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Dollar resigns athletic positions at DHS

After an executive session, the Dimmitt school board voted Monday night to accept the resignation of Bruce Dollar, head football coach and athletic coordinator at Dimmitt High School. Alan Steinle was selected to serve as athletic director.

Dollar submitted a letter to the board saying that he wanted to resign from his athletic positions effective immediately, but that he would continue his teaching duties until the end of the school year.

"I have enjoyed my relationship with the administration and staff of the district and I wish them the best in the future," Dollar said in the letter.

"I just felt it is time to do something different," Dollar told the *News* this week.

He added, "I don't have any hard feelings about anything. This was just a decision that needed to be made by me and my family, and we made it."

Dollar's football teams had a 19-21 record during his four years as head coach at DHS, including a couple of 6-4 seasons.

His Bobcats appeared headed into the playoffs during the 1998 season for the first time in more than 20 years, but key injuries late in the season shot down the team's hopes.

Most of DHS's assistant coaches resigned last year, and a shortage of varsity players, plus more injuries, plagued the 1999 team.

"If the kids hadn't gotten hurt, I think we had a chance to get into the playoffs a couple of times," Dollar said.

He said his best memories here will be of "the kids. They played hard, hard. They gave great effort."

Dollar said he hasn't applied for a job anywhere else yet.

"I haven't even thought about where I would like to go," he said.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that the board expressed thanks for Dol-

lar's years of service, adding that, "We wish him nothing but the best."

Miller said that Steinle and the administration will begin a search immediately for a new head football coach.

In other business, the school board:

—Accepted the audit report from Cornell & Co. Randy Day told the board that the audit was "clean" and said that the internal controls and

compliance of the district are adequate. He complimented the district's personnel, saying that they are "some of the top ones we see."

—Heard reports from Doricell Davis on the Academic Excellence Indicator System Report and the District and Campus Report Cards; on the district's E-Rate reimbursements; and on the Technology Infrastructure Funds that have been received from the state.

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By Don Nelson

Buying a Christmas gift for a woman isn't complicated at all.

All you have to do is go to one of her favorite shops and ask the clerks what she wants, or what they think she would like, and get it.

If that doesn't work, you could do as my Dad always did—buy her a nice basic black dress that she can trade for something she really wants.

And don't be a Scrooge. Put her gift on time payments if you must. After all, it's Christmas. Besides, there's always the possibility that the Y2K bug might zap the payment schedule.

Buying a Christmas gift for a man is a little more complicated. But if you'll follow these rules that a friend sent me on the Internet, you should have no problems:

1. When in doubt, buy him a cordless drill. It doesn't matter if he already has one. I have a friend who owns 17 and he has yet to complain. As a man, you can never have too many cordless drills. No one knows why.

2. If you can't afford a cordless drill, buy him anything with the word *ratchet* or *socket* in it. Men love saying those two words. "Hey, George, can I borrow your ratchet?" "Okay, and by the way, are you through with my 3/8 inch socket yet?" No one knows why.

3. If you are really, really broke, buy him anything for his car. A 99-cent ice scraper, a small bottle of de-icer or something to hang from his rear-view mirror. Men love gifts for their cars. No one knows why.

4. Do not buy men socks. Do not

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A BOUNTIFUL COLLECTION—The Gifted and Talented students at Richardson Elementary School in Dimmitt organized a canned food drive last week and they collected more than 1,535 cans of food for the Ministerial Alliance's Food Pantry. Presenting the food to Jerry Pena of Panhandle Community

Services are GT students (from left) Ethan Wales, Sam Hazel, Anthony Jackson, Shawn Ryan, Jill Miller, Keshia Smith, Elizabeth Hill, Hanna Wise, John Hazel, Kelia Schilling, Caleb Penney and Reagan Hunter.

Photo by Anne Acker

Muddy roads draw complaint from Precinct 2 resident Monday

Recent rain and snow have created problems on many county roads, and one resident of Precinct 2 informed commissioners that he and others in that precinct are tired of being stranded when the weather is bad.

"Some of these roads (in Precinct 2) are impassable right now," said Trampas Moke. "The ditches are higher than the roads. They've been silted in for over a year. There's no place for the water to go. It's just sitting on the road."

Moke said he's visited with Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron, and with previous Precinct 2 commis-

sioners, but the problem with the roads hasn't been solved.

"I believe you've had ample time to do something, but nothing has been done," Moke said. "I'm tired of this. I know one family with young children couldn't get their kids to school because they couldn't get down the road. It's getting terrible. Every time it rains, we're faced with the same problem. Something has to be done."

Moke asked that the ditches be cleaned out and the roads be built up in Pct. 2.

Damron agreed with Moke that the

road conditions are horrible, and says his road crews are doing everything they can, but he said the road graders can't be maneuvered through the

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Angel Tree gifts due Wednesday

The Angel Trees set up in the three banks in Dimmitt still have some "Angels" left on them, and gifts need to be purchased and brought to the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt by Wednesday (Dec. 22).

Each paper "angel" on the trees has the first name and age of a needy child, along with a toy request from the child. Local citizens are asked to select one or more of the "angels" and buy a gift to fulfill that gift wish. The gift should be wrapped and labeled with the paper "angel." It must be returned to the PCS office by the deadline, so that the gifts can be distributed to the children on Dec. 23.

The project is sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance, along with help from PCS.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for those of us who are more fortunate to share with those who are having a hard time financially," said a spokesperson of the project. "We want to help these children have a merry Christmas by showing them a spirit of sharing and giving."

CD Fitzgearld asks re-election as sheriff

Castro County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld is seeking re-election to his office, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

He has served in the position for almost seven and a half years, since he was first appointed to fill the unexpired term of Lonny Rhynes, who moved away in July of 1992.

A resident of Castro County for 32 years, Fitzgearld was a Trooper with the Texas Dept. of Public Safety for almost 25 years and was stationed in Dimmitt for all but six months of that time.

He received his law enforcement training at the DPS Academy in Austin in 1967 and has maintained his continuing training as required by law, obtaining at least 40 hours of CEUs every other year.

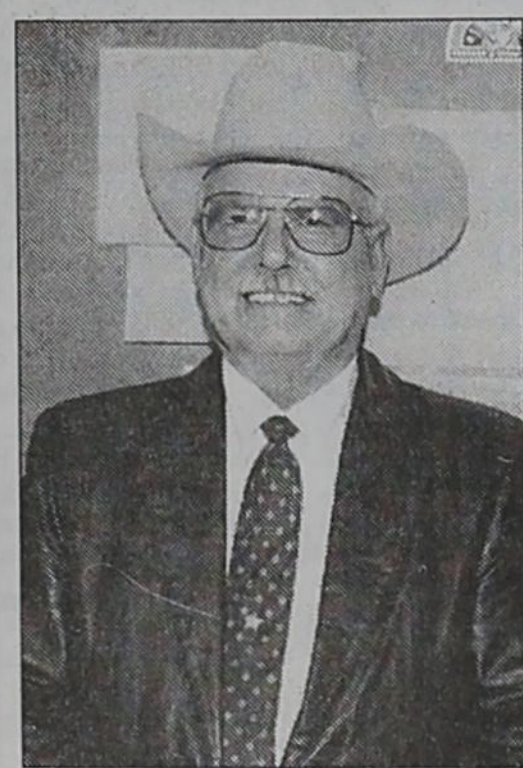
Fitzgearld was born in Greenville and moved to the Panhandle in 1955 and graduated from Hereford High School.

"I think I am qualified for this office because of my years of experience," Fitzgearld said.

"We have made changes since I've been in office, changes that have been proven to give better results in our fight against crime," Fitzgearld said. "An increase in patrolling out in the county and better training in investigations have eliminated a lot of the rural burglaries that had been occurring. We also have a higher level of citizen involvement than we have had in the past."

Fitzgearld said that his department is the one county department that never closes.

He also noted that he is doing ev-



CD Fitzgearld

everything he can to stay on top of the jail situation.

"We could solve the problem of over-population in the jail by not making arrests, but we will not do that. That is not what the taxpayers are paying us for."

"We have a department of good, qualified people and we are working together with other law enforcement departments as well as we have ever done," Fitzgearld said.

"It has been my honor to serve Castro County for the last seven and a half years as your sheriff, and I would like the opportunity to continue to serve in that capacity," he said. "Your support and vote will be greatly appreciated."

DISD sets special trustee election

The Dimmitt Independent School District board of trustees voted Monday night to call a special election to fill the unexpired term of Earl Behrends, Place 2, who has resigned, due to moving out of the single member district he has represented for over six years.

Tuesday at 5 p.m. will be the deadline for candidates who wish to file for election to the position. Candidates must be a resident of District 2. A detailed map of the school district boundaries for each single member district is available at the school administration building, 608 W. Halsell in Dimmitt, as well as at the tax assessor/collector's office at the

courthouse.

The special election will be held Jan. 15, with polling held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the administration building. Early voting also will be held at the administration building, starting Dec. 29 and continuing through Jan. 11, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon each weekday of that period.

Applications for ballots by mail should be mailed to Claudia Stockstill, early voting clerk, 608 W. Halsell, Dimmitt 79027. Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than Jan. 7.

For more information, contact DISD Business Manager Johnny Hill at 647-3101.

Edwards announces for County/District Attorney

Jack Edwards has filed as a candidate for the position of Castro County/District Attorney, subject to the March 14 Democratic Primary.

Edwards has served as the City Attorney for the City of Dimmitt since 1972. He helped start the Teen Court program in Dimmitt, and serves as the judge for the monthly sessions.

A general practice lawyer, Edwards has worked on both civil and criminal cases, in addition to handling other types of legal matters.

He graduated from Tahoka High School and obtained his bachelor's degree in economics from Texas A&M University. He was a member of the third class to graduate from the Texas Tech University Law School. He is a member of the Texas Bar Association.

Just after he finished law school, he moved to Castro County in July of 1972 and went to work for the Burkett & Ross law office in Dimmitt.

He is a past president of the Dimmitt Lions Club and of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He serves as a deacon at Dimmitt's First Baptist



Jack Edwards

Church, and was named Dimmitt's Citizen of the Year in 1977.

"I feel like I know the people of this county and what they expect from a district attorney," Edwards said. "I ask for your support, and your vote will be greatly appreciated."

Young announces for tax assessor/collector

Marshall Young of Dimmitt has announced his candidacy for the office of Castro County Tax Assessor/Collector, subject to the March Democratic Primary.

A resident of Castro County for 47 years, Young is a graduate of Dimmitt High School and served as Justice of the Peace in the county from 1975 to 1998.

He said that during his tenure as JP, he worked with the laws governing vehicle registration for autos, recreational vehicles and commercial vehicles, in addition to working with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, all of which are involved in the duties of the office he is seeking.

In recent years, Young has been a full-time and part-time truck operator and holds a commercial driver's license with a tanker and hazard material endorsement, so he has firsthand knowledge of Dept. of Transportation registration requirements.

In 1996, Young was named a certified mediator by the National Mediation College of Dallas. He also obtained over 800 hours of Continuing Education Units during his tenure as JP. He has experience in customer and public relations and a working knowledge of finance and accounting



Marshall Young

procedures.

"If elected, I plan to maintain the same office hours of 8 to 5 and keep the office open during the noon hour," Young said. "I plan to do the job to the best of my ability and to serve the people in a courteous and friendly manner."

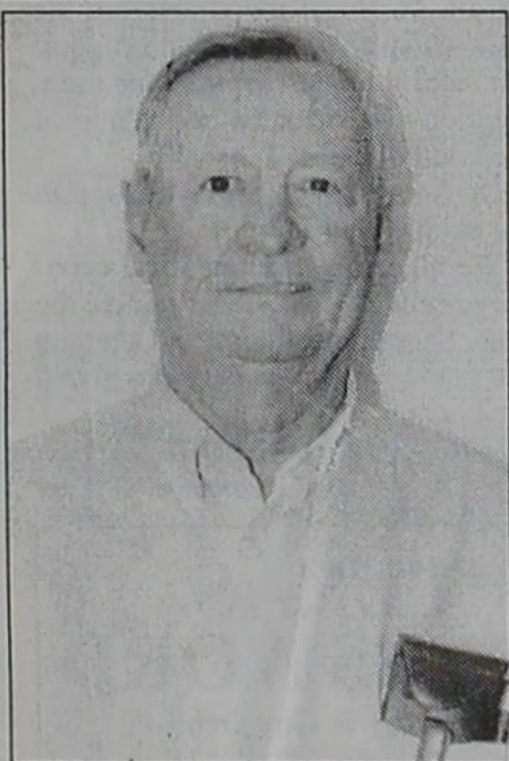
"I ask for your vote and support," he said.

Snow

	High	Low	Prec.
Thursday	48	26	.27
Friday	37	19	
Saturday	36	19	
Sunday	37	20	
Monday	42	19	
Tuesday	53	21	
Wednesday	39	18	

December Moisture 1.39
1999 Moisture 33.08

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



Newlon Rowland

Rowland is seeking re-election

Newlon Rowland of Hart has announced that he will run for re-election as Precinct 1's county commissioner, subject to the March Democratic Primary.

Rowland was elected to the position in 1994 and was re-elected in 1996. He is a retired farmer who has lived in Castro County for 39 years.

"I have enjoyed serving as the commissioner in Precinct 1 for the past six years and would like the opportunity to serve another term," Rowland said. "It is my goal to do everything possible to serve the citizens of Precinct 1 and Castro County to the best of my ability. I am asking for your support and vote to re-elect me to the office of county commissioner in Precinct 1."



WELCOMING RECEPTION—Personnel from the Welch Home Place and its outreach center held a reception on Dec. 8 for Troy Wood (left), a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who is the new program di-

rector for WHP. With Wood are Janice Ruff (center), community relations director, and Randall Keeney (right), R.N., nurse manager.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Cleveland, Coffey picked for 'Team of the Century'

Dimmitt High School's tradition in boys' basketball is evident in the 1999-2000 edition of *The South Plains Sports Word* basketball publication.

Junior Coffey was named to the "South Plains Team of the Century," and the late Kenneth Cleveland was named as the dream team's coach.

Coffey was described as "one of the most prolific all-around athletes in area history... all-state choice in 1961... became first black player to ever play in UIL state tournament."

The publication described Cleveland's career in one brief line: "Coached 10 state tournament teams... three titles."

The other four players on the Team of the Century are Craig Ehlo, Lubbock Monterey; Carl Ince, Lubbock High; Chris Ogden, Seminole; and Koy Smith, Hale Center.

One of the players named to the girls' "Team of the Century" was Kamie Ethridge, who led Lubbock Monterey to the state championship and the UT Lady Longhorns to the national NCAA championship. She is the daughter of the former Mitzi Wilson, who was an all-state guard for Dimmitt High School in 1952. Her father, Johnny Ethridge, preceded Cleveland at Dimmitt High and was Coffey's basketball coach here.

Kamie Ethridge is now an assistant coach in the women's basketball program at Kansas State.

Also named to the girls' dream team were Twylana Harrison, Levelland; Gay Hemphill, Plainview; Sheryl Swoopes, Brownfield; and Erika Valek, senior guard on this year's Lubbock Coronado team.

Named as the coach of the girls' dream team was Dean Weese of Levelland, who has compiled more than 1,200 victories at the high school, college and professional levels.

This year's *South Plains Sports Word* is dedicated to the memory of Kimberly Newland, a former Dimmitt player and daughter of former DHS girls' coach Jan Newland.

The dedication statement under her picture reads: "There will be a considerable void on the South Plains this basketball season as we all miss seeing

Kimberly Newland of Plains High School in action.

"Last spring Kimberly was tragically taken from us in an auto accident. Basketball "was life" to Kimberly and she was fortunate to have been able to enjoy it with her mom and coach, Jan Newland.

"The 1999-2000 *Sports Word* is dedicated to her loving memory. Her infectious smile and her remarkable enthusiasm for the game that she so loved will be remembered with each bounce of the basketball.

"Kimberly was named to All-State honors last season as a junior. Her loss will be felt not only on the basketball court, but in the hearts of those who knew her as the loving caring person she was..."

The *Sports Word* includes a poem by Ken Cleveland's granddaughter, Caitlin Buckley, 14. Here is her poem:

BASKETBALL

Dedication, determination and skill, Practice, persistence and will.

All of these you must obtain
If you want to play the game

A goal, some hope, and a dream
With some talent,
that's all you need.

These are just a small part,
If you play,
do so with all your heart.

For this is the key of success for all,
And if you think about it,
life is just like basketball.

South Plains coaches were asked to name their choices of all-time best athletes, coaches and programs at the high school, college and pro levels.

Among their choices were:

Best High School Coach:
Boys—Ralph Tasker, Hobbs, N.M., and Ken Cleveland, Dimmitt.
Girls—Dean Weese, Levelland, and Joe Lombard, Canyon.

(Lombard started his coaching career at Nazareth High School, where he won several state titles before going to Canyon High.)

Five Most-Feared Schools When Playoffs Are on the Line:

- BOYS' TEAMS**
1. *Shallowater Mustangs*
 2. *Frenship Tigers*
 3. *Dimmitt Bobcats*
 4. *Tulia Hornets*
 5. *Seminole Indians*
- GIRLS' TEAMS**
1. *Canyon Lady Eagles*
 2. *Sudan Hornettes*
 3. *Shallowater Fillies*
 4. *Coronado Lady Mustangs*
 5. *Nazareth Swiftettes*

Listed among the "Roundball Heaven" games on the South Plains this year are the two district contests between the Nazareth Swiftettes and Sudan Hornettes, when "perennial powers go to war for district title rights" Jan. 11 at Nazareth and Jan 28 at Sudan.

Letter

'Remember sacrifice of families, too'

Dear Editor:
During this holiday season, we Americans sometimes remember those who are serving our country by being in the armed forces, but we often forget the families those service men and women have left behind.

It is difficult for any family to have to be apart, and especially during the holidays when so much of the emphasis is on family togetherness.

I would like to ask everyone to take a moment to say a kind word, send a greeting, or share a time of good cheer with the family of a service man or woman. Let them know how much you appreciate the sacrifice their loved one is making and the sacrifice it has meant to them as well.

It is because of our service men and women that we are able to have our celebrations and holidays and continue to enjoy the freedoms we have in this great nation.

CD FITZGEARLD

Police Calls

Three Dimmitt men, two age 19 and one age 20, were charged with being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage and also for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces late Saturday in a vehicle in the 600 block of South US 385 in Dimmitt. The three were jailed on the misdemeanor charges. A search of the vehicle turned up 15 cans of beer, approximately 2 grams of marijuana, a pipe with marijuana residue, and some cigarette rolling paper and a cigarette roller.

On Dec. 7, a 21-year-old Hart man was jailed on charges of assault/serious bodily injury. He was arrested by Hart Police Chief Jay Livingston.

On Dec. 8, deputies received a report of an assault with serious bodily injury that occurred on Nov. 28 out in the county northwest of Dimmitt.

Mike Axe of Hereford called deputies Dec. 7 to report a theft that occurred Sept. 20. He said that \$1,400-worth of tools were taken from a location 5 miles west and 3/4 miles north of Easter.

Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. in the 1500 block of Western Circle, a suspect was charged with being a minor in possession of a tobacco product.

At 10:05 p.m. on Sunday, two suspects in the 500 block of West Lee were charged with being minors in possession of an alcoholic beverage.

Other alcohol-related arrests during the past week included:

—Saturday, a 23-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, second offense, and driving while license suspended.

—Sunday, at 1:54 a.m., a Dimmitt man, 23, for DWI, first offense; at 6:04 p.m., a Hart man, 54, for DWI, third offense; and at 6:59 p.m., a 47-year-old Dimmitt man for DWI, second offense.

Jailed on warrants and probation matters:

—Dec. 8, a Dimmitt man, 18, on a motion to revoke probation, stemming from charges of DWI, first offense.

—Friday, a Dimmitt man, 27, on a warrant for theft by check over \$20 and under \$500; and a Dimmitt man, 20, on warrants for no-insurance and disregarding a stop sign.

Dec. 6 at 9:40 a.m., a 1989 Chevrolet pickup driven by Heriberto Maldonado, 19, of Dimmitt, lost control on the icy roadway in the 100 block of North Broadway and struck a water tank trailer being towed by a

1983 Chevrolet pickup driven by Lester John Womack of HCR 2, Dimmitt. Damage to Maldonado's pickup was rated heavy, while Womack's vehicle and trailer had no damage, but the fiberglass-type tank was broken. No injuries were reported.

More about 1:1

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buy men ties. And never buy men bathrobes. If God had wanted men to wear bathrobes, He wouldn't have invented Jockey shorts.

5. You can buy men new remote controls to replace the ones they have worn out. If you have a lot of money, buy your man a big-screen TV with the little picture in the corner. Watch him go wild as he flips and flips and flips.

6. Do not buy any man industrial-size canisters of after-shave or deodorant. Men do not smell bad; they are merely "earthy."

7. Do not buy a man any of those fancy liqueurs. If you do, it will sit in a cupboard for 23 years. Real men drink beer or whiskey.

8. Buy men label-makers. Almost as good as cordless drills. Within a couple of weeks, there will be labels absolutely everywhere. "Socks." "Shorts." "Cups." "Saucers." "Door." "Sink." You get the idea. No one knows why...

9. Never buy a man anything that says, "Some assembly required" on the box. It will ruin his special day because he will always have parts left over.

10. Good places to shop for men include Northwest Iron Works, Do-It Hardware, Home Depot, John Deere, Bob Moore RV Center and Hibdon Tires. NAPA Auto Parts and Sears Clearance Centers are also excellent men's stores. It doesn't matter if he doesn't know what it is. ("From NAPA, eh? Must be something I need! Hey, isn't this a starter for a '68 Ford Fairlane? Wow! Thanks!")

11. Men enjoy danger. That's why they never cook... but they will barbecue. Get him a monster barbecue grill with a 100-pound propane tank. Tell him you think there's a leak in the gas line. "Oh, the thrill! The challenge! Who wants a hamburger?"

12. Tickets to a Cowboys, Spurs, Rangers or Stars game are a smart gift. But he will not appreciate tickets to "A Retrospective of 19th Century Quilts." Everyone knows why.

13. Men love chainsaws. But never, ever buy a man you love a chainsaw. If you don't know why, refer to Rule #8 and what happens when he gets a label maker.

14. It's hard to beat a really good wheelbarrow or an aluminum extension ladder. Never buy a real man a step-ladder. It must be an extension ladder. No one knows why...

15. Rope. Men love rope. It takes them back to their cowboy origins, or at least to the Boy Scouts. Nothing says love like a hundred feet of 3/8" rope. No one knows why...

Bubba Jennings to bring Mustangs here Saturday

Once it was Bubba Jennings and the Wildcats, when he was an all-stater at Clovis High School and one of the most highly recruited basketball players in the nation. A 5-10 guard, he once scored 75 points in a game, and that was before the three-point shot.

Later it was Bubba Jennings and the Red Raiders as he started for Texas Tech four years and became the Southwest Conference Athlete of the Year and winner of the Naismith Award in 1985 (for being the best player in collegiate basketball under 6-0 tall).

He still ranks as Tech's fifth high scorer of all time, even without the benefit of three-pointers.

Now it's Bubba Jennings and the

Coronado Mustangs. And they're coming to Dimmitt Saturday.

After several years in the pros and nine years' coaching at Artesia, N.M., Jennings moved to Class 5A Coronado as head coach this year.

His Mustangs and Alan Steinle's Bobcats will tip off in Cleveland Gym at 5 p.m. Saturday, following the varsity girls' game at 3:30.

Both boys' and girls' junior varsity games will precede the varsity girls' game.

Jennings turned Artesia's program around and won state titles in 1995 and '97. He's hoping to do likewise at Coronado, where the Mustangs went 9-19 last year.

Jennings' Mustangs "are an up-tempo team with full-court pressure," Coach Steinle reported. "They do pretty much what we like to do."

Coach Shirlene Lilley's Lady Mustangs are paced by 5-6 senior Erika Valek, who is listed among the top schoolgirl guards in the country. She has been a floor leader for Coronado ever since her freshman year and has helped lead the West Texas Flyers to an unprecedented three straight national AAU titles.

Last Puzzle Solution

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Classifieds get results!

Letter

CofC director urges public to 'support the people who support us'

Dear Editor:

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce recently received information from a firm that has completed an extensive study on "Texas Rural Economic Growth."

The conclusion of the study is dismal, though not surprising to those of us who work with business communities in small towns. Stated simply and directly: "The rural Texas economy is decaying."

We also knew the number one reason, according to the study, that it is decaying.

"Too many of the local folks in the rural communities are shopping in

the nearby larger towns for items and services available in their small rural community. The small town folks think items are less expensive in the neighboring larger town and they also are not aware of the many benefits when they shop at home."

Sound familiar? We've been suggesting "Shop Dimmitt First" for several years because eventually money spent here comes back around, builds a stronger economy, improves our schools, community and county, creates jobs, increases real estate values and enhances our quality of life. Good reasons, as most people would agree.

I hope you will join me in encour-

aging our local people to reverse the negative spending trend by shopping with our local merchants, especially now, during the holiday season. After all, our local merchants are the ones who pay local taxes and support our local churches, schools and organizations in virtually every one of their activities.

Doesn't it make sense to support the people who support us?

We all know that our local economy needs a boost. I hear that all the time. Shopping at home and keeping our money here is one way to give it the boost it needs.

BILL SAVA
CofC Executive Director

ACROSS

- 1 state Ag. Service
- TXism: "cough ___" (pay)
- 6 back of the neck
- 7 UT library has Gutenberg Bible produced with moveable ___
- 8 TXism: "at ___" (impulsive)
- 18 ___ and reel
- 19 Tocqueville's "Democracy ___"
- 20 Austin university
- 21 TXism: "___ off the handle" (ragged)
- 22 TX A.J. Foyt, et al.
- 24 biceps
- 29 Gov. Bush's desired job in 2000 (abbr.)
- 30 Pearsall is its seat
- 31 this Costner travels across TX in "Fandango" (init.)
- 32 fruit producers in TX Hill Country (2 wds.)
- 34 take the skin off a TX ruby red
- 35 ___ Tse-tung
- 36 Padre Island National ___
- 37 Wise Co. Antique Auto Swap
- 38 ex-Cowboy Kenneth aka "The Shark"
- 39 TXism for "smart" (4 wds.)
- 41 TXism: "___ on the back burner" (delay)
- 42 Dr Pepper began at ___ Old Corner Drug Store in Waco
- 43 Abilene was named for a cattle town in this state
- 44 to Waco from Austin
- 45 Andrews H.S. class
- 46 Ft. Worth actress Greer
- 47 George ___ built hospital near Rice Univ.
- 49 TX pianist Olga ___ off
- 50 all TX restaurants have ___-smoking areas

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "if it ___"
- 14 TXism: "skinny as ___"
- 15 in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281
- 16 king topper in poker
- 17 ex-Spurs coach "Tark the Shark"
- 21 "___ ___ bird"
- 23 TX-born composer Joplin, et al.
- 24 first female gov.: "___ Ferguson"
- 25 "___ and downs"
- 26 to emit forcefully
- 27 big winners get paid at a lottery ___ center
- 28 TX teacher offering
- 29 ancient Iran
- 30 TXism: "I ___ like death warmed over"
- 33 crowd sound
- 34 church benches
- 35 Aggie Randy who was 1st to shot put more than 70 feet
- 37 seat of Ward Co.
- 38 rock band ___
- 39 Roses played at TX Willie's Farm Aid IV
- 40 TX oilman Jack Grimm searched for ___ Ark
- 41 North Texas Skeptics group doubt the ___ normal
- 43 Amarillo TV station
- 46 TXism: "___ was slow, but she was old" (hurry up)
- 48 TXism: "smoke ___" (find)

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On the Go with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

The Pastor's Class at the First Baptist church had a Christmas party Friday night in the home of Tommy and Janice Stanton. We had pick-up food and games. There were 16 present. The preacher was a better sport than usual. Do you suppose he is on his best behavior since Christ-

mas is around the corner?
The bridal shower for Carla Petty and Jason Wooten was held in the home of Jan Baca— such a pretty home and a wonderful shower. Carla's older sister, Carol, of Dalhart was here for the occasion. Keri Jack of Friona, the groom's aunt, and her

daughter Holly and daughter-in-law Theresa Jack, and Whitney and Callie and Berkley Kirby of Amarillo also attended.

The Roy Baccus clan celebrated Christmas on Sunday in Seminole. We visited our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who resides in the nursing home there. She even recognized all of her siblings. She was somewhat confused by the little ones though.

There were 35 present for a late lunch. We are known for our excellent cooks, and our men folk are known for their hearty appetites. We have ceased to buy gifts for the grown-ups (this age is debatable), but have fun choosing just the right gift for that special one. Let's see, wasn't that Len's mother and dad who gave Leigh that gosh-awful doll that came with its own diaper rash? Surely Len and his parents will get their just deserves with a box containing a million pieces of little plastic blocks.

Nazareth with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

A very good turkey dinner was served to forty-some Senior Citizens at the Center Sunday evening. The meal was catered by the Nazareth Band Parents. Several of the band students did a good job waiting on tables. We had one guest, Father Peter Otto.

Christmas decorations gave the dining area a great festive look. Several door prizes were given, happy birthday was sung to Dean Johnson, Mary Kleman, and Dorothy Pohlmeier, who all have December birthdays.

President Jimmie Schulte read a great little Christmas story. Everyone then enjoyed several hours of cards

Lee Street Baptist plans special Sunday

Several special activities are planned at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt for this Sunday, and everyone is invited to attend.

Kevin Wood, former pastor of the congregation, and his wife Sheila will be here visiting, and Kevin will bring the message at the morning worship. The Woods were called into mission work and have been staying in Romania.

Everyone is invited to come out and visit with the Woods and hear Kevin speak. Following the morning worship there will be a covered dish luncheon.

At 6 p.m., the Children's Choir will present their Christmas musical/drama, "How the Grouch Found Christmas." Directing the children are Christina Addison, Rhonda Mixson and Julia Thomas.

"We hope everyone will come out and join us in these special activities of worship and fellowship," said Pastor Jeff Addison.

Breast cancer screening is set for Jan. 6

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Jan. 6, 2000, and appointments are now being accepted.

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

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

or dominoes.

It was exciting early Saturday morning to watch the hunters in their pickups leave in all directions from the Nazareth Community Hall. The Legion Auxiliary ladies fed them breakfast, the band mother fed them lunch and the Nazareth Museum committee served a steak meal.

Basketball fans watched some really good basketball games in Abernathy and Hale Center as the Nazareth Swifts and Swiftettes played in the 1-27 Tournament. The Swiftettes won first place, and Abernathy was second. Whitney Hoelting was named most valuable player and Cassie Birkenfeld was named to the all-tournament team. The Swift team won third, and Kade Wilcox was named to the all-tournament team.

The junior varsity teams played in the Tulia tournament over the weekend. The girls won first place and the boys won third.

Our sympathy to the family of Anna Evers, 83, Patsy Huseman's mother. Funeral mass was read in Holy Family Church, with burial in the Umbarger Cemetery.

Nazareth relatives attended an 80th birthday party for Edna Schulte of Hereford on Saturday. It was held at the American Legion Hall.

A big thanks to the 4-H members and sponsors who put together 90 Christmas bags of fruit, candy and muffins and delivered them to Nazareth Senior Citizens.

A youth mass was read in Holy Family Church Sunday evening, with Father Peter Otto presiding. It was followed by the High School Christmas Party in the CCD building.

Prayers are asked for Florene Brockman, Lori Huseman, Sue Schneider, Anna Huseman, Gene Schacher, Leonard Gerber, Leonard Wilhelm, Paul Venhaus, Alvin Anderle, Virgil Brockman, and Chelsea Wood, Estelle Hoelting's granddaughter who is in the third grade. (Doctors are still doing tests to determine treatment for a tumor on the clavicle bone.)

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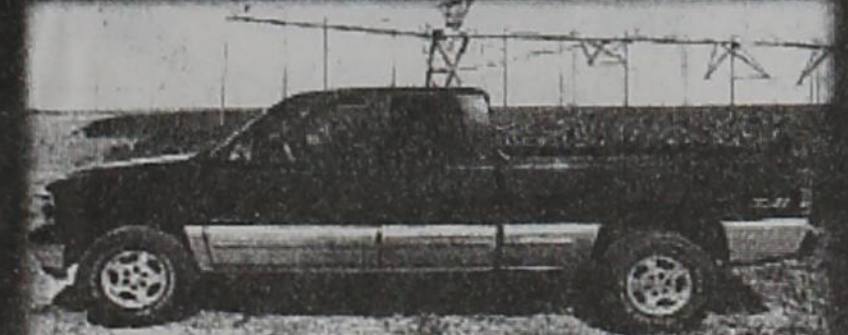
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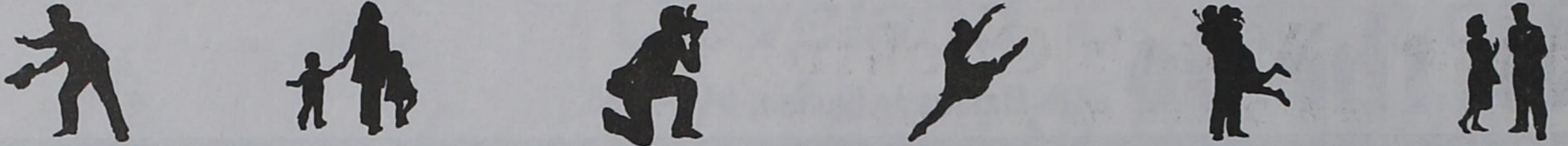



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People



Christmas pageant will be Dec. 17-20 at Amarillo church

The annual Christmas pageant presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church of Amarillo will be held Dec. 17-20.

Dates for this year's presentations are Friday, Dec. 17, through Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. Matinee performances starting at 3 p.m. will be held on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19.

Tickets for the event are free and can be obtained from the Music Ministry Office, located on the east entrance of the church at 4000 Mays Ave. Tickets may be picked up beginning Monday, Nov. 29.

The annual show is held in the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium and it portrays the true meaning of Christmas by telling the life story of Jesus Christ with the spectacular use of music and drama.

Dramatic lighting and special effects enhance the audience's experience, but it is the simple message of the love, forgiveness and acceptance that Christ brought to this world that touches their hearts and soul. The pageant takes the audience back 2,000 years to experience the life of Christ.

Featuring new music and a completely new script every year, the pageant always remains fresh and exciting. This year the pageant is entitled "Come Just As You Are" and is told from the viewpoint of the prodigal son and his older brother.

CV sets party for residents, families

Canterbury Villa in Dimmitt has set the Christmas party for the residents and their families for today (Thursday) at 7 p.m.

Gifts will be distributed to the residents and refreshments will be served. Entertainment is planned, including the singing of Christmas carols.



JUST MY SIZE—Ryan Mixson (left) and his sister, Perry (right), built snow figures from the heavy snow that fell on Dec. 4. Additional snow that fell the night of Dec. 8 added to the moisture for the area and caused a late starting time for Dimmitt students last Thursday. Although the weather forecast predicts partly cloudy conditions throughout the weekend, only light snow is expected, if any. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Coffee Memorial Blood Center wins grant from Brumley group

The Brumley Foundation recently awarded Coffee Memorial Blood Center a \$16,000 grant to purchase a truck with a special lift to be used to transport a therapeutic apheresis machine to hospitals for patients too ill to come to the Blood Center for treatment.

Therapeutic apheresis is a procedure performed to remove blood elements that cause or complicate disease. The blood cell separator used in therapeutic apheresis is a highly sophisticated piece of medical equipment that weighs between 700 and 800 pounds. The only way to transport this life-saving machine to

the hospital is on a truck with a special lift.

"Certain diseases may be corrected or limited by selectively removing those agents in the blood that causes disease," said Dr. Mary Townsend, vice president and medical director at Coffee Memorial Blood Center. "Without this treatment, a significant number of patients would die and those who do survive have a decreased quality of life. We are so grateful to the Brumley Foundation

for its generous gift that allows the Blood Center to provide this life-saving procedure for patients in our Panhandle community."

Coffee Memorial Blood Center is currently providing therapeutic apheresis services to Baptist/St. Anthony's Health System. The Veterans Administration Medical Center has requested this service and the Blood Center will begin providing services following the completion of a lengthy credentialing process.

The Brumley Foundation was chartered in 1985 by Dixie Lee Brumley Holland, Vivian Brumley Warren and Frank Warren, to be the principal beneficiary of their estates upon their deaths. All of the founders have died with the Foundation being the primary beneficiary of their wills.

The Foundation projects total assets in excess of \$12 million upon the closing of Frank Warren's estate. The Brumley Foundation is a private, non-operating foundation that makes grants to qualified charitable organizations with most grants from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

The Foundation's funding philosophy is to help people help themselves as well as helping those most in need. Preference is given to, but not limited to, organizations that provide the following:

- ◆ Charitable or low-cost services to children and young people.
- ◆ Charitable or low-cost services to the elderly.
- ◆ Charitable or low-cost services to the ill or handicapped.
- ◆ Charitable services to the homeless.
- ◆ Funding for vocational training at the pre-graduate level.

In addition to the Blood Center, many organizations in the community have benefited from the generosity of the Brumley Foundation, improving the quality of life of those who need a helping hand.

For more information, contact Linda Guthrie at 358-4563.

Two locals honored at WTAMU

In a ceremony Nov. 14, West Texas A&M University's Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society inducted 88 students, including Michael L. Bell of Dimmitt, a junior accounting major; and Denia J. Durbin of Nazareth, a senior elementary education (reading) major.

Membership in Alpha Chi is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors with an overall grade point average of 3.5 or higher and rank in the top 10 percent of their class.

The purpose of Alpha Chi is to recognize students who have maintained a high level of scholarship, according to Dr. Duane J. Rosa, Alpha Chi faculty sponsor and director of Planning and Analysis at WTAMU.

Food canning began in the late 1700's when Napoleon offered a prize for a simple way to preserve food.

Francis Scott Key wrote "The Star Spangled Banner" on the back of an envelope.

Businesses asked to participate in 'Groundhog Job Shadow Day'

Students from Dimmitt High School will observe Groundhog Job Shadow Day on Feb. 2, and local businesses are asked to participate by providing "shadowing" experiences for the students.

DHS teacher Jackie Odom said that the program will help students understand the link between academics and careers and help them answer the question, "Why do I have to learn this?"

Odom said that local employers are asked to provide "shadowing" opportunities for students, assigning one or more employees to show a student around during the special day and explain about their job duties.

This project can show students career possibilities in different indus-

tries and help prepare a future workforce, in addition to showing a tangible commitment to supporting and improving the community, Odom said.

Odom said that those employers willing to participate will be given materials and help with planning the day's activities for the visiting students.

"Right now, we just need to find out how many businesses would be willing to participate," Odom said. "Those who are interested or who want more information may call me at the school, 647-3105."

There also is a guide to Groundhog Job Shadow Day activities on the Internet at www.jobshadow.org

Reception set Friday for Welch Home Place

The Welch Home Place is planning a reception at the Welch Home

Place Outpatient Center at 103 Front Street on Friday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. to welcome Dr. Eric Olson and Dr. Curtis Thurman. The public is invited.

The two will serve as staff psychiatrists and are both Board Certified Psychiatrists. They will be sharing the schedule of patient care at WHP.

Olson is a graduate of the University of Texas Houston Medical School. He has a private practice in Lubbock and is affiliated with Covenant in Lubbock.

A graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, Thurman is a consultant for Central Plains MH/MR rural psychiatric services and is medical director of the Permian Basin Community Center at Odessa.



Who's New

OUT OF TOWN

Laurie and Joe Hill of Kodiak are the parents of a baby girl, Grace Adaline Hill, who was born at 7:56 a.m. on Nov. 23. She weighed 7 lbs., 5 ozs., and was 19.5 inches long. She has a big sister, Sara, who is 3; and a big brother, Turner, who is 2. Grandparents are George and Carolyn Sides of Dimmitt and Mac and Ruth Ann Hill of Cleburne.

It's a girl for Shawn and Charlynn Wilhelm of Houston. Holly Marie was born Dec. 2 in Houston, weighing 8 pounds and 6 ounces and measuring 21 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are Richard and Sissy Hunter of Dimmitt and James and Irene Wilhelm of Nazareth. Great-grandmothers are Rachel Hunter of Dimmitt and Geneva Sutton of Happy.

PLAINS MEMORIAL

Fernando and Enequina Nunez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby girl, Magdalena Nunez, who was born at 11:15 a.m. on Dec. 6 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Magdalena weighed 7 lbs., 8.4 ozs., and was 20-1/2 inches long at birth. Her maternal grandparents are Jose Antonio and Maria Ramos of Dimmitt. Paternal grandparents are Paulino and Otilia Nunez Sanchez of Valle Zaragosa, Chihuahua, Mexico. Great-grandparents are Ana Marrufo, Fidencio Samana, and Magdalena Vaca de Sanchez.

Bridal shower honors Petty

Carla Petty, bride-elect of Jason Wooten, was recently honored with a bridal shower in the home of Jan Baca.

The honoree received a king-sized comforter and bedding accessories from the hostesses.

The serving table held crystal candle holders and a Christmas fruit arrangement. Antique silver serving pieces completed the table decor.

Miss Petty is the daughter of Doris Swinburn and Arlie Petty. Parents of the prospective groom are Bobbi and Dudley Wooten.

Honored guests at the shower included Mary Nell Malone, Billie Kirby, Darlene Walters and Tommie Sue Petty.

Choir concert set for today

The Dimmitt High School Choir will present their annual Christmas Concert today (Thursday), weather permitting, starting at 7 p.m. at the Dimmitt High School auditorium, and the public is invited to attend.

The choir is directed by Elaine Hazel.

Home Tour set Sunday

The homes of five Nazareth families will be featured on a holiday home tour sponsored by the Nazareth FHA on Sunday.

Featured homes will be those of Mark and Judy Kleman, Leroy and Jenny Schulte, Charley and Beverly Hill, Jimmy Schulte and Father Peter Otto.

Tickets for the event may be purchased at the door of any home on the tour.

The FHA will be selling poinsettias and home baked goods during the tour.

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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. 16-24.

DIMMITT Breakfast
 THURSDAY: Corn Pops cereal, fresh bananas and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, grape juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Honey bun, orange juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Breakfast hash brown, pear and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: No school.
 THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Nachos with cheese, Mexipinto beans, plums, jalapeno peppers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes with gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce and milk.
 MONDAY: Turkey lasagna, Mexicali corn, tossed salad, French bread and milk.
 TUESDAY: Pigs in a blanket, whole new potatoes, gelatin, hot wheat rolls and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: No school.
 THURSDAY: No school.
 FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch
 THURSDAY: Choice of nachos with cheese, grilled chopped steak or beef stir fry; Mexipinto beans, lyonnaise carrots or Chinese-style vegetables; tossed salad, cantaloupe or plums; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls or Spanish rice; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 FRIDAY: Turkey and dressing surprise, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, white hot rolls, pumpkin pie, cranberry sauce and milk.
 MONDAY: Choice of turkey lasagna, teriyaki steak or chicken taco; Mexicali corn, mashed potatoes and gravy or broccoli with cheese sauce; tossed salad, fresh spinach salad or taco condiment salad; hot rolls, French bread or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
 TUESDAY: Choice of pigs in a blanket, beef stir fry or beef stew; parsley buttered potatoes, fried okra or savory green beans; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or gelatin; hot wheat rolls, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.
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Junior High/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 corn dog, burrito or steak fingers with gravy; rolls, mashed potatoes, dill pickles, green beans, carrot sticks, apple cobbler, cherry cobbler and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of sub sandwich, tuna salad sandwich or salad; potato chips, gelatin dessert, fresh fruit, sugar cookies, peaches and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: No school.
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NAZARETH Breakfast
 THURSDAY: French toast sticks and sausage, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 FRIDAY: Breakfast taco, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 MONDAY: Cinnamon roll, cereal, orange

juice and milk.
 TUESDAY: Sausage and biscuit, cereal, orange juice and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: No school.
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Lunch
 THURSDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, pineapple and milk or juice.
 FRIDAY: * Soft taco or hamburger and French fries, lettuce, Mexican salad, applesauce, peanut butter bar and milk or juice.
 MONDAY: * Spaghetti with roll or pizza, tossed salad, pinto beans, pears and dessert.
 TUESDAY: * Ham sandwich, turkey sandwich or hamburger; potato chips, lettuce, peaches, dessert and milk or juice.
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Items designated with an asterisk () will be served to elementary school students.



ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS from the Dimmitt Junior High Band include: (back, from left) Kayla Acker, 19th chair clarinet, Raul Barrios, first chair tenor saxophone, Matthew Calderon, 11th chair trumpet, and Holly Gilliam, fifth chair alto saxophone; (middle, from left) Nathan Olvera, second alternate tuba, Caleb Dickerson, seventh chair trum-

pet, and Todd Jansa, first chair baritone; and (front, from left) Deidre Perez, 21st chair clarinet, Stephanie Hazel, second alternate clarinet, Whitney Nutt, eighth chair French horn, and Maribel Montiel, ninth chair clarinet. They qualified in try-outs on Dec. 6 and will participate in an All-Region Clinic and Concert in January.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

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WIFE promoting beef certificates

The local chapter of Women Involved in Farm Economics (WIFE) is promoting beef certificates this year as a Christmas gift idea that supports local beef producers.

Anyone interested in purchasing the gift certificates may buy them at First United Bank or at First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. They may be purchased in any denomination, and are redeemable at participating area grocery stores.

Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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

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

Tyler sheriff will speak at CofC banquet

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

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Candidate filing deadline is Jan. 3

Candidates wanting to run for county offices may file through 6 p.m. on Jan. 3. Primary elections will be held on March 14.

Candidates must file with the party chairman of the party in which they wish to run.

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 Rusty Dickerson.....647-4106

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Producer grant program established through SARE

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The Southern SARE Producer Grant program is designed to encourage farmers, ranchers and farmer/rancher organizations in the Southern Region to conduct on-farm research projects that promote sustainable agriculture.

The Southern Region includes: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands. This is a large region, but remember that good projects can get funding!

Successful grants may be funded up to a cumulative maximum of \$10,000 over a time period not to exceed three years. Proposals are due January 28, 2000.

Due to the number of applicants, the securing of funding is competitive. Producers in Castro and Lamb Counties interested in this program

or who have ideas that could be pursued should come by or call the Castro County Extension Office to obtain a copy of the proposal application packet. Those interested in having Johnna L. Patterson, Castro/Lamb IPM Agent, assist with proposals can call the Castro Co. Extension Office AFTER Jan. 10, 2000, with a completed proposal for technical or cooperative assistance, proposal review, and editing.

The SARE Program recognizes the value and importance of on-farm, producer experience in developing solutions to agricultural production problems. In order to capture this producer experience, the Southern Region SARE Producer Grant program is requesting grant proposals from producers or producer organizations interested in conducting on-farm research projects related to sustainable agriculture.

It appears that this program is particularly favorable to producers who have ideas about sustainability,

crop diversification, biological control, reduced input costs, and the like. On-farm projects are to be initiated and conducted by farmers, ranchers, or farmer/rancher organizations, but local Extension Agents and research/extension personnel may be involved as cooperators and resource people for technical advice, project development, and other assistance.

Projects must be developed, coordinated and conducted by farmers and/or ranchers or a producer organization. Producer organizations should be comprised primarily of farmers/ranchers and must have majority farmer representation on their governing board. Producers or producer organizations must complete a proposal describing their project and explaining how it will help other producers understand and adopt sustainable agriculture practices.

Sustainable agriculture is an integrated system of plant and animal production practices having a site-specific application that will, over the long-term:

- ◆ Enhance environmental quality and the natural resource base upon which the agricultural economy depends;
- ◆ Make the most efficient use of nonrenewable and on-farm resources and integrates, where appropriate, natural biological cycles and controls;
- ◆ Sustain the economic viability of farm operations; and
- ◆ Enhance the quality of life for farmers/ranchers and society as a whole.

Any producer or producer organization in the Southern Region is eligible to apply for a producer grant.

Proposal Requirements:

1. Projects should fall within the project focus areas listed in the call for proposals and generate results that other farmers can adopt.
2. Successful projects must include project cooperators. They can be other farmers, researchers, extension agents or specialists, governmental or non-governmental organizations or other interested individuals who cooperate in project planning, data collection and communication of project results.
3. All project cooperators must submit a letter commitment with the proposal. The letter of commitment must clearly state what project duties or activities the cooperator will perform.
4. All projects must have an outreach plan for providing other producers, researchers and extension personnel with an opportunity to learn from project results. The outreach plan is as important as the project itself; sustainable agriculture will only be promoted if other growers learn what you are doing. Outreach may be accomplished through workshops, field days, fact sheets, brochures or other outreach activities.
5. Projects may be funded up to three years for a maximum of \$10,000.

Use of Funds:

1. Costs of sampling and sample analysis,
2. Materials and supplies needed for the project,
3. Outreach expenses such as holding a field day,
4. Travel (if driving, maximum 31 cents/mile) needed for the project.
5. Hired labor for things that you can't do yourself,
6. Your labor, a maximum of 15% of your total project amount can be used to pay for your labor,
7. Working lunches.

Producer grant funds may NOT be used for the following purposes:

1. Starting or expanding a farm or farming operation,
2. General equipment such as tractors, machinery, implements or irrigation systems,
3. Permanent improvements to a farm or ranch, e.g. planting an orchard, buying a herd, installing permanent fencing or constructing a building,
4. Testing of commercial products,
5. Food or refreshments at field days.

Project Focus Areas:

1. Beneficial insect habitat—developing cover crop or other plant mixes and locations that provide habitat (refuges) that keep populations of native beneficial insects living on the farm ready to attack crop pests as they occur.
2. Innovative disease and weed control—projects may include, but are not limited to, practices incorporating cultural, biological and physical methods.
3. Alternative crops/animals/markets—projects dealing with alternative crops, animals or markets that help a producer's operation become more economically sustainable. These projects should strive to be at least as environmentally sustainable as the existing crops, animals and markets they supplement.
4. Sustainable grazing systems—use of native grass species, and/or plant/animal management systems to make grazing systems more sustainable.
5. Soil organic matter building/protection/management—increasing the sustainability of farming systems by improving soil health.
6. Increasing sustainability of existing farming practices—any practice or system that increases the sustainability of an existing farming

practice—the results should be able to be used by other farmers.

7. Agroforestry/water quality—the use of trees in farm systems to promote sustainability; this includes improving water quality and quantity.

Consult the "request for proposals," available at the Castro Co. Extension Office, for a sense of what "sustainable agriculture" the program seeks to support. Also, you may consult the SARE website at

<http://www.sare.org> to search the types of projects that have been funded in the past.

To stir your imagination a bit, here are a few examples of interesting SARE producer projects that have been funded: Pecan IPM using black-eyed peas as a trap crop, strip cropping cotton with native vegetation to provide habitat for beneficial insects, and alternative potting mix substitute for professional potting mix in an ornamental plant nursery.

Panhandle pheasant numbers above average

Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Service indicate that hunters in the Texas Panhandle can expect an increase in pheasant numbers this season.

The 16-day pheasant season opened Saturday and runs through Dec. 26 in the Texas Panhandle. Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The daily bag limit is three roosters per hunter with six in possession. Texas Parks and Wildlife requires that one foot or all feathers remain attached to the pheasant until it reaches its final destination. All hunters must possess a Texas hunting license. There are no other special tag requirements.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. annually surveys the pheasant population in the Panhandle and South Plains by conducting roadside counts in late October and early November along 45 routes. Each route is 20 miles long, is driven at 20 miles per hour starting 15 minutes after sunrise.

There was an increase of 40% in pheasant numbers across the Panhandle along the 45 survey routes. The 14 birds per route observed in 1999 was up compared with the 10 birds per survey route in 1998; however, Xavier Rodriguez, TPWD technician, predicted only a fair-to-good hunting season.

"Pheasant numbers still remain below the long-term average in the Panhandle," Rodriguez said. Again, the number of pheasants in the Northern Panhandle counties (Deaf Smith, Hansford, Ochiltree and Sherman) showed the highest concentration of birds."

What was surprising was the increase in numbers in marginal pheasant country. The Central Plains region including the counties of Randall, Bailey, Hale and Floyd Counties exhibited the highest number of birds seen in years, Rodriguez said.

Panhandle sportsmen have experienced some of the best and worst pheasant hunting in the past few years. The 1997 season proved to be one of the best, but the 1998 season was one of the worst seasons on record.

Timely moisture is essential, providing an abundance of food items like seeds, plant shoots and insects. It also provides growth of grasses and weeds for nesting and rearing of young. Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) cover, playa lake edges, field borders and roadside right-of-ways provide excellent pheasant nesting areas.

Generally, the more acres that are in cotton, the less acres that are in grain crops, which are beneficial to pheasants as food and cover. Also, the use of insecticides on cotton limits insect production. Insects are a source of protein and calcium for the nesting hen and are the primary dietary component for pheasant chicks during the first eight to 10 weeks of life.

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Sports



IN YOUR FACE DEFENSE—Dimmitt's B.J. Hill (21) tries to cut off an Idalou ball handler driving the baseline Saturday in a guarantee game at the I-27 Invitational. The Bobcats had no problems with Idalou, posting an easy 50-38 win. The annual 16-team tournament featured games at New Deal, Hale Center and Abernathy. *Photo by Carter Townsend*

Swifts win two, Bobcats claim one victory in I-27 Invitational

The Nazareth Swifts posted wins over Abernathy JV and Wall while the Dimmitt Bobcats downed Idalou in the I-27 Invitational Tournament, held Friday and Saturday in Abernathy, New Deal and Hale Center.

The Bobcats had their hands full against a big, talented Trinity Christian team in Friday morning's opener, and Dimmitt ran out of gas in the second half, falling 84-64. The bigger story for Dimmitt, though, was the loss of Daniel Flores, who sprained his arm in the game. He'll be sidelined indefinitely.

Nazareth had an easy time in its first-round game, posting a big 74-45 win over Abernathy's junior varsity.

The Swifts had a rougher road in the championship quarterfinals, but they almost pulled off the win over Littlefield. The Wildcats were able to hold off a late Swift rally in the fourth quarter and posted a 55-52 win, sending Nazareth into the guarantee bracket.

Dimmitt's consolation quarterfinal was a hard-fought battle as well, with Muleshoe prevailing in a come-from-behind win, 45-40.

In Saturday's guarantee games, both the Bobcats and Swifts posted easy wins, with Dimmitt topping Idalou, 50-38; and Nazareth upending Wall, 60-43.

Nazareth's Kade Wilcox earned all-tournament honors after he scored a total of 61 points in three games.

For the Bobcats, the tournament's opening game against Trinity Christian was a costly one, with two casualties as well as an 84-64 setback.

Scoring leader Daniel Flores suffered a badly sprained right wrist early in the third quarter, and B. J. Hill took a blow to the nose that put him out of action the rest of the game.

As Flores drove under for a layup, a Trinity player tried to draw the charge and the two got tangled.

"He stuck his arm out to break the fall, and injured it," Coach Alan Steidle explained. "We took him to the hospital in Plainview and had his arm X-rayed, and apparently it is a severe sprain, just above the wrist. Of course, it affects his hand, too. We're glad it wasn't any worse."

"He's doing a lot of rehab right now, and will be out for an indefinite period," the coach added.

Hill was going for the ball when a Trinity player's chin caught him just above the bridge of the nose.

"He had some pretty good bleeding," Steidle said. "There's probably some damage there. But B. J. is a tough kid; he played the next game later that afternoon."

In just over two quarters of play before his injury, Flores scored 16 points, grabbed seven rebounds and racked up seven credits.

The only other Dimmitt player in double figures was Keevin Sanders with 12. Taylor Matthews tied Flores in rebounds with seven, while Marcus Larra led in credits with 10.

Using a daunting two-platoon system, Trinity jumped to a 25-10 lead

in the opening period, and the Bobcats could never recover.

"They throw a long bench at you," Coach Steidle said. "In fact, they had one kid who made the all-tournament team and he wasn't even one of their starters; he was in their second platoon. That shows something about the kind of team they have."

"We didn't have one of our better shooting games against them," the coach said, "and they're the kind of team that if you don't match them basket for basket, you have a really hard time catching up."

The opening-round loss sent the Bobcats up against Muleshoe, a team they had defeated 78-72 in triple overtime earlier. But this time, the Mules prevailed over the crippled Bobcats, 45-40.

Daniel Proffitt paced Dimmitt's scoring with 14. Sammy Prieto added 11 points and also led in floor credits with 14, while Sanders was the top rebounder with 10.

The Bobcats struggled from the floor, hitting only six of 33 two-point attempts (18%) and eight of 27 three-pointers (30%).

Dimmitt sank four of six free throws, but sent Muleshoe to the line for 13 shots, and the Mules collected nine points off of them.

In a guaranteed game Saturday, the Bobcats had little trouble with the Idalou Wildcats as they breezed to a 57-36 win.

Nine of Dimmitt's 11 suited-up players scored in the game. Matthews paced the scoring with 13, followed by Sanders with 10.

Matthews also led in rebounding with eight, while Prieto and Hill grabbed seven apiece.

Where the Cats shone the brightest, though, was in their floor play. Proffitt racked up 13 credits in the game while Hill earned 10, Matthews eight and Prieto seven.

The Bobcats came out of the tourney with a 7-4 season mark.

Four Swifts scored in double figures Friday morning as Nazareth

earned a 74-45 win over Abernathy JV.

Wilcox was the game's leading scorer with 24 points while his twin brother Ky joined Stanton Wethington and Eric Schilling with 11 points each.

Nazareth held a slim 12-10 lead in the first quarter, but opened up the game in the second for a 31-18 halftime lead. Nazareth outscored Abernathy 43-27 in the second half to claim the win.

Nazareth controlled the first half, but Littlefield owned the second half in Friday night's championship quarterfinal game.

Nazareth's early lead—28-25 at halftime—wasn't enough to offset Littlefield's second half surge and the Swifts fell, 52-55.

After the victory over Nazareth, Littlefield went on to beat Abernathy, 66-52, to earn a spot in the title game against Shallowater. Shallowater claimed the tournament championship with a 76-62 win over the Wildcats.

The momentum switched in Littlefield's favor in the second half against Nazareth, and the Wildcats were able to carry that surge through the fourth quarter, outscoring the Swifts 30-24 in the second half to get the win.

Kade Wilcox finished with 20 points while Ky Wilcox added 12 for the Swifts.

The Wilcox twins were too much for Wall on Saturday and they led Nazareth to a 60-43 win.

Kade Wilcox finished with 17 while Ky Wilcox and Eric Schilling finished with 15 apiece.

After posting a 20-13 first-quarter lead, Nazareth broke open the game in the second quarter by holding Wall to four points in the stanza.

A 34-17 Swift lead turned into a 45-24 third quarter advantage, Wall finally got some offensive production in the fourth quarter, managing 18 points against the Swift defense, but Nazareth was able to hold on for the win.

Swiftettes move up in rankings

The Nazareth Swiftettes have moved into the No. 2 position in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) poll, released Dec. 7.

Valley View is the top-ranked team among Class A girls while Nazareth is second. Two other teams in Nazareth's district are ranked among the top five—Sudan is third and Vega is fifth.

Here are the latest rankings for Class A and Class AAA, as listed by TABC.

Class A Girls: 1. Valley View, 2. Nazareth, 3. Sudan, 4. Borden County, 5. Vega, 6. Moulton, 7. Menard, 8. Whiteface, 9. Huckabay, 10. Kennard, 11. Brookesmith, 12.

Jonesboro, 13. Windthorst, 14. Lipan, 15. High Island, 16. Karnack, 17. Tenaha, 18. Smyer, 19. Munday, 20. Agua Dulce.

Class A Boys: 1. Moulton, 2. Brookeland, 3. Laneville, 4. Whiteface, 5. Lorenzo, 6. Lipan, 7. Kennard, 8. Goodrich, 9. Fort Elliott, 10. Boles, 11. Munday, 12. Ira, 13. Ponder, 14. Leggett, 15. Calvert, 16. Graford, 17. Trenton, 18. Waelder, 19. Dodd City, 20. Sulphur Bluff.

Class AAA Girls: 1. Winnsboro, 2. Crandall, 3. Shallowater, 4. Bowie, 5. Quinlan Ford, 6. Crockett, 7. Barbers Hill, 8. Seminole, 9. Lufkin Hudson, 10. Buna, 11. La Vernia, 12. Liberty Hill, 13. West Oso, 14. Gatesville, 15. Kountze, 16.

Brownsboro, 17. Groesbeck, 18. Smithville, 19. Whitney, 20. Luling.

Class AAA Boys: 1. Glen Rose, 2. Mexia, 3. Stafford, 4. Waco La Vega, 5. Buna, 6. Seminole, 7. Bowie, 8. Gainesville, 9. Kountze, 10. Canton, 11. West Oso, 12. Merkel, 13. Tullia, 14. Hitchcock, 15. Clarksville, 16. Cleveland, 17. Madisonville, 18. Crockett, 19. Mabank, 20. Forney.

Classifieds gets results!

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Never give up, Nell!

"I've been doing so bad all year that I didn't even bother to check my score," Nell Kelley said. "It's been awful. I was about to quit."

Good thing she didn't. Her score in last week's POWER POINTS Football Contest wasn't exactly great—100 of a possible 136. But it was better than anyone else around here did, and Kelley wins the \$20 weekly cash prize from the News.

It's her second win ever in the local contest; she took home the prize money once a couple of years ago, she said. Also, her husband Ewell has won before, but neither had scratched yet this season.

"No, we don't help each other," she said. "We just do our own thing and pick who we want. I usually try to go with the favorites, and try to pick one or two upsets."

It was ladies' week all around. The statewide winner was Jeannette Scott of Marshall, who tallied 127 points in a super-tough week to capture the \$1,000 grand prize.

NOTE: There are two POWER POINTS Football Contest entry forms in this issue (on Page 11) because of the upcoming Christmas week. The Week 15 entry form will be due at 2 p.m. Friday, as usual, and the Week 16 form at 2 p.m. next Thursday.

Good Luck, Ladyhorns and Longhorns!

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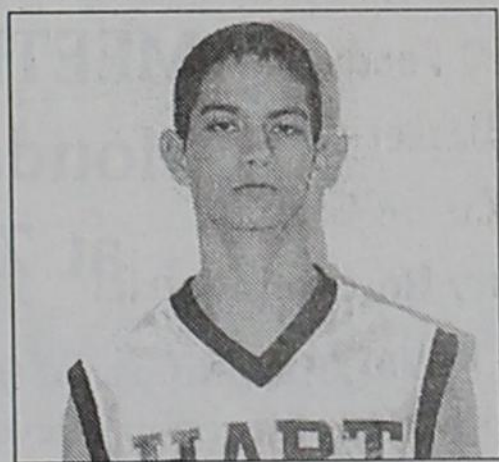
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WORKING DOWNCOURT—Dimmitt point guard Carol Summers breaks through the Levelland press and brings the ball downcourt Friday in a non-conference game at Levelland. Dimmitt held the lead

at halftime, but Levelland whittled away in the third quarter and pulled off a 50-46 win over the Bobbies. Summers and Heather Black led the Bobbies with 11 points apiece.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Lockney Classic

'Horns earn consolation title

The Hart Longhorns were edged by Petersburg in the first round of the Lockney Classic, but Hart bounced back with wins over Kress and Lubbock Coronado to win the consolation championship in the tournament. The Hart girls played a round-robin tourney at Lockney, and posted one win over Kress in the second round. The Lady Horns fell to Petersburg and Lubbock Roosevelt.

Hart gave Petersburg everything it could handle and more in the first half of last Thursday's first-round matchup, but the Buffaloes gradually pulled away in the second half for the 69-53 win.

It was a one-point game after the opening quarter, with Petersburg holding a 12-11 edge. The Buffaloes were on top 28-26 at halftime.

Hart stumbled in the third quarter, then the Horns lost their footing in the final period.

Petersburg outscored Hart 42-27 over the second 16 minutes to claim the win.

Jeremiah Velasquez poured in 18 points to lead Hart in the game.

Hart used a big second-quarter offensive explosion to take a commanding halftime lead, then had to hold off a second-half Kress comeback to come away with the win.

Hart turned a 12-7 first-quarter lead into a 38-18 halftime advantage before Kress took over.

The Kangaroos came alive in the second half, outscoring Hart 35-20, but Hart's early lead was just big enough for the narrow win.

Keith Finch finished with 21 points to pace the Longhorns while Jacob Reyna added 12.

Saturday's consolation final was an offensive battle from beginning to end, and the Longhorns had just enough firepower to destroy Lubbock Coronado, 81-65.

Four Longhorns scored in double figures, with Velasquez leading the way with 24 points. Joey Pantoja added 19, Jeff Bennett chipped in 16 and Finch added 15.

Hart led 19-11 in the first quarter and 40-29 at intermission. Lubbock managed to gain a point on Hart in the third quarter and trailed by 10, 60-50, headed into the final quarter.

Hart's defense stepped up over the final eight minutes, holding Lubbock to 15 points while the Hart offense popped in 21 for the 81-65 victory and consolation trophy.

The Hart girls had a tough time with Petersburg in their first match last Thursday, falling 63-54.

Hart watched an 18-14 first-quarter lead evaporate in the second stanza and the Lady Horns trailed the Lady Buffs 29-31 at halftime.

Hart battled back to tie the game at 44 in the third quarter, but Petersburg managed to outscore the Hart girls

19-11 over the final eight minutes. Geneva Finch was Hart's leading scorer with 17 points while Vanessa Carrasco added 13.

Hart's defense dominated the Kress girls on Friday, limiting its opponents to 14 points in the game.

Kress's greatest offensive production came in the second quarter, when it managed six points against the aggressive Lady Horn defense.

Hart was in complete control of the game after the first quarter, jumping out to a 22-2 lead. It was a 35-8 Hart lead at the break and the Lady Horns cruised to a commanding 54-10 lead after three quarters.

Geneva Finch finished with 21 points to lead the Hart ladies in the win while Lacie Curry added 11.

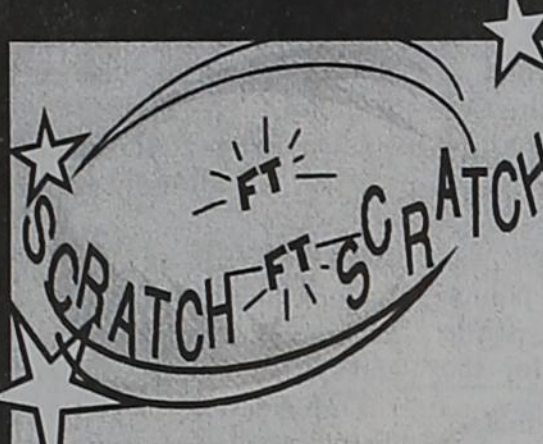
Hart started off with a bang against Lubbock Roosevelt Saturday, hitting basket after basket enroute to a 17-12 first-quarter lead.

But that lead quickly vanished in the wake of Lubbock's defense, which held the Hart girls to six points in each of the next three quarters.

That 17-12 lead vanished in the second quarter and the score was tied at 23 at halftime.

Lubbock took a two-point lead in the third quarter, then exploded with a 26-6 fourth-quarter effort to claim the win.

Hart's leading scorer was Geneva Finch, who finished with 9 points.



Good Luck,

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FRIDAY: Bobbies and Bobcats vs. Friona, There

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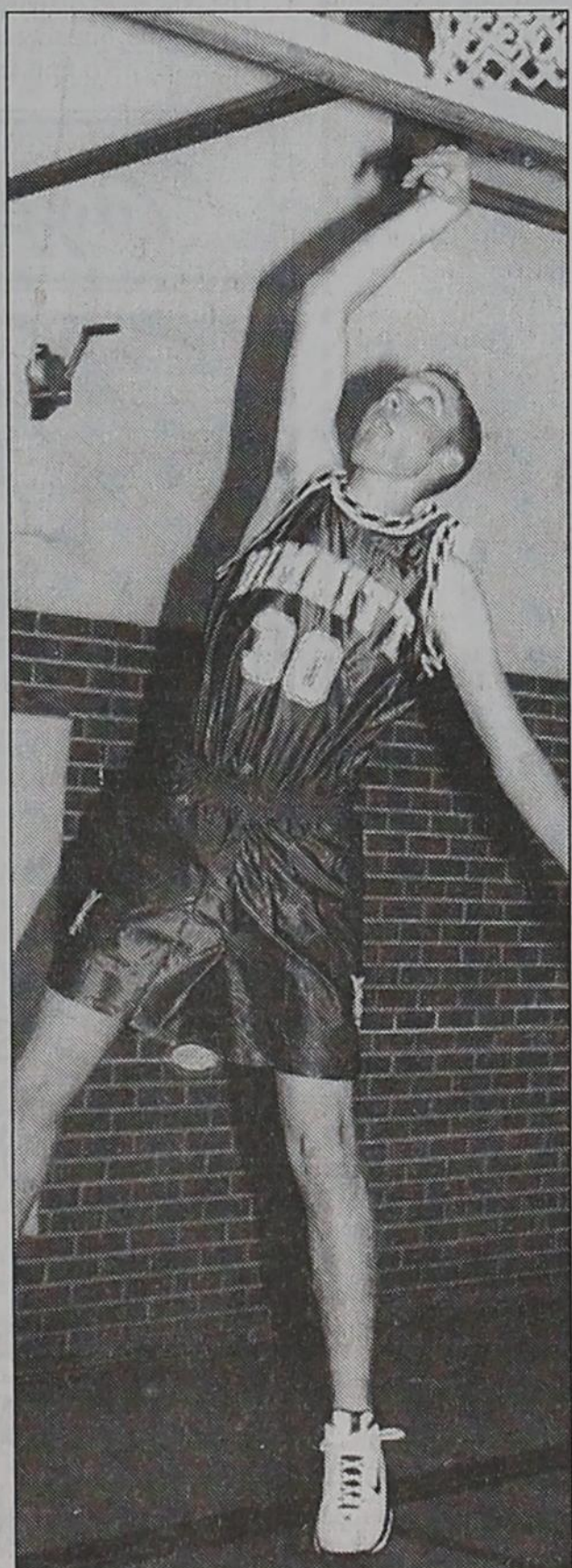
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- 32, Levelland 37
- 31, Borger 66
- Queen's Classic**
- 27, Plainview 66
- 62, Vega 69
- 55, Hale Center 40
- 35, Hereford 49
- Levelland Invitational**
- 40, Idalou 42
- 49, Slaton 51
- 57, Muleshoe 59
- 46, Levelland 50
- Season Record: 1-10**

Bobcats

- 54, Randall 61
- 69, Levelland 60
- 67, Borger 60
- 74, Farwell 57
- 60, Hereford 33
- Pioneer Classic**
- 67, Estacado 66
- 47, Hale Center 50
- 78, Muleshoe 72
- Abernathy Tournament**
- 64, Trinity Christian 84
- 40, Muleshoe 45
- 50, Idalou 38
- Season Record: 7-4**



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Crow finishes fourth in NCHA Limited Open

Toby Crow of Dimmitt finished fourth overall in the National Cutting Horse Association Futurity's Limited Open finals, held Friday at Will Rogers Arena in Fort Worth.

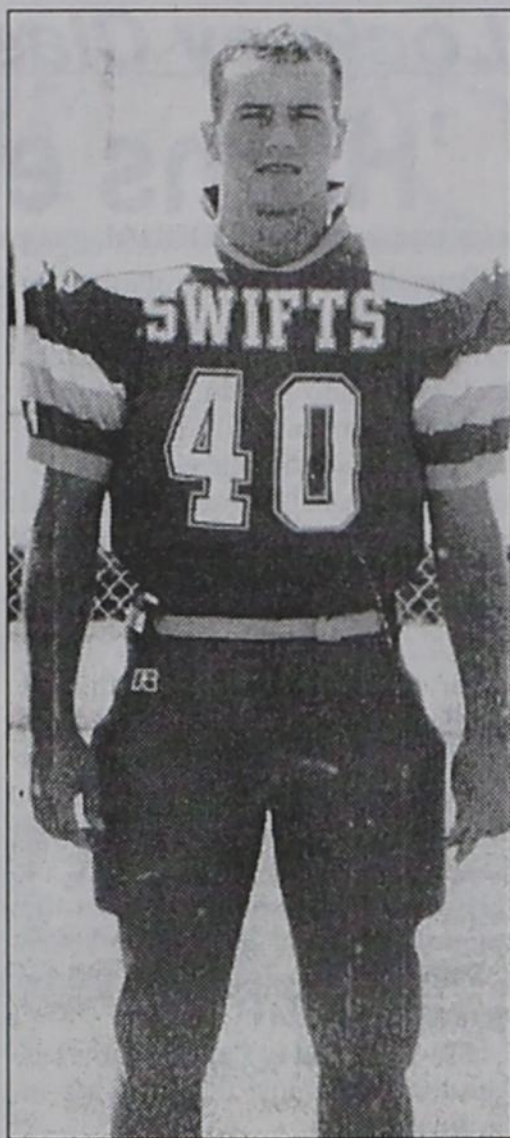
Crow competed on Pb Peppys April, a 3-year-old cutting horse owned by Billy Cogdell of the Tule Ranch in Tulia. Crow is a professional horse trainer on the ranch.

Crow's score of 214 in the go-round originally tied him for third with Mac McLeod of Aubrey. Tim McCloud of Cleburne claimed the championship with a score of 222 while Jimmy Don Purselley of Fort Worth was second with 216 points.

The Limited Open Division is a competition for professional riders who have earned less than \$50,000, and who made it to the second go-round of the Open Division, but failed to qualify for the semifinals.

There were 533 competitors who started out in the Open Division and 240, including Crow, advanced to the second go. Of those 240, 67 made it to the Limited Open and 10 of those qualified for the Limited Open finals.

Crow is the son of Lanny and Belinda Crow of Friona, formerly of Dimmitt. He graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1996.



Cameron McLain

McLain nabs all-state honor

Nazareth tailback Cameron McLain has been named second-team all-state by the Associated Press Sports Writers.

McLain, a 6-1, 200-pound senior, led Nazareth to a 10-3 record and a spot in the regional playoffs this year. He averaged almost seven yards per carry this season, rushing 221 times for 1,546 yards. He scored 24 touchdowns.

McLain's longest run was an 80-yard touchdown scamper against Lubbock Christian High School in the season opener. That TD run was one of four he scored in the game.

He was a three-year starter at tailback for the Swifts and he gained more than 3,100 yards during those three seasons.

"I'm really pleased Cameron was recognized," said Nazareth Coach Rick Price. "It's a high honor and he's very deserving of it. His 1,500 yards was good, but I feel like it was his 24 touchdowns that earned him the all-state honor. That's an attention grabber. I know he was a big cog in our offense."

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Swiftettes breeze by four teams to claim I-27 Invitational crown

The Nazareth Swiftettes rolled over the opposition at the I-27 Invitational, destroying Littlefield, Hale Center, Lubbock Cooper and Abernathy enroute to the tournament championship.

A snow storm last Thursday forced the postponement of first-round games, so Nazareth had to play four games in two days.

The Swiftettes beat Abernathy in the finals Saturday night, 56-35, and that was their toughest game in the tourney.

The Naz girls opened tournament play with a big 68-39 win over Littlefield, then topped Hale Center, 75-42, in the quarterfinals. A 64-35 decision over Lubbock Cooper in the semifinals propelled the team into the title game with Abernathy.

Whitney Hoelting, who led the Swiftettes in their wins over Lubbock Cooper and Abernathy, scoring 22 and 18 points in the respective games. She was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Joining Hoelting on the all-tournament team was Cassie Birkenfeld, who finished with 17 in the first game and 21 against Hale Center.

Swiftettes 68, Littlefield 42

Nazareth controlled the game from beginning to end Friday morning, and posted a 68-42 win over the Lady Cats from Littlefield.

Birkenfeld's 17-point performance was tops for Nazareth while Stephanie Thiel finished with 15 and Hoelting added 10.

After jumping out to an 18-9 lead in the first period, the Swiftettes cruised to a 33-18 halftime advantage behind a pressure defense that stifled the Lady Cats' offense.

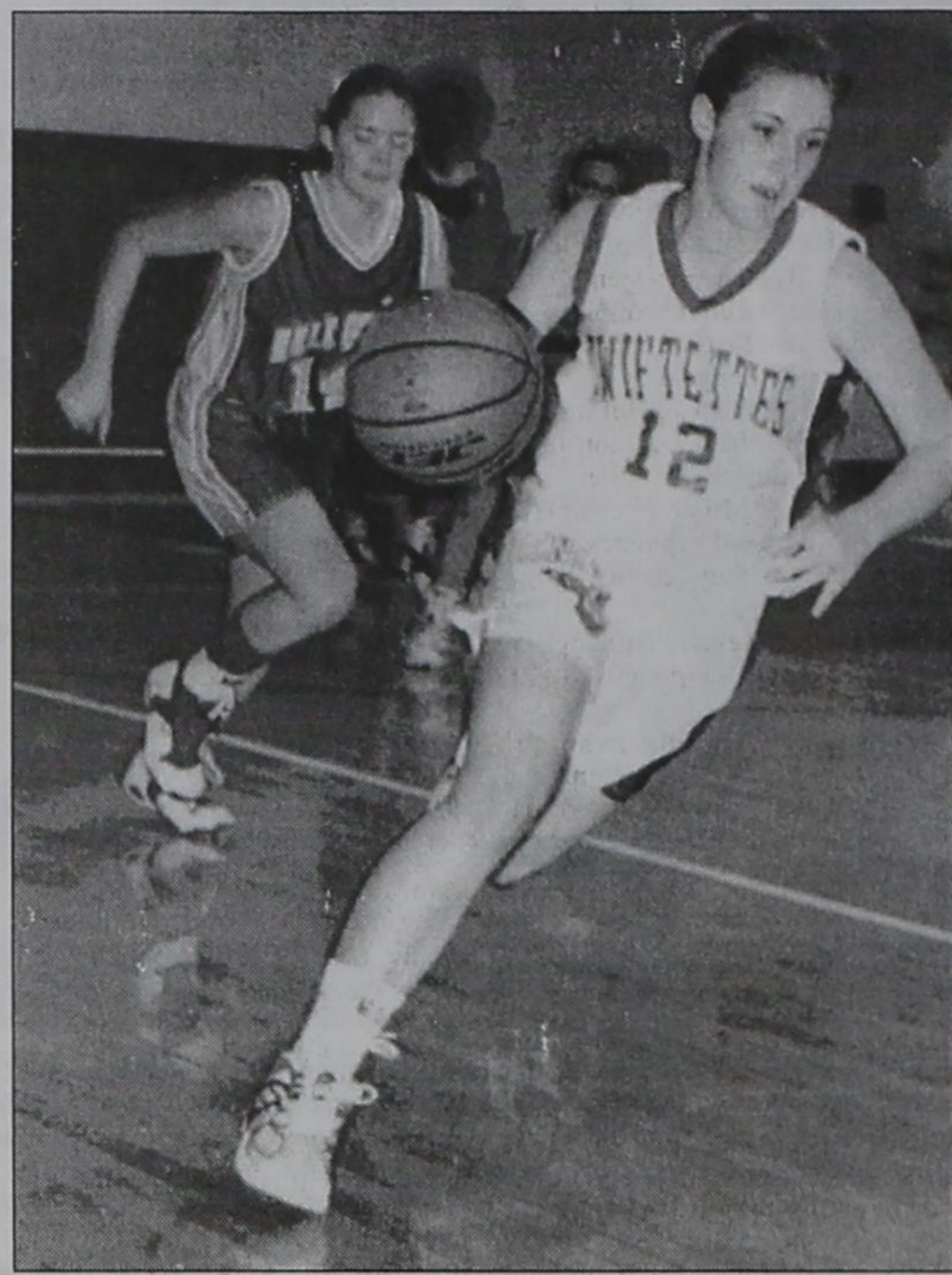
Nazareth exploded with 24 points in the third quarter and eventually outscored Littlefield 35-21 over the second half to claim the win.

Swiftettes 75, Hale Center 42

Nazareth's offense was on fire in the first half against Hale Center, putting 47 points on the board to establish the pace of the game before cruising to a 75-42 win.

The Swiftettes were in control 21-13 after the first quarter and held a commanding 47-26 lead at the break.

Nazareth outscored Hale Center 14-8 in each of the second-half quarters for the big win Friday evening.



NAZARETH'S SHAWNA GERBER outruns a Hale Center guard and heads downcourt for a layup Friday in a championship quarterfinal game at the I-27 Invitational. Gerber was one of three Swiftettes to score in double figures in the game, and she was third-high scorer with 15 points. Nazareth handled the Owlettes, 75-42. The Swiftettes also beat Littlefield, Lubbock Cooper and Abernathy in the tournament to claim the championship.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Leading the offensive assault was Thiel, who finished with 26 points. Birkenfeld chipped in 21 while Shawna Gerber added 15 for the Swiftettes.

Swiftettes 64

Lubbock Cooper 35

Nazareth's toughest challenge of the tournament came in the first quarter against Lubbock Cooper Saturday morning, but prevailed with a 64-35 semifinal win.

Nazareth struggled through the opening period and trailed Cooper, 11-13, headed into the second stanza. Cooper lost control of the game after that.

The Swiftettes went on a tear in the second quarter, popping shot after shot as they outscored Lubbock 21-6 for a 32-19 halftime lead.

Cooper wouldn't be able to put double figure scoring on the board in any quarter after the first and Lubbock's leading scorer in the game finished with 9.

After giving up the 13 points in the opening stanza, the Swiftettes limited Cooper to 6, 9 and 7 points over the next three.

The Nazareth offense continued to roll after the big second quarter effort, adding 13 points in the third and

19 in the fourth for the 64-35 win. Hoelting finished with 22 points to lead the Nazareth effort while Thiel and Gerber counted 10 apiece.

The Swiftettes were hot from three-point range, popping eight of the long-range shots. Hoelting buried four treys while Thiel added a pair. Lesley Brockman and Wendy Black had one each.

Swiftettes 56, Abernathy 35

A smothering defense was the difference in the game Saturday night as Nazareth crushed the host Abernathy Lady Lopes, 56-35, for the tournament championship.

Abernathy couldn't penetrate the Swiftette defense for much, and the Lady Lopes couldn't stop Hoelting, who poured in 18 points.

After claiming a 12-7 lead in the first quarter, the Swiftettes cruised to a 30-19 advantage at halftime and a 39-26 lead after three quarters. A 17-9 fourth-quarter edge assured the Swiftettes of the tournament title.

Joining Hoelting in double-figure scoring were Gerber and Thiel, who chipped in 12 and 10 points apiece.

Abernathy was led by all-tournament selection Jennifer Brock, who finished with 12 points.

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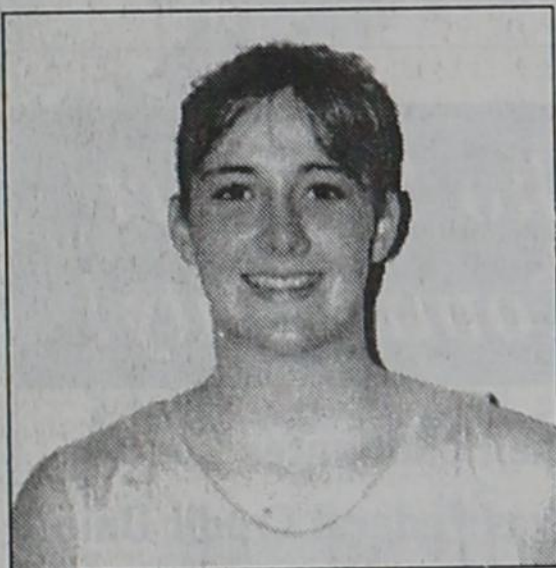
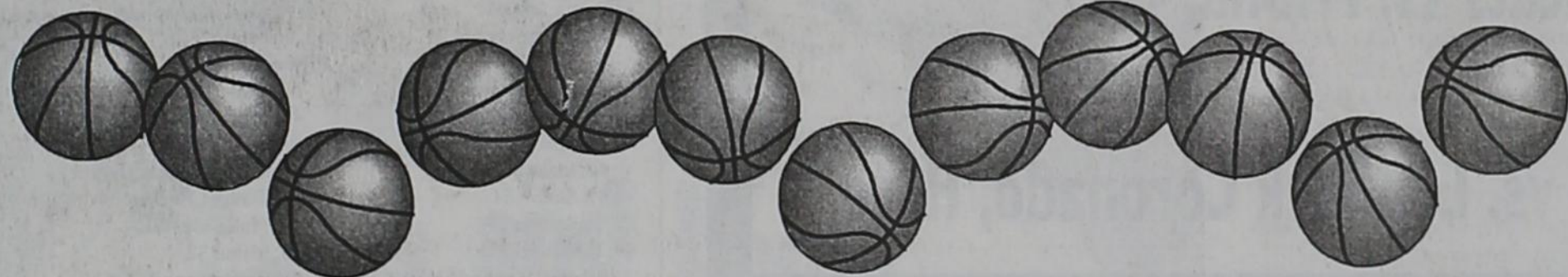
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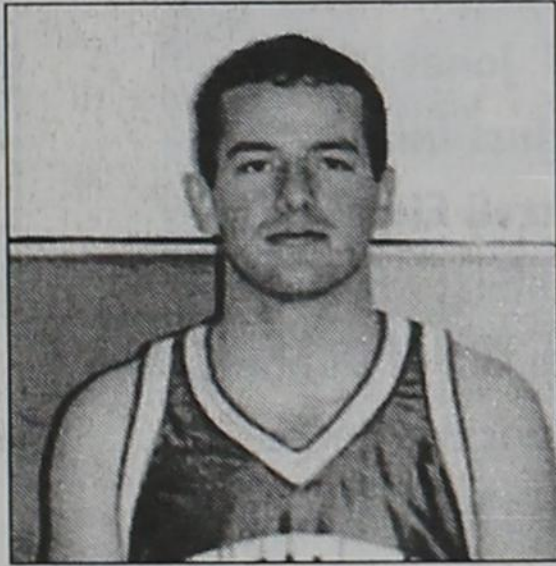
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Muddy roads draw complaints . . .

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 ditches because the ground is too soft.
 He said the crews would resume working on the roads as soon as they can.

Commissioners discussed replacing the phone system in the courthouse and Miller informed them that GTE had submitted a bid of \$24,236.20 for a new system.

"We do have a couple of phones in the courthouse that are not working right now," Miller said.

The phones which are not working are located in the Extension office and the county clerk's office.

According to Miller, a repair technician said that the phones are so out-dated that they cannot be repaired.

GTE offered several lease options for a new system, ranging from 12 to 60 months.

Commissioners decided to hold off on purchasing a new system and asked to meet with a GTE representative who could explain more about it.

Commissioners agreed to drop the "cafeteria plan" from its offered insurance coverages.

Only seven of the county's 60-plus employees are currently enrolled in one or more of the plans offered, and they will still be able to continue their coverage, even though the county will no longer offer the options.

The county is not required to offer the special packages, according to Miller.

For those already enrolled in the plan, the county will continue with payroll deductions for the insurance and will pay the premiums from those deductions.

Commissioners agreed to a contract with Hockley County for housing of the county's inmates.

Overcrowding at the county jail has forced the county to house some prisoners elsewhere. In the past, Deaf Smith County and Bailey County were providing the service, but they are also experiencing overcrowding problems now.

The county will pay \$32 per day for each prisoner housed in the Hockley County Jail. The county will

still be liable for all of the prisoner's medical needs, etc.

In other action, commissioners approved a bond for Carlene Long; agreed to close the courthouse on the afternoon of Dec. 22 following the county's holiday luncheon; approved an order authorizing Jo Campbell to serve as temporary justice of the peace in the absence of Tana Young; and agreed to allow the Alcohol Awareness Program to continue holding sessions in the courthouse, rent-free, for six months. The group had currently been paying for the space, but has experienced budget problems. After the six-month period, commissioners will consider the matter again.

Sutton named to A-J All-South Plains team

Dimmitt's Justin Sutton has been named to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal's Class AAA All-South Plains team for his play in the defensive backfield.

Sutton, a 5-8, 160-pound senior, was named to the first team on the All-South Plains poll.

He was a unanimous District I-AAA selection at running back and defensive back. He led the Bobcats in tackles during the 1999 season and he intercepted three passes.

Sutton also earned honorable mention All-South Plains honors as a running back.

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I-27 INVITATIONAL
 First Round Games
Swifts 74, Abernathy JV 45
 Nazareth 12 19 23 20-74
 Abernathy JV 10 8 14 13-45
Scoring: NAZ—Kade Wilcox 24, Ky Wilcox, Stanton Wethington and Eric Schilling 11.

Bobcats 64, Trinity Christian 84
 Dimmitt 10 21 16 17-64
 Trinity 25 19 22 18-84
Scoring: DIMMITT—Daniel Flores 16, Keevin Sanders 12.

Swiftettes 68, Littlefield 39
 Nazareth 18 15 24 11-68
 Littlefield 9 9 14 7-39
Scoring: NAZ—Cassie Birkenfeld 17, Stephanie Thiel 15, Whitney Hoelting 10.

Championship Quarterfinals
Swiftettes 75, Hale Center 42
 Nazareth 21 26 14 14-75
 Hale Center 13 13 8 8-42
Scoring: NAZ—Stephanie Thiel 26, Cassie Birkenfeld 21, Shawna Gerber 15.

Swifts 52, Littlefield 55
 Nazareth 12 16 15 9-52
 Littlefield 10 15 18 12-55
Scoring: NAZ—Kade Wilcox 20, Ky Wilcox 12.

Consolation Quarterfinals
Bobcats 40, Muleshoe 45
 Dimmitt 17 9 9 5-40
 Muleshoe 12 9 15 9-45
Scoring: DIMMITT—Daniel Proffitt 14, Sammy Prieto 11.

Guarantee Games
Swifts 60, Wall 43
 Nazareth 20 14 11 15-60
 Wall 13 4 7 18-43
Scoring: NAZ—Kade Wilcox 17, Eric Schilling and Ky Wilcox 15.

Bobcats 50, Idalou 38
 Dimmitt 14 16 8 20-50
 Idalou 5 10 9 14-38
Scoring: DIMMITT—Taylor Matthews 13.

Championship Semifinals
Swiftettes 64, Lubbock Cooper 35
 Nazareth 11 21 13 19-64
 Cooper 13 6 9 7-35
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 22, Stephanie Thiel and Shawna Gerber 10.

Championship
Swiftettes 56, Abernathy 35
 Nazareth 12 18 9 17-56
 Abernathy 7 12 7 9-35
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 18, Shawna Gerber 12, Stephanie Thiel 10.

LOCKNEY CLASSIC
 First Round
Longhorns 53, Petersburg 69
 Hart 11 15 14 13-53
 Petersburg 12 16 21 20-69
Scoring: HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 18.

Consolation Semifinals
Longhorns 58, Kress 53
 Hart 12 26 8 12-58
 Kress 7 11 17 18-53
Scoring: HART—Keith Finch 21, and Jacob Reyna 12.

Consolation
Longhorns 81, Lubbock Coronado 65
 Hart 19 21 20 21-81
 Lubbock Coronado 11 18 21 15-65
Scoring: HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 24, Joey Pantoja 19, Jeff Bennett 16, Keith Finch 15.

Girls' Round Robin
Lady Horns 54, Petersburg 63
 Hart 18 11 15 11-54
 Petersburg 14 17 13 19-63
Scoring: HART—Geneva Finch 17, Vanessa Carrasco 13.

Lady Horns 70, Kress 14
 Hart 22 13 19 16-70
 Kress 2 6 2 4-14
Scoring: HART—Geneva Finch 21, Lacie Curry 11.

Lady Horns 35, Lubbock Roosevelt 56
 Hart 17 6 6 6-35
 Lubbock Roosevelt 12 11 8 26-56
Scoring: HART—Geneva Finch 9.

FRIDAY
Bobbies 46, Levelland 50
 Levelland 9 10 16 15-50
 Dimmitt 9 13 9 15-46
Scoring: DIMMITT—Carol Summers and Heather Black 11.

CANYON TOURNAMENT
 First Round
JV Bobcats 63, Canyon 48
 Dimmitt 11 21 10 21-63
 Canyon 15 8 7 18-48
Scoring: DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 22, D. Norman 18.

Championship Semifinals
JV Bobcats 63, Clovis 63
 Dimmitt 17 16 6 14-53
 Clovis 6 17 12 18-63
Scoring: DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 10.

Third Place
JV Bobcats 51, Muleshoe 46
 Dimmitt 21 11 10 9-51
 Muleshoe 11 15 9 11-46
Scoring: DIMMITT—Austin Sherman 15, D. Norman 11.

TUESDAY
Swifts 62, Tulla 69
 Nazareth 16 12 19 15-62
 Tulla 14 13 18 24-69
Scoring: NAZ—Kade Wilcox 24, Eric Schilling 16.

Swiftettes 62, Tulla 41
 Nazareth 15 20 11 16-62
 Tulla 12 10 11 8-41
Scoring: NAZ—Whitney Hoelting 17, Stephanie Thiel 15, Cassie Birkenfeld 14, Shawna Gerber 10.

Longhorns 78, Bovina 73 (OT)
 Bovina 11 21 22 12 7-73
 Hart 12 14 18 22 12-78
Scoring: HART—Jeremiah Velasquez 27, Keith Finch, Jeff Bennett and Joey Pantoja 12.

Lady Horns 78, Bovina 26
 Bovina 5 8 7 6-26
 Hart 34 9 13 22-78
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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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3—Real Estate For Rent

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11—Feed, Seed & Grain

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12—Farm Produce

FARM FRESH PECANS
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20—Help Wanted

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CASE MANAGER to provide services to children birth-3 years of age in Lamb, Bailey, Castro and Parmer Counties. Bachelor's degree in education, social work or RN certification required. Must have valid Texas driver's license and be insurable. Starts at \$24,692/yr. Apply: CPC, 2700 Yonkers, Plainview, 79072 or fax resume, (806) 296-5804. EOE/AEE. 20-37-1tc

22—Notices

NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt will have a public hearing from 5 to 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 20, 1999, to hear comments from the public regarding the proposed grant for a new city swimming pool.
CITY OF DIMMITT
22-37-1tc

22—Notices

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, 647-2577. 22-35-5tc

24—Card of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank all who helped for their thoughtfulness and concern, not only at the time of Marvin's death, but also during the period of his long illness. We appreciate every prayer, every visit, every caring word, every offer of help, and every kind act, of which there were so many. You have a community with a very rare generous spirit and we thank you for sharing that very special comfort that we will always remember.
THE MARVIN JONES FAMILY
24-37-1tp

CARD OF THANKS
I would like to thank everyone for their cards and letters following my car accident. I sincerely regret not being able to answer everyone personally. I greatly appreciate everyone's thoughtfulness.
REV. BRENDAN SHERRY
24-37-1tp

25—Legal Notices

BID NOTICE
The Castro County Appraisal District is accepting bids on behalf of Castro County, Dimmitt Independent School District and the City of Dimmitt. Sealed bids must be received by Dec. 22, 1999, 10 a.m. at the Castro County Appraisal District, 204 SE 3rd (rear), Dimmitt, Texas, 79027. Each entity reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.
The property open for bids are Lot 2, Block 51, OTD and Lots 14-15, Coronado Acres, North of Highway.
Further information may be obtained at the Appraisal District Office.
25-36-2tc

BID NOTICE
The City of Dimmitt will be accepting bids for one (1) used track-type loader with the following specifications: Not less than 120-hp diesel horsepower, cab, air conditioner, heater, 2-1/2 cubic yard bucket, rear ripper.
Please state warranty, delivery and financing, if available.
Please send bids to the attention of Don Sheffy, City of Dimmitt, PO Box 146, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. (806) 647-2155. Bids will be accepted until Monday, Jan. 3, 2000, at 5 p.m. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
25-36-2tc

NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION
TPDES Permit No. 03778
APPLICATION: GENE BRADLEY, P.O. Box 49, Dimmitt TX 79027 has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a TPDES Permit no. 03778 to renew and replace a state permit to authorize the applicant to operate an existing beef cattle facility at a maximum capacity of 4,000 head in Castro County, Texas. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this permit. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.
The existing facility is located on the east side of Farm-to-Market Road 1055 approximately 4.5 miles south of its intersection with State Highway 86 and four miles southwest of Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of White Lake in Segment No. 1240 of the Brazos River Basin.
The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.
PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. Written public comments and requests for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.
CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this application if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.
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9. Agricultural services	22. Notices
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official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number and fax number, if any; 2. applicant's name and permit number; 3. the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" 4. a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and 5. the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application or permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.
If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a contested case hearing is held, it will be a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

INFORMATION. Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for a public meeting should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC105, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information, please contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.
Issued: Dec. 1, 1999.
LADONNA CASTANUELA
Chief Clerk, TNRCC
25-37-1tc

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NOTICE OF CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION APPLICATION

TPDES Registration No. 01338
APPLICATION: SEVEN X CATTLE FEEDERS, INC. HCR 3, Box 1, Summerfield TX 79085, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a new TPDES Registration No. 01338 to renew and replace a state permit to authorize the applicant to operate a beef cattle facility at a maximum capacity of 40,000 head in Castro County, Texas. The application was received on Sept. 20, 1999. No discharge of pollutants into the waters in the state is authorized by this registration, except under chronic or catastrophic rainfall conditions. All waste and wastewater will be beneficially used on agricultural land.

The existing facility is located one mile east of Farm-to-Market Road 1057, approximately two miles south of its intersection with US Highway 60 southwest of Hereford in Castro County, Texas. The facility is located in the drainage area of the Upper Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River in Segment No. 0229 of the Red River Basin.

The application is available for inspection by the public in the office of Mr. Billy Hackleman of the Castro County Tax Office, 100 East Bedford, Room 100, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, during normal business hours between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft registration which, if approved, would establish the parameters and limitations within which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT. Written public comments may be submitted to the Office of Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director will consider all relevant information pertaining to whether the applicant meets the requirements for the registration and will issue a written determination as to any final action on the application for registration and a response to all comments.

INFORMATION. Written public comments should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC105, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For additional information, about the application or the procedure for public participation in the registration process, individual members of the general public may contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Issued: Dec. 1, 1999.
 LaDONNA CASTANUELA
 Chief Clerk, TNRCC
 25-37-1tc

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

PERMIT NO. 29771
APPLICATION: Hyman Farm Service, LLC, 505 East Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 29771 which would authorize additional anhydrous ammonia storage at an existing Anhydrous Ammonia Storage facility located at 505 East Halsell, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas. The existing facility will emit the following air contaminant: anhydrous ammonia.

This application was submitted to the TNRCC on Oct. 25, 1999. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TNRCC Central Office, TNRCC Amarillo Regional Office, and Rhoads Memorial Library, 105 Southwest 2nd Street, Dimmitt, Castro County. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo Regional Office of the TNRCC.

The TNRCC Executive Director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

MAILING LIST. You may ask to be placed on a mailing list to obtain additional information regarding this application. To get on the mailing list for this application, send a request to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application, or request a contested case hearing as described in the next section of this notice. You are encouraged to submit your comments as soon as possible so your concerns can be considered during the review of the application. The TNRCC will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after this notice is published. After the deadline for public comments, the TNRCC Executive Director will prepare a response to all relevant and material or otherwise significant public comments.

If only comments are received on the application, the Response to Comments, along with notice of the TNRCC Executive Director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or asked to be put on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is filed as discussed in the next section of this notice, the TNRCC Executive Director will issue a preliminary decision on the application following technical review. Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision would then be published and mailed to those who are on the county-wide mailing list of the mailing list for this application. That notice would contain the final deadline for submitting public comments and requesting a public meeting.

After the final deadline for comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the TNRCC Executive Director would consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or otherwise significant public comments. The Response to Comments, along with the TNRCC Executive Director's decision on the application, would then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who requested to be on a mailing list for this application.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit written or oral comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the TNRCC Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legisla-

tor. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the TNRCC Executive Director may approve the application. If no hearing request is received within this 30-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: 1. your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number and fax number, if any; 2. applicant's name and permit number; 3. the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" 4. a specific description of how you would be affected by the application and adversely affected by air emissions in a way not common to the general public; 5. the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and 6. a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 30 days following this notice to the TNRCC Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed within 30 days following this notice, the TNRCC Executive Director will not take action on the application. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the TNRCC Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property value, waste disposal, water quality, noise, traffic safety, or zoning are not considered relevant and material to this air quality application.

INFORMATION. Written mailing list requests, public comments, requests for a public hearing or requests for a hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, PO Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TNRCC Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Hyman Farm Service, LLC, at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Harold Hyman at (806) 647-4111.
 25-37-1tc

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Code that an Unincorporated Association of Persons has applied for a Private Club Registration Permit doing business as Avery's & Friends, located at 320 N. Broadway, Dimmitt, Castro County, Texas, 79027. The officers are as follows: Avery L. Thrasher, President; and Leonard D. Weaver, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer.
 25-37-2tc

You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

-Kahil Gibran

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-George Smith Patton

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Obituaries

Doris Ballard

Funeral services for Doris "Jimmie" Ballard, 67, of Tulia, were held Monday at 1 p.m. in the Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Tulia.

Burial followed in the Rose Hill Cemetery of Tulia under direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ballard died Dec. 10 in Amarillo.

She was born Dec. 9, 1932, in Olton, and had lived in Tulia since 1957. She married L.H. Ballard on June 24, 1960, in Dimmitt. He preceded her in death on April 1, 1972. She worked in the kitchen at the 87 Truckstop and at Bruce's Grill.

She also was preceded in death by a grandson, who died in 1989.

Survivors include three daughter, Crystal Perez of Tulia, Gloria Mason of Beggs, Okla., and Delores Boardman of Wagoner, Okla.; a son, Norman Ballard of Tulia; a brother, Willie Ray Ashley of Paducah, Ken.; a sister, Wanda Dean Carter of Modesto, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Edward Calhoun

Funeral services for Edward Parker Calhoun, 69, of Flemington, Mo., and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Monday afternoon at the Ivey Chapel of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt, with Rev. Jeff Addison, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church of Dimmitt, officiating.

Burial followed at Castro Memorial Cemetery.

Mr. Calhoun died Dec. 10. He was born Feb. 7, 1930, in Palestine. He married Hazel Coleman on Sept. 17, 1950, in Clovis, N.M. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He was a charter member of the Lee Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife; three daughters, Kathy Lindsey of Gruver, Donna Newton of Coahoma, and Tammy Lay of Tampa, Fla.; a son, Kieth Calhoun of Allen Reed; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

Philip Cowan

Funeral services for Philip "Andy" Cowan, 92, of Tulia, a resident of Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt, were held Saturday morning at Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park Chapel, with Rev. Don Wills officiating.

Burial will be in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home.

Mr. Cowan died Dec. 8 at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

He was born Sept. 28, 1907, in Gatesville, and attended Gatesville schools. He married Norma Francis Clark on Dec. 25, 1925, in Gatesville. She died in 1987. He worked for Anderson-Clayton for many years in Littlefield, Las Cruces, N.M., and Richmond. He had lived in Tulia since 1988. He attended First Baptist Church in Tulia. He was preceded in death by two sons, Charles Cowan in 1990, and Harold Cowan in 1993.

Survivors include a son, Billy Cowan of Tulia; a daughter, Bettye Cowan Groh of Rowlett; 13 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Anna Evers

Funeral mass for Anna Evers, 83, of Nazareth, was said Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church of Nazareth.

Graveside services were held following at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery at Umbarger. Rosary had been recited Thursday in Brooks Funeral Directors Chapel in Canyon.

Mrs. Evers died Dec. 8 at Dimmitt.

She was born in Randall County and had lived north of Umbarger for 53 years before moving to Nazareth in 1991.

Mrs. Evers was preceded in death by her husband, Alphonse C. Evers, and by a daughter, Shirley Woodard.

She is survived by two daughters, Patsy Huseman of Nazareth; five sons, Allen "Sonny" Evers of Hereford, Charles Evers of Dallas, Eddie Evers of Canyon, Donnie Evers of Sandia, and Weldon Evers of Amarillo; two brothers, Ted Hess of Springdale, Ark., and Herbert Hess of Wichita, Kan.; two sisters, Catherine Taldo and Frances Pole, both of Springdale, Ark.; 26 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Meals on Wheels of Nazareth, c/o Holy Family Church of Nazareth, Nazareth 79063; or the Nazareth Fire Dept.

Mildred Gullion

A memorial reception honoring the late Mildred Bagwell Gullion, 95, of Weatherford, the sister of the late Hattie Alice Bagwell Howell, was held at Vintage Estate in Weatherford on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Gullion died in her home at Vintage Estate in Weatherford on Dec. 4.

Galbreath Pickard Funeral Chapel of Weatherford was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Gullion was born April 26, 1904, near Tribbey, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma Territory, to James Andrew and Nancy Adeline (Ashley) Bagwell. When she was 2, the family moved by covered wagon to Floyd County (Floydada), where she grew up. She attended West Texas A & M when it was Canyon Normal in Canyon. She was the seventh child with nine brothers and sisters.

In December of 1925, she married John Elza Gullion of Floydada. They lived in Tulsa, Okla., for many years, and she worked with her husband in the refrigeration business. They were both active in the Shrine and she participated in the Eastern Star in Tulsa. They had been married 50 years, when he died in December of 1975. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Gullion moved to Weatherford to be closer to her sister, Hattie Howell. She had lived in

Weatherford for the past 20 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Nancy Bagwell; sisters, Ada Marie Bagwell Teague, Gracie Margaret Bagwell, Hattie Alice Bagwell Howell; and brothers, Douglas Dewey, Jerry Ernest, John Leonard, Jim and George Aubrey Bagwell.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends, including nieces Nancy Teague Rose of Houston and Shirley Teague Low of Phoenix, Ariz., and nephew Charles Howell, and his wife, Ruby, of Weatherford.

The family suggests memorials be made to a charity of your choice or to Community Hospice, 1000 Summit Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

Ruth M. Wooten

Services for Ruth M. Wooten, 93, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon at the First Christian Church in Dimmitt with Roy Barringer, former pastor, officiating. Burial followed in Westlawn Memorial Park under the direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Wooten died at 10:10 a.m. Monday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt.

She was born Aug. 8, 1906, in Frederick, Okla. She married Richard Wooten on Feb. 22, 1940, in Beckham County, Okla. He died Jan. 26, 1999.

She graduated from Erick High School in Oklahoma in 1925. She passed the Teacher's Exam and began teaching in rural schools in Beckham County, Okla. She earned her bachelor's degree in 1954 in Weatherford, Okla.

She and her husband moved to Dimmitt in 1946. She taught in the Dimmitt schools before the couple moved to Venita, Okla., in 1956. She taught school in Welch, Okla. They moved back to Dimmitt in 1969. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Dimmitt.

Survivors include a niece, Bobbie Ruth Eubanks of Afton, Okla.; a sister-in-law, Ruby Wooten of Dimmitt; two sisters, Ruth MacKinlay of Drumheller, Alberta, Canada and Velma Roach of Trochu, Alberta, Canada; two brothers, Leroy Roach of Trochu and Bill Roach of Sylvan Lake, Canada.

The family requests memorials be to the First Christian Church, 604 Western Circle Drive, Dimmitt 79027.

Mankind, by the perverse depravity of their nature, esteem that which they have most desired as of no value, the moment it is possessed, and torment themselves with fruitless wishes for that which is beyond their reach.

-Francois De Salignac De La Mothe Fenel

Marguerite Sinclair

Marguerite Sinclair of Bloomfield, Iowa, former Dimmitt resident, died Monday.

She was cremated in Iowa and her ashes were flown to Salinas, Calif., where they were scattered over Monterey Bay.

Mrs. Sinclair graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1940. She married Billie Brooks Sinclair in 1941. He died in 1994.

Survivors include a son, Daryl Sinclair of Salinas; two daughters, Paulette Benson of Salinas and Sherri Gleason of Bloomfield; three brothers, Guy Cox of Wickenburg, Ariz., Joe Cox of Shallowater and Jesse Cox of Yuma, Ariz.; two sisters-in-law, Lois Sinclair of Yuma and Dorothy Shannon of Hereford; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



TONIGHT—The Christmas party for the Canterbury Villa residents and their family members will be at 7.

SUNDAY—The Nazareth FHA Chapter will hold its annual Tour of Homes this afternoon. Five homes will be featured on this year's tour including those of Mark and Judy Kleman, Leroy and Jerry Schulte, Charley and Beverly Hill, Jimmie Schulte and Father Peter Otto.

SUNDAY—The adult choir and drama group from the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will present the musical, *Christmas, Sing Noel!* at 7 p.m. at the church.

DEC. 24—The First Baptist Church in Dimmitt will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight and Lord's Supper service at 6 p.m.

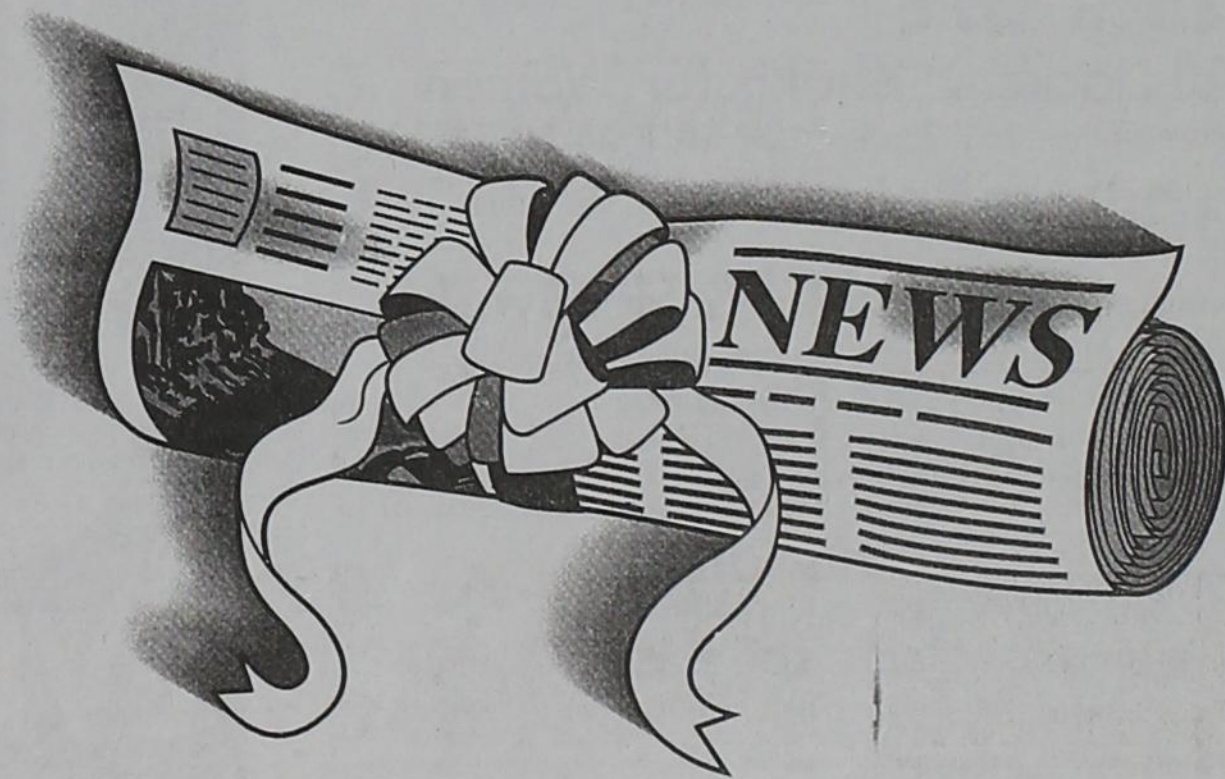
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