gun will be given away near the end of the meal.

The **Nazareth Museum Association** will sponsor a steak dinner Saturday night from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Nazareth Community Hall. The group extends a special invitation to all pheasant hunters who will be visiting the area this weekend.

Cost for the meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will benefit the Nazareth Museum.

The **Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** in Dimmitt will host a beef stew and chili lunch Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the church.

Cost for the meal is \$4 per person.



OUT OF TOWN

Darrin and Jennifer Heiman of Canyon are the parents of a baby girl, Carlisle Louise, who was born at 8:40 p.m. on Nov. 20 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Carlisle weighed 7 lbs., 5-1/2 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Denny and Dolores Heiman of Nazareth and Pat and Jan Betzen of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Isabell Schulte of Nazareth, and Betty Lookingbill and Mike and Dophene Betzen, all of Hereford.

It's a girl for Kyle and Stephanie Schilling of Dumas. Their baby girl, Karli Suzanne, was born Dec. 1. She weighed 6 lbs., 12 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Rodger and Edna Schilling of Dimmitt and Ricky and Suzanne Farris. Great-grandparents are Loyd and Augusta Farris, Walter and Anita Schilling, W.A. and Rosalie Hawkins and Sylvia Hoeltling.

Mackie and Elaine Irion of Abilene are the parents of twin boys, born Nov. 30. They are William Tyler, who weighed 6 lbs., 11 ozs., and Michael Robert, who weighed 7 lbs., 13 ozs. Grandparents are Robert and Mary Verkamp of Nazareth and Mary Irion of Abilene. Great-grandmother is Ella Verkamp of Idalou.

Band, choir concerts set

The Dimmitt schools will have band and choir concerts Monday and Tuesday at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

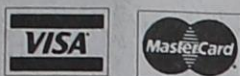
The DHS Band and Choir will have a joint concert Monday at 6 p.m.

The Fifth and Sixth Grade Bands and the Junior High Band will perform Tuesday, beginning at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to both events.

MAKING A SANTA FACE—Maegan Davis, 3, applies cotton balls to a paper plate Santa face, which was one of the activities enjoyed by the children who attended the Breakfast with Santa held Saturday morning at the Dimmitt High School cafeteria. Sponsored by the Castro County Hospice Care, the event attracted 44 children. Those attending received breakfast, a visit with Santa and a treat, in addition to playing several games. The Dimmitt Lions Club prepared the breakfast, Rotary Club members held a "cookie walk," and Kiwanis Club members conducted other games. Proceeds will benefit Hospice patients. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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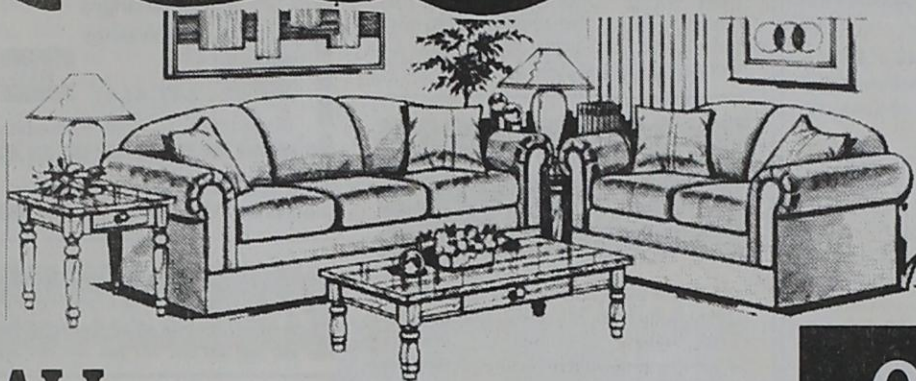
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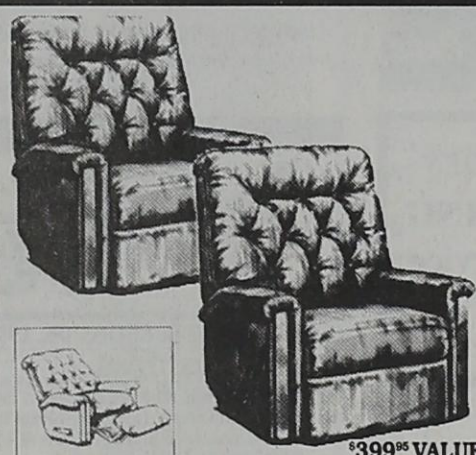
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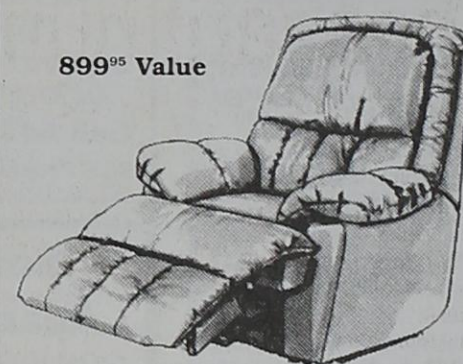
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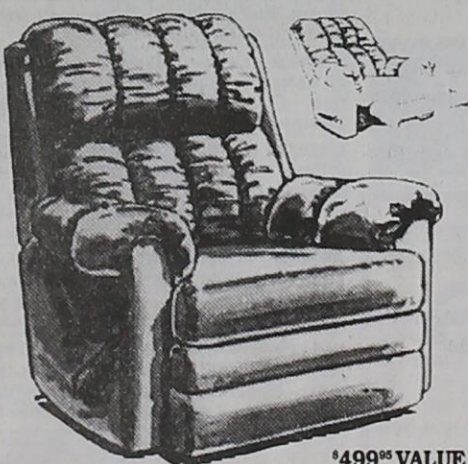
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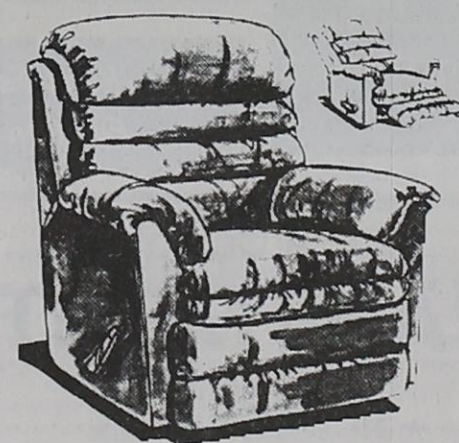


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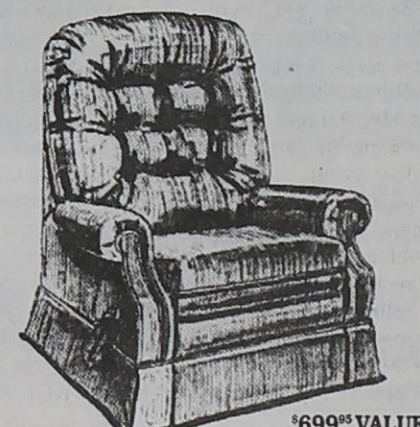
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3—Real Estate For Rent

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20—Help Wanted

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WEEKEND R.N. NEEDED. Please join our staff at Canterbury Villa of Dimmitt. Call Carolyn or Jennifer at 647-3117. 20-36-2tc

COUNTY COORDINATOR/PHLEBOTOMIST position open, Dimmitt Planned Parenthood. High school diploma or equivalent, office experience a plus. For application call (806) 372-8731, ext. 126 or 121, or send resume to Attn: Phyllis, 1501 S. Taylor, Amarillo 79101. EOE. 20-36-2tc

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TexSCAN Week of Dec. 06, 1998 AUCTIONS

SEIZURES, BANK REPOS & secured creditors. Public Auto Auction, December 12th at Traders Village. Loop 290 & Eldridge. Starts at 11:00 a.m. Call 1-800-698-4623.

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- Feed, seed and grain for sale
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- Recreational vehicles
- Auto parts and supplies
- Business opportunities
- Services
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- Students seeking work
- Help wanted
- Notices
- Lost and found
- Cards of thanks
- Legal notices

21—Wanted, Misc.

WILL BUY JUNK CARS. Will pick up. 647-0628 or 647-3672. 21-35-4tp

23—Lost & Found

FOUND ASTRAY. One black heifer yearling weighing about 650 pounds, branded  on left hip. Contact Sheriff CD Fitzgerald at the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., at (806) 647-3311. 23-36-2tc

22—Notices

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20—Help Wanted

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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.

MAIL PROPOSALS TO:
 ATTN: ANN FINLEY
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 P.O. BOX 771
 LUBBOCK, TEXAS 79408-0771

DELIVER PROPOSALS TO:
 ATTN: ANN FINLEY
 TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
 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:
 Mike Craig, Area Engineer
 P.O. Box 148
 Plainview, Texas 79072
 806-293-5101
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 Ann Finley, Contract Tech
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Bidding proposals are issued to pre-qualified bidders only. Pre-qualification information and questionnaire may be obtained from the Maintenance Division, Austin, 512-416-2496 or from the district maintenance office, Lubbock at 806-748-4403.

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. 25-33-4tc

City will renew recycling effort

The City of Dimmitt has entered into a waste management agreement with the City of Plainview to begin recycling newspaper, office paper, and cardboard again.

The agreement is with the City of Plainview this time, instead of with an individual, as had been done in the past, according to City Manager Don Sheffy, who told the council members about the new arrangement at their Monday night meeting.

Sheffy said the blue receptacles that had been used last time will be delivered to Dimmitt again and distributed to interested businesses. In addition, blue dumpsters for paper only will be placed in strategic locations around town.

Businesses interested in participating in the recycling effort

24—Card of Thanks

Card of Thanks

A great big thank you to the people of Castro County for making "Breakfast with Santa" a success. Over \$500 was raised to benefit our hospice patients. Thank you to the Lions Club for cooking the breakfast, the Rotary Club for the cookie walk, and the Kiwanis Club for the bowling and basketball games. Thanks also to Marilyn Neal, Cindy Ellis, Richard Franks, Walt Hanson, Danny Rice, Donald and Janice Shelton, Norman and Sandra Nelson, Stan McDaniel, Donna Underwood, Clara Patton, Shelly Nutt, Delores Griffith, Patty George, Sidney Joiner and the custodial staff at DHS. A special thanks goes out to "Santa" for helping this project come together. Thanks again.

CONNIE, SHELLY AND TRUDY
 HOSPICE CARE
 24-36-1tc

25—Legal Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Castro County Commissioners Court is now accepting bids for (2) new tandem-powered motor graders for trade-in of (1) 140 G Caterpillar Motor Grader and (1) John Deere 772 Motor Grader.

Bid specifications may be picked up at the County Judge's Office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas. Bids will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, 1998. Bids will be opened on Monday, December 14, 1998, at 10 a.m. Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities.

IRENE MILLER, Castro County Judge
 25-35-2tc

may call the City Works Dept. at 647-4492 to obtain receptacles or for more information.

"It will be important that the citizens of Dimmitt help us on this project," Sheffy said. "We must be careful to only deposit paper in the blue dumpsters."

Sheffy said paper that is contaminated with garbage or the wrong kind of trash will not be accepted, and even a little bit of contamination could cause rejection of an entire load. In addition, newspaper that is more than six months old also will not be accepted. Sheffy said it has something to do with the processability of the paper.

Sheffy told the council that city personnel will pick up individual containers as soon as possible after they are notified, and they will take the loads to Plainview for processing. Dimmitt will not receive any payment from Plainview for the paper. Whatever profit is realized—if any—will be kept by Plainview. However, Sheffy said it would be to the city's advantage to participate in the recycling effort anyway. He said it will cut down considerably on the volume at the landfill, and will help fulfill state requirements for recycling efforts.

Floydada, Lockney and Tulia also are being permitted to participate in the recycling project, Sheffy said.

In another matter, Sheffy told the council he is looking into purchasing or renting a machine that will help shave down the level of city streets at intersections. He said it is a problem where repeated seal coatings have caused a buildup, making big "dips" at some intersections.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance annexing property on the west side of Dimmitt, as requested by property owners. At their last meeting, the council members voted to authorize City Attorney Jack Edwards to draw up the ordinance.

Also, the council gave approval for Sheffy to consult with Oller Engineering on the possibility of doing the city's seal coating project for 1999. He said the company is taking a new approach—seeking to contract with 10 or 12 cities at a time in an effort to give a better bid price.

More about

On the go . . .

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his wife. He had continued to attend the annual reunion of the NON's and always wrote on his envelope "I LOVE USA" or "USA is #1."

"He was a special person and always expressed his admiration of the USA," Vick said. "He would tell me, 'The American dollar can spend anywhere in the world,' and he would ask, 'Do you know of any other moneys that you can use?' He was a dear friend to his colleagues and to many persons in the USA."

Carelli was one of the builders of the chapel at the Hereford camp. He came back to Hereford in 1988 with the first group of Italians. Vick said he had loved speaking about what this chapel meant to him.

The conference again was attended by Dr. Edoardo Fornaro, the son of an Ex-POW from the Hereford camp. He was among the speakers for the conference, and told those attending that he, along with other sons and daughters of Ex-POW's, was interested in helping with or continuing the reunion and learning about their times while a POW in America. Fornaro and his wife live in Lugano, Switzerland.

Vick gave a report about the museum and chapel, and Oreste Giorgetti did the translating for her.

"Everyone was pleased to know that our museum is continuing to work on the barracks building that will be known as the 'Veterans Archive Building,'" Vick said.

She said that Dott. Armando Boscolo attended part of the Reunion. Although he has kidney dialysis three times a week, he continues to work as editor of automobile and motorcycle magazines. Attorney Aurelio Manzoni of Milan was unable to attend due to his Parkinson's Disease.

Vick said she enjoyed visiting with Madalena Barillaro of Monza, near Milan.

Vick was introduced to Antonio Bernardi of L'Aquila, Italy, who is an Ex-POW. He brought a wooden plaque carving of "Madonna" that he had made on July 8, 1945, at the Hereford POW Camp. The plaque was inscribed to "My Mama." He donated the plaque to be displayed at the POW Chapel. He gave Vick a post card with his name and address, too.

The dinner for the Saturday of the conference was special, with several courses of fish and all the trimmings, with the finest wines and champagne produced in Italy, and for dessert, a beautiful cake stating that it was for the NON's of the Hereford Camp.

The POW's presented Vick with a large ceramic bowl decorated with a cobalt blue design for her personal collection; and for the museum, they presented her with a book of the art, music and poetry done by all of the POW's while they were at the camp.

Vick gave away several of the "Legacy of Peace" booklets, which include a brief history of the Ex-

POW's, the camp and the chapel.

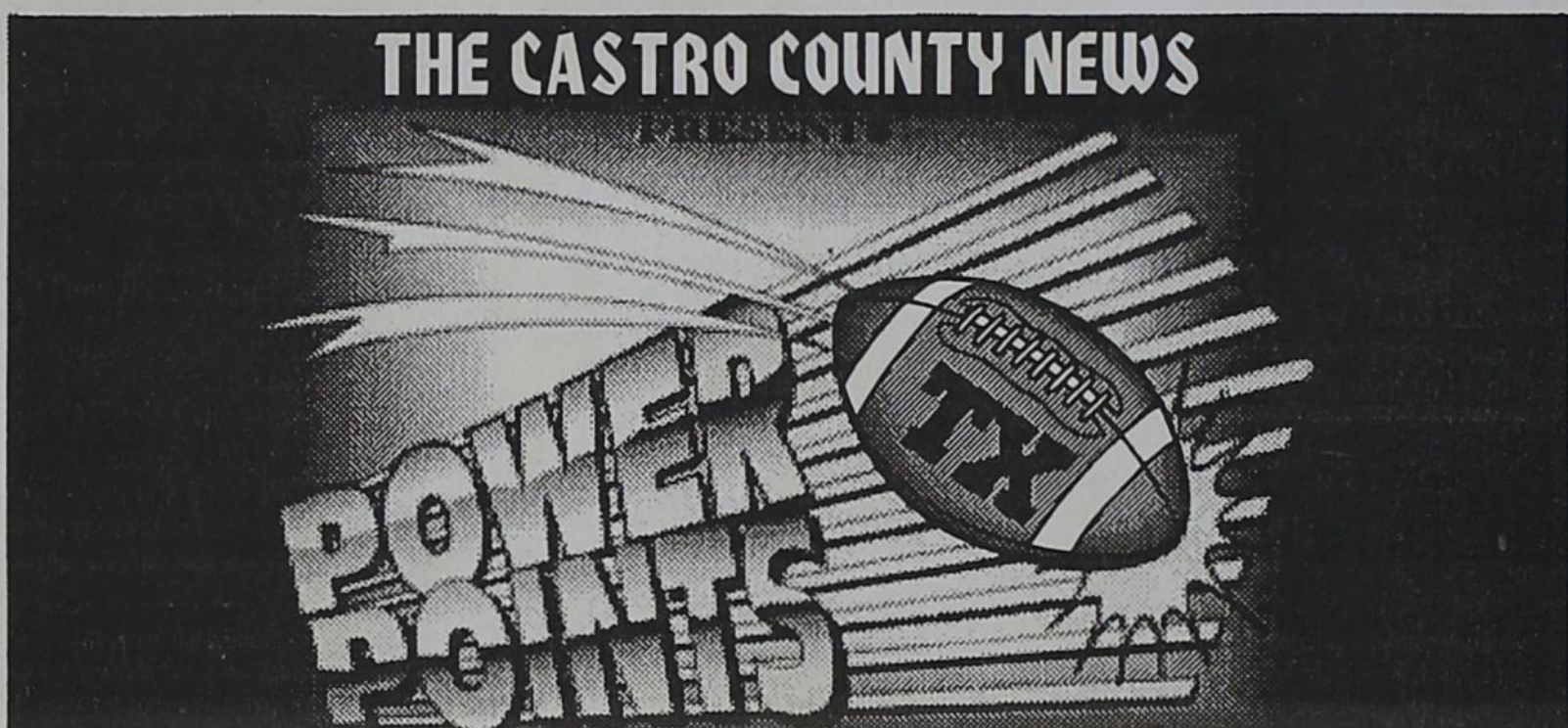
Vick said she enjoyed visiting with the Giapippino Berticelli family, Alessandro Brighenti, Fernando Togni, Attorney-Professor Gianni Roberti, Ezio Lucio, Adriano Angerilli, Piero Marzi, Walter Cecchini, Dr. Federico Filippucci, Silvo Monte, Rino Bosso, Natale Diana, and many more.

After the Sunday morning Mass with Padre Gianfranco Maria Chiti, almost everyone attended the Choral Concert, directed by maestro Roberto Renili, focusing on music "so dear to the hearts of all Italians," which Vick said she enjoyed very much.

Vick returned to Rome with Oreste Giorgetti and his wife. On that Tuesday, Giorgetti and Vick arrived at the embassy and had coffee with Col. Ciccarello.

"He told us how impressed Ambassador Foglietta was, and that he had expressed his impression to a group meeting he had attended later that day that we had met with him," Vick said. "Ciccarello said that he will be at the reunion next year, and perhaps the ambassador will be able to, also."

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DEADLINE: 2 P.M. FRIDAY

TIEBREAKER 1 Total points scored (both teams) in COWBOYS game.
TIEBREAKER 2 Total offensive yards (both teams) in this game.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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

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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PENBROOK ESTATE SERVICES - MIDLAND, TEXAS

Obituaries

Jesse Burch

Memorial services for Dimmitt native Jesse Burch, 63, of Benicia, Calif., were held Saturday morning at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia, with Rev. Al Marks officiating.

Inurnment will be in Riverview Cemetery in Essex, Conn. Arrangements are by Passalacqua Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Burch died Dec. 4 at his home as the result of unexpected heart failure.

He was born in Dimmitt, and had lived in Benicia for the past eight years. He was a retired US Navy Commander with more than 20 years when he retired in 1976. He entered the Naval Aviation Cadet program in March 1956, was designated a Naval Aviator in September 1957, and completed two deployments to the Western Pacific, serving on the USS Ranger and the USS Enterprise.

He coordinated an extensive photographic reconnaissance effort and subsequent mission planning, which contributed materially to the US Navy's efforts in Southeast Asia.

As a senior air intelligence officer in the 1970s, Burch was involved in debriefing of long-term US prisoners of war who had been interred in North Vietnam, and was awarded highly for his efforts. During Operation HOMECOMING, Cdr. Burch escorted POWs from the Philippines to the US Naval Hospital in Oakland, Calif. In 1974, he was instrumental in planning and implementing the restructured air and surface reserve intelligence programs.

During his career, Burch was awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and Armed Force Expeditionary Medal (Korea).

Most recently he was employed at the showroom at Benicia Foundry & Ironworks. He was an Ambassador at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, former harbormaster at Treasure Island, Past Commander of Treasure Island Yacht Club, and member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel Yacht Club.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Savard of Benicia; a daughter, Brittany E. Burch of Richmond, Va.; a son, William Rudd Burch of Oakland; and his father, John Elvis Burch of Salida, Colo.

The family suggests memorials to Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., P.O. Box 151200, San Rafael, Calif. 94915.

Lillie Duncan

Funeral services for Lillie B. Duncan, 100, of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon in First Baptist Church of Dimmitt with Rev. Howard Rhodes, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Duncan died Dec. 6.

She was born Lillie Bailey on Dec. 5, 1898, in Indian Territory near the town of Grady, Okla. She married Greenberry Duncan on Oct. 12, 1919, in Nocona. They moved to Dimmitt from Pampa in 1930, and worked together for many years as independent contractors in interior and exterior painting and papering. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 4, 1979. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, where she served as a secretary in the Cradle Roll Dept. for several years. She had been a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home for eight years.

She is survived by two sons, Robert Duncan of Amarillo and Glenn Duncan of Dimmitt; a daughter, Bernice Hill of Dimmitt; a sister,

Jessie Wall of Amarillo; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

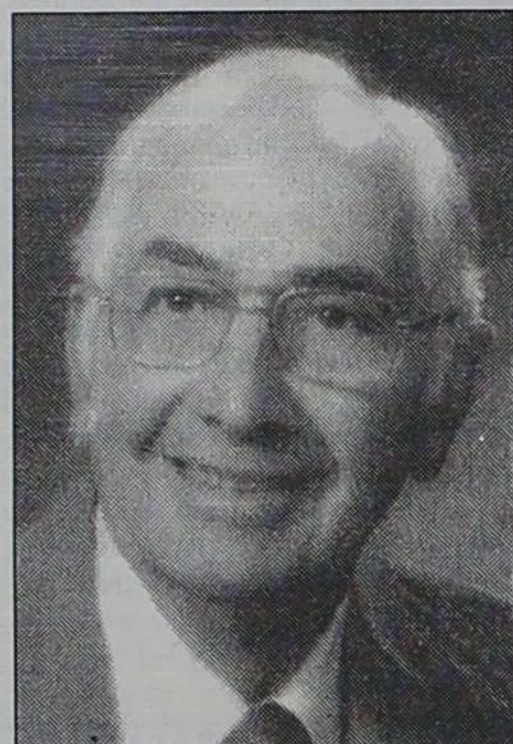
The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

Eloisa Rodriguez

Funeral services for Eloisa Ramirez Rodriguez, 60, of Omaha, Neb., a former Dimmitt resident, were held Saturday morning in Omaha, Neb.

She died Dec. 1 in Omaha.

She is survived by her ex-husband, Louie Rodriguez of Omaha; three daughters, Sandra Rodriguez, Deborah Jacinto and Brenda Dominguez, all of Omaha; three brothers, Jose Ramirez of Plainview, Cosme Ramirez of Tivoli, and Sam Ramirez of Dimmitt; and five grandchildren, all of Omaha.



Embree Roy Sadler

Funeral services for Embree Roy Sadler, 87, of Sunnyside, are set for Friday at 2 p.m. at Sunnyside Baptist Church with Rev. Bennie Wright, pastor, and Rev. David Fletcher, pastor of Jayton First Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mr. Sadler died Dec. 7 in Lubbock. His wife of 65 years, Willie Mae Sadler, preceded him in death on Nov. 26.

Mr. Sadler was born Sept. 26, 1911, in Douglas, Ariz. He moved with his family from Taylor County to Castro County in 1924, attended Sunnyside schools and graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1932. He married Willie Mae Fowlkes on Oct. 7, 1933, in Plainview. He was a retired farmer. He was a member of Sunnyside Baptist Church.

"He was a man whose keen sense of observation enabled him to become very knowledgeable about the land, animals and weather," a family member said about "EmRoy," as he was known to his friends.

He is survived by two sons, Embree Gale Sadler of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania and Myles F. Sadler of Lubbock; a brother, Lawrence Ezell Sadler of Sunnyside; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Larry, David and Greg Sadler, Greg Harmon, Bob Chatt, and Chris Spalding. Honorary pallbearers will be Alton Louder, Marvin Boyd, R.V. Bills, Glenn Wilson, and Robert Duke.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away.

—Henry David Thoreau

Farm Bureau delegates adopt resolutions

Texas Farm Bureau voting delegates approved a path for the state's largest general farm organization to follow into the new millennium at their 65th annual meeting in Lubbock recently.

"Called Project 2000, the consensus of the voting delegates was to approve and fund a program that will carry Texas Farm Bureau into the next century," said Bob Stallman, who was re-elected to his sixth consecutive term as the organization's president. "The program will allow Farm Bureau to better serve our agricultural goals well into the next century."

Specifically, the program addresses the following initiatives:

- Increased administrative assistance for county leaders.
- Increased emphasis on agriculture in the classroom activities.
- Increased public relations activities.
- Increased marketing and risk management educational opportunities.
- Establishment of a legal defense fund to fight for agricultural interests.

Project 2000 will be funded by a modest \$5 membership dues increase.

"This program will help farmers and ranchers tell the story of the vitally important role agriculture plays in the lives of their urban neighbors," Stallman said. "Agriculture and our organization will be stronger because of it."

Following the convention, Donald Patman of Waxahachie was re-

-elected as vice president of the organization and Delmas McCormick of Floydada was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

Meanwhile, the farm bill and related items dealing with farm policy took center stage the last day of the convention. Delegates said they supported the concepts contained under the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIR Act), but said the act should be re-examined because of current economic conditions in agriculture.

Delegates also said more emphasis should be placed on risk management in the FAIR Act. Specifically, they said more affordable crop insurance programs should be developed. The current program should be revised, they added, to contain adequate program funding, broader coverage at reasonable rates, price and yield protection, coverage for alternative crops, ability to insure for input cost, prevented planting provisions and other specifics.

Also on the national level, delegates voted to

- Enhance export competitiveness by utilizing various export subsidies so that international economic conditions have less impact on domestic prices.
- Recommended that the agricultural census be voluntary.
- Oppose Environmental Protection Agency implementation of the Food Quality Protection Act unless actions are based on proven scientific facts.

On the state level, delegates voted to:

- Support local Soil and Water Conservation Districts' ability to provide technical assistance and incentives for voluntary soil and water conservation planning and implementation.
- Favor a state-funded program to eradicate the boll weevil.
- Oppose national standards for pollution control; rather, they said

pollution control standards should be developed at the state and local level.

- Recommended that Texas-grown beef, lamb and goat meat be incorporated into the menus of Texas public schools and prisons.

- Support the \$1.50 per \$100 cap on the tax rate for maintenance and operation of schools.

★ POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Older guesser wins

Correction: In last week's report, we gave winner Michael Cline's age as 12. That was an error. He's only 8.

This week's winner, though, is an older guy—Ryan Hays, 14. In a week fraught with upsets at both the college and pro levels, Hays managed to score 110 of a possible 136 to outpoint all local pickers and win the \$20 cash prize from the News.

"I'll probably spend the money on Christmas," he said.

Ryan is the son of Norman and Kim Hays of Dimmitt.

It took a tiebreaker to determine the week's state winner. He is David Oden of Abilene, who racked up 129 points, then prevailed against two other contestants with like scores. Oden guessed on Tiebreaker 1 that 38 points would be scored in the Dallas-New Orleans game. In fact, 25 points were scored, but his guess was closer than those of Harlingen's Rodger Nelson or Odessa's T.C. Rankin.

This week's POWER POINTS Football Contest is on Page 15. Weekly cash prizes are \$20 for the local winner and \$1,000 for the state's Grand Prize winner. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in by 3 p.m. Friday at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St. Good luck!

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