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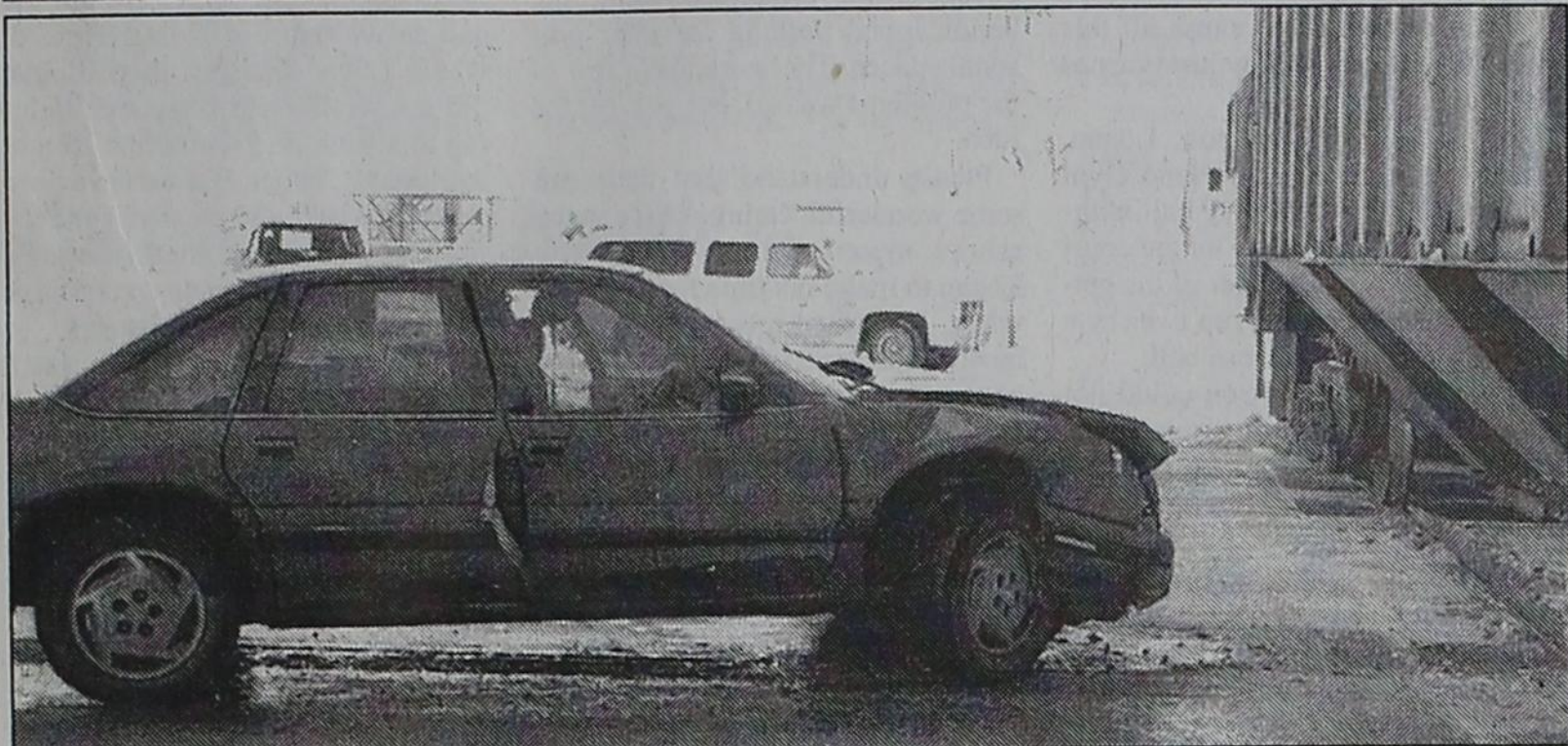
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cars that were being moved by a trackmobile. The Pontiac sustained heavy damage. The accident is still under investigation.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

One dead, others injured in holiday week accidents

Jerry McCarley, 56, of Happy, died in an auto accident near Nazareth on Christmas Day.

A Dimmitt man remains hospitalized after a one-vehicle roll-over early Sunday. Also, a Hereford woman was injured in a one-vehicle accident Sunday morning.

Monday, a Hart man was injured in an accident at DeBruce Grain on North US 385, just north of Dimmitt.

Dec. 24, 10 people weren't seriously injured when the vehicle they were riding in collided with two train cars being moved by a trackmobile in east Dimmitt.

Last Thursday, McCarley had been heading west on SH 86 about 3.6 miles west of Nazareth, when his vehicle entered the east-bound lane and then struck a Mack truck-tractor driven by James Fleeks of Dimmitt.

Fleeks had been parked on the east-bound shoulder of SH 86 and had been pulling onto the roadway when he saw McCarley's 1997 Nissan pickup heading toward him. Fleeks pulled back onto the shoulder in an attempt to avoid the collision. Fleeks was not injured, but the truck had heavy damage to the front left.

McCarley was taken to the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's office for autopsy. McCarley's vehicle had a damage rating of 10 FL 5.

Early Sunday, a 1981 GMC pickup driven by Raul Herrera, 42 of Dimmitt, was heading south on US 385 9.4 miles north of Dimmitt. The pickup traveled across an icy patch on the road and the driver lost

control, skidding into the west bar ditch, where the pickup flipped 3-1/2 times and came to rest in a pasture, upside down.

Herrera and a passenger, Alonzo Aguilar, 50, of Dimmitt, both were ejected from the vehicle and were injured. They were taken by ambulance to Plains Memorial Hospital. Herrera was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock, where he was in surgical intensive care Tuesday afternoon, listed in serious condition. No report could be obtained on Aguilar.

Damage to the vehicle was rated 9L&T7. Herrera was ticketed for failure to control speed.

Elizabeth Rodriguez, 32, of Hereford, also was ticketed for failure to control speed after the 1994 GMC Jimmy she was driving flipped 5-1/4 times around 11:17 a.m. Sunday, 4.4 miles south of Hereford on FM 1055. Rodriguez had been heading north when her vehicle began to slide on the icy roadway and slid sideways into the bar ditch, then flipped and came to rest facing west. The damage to the vehicle was rated 3R&T5. Rodriguez was taken to the Hereford Regional Medical Center, but no information could be obtained on her condition. A passenger in the vehicle, Rodriguez's 8-year-old daughter, was listed as not injured.

A man identified as Arthur Tenorio of Hart was injured in an accident at DeBruce Grain Monday afternoon. According to the dispatcher's log, a piece of concrete fell

off an elevator and hit the man on the head. He was airlifted to Lubbock Methodist Hospital with a head injury. According to information from *The Hart Beat*, a family spokesperson said the concrete cracked the man's hard hat, and he is in a coma, listed in critical condition.

Dec. 24, 10 people were taken to Plains Memorial Hospital for examination after the 1990 Pontiac Grand Prix in which they were riding collided with a train car in east Dimmitt.

The Pontiac, driven by Billy Terrell, 22, of Lubbock, was heading east on East Bedford. He told police the signal man at the train crossing came out too late and he did not have time to stop as the trackmobile pulling two cars crossed the roadway.

Police said the signal man reported that the car had reached the first set of tracks at the time he saw it.

The roadway was icy and there were no skid marks by which to judge the speed of the vehicle, an investigating officer said.

Terrell was ticketed for allowing a child age 4 to 15 to ride unsecured by a safety belt.

Passengers in the vehicle included LaShonda Ward, 20, Terrance Sherman, 18, Deidre Ward, 17, Nikkie Ward, 5, Bridge Ward, 4, Tyrone Terrell and Deion Ward, both 21 months, Danesha Ward, 1, and Jaylin Ward, 4 months.

The investigating officer said no serious injuries were apparent. Damage to the vehicle was rated heavy.

The accident is still under investigation.

Nomination deadline set Monday for chamber honors

Nominations are due Monday for those who may be honored by the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce at the annual Chamber Banquet, set for Jan. 31.

Awards to be revealed at the banquet will include Dimmitt's Citizen

of the Year, Citizen Through the Years, and Teacher of the Year for 1997.

Honorees will be selected from all nominees, based on community involvement, including commitment to church, civic organizations, charitable institutions or other activities or services which benefit the community.

According to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava, the Citizen of the Year award is intended to recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to the community during the 1997 calendar year, while the Citizen Through the Years award will be presented to a person based on lifetime achievements. The "Teacher" award will cite career accomplishments.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the Chamber office at 115 W. Bedford, or they will be mailed to anyone requesting one in writing or by phone at 806-647-2524.

Nominations may be made by individuals or organizations; however, the signature of the person completing the form will be required.

More families offer greetings

A few families from Dimmitt and Hart donated money to Christmas Card projects in their respective communities, but were too late to have their names included on the community cards printed in last week's issue of the *News*, or were inadvertently omitted.

Those wishing their friends and neighbors a Merry Christmas are:

Dimmitt
Jimmie & Sue Howell
E.M. & Betty Jones

Hart
Ann Pevehouse

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By Don Nelson

Journalists can't start a new year without first going back and picking the Top 10 stories of the old one.

The lists should be hitting the screens and front pages today.

Let's see. In the world arena, the death of Princess Diana will probably rank as the top story. And Saddam Hussein's latest devilment will be up there somewhere.

At the national level, the trial and sentencing of Timothy McVeigh for the Oklahoma City bombing will rank high.

Those are easy picks. But the rest of the Top 10's won't be. The lists always have some surprises, even for those doing the picking.

What makes a top news story? There are many elements involved: Immediacy, proximity, appeal, impact.

Basically, the lead story in any newspaper is the one that the editor feels will be the most interesting (appeal) or the most important (impact) to the most people.

With that in mind, here's my list of the Top 10 Local Stories of 1997. You may not agree with my rankings, and by this time tomorrow I may not, either:

1. The deaths of civic leaders James and Reta Welch of the Bethel community in a car-train accident at Sudan Feb. 21, and the void that their deaths left in our communities.

2. The Commissioners' Court's agreement in March to pay \$280,960 for attorney fees and related costs in the lawsuits over county electoral redistricting, ending a long legal battle and appeals process that started in the early 1990s.

3. The year's precipitation, which started with "the first decent rain in seven months" (.93 of an inch the first week of April), helped produce better-than-expected crops, and by year's end totaled 25.75 inches, nine inches above the 50-year average.

4. Two Odyssey of the Mind teams from Dimmitt advance to the OM World Finals, and the community responds by raising more than \$15,000 in a little over a month to pay for the trip.

5. The county's 4-H Horse Judging Team wins the state championship in June, places fourth at the world meet in Fort Worth in August, and raises \$10,000 to attend nationals in Ohio in October, where they place fourth.

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Thrasher announces for Justice of Peace

Dimmitt businessman Avery Thrasher announced this week that he will be a candidate for Justice of the Peace in the March 10 Democratic Primary Election.

Thrasher, 50, said he would operate the JP's office differently than it has been operated in the past.

For one thing, he said, he would continue to manage his businesses and would probably move the JP office to his business site on North Broadway if elected.

He owns and operates Thrasher's Auto Sales & Service and Thrasher Rent-a-Car, and is building a new Dimmitt Laundry on his property.

"We're open 5 1/2 days a week, and it wouldn't be any problem to put in a JP office at my business site and conduct the JP business there," he said. "The courthouse needs the space that the JP office now takes up."

Also, he said, he would be able to offer credit card payment on both in-town and out-of-town fines.

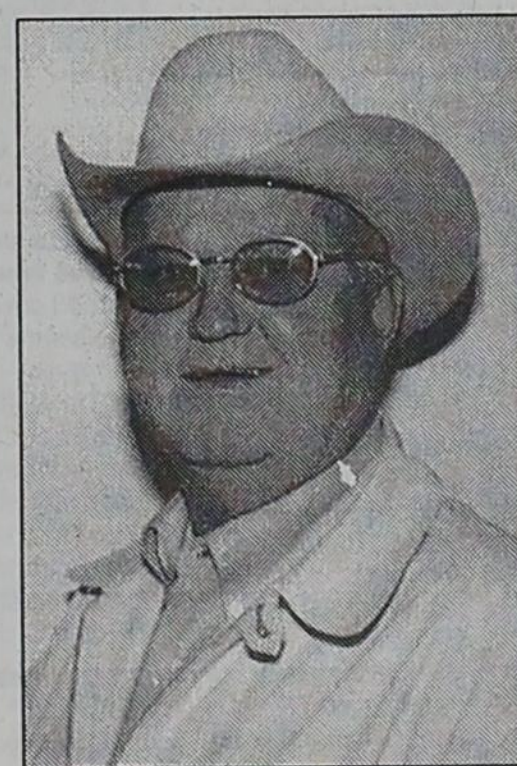
"And with the approval of my

Candidate filing to end Friday

Friday is the last day political hopefuls can turn in applications for a place on the party primary ballots.

The applications for a place on the Democratic Primary ballot may be filed with Don Newman, through Friday.

Applications for a place on the Republican Primary ballot may be filed with Deanne Clark through Friday.



Avery Thrasher

peers, I want to enforce some type of payment program for our youths, so that they pay their own fines rather than have their parents pay out of their pockets," he said.

"I will work 100% with the Teen Court for our youth, and I will work with all county, city and school district personnel," Thrasher said. "I have been in the county about 17 years, and I know most of the families and their kids."

Thrasher presently is serving his third term on the Dimmitt School Board. He is a member of the Rotary Club, former president of the Jaycees, and has coached and sponsored Kids, Inc., teams through the years. He owns his own home at 410 W. Jones St. in Dimmitt.

"I will do the best job I can do," he said, "and I would appreciate your vote."

New doctors admitted to staff

The hospital board accepted Dr. Donald McGrorey and Dr. Allan McCorkle to Plains Memorial's medical staff Tuesday night and learned that Dr. Gary R. Hardee had been elected chief of staff by his fellow physicians.

Dr. McGrorey, a family physician, has moved here from Tonopah, Nev., and started seeing patients last week in the Medical Center of Dimmitt.

His staff privileges are temporary until all his qualifying papers have been received and approved by the medical staff and the hospital board.

Dr. McCorkle, an Amarillo-based psychiatrist, will fill in for Dr. Matthew Houseal in the Welch Home Place when Dr. Houseal is unavailable.

District Chief Executive Officer Joe Sloan reported that the Medical Center of Dimmitt served 1,465 patients in November, compared with 889 in November 1996.

For the year to date, the clinic's visits totaled 9,806 through November, compared with 6,683 last year.

Activity in the hospital's physical therapy department is growing so fast that a second therapist is needed to help Tracy Robb and her aides, Sloan said.

Physical therapy treatments totaled 227 in November, compared with 147 in November '96, and 1,839 for

the fiscal year to date, compared with 908 last year—a 100% increase.

Hospice Care provided 53 patient days of care in November and has provided 404 patient days since it was initiated several months ago, Sloan reported.

The board adopted a resolution authorizing Sloan to contract with the Texas Dept. of Human Services for Medicaid hospice coverage.

The Home Health Agency's activity continued to climb in November, with 1,897 home visits, compared with 1,755 in November '96.

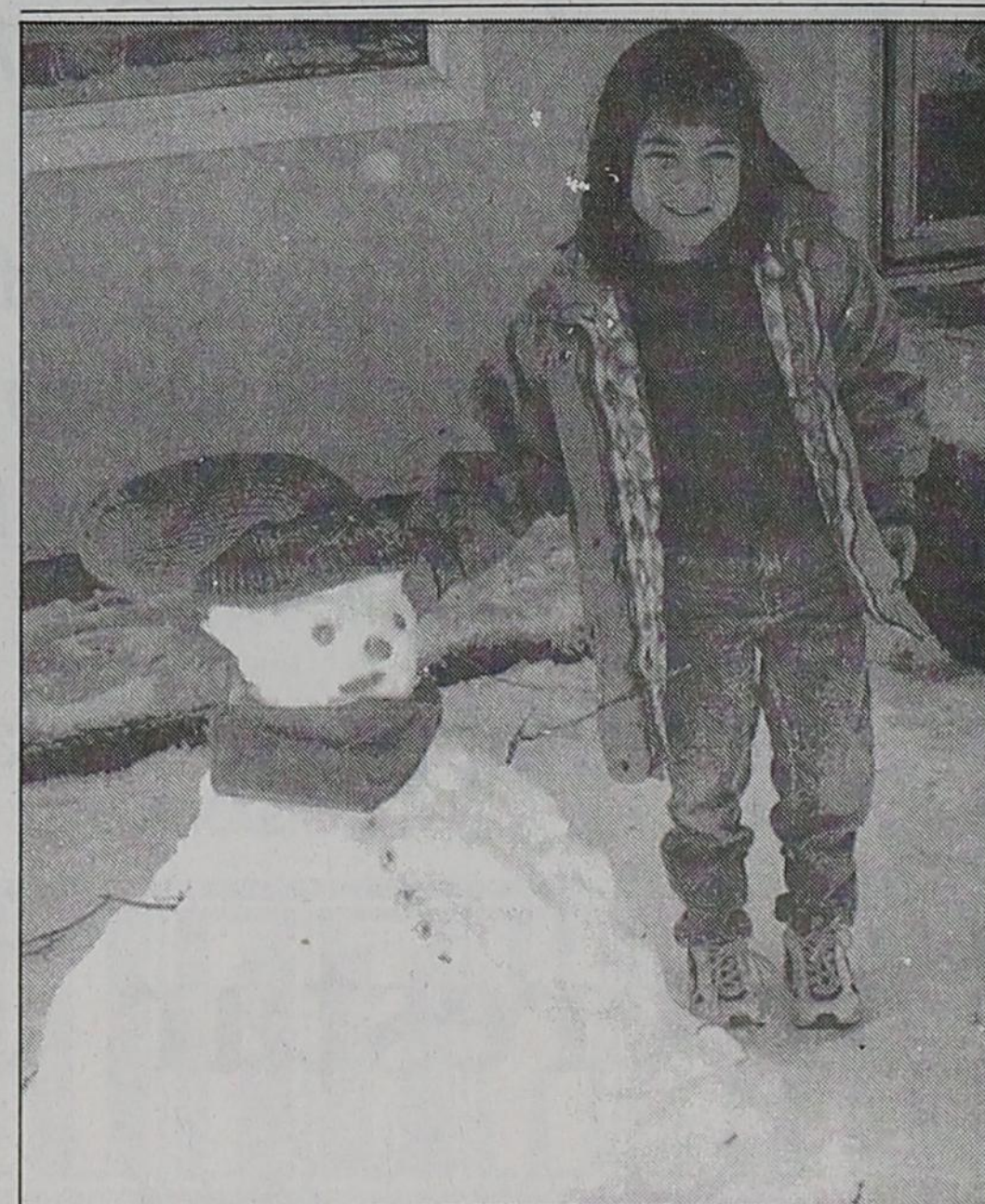
The HHA has had a 35% increase in visits so far this fiscal year compared with last year. Home visits

have totaled 14,631 to date in fiscal 1997-98, compared with 9,566 by this time last year.

However, Sloan said he feels the Home Health Agency's activity is about to level off.

"I think we're stabilizing finally at where we need to be," Sloan told the board.

Although the total patient days and average daily census of acute-care patients in Plains Memorial continues to lag behind last year, the new services have boosted the "average daily census, all patient types" by about 25%, to nine per day compared with six per day during the same period last year.



HER FIRST SNOWMAN—Devin Hernandez, 4, is proud of the snowman she made at the home of her grandparents, Chindo and Carolina Correa, 609 W. Etter Street, in Dimmitt. Devin is the daughter of Jesse and Rita Hernandez of Dimmitt. Similar snowmen sprouted in yards throughout the area following last week's snows.

Photo by Don Nelson

Weather

	High	Low	Pr.
Wed. (Dec. 24)	31	21	.01
3 inches of snow			
Thursday	36	20	.01
2 inches of snow			
Friday	31	11	
Saturday	31	12	
Sunday	32	16	
Monday	34	15	
Tuesday	43	15	
Wednesday	45	22	

December Moisture 2.03
1997 Moisture 25.77

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

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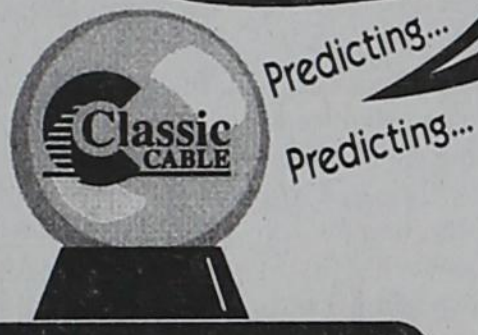


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Letter

Reader hopes board has 'strength to make DISD a system that all students can enjoy'

Dear Editor:

Today (12-22-97) I was approached by a member of the Dimmitt Independent School Board. He had concerns about information he had gotten that the schools were going to have to make 134 modifications to their facilities because of what Dianne and I are doing or had done.

What did we do to cause all this fuss? We started asking questions as early as five years ago.

We asked why our son, Logan, could not go to the Cleveland Gym and watch his sisters play ball without having to sit directly on the court where there was a danger of his getting hit with the ball or run over by a player going after a loose ball.

We asked why our son could not go to the auditorium to listen to his sisters' concerts, without being stuck out in the aisle. This not only blocked the walkway, but it was a distraction to Logan and the other people there.

Dianne asked if there was some kind of summer school for Logan to attend; we were given lists of summer camps that would not work for him. For three years we were told there were no other options that would work. Then we signed him up with MH/MR and he was assigned a

case worker. She was more knowledgeable in what rights the handicapped have and what schools are required to do. Guess what? When she attended the school meeting with us to set up Logan's next year's schedule, suddenly summer school became an option.

We won't talk about some of the coaches and principals using the handicapped parking for their personal spaces. These are just a few of the problems we had, but you get the idea.

Please understand that there are some wonderful, caring people in the school system who worked with Logan to make his time there worthwhile. But since most people don't have handicapped children, it is very easy to pretend there is not a problem.

I was asked about us contacting Pete Laney's office. We had wanted to take Logan downtown to the Christmas tree lighting and other occasions. This is difficult when trying to negotiate the high curbs and double steps, etc. We asked the city about wheelchair ramps on the courthouse square. It was not their problem; we needed to contact the state.

We contacted the local highway department and explained the situation to them. They met us down at

the square, listened to us, and we never heard from them again.

We then called Mr. Laney's office and asked if they could help us to find out what the law was regarding the ramps. On June 30 his office called to let us know that the local engineer in Plainview was drafting some plans to make the curbs handicapped-accessible. We got the call as we returned from Hereford, where Logan had just died. Logan did not see the Christmas tree lighting this year, and the ramps are not in place yet, either. But we have been told they will be in the near future.

So what is the problem? Logan's gone, so we should have no concerns about the curbs, about the gym, or the auditorium. Maybe, but we watch the older generation trying to climb the stairs at the gym so they can watch their grandchildren play. We watch as they grab the bars with both hands and pull themselves up the stairs while kids and other adults whiz by them.

I don't see anyone at the games in wheelchairs. Is it because they don't want to go, or is it they know there is no place for them? How many other grandparents would like to go? I know my dad would love to go watch our girls play, but sometimes it is just not in him to fight the obstacles.

Recently we did call Mr. Laney's office again, this time to try to find out what the laws are pertaining to the schools, and what we can do to see that they are in compliance. We are sure that somewhere there is a school that has seen to it that the needs of the handicapped are met. We hope that someone can tell us what it took to get it done, or better yet, let the school board members know.

There may be laws that will guide the school board in this matter. We know that the laws of equality and fairness should.

This problem is a tough one, but one that must be dealt with. Mr. Miller asked for the job of superintendent; Mr. Buckley, Mr. Nino, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Thrasher and the remaining board members all ran for this position. They were elected, and along with this honor goes the responsibility to deal with these issues. I hope they have the strength to make DISD a system that all students can enjoy, not just the so-called "normal kids."

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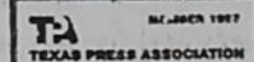
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- this Shivers ran for gov. in '52 on Rep. and Dem. ticket
- TX or Nevada town
- TX football armor: shoulder
- TXism: "he'd unarmed in a battle of wits" (dumb)
- "flubber"
- stores up
- Huckleberry
- detective agency that hunted TX John Wesley Hardin
- competitor of TX's Blue Bell ice cream
- like a rhinestone cowboy
- TXism: "got a skunk by (trouble)"
- TX drug & grocery chain: Jewel
- an original Mouseketeer
- seat of Hudspeth Co.: Blanca
- TXism: "so clumsy he could fall
- to San Angelo from Abilene
- UT mascot
- NTSU was golf champ, '49-'52
- TXism: "long country mile"
- how TX Kite, et al. begin (2 wds.)
- a 60s Lubbock high school football powerhouse
- used to blow out oil well fires
- with 45 down, a Mexican who swims the Rio Grande
- approves
- TX Tanya (init.)
- Frio Co. in Spanish
- Confederate soldier goes into military
- Palo Duro sound repeat
- this Scala starred with TX Audie Murphy in "Ride a Crooked Trail"
- TXism: "we've howled shook" (met)
- TX actor Tommy Jones

DOWN

- in Smith Co. on 135
- Houston's last wife Margaret
- TX-filmed thriller "Flesh
- TXism: "plain as the
- TX Ann Sheridan: the "Oomph
- TXism: "gave him a dose of
- TXism: "mosey up to the trough"
- this Kessler was a Houston Rockets 1st rounder (init.)
- participants in the Sutton-Taylor feud of the 1800s
- colorless
- Cowboys game momento: ticket
- "G-man" who looks after TX Steve Martin in "My Blue Heaven" (2 wds.)
- professional rodeo group (abbr.)
- wandering journey
- home of Rangers' Yankee foe (abbr.)
- cable sports net.
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the
- "howdy"
- TX poet Naomi Nye: work: "Different to Pray"
- TXism: "sells like cakes"
- TXism: "get shed
- nonTX oilman
- "out a living"
- San Antonio street name: Chaney
- see 43-across
- TXism: "spends his time looking for (lazy)"
- "Gone Texas"

The Original

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On the Go with Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Happy New Year!

The "Tree of Light" was presented by the choirs of First Baptist Church of Dimmitt, First United Methodist Church of Dimmitt, and the First United Methodist Church of Levelland, along with other community singers. This very special concert was held in the First Baptist Church and was directed by Ruby Moultrie, choir director of Levelland's FUMC and a former Dimmitt resident.

Rehearsal directors were Charles Axtell and Wayne Proffitt. Organist was Ruth Wayland and pianist was Walter Maynard. The narrator was Paul Wayland, and sound technician was Jerry Annen.

Some of the songs were *Joy to the World*; *Wonderful Counselor*, sung by Lacy Loudder and Tami Griffitt;

That Beautiful Name, sung by Joyce Bolton; *Jesus, What a Wonderful Child*, sung by Ruby Moultrie; *Beneath the Tree of Light*, sung by Laura Wayland; *Follow Me/Lead Me Lord*, sung by Chuck Braafladt and Terri Loudder; and *Come Into My Heart, Lord*, sung by Debra Ball. What a wonderful performance.

Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson of Amarillo met Bobbie and Wanda Murdock in Portales, N.M., where they spent the day with Brad Murdock and his family.

Once again, Ray and Barbara Bain entertained a large crowd for lunch on Dec. 22 at First United Bank. Assisting with hosting duties were several employees. The refreshments

included several tables of delicious pick-up foods, including dips and chips, raw vegetables, meat balls, brisket, turkey, tamales, shrimp, sandwiches, cookies and candy and many more goodies, along with coffee and punch. Santa was there to greet everyone and have his picture made with all the children. Another Santa was in a huge sleigh filled with pretty packages. This was a good way to start the Christmas Holidays! Thanks for a lovely lunch!

Jerry and Carolyn Watts entertained family for the Christmas holidays, including Carolyn's mother, Gladys Hampton of Westridge Manor in Plainview, and their daughter and family of Tulia—Kim and Steve Pons and children, Wil, Daniel, Steffanee, and Jeffrey.

Among the visitors at the First Baptist Church on Sunday were Joe and Jerre Shultz and Craig Vandiver and family, who were visiting his parents, Dr. Charles and Esta Vandiver. Shelley Frye Weise and family were visiting her parents, Kenneth and Linda Frye. Shelley sang a special at the Sunday morning service.

Dan and Marilyn Neal entertained family and friends during the Christmas holidays. Their daughter, Sarah Neal of Dallas, and John Neal of Hereford, Chris de Francisco of Dallas, and about 20 other friends visited. Marilyn prepared a variety of food, since several asked for their favorite food. Marilyn is the County Extension Agent.

Benny Martinez went to Portales to visit his parents for the Christmas holidays. Bennie is the assistant county agent/agriculture.

Rebel and Cynthia Royall and family visited several relatives during the Christmas holidays. They went to Kress, Iraan, and Brownwood. Rebel is the county agent/agriculture.

Doug and Debbie Smith and Alyson took me to Amarillo and I stayed several days with my daughter, Mary Lynn Lankford and family. Dale and Lauren Feazell of Houston and children, Caleb and Jacob, were there, and Kevin and Neely Lankford of Amarillo and family, Adria, Matt and David. They had a late Christmas dinner and exchanged gifts.

James and Jerri Horton entertained family members during the Christmas holidays: Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Horton, Matt and Linda King, Chelsey and Mallory, all of Hart, and David and Sherry Schaeffer and Ashley Irons of Dimmitt.

Ruben Olvera and family had several relatives in for Christmas: Ruben's brother, Juan Olvera and Davilla and family of San Antonio, and his sister, Margaret Gamboa and her daughter, Michelle Gamboa of Plainview. Michelle will be marching with the Plainview band in the Orange Bowl Parade in Miami, Fla., on New Year's Day.

Leroy and Linda Maxwell and Mindy drove down to Crane Friday to attend the wedding of Linda's nephew in Odessa. All of the sisters were there and most of the other family members, as well. They had a good visit and the wedding was lovely. Mindy's cousin, Allison, from Louisiana, came back with them for a visit.

Guests at Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church on Sunday were Kristi Sheffy of Dallas, Paul Axtell of College Station, the Kuntz family of Wheeler visiting Fred and Helen and Rick, and Jean Bradford Whitehead of Amarillo. Also, the Flynts had several families, including Bill and Kim Holland, who stayed with the Kent Lindseys; Jack II, Elaine and Laura Flynt of San Marcos, Abby Flynt of Texas Tech, and Jack III from the Air Force academy in Colorado; Karron, Steve and Taran Smith were visiting from Bakersfield, Calif. (They hosted the 50th anniversary celebration held at First Methodist for Ralph and Avis Smith); Sharron and Arnold Acker, Andrew from Argyle, as well as Ashley who is a student at Baylor in Waco; Jeff and Susan Lindsey of Dallas; Richard Dyer of Dallas visiting Carole Dyer and family; Florene Knight of Sayre, Okla., visiting the Percy Parsons; and Houston and Doris Lust's daughter, Ann of Arizona, and her family.

Jackie and Elaine and Robbie and Evelyn Lindsey attended the Class of '66 reunion while they were here. Mark and Katy Lindsey of Cleburne

and Angela Lindsey a student at Abilene Christian also came.

Elaine Flynt recently graduated with her masters in accountancy from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. Jack and Doris attended the graduation, along with Elaine's sister, Linda, and her husband, Glenn Johnson of Fort Worth. The Flynts swung by New Braunfels to see Doris's sister, Gail Johnson.

Tracy and Lonny Robb transferred their memberships to Dimmitt FUMC Sunday.

Lacy and Jake Loudder are in

Lubbock Methodist for dual tonsillectomies. Jim Cleavinger is back in church after his surgery. The Charles Axtell family went skiing in New Mexico at Purgatory. The Don Sheffy family and Polly Bell went to Lexington, Neb., to be with Karla and Ron Harris, who are Methodist ministers there.

Mr. and Mrs. Kent Bradford of Davis, Calif., visited the Bradford clan over the holidays. Their children, Ben and Jessie came also. Kent teaches at the University of California.

Your emotional health

Ring in the New Year

By STEVE BARCHENGER

Very soon many of us will celebrate the centuries old tradition of ringing in the New Year. Despite decades of progress and education, revelers continue to abuse alcohol, not anticipating the possible consequences.

What would a charge of DWI, alcohol-related accident, and possible homicide mean to you? Consider the cost of legal fees and incarceration, resulting in probable loss of job, property, respect in the community, and most importantly, alienation of one's family and friends.

Aside from the legal and financial ramifications, one must also consider the ensuing psychological and emotional factors. Guilt, loneliness, anxiety, depression and the loss of self esteem are just some of the potential emotional fall-out resulting from a night of irresponsible celebration. Subsequent emotional problems can take a toll on oneself and one's family, requiring the intervention of a professional counselor.

Before you make the first New Year's Eve toast, consider one resolution that can help ensure a safe start to your new year. Please, if you drink, don't drive and don't let a friend drive drunk.

I appreciate my readers and want you to return in 1998. Happy New Year everyone!

Steve Barchenger is program director of the Welch Home Place unit of Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.



Barchenger

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Schuster, Roberts receive TDA research project grant

Roland Roberts and Greta Schuster are the principal investigators of a research project that was one of 18 projects which received recent funding from the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

Their project, "Using IPM in Texas High Plains Potato Production," has been granted \$12,026. They plan to develop an Extension educational program that will increase the use of integrated pest management techniques by potato growers in the Texas High Plains. Adoption of IPM systems is expected to increase the potato crop value in Castro and Lamb counties alone by at least \$200,000 to \$500,000 the first season.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry recently announced the awarding of a total of \$170,000 in

funds for the 18 projects, which focus on the use of Integrated Pest Management techniques.

Schuster is an IPM Extension agent based in Dimmitt, and Roberts is a Texas A&M University professor and extension horticulturist based in Lubbock.

"Many grants awarded this year represent a wide range of important crops that are grown in Texas, including cotton, rice, peanuts, potatoes and corn," Perry said. "Other grants focus on educating farmers about the latest IPM techniques available."

Integrated pest management is a farming system that curbs pest populations by using a variety of practices including biological pest controls, pest-resistant crop plants, crop rotations, planting date adjustments and

crop residue destruction. Under IPM, pesticides are used only when IPM methods fail to control problems that threaten to cause significant crop damage.

Chamber plans 50th anniversary celebration Jan. 31

When *We Came to Dimmitt: Fifty Golden Years* is the theme for this year's Chamber of Commerce banquet, which will be held Jan. 31, 1998, at the Expo Building in Dimmitt.

The Chamber is celebrating its 50th year of existence this year and the banquet will focus around that.

Local businesses are invited to decorate a table, using the banquet theme and their imaginations, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.

Awards will be presented for the "Most Original Idea," "Most Pleasing Effect," and "Best Theme Interpretation," among the table decorations.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be Jim Bob Solsbery, county executive director for the Regan-Upton Counties Farm Service Agency in Big Lake. He will share master of ceremony duties with Dimmitt's Cheryl Pybus.

Highlight of the banquet will be presentations to this year's *Citizen of the Year*, *Citizen Through the Years* and *Teacher of the Year* winners.

Classifieds get results!

Obituaries

Bettie Damon

Funeral services for Bettie Jo Damon, 68, of Amarillo, the mother of Sharon Kinser of Dimmitt, were held Tuesday afternoon at the Texline Church of Christ with D.C. Brown, minister, officiating.

Burial was in the Texline Cemetery by Hass Funeral Directors of Clayton, N.M.

Mrs. Damon died Dec. 27. She was born in Brownwood, but lived most of her life in Texline, graduating from Texline High School.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ervin William Decker, in 1968; a daughter, Phyllis Jean Jameson, in 1982; and a granddaughter, Susan Decker, in 1985.

She married O.C. Damon in 1976 in Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Dale E. Decker of St. Louis, Mo., and Wayne Lee Decker of Poughkeepsie, Wash.; a daughter, Sharon Kay Kinser of Dimmitt; three brothers, Eldon E. Crumpton of Abilene, A.V. "Pete" Crumpton of Texline, and Robert A. Crumpton of Clayton, N.M.; two sisters, Dorothy L. Waide of Texline, and Joyce Armstrong of Higgins; seven grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters.

Nina Markley

Funeral services for Nina L. Markley, 88, of Tyler, were held Friday afternoon in Foskey-Lilley-McGill Ivey Chapel in Dimmitt, with Elder Cleveland Bass of Primitive Baptist Church of Littlefield officiating.

A private graveside service was held following the funeral service, and burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Markley died Dec. 22 in Tyler after a brief illness.

She was born Feb. 2, 1901, in Fluvanna. She married Harold O. Markley in 1925 in Erick, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1988. Mrs. Markley moved to Tyler from Dimmitt in 1987. She was a homemaker and a member of the Primitive Baptist Church in Tyler.

Mrs. Markley was preceded in death by a son, Windell Markley, in 1977; and a granddaughter, LaVita Markley, in 1993.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Orin Harris of Tyler; a daughter-in-law, Rosalie Hawkins of Dimmitt; six grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

The family suggests memorials to Tyler Primitive Baptist Church, Building Fund, P.O. Box 8677, Tyler, 75711-8677.

Jerry McCarley

Funeral services for Jerry K. McCarley, 56, of Happy, were held Monday morning at First Baptist Church of Happy with Rev. Lonny Poe, pastor, officiating.

Burial was in Happy Cemetery under direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Happy.

Mr. McCarley died Dec. 25 in an auto accident in Castro County.

He was born April 15, 1941, to Herschel and Maudie McCarley and was a lifelong resident of Happy. He married Sharon Cranmer in Canyon in 1963. He was a process operator at Goodpasture, Inc., in Dimmitt. He also raised sheep and operated a welding shop in Happy. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Happy and of the Canyon-Happy Masonic Lodge.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, J.B. McCarley in 1976 and R.B. McCarley in 1990; two sisters, Aleene McCarley in 1936, and Nellie White in 1979; and a foster brother, Leo Carlson in 1996.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Bill McCarley of Canyon; a daughter, Shann Ford of Canyon; three brothers, Bill McCarley, A.J. McCarley, and W.D. McCarley, all of Happy; three sisters, Betty Davis of Boise City, Okla., Mary White of Brenham, and Jody Magness of Canyon; and two grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to the Happy 4-H Association in care of First State Bank of Happy, 100 E. Main, Happy 79042.

Grace Louise Stone

Memorial services for Grace Louise Stone, 67, of Albuquerque, N.M., formerly of Dimmitt, will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the Los Alamos Unitarian Church in Albuquerque.

Her body was donated to medical research.

Mrs. Stone died Dec. 28 in Albuquerque.

She was born July 24, 1930, in Dimmitt, and lived in Castro County and Amarillo before moving to Albuquerque in 1995. She graduated from West Texas State College. She married Loy Stone on July 14, 1950. He died March 26, 1983.

Survivors include two daughters, Denise Stone of Los Alamos, N.M., and Shara Stone of Albuquerque; two brothers, Houston Lust of Dimmitt and Glenn Lust of Lubbock; and two grandsons.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

More about

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6. Induction of Dimmitt's Junior Coffey into the Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame Feb. 2, and the resulting recognition for both Coffey and his DHS teammates for breaking the racial barrier in Texas high-school athletics in the early 1960s

7. Deaths of 500 to 1,000 pasture cattle in the county during a cold, wet spell that brought rain, snow and high winds in late April.

8. Castro County loses its two spokesmen at the Farm Services Administration state level during the same week in August when Harold Bob Bennett of Hart resigns as state executive director and Ray Joe Riley of Sunnyside is replaced as chairman of the FSA state committee after having served four years, twice the normal span.

9. Nazareth Swifts finish as Class A state runners-up in boys' basketball, losing to Wortham, 50-42, in the championship game.

10. Dimmitt Bobbies and Nazareth Swiftettes finish third in their respective classes in the state cross-country running meet in November; Israel Martinez of Dimmitt finishes as 7th overall individual among Class AAA boys.

Other major local stories of '97: The reduction of local Conservation Reserve Program acceptances; closing of the Southwestern Public Service Co. and Ennergas offices; establishment of a Teen Court; Bethel community's centennial.

Our Annual Clearance Sale will begin Monday!

(We will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday).

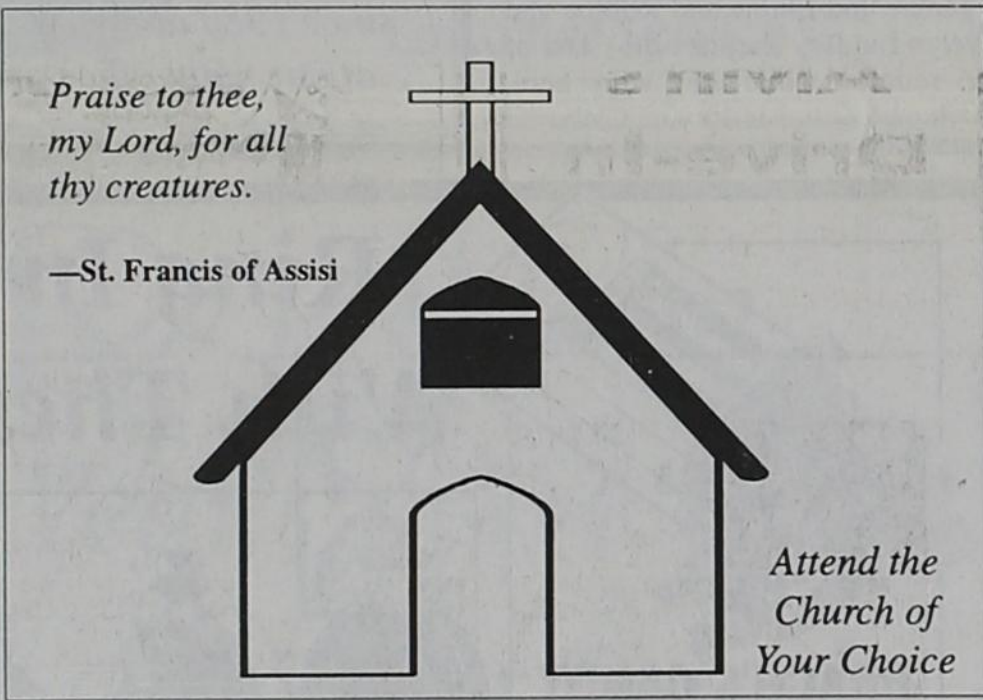
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Keeping an eye on Texas

Blossoms into a billion

The winter holiday season is the busiest season of the year for floral retailers. Texas outlets sold close to a billion dollars of blossoms in 1996.

Top holiday sales

1. Winter holidays
2. Mothers' Day
3. Valentine's Day
4. Easter / Passover
5. Thanksgiving

Gross sales by Texas florists

1986: \$377.4 million
1996: \$993.6 million

SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, U.S. Floriculture Industry and Society of American Florists.

What's cooking?

In Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Jan. 5-9

DIMMITT
Pre-School-1st Grade Lunch
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: Cheese pizza, fresh watermelon, savory green beans and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Corn dogs, hash brown potatoes, tossed salad with dressing and milk.
 THURSDAY: Beef stew, fresh honeydew melon, crackers and milk.
 FRIDAY: Fish nuggets, corn on the cob, apple slices, old fashioned cornbread and milk.

2nd-12th Grade Lunch
 MONDAY: No school.
 TUESDAY: Choice of Chili Fritos with picante, cheese pizza or beef and bean burrito with chili; fresh watermelon, savory green beans or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, coleslaw or fresh watermelon; garlic bread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of corn dog, poor boy steak or green enchilada casserole; hash brown potatoes, summer squash or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, potato salad or coleslaw; assorted muffins, hot cheese rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
 THURSDAY: Choice of fruit and cheese plate, barbecued chicken or nachos with cheese and peppers; vegetable medley, potato salad or Mexipinto beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, haystack finger salad or fresh honeydew melon; cornbread, wheat rolls, Arroz Mexicano, flour tortilla or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of fish nuggets, red beans and rice or enchiladas; potato wedges, corn on the cob or refried beans; tossed salad with dressing, taco condiment salad, raw spinach salad or apple slices; cornbread, white hot rolls, Arroz Mexicano, tortilla chips or crackers; and chocolate, lowfat or skim milk.

HART
Elementary School
 MONDAY: Choice of shaved barbecue sandwich or beef stew, French fries, cornbread, gelatin dessert, apple juice, peaches and milk.
 TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or pork chop, gravy, wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler and milk.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket, or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.
 THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish sticks, cornbread, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.
 FRIDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or nachos with ground beef, sliced pickles, pinto beans, fresh fruit and milk.

Junior High and High School
 MONDAY: Choice of beef stew, chili with cornbread or shaved barbecue sandwich, French fries, cornbread, gelatin dessert, peaches, and milk, punch or tea.
 TUESDAY: Choice of corn dog, chicken sandwich or pork chop with gravy, wheat rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, cherry cobbler, and milk, punch or tea.
 WEDNESDAY: Choice of pizza, hamburger basket or enchilada casserole with tortilla pieces; salad, gelatin dessert, dill pickles, corn, pears, fresh fruit and milk.
 THURSDAY: Choice of corn dog, burrito or fish sticks, cornbread, tarter sauce, macaroni and cheese, salad, fresh fruit, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.
 FRIDAY: * Frito pie and cornbread, or pizza, salad, corn, peaches, pudding and milk or juice.

(Entrees designated with an asterisk will be served to elementary school students, while secondary school students will be allowed to choose between the two entrees.)

Our New Year's Resolution To You!

As another year looms on the horizon, we renew our pledge of service to our community and customers, and offer our best wishes for a happy and healthy 1998 to all.

The Company Store
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Lamb jackpot proceeds to benefit Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund

A lamb jackpot will be held in Dimmitt on Jan. 17 and proceeds from the event will benefit the Aaron Wilcox Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Aaron Wilcox Memorial Classic Jackpot will be held at the sheep barn adjacent to the Expo Building in Dimmitt and the show is slated to begin at 1 p.m. Early entries for the show will be due Jan. 7 and will cost \$15 per head. Those entering lambs the day of the show will be charged \$20 per head. The barns will open at 8 a.m. on Jan. 17. The grand champion lamb will earn its exhibitor \$150 while the reserve grand champion will be awarded \$75. Wooden plaques will be presented to exhibitors showing the grand champion, reserve grand champion, breed champions and reserve breed champions. Organizers of the event are looking for sponsors for the plaques and those interested in helping should call Jim Wright at 647-2477, or County Extension Agents Rebel Royall or Benny Martinez at 647-4115. The event will feature three classes of showmanship, including a peewee division for those under 9 years of age; junior, for those between the ages of 10 and 14, and senior, for those 15 and up.

Cancer screening clinics planned during January

The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center and Baptist St. Anthony's Health System will conduct a breast cancer screening clinic at Medical Center of Dimmitt on Jan. 8 and Jan. 22. Participants will receive a low-cost screening that includes a mammogram and instruction in self-examination by a registered nurse. Total cost for the screening is \$75, and funding is available through the Texas Dept. of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. Exams are performed by appointment only and those interested should call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673. A minimum of 15 women must register in order for the mobile mammography unit to visit area towns. Breast cancer affects one in eight women. The key to winning the battle against breast cancer is early detection by having an annual breast exam, mammogram and performing a breast self-exam each month.

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Agriculture industry poised for another year of solid gains

In an end-of-the-year report, State Comptroller John Sharp said that 1997 was a turnaround year for agriculture, as Texas farmers and ranchers look forward to another year of solid gains in 1998.

"This year, Texas producers knocked off the dust from the 1996 drought," said Sharp. "Most were blessed with much-needed rain, and prices began to return to profitable levels."

"For cattle producers, prices are on an upswing and herd sizes are stabilizing," Sharp said. "Cattleman can look for continued growth next year thanks to higher prices, lower feed costs and the probable availability of thick forage."

"Overall, 1997 has been good for

growers, too. For example, planted soybean acreage is up 45% over the past two years and harvested cotton acreage has increased by 29%."

Commenting on the latest issue of *Fiscal Notes*, his monthly publication, Sharp said that not all crops have rebounded evenly across the state.

"The widespread drought of 1995 and 1996 caused Texas farmers and ranchers to miss out on the high prices offered for many crops last year," said Sharp. "And though the rains were welcome, producers had to contend with more insects, as well as lower market prices that accompanied the higher levels of production."

Sharp said that prices for corn and

sorghum are about 40% lower this year than last year. Rice farmers in the coastal area planted fewer acres in 1997 than in any of the five previous years, in part because last spring's rains prevented them from planting much rice in time. The loss of federal income supports also prompted rice farmers to experiment with other crops in hopes of higher profit margins, according to Sharp's analysis.

Sharp said that with rain levels back to normal, many Texas growers are returning to more diversified planting.

Sharp's analysis indicates that the coming year is likely to be characterized by the need for Texas agricultural producers to adjust to the federal government's stepping out of the risk management business, a provision included in last year's landmark farm bill.

That legislation called for an end to federal income supports by 2002, with transition payments to be made in the interim.

With the federal government no longer subsidizing crops, Sharp said Texas farmers and ranchers are free to plant what they choose.

"This new freedom also carries with it new risks," Sharp added. "I encourage producers to familiarize themselves with the latest crop insurance programs and other risk management tools so that they can stay on top of changing market conditions."

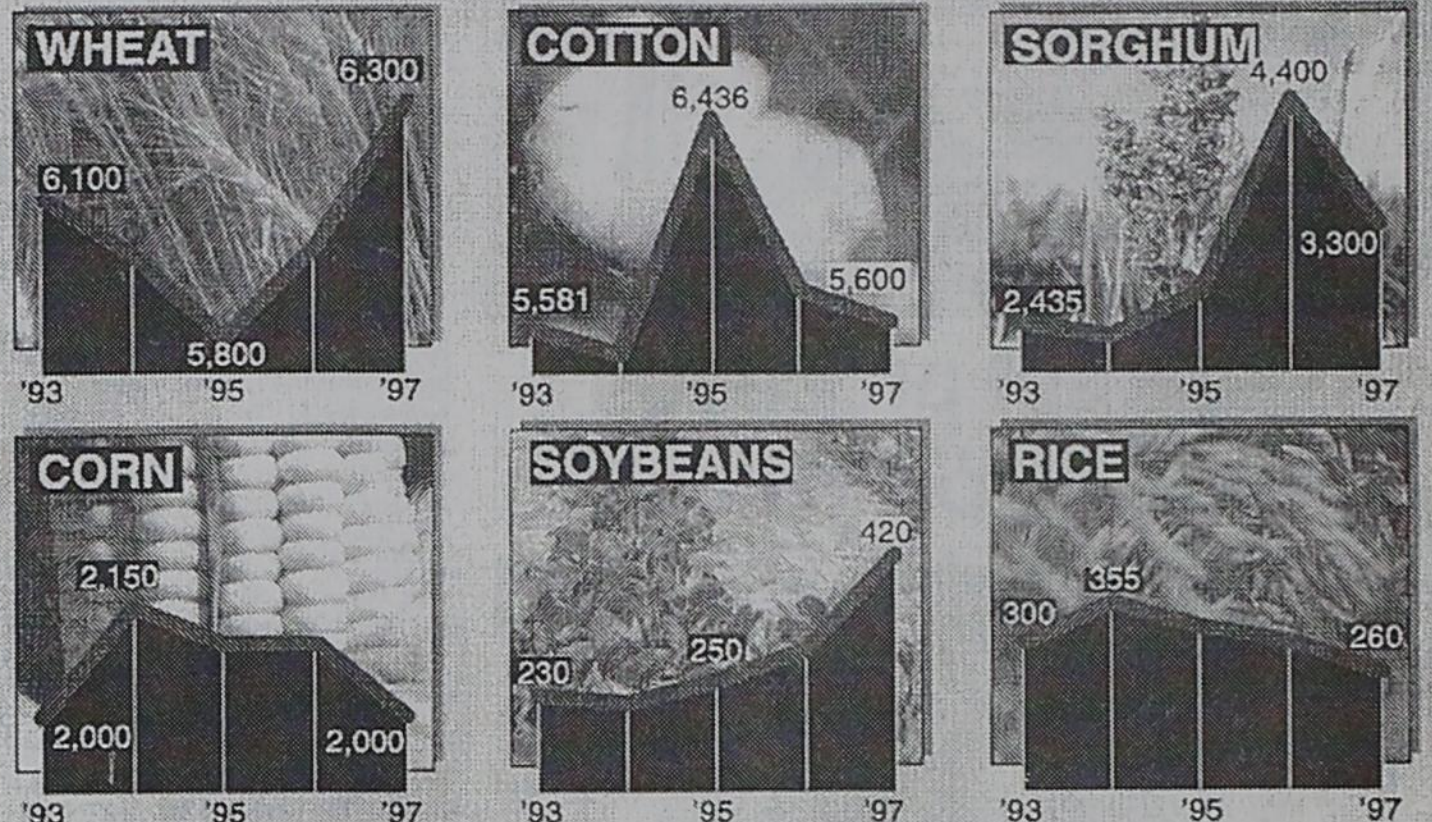
Sharp said that another question facing Texas farmers has to do with changes in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), a federal program in which landowners are paid to retire their land for specified periods of time for conservation purposes.

The US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), which operates the CRP program, accepted only 1.8 million acres of the 3.2 million acres offered earlier this year by Texas landowners. An additional sign-up period was completed at the end of last month, although the number of new acres USDA will accept into the program is unclear at this time.

Planted acreage in Texas

During the dry years of 1995-96, many farmers concentrated on planting the more drought-tolerant sorghum. With rain levels back to normal, growers have returned to more diversified planting.

In thousands of acres



SOURCES: John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Texas Agricultural Extension Service and WEFA Group Inc.

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Average crop prices

Texas farmers missed out on most of the higher prices in 1996 due to the drought. Now that production is back up, the prices on many crops have gone the other way.

CORN	'96: \$3.25/bu	'97: \$2.60/bu
SOYBEANS	'96: \$6.80/cwt	'97: \$7.02/cwt
COTTON	'96: \$0.69/lb	'97: \$0.67/lb
WHEAT	'96: \$5.05/bu	'97: \$3.28/bu
RICE	'96: \$10.40/cwt	'97: \$9.98/cwt
BEEF CATTLE	'96: \$0.58/lb	'97: \$0.65/lb
SORGHUM	'96: \$5.90/cwt	'97: \$4.04/cwt
CHICKEN	'96: \$0.39/lb	'97: No change

Note: cwt (hundredweight) is 100 to 112 pounds; bu (bushel) equals 32 quarts (8 gallons). Prices for 1996 are a 12-month average; prices for 1997 are as of September.

Crime Line offers \$500 reward in vehicle vandalism

The Castro County Crime Line is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for vandalism of a vehicle.

The damage was done Nov. 25 to a 1996 green Mitsubishi Eclipse belonging to Cassie McLean, while the vehicle was parked at the Dimmitt High School gym.

The caller may remain anonymous and the reward may be paid through a drop system.

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By DON TAYLOR

A new year is like an empty screen



Don Taylor

Reluctantly, I enter a new age. Technology is catching up to me. Actually, it has been nipping at my heels for a few years now. However, this year—a new year—I'm going to wrap my arms around technology. I will embrace change. I will enter a new era. I will at least use a high-tech analogy.

This year is like an empty computer screen. There are 365 lines on this screen titled simply, "1998." Each line contains a sub-file marked "Today." The computer is on. The software is running. All I must do is begin.

Today, I will write a page in my life story. I will create a piece of personal history. Will it be a page worthy of being read? Will it be a history to make a mother proud?

What goes on my screen is up to me. I fill the screen and create my life one moment at a time.

Your screen is empty, too

Each year we have a new opportunity. We have a chance to start over. We have an empty screen on which to write our future.

I once heard a motivational speaker say, "Don't take care, take charge!" His point was that people who take care often don't do anything for fear they will do something wrong. On the other hand, people who take charge assume control and make things happen.

Make this a year of action, accomplishment and success. Your screen is empty. Take charge of what you write, and make 1998 your most valuable and rewarding year ever.

Take charge and gain control

◆ **Take charge of your actions.** Each new year is a good time to establish new direction. What do you really want to accomplish this year? Write down your goals. Make them specific, achievable and measurable.

Then get moving. Actions speak louder than words. Action can create a fortune, scale the highest obstacle and turn dreams into reality. John Locke said, "The actions of men are the best interpreters of their thoughts."

◆ **Take charge of your thoughts.** Marcus Aurelius wrote, "Our life is what our thoughts make it." Our thoughts are like little strands: when woven together they become strong habits.

Our strong habits chart the course of our personal history. Good habits help you achieve. Bad habits cause disfunction. Concentrate both your thoughts and your efforts on achieving your goals.

◆ **Take charge of your health.** A 90-year-old man was asked if he would change anything in his life. "Yes," he replied. "If I had known I would live this long, I would have taken better care of myself."

In 1998, eat sensibly, exercise regularly, get plenty of rest, avoid tobacco and alcohol, eat more fruit, visit your doctor, laugh more, sit up straight, breathe deeply and smile.

◆ **Take charge of your time.** Some folks believe time is money. However, I can personally assure you that no amount of money can ever buy back one wasted moment.

Use your time wisely. You won't make many footprints in the sands of time by sitting in front of the TV. Spend time doing instead of dreaming. Use time creating instead of complaining. Utilize time by achieving instead of arguing.

◆ **Take charge of your finances.** Any fool can make money, but it takes wisdom to spend it well. Invest in your future. Save more, spend less.

Money is a tool to use, not an object to seek. Don't fall in love with money. Instead fall in love with the good it can do.

Remember, your screen is empty. You can write 1998 any way you choose. Make it your best year ever!

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

Cotton conferences planned for January

Area agricultural producers and those in allied industries will have several opportunities in January to get the latest information on production and marketing, as well as state and federal farm legislation, at a series of regional conferences to be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Information from the Beltwide Cotton Conferences in San Diego Jan. 5-9 and information tailored to

the specific growing areas of the South Plains will be featured at each of the regional conferences, according to Jett Major, district extension director for agriculture.

Conferences will be held Jan. 15 in Brownfield, Jan. 19 in Lamesa, Jan. 20-21 south of Floydada, Jan. 22 in Levelland, Jan. 27 in Lubbock, and Jan. 28 in Olton. Another is planned for Feb. 24 in Seminole.

USDA begins 1997 census of agriculture

Tis the season for farmers and ranchers to *Make it Known—American Counts on Agriculture!*

Over two million farms and ranches nationwide will receive a 1997 Census of Agriculture report form this month, and there is something different about this census.

"We are about to undertake a process that touches every farmer and rancher in the nation, and for the first time in history, the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) is responsible for this task," said Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman.

Previous censuses of agriculture were conducted by the US Bureau of the Census. The transfer of the census to USDA represents the consolidation of the entire federal agricultural statistics program into one agency. Now there will be one source for all important information on agriculture.

"By combining the resources of the former Bureau of the Census with the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), we expect to make the results available more than six months earlier than in the past," Glickman said. "Not only does the census reach everyone during mailout, but perhaps more importantly, the results published in the census of agriculture reports impact farmers and ranchers both directly and indirectly."

Although there are many studies about large-scale farming, the census is unique because it is the only source of local county level information about small family farms. Completed report forms are due by Feb. 2, 1998.

"I want farmers and ranchers to know we are there to help them complete their report forms and they can take advantage of our toll-free number," said Glickman.

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STAT will be answered by local staff from USDA's 45 NASS field offices. In addition, other local USDA offices will be available to help.

Another first for the census of agriculture will be the collection of information about Christmas trees, maple trees tapped, and farms with all land under the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). NASS has also fortified efforts to improve the coverage of minority-owned farms. Also for the first time, all farm operators on American Indian Reservations will be counted.

Response to the census is required by law. That same law protects the privacy of the reports and

information about individual operations is strictly confidential. Census responses are immune from legal processes.

Minnick accepts award for region

Gainell Minnick of Dimmitt, migrant coordinator for the Region XVI Education Service Center in Amarillo, recently accepted a state award for Region XVI.

The award was for placing first in Texas for identifying and recruiting migrant students living in the area.

Minnick was presented a trophy at the Migrant State Conference in Corpus Christi recently. She also led a conference workshop, attended by representatives from the state's other 19 education service centers.

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Sports



Cats reach consolation quarters at Caprock Tourney

The Dimmitt Bobcats were forced into a comeback mode against Snyder Monday in first-round action of the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock, and although they gave it a valiant effort, the Cats came up just short.

Snyder claimed the opening win, 47-43, evening the battle between the two teams at 1-1 on the season.

Dimmitt handed Snyder a 57-50 loss in the Seminole Tournament earlier in December, but couldn't duplicate the effort Monday.

Dimmitt recouped to knock off Abernathy, 66-44 Tuesday in a consolation second-round game, but fell to Lubbock Monterey, 66-41, in a consolation quarterfinal Tuesday night.

Snyder was on fire early in the game and Dimmitt had to play catch-

up the rest of the way.

Snyder took a 16-8 lead in the first, but Dimmitt trimmed that eight-point edge to seven by intermission.

The Bobcats cut it to four in the third quarter, 35-31, but Snyder matched Dimmitt basket for basket in the fourth quarter to hold on for the 47-43 win.

Jerry Thomas was the lone Bobcat in double figures, finishing with 10 points.

Abernathy jumped out to an early lead over Dimmitt, too, but this time the Bobcats were able to erase that deficit and record a 66-44 win.

The Antelopes led 19-15 in the first quarter, but saw that lead vanish under a Bobcat offensive onslaught that lifted Dimmitt to a 30-26 lead at halftime.

The Bobcats continued to dominate the Antelopes over the third and fourth quarters.

Dimmitt turned its four-point halftime lead into 14 after three, outscoring Abernathy 16-6 in the stanza. Then Dimmitt turned up the heat in the fourth, winning that quarter 20-12 for the win.

Five Bobcats reached double-digit scoring, with Derek Buckley leading the way with 13. Casey Smith, Jared Townsend and Charley Sanders all knocked down 12 points while Jerry Thomas finished with 11.

In Tuesday's consolation quarterfinal, the Bobcats ran into a tough Lubbock Monterey squad that controlled the game early enroute to a 66-41 win.

Dimmitt was hot from three-point range, but Monterey was a little hotter. The Bobcats made six threes while Monterey swished eight.

Dimmitt's long-range shots were counted by Smith, who had three; Townsend, who finished with two; and Daniel Flores.

Dimmitt only sank 15 shots and was a poor 5-of-14 from the free throw line.

Monterey stepped to the line 20 times and got 14 points out of the trips. Monterey shooters buried 24 field goals, too.

Monterey controlled the score 18-12 in the first and was in command by a 39-26 count at halftime. Over the next two stanzas, the Bobcats managed just 15 points while Monterey added 27.

Sanders had 10 points to lead Dimmitt.



AMY MATTHEWS sinks a 12-ft. jumper for Dimmitt in the first quarter of the Bobbies' second-round game against Canyon Randall Monday night in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. Following her shot are teammates Amber Matthews (20) and Kim Newland (44). This basket brought the

Bobbies within two points at 5-7, and from then on it was nip-and-tuck, with the Bobbies earning an exciting 42-39 win. The Bobbies were knocked out of the championship bracket by Lubbock Coronado in Tuesday's quarterfinals, finishing in the top eight of the 32-team field.

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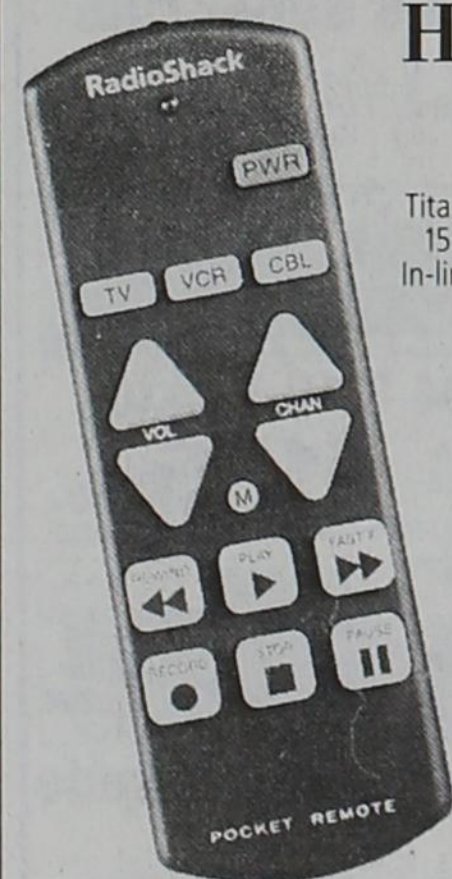
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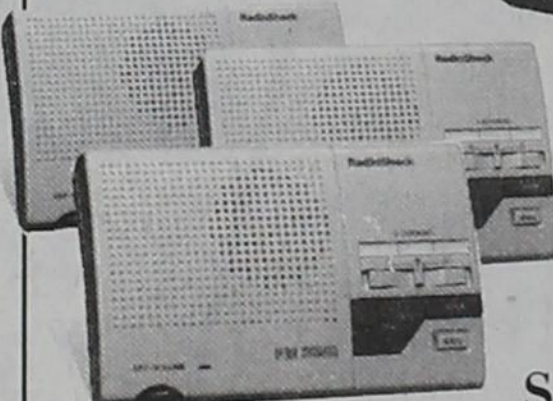
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Third time's the charm

Bobbies upend Randall in Caprock Tournament

The Dimmitt Bobbies knew they could beat the Randall Lady Raiders. But in two previous meetings between the teams, Randall was in control and claimed the victories, 78-49, and 60-41.

Late Monday night the Bobbies got another shot at the Lady Raiders and this time they made it count.

Dimmitt downed Claude, 65-52, in the opening round of the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Levelland Monday morning and that gave them a shot at Randall in second-round action.

Randall outshot the Bobbies from the field, but Dimmitt won it at the charity stripe, nailing 17-of-25 free throws for a 42-39 victory and a spot in the quarterfinal round. Dimmitt struggled against Lubbock Coronado Tuesday in the quarterfinal contest, losing 64-48, and that propelled the Bobbies into a guarantee game against Odessa, which was to be played at 12 noon Wednesday.

Randall, which made 16 field goals compared with Dimmitt's 12, shot just 13 free throws and only made seven of those attempts. The only trey in the game was made by Dimmitt's Jacy Buckley, who finished with six points.

The Bobbies were led by Amber Matthews who had 15 points, and Shawna Kenworthy, who finished with eight.

The teams were tied at 13 after the first eight minutes, then Dimmitt pulled ahead at the break, clinging to a 27-26 lead.

Randall came back in the third to regain control, outscoring the Bob-

bies 7-4 in the stanza. But Dimmitt wasn't ready to concede. In a big fourth-quarter effort, the Bobbies reeled off 11 points and limited Randall to six to claim the win.

Dimmitt trailed Claude at the end of the first quarter Monday morning, but managed to get on track in the second and tied the game at 26 at halftime.

The Bobbies went on a tear in the third quarter, outscoring Claude 24-11, then coasted the rest of the way for a 65-52 first-round win.

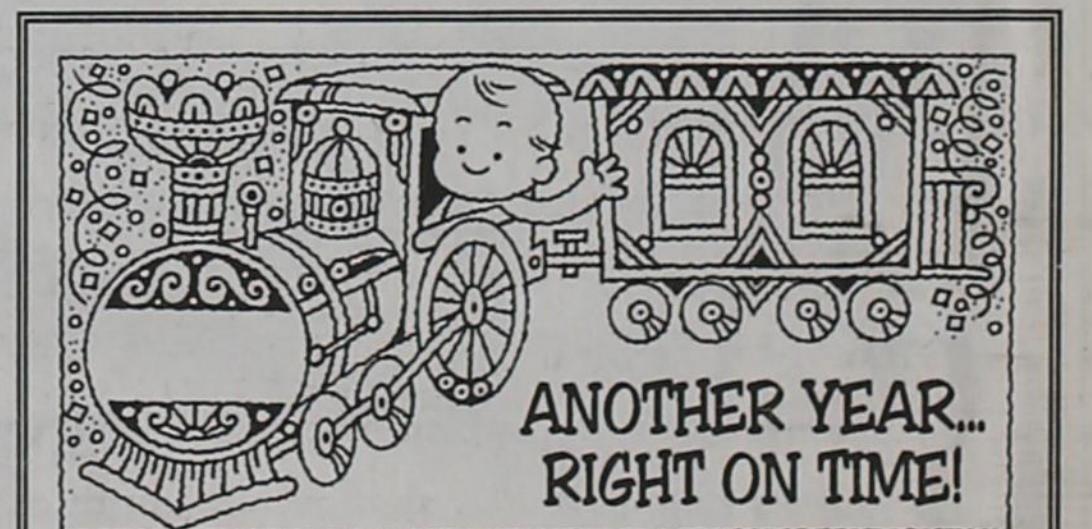
Matthews poured in 23 points to lead the Bobbies while Carol Summers chipped in 15 and Kenworthy added 11.

The Bobbies ran into trouble Tuesday against Lubbock Coronado in the first quarter Tuesday and never recovered, dropping the game, 64-48.

Coronado claimed a 17-8 lead in the first and never looked back. The Lady Mustangs were up 36-19 at halftime and extended that margin through the third quarter to 55-30.

The Bobbies managed a fourth-quarter run, but it wasn't enough. Matthews and Summers were Dimmitt's top scorers, tossing in 12 and 10 points, respectively to lead the Bobbies.

Dimmitt made just 14 shots from the field and were 20-of-29 from the stripe. Coronado hit 22 field goals and 18 of its 25 free throw attempts.



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STUART SUTTON gets off a shot over Snyder's Cory Mandrell (22) in the Bobcats' first-round game in the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock Monday. The Bobcats lost the game, 43-47; defeated Abernathy in the first consolation round Tuesday, 66-44; then were eliminated by Lubbock Monterey Tuesday, 41-66. Photo by Carter Townsend

Men's basketball league organized at Hereford YMCA

A men's five-on-five basketball league will begin in Hereford on Jan. 18 at the YMCA and out-of-town residents are invited to join.

There is no age limit and entry deadline is Jan. 13 at 3 p.m.

Games will be played on Sundays, starting at 1 p.m., and all games will be played at the YMCA.

Entry fee is \$290 per team and teams should provide their own uniforms or use pullovers provided by the league.

The league will continue for six weeks and will conclude with a double-elimination tournament. Individual shirts or trophies (limit 10) will be presented to the winner of the tournament and team trophies will be presented to the first-, second- and third-place teams in the tournament.

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- Jan. 16—*Sanford Fritch, There
- Jan. 20—*Friona, Here
- Jan. 23—*Perryton, There
- Jan. 27—*Tulia, There
- Jan. 30—*River Road, Here
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Bobbies

- 49, Randall 78
- 21, Levelland 34
- 55, Borger 42
- Turkey Classic**
- 56, Odessa 42
- 45, Hereford 49
- 48, Sudan 35
- 42, Hereford 60

Levelland Tournament

- 59, Levelland Red 22
- 41, Randall 60
- 57, Slaton 32
- 48, Amarillo High 61
- 42, Levelland 46
- 61, Perryton 44

Caprock Tournament

- 65, Claude 52
- 42, Randall 39
- 48, Lubbock Coronado 64
- Season Record: 8-8

Bobcats

- 47, Randall 71
- 65, Levelland 29
- 62, Borger 57
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- 62, Canyon 50
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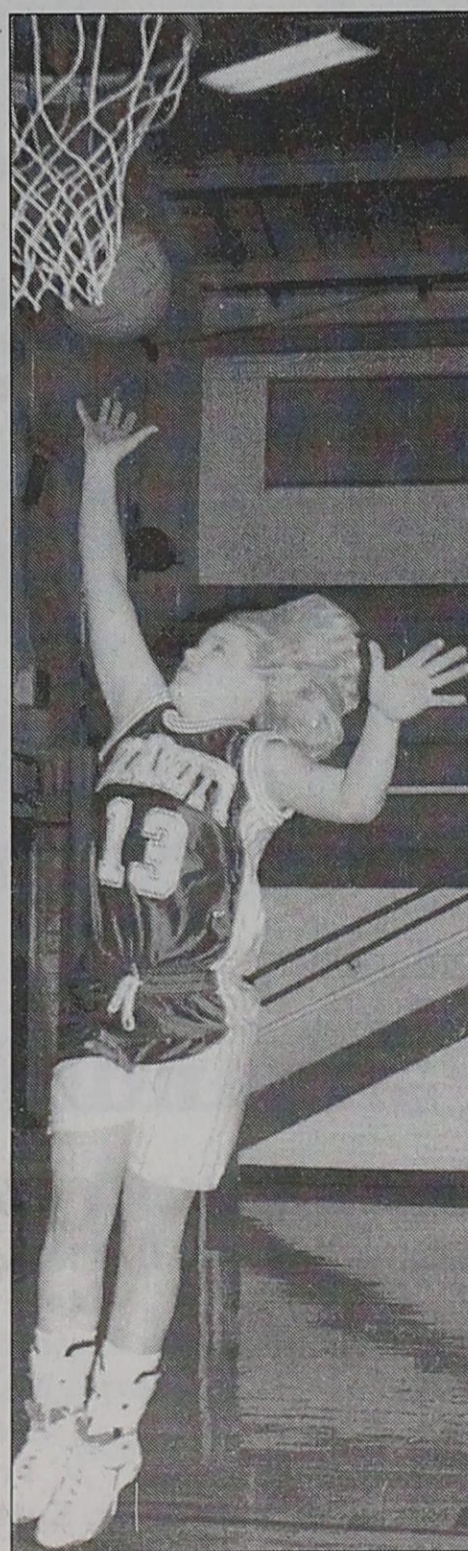
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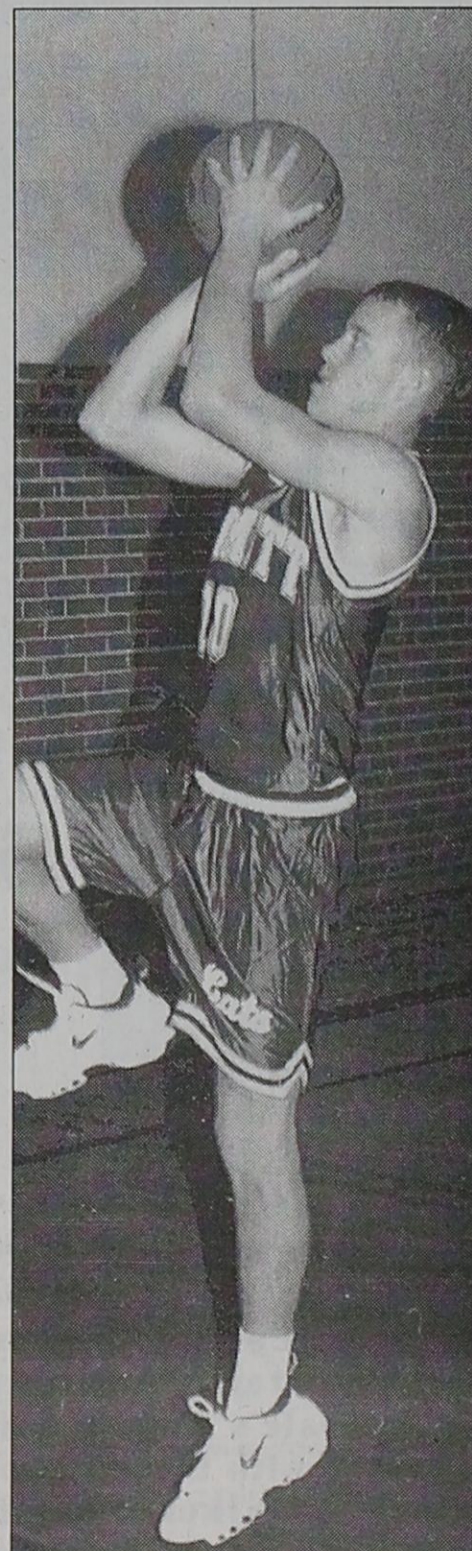
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Swiftettes advance to consolation semis

The Nazareth Swiftettes have knocked off two tough teams so far in the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament, but they ran into a brick wall in a second-round game Monday night.

Nazareth edged Snyder, 44-39, Monday morning in a first-round game, but then lost to Lubbock Coronado, 63-35, later that day. That

dropped them into the consolation bracket on Tuesday. The Swiftettes bounced back with a 56-46 win over San Angelo Central to stay alive in the tourney, and were scheduled to play either Killeen or Dalhart Wednesday morning at 9 in a consolation semifinal.

Snyder gave the Swiftettes everything they could handle Monday.

Nazareth took a 12-8 lead in the first quarter, but Snyder chipped away at that lead and by halftime Nazareth was only up by a point, 19-18.

Snyder took the lead in the third quarter, but didn't hold onto the two-point advantage for long.

In the fourth quarter the Swiftettes outscored Snyder 13-6 to claim a 44-39 win.

K'Lynn Gerber's 17 points was tops for the Swiftettes while Shawna Gerber added 12.

Nazareth shooters were ice cold Monday night, struggling against Lubbock Coronado the entire game in a 63-35 loss.

Coronado allowed just one Swiftette to reach double-figure scoring and that was K'Lynn Gerber, who had 10.

Coronado held a 17-8 lead after the first and maintained a nine-point advantage at halftime. The Swiftettes kept it close until the end of the third quarter, but then Coronado reeled off 12 straight points and controlled the score, 48-28, after three.

Nazareth had better luck Tuesday against San Angelo Central, but didn't catch fire until the second half.

After the teams finished with identical first- and second-quarter scoring efforts, Nazareth pulled ahead in the third quarter and was able to pull out the 56-46 win.

Both teams managed seven points in the opening stanza and added 12 to their totals in the second.

In the third, Nazareth outscored Central 16-9 and then increased its lead in the fourth, winning that quarter's battle, 21-18.

K'Lynn Gerber finished with 18 points to lead the Swiftettes while Cassie Birkenfeld and Shawna Gerber recorded 10 apiece.

The Swiftettes nailed three three-pointers in the game, two by Amy Pohlmeier and another by K'Lynn Gerber. Nazareth made 23 shots from the field and was almost perfect from the line, missing just one of eight attempts.

Central hit 17 field goals, including two threes, but made just 10-of-16 free throws.



OFF THE RIM—Nazareth's Tiffany Schmucker (32) battles Lubbock Coronado's Shatam Thiel (23) for a rebound Monday evening. The two teams met in a championship second-round game of the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament at Lubbock High and Coronado came out on top, 68-37. Also fighting for rebound position are Coronado's Kelcie Kopf (24) and Geanna Day (21) and Nazareth's Sara Schulte (20) and Amy Pohlmeier (34).
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Swifts battle AAAAA schools in Caprock meet

Lubbock Monterey and Lubbock Coronado handed the Nazareth Swifts two losses in the big Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament, but the Swifts did manage to squeeze in one win between the two.

After losing to Lubbock Monterey, 68-51, in the opening round, the Swifts got a little bit of revenge for an earlier loss to Trinity Christian, beating the team, 66-56. But in the consolation quarterfinals, Nazareth ran into another Class AAAAA team, Lubbock Coronado, and couldn't hold on, losing 63-35.

Nazareth stayed with Monterey through most of Monday's opener, trailing just 15-9 after the first stanza. Monterey managed a 31-19 lead at halftime and added to that over the second half for a 68-51 win.

But although Monterey controlled the game most of the way, the Swifts, who were playing without their leading scorer, Darren Huckert, gave the Plainsmen a tough battle.

Shane Ethridge paced the Swifts with 14 points while Barry Hoelting added 13 and Billy Don Cannon contributed 12.

Nazareth fell behind Trinity Christian early in the game, but came back to outscore their opponents over the next three quarters for a 66-56 win.

The Swifts had suffered a 76-66 loss to Trinity Christian in the 1-27 Invitational earlier this month, but this time Nazareth owned the 10-point win.

Trinity lead by a bucket, 15-13, at the end of one, but Nazareth came back to claim a 27-25 lead at halftime. Then the Swifts turned that lead into a 43-34 advantage in the third and outscored Trinity 23-22 in

the fourth for the victory.

Ethridge sparked the Swifts with a 20-point performance while Huckert added 19 and Hoelting finished with 12.

The Swifts hit five three-pointers, with Hoelting and Huckert nailing two apiece and Ethridge adding the fifth. Trinity managed four treys in the game.

There were 73 free throws attempted in the foul-marred game. Nazareth went to the line 42 times and only hit 50% of its shots, while Trinity made 20-of-31 charity tosses. The Swifts hit 20 shots from the field while Trinity made 16.

Five fouled out in the game, including Huckert and Hoelting for Nazareth.

Nazareth shooters were stone cold against Lubbock Coronado in the consolation quarterfinal Tuesday evening.

The Swifts made only 11 field goals and five of those were threes. Meanwhile, Coronado was accurate on 23 shots from the field and hit 14-of-23 free throws to take a 63-35 win.

Huckert hit three treys and that's all he was allowed. The Swifts' high-point shooter in the game was Barry Hoelting, who finished with 11.

Coronado held a four-point lead after the first quarter, 14-10, as the Swifts kept it close.

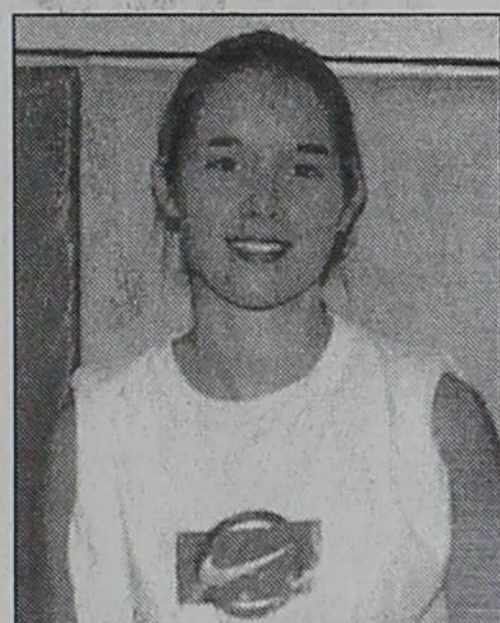
Nazareth stayed right with the Mustangs through the second quarter, too, and trailed by just six at half, 30-24.

But things changed in the second half.

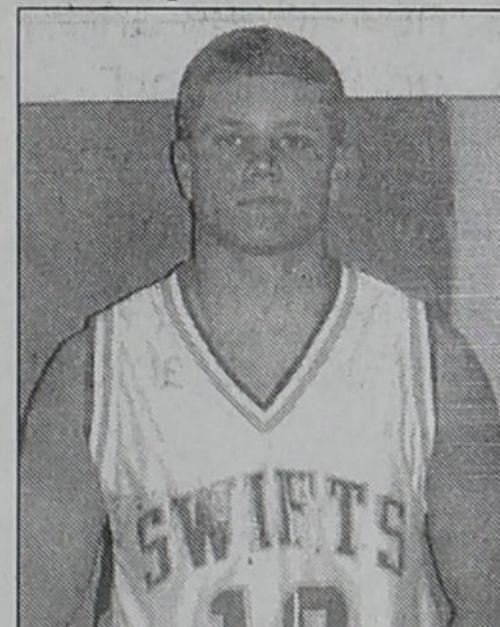
Coronado outscored the Swifts 33-11 over the second 16 minutes for the victory.



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Hart teams playing for fifth-place in tournament

A 50-37 loss to Springlake-Earth in the Wildcat Christmas Classic at Littlefield dropped the Hart Lady Horns into the fifth-place game, and they were scheduled to face Tulia Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

The Hart Longhorns, who drew a bye in the first round, lost to Littlefield in the second round and were scheduled to play Idalou

Wednesday at 2 p.m., also in a fifth-place game.

The Lady Horns bounced the host Littlefield Lady Wildcats in the opening round of the tournament, 45-32.

Hart held a slim, two-point advantage, 8-6, after the first quarter, and still controlled by a basket, 28-26, at halftime.

The Lady Horns managed to gain another point on Littlefield in the third, then exploded in the fourth with an 18-point quarter to claim the 45-32 victory.

Charbra Lee led the Lady Horns with 16 points.

The Lady Horns had a tougher

time with Springlake-Earth in Tuesday's second round.

The Lady Wolverines led 12-8 after the first, but Hart managed to tie the game at 18 by the break.

Springlake-Earth dominated the second half, though, outscoring Hart 14-8 in the third and 18-11 in the fourth to claim the 50-37 win. The Lady Wolverines rode that win into the championship and were slated to play Denver City for the title Wednesday night.

Ysa Rodriguez finished with 12 points to pace the Lady Horns.

The Longhorns suffered scoring droughts in the second and third quarters against Littlefield and the Wildcats flourished, taking a 70-42

victory. Hart trailed by five in the first, and by 15 at halftime. Littlefield

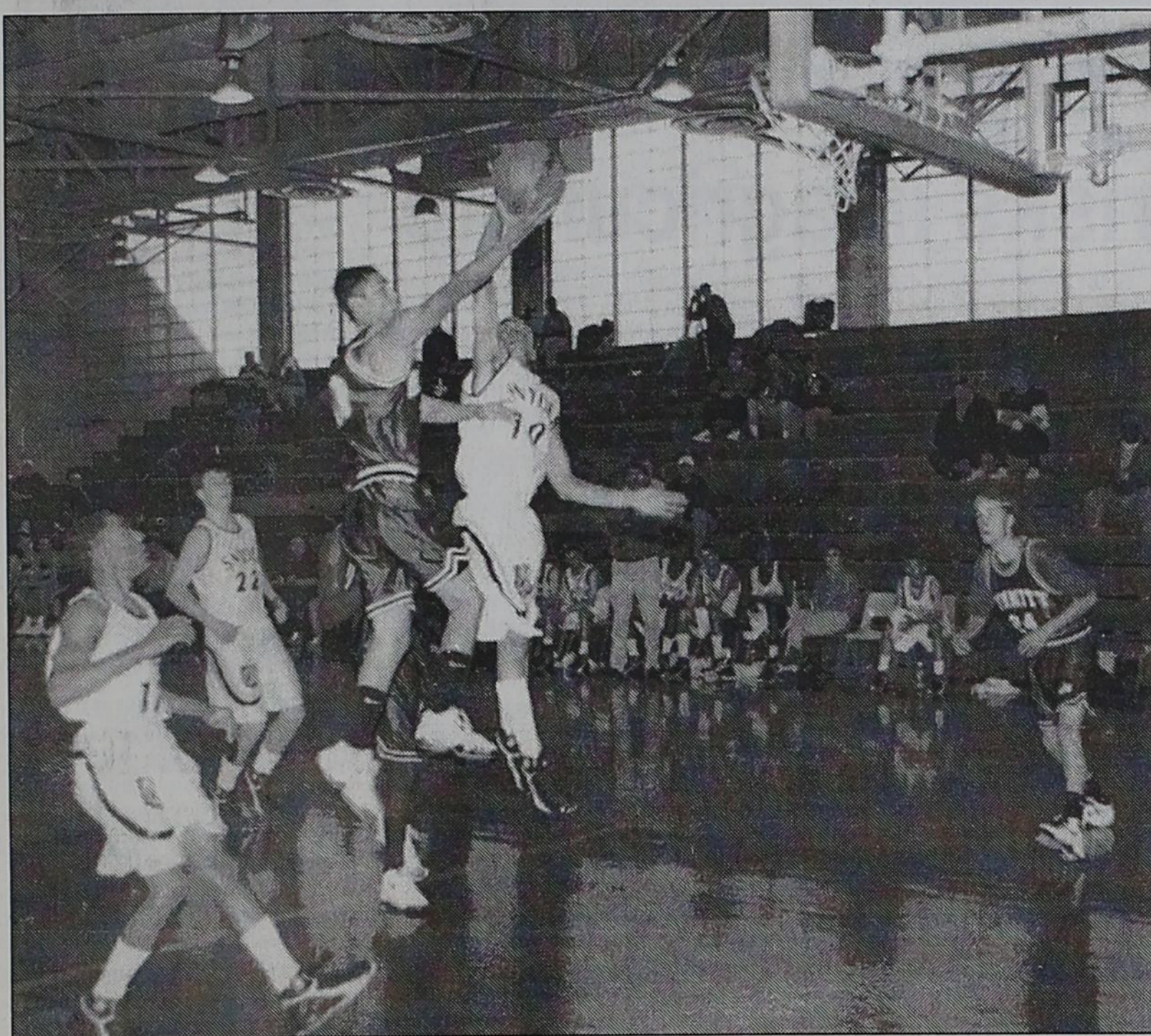
outscored the Longhorns 19-9 in the third for a 58-28 lead, then coasted through the final eight minutes.

Jared Aven finished with 13 points for Hart while Jeremiah Velasquez added 12.

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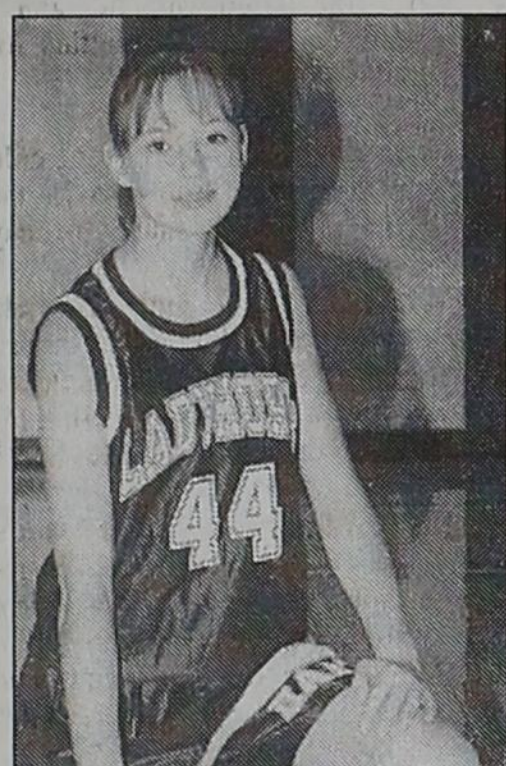
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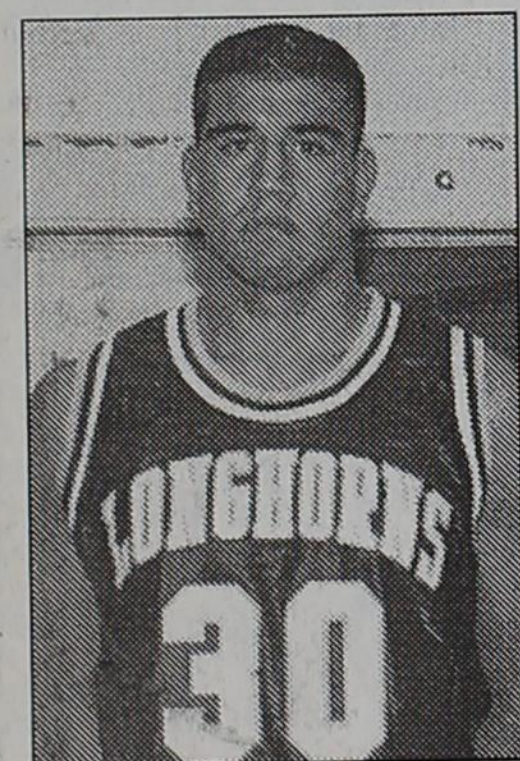
PLAYING TALLER—For a 5-9 guard, Dimmitt's Daniel Flores plays like a 6-footer with this lane shot against Snyder in the opening round of the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock Monday. Flores was fouled by Snyder's Alvin Fabre (10) and made his two free throws to bring the Bobcats within 7-12 of

the Tigers with 2:44 left in the first quarter. The Bobcats lost the game, 43-47, then defeated Abernathy before being eliminated from the 32-team tournament Tuesday by Lubbock Monterey.

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New plant stress lab should help improve corn research

Construction is underway on the US Dept. of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service Plant Stress and Water Conservation Research Laboratory being built on land provided by Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

Completion of the \$14.1 million project is expected in early 1999. Once operational, the facility will be one of the nation's premier laboratories for studying the response of corn and other crops to weather-related stress, said Dr. Dick Auld,

chairman of the Texas Tech Dept. of Plant and Soil Science. "When construction is finished, the lab will house 20 scientists who will work on drought, heat and cold which can affect corn, cotton and a host of crops," said Auld. "Of the 20

scientists, 10 will be from Texas Tech University and 10 will be from the Agricultural Research Service. "Texas Agricultural Experiment Station people will also be heavily involved in the program, and a new Texas corn breeder (to be selected by representatives of the Texas Corn Producers Board (TCPB), Texas Tech University and Texas A&M University) will be part of the research team."

The 64,000-square-foot plant stress lab had its ground breaking ceremony in August. "A generous grant from Texas corn producers helped us get started," said Auld.

A truly unique operation, the lab will play a major part in future research on crops grown on 30 million acres across Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado—cropland which annually produces \$4 billion of crop commodities.

Research programs will use traditional and molecular approaches to develop germplasm and management systems that reduce the impact of environmental stress on crop yields and quality.

The planning and design for the

lab has been a cooperative effort of the USDA and Texas Tech University. The lab will enable scientists to conduct fundamental and applied research on the response of plants to environmental stress, then develop appropriate management systems that will reduce the impact of these stresses on crop yields and improve product quality.

"This winter we will put in a drip irrigation system where we can apply different rates of water across the field," said Auld, who added that this and other portions of the lab will "allow us to do things we can't do under a center pivot."

"We have also placed emphasis on this type research at our New Deal facility," he said. "We hope to reduce irrigation costs and find new hybrids that yield the same as we see today using 20 to 30% less water."

Auld concluded by thanking Texas corn producers for their support of the project.

"We greatly appreciate assistance we received from corn producers," he said. "Several corn producers will be asked to serve on our advisory committee, and we will welcome corn producers and others to attend our grand opening and see where their tax dollars being used."

Irrigation conference set Wednesday in Amarillo

Ideas and technologies that guide irrigation decisions will be the focus of the annual High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show set for Wednesday (Jan. 7), according to Leon New, agricultural engineer with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Civic Center in Amarillo with the program's first hour to include time for trade show tours and free coffee and donuts. The \$7 registration fee also includes a catered

lunch. The opening session begins at 9:30 a.m., where speakers will address topics featuring irrigated soybean production, and well and pump performance. Other sessions will include precision production using yield monitors and site mapping.

An overview of the Texas Water Plan (with a review of S.B. 1) will be presented by C.E. Williams, manager of the Panhandle Ground Water District. A panel that includes growers

will discuss key "real world" issues involving precision production technology.

Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered to private, commercial and non-commercial chemical applicators completing the day's program. The event is conducted annually by the Extension Service.

For more information, contact New, irrigation specialist, or Regina Linder at (806) 359-5401, or any county agricultural agent.

Forum to examine risks in agriculture

Risks in agriculture and how the industry adapts to them will be examined during the Texas Agricultural Forum in Waco on Jan. 12, 1998.

Producers, agricultural commodity and business leaders, and government officials will take part in the annual conference to be held in the Bosque Room of the Waco Convention Center in conjunction with the Blackland Income Growth (BIG) conference.

Among the speakers will be US Rep. Charles Stenholm of Stamford; Dr. Luther Tweeten, Anderson professor of agricultural economics at Ohio State University; and H.D. Cleberg, president and chief executive officer of Farmland Industries.

Candidates for state ag commission, Republican Susan Combs and Democrat Pete Patterson, also will speak.

"Those attending the forum will be provided ample time to discuss important issues with each of the speakers," said Dr. Edward G. Smith, forum coordinator. Smith is the Distinguished Roy B. Davis Professor of Agricultural Cooperation at Texas A&M University, and marketing and policy

specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

"The Agricultural Forum has no formal membership," Smith said. "Anyone with a desire to discuss the major issues facing our food and fiber system is welcome."

The conference will be from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and the \$25 registration fee, payable at the door, includes lunch.

J.B. Cooper Jr., a Roscoe farmer and forum chairman, will moderate. Stenholm, ranking minority leader of the House Agriculture Committee, will report on federal policies and legislation affecting agriculture and seek opinions of forum participants.

Combs and Patterson will present their positions on the challenges and roles for the Texas Dept. of Agriculture and its commissioner.

Tweeten and Cleberg, who heads the nation's largest agricultural cooperative, will provide their perspectives on the risks facing today's agriculture industry and how it is responding.

The Texas perspective will be presented by Dr. Ken Stokes, Extension Service economist at Dallas and regional coordinator for risk management education.

DISD sets substitute in-service

The Dimmitt Independent School District has set an in-service training session for those who wish to be substitute teachers and who have not already completed a session for this school year.

The session will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the School Administration Building at 608 W. Halsell.



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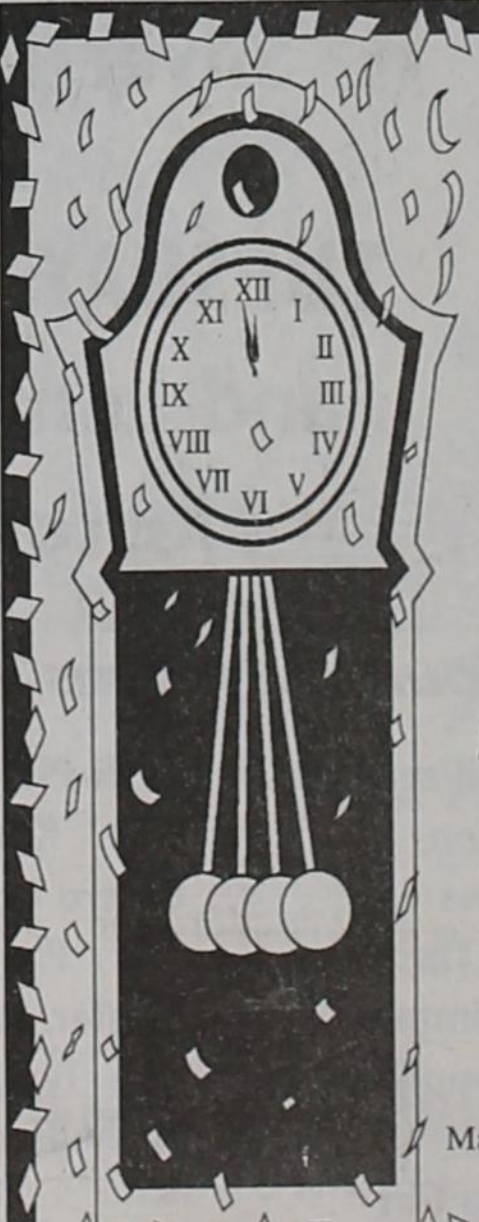


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TDA secures crisis exemption for use of Confirm on vegetables

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture (TDA) has received approval from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to issue two crisis exemption allowing the use of Confirm 2F (tebufenozide) to control beet armyworms in leafy vegetables, turnip tops and brassica (cole) vegetables.

These exemptions were granted Dec. 16 and apply to Texas counties the produce Crop Group 4 leafy vegetables (except brassica) and turnip tops, and Crop Group 5 brassica (cole) vegetables.

TDA also has submitted an application to EPA for a specific exemption for the use of Confirm 2F. This action would keep the crisis exemption in effect until EPA decides the specific exemption application.

Confirm 2F, manufactured by Rohm and Haas Company, must be applied following all applicable directions, restrictions and precautions on the label, as well as the following restrictions.

Confirm 2F can be applied with ground or aerial equipment and only by a certified applicator, a licensed applicator or by persons under the direct supervision of a licensed applicator. The licensed applicator must have the appropriate category applicable to the use of restricted-use pesticides for leaf vegetables.

Confirm 2F may be applied at the rate of 0.125 lb. a.i. (eight fluid ounces) in a minimum of five gallons of finished spray per acre by air and 10 gallons of finished spray per acre for ground application. Application may not exceed 0.375 lb. a.i. (24 ounces) per acre per season.

Consult the appropriate Extension service personnel, agricultural consultant or other qualified person experienced in the practice of integrated pest management to determine treatment needs, timing and the quantity of Confirm 2F needed.

Applications must not be made within seven days of harvest and shouldn't be made through any type of irrigation system.

Livestock should not be grazed in

treated areas, and cover crops grown in treated areas should not be fed to livestock.

Treated areas should not be entered during the restricted entry interval of 12 hours. Personal protective equipment must be worn by anyone entering the area within 12 hours of treatment. All fields treated under this crisis exemption must be posted with

appropriate signs.

Ground applications must not be made within 100 feet of adjacent permanent water bodies.

All applicators must have a copy of the EPA approval notice in their possession prior to any applications.

For more information, contact the Extension office or TDA at (512) 463-7407.

High Plains Vegetable Conference set Jan. 20

"Strategic Visioning for a Sustainable High Plains Vegetable Industry" will be the theme for the annual High Plains Vegetable Conference, which will be held in Hereford Jan. 20, 1998.

Sessions will focus on building a profitable and sustainable business through growing and marketing vegetables.

The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Hereford Community Center. The program will offer four continuing education units for pesticide applicators as well as professional credits for consultants. Certified master gardeners can receive six hours toward vegetable specialty certification. The \$25 registration fee includes lunch.

"Commercial vegetable growers, commercial market gardeners and master gardeners will find this conference and trade show a rich source of useful information on vegetable crop management and marketing," said Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension Service vegetable specialist at Lubbock, who has coordinated the conference since 1971.

Building a profitable business strategy will be the focus during the morning session with Dr. Charles Hall, Extension Service horticultural crop marketing specialist, who will deliver the keynote address on alternative marketing strategies for the vegetable industry.

Other important issues to be discussed include techniques for

growing earlier harvest, adding value to fresh vegetables to increase usefulness to consumers, and labeling pest management chemicals for minor-use crops.

Afternoon sessions will deal with proven techniques for improved production and marketing of potatoes, southern peas, chile peppers and melons.

Dr. Greta Schuster, integrated pest management (IPM) agent for Castro County will report on successful field-prove practices with IPM.

"IPM is the key to good vegetable management," said Schuster.

She will show solid results obtained from research this past season and will demonstrate WISDOM technology.

"Growers will have the opportunity to visit 25 vegetable agribusiness exhibits and talk with suppliers about everything from new seed varieties to the latest in pest management technology," said Roberts.

For more information and registration, call Dr. Roland Roberts, Extension vegetable specialist, at (806) 746-6101.

The conference is being co-sponsored by the High Plains Vegetable Growers and Shippers Council, Texas A&M University, Deaf Smith County Extension Vegetable Development Committee, Deaf Smith County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Dept. of Agriculture.



NAZARETH'S TANYA WETHINGTON (22) drives inside and nails a layup over the outstretched arms of Lubbock Coronado's Jodi Henderson (10) Monday night in a second round game in the championship bracket of the Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. Coronado jumped out to an early lead, then downed Nazareth 68-37. Also pictured are Nazareth's Tiffany Schmucker (32), Shawna Gerber (12) and K'Lynn Gerber (24).
Photo by Anne Acker

New oat seed to be available

A new oat variety with excellent resistance to oat crown rust and stem rust is now on the market and is available to farmers this year, according to Dale Williams, director of the Texas Foundation Seed Service.

The new version is TAMO 397, and its development was supported in part by the Quaker Oats Company and was a collaborative effort among Dr. Milton McDaniel, Mark Lazar of Amarillo, David Worrall of Vernon, David Marshall of Dallas and Lloyd Nelson of Overton.

"This new variety offers big advantages over other currently available varieties for South Texas producers," said McDaniel, one of the varieties developers and an oat breeder with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at College Station.

"TAMO 397 has the best crown rust resistance of any available variety. It also has a near-immune reaction to oat stem rust and is the only variety having effective crown rust resistance to show any stem rust resistance," said McDaniel. "Since both crown rust and stem rust frequently are damaging in the area south of the College Station-Austin line, the new variety has performed particularly well in this area."

McDaniel said the straw strength of TAMO 397 is excellent, and the variety stands very well despite its tall height, which is comparable to the Experiment Station's TAMO 386 and Coronado varieties, but the straw strength of TAMO 397 is superior to TAMO 386. However, McDaniel said TAMO 397 is not sufficiently winter-hardy to be fall-planted much north of the College Station-Austin area, although it generally has performed well in the Temple, McGregor and Waco areas. It is more likely to suffer winter kill than most other available varieties except Coronado.

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County: Castro.
Highway: SH 86
Control Number: 6023-01-001
Project Number RMC-602301001
Type: Mowing Right of Way
Time for Completion: 40 working days.
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The contractor's attention is directed to the fact that a pre-bid conference is optional and prospective bidders do not have to attend in order to bid. The pre-bid conference will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1998, at 1 p.m. at the District Headquarters in Lubbock.

25-38-2tc

LEGAL NOTICE

The Nazareth ISD Board of Education is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of a six (6) room house to be moved from school property.

Said house is located at 110 South First Avenue, Nazareth, Texas. The house may be viewed by contacting Superintendent N. Dean Johnson at (806) 945-2231 for an appointment. The Board will be accepting bids until 4:00 p.m. Monday February 9, 1998. Said bids can be mailed in an envelope clearly marked "Sealed Bid on House" to: N. Dean Johnson, Supt.; Nazareth ISD; PO Box 189; Nazareth, Texas 79063-0189. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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A group of senior citizen ladies enjoyed a Christmas brunch last Tuesday morning at the beautifully decorated home and yard of Jimmie Schulte. It was a great time to relax and enjoy visiting during a busy time of Christmas.

An art exhibition featuring work from the eighth grade class and senior students, was enjoyed recently at the art room in the Nazareth school. Thanks to the art teacher, Mrs. Lavern Nelson, and her students who have shown great progress in this, their first semester. A large crowd attended.

A big thanks to the Nazareth Lions Club, which distributed wonderful smoked half hams to a large number of people in the community before Christmas.

Jim, Sandee, Monty and Jake Hoelting; Virgie Gerber; Kevin, Malinda, Miriah and Max Gerber;

and Tricia and Andi Rose enjoyed the Christmas pageant, "Upon This Rock," presented by Paramount Terrace Christian Church on Sunday evening at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. The lighting effects, the sound, the singing and acting are simply awesome every year.

Alan Pohlmeier has played the part of Joseph for 17 years and he sings this beautiful "Joseph's Song." That makes it more special to us.

Fritz and Julene Gerber have hosted several family parties. On Sunday, Dec. 14, they hosted the Gerber family for dinner. Those present were Mary Gerber, Dorothy McGuilliam, Ronnie and Regina Hoelting, and Vincent and Toby Gerber, all of Nazareth; Jerome and Glenda Gerber of Amarillo; and Dennis and Dolores Gerber of Childress. Also present were Father John Hickey and Father Jerry Stein,

pastors of Holy Family Church.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, they hosted the Heiman Christmas party for Denny and Dolores Heiman, Rodney and Ramona Schulte and boys, and Rusty and Lydia Schacher and family, all of Nazareth; Phil and Iona Taylor of Lubbock; Brad and Dawn Thompson and family of Roscoe; Stacy Hirt and family of Wall; Jo-Anne Bowen of Plainview; Neal and Colleen Wilhelm and family of Wichita Falls; and John and Lori Wych and family of Amarillo. Some family members were unable to come because of the weather.

It was great to see so many families come back to Nazareth to celebrate Christmas with their families here. We were happy to have Wade Hoelting of Austin, Kris Gerber of Lubbock, Traci and Kevin Scholl and family of Henrietta, Jerry, Tricia and Andi Rose of Amarillo, and Kevin and Malinda Gerber and family of Plainview join the rest of the Gerber clan for Christmas eve.

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Cline won the local contest twice last season, and had won it once this year, in Week 5. But he didn't expect to repeat as a two-time winner.

Cline scored 114 points to top all other local entrants in the Week 17 contest and win the weekly \$20 cash prize from the News.

Cline, 45, is an instrument technician in Cerestar's maintenance department.

Multiple winners seemed to be the trend this year. Ten of the 17 weekly contests were won locally by just four people and a married couple.

In the final week's statewide contest, Bryan White of Wharton and Cherene Thomas of Wylie both scored 127 of the possible 136 points. White won the \$1,000 grand prize by guessing closest to the total score in the Dallas Cowboys' game in Tiebreaker 1.

In its first three years, the Texas POWER POINTS Football Contest has awarded more than \$50,000 in grand prize cash, not counting the local prize money awarded by participating newspapers and sponsors.

Thanks to all loyal contestants. We hope you had a good time making your picks and awaiting the results as you enjoyed the games. We'll see you again next season!

To Our Good Friends!

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Hope the new year is a real "door-opener" for you.

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Hoop Roundup

CAPROCK ABC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Monday's First-Round Games
Bobcats 43, Snyder 47
 Dimmitt 8 11 12 12—43
 Snyder 16 10 9 12—47
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Jerry Thomas 10.

Swifts 51, Lubbock Monterey 68
 Nazareth 9 13 13 16—51
 Monterey 15 16 19 18—68
 SCORING: NAZ—Shane Ethridge 14, Barry Hoelting 13, Billy Don Cannon 12.

Swiftettes 44, Snyder 39
 Nazareth 12 7 12 13—44
 Snyder 8 10 15 6—39
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 17, Shawna Gerber 12.

Bobbies 65, Claude 52
 Dimmitt 12 14 24 15—65
 Claude 15 11 11 15—52
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 23, Carol Summers 15, Shawna Kenworthy 11.

Monday's Championship Second Round
Swiftettes 37, Coronado 68
 Nazareth 8 12 8 9—37
 Coronado 17 12 19 20—68
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 10.

Bobbies 42, Randall 39
 Dimmitt 13 14 4 11—42
 Randall 13 13 7 6—39
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 15, Shawna Kenworthy 8.

Tuesday's Consolation A Second Round
Bobcats 66, Abernathy 44
 Dimmitt 15 15 16 20—66
 Abernathy 19 7 6 12—44
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Derek Buckley 13, Casey Smith, Jared Townsend and Charley Sanders 12, Jerry Thomas 11.

Tuesday's Consolation B Second Round
Swifts 66, Trinity Christian 56
 Nazareth 13 14 16 23—66
 Trinity 15 10 9 22—56
 SCORING: NAZ—Shane Ethridge 20, Darren Huckert 19, Barry Hoelting 12.

Tuesday's Consolation B Quarterfinals
Swifts 35, Lubbock Coronado 63
 Nazareth 10 14 5 6—35
 Coronado 14 16 16 17—63
 SCORING: NAZ—Barry Hoelting 11.

Swiftettes 56, San Angelo Central 46
 Nazareth 7 12 16 21—56
 SA Central 7 12 9 18—46
 SCORING: NAZ—K'Lynn Gerber 18, Cassie Birkenfeld and Shawna Gerber 10.

Tuesday's Consolation A Quarterfinals
Bobcats 41, Lubbock Monterey 66
 Dimmitt 12 14 10 5—41
 Monterey 18 21 13 14—66
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Charley Sanders 10.

Tuesday's Championship Quarterfinals
Bobbies 48, Lubbock Coronado 64
 Dimmitt 8 11 11 18—48
 Coronado 17 19 19 9—64
 SCORING: DIMMITT—Amber Matthews 12, Carol Summers 10.

LITTLEFIELD WILDCAT CHRISTMAS CLASSIC

First Round
Lady Horns 45, Littlefield 32
 Hart 8 10 9 18—45
 Littlefield 6 10 8 8—32
 SCORING: HART—Charbra Lee 16.

Championship Second Round
Longhorns 42, Littlefield 70
 Hart 11 9 8 14—42
 Littlefield 14 19 25 12—70
 SCORING: HART—Jared Aven 13, Jeremiah Velasquez 12.

Championship Semifinals
Lady Horns 37, Springlake-Earth 50
 Hart 8 10 8 11—37
 S-E 12 6 14 18—50
 SCORING: HART—Ysa Rodriguez 12.

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DRIVING—Point guard Shawna Kenworthy (13) leads Dimmitt's fast break against Canyon Randall in the fourth quarter of the Bobbies' championship second-round game at the Caprock Holiday Tournament Monday night in Lubbock. The Bobbies posted an exciting 42-39 win over the Raiders, the state's third-ranked Class 4A team. After two tournament victories, the Bobbies lost to Lubbock Coronado in the quarterfinals Tuesday, finishing in the top eight of the 32-team field.

Photo by Carter Townsend

Police Calls

Assault/bodily injury/family member were the charges listed against an 18-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed at 7:10 p.m. Christmas Day for assaulting an 18-year-old Dimmitt woman.

A 20-year-old Dimmitt woman was jailed the afternoon of Dec. 22 on charges of aggravated assault of a public servant.

Charges of assault/bodily injury/family member were listed against a 19-year-old Dimmitt man who was jailed the afternoon of Dec. 22.

Early Christmas Day, a 28-year-old man was arrested on a warrant for violation of probation stemming from charges of aggravated sexual assault.

A Friona man, 39, was jailed Friday evening on a warrant for felony DWI, and later that night, a Dimmitt woman, 25, was jailed on a Randall County warrant.

The morning of Dec. 22, a 28-year-old Plainview man was jailed on charges of theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

Joe Sturgeon of Hereford told deputies that the rear window of a vehicle was shot out Saturday evening on Highway 60 at Summerfield.

Cleo Seely told police Friday that a storm window of a home in the 600 block of Northwest Eighth had been shot at by someone with a B-B gun.

Friday night, a beer bottle was used to break out the driver side window of a 1974 Ford belonging to Rosemary Sifuentez Barrera at the Azteca Complex.

A license plate, No. ER8-829, was taken from a 1993 Suburban belonging to Suzan Sanders. The theft was reported Friday evening.

Ramon Santiago Rios of Dimmitt told police Saturday that someone entered his residence in the 600

block of West Allen and took a Nintendo 64 game system, controller, and games, valued at a total of \$530.

Hereford YMCA plans elementary basketball league

The YMCA in Hereford is organizing a youth basketball league for elementary boys and girls ages 13 and under.

All girls and boys are eligible to play, regardless of athletic ability. Teams will be coached by adult volunteers and all games will be supervised with referees provided.

The league will specialize in wholesome competition while teaching the fundamentals of team play and good sportsmanship.

Every boy and girl will play in every game.

There will be three divisions in the league: 8 and under, 10 and under, and 13 and under. Teams will be drawn at the YMCA office.

Teams will play and practice once a week after the season starts. Practices will begin the week of Jan. 13, depending on availability of gyms, and the first games will be played on Jan. 18.

Cost to participate in the league is \$20 per child, and if there is more than one child from the same family, each additional family member will be charged \$15. All participants must be YMCA members, and youth memberships are \$25 a year. Partial memberships are available. Scholarships are available for those who need and qualify for assistance.

For more information contact Norma Jean at 364-6990.

Miguel Velasquez, manager of the Azteca Complex, told police Monday morning that someone vandalized several windows and a screen door. He estimated the damages at \$135.

Kay Stevens told police Friday afternoon that someone shut off the valve to her water meter in the 300 block of Northwest Third without her consent.

A 1990 Ford Aerostar van driven by Maria Teresa Rivera, 41, of Dimmitt, struck an electrical pedestal and utility pole in the 500 block of Western Circle on Dec. 11 at 9:41 a.m. when she lost control of the vehicle due to the ice. No injuries were reported and damage was rated light.

Dec. 15 at 9:40 a.m., Robert Wilhite, 38, of Dimmitt, was pulling out of a driveway in the 100 block of East Halsell when his 1995 Chevrolet pickup struck a 1985 Lincoln Town Car driven by Teodoro Tijerina, 71, of Dimmitt. Tijerina had been driving east on East Halsell. Police said both drivers reported that a truck parked along the road in that block had obstructed their vision. No injuries were reported. Damage was rated light to the pickup and light to moderate for the car.

Dec. 22, John Eric Wall, 24, of Dimmitt, was ticketed for backing without safety when the 1992 Chevy pickup he was driving backed out of a driveway in the 100 block of Northwest Second and struck a 1995 Kia driven by Yvett Barrera, 29, of Dimmitt, who was heading north on Northwest Second. No injuries were reported. Damage was rated light to the pickup and a little heavier to the Kia.

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