Dimmitt, Texas, Thursday, December 17, 1998

those groups.



THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS—Members of the Dimmitt High School Concert Choir line up for the processional of the joint choir and band concert held Monday in the DHS auditorium.

Leading one side of the procession are Valerie Everett (far right) and Monica Fernandez (second from right). They marched in singing Hark, the Herald Angels Sing. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Ballots being mailed now for extended local calling area Ballots have been mailed out by If the measure passes, Dimmitt Although there will not be long

telephone exchange customers will

be able to call Amarillo, Canyon,

Hereford, Plainview and Tulia with-

Those are the five exchanges that

"You have to mark 'yes' beside

are listed on the ballot that is being

each of those communities for them

to be included," said Betty McClure

petition drive that started the process

for getting an extended calling area.

"Also, those voting need to sign their

ballot and write their phone number

of Dimmitt, who helped organize the

sent out to Dimmitt customers.

out a long distance charge.

the Public Utilities Commission for Dimmitt telephone customers to have the opportunity to vote for or against an extended local calling area.

By Don Nelson

With everything else in today's world turning topsy-turvy, could it be that Santa Claus is a . . . woman?

One woman on the Internet thinks so. She doesn't think the jolly old elfa could possibly be a guy, because she's married to one and knows lots of others.

Here's her argument:

I think Santa Claus is a woman . . . I hate to be the one to defy sacred myth, but I believe he's a she.

Think about it. Christmas is a big, social deal. And I have a tough time believing a guy could possibly pull it

For starters, the vast majority of cording to Precinct 1 Commissioner men don't even think about selecting gifts until Christmas Eve. It's as if they're frozen in some kind of Ebenezerian Time Warp until 3 p.m. on Dec. 24th, when they-with amazing calm-call other errant men and plan for a last-minute shopping

Once at the mall, they always seem surprised to find only Ronco products, socket wrench sets and mood ment. rings left on the shelves.

(You might think this would send them into a fit of panic and guilt, but my husband tells me it's an enormous relief because it lessens the 11th-hour decision-making burden.)

On this count alone, I'm convinced Santa is a woman. Surely, if he were a man, everyone in the universe would wake up Christmas morning to find a rotating musical Chia Pet un-

der the tree, still in the bag. Another problem for a he-Santa would be getting there. First of all, there would be no reindeer because they would all be dead, gutted and strapped onto the rear bumper of the sleigh amid wide-eyed, desperate claims that buck season had been extended. Blitzen's rack would already be on the way to the taxider-

Even if the male Santa DID have reindeer, he'd still have transportation problems because he would inevitably get lost up there in the snow and clouds and then refuse to stop and ask for directions.

Other reasons why Santa can't possibly be a man:

—Men can't pack a bag.

-Men would rather be dead than be caught wearing red velvet.

-Men would feel their masculinity is threatened, having to be seen with all those elves.

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Dimmitt rated 'acceptable' according to AEIS report

The Academic Excellence Indica- true, because the district already teachers certified in English lantor System report for the Dimmitt Independent School District shows that the district is academically acceptable.

Curriculum Director Doricell Davis presented the report in a public hearing as a part of the DISD school board meeting Monday night.

Davis showed figures that revealed a significant improvement districtwide in the percent of students passing the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests in comparing 1997 to 1998 scores. Those passing the reading portion of the test went from 72.1% in 1997 to 80.7% in 1998; while the writing portion was passed by 73.1% in 1997 and by 81.8% in 1998; and the math portion was passed by 75.4% in 1997 and by 84.9% in 1998. Students passing all portions of the test represented 60.7% of those taking the test in 1997, while in 1998 the percentage was 72.3.

Davis told the board that the state issued figures predicting that the district's TAAS scores would decline in 1999, when the scores of some special education and limited English proficiency (LEP) students would be included in the district averages. However, she said she does not think those figures will necessarily hold

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includes some of the scores from guage arts, mathematics, science and social studies.

to register the "Choice" program of the Alternative School as a "Separate Campus" rather than as a "Program" for purposes of accountability with Corrective Action Program (CAP) the Texas Education Agency. Since the board chose to let it re-

main a separate campus, then it must meet the requirements that go with being a separate high school. If it had been registered as a program, then all of the Choice students would be coded for accountability purposes to Dimmitt High School. Davis said that if that were done, it would affect the district's attendance and drop-out rate figures.

DISD Supt. Les Miller said that the campus must have a full-time administrator who has no other administrative duties in the district and

Miller said some adjustments will

In another matter, the board voted have to be made to accommodate those requirements. He said the current over-seer of the program, Darlene Collins, also works with the for disciplinary problem students and the Day Care Center for children of students. Also, only one teacher currently oversees the Choice students on a regular basis. Bob Horton, who is certified in social studies, history and physical education, administers tests to the students and advises them when they have difficulties in their studies. Terry Stovall, who is the teacher for the CAP program, is certified as a math teacher and occasionally helps out in the Choice program, according to Col-

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County needs room for its 'learning lab'

Eloyce Smith, adult probation commissioners for a bigger office in which to house the county's "learn-

ing lab" for probationers. who do not have a high school education are required to take general educational development (GED) courses to complete their education as part of their probation agreement.

"We are required by the state to educate these probationers to a skill level up to the sixth grade," Smith

Smith said the county currently has two computers in a small office on the first floor of the courthouse

Castro County is searching for and that's where probationers take their GED classes.

But there are currently more than officer for Castro County, asked 50 probationers who are required to take the courses and the two-computer lab is not adequate. Also, the lab is not available to probationers According to Smith, probationers except during certain times because of its location.

County Judge Irene Miller asked Smith if the county would get more computers if more space could be found and Smith said that the adult probation department would be able to provide more stations.

"We do realize there is a problem, but we've got a space problem in the courthouse," Miller said.

County Attorney Jerry Matthews told commissioners that if the county doesn't do something about moving and expanding the GED lab, it could face a lawsuit down the road.

"This space deal has been a problem ever since I've been here," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland. "Sooner or later we're going to have to go outside the courthouse to find office space."

Commissioners agreed to check into costs of leasing office space in Dimmitt and Miller will check on available buildings and report back to commissioners at their next meeting in January.

Angel Tree gift deadline set Monday

Angel Tree gifts must be returned to the Panhandle Community Services office in Dimmitt by Monday so that they can be distributed to the recipients by Wednesday (Dec. 23).

The annual "Community Angel Tree" project, sponsored by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance and administerd by Panhandle Community Services, will help supply Christmas gifts for 100 needy children under age 11.

The Angel Trees were set up at First Bank of Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch, First United Bank of Dimmitt, and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union last week. About 16 "Angels" had not been selected as of Wednesday morning. Local residents are asked to select an "Angel" with a child's first name, age and gift desired, and purchase the requested gift for a needy child.

The requested gift (\$20 range), should be wrapped and taken to PCS by Monday, along with the identifying "Angel."

Families who showed financial need were able to apply for participation in the project through the PCS office. Applications were accepted for 100 participants out of the 180 who applied.

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

all the ballots that are returned. in the spaces provided." County to purchase new motor graders

purchase two new motor graders this month, trading in a 1987 John Deere 772 and a 1993 Caterpillar 140G.

organized, warm, fuzzy, nurturing Texas Equipment and Yellowhouse

Machinery at its Monday meeting. Precinct 1 has been in dire need of new equipment for some time, ac-

Newlon Rowland. After studying the two bids, Rowland told commissioners he

likes Caterpillar machines. "I like the resale value (of Caterpillar) and I like the toughness," Rowland said.

Commissioners unanimously voted to purchase two new Caterpillar graders from West Texas Equip-

Castro County Precinct 1 will would trade the 1993 Caterpillar take that earned holiday off within 140G for a new Caterpillar 140H for a trade difference of \$39,000. The The county opened bids from West \$111,903 on the 1987 John Deere for

distance charges for calls to the se-

lected communities, there will be an

additional \$3.50 per month charge

per line for residential customers and

an additional \$7 per month per line

"We're hoping that everyone will

look for their ballot in the mail, get it

marked and send it back in the

postage-paid envelope provided,"

McClure said. "Of course, we hope

McClure said that each city must

receive at least 70% approval among

charge for businesses.

everyone will vote yes."

a new Cat 140H. The West Texas Equipment bid also offered a guaranteed five-year buy-back of \$109,000 on each new machine.

Yellowhouse Machinery bid a trade difference of \$70,726 on a new John Deere for the 1993 Caterpillar and a difference of \$99,985 for the 1987 John Deere. Yellowhouse bid \$98,500 under the five-year buyback plan.

County Sheriff CD Fitzgearld asked commissioners to amend the county's policy which states that West Texas Equipment's bid employees who work a holiday must

30 days.

"We're having hard time taking company bid a trade difference of holidays off within 30 days because we have to have so many people working around the clock," Fitzgearld said.

> "I can see where it would be a problem for you," Rowland told Fitzgearld.

Fitzgearld asked the county to extend the period for sheriff's department employees to six months.

"I don't have a problem with giving them six months, but if they don't use those days within that time, they will lose them," said County Judge Irene Miller.

Commissioners agreed to revise the county policy and extend it to six months for employees of the sheriff's department.

Commissioners also agreed to sign off on an interlocal agreement for a proposed telecommunications grant

Rhoads Memorial and 28 other libraries in the Harrington Library System are working on a grant application which would enable them to expand telecommunication services such as Internet access.

for Rhoads Memorial Library.

Librarian Cindy Pottorff had discussed the proposed grant with commissioners at an earlier meeting, saying that if the application is approved, the library could receive new computers and equipment.

She did inform commissioners that the grant would fund purchase of equipment and things for the first year, but after that, the county would be responsible for maintenance

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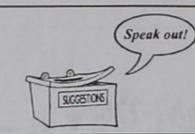


SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE'—Children in the Dimmitt Middle School Choir perform "Silent Night" in both English and sign language during the "Music of Christmas" program last Thursday night on the courthouse square. The children also sang the song in Spanish and in its original German, under the direc-

tion of Elaine Hazel (far left). Because of a bitter-cold wind, the Middle School choir and band children lined up against the west wall of the courthouse instead of performing at the Gazebo as planned. A good crowd braved the cold weather to hear them.

Photo by Don Nelson

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TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Commissioner Elton Bomer last

week ordered cuts averaging 5.5

percent to the private-passenger

The cuts are to take effect Feb.

Drivers carrying only liability

Bomer's action follows a 5 per-

cent benchmark rate cut he or-

dered last January. At the time, he

urged companies to file lower

rates. Major companies in the per-

sonal auto insurance market re-

sponded by reducing rates 7 per-

payouts continue to lag behind

premium collections because of

tort reform, safer cars, less

drunken driving and other factors,

that consumers don't pay too

the evidence justifies a substantial

rate reduction that still should

leave the companies a fair profit

on their Texas business," he said.

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The rate changes apply only to

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"We need to close this gap so

Bomer said.

Insurance company claim

insurance also will see cuts aver-

aging 7.8 percent, Bomer said.

auto insurance benchmark rate.

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AUSTIN — Texas Insurance

More about

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—Men don't answer their mail. physique to be described even in jest

as anything remotely resembling a "bowlful of jelly." -Men aren't interested in stock-

—Having to do the ho-ho-ho thing would seriously inhibit their ability to

pick up women.

—Finally, being responsible for -Men would refuse to allow their Christmas would require a commitment.

I can buy the fact that other mythical holiday characters are men: Father Time shows up once a year,

unshaven and looking ominous. ings unless somebody's wearing Definite guy.

> Cupid flies around carrying weapons.

<u>Letter</u>

them.

'CNN creating bad information'

Practical guides to help

partners communicate

By RON

TRUSLER

Executive

Director

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lines are meant

to help build

your partner's self-esteem, making

them feel important, valuable and

1. Make it safe to communicate.

When there is a safe atmosphere,

both partners are free to share openly

and honestly their feelings, thoughts,

and beliefs. There are no barriers to

Some one may say, "I do not tell

them my feelings, because I do not

want to hurt their feelings." This may

be an excuse to avoid a constructive

discussion that may call for some

changes in both people. Some truth

may hurt, but it may not, if it is told

in love. If there is a close relation-

ship, there will not be large areas of

experience that are hidden from each

Your mate has the right to know

who they are married to. Being

closed up with feelings and opinions

doesn't help the other person know

you very well. If you want to be the

type of person who is safe to talk to:

a. Do not attack the other person.

b. Do not sit in judgment over ev-

c. Admit your own mistakes with-

2. Seek to understand, not to be

When a person feels understood,

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defenses because it is safe. The rea-

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understanding others is because we

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These guide-

Dear Editor:

Is CNN a news maker or a news breaker? Their latest poll, which they bank news and program themes on, continues to show Bill Clinton with a 66% favorable approval rating. That is bad information! It is bad information because either the people polled have a very low regard for the Presidency of the US ("Don't bother me now, I'm making money"), or they are misinformed about the consequences of perjury in a capitalist economy (as are the people in most countries of the world).

Either way, the results of the poll misrepresents to the public the type of government involved—not a popular democracy, but a representative republic. It is bad information and should be so characterized.

The chairman of the Federal Reserve Board Allan Greenspan, in his

unique way of rebuking without offending, warned the Asian nations to develop "an open window policy" (i.e., be truthful) in their dealings. They didn't, and they have a major

economic crisis as a result. Bad information creates bad policy. The CNN pollsters and CNN are creating bad information and Bill Clinton is promoting bad policy based on that information. Thank goodness the Republicans are standing on principles and not polls or

The economy is not isolated from these matters. Emotions drive an economy as much as anything, and Bill Clinton's indiscretions have been highly emotional. We better do it right this time!

do not listen to understand them, we

listen so we will know how to top

their story. Stephen Covey call it

"listening autobiographically." We

want them to hurry up and quit talk-

ing, so we can tell our story. That

will not help the other person open

We fail to listen because of impa-

tience and lack of concentration. We

may assume we know what the other

person is going to say, so we finish

for them. It doesn't take too much of

that and the person trying to talk fi-

4. Too much talking can be as

I read something that said, "Con-

fucius say, 'Spouse with horse sense

never becomes a nag'." After dis-

cussing a problem and reaching an

agreement or understanding, drop it.

Do not keep bringing it up over and

over again. Nagging frustrates every-

body. Men nag just as much as

5. Disagree? Yes! Disrespect?

Always show respect for your

6. Don't force your spouse to be

Learn to value your differences.

Do not try to make them like you.

Neither of you will be happy that

way either. It's important to accept

spouse's opinions, even if you dis-

agree. Do not belittle them.

your carbon copy.

ment each other.

nally gives up.

No!

bad as too little.

3. Listen-don't interrupt.

WILLIAM P. DANNEVIK

Uncle Sam is a politician who likes to point fingers.

Any one of these individuals could pass the testosterone screening test.

good will, peace on earth, faith, and

a guy!

Well, that's one woman's point of

In the interest of gender fairness, teller machines:

1. Pull up to ATM.

2. Insert card.

Enter PIN number and account.

HERS:

1. Pull up to ATM. 2. Check makeup in rearview mir-

4. Put keys in purse.

5. Get out of car because you're

6. Hunt for card in purse.

7. Insert card.

8. Hunt in purse for napkin with

10. Study instructions for at least two minutes.

11. Hit "Cancel."

12. Re-enter correct PIN number.

14. Look for envelope.

16. Make out deposit slip.

17. Endorse checks.

18. Make deposit.

20. Make cash withdrawal.

22. Check makeup.

23. Look for keys.

27. STOP.

31. Get back in car.

32. Put card in wallet.

in checkbook.

and checkbook.

38. Drive away from machine.

40. Release parking brake.

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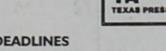
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But not St. Nick. Not a chance. As long as we have each other,

Nat King Cole's version of "The Christmas Song," it probably makes little difference what gender Santa is. I just wish she'd quit dressing like

allow me to pass on these instructions for using His and Hers automatic

Take cash, card and receipt.

3. Shut off engine.

too far from the machine.

PIN number written on it. 9. Enter PIN number.

13. Check balance.

Look in purse for pen.

19. Study instructions.

21. Get in car.

24. Start car.

25. Check makeup. 26. Start pulling away.

28. Back up to machine.

29. Get out of car.

30. Take card and receipt.

33. Put receipt in checkbook. 34. Enter deposits and withdrawals

35. Clear area in purse for wallet cent on average.

36. Check makeup.

37. Put car in gear, reverse.

37. Put car in gear, drive.

39. Drive three miles.

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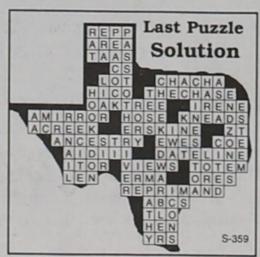
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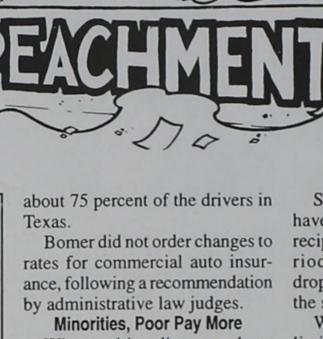
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Where a driver lives may have

a bearing on how much he must pay to get behind the wheel with suitable insurance coverage in Texas, a new study shows. State Rep. Lon Burnam, D-Fort

Worth, last week told the Austin American-Statesman that data collected in the first quarter of 1998 by the House Insurance Committee show that "many lower-cost, standard insurers appear to systematically deny coverage to consumers who live in poor and minority areas."

Only 49.7 percent of drivers are insured by less-costly, rate-regulated lines of insurance if they live in areas where the minority population is 85 percent or greater.

In 1997, rate-regulated premiums in Texas averaged \$800 a year, while non-regulated premiums averaged \$1,300 a year, the study said.

Welfare Rolls Have Shrunk

A study released last week by the Texas Department of Human services gives a first look at the impact of the 1995 welfare reform

More than two-thirds of adults pushed off welfare rolls found work; those workers were paid an average of \$6.28 an hour; and most of them found jobs in the food service, clerical, retail sales or healthcare fields, the study shows.

The average annual salary of the respondents was slightly more than \$11,000. The figure the federal government uses to mark the poverty level for a family of three is \$13,650.

The Original

Since 1994, state welfare rolls have dropped by nearly 400,000 recipients, and over the same period, food stamp rolls have dropped by 1.3 million recipients, the study said.

Work requirements and time limits on Texas welfare benefits took effect in 1996. Work or job training is mandated for most people between ages 18 and 59.

State Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, last week filed legislation that would give Texas high school students access to \$250 million

Scholarship Hike Proposed

more in financial aid for college. Student loan and grant programs presently total about \$156 million.

applicant's family's annual income would have to total less than \$75,000, among other criteria. **Teacher Reward Plan Proposed** Education Commissioner Mike

Under Cuellar's proposal, an

Moses, in response to a legislative directive, last week announced a teacher pay-for-performance program that will reward teachers for gains in student performance. Every year, cash awards of

\$750 per person would go to 25

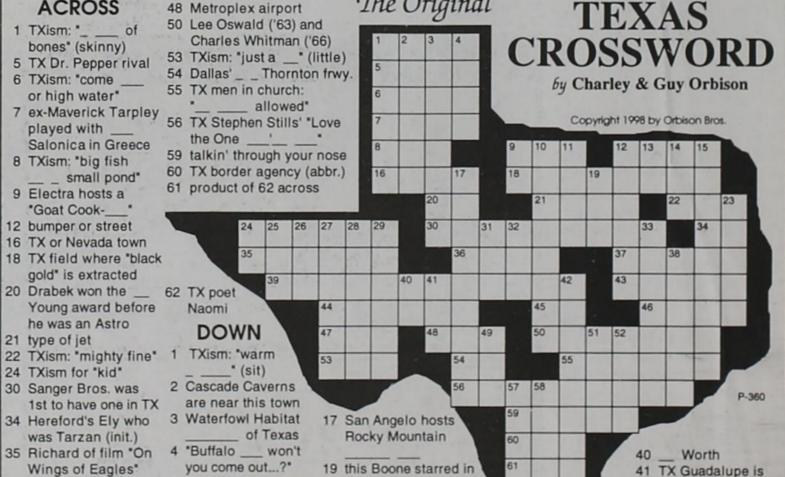
percent of the state's educators,

under the commissioner's pro-Rewards would go to all teachers at campuses that have shown significant improvement in student performance, as measured by the state education agency's Academic Excellence Indicator Sys-

Other Highlights

tem.

Officers from 25 law enforcement agencies are fanning out in Austin's Sixth Street club district to catch and arrest minors using fake identification. Offenders face a stay in jail, a fine and interrogation by federal agents.



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On the GO with Martha Jo Hyman, 647-2255

Cleo Forson spent Thanksgiving with friends and relatives in Lubbock. Thursday she was with a friend and some relatives of Dallas and Lubbock. She went to the home of her step-daughter, and there were 14 relatives from Fort Worth and Hereford also visiting.

Joyce Davis hosted her annual Snowman Exchange recently. This was the third annual exchange, and 14 friends enjoyed pickup foods and played Chinese Christmas.

Ray and Christy Cameron and Jacob had his family for Thanksgiving in their new home in Panhandle. Those enjoying good food and visiting were Jerry Lu and Cliff Cook of Amarillo, Ray's mom and step-dad; Ja and Shane Bridwell of Amarillo, Ray's sister; Dude McLaurin of Dimmitt, Ray's grandmother; and Ruby and George McLaurin of Wheeler, Ray's uncle.

Beth, Dwight and Kyle Joiner enjoyed a quiet Thanksgiving Day this year. Dwight's mother, Mary Lou Joiner of Hereford, shared their

Martha Ott and Emily Clingingsmith went to Clayton, N.M., to see Leon Winders. Leon suffered a fall and broke his hip and two ribs. He is doing well, Martha lived in Earth some time ago, but now resides in

Elizabeth and Jonathan Aguilar celebrated their birthdays on Dec. 6 in Amarillo at Mr. Gatti's, a pizza place. Jonathan was 2 and Elizabeth was 8. Grandparents attending were Connie and Alonzo Aguilar and Manuela Nino of Dimmitt. Attending from Roosevelt were Pete and Virginia and their sons, Eric and Pete Jr. There were more cousins and friends attending the party, which had a Rug Rats theme.

The Beta Zeta Upsilon Sorority held their Christmas Party recently at the Hereford Country Club. Those attending were Melody and John Link, Tami and Justin Nelson, Jody and Kyla Riley, Tammy and Mark Cluck, Lisa and Chaun Gunstream, Tisha and Marty Gerber, Sandy and Mel Machado, Ellie and Mark Rogers, Michelle and Brant Baca, Mandi and Matt Gfeller, Shelly and Duane

Nazareth

DOO, AMORE DUIC C LELIA.

with Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

enjoyed dinner and a Christmas party at the Center Sunday evening. Jimmie Schulte, our president, has a include a written account of the inciway of making an evening very special! A big thanks to Lou Wethington, Tanya Schulte and Megan Schulte for catering and serving a delicious meal to 45 Senior

After the dinner, Dorothy Kleman, chairman of the raffle committee, had different members draw a name for a raffle prize. Michelle Schmucker of Wichita Falls won the quilt, Patsy Entrekin of Hart won the train, Mary Brown of Tulia won the bird house, James Wilhelm won the Christmas table runner, Alvin Anderle won the pillows and Art Brockman won the pillow cases. Thanks for the great support we had for this very worthwhile fund raiser.

Jimmie Schulte then read the Christmas story and Mary's Dream, and everyone joined in singing Christmas carols. All then joined in playing their favorite card or domino

New members joining were Jr. and Catherine Hochstein, Charley and Bev Hill, LeRoy and Dorothy Pohlmeier, Dean and Agatha Johnson and Vincent and Toby Gerber.

The family of Helen Backus gathered at the Arnold Huseman home Sunday to celebrate the 87th birthday of their mother. Helen is a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. She really enjoyed being

with her family. Jennifer Heiman and her infant daughter, Carlie, were honored with a baby shower recently at the home of Mona Schulte. Hostesses were friends of Darrin and Jennifer. Many useful gifts were received from fam-

ily members and friends. The Nazareth Elementary Christmas Music Program was enjoyed by many on Sunday afternoon at the

school cafeteria. Robert, Mary and David Verkamp spent the weekend in Abilene with their daughter, Elaine Irion and family. They visited and helped with Elaine and Mackie's twin sons, William and Michael, who were born Nov. 30. William Tyler weighed 6 pounds and 11 ounces and Michael Robert weighed 7 pounds and 13 ounces. Great-grandparents are Evelyn Backus of Nazareth and Ella Verkamp of Idalou.

Smith, Susan and Joel Venhaus, and Leigh and Curtis Durbin. They played Chinese Christmas. (Readers, give us the rules for this game.)

The Town and Country Extension Club met at noon Friday at the Senior Citizens Center in Dimmitt. The roll was called, and each member answered with a remembrance of Christmas past or present or a family holiday custom. Those present were Ferne Jones, Betty Freeman, Mattie Seale, Irene Blanton, Nell Dicuffa, Oleta Schumacher, Mary Edna Hendrix, Fay Mohon, Claudene Langford, Edith Graef, Ann Henderson, Dolores Griffitt, Murle Arthur, Peggy Broadstreet, Patsy Entrekin of Hart, and Martha Jo Hyman. The meal that was served included salads, turkey and dressing, casseroles and desserts.

The Thursday Bridge Club met at the Senior Citizens Center and had their Christmas party. The food was catered by Mary Cluck. There were five tables of bridge. Those playing were Cleo Forson, Edith Graef, Dwight and Beth Joiner, Susie Reeves, Martha Jo Hyman, Avis Smith, Helen Braafladt, Loranell Hamilton, Bernice and Ben Hill, Opha Burks, Emily Clingingsmith, Virginia Crider, Dude McLaurin, Mildred Bradford, Margaret Parsons, Retta Cluck, Betty Durham, and Peggy Broadstreet. High score was Broadstreet with Reeves second.

The Rix Funeral Home in Hereford entertained friends and customers Saturday night at the Hereford Country Club. Several from Dimmitt enjoyed the prime rib dinner. Ap-

Heroism award nominees sought

Nominations are being sought for the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council's 1998 Rural Heroism Award, according to Ben Bullard, council president.

To qualify for the award, a candidate must have performed a heroic act of human lifesaving within Texas during 1998. The heroic deed should be related to farming or ranching. The 1998 recipient will be announced in March at the Texas Safety Association 60th annual Texas/Southwestern Conference and Exposition in Houston.

The nominations must be submitted and postmarked no later than Feb. 1. They should be sent to the A large crowd of Senior Citizens Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 5539, Waco 76708.

The letter of nomination should dent, along with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved. Newspaper clippings and photos should also accompany nominations when available.

proximately 200 attended. Larry and Jean Morris drove Martha Jo Hyman, and Craig Neal and his friend, Heather of Clovis, N.M., to the event. Larry Morris is the manager of the establishment in Hereford.

Several friends and relatives enjoyed stew and cornbread in the home of Dorothy and V.C. Hopson recently. After eating, they played a card game called "Hand and Foot." Those playing included Martha Jo Hyman, Van and Carole Hopson, Cody and Kelly Fry and Taylor, and Kasie and Cindy Lee of Hart.

On Sunday, Syd and Hank Lynn had a luncheon in their home to honor Dude McLaurin, Syd's mother. There were 7 of Mama Dude's grandchildren present. Also attending were George and Ruby of Wheeler, Dude's son and his wife, and, of course, Hank and Syd.

Lee Street Baptist Church of Dimmitt held their Christmas program Sunday night, with a youth play directed by Beth Roberts. The choir was directed by Linda Maxwell and accompaniment was provided by Lynette Rials on the church's new electronic clavinova. This piano-like instrument has a fantastic range of sounds and special effects that added much to the music. Raul Casas Jr., Stephanie Casas, and Mindy Maxwell had the speaking parts in the play, and younger youth of the congregation dressed as shepherds, angels, and wise men.

Aaron Wilcox Memorial Lamb Classic set Jan. 2

The second annual Aaron Wilcox Saturday, Jan. 2, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

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

Entry fee is \$20 per show or \$35 for both shows.

All weight cards will be due by 9

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

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

For more information contact the Extension Office in Dimmitt.

Sunday: 7 p.m. only



A WARMING TREND—These members of the Dimmitt High School National Honor Society delivered coats from the group's recent coat drive to the Castro County Hospice Cares Thrift Shop in Dimmitt, to be given to the needy. Anyone needing a coat

may go by the Thrift Shop. Society members shown are (from left) Cody Brockman, Christina Fierro, Taryn Hays, Valerie Gonzalez, Rusty McDaniel, Miranda Turner, Lindsey Welch, Daphanie Rivera, Photo by Linda Maxwell and Tony Ramos.

Farm Service Agency Update

By TRISH ELLIOTT

FSA County Executive Director The Castro County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee has been authorized to implement the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP) in the county because of drought conditions this past summer.

We will be taking applications through Feb. 5, 1999. If you are interested in signing up, call (806) 647-2153, Extension 105, to schedule an appointment.

The deadline for signing up for the program was Jan. 8, 1999, but it has been extended to Feb. 5, 1999.

Benefits will be based on the lesser of the feed value of available grazing land or the feed value required for

eligible livestock. The following are some items you will need to bring to the office when signing up for the program:

- If you have not participated in other FSA programs, you must provide the name of your livestock operation, address, telephone number and social security or tax identification
- · Acreage, location and type of grass or forage grazed in 1998. If pasture is leased, we will need the name of the person the pasture is leased from and proof of payment of the lease as well as whether the lease is by the month or the year.
- Estimated percentage of your
- loss of grazing in 1998. • The number, weight and type of

livestock you owned in the 1998 calendar year. If you purchased livestock and turned the animals out on pasture or other leased pasture, you will be required to provide proof of purchases. If you sold cattle during the calendar year, we will also need the sales receipts. These receipts will help us determine ownership dates and chances in livestock numbers during the year.

To be eligible for the livestock assistance program you must meet the following requirements:

- You must have a beneficial interest in livestock used for production of food and fiber (this eliminates rodeo stock, exotics and certain horses from eligibility).
- You must have owned livestock for 90 days (some livestock could become eligible during the payment year if not owned 90 days prior).
- You must report eligible livestock numbers and acreage grazed in your normal operation (excludes any small grain pasture), and your 1998 grazing losses.
- You must complete person determinations for new persons or
- You must certify HELC compliance on Form AD-1026.
- You must be a US citizen or legal resident alien.
- · You must not have a gross annual income in excess of \$2.5 mil-
 - An appropriation of \$200 million

has been allocated for this program. If total requests nationwide exceed this amount, a factored reduction will be applied to each application. This makes it necessary to complete all applications by the deadline. We will not accept any late-filed applications. Will will upload all requests to the national office. We'll receive the factor percentage from that office and then we will be allowed to start making payments.

Payments for the livestock assistance program will be made by Direct Deposit, so be prepared to complete the necessary forms concerning the financial institution/bank routing information if you haven't already

Our livestock assistance program crop year is April 1, 1998, through Nov. 30, 1998. The livestock assistance program payment year is May 1, 1998, through Nov. 30, 1998.

Producers who have crops which have failed should file a crop damage report (FSA-574) with the FSA office. This includes native and improved grasses which have failed because of the drought.

Our county could be eligible for the non-insurable crops disaster assistance program if there are enough losses in 1998 reported by eligible producers.

These reports should be filed in the FSA office by Dec. 31.

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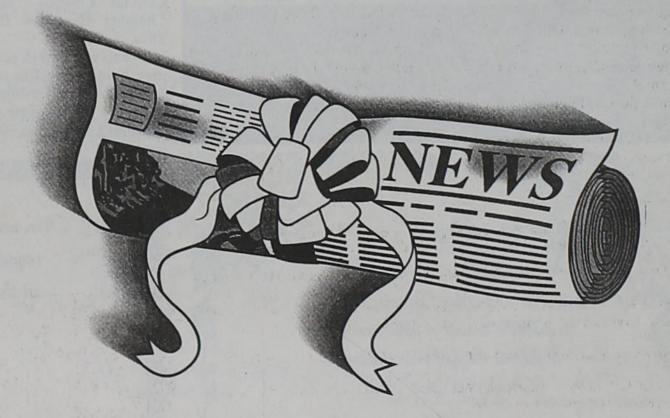
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Gifts needed for new baby shop

cally to benefit babies.

chandise are being accepted by the women throughout the 26 counties of of pregnancy. the Texas Panhandle.

first 12 weeks of pregnancy and complete a schedule of prenatal care and education as part of the Coalition of Health Service's 2CARE for Moms program.

"There are few joys greater than selecting gifts for babies," said Holly Hancock, 2CARE for Moms program director. "We hope individuals, businesses, churches, civic clubs and youth groups will contribute to the Baby's Coming Shop during this season of giving. Donors will help the shop benefit more new moms and babies."

Hancock said there is a need for items such as strollers, high chairs and bassinets as well as smaller items ranging from baby bottles and bathtubs to care products and diapers.

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Castro County residents can expe- Castro County's link to the rience some of the greatest rewards 2CARE for moms program is of the holiday season by contributing through Plains Memorial Hospital to a new project developed specifi- and Medical Center of Dimmitt. Clinics enroll moms-to-be in the Donations of cash and new or 2CARE for moms incentive program gently-used baby clothing and mer- when they complete their initial prenatal visit to a doctor or nurse Baby's Coming Shop that serves practitioner within the first 12 weeks

The Baby's Coming Shop offi-This unique store provides free cially began serving moms in late gifts of baby merchandise to moms October. Operated by the Coalition who enter prenatal care within the of Health Services and the High Plains Division of the March of Dimes, the Baby's Coming Shop is located in Amarillo. Merchandise, however, is provided to eligible women across 26 Texas counties.

Only 26% of pregnant women in the Texas Panhandle receive prenatal care within the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The rate is among the lowest in Texas and is substantially lower than the national average of

For more information, contact 2CARE for Moms, toll-free at (888) 89-2CARE (888-892-2273).

The first air conditioned cars were introduced by Packard Motors in



DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH at Dimmitt Middle School include (front, from left) Micaela Salinas and Kashondra Sherman; (middle, from left) Clarissa Herrera, Ryan Hunter and Elias

Zepeda; and (back, from left) Brenda Silva, Daniel Jackson, and Viktorya Navarro. Not shown are Jake Porsch, Sheena Ehly, Hector Velasquez, and Valerie Photo by Linda Maxwell Martinez.

milk, punch or tea.

Prize drawings will be held in Dimmitt throughout this month in connection with the annual "Santa's Open House" promotion sponsored by the Merchant's Committee of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce. The first drawing was held Nov. 19. Shoppers may continue to sign up at participating businesses for a chance to win additional prizes of Dimmitt Dollars in the next few

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

Dimmitt Dollars

winners named

Winners from last week's drawing and where they registered were: Jennifer Beach of Earth for \$100, Dimmitt Printing & Office Supply; Dora Aguilar for \$10, Thriftway; and Carole Bishop for \$10, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

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

Participating businesses include ALCO, Bealls, Bobcat Barber Shop, The Borderline Restaurant, Castro County News, Dimmitt Market, Dimmitt Printing and Office Supply, First Bank of Muleshoe, First United Bank, The Headhunter, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett, Kittrell Electronics/Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, Merle Norman, the Pancake House, Seale Florist, Tots & Teens, Thriftway, Unique Gifts & More and

What's Cooking In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth schools for

DIMMITT Breakfast

THURSDAY: Corn Flakes cereal, grape

FRIDAY: Breakfast burrito, fresh banana

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

TUESDAY: Rice Krispie cereal, apple slices and milk.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No School.

Preschool-First Grade Lunch THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing

surpreme, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit and milk. FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, baked potatoes, fruited gelatin, assorted muffins and milk. MONDAY: Teriyaki steak, mashed pota-

toes and gravy, Mexicali corn, orange wedges, hot rolls and milk. TUESDAY: Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, fruit fantasy, wheat rolls and

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Second-12th Grade Lunch

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing supreme, mashed potatoes and gravy, savory peas, tossed salad, hot rolls, fruit and chocoate or white milk.

FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, Chinese chicken plate or enchiladas; baked potatoes, tomato and okra gumbo or refried beans;

Here are the breakfast and lunch menus for tossed salad, taco condiment salad, fruited gelatin or broccoli and cauliflower salad; assorted muffins, hot wheat rolls, Fideo Mexicano or tortilla chips and chocolate or

lowfat milk or punch. MONDAY: Choice of teriyaki steak, vegetable lasagna or grilled ham and cheese; mashed potatoes and gravy, Mexicali corn or spinach salad, orange wedges, hot rolls, French bread, crackers, and chocolate or

white milk or punch. TUESDAY: Choice of sliced turkey, beef stir fry or poor boy beef steak; mashed potatoes and gravy, Chinese-style vegetables or savory peas; tossed salad, fruit fantasy or gelatin; hot wheat rolls, assorted muffins or crackers; and chocolate or white milk and punch

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

HART

Breakfast THURSDAY: Cinnamon rolls, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

FRIDAY: Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Elementary Lunch THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or enchilada casserole; corn. gelatin dessert, salad, fresh fruit, pineapple, ice cream

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken sandwich,

barbecued ribs on a bun or chili; cornbread,

THURSDAY: * Hot turkey sandwich or corn dogs, tossed salad, beans, fruit, pudding and milk or juice.

FRIDAY: Choice of chicken nuggets or steak fingers, Mexican salad, corn, bread, fruit, dessert and milk or juice.

pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomatoes,

peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread and

High School Lunch

burnito or enchilada casserole; com, salad,

THURSDAY: Choice of hamburger basket,

FRIDAY: Choice of hamburger basket,

chicken sandwich or barbecued ribs on a bun;

pinto beans, sliced pickles, lettuce, tomato,

peaches, gelatin dessert, gingerbread, ice

NAZARETH

Breakfast

THURSDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal,

FRIDAY: Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange

MONDAY: Cinnamon rolls, cereal, orange

TUESDAY: Breakfast pockets, cereal,

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

Lunch

MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

cream and milk, punch or tea.

orange juice and milk.

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MONDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

MONDAY: *Nachos or com dogs, tossed salad, beans, applesauce, peaches and milk. TUESDAY: *Ham sandwich, ham and turkey sub or corn dog, lettuce, peas, fruit,

dessert and milk or juice. WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY: No school.

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

Chamber banquet scheduled Jan. 16

The 51st annual Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce banquet has been slated for Jan. 16 at the Expo Build-

The annual citizen awards will be presented, and the featured speaker will be Kenneth Chambers, "the Cellular Cowboy," according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Tickets will be \$15 per person and may be purchased at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford. The meal will be a steak dinner prepared by Dimmitt's Methodist Men.

Cheryle Pybus will serve as emcee. The theme of the banquet is "Be a Sport-Support Dimmitt.'

Sava said it is not to late to submit nominations for the honors of Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year. Forms will be available at the Chamber office until Jan. 5.

"I expect a record turnout this year, since Mr. Chambers is wellknown locally," Sava said, "and the Methodist Men's reputation as 'chefs extraordinaire' (translated 'real good cooks') is equally well-established."

Alzheimers group will meet Monday

A support group meeting for those affected by Alzheimers disease and relatives of those sufferers will be held Monday at 7 p.m. in the Welch Home Place Partial Program, located at 103 Front Street in Dimmitt.

The meeting will be beneficial for family, friends and professional caregivers whose work brings them into contact with people who have Alzheimers disease.

The meeting will be sponsored by Welch Home Place at Plains Memorial Hospital.

The Village Shop.

for citizen honors The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for its "Citizen of the Year," "Citizen Through the Years" and "Teacher of

Nominations due

the Year" awards, which will be presented at the annual Chamber banquet in January. Nomination forms may be picked

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

County afghans offered for sale

contributions to our community."

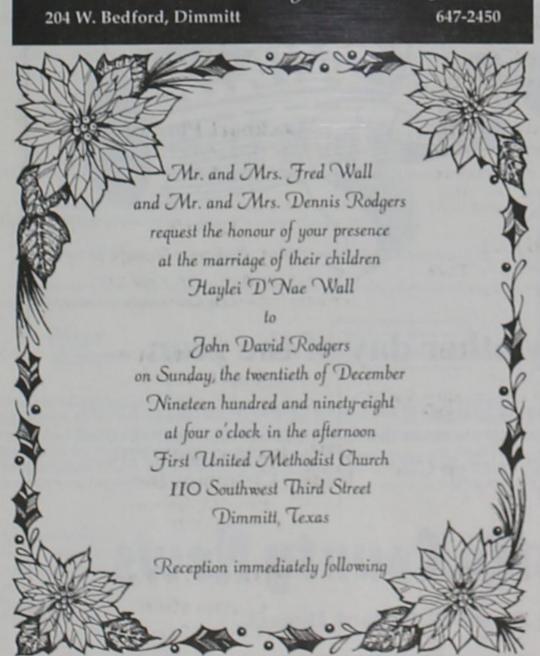
The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce is offering Castro County afghans for sale at \$35 each.

"One of these beautiful afghans would make an excellent Christmas gift," said Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava. "We will not re-order the afghans once the existing supply is exhausted."

For more information call the Chamber at 647-2524, or to see an afghan on display go by at 115 W. Bedford.

Omission

In an article in last week's News, Army Pvt. Graciela V. Smith of Dimmitt was listed as the daughter of Connie Martinez of Dimmitt. Her parents are Manuel and Connie Martinez.



Mr. and Mrs. John McCulley, Jr. request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Rebecca Lynne Jim Alan Nelson Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson on Saturday, the second of January かかんかんかんないかんかんかんかん Nineteen hundred and ninety-nine at seven o'clock in the evening St. John's Episcopal Church La Porte, Texas Reception immediately following Houston Yacht Club

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THE GOLDEN TROWEL AWARD is presented to Bill Henderson (left) of the Dimmitt Masonic Lodge by Cliff Jones of the Hereford Lodge. It is the highest honor a Lodge can bestow on an individual member. Henderson became a Mason in 1962, and served the local lodge as Worshipful Master for two terms, in addition to holding district offices for Photo by Linda Maxwell five years.

Roy Gonzales finishes Marine basic training

Marine Pfc. Roy A. Gonzales, son of Roy and Martha Gonzales of Hart, recently completed basic training at Diego, Calif.

physically and mentally.

Breast cancer screening is set for Jan. 7

A breast cancer screening clinic will be held at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt on Jan. 7, 1999, and appointments are now being ac-

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

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

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

Total cost of the screening is \$75. A minimum of 15 women need to register in order for the mobile mammography clinic to come to area towns. Funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance.

Gonzales and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m. by running three miles and performing calis-Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San thenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Gonzales Gonzales successfully completed spent numerous hours in classroom 12 weeks of training designed to and field assignments which inchallenge new Marine recruits both cluded learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

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

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

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

He is a 1998 graduate of Hart High School.

Hear The First United **Methodist Church** Morning Worship Service Sundays - 10:45 a.m.



Wockhart Pharmacy

107 E. Bedford, Dimmitt

647-3392

AC will offer classes in Hart

Amarillo College will be offering two college credit classes through the Hart schools for the spring semester. They will be open to high school seniors and adults.

The classes will start Jan. 18. Public speaking will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 to 9:15 a.m. General psychology will be

Christmas.

6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

regular tuition fee, and instruction older by the first day of the semester. will be provided by AC personnel.

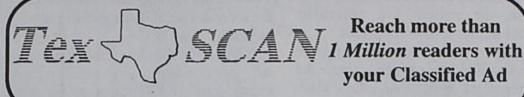
application to AC, and completing a school transcript. Persons with a certificate of residence. Also, an GED, who are at least 18, may be 79043; or call 938-2141 or 938applicant may possess a bachelor's admitted on an individual approval 2143.

university, or be a non-degree or The cost of the classes will be the non-certificate-seeking student 55 or

Admission requirements include schools must submit an official high

offered on Thursday evenings from degree from an accredited college or basis. Also, applicants must pass the appropriate areas of the TASP, unless exemptions apply.

All interested persons in the area Graduates of accredited high are welcome to apply. For more information contact Hart counselor Cheryl Upshaw, Box 490, Hart



We will be closed Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 25, 26 and 27 for

Please plan for our closings, and get your refills early.

Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays!

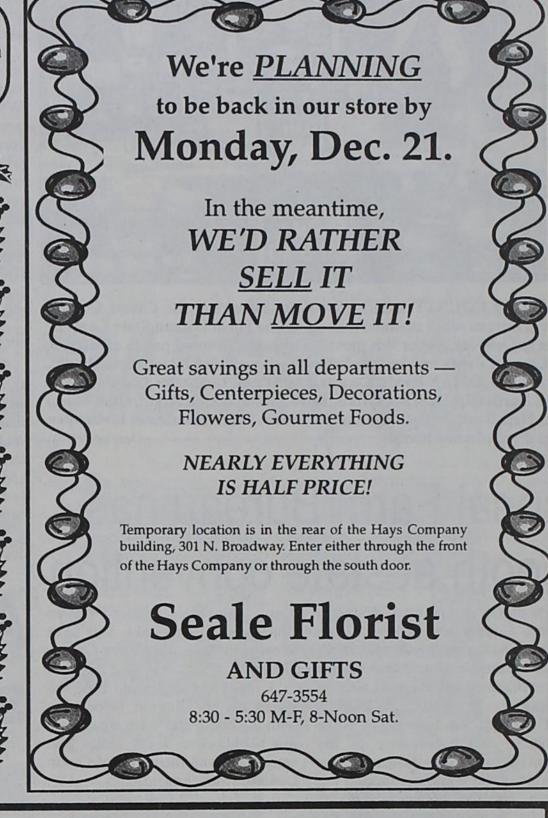
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La Asamblea Cristiana 400 NW 5th, Dimmitt

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Primeria Iglesia Bautista 9th and Etter, Dimmitt Antonio Rocha

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First Assembly of God

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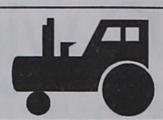
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Agriculture, Business & Industry











CASTRO COUNTY BOUNTY-Kaye Stevens of the Castro County Farm Bureau office manned a booth at the Farm Bureau State Convention in Lubbock earlier this month. The booth featured points of interest in Castro County and included give-aways provided by local merchants, including GOMAX Foods, Cerestar, AgriFarm Industries, Castro Co-Op Gin, North Gin, DeBruce Grain, Terra International, First United Bank, and First Bank, Muleshoe, Dimmitt Branch. The Chamber of Commerce also donated some items. Courtesy Photo

Local Farm Bureau has booth at state convention

Castro County and products from County, and cookbooks. Bill Sava county businesses and merchants were featured in a booth at the Texas Farm Bureau convention in Lubbock

Stevens, county secretary of the few people from South Texas who Castro County Farm Bureau.

Among the things featured in the County," Stevens said. booth are the county's schools, hospital, museums, fire departments, cotton gins, grain elevators, banks and other businesses including Cerestar USA and Gomax Foods.

"I asked the merchants in Dimmitt to provide items that could be given away at the booth and asked that the items help promote Castro County to show the people in the state just what we have to offer," Stevens said. "The merchants were very generous and the voting delegates were appreciative. They were especially surprised to be given Castro County hot sauce."

Gomax Foods donated 12 cases of hot sauce for the promotion. Other businesses which donated items were Cerestar USA, AgriFarm Industries LLC, Castro Co-op Gin, North Gin, DeBruce Gain, Terra International, First United Bank and First Bank-Dimmitt Branch.

The Chamber of Commerce also helped with the booth by donating

Photographs of points of interest in pins, pamphlets about Castro allowed the use of a Castro County afghan.

"I really do appreciate how the merchants in Dimmitt helped me The booth was manned by Kaye with the booth and there are quite a went back with memories of Castro

Directors are named to sheep and goat board

Eugene Vinson of Reagan County, Jim Davis of Menard County and Dan Crenwelge of Gillespie County have been elected to the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board.

Ballots were canvassed Nov. 12 by Sandy Bradley, representing the Tom Green County judge's office; John Walker, representing the District 7 Texas Agricultural Extension Service; Katie Dickie Stavinoha, representing the Texas Dept. of Agriculture; and Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board President William Edmiston, DVM.

Vinson will represent District 1, Davis will represent District 2 and Crenwelge will represent District 3.

Wheat price potential is a 'mixed bag'

Wheat prices are lower than any grower would like and their upside potential is at best a mixed bag. Still, agricultural economists at three landgrant universities are optimistic about higher long-term prices.

"Wheat prices this summer were the lowest they've been since the summer of 1991," said Dr. Mark Waller, grain marketing and policy economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Tight world wheat supplies, expectations of smaller US acreage and weather problems in Oklahoma and Texas helped prices bounce back."

Although the current US supplydemand situation seems burdensome (USDA now projects 1998-99 ending stocks of 902 million bushels), more subsidized sales of US wheat could support prices, according to Waller.

"Overall, the world economy isn't as strong as last year's, but people still need to eat and our government knows we need to sell grain," Waller said. "As a result, I think we'll see more subsidized wheat sales this year and that will help both demand and prices through the winter and into spring."

The outlook for world wheat production dropped in November, said \$3.40 per bushel."

Kansas State University grain marketing analyst William Tierney. This suggests global wheat stocks in the 1998-99 marketing year could end up the second lowest in almost 40 years, he said.

"Concern about low global stocks may partly account for surprisingly strong July 1999 futures prices in Kansas City this fall. The projection for lower world wheat production includes less US wheat production," Tierney said. "Industry analysts are now looking for three million to five million fewer US acres at harvest during the 1998-99 marketing year."

Despite predictions for a significantly smaller Soviet cop in USDA's recent World Board forecast, Tierney believes world wheat production may come in at about 588.3 million metric tons, 23 million metric tons less than the record 1997-98 world

crop. "Even though November's US wheat export commitments were the fourth lowest on record, expectations for smaller crops in the European Union and other major wheat-exporting nations could put a positive spin on wheat prices," he said. "Current odds favor higher 1999 futures prices, following a harvest low of \$3.25 to

Even so, USDA now projects a 1998-99 average market price of only about \$2.65 per bushel, said Dr. Kim Anderson, Oklahoma State University Extension ag economistmarketing.

"Producers won't likely see \$3.65 wheat until US wheat ending stocks drop at least 310 million bushels. For that to occur, the 1999 wheat crop would have to total less than 2.1 billion bushels—a 20% drop from 1998's 2.56 billion bushel crop," Anderson said. "Unless poor growing conditions significantly reduce the US or world wheat crops, I wouldn't look for \$3.65 wheat again until at least the year 2000.

storage should consider holding a portion of their crop in order to capitalize on any price rebounds that who believe wheat's upside price occur."

producers to develop a 1999 market- that are three or four strike prices out ing plan and set price goals.

"Unless the supply-demand situashould remain relatively low for the price rally will hinge on better ex- the World Wide Web.

ports," Waller said. "Even with less US acreage forecast for 1999, producers may not see higher prices next year unless a supply problem develops somewhere in the world. Still, producers should keep a close eye on the market and be ready to move when profitable pricing opportunities come their way.'

Tierney said producers who want to price part of their expected 1999 crop should consider a "scaled up" selling strategy, using July 1999 futures price triggers of \$3.85, \$4.15 and \$4.25 per bushel.

"Producers who use this strategy could prepare for even higher prices by purchasing out-of-the-money July "So, producers who can afford and September call options to cover sales exceeding 25 to 35% of their expected crop," he said. "Growers potential is as much as \$1 to \$2 per Waller said it's not too early for bushel should consider buying calls of the money."

Producers can review more detion changes substantially, prices tailed market outlook summaries from these economists on the Data rest of the marketing year. A winter Transmission Network (DTN) or on

ACGA convention slated for February

The seventh annual convention of national agricultural and rural groups 1999, at the Doubletree Hotel in Nashville, Tenn.

is "Call for Survival-A Rally to Address the Crisis in Agriculture." Chairman of the convention is Steve Waters of South Dakota.

policy back and put it in the hands of those who care, according to Waters. Programs on credit availability, changes needed to the Freedom to Farm bill, value-added processing and how it can put money in farmers' pockets, and delivering farm programs to the countryside will be part of the program. A highlight

the American Corn Growers Associ- discussing what needs to be done in ation (ACGA) will be held Feb. 4-7, this new Congress to help bring price and profit back.

A barbecue dinner and line danc-Theme for this year's convention ing at the home of The Nashville Network's "Wildhorse Saloon Dance Show" will highlight the opening reception.

ACGA attendees will receive din-Farmers must take agricultural ner and a tour of the Country Music Hall of Fame the second night and will receive premier seating at the Grand Ole Opry the third night of the convention.

Because of the importance of this convention, ACGA has made registration fee voluntary.

For more information on the convention, call the ACGA Washington

Minding Your Own Business

A Christmas Story



Don Taylor

By DON TAYLOR The very best stories are those worth retelling. The

story of Unlucky Jimmy is a Christmas classic worth sharing again. Unlucky Jimmy is a story my mother read to me

when I was a child. It's about a little boy named Jimmy whose family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and spent most of her days in bed. Christmas held no special hope or joy for either of the children. As he trudged home from school each day, Jimmy

would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jimmy knew he would

never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive. He even called himself Unlucky Jimmy. Then, one night just before Christmas, Jimmy received an invitation to a

Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jimmy a special gift. Jimmy grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jimmy saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window. When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jimmy's heart nearly

stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little red truck was still under the tree. As Jimmy reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told Jimmy there were only enough presents for one for

Jimmy looked longingly at the little fire engine. Then he picked out the prettiest doll under the tree. It had blue eyes and curly blonde hair, just like his little sister. As he returned to his seat with the doll, the other children began to laugh and make fun of him. Unlucky Jimmy clutched the little doll and ran from the mission. He stopped crying by the time he reached home.

Jimmy began to feel better when he saw the look of surprise and delight on his sister's face. As she hugged the doll and cried with joy, Jimmy didn't feel so unlucky after all.

Later, as Jimmy sat by his little sister's bed watching her play with her doll, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. She gave Jimmy a neatly-wrapped package and explained to him that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told them why Jimmy had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring him a present. To Jimmy's delight, the package contained the most beautiful red fire engine in the whole city.

The true meaning

I often think of Jimmy at Christmas time and usually feel a little selfish. Wouldn't this Christmas be a great time to start a "Jimmy" tradition? We can make the coming year a joyous occasion for all people by giving more of ourselves.

Share some of your blessings with someone less fortunate. Let's make this year a year of loving and giving.

Remember, the real reason we celebrate Christmas is Christ's birth. Whether or not you are a Christian by faith, Christ's life of giving, sharing and caring is a good example for all.

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Bradley, Nelson and Schulte exhibit top animals in 4-H sh

Raynee Bradley, Shawn Nelson and Macee Schulte earned grand champion honors with their lamb, steer and barrow, respectively, at the Castro County 4-H Stock Show, which was held Dec. 5 in Dimmitt.

Runners-up at this year's show included Kendra Puente, reserve champion lamb; Chandra Jordan, reserve champion barrow; and Adam Hunter, reserve champion steer.

Senior Showmanship winners were Bryce Pohlmeier, lambs; Nelson, steers; and Ross Schulte, barrows. Winners in the Junior Showmanship were Bradley, lambs; Meggie Lemons, steers; and Holly Lane, barrows.

Judge Vance Christy, a Mitchell County Extension Agent, worked through 40 lambs, three steers and 40 pigs at this year's show.

"This show was a wonderful opportunity for our livestock exhibitors to gain valuable experience in the show ring," said County Extension Agent Rebel Royall. "The children are able to compete against others while training their animals to better compete in the show ring."

The event kicked off in the morning with a showmanship clinic for lamb and swine exhibitors. County agents and volunteers worked with exhibitors on a one-on-one basis to try and improve personal showmanship skills. The evidence of learning in those clinics showed up later that

"Castro County 4-H wishes to thank the many donors to this year's show. Without their help, such an excellent training event would not be possible," Royall said.

Here are complete results from the

LAMB SHOW Grand Champion: Raynee Bradley.

Reserve Grand: Kendra Puente.

Finewool

Breed Champ: Raynee Bradley. Reserve Breed Champ: Anna Brockman.

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Southdown 1. Brandon Wilhelm.

Medium Wool Breed Champ: Raynee Bradley. Reserve Breed Champ: Kendra Puente.

Lightweight: 1. Meggie Lemons, 2. Kendra Puente, 3. Jennifer Wilhelm, 4. Brad Lane.

Light-mediumweight: 1. Kendra Puente, 2. Lacey Acker, 3. Brandon Burks, 4. Sage Annen, 5. Thomas Brockman, 6. Byce Pohlmeier, 7. Thomas Brockman.

Mediumweight: 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Sage Annen, 3. Meggie Lemons, 4. Brandon Burks, 5. Chauncey Gilbreath, 6. Jenna Acker, 7. Justin Lively.

Medium-Heavyweight: 1. Raynee Bradley, 2. Keli Schulte, 3. Holly Lane, 4. Brandon Burks, 5. Sage Annen, 6. Jenna Acker.

Heavyweight: 1. Carol Summers, Raynee Bradley, 3. Corey Lane, 4. Justin Lively, 5. Adam Acker.

BARROWS Grand Champion: Macee

Schulte. Reserve Grand: Chandra Jordan.

Berkshire Breed Champ: Brady Schulte Reserve Breed Champ: Kendra

1. Brady Schulte, 2. Kendra Huseman, 3. Matthew Kern.

Chester Breed Champ: Raynee Bradley.

Duroc Breed Champ: Macee Schulte. Reserve Breed Champ: Corey

Lightweight: 1. Corey Lane, 2. Raynee Bradley, 3. Matthew Kern. Heavyweight: 1. Macee Schulte,

2. Holly Lane, 3. Jody Stovall.

Hampshire Breed Champ: Keli Schulte. Reserve Breed Champ: Charlie

Lightweight: 1. Keli Schulte, 2. Ross Schulte, 3. Aaron Kern, 4. Brad

Heavyweight: 1. Charlie Rundell, 2. China Foster, 3. China Foster, 4. Garrett Kleman, 5. Brandi Kern, 6. Meggie Lemons.

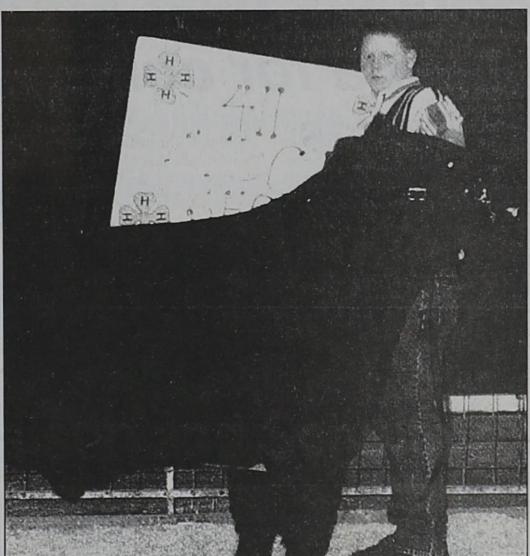


GRAND CHAMPION LAMB ... Raynee Bradley with her Breed Champion Medium Wool. Courtesy Photo



GRAND CHAMPION BARROW ... Macee Schulte with her Breed Champion Duroc.

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GRAND CHAMPION STEER ... Shawn Nelson shows his first place winner.

Courtesy Photo

Study shows growth of oxygenated fuel use

A new study released by the Ohio- of total oxygen volume. based Freedonia Group Inc., a lead-

The report forecasts a 10.8% annual increase, accounting for over 55 billion pounds valued at approximately \$9.6 billion by the year 2002.

According to the report, MTBE demand by value is forecast at \$6.1 billion by 2002 and ethanol demand by value is projected at \$3.05 billion. This compares to 1997 figures of \$3.63 billion for MTBE and \$2 billion for ethanol.

The greatest increase of all oxygenated fuels is projected for ETBE. While there is no domestic consumption for ETBE at this time, the study forecasts ETBE to garner almost 5%

The report states that ETBE's ing international industry and data- advantages include its high octane base company, shows optimistic rating (110) and its ability to be growth in the future use of oxygen- transported through pipelines and its ated fuels, including ethanol, MTBE lower vapor pressure (Rvp) of four and ethyl tertiary butyl ether psi. The lower Rvp makes it especially attractive in Phase II reformulated gasoline because of the requirement for lower Rvp gasoline in reformulated gasoline markets beginning in the year 2000.

The Freedonia study clearly shows that oxygenated fuel demand is tied directly to the introduction and growth of the reformulated gasoline program. The continued expansion of reformulated gasoline will lead to the projected 10.8% growth in oxygenated fuels. This is why it is vital that agricultural associations begin to recognize the importance that reformulated gasoline has on total ethanol and ETBE demand.

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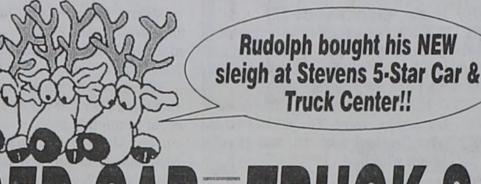
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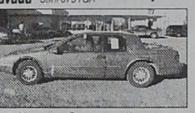
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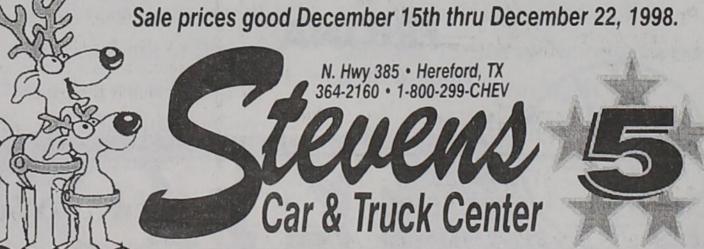


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Seminole edges Bobbies in tourney championship

The Dimmitt Bobbies came within a three-pointer of winning the Seminole Tournament, but they had to settle for second place after the Seminole Maidens handed them a 66-63 loss Saturday.

Dimmitt had reached the title game after beating Hobbs, N.M., 87-76; and Andrews, 66-38.

"It was a pretty good tournament for us," said Dimmitt Coach Chris Edwards. "I think the long road trips the three days of the tournament took a toll on us in the second half against Seminole, though."

Edwards said Shawna Kenworthy played "the best tournament I've seen her play.'

He said other girls stepped up and played well, too, and that's what enabled the Bobbies to advance to the championship round.

Kenworthy was on fire in the first game, scoring 25 points to lead the Bobbies in the 87-76 win over Hobbs.

Kenworthy hit two three pointers, two field goals and made 15-of-18 shots from the free throw line.

Hobbs took a 17-15 lead in the first quarter behind the play of Melissa Forest, who gave the Bobbies problems the entire game.

Forest had 14 points in the first quarter and she finished with 31 for the game.

Dimmitt controlled the tempo of the game in the second quarter, though. Dimmitt took a 44-39 lead by halftime thanks to a balanced scoring effort and accurate shooting from the stripe. Eight Bobbies scored in the stanza and the Dimmitt girls

Hobbs was on top, 64-57.

quarter, pouring in 15 points to pace shots and we made some errors and the Bobbies, who outscored Hobbs they didn't." 30-12 in the stanza.

ing ranks were Tonya Robertson, eight in the first half. who finished with 16, and Heather Wise, who had 11.

Dimmitt had no problem with Andrews in the championship semiquarter lead into a 37-20 halftime

The Bobbies held Andrews to six points in the third quarter and that put the game on ice and Dimmitt posted the easy 66-38 win.

Kenworthy opened the game with three big three-pointers in the first quarter and added another field goal and pair of free throws to her total of 13 in the quarter. She finished with a game-high 23 points.

Carol Summers found her mark in the second quarter, hitting a trey and another bucket to keep the Bobbies on track. She finished with 11 points.

Dimmitt also got double-figure scoring from Robertson, who finished with 10.

The Bobbies hit 10 three-pointers in the game, with Kenworthy accounting for five. Summer, Stephanie Hinojosa and Larissa Fuentes each had one while Lori Schulte popped two.

In Saturday's final game, Edwards said he felt like the Bobbies were playing their mirror image.

"Seminole is a lot like us. They're made 16-of-22 free throws in the not big, but they're very quick," Edwards said. "This was the type of The Bobbies watched their lead game where the team with the fewest diminish in the third quarter until turnovers and the fewest mental

mistakes was going to win. Down Kenworthy took over in the fourth the stretch we missed some easy

The loss was a hard one for the Joining Kenworthy in double-scor- Bobbies, who had led by as many as

"This was good experience for us. Most of these girls haven't been in this type of situation before and they

really did well." Dimmitt controlled the first quarter finals on Friday, turing a 21-8 first- and was up 21-17 by stanza's end. Robertson had the hot hand early in the game, pacing Dimmitt's 21-

> high 18 points. Kenworthy dominated in the second quarter, scoring six points to

point show with nine of her team-

lead the Bobbies. "We had an eight-point lead in the second quarter, but Seminole worked its way back into the game and it was close the rest of the way," Edwards

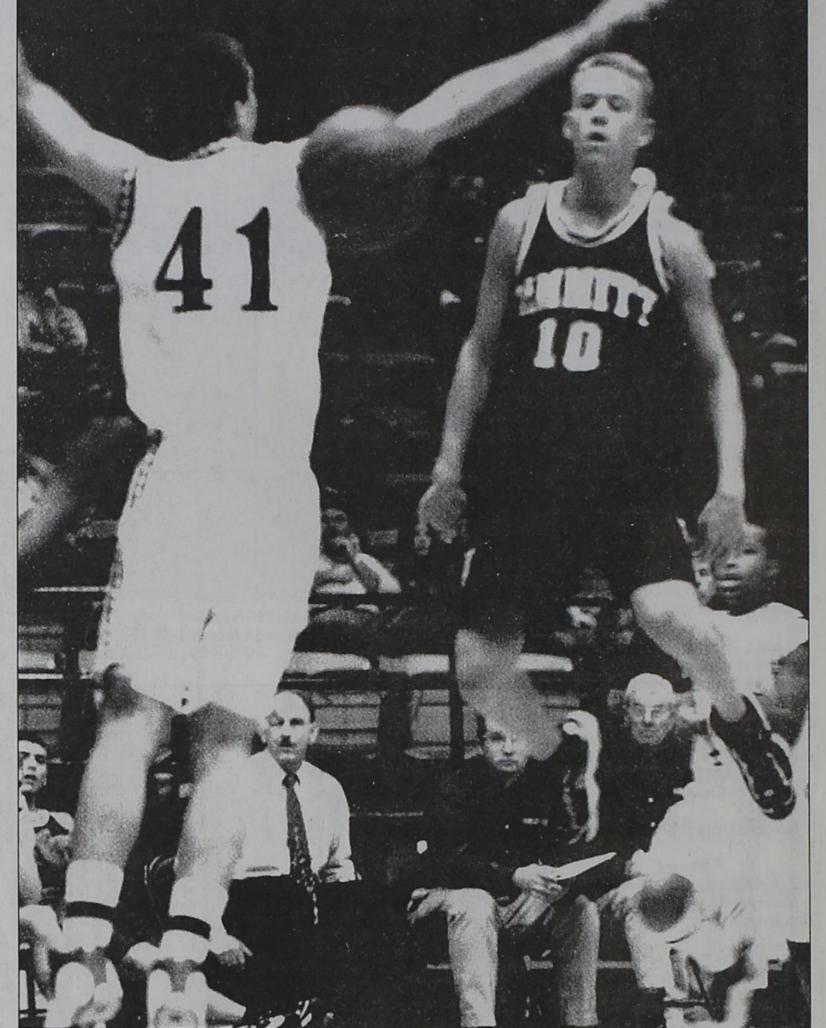
Dimmitt still held a lead after two quarters, but it was a slim one, 36-

The Maidens took over the lead in the third quarter, 47-45, behind a strong performance Becky Winters and a defense that held Dimmitt to nine points.

Seminole had a six-point lead over Dimmitt near the end of the game, but the Bobbies hit a three-pointer with 30 seconds left to make it a three-point game. Seminole worked the ball and ran out the clock after

Robertson's 18 points was tops for Dimmitt while Kenworthy added 14 and Summers finished with 11.

Dimmitt struggled from the free throw line against Seminole, hitting just 10-of-19 attempts for the game. Seminole made 21-of-31 shots from the charity stripe.



INSIDE PASS-Pampa's Kevin Osborn (41) is a halfsecond late as he attempts to block an overhand jump pass from Dimmitt's Derek Buckley (10) to post Jerry Thomas during the consolation championship game

of the Seminole Indians Tournament Saturday. Buckley and Thomas scored 56 points between them as the Bobcats defeated the Harvesters, 71-57, to take the consolation trophy. Photo by Carter Townsend

GOTCHA!-Dimmitt's Shawna Kenworthy (center) initiates a steal against Seminole's Michelle Wickson in the fourth quarter of the Seminole Maidens Tournament championship game Saturday. At right is Seminole's Karanae Spradlin. Photo by Carter Townsend Seminole won, 66-63.

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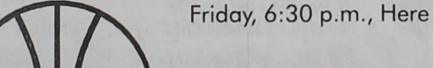
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Bobcats beat Andrews and Pampa for consolation title

Dimmitt definitely didn't have one ing the 62-50 win. of its better games against Denver City in the first game of the Seminole Tournament, but the Bobcats overcame their disappointment after a 62-50 loss and were able to beat Andrews and Pampa to win the consolation title.

"It (loss to Denver City) was a disappointing way to start the tournament for us. We wanted to get on the winner's side," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle. "We started out a little disappointingly in the tournament, but responded with two good wins. We were able to come out of the tournament making the most out of a situation in which we did not have the best start."

Poor shooting was the main problem Dimmitt faced against Denver City last Thursday.

The Bobcats shot a miserable 29% from the field, hitting just 4-of-28 attempts from three-point range and 12-of-27 from the two-point mark. Dimmitt also struggled from the charity stripe, making 14-of-21 shots (67%).

"We didn't shoot the ball that well or play as well as we would have liked," Steinle said. "Our field goal percentage was 29%—one of the lowest we've had this year. We started out slow and never could really get anything going."

Dimmitt was never out of the game, despite its poor shooting, but the Bobcats never controlled the game, either.

The Bobcats only put six points on the board in the opening quarter, with Jerry Thomas accounting for four and Taylor Matthews picking up the other hoop.

Dimmitt's offensive production improved in the second quarter, although only two Bobcats scored in the stanza—Thomas and Derek Buckley.

Buckley found his mark in the period, hitting two of his four treys in the game. He also added a free throw to his total. Thomas picked up a pair of baskets and a free throw to give Dimmitt 12 points in the stanza.

With Denver City leading 27-18, Dimmitt came back in the third quarter, but Denver City never relinguished its lead, eventually post-

Thomas finished with 22 points, 15 rebounds and seven credits for Dimmitt while Buckley added 15 points, two rebounds and 14 credits.

"Denver City played a good game and took advantage of our poor shooting. They hit awfully well. Their coach said it was one of their best shooting games of the season. When we are not hitting our normal percentage, we need to find a way to

Dimmitt bounced back Friday to beat Andrews, 66-38, in the consolation semifinals.

The Bobcats led the game early, but finally put the game on ice in the second half.

Dimmitt jumped out to an 18-11 lead in the first quarter and continued to lead at half, 31-27. The Bobcats would gain a lot of

ground on Andrews in the third, outscoring the team 19-9, then iced the game in the fourth with a 27point quarter.

Pacing the Bobcats were Thomas, Buckley and Jacob Larra, who had 22, 16 and 15 points, respectively.

Thomas also was the team's leading rebounder with seven and he had 10 credits. Buckley pulled down three boards and had 11 credits while Larra finished with 13 credits and five rebounds.

Dimmitt improved its shooting percentage for the game, hitting 47% of its shows, including 57% from two-point range.

Buckley and Larra sparked the second-half assault after being held to six and four points in the first half. Buckley hit two threes in the pivotal third quarter while Larra poured in nine points.

"We played a much better game," Steinle said. "We started taking the ball to the basket and got some easy points at the free throw line. We shot just under 50% on our field goal percentage, which was certainly an improvement for that game. We had some balanced scoring from the entire team—nine of the guys scored."

Steinle had to use his bench early in the game because Buckley, Larra and Thomas each had three fouls in the second quarter.

"It was encouraging to see some of our players come off the bench and contribute. You never know how the team will respond when some are in foul trouble. I appreciate how they came in and were able to help us."

Dimmitt got 15 points from its bench, with Jeff Stovall and Daniel Flores each chipping in five, Sammy Prieto adding three and Sanders adding two.

Dimmitt's shooting improved another notch in Saturday's 71-57 win over Pampa for the consolation

The Bobcats hit 50% of their shots from the field and 67% from the free

Buckley and Thomas were almost unstoppable, scoring 56 points between them. Buckley had 29 points, 12 credits and rebound in the game while Thomas finished with 27 points, 10 boards and 11 credits.

Dimmitt claimed a 12-10 firstquarter lead behind that duo, then turned the two-point lead into an 11point advantage, 29-18, after 16

Buckley and Thomas each had 11 points in the first half.

The two continued their assault in the second half, boosting the Cats to

"We were a little concerned coming into the Pampa game," Steinle said. "They're a little deliberate in their playing. They want to spread you out and use their quickness. We wanted to get the lead so that we

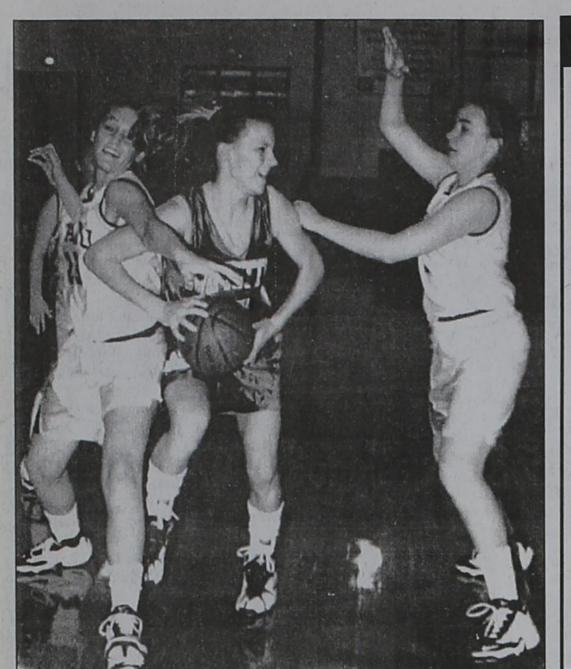
could control the tempo, and we did. "We pretty well had the lead throughout the game. We had the lead at the half and came out in the third quarter and added 19 points. We don't always have our best quarter in the third. We had about a 20point lead when they made a run at us at the end of the third and the first part of the fourth quarter. They cut our lead to less than 10," Steinle said.

"I was pleased with our kids, though. They responded well, even if it did get a little tense there for awhile. We opened the lead back up and hit some good free throws at the end of the game to seal the win."

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LOOKING FOR HELP-Nazareth's Whitney Hoelting is sandwiched underneath the basket and looks for someone to dish off to during action in the I-27 Invitational last week. The Swiftettes posted wins over El Paso Franklin (40-31) and Idalou (46-28) before losing to Hale Center (53-37) in the championship semifinals. The Swiftettes went on to finish third with a win over Whiteface on Saturday, 41-33. Hoelting had 15 points against Whiteface to lead the Swiftettes to a third-place finish in the tournament. Photo by Brenda Schulte

Cline sets new record

POWER POINTS FOOTBALL CONTEST ★

Can't anyone around here outguess Milas Cline Jr. in the Texas POWER POINTS Football Contest?

Even when he had a bad week and scored only 102 of a possible 136 in the Week 15 contest, Cline won because no one else could do better. It's his third time to win the local contest this season.

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Cline not only won the News's local \$20 weekly cash prize. He also broke his own record with nine career wins dating back to October 1996. He won the local prize three times in '96 and three times last year.

On the other hand, a first-timer won the statewide contest this week. He is Jerome Towns, director of special services for the Kilgore Public Schools, who had never filled out a ballot before last week. He tallied a state-high 124 points in his first attempt and takes

home the weekly \$1,000 grand prize. "I've been wanting to enter for a long time, but it just kept slip-

ping my mind," the 46-year-old Towns said. "This time I decided I would really do it."

You can really do it, too, if you'll turn to this week's POWER POINTS Football Contest on Page 13. Weekly cash prizes are \$20 for the local winner and \$1,000 for the state's Grand Prize winner. To enter, just make your picks according to the rules, clip out the form and turn it in by 3 p.m. Friday at the News office, 108 W. Bedford St. Good luck!



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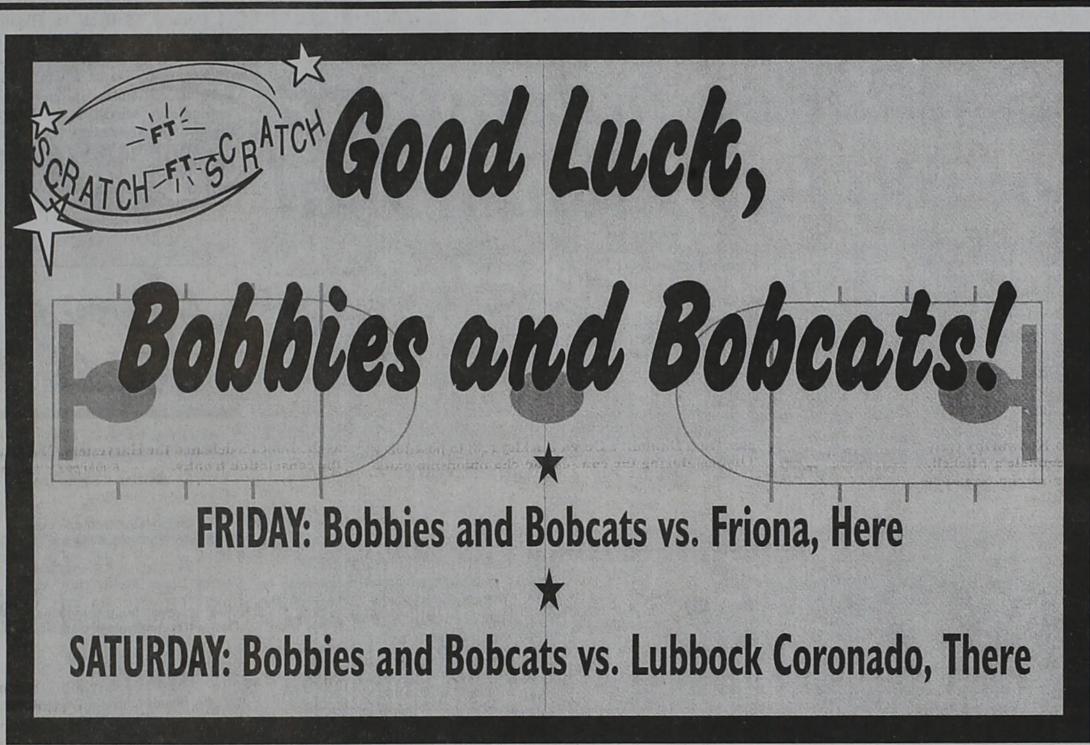
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32, Levelland 52 56. Borger 49

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43, Hereford 32 54, Amarillo High 66

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87, Hobbs 76

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63, Seminole 66

Second Place Season Record: 7-5

67, Lubbock Estacado 44 75, Plainview 48 47, El Paso 52

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Swifts drop three games in tournament

The Nazareth Swifts struggled through the I-27 Invitational, losing three straight games to Idalou, Crane and Happy.

The Swifts fell to Idalou in the opening round, 52-31, last Thursday, then dropped two games on Friday. The first game on Friday was a close one, but Nazareth was still on the short end, losing to Crane, 74-68. In a guarantee game Friday evening, the Swifts lost to Happy, 73-54.

The Swifts were playing without starter Ky Wilcox, who injured his ankle.

The 16-team tournament was played in Abernathy, Hale Center and Idalou.

Idalou's defense limited the Swifts to single-digit scoring in three quarters last Thursday while the offense clicked for a 52-31 win in first-round

Idalou used a balanced attack to handle the Swifts, with four players scoring in double figures including Anthony DeLeon and Ryan Heirich, who had 12 each; and Eric Bramley and Matt Bozeman, who finished with 10 apiece.

The Swifts had just one player in double figures—Kade Wilcox who had 11.

Nazareth managed just two field goals in the opening stanza—one by Stanton Wethington and another by Mitchell Brockman. The Swifts only other points came from the line when Wilcox hit three free throws.

Trailing 18-7 after one, Nazareth saw hopes of cutting that margin fade in the second. Cameron McLain picked up a couple of shots and



PLAINS MEMORIAL

It's a girl for John and Amber Sweet of Dimmitt. Their daughter, Krista Lynn Sweet, was born at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 9 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 7 lbs., 3.6 ozs., and was 21 inches long. She has a big brother, Eric Alan Sweet, who is 3. Paternal grandparents are Mary and Mike Garrity of Hart. Maternal grandparents are Barbara Haynes of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Mary and Gus Haynes of Grand Rapids, Mich. Great-grandparents are Gwen and Alvey Sears of Dimmitt.

Wethington made a free throw to account for all of the Swifts scoring.

Meanwhile, Idalou racked up 11 points, paced by Bozeman, who finished with nine for the first half.

Nazareth outscored Idalou in the second, 13-12, but the Wildcats came back to take the fourth quarter, 11-6, for the win.

Nazareth couldn't stop Crane's Jamin Phipps in the first half. He erupted for 11 points in the first quarter and finished with 21 to lead his team to a 74-68 win over the Swifts in the consolation quarterfinals.

Nazareth got 19 points from Wilcox, 11 from Wethington and 10 from Matty McLain, but it wasn't enough to counter Crane's offensive attack.

Crane took a 21-14 lead in the opening quarter, but Nazareth cut that lead to four, 42-38, by halftime. Nazareth picked up 15 points in each of the second-half quarters, but the Golden Cranes responded with 32 points to hold on for the win.

The Swifts hit six three pointers in the game, including one by Brockman, two by Matty McLain, three by Wilcox.

The Swifts third loss in the tournament was one of the most disappointing because they'd already beaten Happy earlier this year.

But this game belonged to the Cowboys and Patrick McCuaig, who led all scorers with 21 points. Sonny Calhoun finished with 21 and Hip Saenz had 15.

For Nazareth, Wilcox finished with 19 points after making five three pointers. Teammate Daryl Pohlmeier had 16 and Brockman chipped in 12.

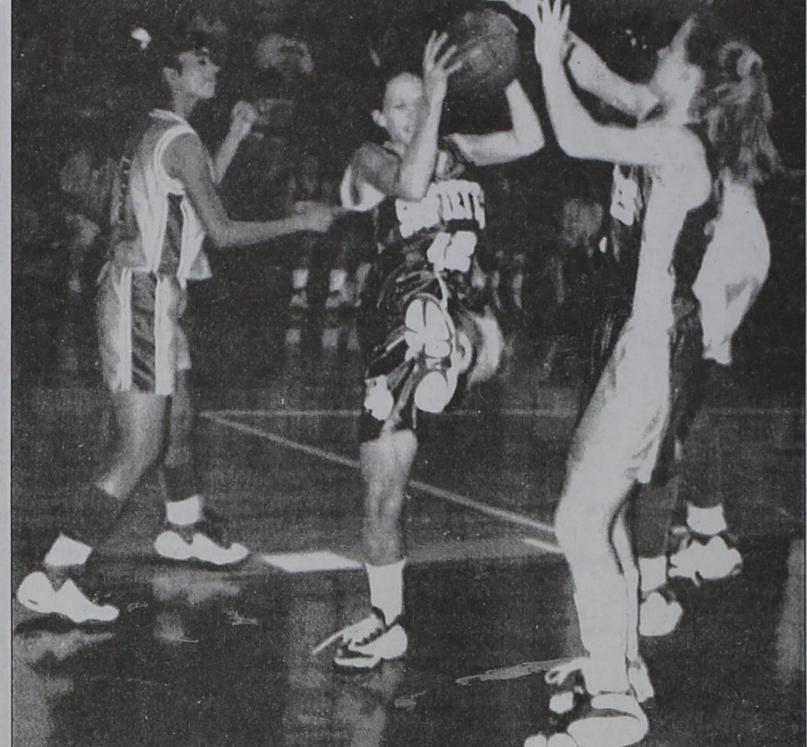
The Cowboys were hot from the opening tip, outscoring the Swifts 24-12 in the first quarter. Leading the attack were Calhoun and John seven points, respectively.

Wilcox accounted for half of the Abernathy, Idalou and Hale Center. Swifts' points on two treys and Pohlmeier added another while Brockman converted a three-point

Nazareth trailed the Cowboys 35comeback in the second half. The Cowboys held on down the stretch, pulling out the win.

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TOUGH ON THE BOARDS—Nazareth's Jayme Schmucker (42) gets excellent inside position and nabs an offensive rebound during action in the I-27 Invitational last week while teammate Whitney Hoelting (right) is ready to help out. The Swiftettes went 3-1 in the 16-team tournament, posting wins over El Paso Franklin, Idalou and Whiteface. The Swiftettes' lone loss was to Hale Center in the championship semifinals. They finished third.

Photo by Brenda Schulte

Swiftettes finish third in big I-27 Invitational

in three days gave the Nazareth Swiftettes prevailed, 41-33. Mark Moudy, who had nine and Swiftettes a third-place trophy at the 16-team I-27 Invitational last week at

Nazareth started off the tournament last Thursday morning with a hard-fought, 40-31 win over El Paso play after he was fouled on a made Franklin, then came back to bounce Idalou, 46-28, that evening.

The Swiftettes stumbled in the 21 at halftime, but started a slow championship semifinals on Friday though, losing to Hale Center 53-37. Nazareth had its hands full in Sat-

urday's third-place game with Re-

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Three big wins out of four games gion 1-A rival Whiteface, but the halftime.

Shawna Gerber and Cassie Birkenfeld sparked Nazareth in the 40-31 win over El Paso, scoring 15 and 10 points, respectively.

After taking a 15-5 lead in the first quarter, the Swiftettes' offensive production faltered and almost died completely in the second and third stanzas. They managed just six points in the second, and El Paso came to life, pouring in 10 and cutting Nazareth's lead to 21-15 at

The third quarter was a defensive battle with El Paso claiming a 5-4 edge to narrow Nazareth's lead to

The Swiftettes got their offense back on track in the fourth and that was enough to preserve their slim lead and the win.

Nazareth got off to a slow start last Thursday night against Idalou, but after trailing 10-12 in the first quarter, the Swiftettes turned it around over the next three stanzas, outscoring Idalou 36-16.

The 46-28 win moved Nazareth into the semifinals on Friday.

Nazareth outscored Idalou, 13-6, in the second for a 23-18 halftime lead, then gave up just 10 points in the entire second half.

Leading scorer for Nazareth was Cassie Birkenfeld with 14. Whitney Hoelting added 11.

Another cold spell from the field cost the Swiftettes the semifinal game with Hale Center.

The Owlettes led 10-9 after the first period, but were able to open up the game in the second, outscoring Nazareth 14-4 for a 24-13 lead at the

Nazareth managed to regain a little of the lost ground in the third, cutting Hale Center's lead to 34-26, but that was all the Owlettes allowed.

Hale Center exploded with 19 points in the fourth for the 53-37

Birkenfeld scored 19 to lead the Swiftettes.

Nazareth overcame a two-point halftime deficit against Whiteface on Saturday to claim a 41-33 win for third place in the tourney.

The Swiftettes watched a 12-10 first-quarter lead evaporate at the hands of Whiteface and wound up trailing, 19-17, after the second pe-

The Swiftettes regained the lead in the third by edging Whiteface, 7-4, then pounded on their foes over the final eight minutes.

Hoelting finished with 15 to lead Nazareth while Gerber added 10.

4-H sets entry time for county livestock show

Castro County 4-H'ers will have an opportunity to enter their barrows, steers and lambs in the Castro County Junior Livestock Show dur-1999.

livestock projects are asked to stop by the Extension office in Dimmitt to sign up for the stock show. Entry fees are \$15 per animal.

show or entries, call Benny Martinez to many entertainment and cultural or Rebel Royall at the Extension events on campus cost up to 50% Office, 647-4115.

Latest TABC poll features county teams

The Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) has updated its Top 20 rankings and the Dimmitt Bobcats and Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes are still ranked among the best around.

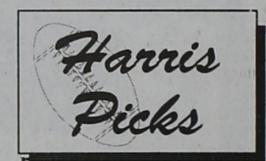
The Class A Swiftettes are second in the state behind district rival Sudan. The Dimmitt Bobcats are ranked 11th while the Bobbies are

Here are the Top 20 rankings for boys and girls in Class A and AAA. Class A Girls: 1. Sudan, 2. Nazareth, 3. Valley View, 4. Borden County, 5. Celeste, 6. Moulton, 7. Karnack, 8. Zephyr, 9. Whiteface, 10. Lipan, 11. Booker, 12. Smyer, 13. Dime Box, 14. Menard, 15. Chireno, 16. Brookesmith, 17. Era, 18. Huckabay, 19. Slidell, 20. Cross

Class A Boys: 1. Moulton, 2. Goodrich, 3. Brookeland, 4. Lipan, Laneville, 6. Kennard, 7. Itasca, 8. Karnack, 9. Roxton, 10. North Hopkins, 11. Milano, 12. Ponder, 13. Trenton, 14. Evadale, 15. Whiteface, Avinger, 17. Huckabay, 18. Snook, 19. Smyer, 20. Munday.

Class AAA Girls: 1. Winnsboro, 2. Lufkin Hudson, 3. Sweeny, 4. Quinland Ford, 5. Slaton, 6. Barbers Hill, 7. Bowie, 8. Merkel, 9. Shallowater, 10. Smithville, 11. Friona, 12. Dimmitt, 13. Crandall, 14. Decatur, 15. Rusk, 16. Hidalgo, 17. Comanche, 18. Madisonville, 19. Perryton, 20. Gladewater.

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

5A Division II State Final Midland Lee 7 over Katy

4A Division II State Final Stephenville 3 over La Marque

3A Division II State Final Newton 3 over Daingerfield

2A Division II State Final Celina 10 over Elysian Fields

1A State Final

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2A Division I State Champion

Tech welcoming older students

Texas Tech has chartered the Seniors' Academy Student Association to encourage citizens who are age 55 and older to enroll in the university.

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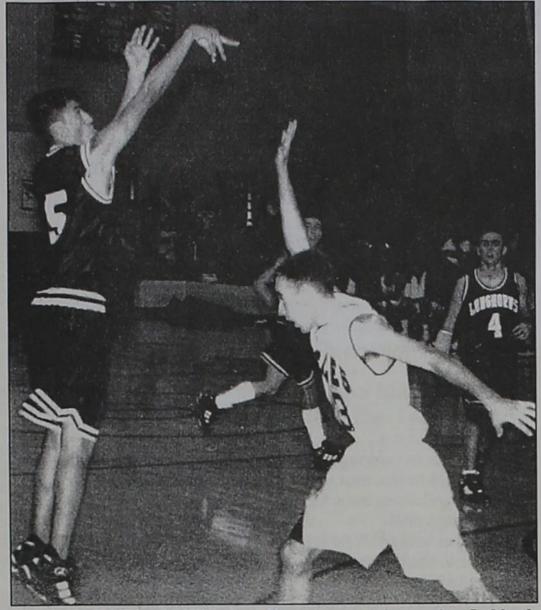
skills and fundamentals. During that week, 4-H'ers with Fellowship opportunities and peer support in an adult learner orga-

The association is planning programs of interest to older citizens. In For more information about the addition, Texas Tech student tickets

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Lady Horns top Lockney in overtime to win tourney



JEREMIAH VELASQUEZ (5) of Hart puts up a shot against Lubbock Roosevelt Friday in championship semifinal action of the Lockney Invitational. The Longhorns advanced to the semis after beating Clarendon, 52-47. Hart lost to Roosevelt, 50-42, then dropped the thirdplace game to Motley County, 62-31, to finish fourth overall. Also pictured is Jared Aven (4), who played his first games of the season in the tournament after suffering a broken arm during football season.

Photo by David Knox

Longhorns win opener, but lose next two games

The Hart Longhorns had a blast with the score knotted at 26 at interlast Thursday, earning a 52-47 win mission. over Clarendon in first-round action of the Lockney Invitational.

however. They went on to lose a win. heartbreaker to Lubbock Roosevelt in the semifinals, 50-42 the dropped the third-place game to Motley County, 62-31.

nip-and-tuck battle all the way, but fourth. Hart managed to hold on at the end.

The Longhorns held a slim, 11-10 lead in the first period and kept that one-point edge at halftime, leading 27-26.

The Longhorns picked up a little more breathing room in the third quarter and controlled the momentum with a 42-38 lead.

Keith Finch and Jeremiah Velasquez combined for 39 of Hart's 21 and Velasquez chipping in 18.

the tournament was a close one, too, Longhorns.

But Roosevelt was able to hold Hart to 16 points in the second half The Longhorns' luck didn't last, and reeled off 24 to claim the 50-42

Roosevelt held a 16-14 lead in the first, but Hart tied the game with a 12-10 edge in second-quarter play. Roosevelt outscored the Longhorns The game with Clarendon was a 13-8 in the third and 11-8 in the

Velasquez and Finch were the top point-getters for Hart again. This time it was Velasquez on top with 23 while Finch finished with 12.

Motley County was all over Hart in the third-place game on Saturday, holding the Longhorns to a total of 7, 8, 9 and 7 points over the four quar-

The Matadors had no problems 52 points, with Finch accounting for scoring, either, pouring in 14, 15, 16 and 17 points for the big 62-31 win.

Chris George finished with 11 The Longhorns' second game in points and Finch added 10 for the

The Hart Lady Horns overcame an almost crippling second-quarter slump to edge the Lockney Lady Horns by a point, 50-49, in an overtime thriller for the championship of the Lockney Tournament Saturday night.

Hart outscored the host team 18-15 over the last eight minutes of regulation, then pulled off the win in the bonus period.

Veronica Gonzales earned tournament most valuable player honors, leading a trio of Lady Horns who were honored with all-tournament honors. Joining her on the honor squad were Ysa Rodriguez and Geneva Finch.

In Saturday's championship game, Rodriguez finished with a game-high 21 points while Finch added 12.

Hart earned a spot in the finals after posting a 50-37 first-round win over Plainview Junior Varsity and a 58-49 win over Petersburg in the semifinals.

Plainview in the first round, jumping out to an 18-8 lead in the opening period.

Hart controlled the game 31-22 at halftime and 43-29 after three quar-

Finch led the Lady Horns with 14 points while Rodriguez finished with

"I think it took us a little while to get going against Plainview because had to play so early, but once we woke up we did fine," said Hart Coach Lucresia Shropshire.

The Lady Horns had a tougher time in the championship semifinals, but were able to use a big third-quarter to down the Lady Buffs, 58-49.

4-H Clubs collect food for project

Two Castro County 4-H Clubs did their part this holiday season, collecting canned food for the needy.

The Castro County 4-H Horse Club and the Dimmitt/Bethel 4-H Club elected to sponsor the canned food drives as community service club projects.

Both clubs brought their canned goods to their Christmas parties and each club collected several boxes of

All the canned goods were taken to Panhandle Community Service and will be handed out to needy families during the holiday season.

Petersburg controlled the first quarter, but Hart controlled the rest of the game.

The Lady Buffs led 15-11 after eight minutes but Hart's defense prevailed from then on. The Lady Horns took a 30-28 lead by halftime, then enjoyed a big third quarter for a 46-37 lead. Hart held off the Lady Buffs in the fourth for the win.

Gonzales was Hart's sparkplug with 17 points while Finch contributed 10.

"Petersburg stayed with us the whole time. I think our press hurt them a little and our post players had a great game," Shropshire said.

Hart overcame a horrible second quarter Saturday to take Lockney to overtime, then edged their hosts for the championship, 50-49.

The Lady Horns dominated in the opening quarter, 14-7, but Lockney came back to shut down Hart in the second for a 22-17 halftime lead.

Hart pulled within three of Hart had no problems with Lockney after three quarters, then tied the game to send it into OT by outscoring Lockney 18-14 in the fourth.

"Our pressure defense seemed to rattle them. We pushed them and got them out of their offense," Shropshire said.

Hart actually had the lead near the end of regulation, but Lockney was able to hit a free throw in the final seconds that tied the game.

"We had a chance for a last shot, but we didn't get it off in time," Shropshire said.

Finch and Angelica Peralez, Hart's post players, both fouled out in regulation, and Shropshire went to her bench, specifically Amanda Ethridge and Raquel Garcia, to pick up the slack. Both came through for her.

She said Rodriguez had an excellent game for the Lady Horns in the championship.

"Every time we needed a shot, Ysa came through for us and hit a three," Shropshire said. "She made four of five three-point attempts in the game. In overtime she hit one of those threes, then she made both of our free throws, too. And Raquel had a big rebound near the end after they missed a layup. That gave us the ball back and we were able to hold onto it for the win."

Rodriguez finished with 21 points to lead all scorers in the game while Finch added 12.

With the three wins in the tournament, Hart improved its season mark



BATTLING FOR POSITION—Hart's Geneva Finch (42) leaps high in the air and nabs an offensive rebound over three Lockney defenders Saturday in the championship game of the Lockney Invitational. The Lady Horns took their hosts to overtime, then outscored Lockney 5-4 in the bonus period to claim the tournament title, 50-49. Finch finished with Photo by David Knox 12 points in the game.

Scoreboard

LOCKNEY TOURNAMENT

First round Longhorns 52, Clarendon 47 11 16 15 10 -52 10 16 12 9 -47 Hart-Keith Finch 21, Jeremiah Velasquez 18. Clarendon-Woodard 12, Holton 11, Shields 10. Record: Hart 3-6.

Lady Horns 50, Plainview JV 37 Hart 8 14 7 8 -37 Plainview Hart-Geneva Finch 14, Ysa Rodriguez 10. Plainview JV-Holly Graham 12. Record: Hart 7-3.

Championship Semifinals Longhorns 42, Roosevelt 50 14 12 8 8 -42 16 10 13 11 —50 Hart-Jeremiah Velasquez 23, Keith Finch 12. Roosevelt-Jackson 14, Hallum 17. Record: Hart 3-7

Lady Horns 58, Petersburg 49 11 19 16 12 -58 Hart 15 13 9 12 -49 Hart-Veronica Gonzales 17, Geneva Finch 10. Petersburg-Phillips 14, Ramsey 10. Record: Hart 8-3.

Third Place Longhorns 31, Motley County 62 7 8 9 7 —31 Motley County 14 15 16 17 -62 Hart-Chris George 11, Keith Finch 10. Record: Hart 3-8.

Championship Lady Horns 50, Lockney 49 (OT) 14 3 10 18 5-50 7 15 8 15 4-49 Hart-Ysa Rodriguez 21, Geneva Finch 12. Lockney—Collins 15, Mosley 11. Record: Hart 9-3.

I-27 INVITATIONAL

First Round Swiftettes 40, El Paso Franklin 31 15 6 4 15 -40 Nazareth 5 10 5 11 -31 Nazareth-Shawna Gerber 15, Cassie Birkenfeld 10. El Paso-Pollet 8. Record: Nazareth 7-2.

Swifts 31, Idalou 52 7 5 13 6 -31 Nazareth 8 21 12 11 -52 Nazareth-Kade Wilcox 11. Idalou-Heinrich, Bozeman and DeLeon 11. Record: Nazareth 5-4.

> Championship Quarterfinals Swiftettes 46, Idalou 28

10 13 13 10-46 Nazareth 12 6 4 6-28 Nazareth-Cassie Birkenfeld 14, Whitney Hoelting 11. Idalou-Shock 12. Record: Nazareth 8-2.

Consolation Quarterfinals Swifts 68, Crane 74

Nazareth 14 24 15 15-68 21 21 20 12-74 Crane Nazareth-Kade Wilcox 19, Mitchell Brockman 14, Stanton Wethington 11, Matty McLain 10. Crane-Jamin Phipps 21. Record: Nazareth 5-5.

Championship Semifinals Swiftettes 37, Hale Center 53 Nazareth 9 4 13 11-37 10 14 10 19-53 Hale Center Nazareth-Cassie Birkenfeld 19. Hale Center-Clark 28, Black 12. Record: Naz-

Guarantee Game Swifts 54, Happy 73

12 9 18 16-54 Nazareth 24 11 17 19-73 Happy Nazareth-Kade Wilcox 17, Daryl Pohlmeier 16, Mitchell Brockman 12. Happy-Patrick McCuaig 21. Record: Nazareth 5-6.

Third Place Swiftettes 41. Whiteface 33 12 5 7 17-41 Nazareth Whiteface 10 9 4 10-33 Nazareth-Whitney Hoelting 15, Shawna Gerber 10. Whiteface—Clawson 15. Record: Nazareth 9-3.

SEMINOLE TOURNAMENT

First Round Bobcats 50, Denver City 62 6 12 17 15—50 11 16 16 19—62 Denver City Dimmitt—Jerry Thomas 22, Derek Buckley 15. Denver City-Boyd 14. Record: Dimmitt 6-5.

Bobbies 87, Hobbs, N.M. 76 15 29 13 39-87 17 22 25 12-76 Hobbs Dimmitt-Shawna Kenworthy 26, Tonya Robertson 17, Heather Wise 11. Hobbs-Forrest 31, Smith 17, Francis 13. Record: Dimmitt 6-4.

Championship Semifinals Bobbies 66, Andrews 38 Dimmitt 21 16 16 13 --66 Andrews 8 12 6 12 -38 Dimmitt—Shawna Kenworthy 23, Carol Summers 11. Andrews—Martinez 12.

Record: Dimmitt 7-4.

Consolation Semifinals Bobcats 77, Andrews 53

Dimmitt 18 13 19 27 -- 77 11 16 9 17 -53 Andrews Dimmitt-Jerry Thomas 22, Derek Buckley 16, Jacob Larra 15. Andrews-Kimberlin 14, Fisher 11. Record:

Consolation Finals Bobcats 71, Pampa 57

10 8 15 24 -- 53 Dimmitt-Derek Buckley 29, Jerry Thomas 27. Pampa—Gary Alexander 16, Colby Hale 11, Jesse Francis 10. Record: Dimmitt 8-5.

> Championship Bobbies 63, Seminole 66

21 15 9 18 --63 17 18 12 19 --66 Dimmitt-Tonya Robertson 18, Shawna Kenworthy 14, Carol Summers 11. Seminole-Karanae Spradlin 18, Becky Winters 15, Michelle Wickson 10. Record:

11 11 12 9 -43 8 4 10 6 -28 Dimmitt-Brent Josselet and Anthony Oltivero 11, Jace Weaver 10. Record: 8-2.

MONDAY

Freshman Bobcats 43, Muleshoe 28

TUESDAY Swifts 44, Tulia 69

Nazareth 8 11 12 13 -44 24 13 15 17 -- 69 Nazareth-Kade Wilcox 13, Mitchell Brockman 12. Tulia-Marshall 23. Sims 18. Record: Nazareth 5-7.

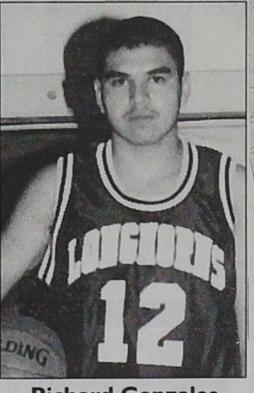
Swiftettes 49, Tulia 37 Nazareth 7 10 18 14 -49 12 5 10 10 -37 Nazareth-Shawna Gerber 17, Cassie Birkenfeld 10. Tulia-Culwell 13. Record: Nazareth 10-3.

Longhorns 34, New Deal 60 Hart 6 8 7 13 -34 9 22 18 11 -60 Hart-Jeremiah Velasquez 12. New Deal-Johnson 26. Record: Hart 3-9.

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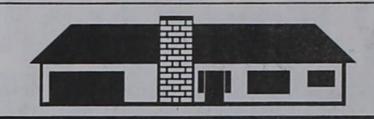
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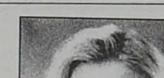
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Police Calls

Saturday morning, police investi-

gated the burglary of a building at

Thrasher's Auto Sales. Items taken,

but recovered at the location, in-

AEIS report

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Miller said that it will be difficult to find a teacher who is certified in each of the required subjects. He said that part of the decision on how to meet the requirements will be based on the written report from a recent TEA visit to the campus. The report has not been received yet.

The board also gave approval for the school district to pursue the project of offering interest-free financing to teachers and other district employees who wish to purchase a computer for personal use. The employees would repay the cost of the units through a payroll deduction plan over the course of a year.

Miller told the board that the district technology coordinator Joe Mendez has offered to custom build units for those who are interested. He told Miller that he can assemble a unit for about \$1,200 that would compare with units being sold by electronics stores for \$1,800. Miller said that price would include the computer and monitor, but not a

Miller said 68 district employees have already expressed an interest in pected about 20 replies. He told the date 59. board that the units would be distributed as Mendez has time to assemble them.

20—Help Wanted

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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22-Notices

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23—Lost & Found

FOUND ESTRAY. One black heifer yearling weighing about 650 pounds, branded

on left hip. Contact Sheriff CD Fitzgearld at the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., at (806) 647-3311.

DISD Business manager Johnny Hill said that using reserve funds for the program would result in an estimated \$3,000 to \$4,000 loss of interest income for the district.

Board members said they felt it was a good idea, but some expressed concern about what would be done if an employee left the district before their unit was paid for. Miller said the total amount still owed would be taken out of the employee's last paycheck.

In other business, the board: -Accepted the resignation of

Shelly Farris, Dimmitt Middle School girls athletics coach, physical education and health instructor, who resigned due to health concerns.

-Approved the District Improvement Plan for 1998-99.

-Recognized local personnel responsible for the district receiving an All-State rating for migrant recruitment and identification. Those honored were Doricell Davis, Elva Garcia, Beth Odom, and Gloria Hernandez. A plaque was presented to the district, and the employees received certificates.

-Adopted Texas Association of the program. He said he had ex- School Boards Policy Manual Up-

-Heard a report from Miller on a pre-legislative seminar he attended. -Viewed food service and investment quarterly reports.

More about County . . .

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and/or replacement of equipment. She also told commissioners that many library patrons have been using the computers already in place and usage is continuing to grow.

"At the library, Internet use has gone up 400% and use of the personal computers has gone up about 200%," Pottorff said.

"I know a lot of kids go and use those computers," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Larry Gonzales. "I've also heard a lot of people say they wish there were more available."

Pottorff said she's also heard many say it would be nice if there were more computers available.

Pottorff told commissioners she had already spoken to the library board about the grant proposal and the board said if there are problems with funding future expenses such as maintenance, funds could be taken from the Hazel Merritt Memorial

In other action, commissioners accepted the resignation of Pottorff, who will be moving from the area because her husband accepted a job out-of-state; approved bonds for Joyce Marie Thomas, Annette M. Flores, Dan Schmucker, Doris G. Horton and Ronda M. West; voted to close the courthouse the afternoon of Dec. 23; and cancelled their second meeting in December, which would have been on Dec. 28.



CHOICE SCHOOL GRADUATES—(From left) Dora Ramirez Chavez, Elizabeth Q. Leal, Eric Ruiz and Jana Michelle Sweet received their diplomas from the Dimmitt Alternative School's Choice Pro-

gram last Thursday night in commencement ceremonies at the Alternative campus on West Jones. Earlier in the day the campus hosted an open house.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Duckwall-ALCO reports earnings for third quarter

ending Nov. 1.

during the third quarter of Account- two-year period. ing Standard SOP 98-5, Reporting on the Costs of Start-Up Activities.

Third quarter highlights included: • Diluted earnings per share of 22¢ after adoption of the new accounting standard. That represents the 23rd consecutive quarter of earnings growth for the company.

• Net sales increased by 12% • Operating income was up 16%.

• Four ALCO stores opened in

new non-competitive markets. Net sales for the 1999 fiscal third quarter ending Nov. 1, 1998, were \$85.3 million, a 12% increase from \$76.2 million recorded during the third quarter of fiscal 1998. Net earnings, after the effect of adopting the new SOP, grew 2% to \$1,119,000 or 22¢ diluted earnings per share, from \$1,098,000 or 21¢ per share, a year earlier, reported on a comparable basis as if the new accounting method had been utilized in the prior

Net sales for the nine months ending Nov. 1 increased 14% to \$256.7 million from \$225.9 million last year. After the effect of adopting SOP 98-5, net earnings for the period rose 22% to \$3.9 million or 76¢ diluted earnings per share, from \$3.2 million, or 62¢ per share, in the prior

"We are looking forward to beginning out seasonally-strong fourth quarter, having completed our store opening schedule for the fiscal year," said Glen L. Shank, president and chief executive officer of the company. "After opening four ALCO stores in new non-competitive mar-

Duckwall-ALCO Stores, Inc. kets in the third quarter, we started (NASDAQ:DUCK) has announced the fourth quarter with the opening record results for the 1999 fiscal of three ALCO stores and three third quarter and nine-month period Duckwall stores, which brings the total openings to 36 in the current The company reported its adoption fiscal year and a total of 76 over a unseasonable warm weather during

> "Sales have been our biggest challenge all year. We have had some chases of cold weather merchanmerchandise categories that have dise," Shank said.

the fall season has also, at least tem-

performed well, and while we are not satisfied with sales results, our challenge is to improve same store sales, which has been difficult due to the weak farm economy. Continued porarily, postponed consumer purcluded an amplifier valued at \$44, an electronic organizer valued at \$32, and a pocket knife valued at \$30. Taken but not recovered was an assortment of coins. Investigation is continuing.

Bertha Martinez of Dimmitt told police that someone "keyed" her 1995 Chevrolet pickup while it was parked at Richardson Elementary School.

Arrests for alcohol-related offenses included:

-Last Thursday, a Dimmitt man, 40, for DWI, first offense.

—Early Sunday, a Clovis woman, 32, for DWI, first offense, breath test refused.

-Early Monday, a 34-year-old Dimmitt man, for DWI, first offense. Those jailed on warrants, violation

of parole, or other court matters included: -Dec. 4, a 20-year-old Dimmitt man on a warrant for violation of

parole, driving with license suspended. —Friday, a Gainesville man, 24, on two warrants for aggravated as-

sault with bodily injury; and a Hart man, 58, for violation of probation, -Saturday, a 32-year-old Ama-

rillo man, whose probation was revoked; and a Dimmitt man, 22, on a warrant for criminal mischief.

—Sunday, a Dimmitt woman, 29, on warrants.

-Monday, a 38-year-old Hart man on a motion for surety.

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Entries at The Castro County News

Office, 108 West **Bedford** by

2 p.m.

Friday

POWER POINTS OFFICIAL RULES

Object of the game is to amass as many of the name, address, etc., will be disqualified. 136 possible points as you can. Simply review the 3. Entries that fail to forecast a winner from each week's schedule of games, listed on entry form, and and every game will be disqualified, as will entries co-sponsors. decide which game you are SURESTof picking a that fail to distinguish between the Jets and Giants of winner in. Write the name of your projected winner on New York. surest winner on the 15-point line, and so on down to scheduled week. the 1-point line, which game you figure to be a toss-up. 5. Entering POWER POINTS constitutes permis-Next, fill in Tiebreaker 1, the total points scored by sion by contestant for his or her name and photoboth teams in the week's designated game. If this step graph to be used for news and reasonable promofails to produce a winner, the judges will apply tional purposes at no charge. Tiebreaker 2, total offensive yardage from scrimmage 6. Employees of this newspaper and their immediin this game. If a winner still doesn't emerge, a drawing at e families are ineligible to participate. will be held among those contestants still tied. Deci- 7. Any inquiry about or protest of weekly results sions of the judges are final. The weekly statewide must be made by noon on the Friday following the winner of the contest will receive \$1,000.

announcement of winners. Any entry form that does not contain a legible 8. No purchase necessary. Facsimile game entry

9. Weekly deadline for entry will be 2 p.m. Fridays except when noted otherwise on weekly entry form. the 16-point line. If that team wins its game that week, 4. No points are awarded on tie games or in case 10. Neither this newspaper nor any co-sponsor will be you win 16 points. Write the name of your second- any game is not played for any reason during its responsible for illegible entry forms or those lost, stolen

forms will be accepted. Enter contest by dropping entry form into POWER POINTS container at participating

or damaged in any way. 11. Limit: one entry per person per week. Each entry must represent the original work of one entrant; "group" entries, 'systems' or other attempts to enter multiple

entries will be disqualified. Filling out extra forms and putting your friends' and relatives' names on them violates this rule. Any such entries are destroyed prior

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



EXCELLENCE IN JOURNALISM AWARD—Chris Cogburn (left)

president of the Castro County Farm Bureau, presents Texas Farm

Bureau's Excellence in Journalism Award to Don Nelson, publisher of the

Castro County News. The award is presented for "outstanding

Obituaries

Joe Casey

Graveside services for J.W. "Joe' Casey, 72, of Tecumseh, Okla., and formerly of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery in Muleshoe with Rev. Gene Hawkins, interim pastor of First Baptist Church of Ralls, officiating.

Burial was under direction of Ellis Funeral Home of Muleshoe.

Mr. Casey died Dec. 9 at the Veterans Medical Center in Oklahoma

City, Tex. He was born March 28, 1926 in Abilene to W.Q. and Lena Casey. He graduated from Haskell High School and married Maxey Burson in Haskell in 1943. He was a 12-year veteran of the US Air Force, serving during World War II and the Korean Conflict, in which he completed 26 combat missions. He farmed in the Muleshoe area, and was a painter and carpenter in Dimmitt for many years. He married Rae Catoe in Dimmitt in 1979. After his retirement, they moved to Tecumseh.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a niece, Donna

Heathington. He is survived by his wife, Rae; four sons, Grady Casey of Bethel Acres, Okla., Richard Catoe of Dimmitt, Paul Catoe of Eastland, and Alex Catoe of Hamilton; three daughters, Rhea Lyn Newton of Ralls, Marty Catoe of Albuquerque, N.M., and Patti Lohn of The Woodlands; a sister, Beverly Page of Clovis, N.M.; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a nephew, Don Heathington of Muleshoe.

Emerald Epperson

Graveside services for Emerald Epperson, 84, of Hereford, and formerly of the Easter Community, were held Monday afternoon in Memory Gardens Cemetery of Amarillo under direction of Schooler Gordon Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mrs. Epperson died Dec. 11 in

She was born in Caddo, Okla., and married Wiley Aubrey Epperson in Arkansas in 1936. They lived in the Easter Community in Castro County until they moved to Amarillo in 1980. He preceded her in death in 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of San Jacinto Methodist Church. She was a co-founder of the Al-Anon Club of Hereford, and was a member of the Top-of-Texas Club of Amarillo.

She is survived by a sister, Annie Medley of Amarillo; a nephew, Joe Proyer of California; and two nieces, Janis Robinson of Hereford and Sandra Powell of Harlingen.

The family suggests memorials to the Women's Crisis Center, c/o Deaf Smith County Courthouse, Hereford, 79045.

Louise Hastings

Graveside services for Louise Hastings, 81, of Dimmitt, were held Monday morning in St. Anthony's Cemetery in Hereford with Rev. Domingo Castillo, pastor of San Jose Catholic Church of Hereford, offici-

Burial was under direction of Gililland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

She died Dec. 11 in Canterbury

Villa Nursing Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Hastings was born Oct. 19, 1917, in Belgium. She moved to Illinois in 1950, and married Charles Hastings in 1950 in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death in June of 1980. Mrs. Hastings moved to Deaf Smith County in 1968 from Moriarty, N.M. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Joseph Catholic

She is survived by a son, Jim Hastings of Hereford; a brother, Jim Frye of Las Vegas, Nev.; a sister, Rachael; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Carroll Hunter

Funeral services for Castro County native, Carroll Clinton (Catfish) Hunter, 73, of Slaton, were held Tuesday afternoon at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lubbock with Rev. Davis Price officiating.

His body was donated to the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center.

Mr. Hunter died Dec. 12 at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

He was born April 21, 1925, in Castro County. He graduated from Dimmitt High School. He married Wana Mobley in Clovis, N.M., on June 12, 1943. He served in the Air Force during World War II, and moved to Slaton in 1946, where he worked for the AT&SF Railroad as an engineer for 40 years, before retiring in April of 1985.

He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Masonic Lodge, and Lakeridge Country Club. He umpired Little League baseball and was an avid golfer and fisherman. He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Lubbock.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Robert Carroll Hunter of Millsap and Mike Hunter of Lubbock; and four grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Covenant Presbyterian Church Youth Group, 4600 48th St. and Salem, Lubbock 79414.

Hazel Johnson

Funeral services for Hazel A. Johnson, 82, of Tulia, the mother of a Hart woman, were held Monday morning in Tulia Church of Christ with Dennis Conway, minister, offi-

Burial was in Silverton Cemetery under direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tulia.

Mrs. Johnson died Dec. 12 in Swisher Memorial Hospital in Tulia.

She was born April 24, 1916, in Greenville. She married Charlie Abraham Johnson on Oct. 28, 1933, in Tulia. He died Nov. 15, 1985. She also was preceded in death by a daughter, Charlie Daniel, on Dec. 27, 1996. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Church of Christ. She attended Rock Creek schools, and moved to Tulia in 1949. She worked at Jefferson's Laundry and at C.R. Anthony's, and she sold Avon products. She was a member of the Tulia Senior Citizens.

Survivors include two daughters, Bettye McKone of Tulia and Patsy Franks of Hart; two sons, W.O. Johnson of Sudan and Danny Johnson of Tulia; a sister, Joyce Gaston of Nocona; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren.



INTERMEDIATE SIXTH GRADE BAND members performed for the public Tuesday night at the Middle School Christmas Concert at the Dimmitt High School Auditorium. Here, bass clarinet players Niccole Heard (far right) and Ruby Espinosa (second from right) give their full atttention to the music. Photo by Linda Maxwell

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YULETIDE TROOPERS—Braving a cold wind that blew their sheet music off their stands and made their mouthpieces oh-so-cold, members of Dimmitt Middle School's Sixth Grade Concert Band perform during the "Music of Christmas" program on the courthouse

We'll put it in plain old black and white . . .

square Thursday night, under the direction of Teresa Carlisle (in Santa cap). The outdoor performance was a preview of the band's Christmas concert, which the youngsters performed Tuesday night in the high school auditorium. Photo by Don Nelson

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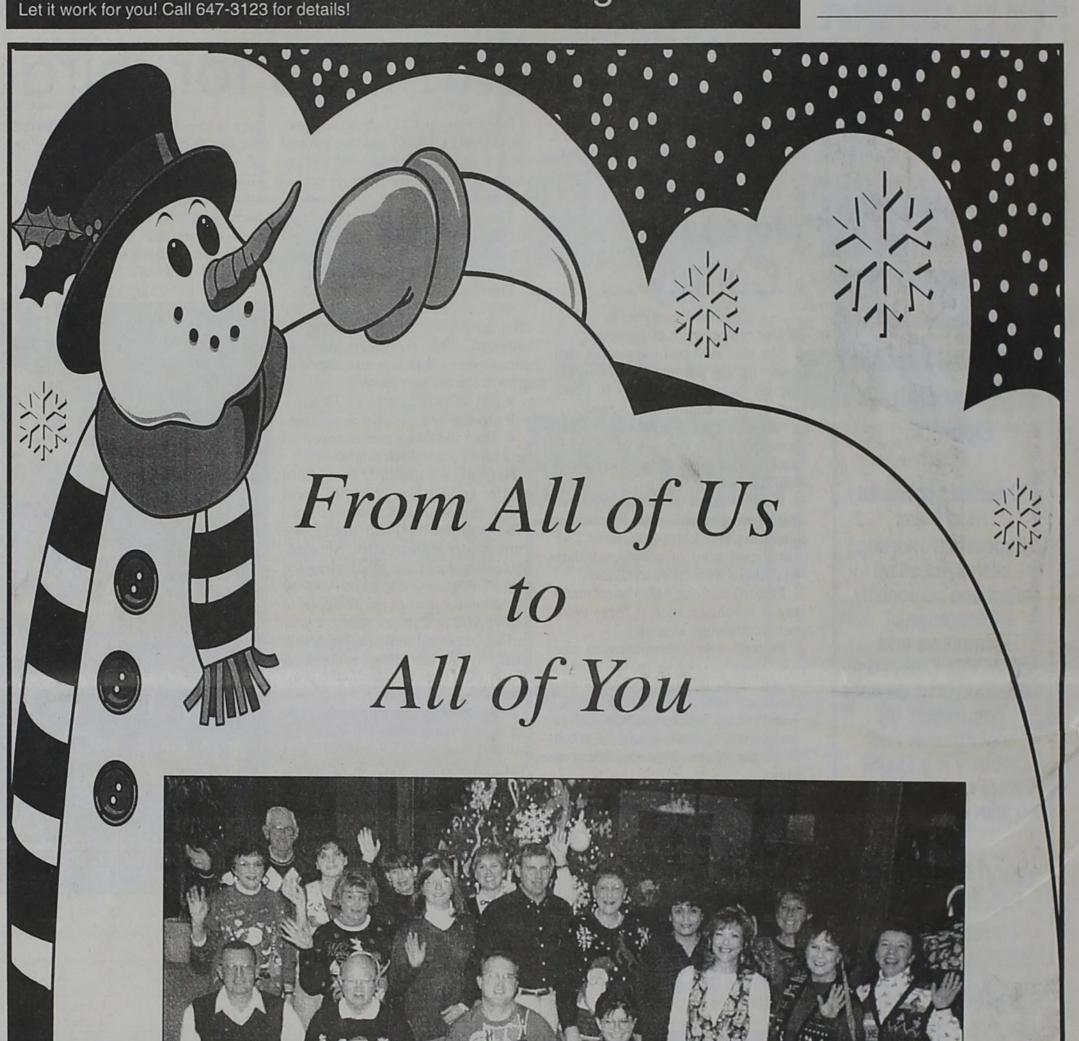
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Christmas Open House

Monday, December 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in our lobby

