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# Judge Miller to seek new term

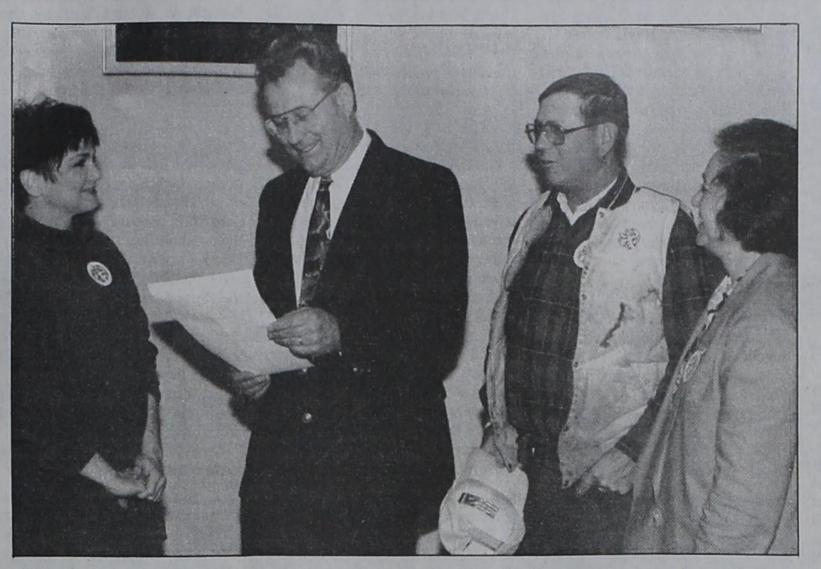
Judge Jack Miller has announced he will seek re-election as 64th District court judge, subject to the Democratic Primary in March.

Miller, a Dimmitt native who moved to Plainview earlier this year, was first appointed to the post in 1981 by Gov. Bill Clements to fill the vacancy left when Judge John T. Boyd was apointed to the Seventh Court of Appeals. Miller won election to the judgeship in 1982, 1986 and 1990.

Miller serves Castro, Hale and Swisher counties. In his re-election announcement, Miller expressed his appreciation to citizens of the district for their "continuing support and dedicaiton to an efficient and effective court system."

"I have tried to operate my court in a courteous, competent and conscientious manner and I pledge continued faithful and impartial performance of the duties of my office," Miller said.

Miller served four years as Castro County Attorney and 19 years in general law practice before beginning his career as judge. He and his wife, Murna, have four married children and nine grandchildren.



SIGNING UP-Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins (holding petition) and his wife Darlene (right) visit with their next-door neighbors, Nancy and Bruce Fuller, during a petition-signing reception last Wednesday night in Rhoads Memorial Library to support Collins' candidacy for Congress. Campaign workers reported Wednesday morning that the petition drive is getting "real close" to having the 500 signatures needed to get Collins' name on the ballot in the March 8 Republican Primary Election. Photo by Don Nelson

# **Extension agents consider** new 4-H education center

will be applying for a foundation grant which will be used to construct a 4-H Education Center.

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County Agents Bryan Reynolds and Marilyn Neal met with commissioners Monday and outlined their plans to apply for a grant.

"We've held several meetings and it was suggested that there is a need for some place at which students can keep their animals," said Reynolds.

Neal and County Auditor Maretta Smithson recently attended a grant writing workshop and after studying books which list foundations offering grants, they discovered one which might be agreeable to helping construct the building.

Neal said the foundation to which the application would be sent is interested in funding projects for youth, and also projects for which there is community- and countywide support.

But she is quick to add that the county would not have any financial responsibility for constructing the facility if the project is approved.

"The only financial responsibility the county would have will be pay-

Castro County Extension Agents ing for utilities and liability on the building," Neal said. "We are getting matching funds, also. We won't be asking for any county money for construction or acquisition of land."

Reynolds said several committees had been formed and people had worked on building plans. But he added one of the big things discussed was where the building would be constructed if the grant was approved.

"We are getting matching funds. We won't be asking for any county money for construction or acquisition of land." -- CEA Marilyn Neal

Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson has been working on trying to find land which might be suitable, and is trying to find a landowner who would be willing to donate a few acres to the county so the project can become a reality if a grant is received.

Neal said six to eight acres of land would be ideal for the project, with 10 being considered a luxury.

"We'd settle for five," she added. (Continued on Page 16)

Weather

Temperatures and precipitation are recorded each day at 7 a.m. for the previous 24 hours by KDHN Radio, official NWS observer Thursday. . 64 . . 29

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# **Brown Bag Project still** needs canned goods, toys

If you have non-perishable foods to donate and toys in good condition, the Brown Bag Project is a great place to donate those goods.

According to volunteers, many goods were delivered to churches last Sunday and over the past week, but more goods are needed to make the project a success.

"We need canned fruit," said a volunteer. "Fruit cocktail is a real treat for many of the people we will be giving boxes. We need cereal, and we need toys in good condition."



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# Coming Up:



Partly cloudy after a slight chance of snow on Thursday morning.

Thursday: High near 50. Friday: Low 24, High 47. Saturday: Low 25, High 45. Sunday: Low 34, High 50.



#### **By Don Nelson**

#### **A MODERN PARABLE**

And it came to pass during the reign of King George, that a call went out from the city called Nazareth, inviting people throughout the land to send their Nativity Cards and Letters through that city, so that they might bear a Holy Scene by the hand of one of the city's own Scribes, and be sent forth from that city, which bore the same name as the Christ Child's home town.

And there was joy throughout the land. And many people availed themselves of the offer, saying, "Yea, verily, this is a good deal, for it is unique, and costeth no more than regular First Class."

And for two years they gathered up their Nativity Cards and Letters and bound them and sent them forth to the station of the king's messenger service in the city called Nazareth, to be so inscribed and dispatched.

But alas, there came a cry from the wilderness, even from a Pharisee who hailed from the Shrine of Civil Liberties, who spake thusly:

"Lo, these dealings goeth against the Law, for the First Addendum to

Donations may be delivered to any local church, but must be turned in by noon Monday. Volunteers will be boxing goods throughout the day Monday and will be making deliveries Wednesday.

The project is coordinated by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance. Cash donations are also being accepted by the Ministerial Alliance. Cash and checks should be given to a local minister.

# Greetings due today

Sign-ups for Dimmitt's Christmas Greeting Project are reported to be slow and the deadline for having your name listed is at 4 p.m. today (Thursday).

Individuals are asked to donate the amount they normally would spend on sending Christmas greetings to local friends, and in return their names will be listed on a community greeting card, which will be published in the Dec. 23 Christmas edition of the News.

Dimmitt's Operation Christmas Greeting project is sponsored by Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary with funds raised earmarked for hospital equipment. Donations will be accepted by any auxiliary member or may be made at the First State Bank of Dimmitt.

Those wishing to donate to Hart's project, which is sponsored by the Hart Cemetery Fund, may make donations at Hale County State Bank.

Money raised from the Nazareth greeting project will benefit Holy CLOUDS OF SMOKE rise from this burning Family Cemetery and donations may be made at Holy Family Church or Home Mercantile.

Those in charge of the community greeting projects must submit the list of names to the News by 12 noon Friday.

mobile home at 600 Northeast Etter last Thursday afternoon. Firemen responded to the scene at 2:25 p.m. and had the blaze under control within minutes, but the home was termed a total loss. Fire officials believe the fire started in the yard, then spread to the home, which was occupied by Beatrice Ewing. No one was home when the fire broke out and no injuries were reported.

Photo by Anne Acker

# Haney plans to be a working chief

Dwayne Haney plans to have an open door policy for the people of Dimmitt.

"If you have a problem, you come to me," said Haney, who has been on the job as Dimmitt's top cop for almost a month. "I'll listen to anyone's suggestions."

The bad thing, though, is that the chief is likely to not be in the office when you go in. He will probably be out in the field, working somewhere on something.

"I'm not comfortable behind a desk or a typewriter or a computer," said Haney. "I am comfortable out in the field, doing my job.

"Besides, Dimmitt's too small, really, for a desk chief. We need a working chief. That's something we haven't had in awhile, and I'm going to be setting a new tone."

Haney is no stranger to Dimmitt. After beginning his career in Brownfield in March 1977, he moved to Dimmitt that December. He worked his way up through the ranks until he left in February of 1982. He was busy with patrol, supervision and training of officers, preparing work schedules, and served as temporary chief for a while during some tumultuous times in the department.

Haney later worked in Midland for a short CD Fitzgearld have betime, then spent five years in Muleshoe before taking a job for over six years as a crimi- they eat together at least

with other law enforcement agencies. While the

Dimmitt Police Dept. will remain a separate entity from the Castro County Sheriff's Dept., "We are going to work very closely with the sheriff's office and other law enforcement agencies," Haney said. "Working with the sheriff's office has been a big problem in the past but it's not a problem any longer. As far as I'm concerned that problem (not working together) is history. We are going to move forward, get along and get together. That will benefit both departments and the citizens of Castro County."

Haney and Sheriff gun a program where

Haney says it also helps to be able to work The rest of the time I will be out and about. "I also enjoy getting out and being with the

from vandalism and burglary." All police vehicles will be fully and completely

marked.

·Cooperation with all law enforcement agencies.

•Officers are to patrol throughout Dimmitt as much as possible.

Community cooperation.

"Anyone in the public who has a suggestion, I'm open to it," Haney said. "If someone wants to come by and make a suggestion, they're welcome to come by anytime.'

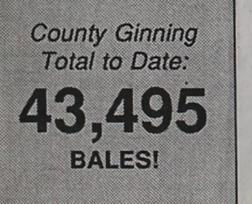
Working with city officials.

"We want to work closely with our city manager, other city employees and the city council," Haney said. "I plan to attend at least one council meeting a month, and I want the city council to be familiar with what we are doing."

There are some immediate hurdles. "One problem we have had for as long as I have been here has been juvenile use of alcohol," he said. "Also, from taking with other officers I know that we have had some problems with family violence. About 90% of family violence is alcohol or drug related. Since I took people. I want to actively take a shift in a marked over Nov. 22 we have not had much of a problem, but we will be tackling this problem." There are some needs to. "It would be really nice to have one more officer, but I don't foresee that," Haney said. "We will have to replace some of our vehicles very soon. We have some vehicles with lots of miles on them, and we need a couple of new radar units, too. But those are things we have some time to work on, with the budgtet coming up in a few months. Right now we want to concentrate on getting our officers out there when they need to be out there and working with the public."

NEW POLICE CHIEF- Dimmitt's new police chief, Dwayne Haney, may be hard to catch at the office. He plans to be a working chief, out in the field much more than he's behind a desk. Photo by John Brooks

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nal investigator with the Lubbock County Criminal District Attorney's Office. "We kind of got tired of the pace in Lubbock," Haney said. "We wanted to get back to a smalltown lifestyle, and I couldn't think of a place I'd rather come back to than Dimmitt.

"My time here before has definitely made it an easier transition. A lot of the officers that are here now were here 12 years ago, and a lot of the same businesspeople are still here doing business. It helps when you already know many of the people you are going to be dealing with.'

once a week in a school cafeteria.

> "We eat with the students so the kids will get to know us," Haney said. "If the officers are seen in the schools the children realize police officers are human beings. It helps children no be afraid of the police.'

> Haney can be seen out an about in more places, too. He's serious about little desk work and much field activity.

"I think it's time Dimmitt had a police chief that pulled his weight," Haney said. "I firmly believe you can't do that and sit in your office. I might be in the office one or two hours a day.

car and in uniform. That also allows us to take an officer off days and on evenings and nights, when we need the most patrol."

Haney has several priorities (not necessarily in order) for his department, including: ·Protection of school children.

"This will be our No. 1 priority during the days and evenings, the protection of school children in and around out schools.

·Protection of property.

"This is our top priority at night," Haney said. "We want to protect residences and businesses

### With Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

The Garland Colemans and Bill home of Kate Beecher for a coffee Clarks joined the Christian Mothers at Nazareth for their annual Christmas party.

Susan Coleman and Max Ellison entertained with secular and Christmas songs and Deanne Clark accompanied the group in performing carols.

The Weslyn Circle of the First Methodist Church held their Christmas part at the home of Jack and Doris Flynt. After a tasty meal, members were entertained by 12 members of the high school choir, performing under the direction of Dwight Joiner and accompanied by Deanne Clark in a presentation of "Christmas in Far Away Lands."

The awards banquet of Panhandle Community Services was held Dec. 7 at the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Special guests were Effie and Jose Dovilina, chairman of the board and his wife; and John Raymond, executive director and board member.

County Judge Polly Simpson and Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, who is a new appointee to the board, also were present.

Robin Gonzales, Susan Coleman and Deanne Clark entertained the group with several Christmas selections.

Local PCS manager is Stella Fluhman and she and her assistant, Susan Flores, along with Pete Ellis, planned the festivities.

Janet Hand, Doricell Davis, Deanne Clark, Margaret Parsons, Kay Kellar and Janice Richards of Bovina had a tennis outing in Lubbock Friday and Saturday.

The group ate together, visited Kay's and Deanne's folks and saw lighted areas of town, including residential sections, and played tennis.

Euless and Hazel Waggoner were honored with a reception on Nov. 28 to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Many of the couple's friends and relatives attended, including each of the couple's seven children.

Relatives visiting were their children, grandchildren and their families including Frances and Jesse Pharis of Abilene, Dr. Harold and Linda Waggoner of Green Forest, Ark., Winston and Judy Waggoner of Dimmitt, Holly and Pete Stone of Mineral Wells, Patty and Lauren Waggoner of Dimmitt, Alice and Larry Gamblin of Sulphur Springs and Cammye Vititow of Houston, Edd and Sandra Waggoner and Joseph of Lubbock, Evelyn and Dr. Rob Lindsey and children Mark and Angela of Plainview, and Delores and Alan Jackson and their children, Blake, Ben and Alissa of Edmond, Okla. Hazel's sisters, Dora Potts of El Paso and Frances Armstrong of Denver, Colo. and her brother, Richl Williams of Muleshoe came for a weekend visit.

and program on Brazil by Dorothy Hopson.

As each lady entered, she was given a small poinsettia with the name of a missionary written on the petal. She prayed for that person, then all the poinsettias were placed around a large red candle and more prayers were offered for the missionaries.

On Tuesday a luncheon was held in the Fellowship Hall. The meal of lasagna, tossed salad, breadsticks and peach cobbler was catered. The program was on Mongolia and it was presented by Dorothy Hopson.

Five round tables, each seating six ladies, were decorated with Christmas items.

Paul Kenley and Bill Newland sang "All to Thee."

A small green paper Christmas tree with a missionary's name was given to each person, with a prayer request.

On Wednesday night at prayer meeting, Barbara Kenley gave an inspirational program on "To the Uttermost Part of the World." Bill Newland sang a special, accompa-nied by Walter Maynard. Prayers were offered for missionaries as well as the sick in our community.

On Thursday night the women met in the home of Barbara Kenley with Shirley Newland giving an informational program on "To the Unreached in Guatemala and Kenya." Music was led by Debra Ball.

Each lady was given a paper Christmas wreath with a candle by Mandy Annen and prayers were offered for missionaries.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 5 the First Baptist Church observed "The Hanging of the Green." Ronda Wise was the organist and Walter Maynard, pianist. Paul Kenley gave the Welcome and Bill Newland led in Christmas Carols and sang Sweet Little Jesus Boy.

The Virgil Jones family carried the auditorium green to the altar as the congregation sang O Come, All Ye Faithful. The Alan Steinle family carried the Christmas wreath to the altar as Hark, the Herald Angels Sing was sung. The Don Wood family carried poinsettias to the altar as the congregation sang The First Noel.

A message in music was given by the quartet of Tami Griffitt, Debra Ball, Wayne Proffitt and Dale Pfrimmer, who sang Silent Night. The Emmett Heard family took the Christmas candles to the altar as The Light of the World is Jesus was sung.

Edna Reinart of Hereford and June Koelzer went to Big Springs for Thanksgiving. Edna visited Lee and Janet George and June visited her daughter, Ruth, and family. Jimmie and Mary Jean Sims of San Angelo came to Hereford to visit after Thanksgiving. Edna Reinart came by the museum on Wednesday afternoon and she played the organ that Jack Flynt donated. Edna, Rosetta and I enjoyed singing Christmas carols while Edna was playing. Shane and Chad Smithson were guests in the home of their parents, Howard and Maretta Smithson, during the Thanksgiving Holidays. A birthday luncheon honoring Aline Kirby was held on Dec. 7 at K - Bob's. Vade Kirby and sons Anthony and Kathy and Dean and Belinda, and daughters, Mary Mays and Vada Wilcox, and grandchildren Dennis and Denise Kirby and Sabrina and Scott Hiett enjoyed the food and fellowship.

The Sundowners Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Maxine Myers on Tuesday evening for their Christmas supper and party. A delicious covered dish meal and the exchanging of Christmas gifts were enjoyed by members Ruth Cochran, Faye Mohon, Karen Carter, and Oleta Raper. Secret Pals were revealed and gifts were given and one gift was given in a game that was played. Their meal had ham, green jello salad, potato casserole, green bean casserole, red beans, pumpkin pie, cornbread, rolls, and puch.

On Friday the Town and Country Extension Homemakers Club met in the home of Betty Freeman for a luncheon and exchange of Christmas gifts. Members brought a covered dish for the meal, which was a well-balanced meal of turkey and dressing, potato salad, potato casserole, vegetable salad, applesauce salad and carrot cake. Members present were Rosetta Bellinghausen, Claudine Langford, Oneida Hutto, Wannie Stevens, Mary Edna Hendrix and a guest, Ed Freeman. The women enjoyed touring the Freeman home with all the antiques and Christmas decorations.

Roger and Geneva Malone hosted a dinner on Sunday for the Adult 5 Sunday School Dept. following the morning service. The tables were colorful with red, green and silver garlands down the center of the tables. Tiny wooden red-nosed reindeer were other decorations and a small Christmas tree decorated with tiny red ribbon bows was the centerpiece on the dessert table.

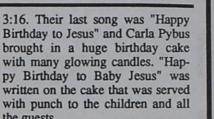
The Baptist children's choir presented "The Birthday of Jesus" on Sunday evening. Bill Newland directed the older children in Christ-mas carols and Cheryle Pybus directed the preschool choir in "A Birthday Celebration" and directed them in quoting the scripture John

Birthday to Jesus" and Carla Pybus brought in a huge birthday cake with many glowing candles. "Happy Birthday to Baby Jesus" was written on the cake that was served with punch to the children and all the guests.

Geneva Dennis entertained guests in her home after Thanksgiving, including Decimae Dennis of Midland, Jauvada Curtis of Amarillo, Mona Dennis of Goldthwaite and Brent Dennis, who is a Marine stationed in Florida. Coby and Connie Gilbreath entertained in their home one day while the relatives were in Dimmitt. Danny and Debbie Underwood had illness in their family and missed part of the get-togethers.

decorated with a map of the world and scriptures on the side.

On Friday church members went



Hostesses served a cake that was



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Last week's winners: **Slessly Gallegos** Annette Flores



Euless' sister, June Carroll of Anton, came to spend the day.

Lauren Waggoner registered guests. Refreshments were served by Holly Stone, Cammye Vititow and Angela Lindsey.

The week of prayer for foreign misions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was observed at First Baptist Church.

Dorothy Hopson put a lot of prayer and planning in inspirational programs. On Monday morning the women in the church met in the

# Santa will be here from noon to 3 p.m.

P.S. Don't make plans for lunch that day. We'll have plenty!



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### opinions, editorials, letters

# Babbling Brooks By John Brooks

To some, it might seem like a Christmas lost. To my friend it was a Christmas found.

This is the story of a man who was so lost he was almost dead. He had given up hope, all hope. He had given up any prospect of any kind of life, much less a good life. He had given up any chance of ever being optimistic or his old happy-go-lucky self, or even being happy, occasionally smiling.

Unable to deal with the vagaries of life, he had contemplated suicide and was about to take his own life when someone--he doesn't remember exactly who--reached out and threw him a lifeline.

The man ended up in the hospital, where professionals worked with him while he dealt with some more difficult problems: how to survive life with these crazed people with whom he was all of a sudden surrounded. He wasn't crazy, he thought, but all of these other people are.

Over the next couple of weeks he learned that maybe his own problems weren't so bad. Yes, they were problems, and yes, they would present more difficulties for him and throw him occasional stumbling blocks in life, but his problems were ants compared to the elephants of others. They were suffering from schizophrenia, and there were a couple of real-life paranoid-schizophrenics. Yes, there really are people like this, he thought. You always heard about these people, but those were magazine articles and newspaper articles and movies. They weren't real. These folks, though, were very real.

The man dealt with his own problems as best he could in the environment. He went from a tunnel of total blackness which seemed to dead end, to a tunnel with a light from an oncoming train rushing headlong toward him, to the point where the light at the end of the tunnel was just a crack of daylight that seemed to get a little bigger every day.

He learned to work with people he had never dreamed he would work with. He learned to enjoy working with them, and picked up kernels of life that would impact on his own problems.

By now it was just two or three days before Christmas. For those who had homes to go to, there or who had been disowned or abandoned by their families who didn't want to deal with them, it was going to be a day of loneliness.

The man's doctor asked him if he wanted a pass, wanted to go home for a few hours on Christmas.

He hemmed and hawed for a few days. He didn't know if he wanted to go be with his family, try to answer questions he didn't really have answers for. And then he thought about it some more.

No, he told his doctor the next day, he didn't want a pass.

The doctor was shocked. Don't you want to go be with your family?

Not really, the friend said. I have a new family, new friends. He'd just as soon be with them on Christmas.

But there's staff for them, the doctor said. They're not going to be alone.

Yes, the friend said, I know. But I have just three gifts I can give this Christmas, the ones Paul tells about in I Corinthians.

Don't worry about giving gifts, the doctor said. Just go be with your family.

No, the friend said. This is my new family. And the gift I can give them is love. It's as much for me as for them, he said.

And so he spent Christmas not with the same family, the same people, he had always shared this joyous season with, but his new friends.

The ladies in the kitchen, the ones who had been the scourge of culinary arts, brought out their best all day long, from a breakfast of real fresh eggs and French toast and not-bland sausage to a lunch of ham and yams and some pretty good dressing and two luscious cakes. Supper was leftovers, but isn't it always on Christmas night?

Santa came around with some neat little presents for everyone, and there was caroling and carousing. That night, everyone loaded up in a van and went out to Bishop Hills to see the lights and the sights of that special area northwest of Amarillo.

All in all, my friend said, it was the best



# **Congressional session was productive**

#### By US Rep. BILL SARPALIUS

The first session of the 103rd Congress, one of the most productive since I have been in Congress, is over and I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on the pieces of legislation approved by the Congress. Bills to revitalize the economy, reduce the deficit, reform government, fight crime and improve education were approved along with landmark measures to promote national service, provide family leave and move America forward in many other areas.

In the first session, Congress approved a major change of direction for the US economy. Reversing a decade of failed economic policy, Congress passed legislation to reduce spiraling deficits and refocus the nation's priorities on long-term investments. The results are already evident--more new private sector jobs have been created in the United States during the last 10 months than in the previous four years; inflation and interest rates have fallen to historic low levels, and estimates of the federal deficit are now actually being revised downward. The comprehensive budget plan approved by Congress may have been controversial, but it has already set this country on a five-year path to economic revitalization and growth. The Reconciliation bill contains the largest deficit reduction in US history, targeted investments to create jobs and economic growth, significant incentives for small businesses to put the economy back on track and tax fairness for the middle class. When the session first began, my office received thousands of postcards asking congress to "cut spending first." In virtually every category of federal spending, the 103rd Congress has made deep and significant cuts. The Reconciliation bill reduced the deficit by nearly \$500 billion over five years. This year alone Congress cut hundreds of specific programs in the 13 appropriations bills for a total of \$34 billion in savings. Finally, on the last day of the Congressional session the House approved an

additional package of spending cuts to lock in savings of \$37 billion over five years.

While I am pleased that Congress was able to cut so much spending, there was one cut that I believe was unnecessary. That's the cutting of the superconducting supercollider in Texas. Because of the loss of this program, Texas will lose hundreds of jobs. But in the wake of that loss, the 13th District received good news with the announcement that a National Research Laboratory would be built at Pantex.

The House took the first in a series of steps to "reinvent government" -- to make it more effective, efficient and responsive to the public. The reinventing government plan requires restructuring, reorganization and consolidation of federal agencies and departments, including the Agriculture Dept. the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and the Federal Employees Compensation Program. The bill also reduces the number of federal employees by 252,000 over five years. Finally, the bill phases out duplicative or obsolete programs such as

were passes for at least a few hours so they could enjoy Christmas at home. For others, with no home,

Christmas of all. He bought nary a thing but gave, and received, the greatest gift of all.

# Letters to the Editor

#### **Dear Editor:**

Recently a friend took her teenage son to the emergency room at the local hospital. He was slightly injured at school. The nurse on duty called the doctor on call. He told her to send him to his office. The emergency room cost her \$53.

At his office the doctor put a small piece of tape on the cut on his cheek and gave him a tetanus shot. Total cost was \$75.

This lady has no medical insurance. She doesn't receive food stamps, welfare or Medicaid.

She works six days a week for the minimum wage. She is a diabetic and her son is a victim of cerebral palsy. She is a widow and has no help from her family.

Merry Christmas.

CLARIBEL ADAMS

#### Dear Editor:

It is a sad situation when one tries to keep with the festive times only to have it destroyed.

People try to decorate their homes and yards for the season only to have it stolen or destroyed. This to me is a very sad occasion. I am speaking from experience. We had decorated our yard with Christmas decorations only to have part of them stolen. It may not mean anything to the ones who did it, but to us it means a lot. The decorations were homemade and had a sentimental value to us. Even though they were not fancy, it does take a lot of time to make these items and there is always the pride with the finished product.

I know the decoration will not be found, but it would be wonderful if it would suddenly appear the same way it disappeared. To the ones who did (this), please think about it before doing it again.

NAME WITHHELD BY REQUEST

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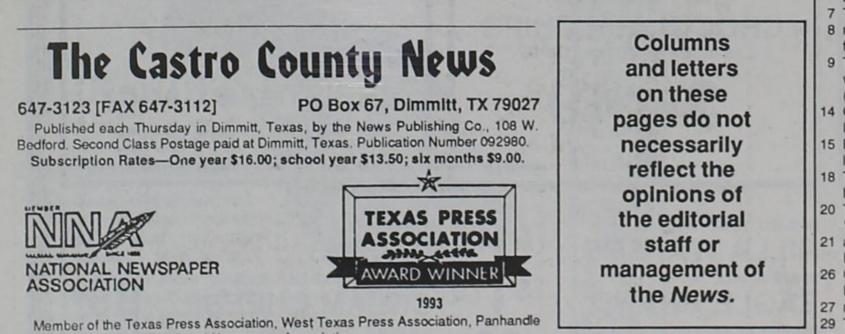
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And if it's an issue that needs the attention of our legislators, here is a list of where you can write or call them, as well:

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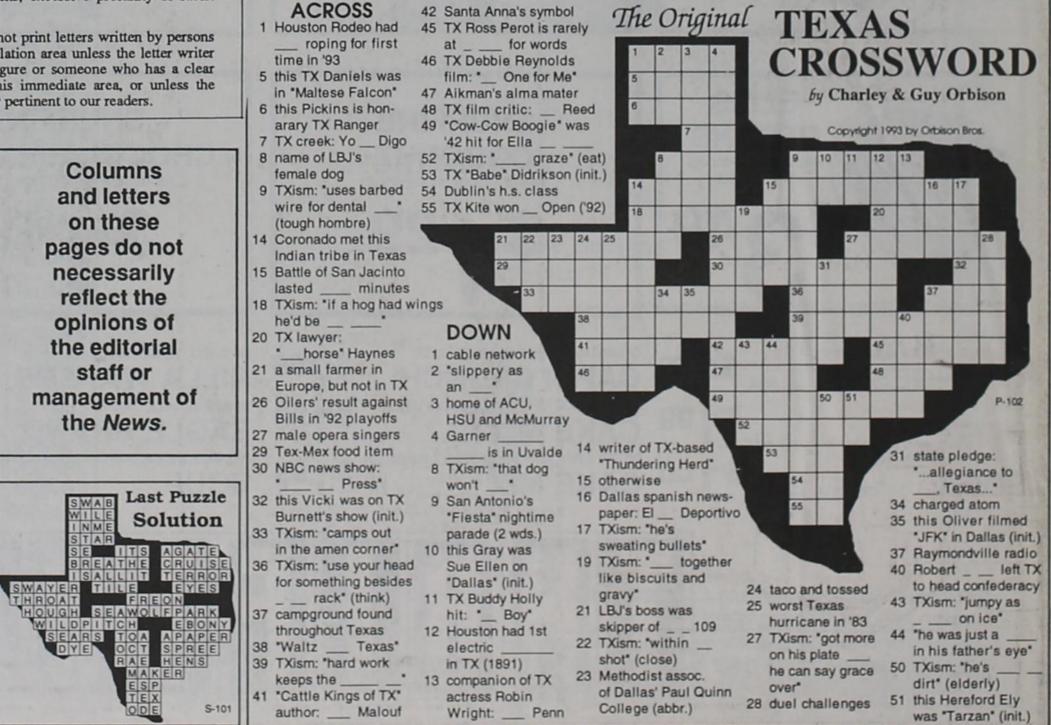
the Bureau of Mines mineral institutes; the Advanced Liquid Metal Reactor program; and the Alaska Power Marketing Administration. This bill is an important step toward making our government work better and cost less.

The House passed an innovative plan for improving schools and reforming education in America. By establishing national education standards, "Goals 2000" will focus our schools back on the basics--reading, writing, math and science. By encouraging innovation and creativity at the local levels to help students learn, this legislation will help give Americans the education and skills they need to compete for the jobs of the future.

The 103rd Congress approved landmark legislation that will open the doors of college opportunity to all Americans and encourage more young people to serve their community. The National and Community Service Act offers college aid to students in exchange for community service in areas such as teaching, health care, environmental cleanup and public safety. In addition, the bill reauthorizes and improves a variety of service opportunities for people of all ages. This legislation will give every American the opportunity to serve their community and to get a quality education.

I believe one of the most important pieces of legislation the Congress passed during this session was the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). This agreement will create a \$6.5 trillion market with 370 million people--the largest market in the world. As for jobs, Citizens for a Sound Economy estimates that over 21,000 jobs could be created in the 13th District alone because of the passage of NAFTA.

We completed the first session of the 103rd Congress with a health plan on the table, and it will be one of the first things to be considered when the second session begins. The second session of the 103rd Congress will also bring with it consideration of welfare reform and crime legislation. Work will also begin on the 1995 Farm Bill.



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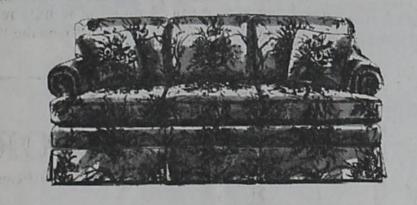
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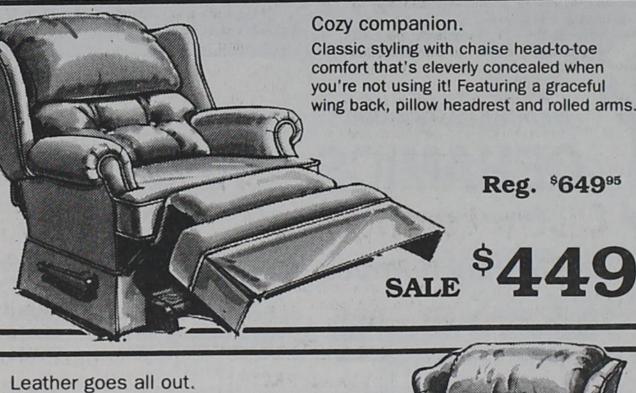


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# CPS gets \$2,600 for its children

tions of the Child Protective Services Board.

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The group's attempts to raise money for Christmas gifts and essentials for abused and neglected children from Castro County have been very successful, according to Randy Smithson.

Local banks included in their customers' November statements a request from Child Protective Services for donations.

That effort, along with others, netted \$2,600 for Child Protective Services, to date.

"We didn't really know what to expect (in donations), but we were hoping for at least \$500 to \$1,000," said Toni Waldo.

From that money, Christmas gifts will be purchased for 18 county children receiving out-of-home care.

Children who have been removed from their homes and placed in the home of a relative will receive \$50 worth of gifts while children in foster or residential care facilities will receive \$100 in gifts, according to Toni Waldo. But if foster parents have children of their own and will spend less

**Armed Forces** Hometown News

Navy Seaman Recruit David West, son of Richard and Peggy West of Dimmitt recently completed recruit training and he finished the course with honors.

During the cycle at Recruit Training Command in San Diego, Calif., recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

West was recognized for outstanding performance in all phases of training which included instruction in seamanship, military regulations, close-order drill, first aid and naval history.

West joined the Navy in July.

The generosity of people in Cas- than \$100 on their own children, tro County has exceeded expecta- then the amount of money spent on the foster children will be adjusted accordingly, Waldo said.

Money also will be used in the coming year to purchase essential items like clothing and shoes, etc. for the children.

Bobbi Bruegel donated 24 stuffed bears to Child Protective Services, and the toys have been given to children who suddenly are taken into care or to those who have been transported to sexual abuse therapy sessions.

Donna Stump, local caseworker, said the children seem to relax a little when they have the stuffed animal.

The board has decided to purchase several more bears from Bruegel and these will be given to new children taken into care and for children who must travel in an ambulance. Once the bears are purchased, a presentation will also be made to the ambulance service.

The board is preparing food trays which will be presented to members of the police and sheriff's departments in appreciation for their help throughout the year.

Anyone who wishes to donate baked goods for the trays is asked to deliver the fresh items to Clara Patton by Saturday. All board members also should deliver a baked item to Patton by Saturday.

After reviewing the minutes and financial statement from the previous meeting, the board heard a report from Stump on the children under the county's care.

Patton is planning a WHO training session for the second Saturday in 1994 and anyone interested should contact her.

The board set its annual Mexican Fiesta fundraiser for the first Sunday in March. More information about the event will be announced later.

Board members attending the December meeting were Toni Waldo, Shirley Brooks, Gracie Killough, Paula Graham, Patton, Joan Aalbers, Stump and Kathy Welch.



DOZIER EARNS HONOR -- Johnny Dozier, left, was named Volunteer of the Year for Panhandle Community Services at the annual PCS Volunteer Recognition Dinner held Dec. 7. Presenting Dozier with a recognition plaque was Stella Fluhman, right, director of Dimmitt's PCS office. Dozier and other volunteers were recognized for their service during the past year, with many receiving certificates at the dinner. Photo by Linda Maxwell

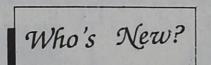
# What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart, and Nazareth from Dec. 16 through 21.

DIMMITT

THURSDAY: Burritos with hot sauce, lettuce and tomato salad, buttered hominy, fruit and milk.

FRIDAY: Pinto beans with ham, buttered potatoes, carrot sticks, cornbread, Jell-o with fruit and milk.



#### Plains Memoria

It's a girl for Julian Sabedra and Rachel Martinez of Dimmitt. Their daughter was bom Dec. 7 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. She weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz. and has been named Jasmine Rebekah. She has three older siblings, 6-year-old Cassandra Sabe-dra, 4-year-old Jacob Sabedra and 1-yearold Laura Sabedra. Paternal grandparents are Isaac and Anita Sabedra of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Abel Martinez of Grand Prairie and Maria Triana of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Martina Ybarra of Donna and Jesus Triana of Dimmitt.

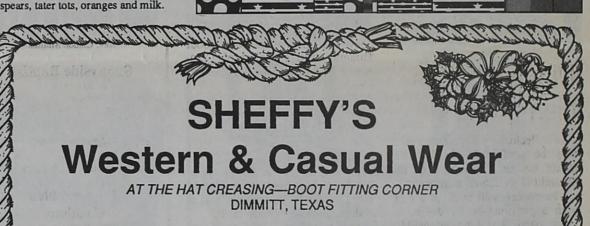
MONDAY: Fajitas, buttered rice, lettuce and tomato salad, prune cake and milk.

TUESDAY: Sandwiches, potato chips, lettuce, pickles, apple and milk.

#### HART

THURSDAY: Turkey and dressing, Italian green beans, cranberry sauce, sliced bread, fruit salad and milk. FRIDAY: Chili dogs, potato chips, pickle spears, peaches, brownies and milk.

NAZARETH THURSDAY: Pizza, tossed salad, apple crisp and milk. FRIDAY: Sandwiches, lettuce, pickle spears, tater tots, oranges and milk.





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# dean's list

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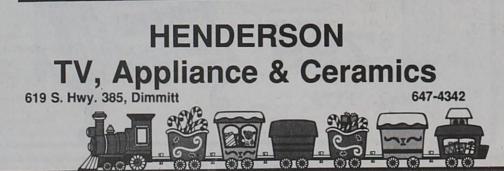
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# DHS Choir sets holiday program

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The program will begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Dimmitt High School Auditorium.

The public is invited to attend the show.

The choir also is offering a new service this year - singing Christmas cards or a mini concert.

If anyone is interested in requesting a specialized "card" with a favorite song or by picking one from the choir's list, they may do so by calling Dwight Joiner at the school. Performers will sing one song or will perform up to an hour.

Requests also will be accepted for birthdays, anniversaries or other special occasions.

For more information call Joiner. The group also is selling poinsettias for Christmas as one of its fundraisers.

The plants may be purchased in a varity of colors and anyone interested in buying one should contact a choir member or Joiner.

An English ivy bouquet also is available and a small flower, such as a poinsettia, can be placed in the middle of the basket.

# Nominations due Jan. 17

If you want to acknowledge someone who makes Dimmitt a better place to live, nominate that individual for citizen honors, which will be recognized at the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Jan. 29, 1994.

Nomination forms for Citizen of the Year, Citizen Through the Years and Teacher of the Year are available at the Chamber office or you can call the office at 647-2524 and request a form be mailed to you.

Deadline for nominations is Jan. 17, 1994.

"Don't put it off. Put your thoughts in writing now and give credit to someone who gives unselfishly to the community," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller.

## **Dimmitt bands** plan concert

A collection of Christmas music will be performed by Dimmitt bands tonight (Thursday) at the Dimmitt High School auditorium.

The concert will begin at 7 p.m. with a performance by the sixthband. The Dimmitt Middle School band will perform next, followed by DHS' Bobcat Band. Everyone is invited to attend the concert.

### Nazareth By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Members of the Nazareth Senior Citizens Center enjoyed a delicious roast beef dinner Sunday. The meal was catered by the Legion Auxiliary.

Happy Birthday was sung to Helen Backus on her 82nd birthday. She is a resident at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Dimmitt. Her family, Hubert and Joan Backus, Francis and Connie Backus, Catherine and Arnold Huseman, and Paul and George Venhaus were her guests at the meal. Other guests were Father Neal Dee and Vi Pohlmeier.

Many thanks to 4-H members who distributed a plate of Christmas goodies to approximately 80 senior citizens Sunday at the Senior Citizen Center. They also delivered goodies at the Christmas concert.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grade performed their annual Christmas concert in the school cafeteria Sunday afternoon before a full house. It was an excellent hour of entertainment by our children. Thanks to director Roger Myers and our principal, Glen Waldo.

The Nazareth Swift Band, including students from grades 5, 6, and 7 through 12 performed its Christmas program Monday. It was an entertaining program.

Evelyn Backus hosted a Christmas party for her family Saturday evening. Attending were Mike, Camille, Dustin, Ashley and Andrea Albus of Hobbs, N.M.; Gary, Penny and Trey Albus of Lubbock; and Dan, Gail, Lauren and Landen Sams of Wheeler. They arrived on Friday and enjoyed pheasant hunting Saturday morning.

Riley Huseman, infant son of Darryl and Jodie Huseman was

# Billboard entries due

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's Tourism and Promotion Committee is conducting a contest to improve the city's entry signs and they are accepting entries until Dec. 31.

Designs should be easy to read from a moving car and should convey a positive message about Dimmitt, said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Delores Heller.

The winning entry will be announced at the Chamber banquet on Jan. 29, 1994, and the winning entry will receive \$50 Dimmitt Dollars.

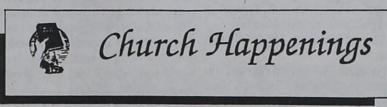
Designs should be drawn on an 8-1/2 x 11-inch sheet of paper and should include the artist's name, address and telephone number. Entries will be judged on ori

baptized Sunday in Holy Family Church with Father Neal Dee officiating. Godparents were Lester and Karen Backus.

Carson and Lindsie Gerber performed in a piano recital at the First Baptist Church in Tulia last Thursday evening. Carroll and Denice Gerber, Whitney and Monty Hoelting and Virgie Gerber attended. Before the recital they enjoyed Mrs. Lebo McKay of Memphis.

touring Kenneth Wyatt's beautiful home and art studio in Tulia.

Congratulations to Greg and Sherita Huseman on the birth of a son, Samuel Louis on Dec. 1 in Northwest Texas Hospital at Amarillo. He has two brothers, Joseph and Jayton, and a sister, Kaytlin. Grandparents are Louis and Gin Huseman of Nazareth and Mr. and



#### Presbyerian Church

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 a.m.

"Tobias' Story," a Christmas pageant, will be presented as a part of the Sunday morning church services, which will begin at 11.

#### Ministerial Alliance

Ron Redding will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Luke 2:22-40 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Lee Street Baptist Church in Dimmitt.

#### **First Baptist**

The adult choir from Dimmitt's First Baptist Church will present The City of Light on Sunday at 6 p.m.

City of Light is a musical drama and it will include experiences of Isaiah, the Innkeeper, Mary and three shepherds.

The program will conclude with a candlelight vigil and singing of carols.

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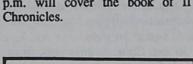
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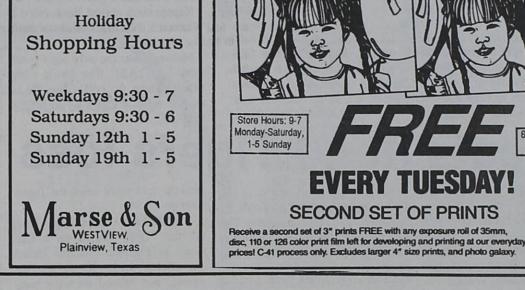
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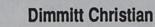
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Bro. Roy Barringer will bring the message for the morning and evening worship services Sunday. The Wednesday Bible Study at 7 p.m. will cover the book of II







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son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and

said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." He said,

"Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now

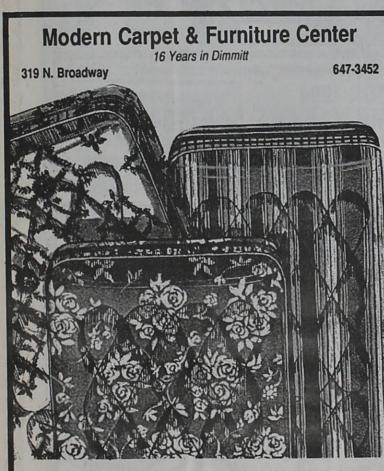
I know that you fear God, seeing you have not witheld your son, your only son, from me." Genesis 22:9-12

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**THOMAS GOES FLYING HIGH--Dimmitt's Derrick Thomas (21)** goes sailing past a Slaton defender in the lane on his way to a second quarter basket Friday at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. Thomas scored eight points to help lead the Bobcats to a 56-55 win. The loss was just the second for the Tigers. Photo by John Brooks

# **Bobcats hand Tigers loss** until the 1:11 mark when the Tigers

Dimmitt scored in spurts, and had just enough left to hold off Slaton, 56-55, Friday at Kenneth Cleveland seconds into the second quarter. The Gymnasium.

hand the Tigers their second loss of Dimmitt a 28-26 lead. The Bobcats the season. Dimmitt evened its didn't relinquish the lead until late in record at 5-5 with the win going the third quarter, and led 32-31 at shot foul opportunities.

Ontiveros tied the game at 15 with a basket and a free throw 12 went up 55-54. but the Tigers missed on a free lead see-sawed until Ontiveros The Bobcats outgunned Slaton to scored with 1:32 to play, giving throw as Eufemio Saucedo fouled out. Slaton made 10 of 20 free throws, and missed on three two-

# Three girls teams make TABC poll

All three county girls' basketball Estacado at Kenneth Cleveland played with all the apathy of Texas teams are ranked this week in the Gymnasium must have seemed like Texas Association of Basketball old times for the Dimmitt Bobbies. Coaches poll released Monday.

Dec. 4.

Class A, behind Sudan. Hart, unranked in the pre-season, rode its undefeated streak to 15th in the TABC poll.

Dimmitt is rated 14th in Class 3A girls by TABC. As usual, the top 20 is loaded with teams from this region, including No. 2 Slaton, No. 3 Canyon, No. 5 Friona and No. 12 Muleshoe. Dripping Springs was rated tops in 3A girls.

In the Class A girls poll, other teams from this region included No. 3 Happy, sixth-ranked Vega, No. 13 Whiteface, No. 17 Whitharral and No. 19 Meadow.

Nazareth was the only boys' team ranked by TABC. The Swifts were listed 10th in the poll. Laneville is the top team in Class A, according to TABC.

It could have been a bigger lead.

# Just like old times for Dimmitt girls in big win Friday's game against Lubbock indicated. The Estacado girls, well, around, take it outside, work hard,

Dimmitt coach Richard Wood

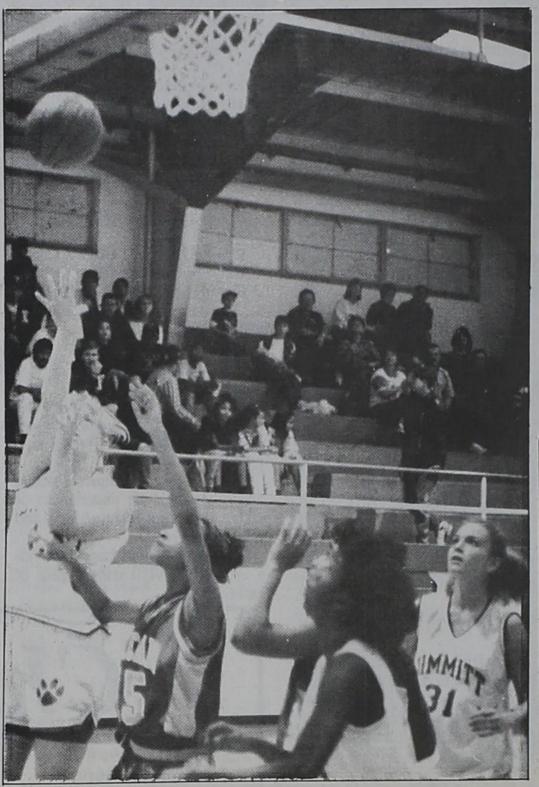
mercifully pulled the press off in the

first quarter and constantly urged his

girls to pass the ball, work the ball

voters deciding on constitutional amendments.

The Dimmitt girls played any way The poll reflects games through they wanted to against the Estacado girls in a 78-28 contest that was not Nazareth is ranked second in nearly as close as the score



throughout the game. If it had been a six-man football game, the 45point rule would have been invoked in the middle of the fourth quarter when Katrina Acker caught a beautiful pass from Kim Thomas and scored an easy layup to give the Bobbies a 71-25 lead with 4:24 to play.

Dimmitt started almost as slowly as the Estacado girls, but forced 14 turnovers during the first period and scored 15 points in the last 3:40 to forge a 20-4 lead at the end of the quarter.

As Wood liberally rotated team members in and out of the game, the Bobbies increased their lead to 41-10 at halftime. Estacado scored all six of its second quarter points early in the period, closing within 24-10 with six minutes to play. It would be two minutes into the third period before the Lady Mats would score again as Dimmitt mixed its 2-3 zone with some 1-3-1 defense to frustrate Estacado.

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into Tuesday's game at Petersburg.

Dimmitt led by three points early before Slaton came back to go up 6-5 two minutes into the game. Fernando Ontiveros, who led Dimmitt with 20 points, led the Bobcats back to the lead, and Tait Crow hit a 10-footer with 4:19 to go in the first quarter for a 12-6 Bobcat lead. That was the last Dimmitt would score in the first quarter as the Tigers stormed back to lead 15-12 at the end of the period.

the half.

than tie the Bobcats until hitting a three pointer with 53 seconds left in the third period to go up 45-42. Garland Coleman hit a basket 21 seconds into the fourth quarter to cut the lead to one, then Ontiveros stole a Slaton pass and hit a layup to give Dimmitt a 46-45 lead with 5:40 to play. Slaton came back to twice tie the score but couldn't lead again

Dimmitt rebounded the missed free throw and worked the ball The Tigers could do no better against the Tigers' man-to-man defense until Joe Larra hit Ontiveros on a backdoor cut for a layup with 53 seconds to play. The shot gave the Bobcats a 56-55 lead. The score was final, but the game definitely wasn't. Dimmitt stole the Slaton inbound

pass after the basket, but turned it

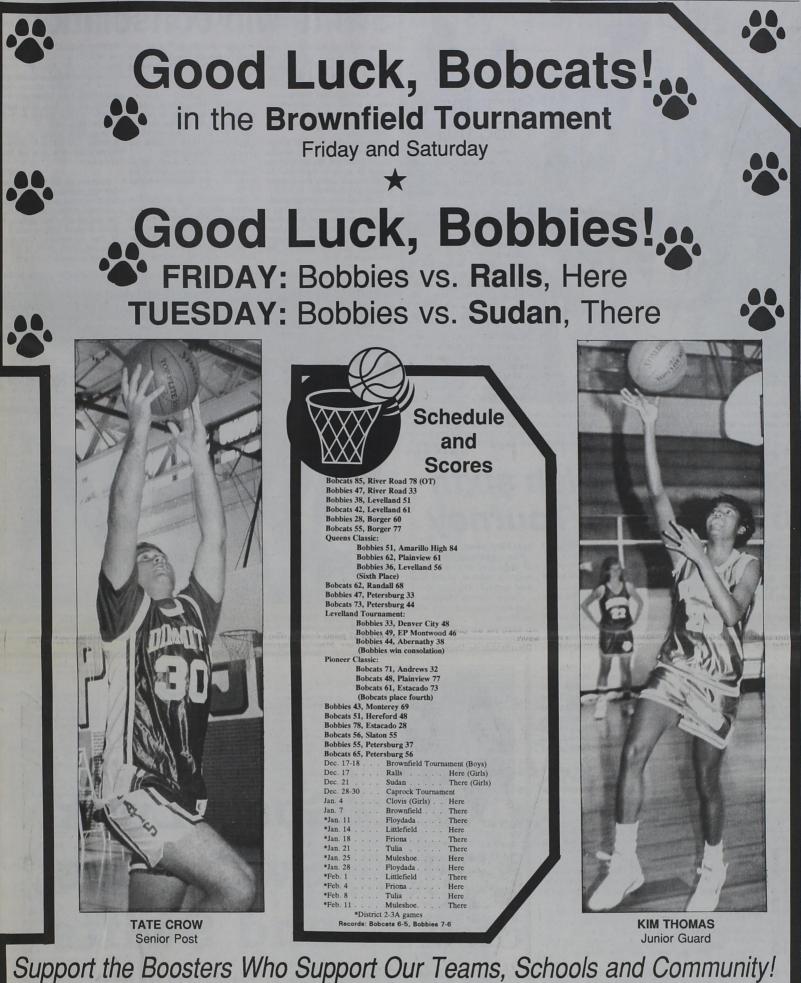
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**TWO MORE FOR THE BOBBIES--Dimmitt's Leslie Nelson scores** two of her 17 points during Friday's 78-28 blowout of the Lubbock Estacado Lady Mats at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium. Also pictured are Kim Thomas (front) and Amy Ethridge (31) of the Bobbies. Nelson and Katrina Acker led Dimmitt with 17 points each. Photo by John Brooks









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IN FOR TWO! - Nazareth's Kelley Boyd (42) shoots and scores over three Ralls defenders while teammates Kristin Brockman (22) and Lena Durbin (32) fight for rebound position during action last Thursday in the Abernathy Tournament. The

Swiftettes handled Ralls easily, winning the secondround game, 63-27. But the Nazareth girls dropped their next two games to Slaton and Graham and had to settle for sixth place in the 16-team tourney. Photo by Anne Acker

# Swiftettes finish sixth in Abernathy Tourney

The Swiftettes ran into a pair of tough Class AAA teams in the Abernathy-New Deal Tournament Friday and Saturday, and were forced to settle for sixth place after winning their first two games int he tourney.

Nazareth beat Littlefield, 51-40, in the first round last Thursday, then destroyed Ralls, 63-27 later to a 19-5 lead. that day in the championship quarterfinals.

But on Friday the Swiftettes, ranked No. 2 in the state by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) ran into TABC's No. 2ranked Class AAA squad--Slaton, and that's where the fun ended.

Slaton took advantage of a strong second-half performance to record a 55-26 win over Nazareth in the semifinals, then went on to win the tourney.

tournament, compiling 93 points over Nazareth's four games.

She scored her fewest points against Ralls, in Nazareth's easiest victory.

She scored the game's first seven points in the first half of the opening stanza, then added another five in the quarter to lead Nazareth Lena Durbin, who scored 16 points against Ralls, scored on an offensive rebound to open the second period, then Carie Wethington and Schmucker each scored to put Nazareth up 25-5 at the 6:47 mark. The Swiftettes sent Ralls shooters to the charity stripe six times before halftime, but the Lady Rabbits only converted three

game with Graham.

Nazareth managed to overcome a 35-27 halftime deficit and cut the lead to a basket at the end of the third quarter, 45-47.

Graham regained control in the final eight minutes to finish with a 69-58 win.

Schmucker scored 27 points while Kandal Derrick tossed in 12.

# Swifts win consolation

The Swifts stumbled in the secthe first round at the Abernathy-New Deal Tournament last Thursday and couldn't regain control.

Nazareth lost that first gameonly its second loss of the seasonthen rebounded to win three straight games and the consolation championship.

Nazareth held a one-point advantage after the opening quarter against Littlefield, but the Wildcats scored 19 points to the Swifts' 11 in the second stanza for a sevenpoint lead by halftime.

Littlefield won the third quarter by a point and Nazareth claimed a one-point scoring edge in the final eight minutes, but that big Littlefield surge in the second quarter proved to be the difference as the Wildcats won, 59-52.

Justin Wethington paced the ond quarter against Littlefield in Swifts' scoring attack with 19 points while Scott Brockman added 16.

> Nazareth bounced back Friday, though, beating Floydada, 91-57. Springlake-Earth also fell victim to the Swifts, 75-53. Then the Swifts edged Crane, 74-64 to claim the consolation championship.

> Nick Johnson's 23 points against Floydada was the best among his teammates, and Wethington tossed in 19.

Nazareth ran wild in the first quarter, scoring 33 points while limiting the Whirlwinds to 11. The Swifts added another 13 points to their score in the second stanza for a 46-21 halftime lead. Over the final 16 minutes, Nazareth outscored Floydada, 45-29, to claim the win.

The consolation semfinal game pitted the Swifts against Springlake-Earth with Nazareth steadily adding to its lead after putting together a 13-11 lead at the end of the opening quarter.

Wethington scored 16, Gaylon Schilling had 14 and Brockman finished with 11 to lead the Swifts in the win.

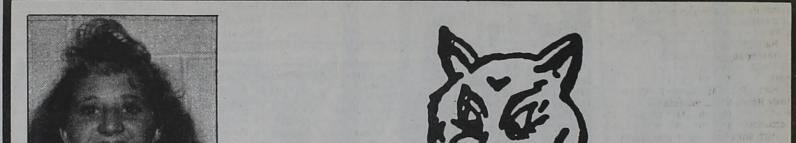
Nazareth got off to a slow start Saturday afternoon in the consolation championship against Crane.

Down by five points, 15-10, at the end of the first quarter, Nazareth bounced back to take a 35-31 lead by halftime. The Swifts outscored Crane 39-33 in the second half to claim a 74-64 win.



**BATTLE UNDER THE BASKET — Nazareth's** Lena Durbin battles with two Ralls defenders for a loose ball in first-quarter action at the Abernathy

Tournament last Thursday. The Swiftettes beat Littlefield and Ralls before losing to Slaton and Graham to finish sixth overall. De Photo by Anne Acker



Then on Saturday, the Swiftettes got off to a slow start and never recovered, losing to Graham, 69-58.

Nazareth allowed Littlefield just three points in the second quarter and before the half was over, the Swiftettes were holding a 25-13 lead.

Littlefield kept things close in the second half, outscoring Nazareth 12-10 in the third period and staying within a point in the final quarter, but the Swiftettes held on for the win.

Melinda Schmucker tossed in 27 points to pace the Swiftettes while Kelley Boyd finished with 10.

Schmucker was the Swiftettes leading scorer throughout the

The Swiftettes' bad luck continued Saturday in the fifth-place



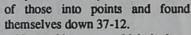
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Nazareth's press, which had set up a lot of its first-half points, continued to be successful in the second half.

Nazareth stayed with Slaton in the first quarter Friday and was down by two at the end of the first quarter, 13-15.

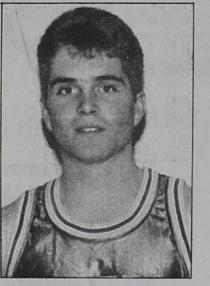
A 13-11 Nazareth advantage in the second quarter tied the game at 26 at intermission, but after that it was all Slaton.

Nazareth scored just 10 points in the second half while Slaton poured on the coals for a 55-36 win.

Schmucker finished with 21 points while Boyd added 8.



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# Good Luck, Swiftettes and Swifts against Vega

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# Lady Horns win second tourney championship

Hart's girls climbed a step higher and drew closer to achieving one of their pre-season goals Saturday when they won their second straight tournament championship.

Hart had two main goals entering this season--one was to win each of their three tournaments and the other was to win district.

Well, after two tournaments, the Hart girls are right on track toward achieving at least one of those goals.

The Lady Horns had earned a state ranking by Texas Association of Basketball Coaches after winning the Anton Tournament and beating then ninth-ranked Whitharral.

again this weekend, beating of the Whitharral Tournament.

Hart also posted wins over Lazbuddie and Anton, enroute to the finals.

Lazbuddie gave Hart a few problems in the first game, especially in the second half.

Hart jumped out to an early 15-8 lead, then padded that lead for a 33-18 advantage by halftime.

But Lazbuddie fought back in the third and fourth periods and outscored Hart 19-16 and 15-14, respectively, narrowing the final margin to 11 points.

Hart junior and leading scorer Shea Bennett, who claimed Most Valuable Player honors in the Well, the girls from Hart did it Anton Tournament last week, scored 22 points to lead the Lady Whitharral to win the championship Horns over Lazbuddie. Teammate Kim Grossman added 15.

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In the second round Hart was never challenged, scoring 12, 22, 16 and 13 points in the first through fourth quarters, respectively; while allowing Lazbuddie 4, 7, 18 and 8. Bennett finished with 31 points while Traci Knox scored 12 in the semifinal victory.

Bennett also was Hart's leading scorer in the championship round, tossing in 16 while Brandi Key added 10.

toughest Hart's challenge Saturday was not letting up in its intensity, especially after it mounted a 33-26 lead by halftime.

But the Lady Horn backers weren't worried. They thrilled in watching their girls pour in 11 points and hold Whitharral to four in the third quarter.

Both teams managed 13 points in the final stanza.

Hart's boys were hoping to record their first win in the tournament, but Lazbuddie and Amherst ended that hope.

The Longhorns fell victim to Lazbuddie last Thursday, 82-56.

Hart managed to take a 13-11 lead in the opening period, but saw that lead evaporate fast. Lazbuddie outscored Hart 24-17 in the second quarter and 30-11 in the third stanza to take complete control headed into the final eight minutes.

with 22 points.

Amherst also ended Hart's hopes of achieving a victory.

The Bulldogs were in control throughout the game and posted a 95-61 win.

Hart had two players finish with double figures including Lee with J.R. Lee was Hart's leading scorer 15 points and Raynea Garcia with 10.

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#### Swifts 91, Floydada 57

Floydada 11 17 9 20 -57 Nazareth 33 13 17 28 - 91 Nazareth: Nick Johnson 23, Justin Wethington 19.

#### Swifts 75, Springlake-Earth 53

Spr-Earth 11 10 15 17 - 53 Nazareth 13 20 18 24 - 75 Nazareth: Justin Wethington 15, Gaylon Schilling 14, Scott Brockman 11. Swifts 74, Crane 64

Crane 15 16 16 17 --64 Nazareth 10 25 20 19 --74 Nazareth: Justin Wethington 17, Scott Brockman 16. (Swifts win consolation.)

#### Swiftettes 51, Littlefield 40

Littlefield 10 3 12 15 --40 Nazareth 12 13 10 16 - 51 Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 27, Kelley Boyd 10.

#### Swiftettes 63, Ralls 27

Nazareth 19

#### **Canyon Tournament** Randall 37, Freshman Bobbles 29 37 Randall 15 6 6 10 -Dimmitt 29 8 6 9 6

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Dimmitt: Carrie Bradley 19. Freshman Bobbies 46, Pampa 20 3 2 4 11 -- 20 Pampa Dimmitt 16 --46 13 10 7

Dimmitt: Carrie Bradley 20. Freshman Bobbies 49, Dumas 37 8 10 8 11 - 37 Dumas 14 6 20 9 - 49 Dimmitt

Dimmitt-Summer McLean 13, Carrie Bradley 12, Emily Robertson 12. (Freshman Bobbies win consolation.)

#### **Hereford Tournament** 7th Bobcats 60, Hereford Marcon 30 Dimmitt 15 10 20 15 --60 Hereford 6 13 6 6 - 30 Dimmitt: Derek Buckley 23, Jerry Thomas 20.

7th Bobcats 62, Valley View 22 Dimmitt 15 15 15 17 -62 Valley View 6 1 2 13 - 22 Dimmitt: Derek Buckley 26, Jerry Thomas 18. 7th Bobcats 49, Canyon 30 Dimmitt 12 8 12 17 ---5 9 Canyon 4 12 -- 30 Dimmitt: Derek Buckley 22, Jerry Thomas 19. (7th Bobcats win championship.) 8th Bobcats 63, Valley View B 26 Dimmitt 10 25 8 20 - 63 Valley View 7 9 5 5 - 26 Dimmitt: Zack Matthews 17, Charley Sanders 10. 8th Bobcats 51, Canyon A 39 15 15 13 - 51 Dimmitt 8 Canyon 4 18 10 - 39 Dimmitt: Zack Matthews 19, D.J. Fleeks 8, Charley Sanders 8. 8th Bobcats 39, Valley View A 33 Dimmitt 10 11 7 11 - 39 Valley View 7 12 9 5 -- 33 Dimmitt: Casey Smith 11, Richard Martinez 9. (8th Bobcats win championship.) 9th Bobcats 74, Hereford B 21 Dimmitt 29 6 15 24 - 74 Hereford B 0 10 10 1 - 21 Dimmitt: Kalem Thomas 13, Brandon Smith 13. 9th Bobcats 57, Plainview 48 12 10 17 18 - 57 Dimmitt Plainview 10 13 15 10 - 48 Dimmitt: Kalem Thomas 34, Brandon Smith 10

#### Friday Bobbies 78, Estacado 28

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6 9 Estacado 4 9 28 17 -78 Dimmitt 20 21 20 Dimmitt:Leslie Nelson 17, Katrina Acker 17. Bobcats 56, Slaton 55

15 16 14 10 -Slaton 12 20 11 13 --Dimmitt Dimmitt: Fernando Ontiveros 20, Eufemio Saucedo 10.

#### Monday

Freshman Bobbies 30, Tulia 27

Tulia 4 8 9 6 --27 6 11 -30 Dimmitt 6 7 Dimmitt: Emily Robertson 9, Carrie Bradley 9.

Freshman Bobcats 59, Tulia 41 15 9 17 18 --59 Dimmitt 41 10 15 8 8 -Tulia Dimmitt: Fernando Ontiveros 20, Eufemio Saucedo 10.

#### Tuesday

Lady Horns 73, River Road 52 Hart 16 19 18 20 -73 River Road 12 6 8 26 - 52 Hart: Traci Knox 17, Shea Bennett 12, Trinette Finch 12.

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#### Slaton 55, Swiftettes 36

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#### Craham 69, Nazareth 58

Nazareth 11 16 18 13 -58 Graham 16 19 12 22 -69 Nazarethi Melinda Schmucker 27, Kandal Derrick 12.

#### Whitharral Tournament

Lazbuddie 82, Longhorns 56 Lazbuddie 11 24 30 17 -82 Hart 13 17 11 15 -56 Hart: J.R. Lee 22. Amherst 95, Longhorns 61 19 31 27 18 --Amherst 14 22 18 --61 Hart: J.R. Lee 15, Raynea Carcia 10. Lady Horns 63, Lazbuddie 52

Hart 15 18 16 14 -Lazbuddie 8 10 19 15 - 52 Hart: Shea Bennett 22, Kim Grossman 15.

#### Lady Horns 63, Anton 37

Anton 4 7 18 8 -37 12 22 16 13 -63 Hart Hart: Shea Bennett 31, Traci Knox 12. Lady Horns 57, Whitharral 43 18 11 13 -Hart 15 57 Whitharral 13 13 4 13 - 43 Hart: Shea Bennett 16, Brandi Key 10. (Lady Horns win championship.)

#### 9th Bobcats 66, Canyon 52

Dimmitt 16 16 18 17 66 Canyon 15 25 20 12 -52 Dimmitt: Brandon Smith 22, Kalem Thomas 19, Omar Rascon 12.

#### JV Lady Horns 42, River Road 19

River Road 95, Longhorns 41 12 8 8 13 -41 Hart River Road 30 16 25 24 - 95 Hart: Jason Aven 11, Barry Washington 8.

#### River Road JV 67, JV Longhorns 51 Swiftettes 46, Tulia 45

18 - 45 8 12 7 Tulia Nazareth 14 7 11 14 - 46 Nazareth: Melinda Schmucker 17, Kristin Brockman 15. JV Swiftettes 46, Tulia 32

#### Swifts 84, Tulia 57 14 Tulia 6

Nazareth 24 18 20 22 --84 Nazareth: Scott Brockman 20, Nick Johnson 20. JV Swifts 47. Tulia 31

#### **Bobbies 55, Petersburg 37**

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#### Acker 17, Kara Josselet 11. JV Bobbies 41, Petersburg 39

Bobcats 65, Petersburg 56 Dimmitt 16 15 13 21 65 Petersburg 11 18 11 16 --56 Dimmitt: Derrick Thomas 25, Eufemio Saucedo 13.

JV Bobcats 60, Petersburg 43



# Good luck, Longhorns!

# **CofC re-elects Welch**, adopts deficit '94 budget

Reta Welch will serve a second term as president of the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce.

Les Miller will be the chamber's vice-president and Cheryle Pybus the secretary for the coming year.

They were elected by the chamber's new board of directors following the organization's annual membership meeting last Wednesday noon in the Senior Citizens Center.

Sixty-five chamber members attended the annual meeting and reelected Acie Boyd and Ray Bain to three-year terms on the board of directors during the business session.

Executive Director Delores Heller gave an overview of the chamber's 1993 activities and accomplishments, which included the annual banquet, naming of civic award winners, ribbon-cuttings for 11 new businesses by the Dimmitt Dynamos, beautification projects, Harvest Days activities, Gallery of Gifts arts and crafts show, a Valentine's raffle, a send-off breakfast for the Dimmitt Bobbies before the state basketball tournament, educational and governmental affairs workshops, economic development projects, City-Wide Garage Sale, Christmas Open House and lighting project, tourism and public relations programs, committee activities and monthly newsletter. On economic development, Hel-

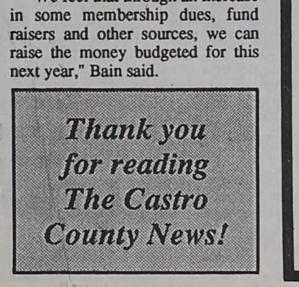
ler reported, "We've worked real hard on that, although we don't have much concrete to show for it. The Rubinoff project (to locate a proposed food processing industry here) hasn't worked out as well as we had hoped, but we did get the bond issue passed, and through the contacts we made in this project, we have developed some other contacts."

Heller noted also that chamber members will soon receive new membership plaques, custom-made by the Dimmitt DATA Club and Dimmitt Printing Co.

Members adopted a deficit budget for 1994 and vowed to increase revenue to make up the difference.

Budget Committee Chairman Ray Bain noted that anticipated expenditures for the 1994 fiscal year are \$59,958, an increase of \$3,400 over 1993 disbursements. The '94 budget will call for an additional \$4,500 in revenues, Bain reported.

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# Birkenfeld is selected as SPC mascot

Melinda Birkenfeld has earned the right to represent South Plains College as "Big Tex," the school's mascot.

Birkenfeld, a 1993 graduate of Nazareth High School, served as "Swifty" during her high school career.

She is a freshman at SPC. In addition to earning the job as SPC's mascot, Birkenfeld also will receive a \$300 scholarship.

# More about Bobcats . . .

#### (Continued from Page 8)

over. The Tigers lost the ball again a few seconds later, and fouled Larra. The Dimmitt guard missed on the one-and-one and Slaton had the ball with about six seconds left. It appeared a Tiger double-dribbled, but officials ruled he was trying to call timeout.

After conferring, the officials determined the clock should read 5.59 seconds instead of 5.38 seconds. A mistake was made in adding the additional .21, and the teams played for about 10 seconds before officials realized the clock read 5 minutes and 59 seconds. The referees decided the game was over and ran from the floor, with Slaton coach Gary Bridges searching in vain for the officials and a win that got away.



EIGHTH BOBCATS WIN TOURNAMENT --Dimmitt's eighth grade Bobcats won the Hereford tournament last weekend to keep their season going strong. Team members include (front row, from left) Travis Crow, Casey Smith, Stuart Sutton, D.J.

Fleeks and Rudy Alaniz; (back row) Coach Don Bell, John Paul Ramos, Zack Matthews, Charlie Sanders, Michael Keith and Richard Martinez.

Photo by John Brooks

# **Champion Wolverines** had local connection

Leon Sandoval of Dimmitt is a proud daddy.

And Esmerelda Sepeda of Sunnyside and Jaci Holcomb Garner of Springlake are proud mamas.

Their sons were members of the Springlake-Earth football team that advanced to the Class AA quarterfinals.

The Wolverines captured the regional championship before losing to Goldthwaite, 10-0, in the quarterfinals. They finished with an admirable record of 12 wins, one loss and one tie. The tie was a 14-14 deadlock with Shallowater during the regular season.

Isaac Sandoval was a 130-lb. sophomore who alternated at tailback, split end and defensive back for the Wolverines. His parents are Leon and Leticia Sandoval of Dimmitt and Esmerelda and Elio Sepeda of Sunnyside. He's the grandson of Margarita Sandoval of Dimmitt.

Sky Holcomb, also a sophomore, was a 175-lb. offensive tackle and defensive end for the Wolverines. He's the son of Jaci and Bill Garner of Springlake and the late Butch Holcomb of Dimmitt. He's also the grandson of Cowboy and Jeannie Johnson, formerly of Dimmitt.

Isaac and Sky both were born in Dimmitt.

"This is the second straight year Springlake-Earth has gotten into the playoffs," Leon Sandoval said. "They improved a lot during the season, and had about eight weapons to score with. They had a lot of talent.

"Also, Springlake-Earth has a fine coaching staff-they're super." Sandoval said. "Coach Rick Hewlett and his staff and all the Springlake-Earth boys did a super job. It was quite an accomplishment."

# Dimmitt teams sweep Hereford

Dimmitt's seventh, eighth and ninth grade Bobcats swept all three divisions of the Hereford tournament last weekend.

It was the first time in recent memory that all three boys teams have captured all three titles. The tournament features a field of schools from larger districts, including Hereford, Canyon, Valley View-Randall, Pampa and Plainview.

The seventh grade Bobcats won their division with wins of 60-30 over Hereford Maroon, 62-22 over Valley View and a 49-30 blowout of Canyon in the finals.

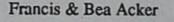
Derek Buckley and Jerry Thomas were the leading scorers for the seventh graders: Buckley had 71 points and Thomas 57 in the three games.

The eighth graders dumped Valley View B, 63-26, Canyon 51-39, and Valley View 39-33, to win its title. Zack Matthews, D.J. Fleeks, Charley Sanders and Richard Martinez led the eighth graders.

The freshman Bobcats, who are 7-0, dumped Hereford B 74-21, beat Plainview 57-58, and downed Canyon 66-52 to claim the championship. Kalem Thomas had 66 points in the three games, while Brandon Smith added 45.



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**BOBBIES GOING STRONG--**FRESHMAN Dimmitt's ninth grade Bobbies won the consolation title in the Canyon Tournament last weekend and are 6-1 for the year. Team members include (front row, form left) Andreana Mondragon, Candi Feaster.

Espinosa, Summer McLean and Kimberly Proffitt; (back row) Melynda Anes, Yesenia Zamora, Emily Robertson and Tawnee Matthews. Not pictured is Carrie Bradley. The team is coached by Bobby Photo by John Brooks

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#### NAZARETH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR TRUST FUNDS YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1993

		GOVERNMENTAL	TOTALS (	MEMORANDUM ON
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REVENUES:				
5700 Local, Intermediate, and Dut-of-State	\$302,385	\$40,450	\$342,835	\$311,230
5800 State Program Revenues	1,201,639	1,656	1,203,295	1,070,304
5900 Federal Program Revenues	1.	129,445	129,445	114,593
5030 Total Revenue	\$1,504,024	\$171,551	\$1,675,575	\$1,496,127
EXPENDITURES:				
0011 Instruction	\$679,657	\$92,899	\$772,556	\$722,426
0021 Instructional Administration	-	4,754	4,754	4,553
0022 Instructional Resources and Media Services	19,602	-	19,602	17,095
0023 School Administration	73,805		73,805	69,083
0025 Curriculum & Instruct. Staff Development	3,983		3,983	4,046
0031 Guidance and Counseling Services	18,706	675	19,381	14,986
0033 Health Services	4,880	1,325	6,205	5,407
0034 Student Transportation	60,930		60,930	47,287
0036 Co-curricular Activities	84,484		84,484	94,350
0037 Food Services		74,099	74,099	62,749
0041 General Administration	120,063		120,063	110,901
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	127,934		127,934	120,590
0052 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	55,036	,	55,036	196,918
0081 Community Service	249	318	567	1,315
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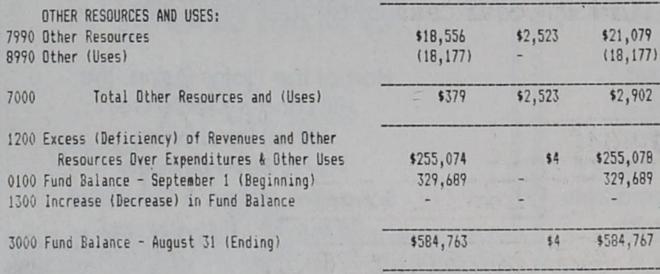
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### **A** Christmas tradition

The story of "Unlucky Jimmy" has become a Christmas tradition for this column. Because we have added more than 200,000 new readers this year, I think it's worth sharing again.

It's a story my mother often read to me when I was small. It's about a little boy named Jimmy. Jimmy's family was very poor. His little sister was an invalid and had to spend most of her days in bed. Christmas held no hope of joy for either of the children.

As he trudged home from school each day, Jimmy would stop to look at the toys in the bright store windows. More than anything, he wanted a little red fire engine. Jimmy knew way down inside that he would never be lucky enough to get one. In fact, his only marble had rolled down a storm drain the previous week. He felt that he was the unluckiest boy alive. He even called

himself Unlucky Jimmy.

Then, one night just before Christmas, Jimmy received an invitation to a Christmas party for the poor children in the neighborhood. A nice lady from a nearby church mission promised Jimmy a special gift. Jimmy grew excited as he drew near the mission. He couldn't believe his eyes when he saw the Christmas tree. It was covered with lights and surrounded by toys. Jimmy saw a bright red fire engine just like the one in the store window.

When it came time for each child to pick out a gift, Jimmy's heart nearly stopped. He was afraid that someone else would pick the fire engine. Fortunately, when his turn came, the little truck was still under the tree. As Jimmy reached for the engine, he thought of his frail little sister at home in bed. He stopped and turned to the mission lady. He asked softly if he might pick two gifts, one for himself and one for his sister at home. The lady shook her head sadly and told

Jimmy there were only enough presents for one per child.

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

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

Later, as Jimmy sat by his little sister's bed, someone knocked on the door. When he opened it, the mission lady was there. In her arms, she held the red fire engine. She explained to Jimmy that the children were sorry they had laughed at him. They had not known about his sick little sister. After she told

them why Jimmy had chosen the doll, the children asked her to bring the fire engine to Jimmy.

#### The true meaning

I often think of Jimmy at Christmas time, usually when I'm feeling selfish. Would you join me this Christmas season in beginning a "Jimmy" tradition? We can make the coming year a joyous occasion for all the people in this community by giving of ourselves.

Volunteer time to your favorite church or charity. Make or bake something for someone less fortunate. Take time to listen to someone who needs you. Let's make this year a year of giving.

Remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas is Christ's birth. It is His life of giving we should emulate. Today, like 2,000 years ago, wise men and women still seek Him.

You may write to Don Taylor in care of "Minding Your Own Business," PO Box 67. Amarillo 79105.

# **Clark named director of Bushland center**

named director of the US Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) Conservation and Production Research Laboratory at Bushland.

Dr. Clark, who is succeeding Dr. B.A. Stewart who retired on Oct. 1, assumed his new duties on Dec. 13.

The announcement about Dr. Clark's promotion was announced by Dr. Charles Onstad, associate director for the Southern Plains area of the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

Dr. Onstad expressed gratitude to Dr. Anthony Cole, research leader

Dr. R. Nolan Clark has been for the Bovine Respiratory Disease Research Unit, for his contribution to the laboratory during the interim period when he served as acting Service. The major focus of this laboratory director.

> Dr. Clark is an agricultural engineer who has been at the research laboratory since 1971. During his time with the Agricultural Research Service he has conducted studies on collection and safe disposal of runoff from beef cattle feedyards, evaporation from sprinkler irrigation systems, furrow dikes for dryland crop production and wind energy.

Since 1976, Dr. Clark has headed the Wind Energy Research Program for the Agricultural Research research has been to develop new energy sources for pumping water for irrigation and livestock.

A wind electric water pumping system was developed using moder, high-efficiency wind turbines and standard electric-powered submersible pumps. Recently, the Bushland program was awarded a new research project to develop a

wind-solar-diesel hybrid electrical generating system for remote areas and large farms.

The American Wind Energy Association presented Dr. Clark its academic award for his "long-term world-wide commitment to utilization of wind energy technology to meet rural needs." Dr. Clark completed a two-year term on the board of directors of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in 1993.

Tie one on.

Prior to joining the Agricultural

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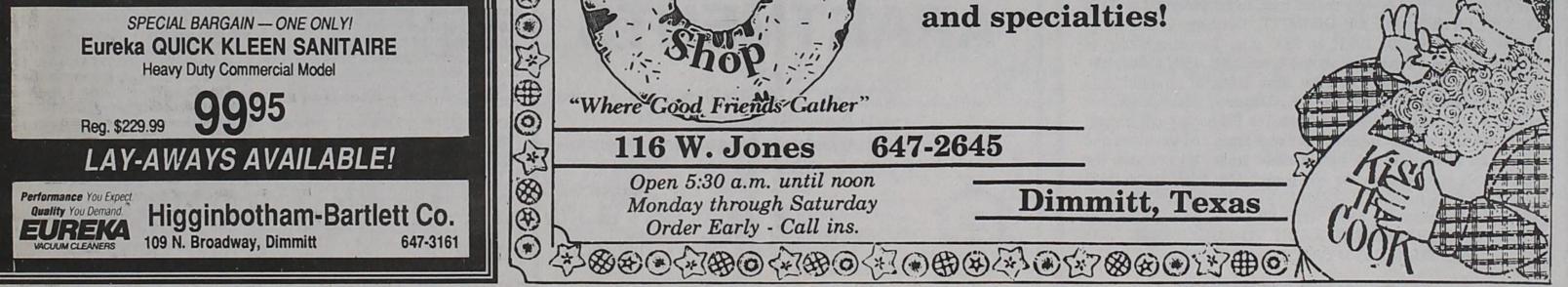
Research Service, Dr. Clark received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural engineering from Texas Tech University in 1964 and earned a master of science degree in agricultural engineering from Mississippi State University in 1967. He served as an instructor at Mississippi State University, teaching surveying and water conservation from 1964 to 1967. He earned his PhD in agricultural engineering from Texas A&M University in 1970. While at Texas A&M University he served as a research associate in the irrigation research program.

**Dr. Nolan Clark** 





... and don't forget TROY'S when you plan your Christmas **Party! Donuts, cookies, cakes** 





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#### 20—Help Wanted

HEREFORD CARE CENTER needs RN director. Also now hiring LVNs and CNAs. Call 364-7113 or come by 231 Kingwood, Hereford. 20-36-tfc

#### 21—Wanted, Misc.

WOULD LIKE TO BUY your used gold jewelry-broken, worn out or otherwise. 21-1-tfc Call 647-3250, evenings.

-Legal Notices

#### LEGAL NOTICES

Castro County Commissioners' Court will accept bids on the following:

Proposal #1: To trade 2 used motor graders: 1 1985 772-A John Deere and 1 1982 A-550 Gallion for one new motor grader

Proposal #2: To trade 3 used motor graders: 1 1985 772-A John Deere, 1 1982 A-550 Gallion and 1 1980 140-G Catepillar for 2 new motor graders.

Bid specifications may be picked up at the county judge's office, Courthouse, Dimmitt, Texas, 647-4451, or by contacting Precinct 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland, Hart, Texas, 938-2451, home, or 938-2598, county barn. Bids should include alternate payment methods, guaranteed maintenance and guaranteed repurchase.

Castro County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and the right to waive formalities

MRS. M.L. SIMPSON JR. Castro County Judge 25-36-2tc

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Dimmitt Independent School District Food Service is accopting sealed bids for the purchase of bread items for the second semester of the 1993-94 school year. Information may be obtained from the Administration Office at 608 West Halsell, Dimmitt, Texas 79027. All bids must be returned to Neal Bryan, Business Manager, or Billie Kirby, Food Service Director, at 608 West Halsell by 12 noon Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, and will be awarded at 1 p.m. Dimmitt ISD reserves the right to reject any or all bids. All bids must be stated for the full 25-35-2tc semester.

22—Notices

#### Political Announcements

The News has been authorized to list the names of the following candidates for public office, subject to the March 8 primary.

#### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

For County Treasurer: Oleta Raper (I)

For County-District Clerk: **Betty Rickert** Joyce Thomas Debra Ball

For County Judge: Irene Miller



Dec. 8. She went from surgery to

recovery for awhile and then to

ICU. She has done well all along

and was expected to go to a private

room Sunday or Monday. Renee

she still comes to church here.

having heart problems.

were no lights.

FRESHMAN BOBCATS WIN **TOURNEY--**Dimmitt's ninth grade Bobcats are 7-0 after winning the Hereford tournament last weekend and defeating Tulia on Monday. Team members include (front row, from left) Aaron Ewing, Jonathon Ivy, Wesley Mays, Omar Rascon and Ryan Harkins; (middle row) Brad Beck, Conrado Saucedo, Bryan Portwood, Raul Holguin and Brent Portwood; (top row) Kalem Thomas, Brandon Smith, Jason Nino and Daniel Martin. Gus Ortiz is the coach. Photo by John Brooks

### TRLA clients to elect new board member

Texas Rural Legal Aid will hold a Christmas party for clients Saturday in Dimmitt, and a representative to serve on the group's board of directors will be elected at the party.

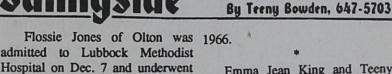
The election for TRLA's Panhandle Client Council Representative will be held between 5 and 8 p.m. at the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt.

Refreshments will be served and the party is free and open to all eligible clients and their families, and to employees and members of all eligible client organizations and their families.

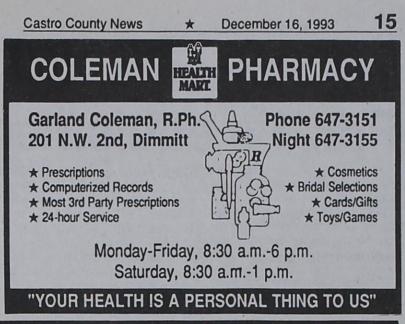
The TRLA board of directors is composed of private attorneys, client council representatives, and representatives of client organizations such as family shelters and farmworker unions.

In order to be eligible to serve on the TRLA board of directors as the Panhandle Client Council Representative, an individual also must be eligible to receive the services provided by TRLA's Plainview and Hereford offices. Specifically, an individual must be a migrant or seasonal farm worker, and must earn a low enough income to qualify for free legal services.

Several clients already were nominated at TRLA's priority setting meetings in November including Rafel Lopez of Plainview, Mike Favila of Muleshoe, and Severo Trevizo of Hereford. Additional nominations will be accepted before the election on Saturday.



Emma Jean King and Teeny major surgery to repair an aneurysm Bowden attended the Castro County Historical Commission meeting Thursday afternoon at Rhoads Memorial Library. Also there were Madge Robb, Clara Vick and Dolores Heller.



**Dr.** Patel

will be seeing his patients at the



### Hawkins **Memorial Clinic** in Hart

from Dec. 20 through Dec. 31. Appointments can be made between the hours of 9-12 and 1-5 Monday-Friday. Call 938-2320. Hawkins Memorial Clinic is located at 611 N. Broadway in Hart, next door to the Post Office.



Mrs. M.L. (Polly) Simpson Jr. (I)

For Commissioner, Pct. 4: Vincent Guggemos (I)

#### **REPUBLICAN PRIMARY**

For County Judge: Robert Hawkins

Political Adv. Pd. by Candidates

# Substitute in-service is planned

Individuals interested in serving as a substitute teacher for the Dimmitt Independent School District during the second semester should plan to attend an in-service workshop.

The workshop will be held Jan. 4, 1994, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the board room at the DISD Administration Building.

### Mandy Rivera is recognized

Mandy Rivera, daughter of Juan and Maria Rivera, is the Student of the Week from Judy Damron's fourth-grade class.

Rivera was born in Plainview and will celebrate her birthday Jan. 1.

Her favorite book is Girl Talk. She likes dogs and pizza and thinks her niece is "cool." She says the nicest thing about school is Mrs. Stewart. She wants to be a good student and says she "dribbles" well.

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# **Commissioners discuss** Pct. 1's equipment needs

Precinct 1 may be purchasing one or two new road graders in the future.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland told commissioners Monday that his equipment is in bad shape and repairs have been very expensive and will only get worse.

Rowland was appointed as commissioner after Harold Smith resigned the post in September. Since then Rowland has had repairmen check out most of the equipment, and made needed repairs. That has been costly.

"The problem is things are rapidly tearing up," Rowland told commissioners. "We just had two John Deere graders worked on last week and they fixed oil leaks, replaced a radiator and fixed a front end. Then we had the Caterpillar checked and the report was it was in good shape. But we used it maybe 1-1/2 days and now it's locked down."

When drawing up this year's budget in September, commissioners increased the amount in Pct. 1's Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance account to \$30,000. A lot of that money already has been spent.

County Auditor Maretta Smithson said repairs on the Pct. 1 equipment have cost \$10,679 already. Rowland said he has called repairmen out since then, and he expects bills from those service calls to run close to \$10,000.

Several pieces of his equipment still are not working properly.

Rowland proposed to commissioners that he be allowed to trade in either two or three road graders for either one or two new units.



But when commissioners were drawing up the Fiscal Year 1993-94 budget, they agreed no Capital Outlay would be included. They hesitated about approving any purchase.

"What would it take to amend the budget?" asked Pct. 3 Commissioner Jeff Robertson.

Smithson told him it could only be done in case of an emergency, and that purchase of new graders would not qualify.

Commissioners agreed to advertise for bids, but also will check into the legalities of purchasing the equipment. If it's not legal, then the purchase will be postponed.

Newland said the first option is to trade a 1985 772-A John Deere and a 1982 A-550 Gallion for one new machine. Another option would be to trade those two machines plus a 1980 140 G Catepillar for two new graders.

He said John Deere will offer the county trade-in costs of \$15,400 for the Gallion, \$13,800 for the John Deere and \$33,500 for the Catepillar. Catepillar offered \$42,300 for the Cat, \$20,000 for the John Deere and \$14,000 for the Gallion.

Rowland said the trade - ins would make the down payment on the machine and carry through until the next budget year.

He also quoted prices on new machines — \$133,055 for a new John Deere six-wheel drive and \$141,000 for an all-wheel drive Catepillar.

But he agreed with other commissioners that if it is not legal to purchase the equipment because of prior budget plans, he would postpone the purchase.

"I definitely want to stay legal," Rowland said.

Tommy Snell with Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) met with commissioners and discussed options his agency may have in finding a building to house its offices and the Texas Dept. of Human Services.

Joe Gance of Johnson Controls submitted two proposals on the courthouse's heating and cooling system to commissioners Monday.

One proposal is designed to "maximize savings and minimize costs," Gance said, while the second plan is to rework the system throughout the entire courthouse, including the jail.

He said the county would not be obligated to pay for any work until the project is complete, and he gave an estimated completion date of June 1, if work is started soon.

After explaining benefits of the first plan, he added that Johnson Controls would guarantee that \$88,-000 would be saved in utility costs over the life of the project.

Johnson Controls already has performed some work on the system, including changing valves, and Smithson said the county has paid \$7,036 so far.

Commissioners decided to study both proposals before taking any action, and Pct. 4 Commissioner Vincent Guggemos told Gance they would have to go out for bids before anything definite could be done.

# **Dimmitt Dollars** final drawing will be Monday

The final drawing for Dimmitt Dollars will be held at 4 p.m. Monday. Two winners' names will be drawn for the biggest prizes yet -one for \$200 and one for \$100.

Here are the winners of the Dimmitt Dollars holiday drawings so

# **Dimmitt ready** for tough field at Brownfield

Dimmitt faces Snyder Friday afternoon in a unique bracket at the annual Brownfield Rotary Invitational Tournament.

Snyder is taking semester tests this week and can't get free to play until Friday afternoon, according to Dimmitt coach Alan Steinle. That means the Dimmitt-Snyder game will be played Friday at 3:30 p.m. Other first-round games are on Thursday: Slaton-Andrews at 4:30 p.m. and Brownfield-Muleshoe at 7 p.m. Pecos received a first-round bye.

If the Bobcats win, they'll play the winner of the Slaton-Andrews game at 11 a.m. Saturday. The thirdplace game is at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, with the championship tilt at 8 p.m. If the Bobcats lose Friday, they will play in the consolation finals at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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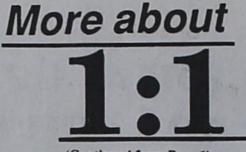
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The agents told commissioners before they could submit the grant application they would need a letter from the county pledging its support of the project. The county also would have to agree to accept ownership of the building if the project is approved and the building is constructed.

Robertson made the motion to support the application for the grant to build the 4-H Educational Center, and added the county would accept ownership of the building if it is approved.

Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Reynolds told commissioners the building would include barns with



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the Charter of the Realm saith clearly that all the tribes of the land - Jews and Gentiles, Christians and Moslems, Moors and Celtics, Flatlanders and Hillbillies - are taxed to support the services of the Kingdom, and verily, it is written that the taxes gathered from all the tribes shall not be used to promote the religion of one tribe."

And the voice from the wilderness spake further, saying these dreaded words: "I have a legal precedent."

And his cry sent a great reverberation and trembling throughout the realm, and the chief of the king's messenger service did quake, and sent word from his ivory tower in a distant city to the king's messenger in the city called Nazareth, saying thusly: "Thou hast been a good and faithful servant in this, and hath delivered joy to many, but now thou must cease and desist."

And a Humble Servant in that region, even one who had sent his own Nativity Letters through the king's messenger station in the city called Nazareth, mumbleth to himself, "The Pharisee who cryeth in the wilderness is right under the Law of the land. But he is still a Grinch."

And the people of the city called Nazareth railed against the Shrine of Civil Liberties, and felt betrayed. But their railing availeth them nothing, and they fell into a deep funk.

Yea, because they were a lawabiding people, they did cease and desist, though they did not like it worth a whit.

And when the time came for the next Holy Nativity Season to be celebrated in the land (this being in the first year of the reign of King Willie), no Nativity Cards or Let-

ters were dispatched through the station of the king's messenger in the city called Nazareth.

And the Humble Servant, seeing all this, said unto himself, "Verily, it does not have to be thus. The Charter of the Realm ordains only that the king's messenger shall not affix the Holy Scene upon Nativity Cards and Letters. It says naught about the Holy Scene being affixed thereunto before it is in the hands of the king's messenger."

And the Humble Servant had a vision: That on the next Holy Nativity Season, the people in the city called Nazareth would set up quarters in their temple, or in a house in the city, or in a booth in the marketplace, and send the call throughout the land for people of a like mind to send all their Nativity Cards and Letters to those private quarters, where the Holy Scene would be affixed thereupon by volunteers, and then be delivered unto the station of the king's messenger to be dispatched.

In that wise, the Charter of the Realm would not be abridged, and the Pharisee in the Wilderness would be obliged to go butteth a stump, and the people of the realm who so desired could still have their Nativity Messages sent forth from the city called Nazareth, and thusly marked.

And the Humble Servant hoped that it would come to pass.

### Correction

In last week's announcement for office, the News inadvertently omitted important information from Joyce Thomas's announcement for the county-district clerk's office.

Thomas has nine years of experience in the clerk's office.

The News regrets the omission.

### **Beatrice Brooks**

Beatrice McClennen Brooks, 88, of Friona, died Dec. 8, 1993.

Services were Friday at Frio Baptist Church with the Rev. Sam Milam, pastor, and the Rev. Vergil Ichtertz of Calvary Baptist Church of Friona officiating. Burial was Saturday in Fairlawn Cemetery in Comanche, Okla. Graveside services were conducted by the Rev. Don Towland, pastor of the United Methodist Church in Comanche. Arrangements were by Ellis-Blackwell Funeral Home of Friona.

Mrs. Brooks was born April 9, 1905 in Spanish Fort. She had lived in the Frio Community since the 1930s before moving to Friona two years ago. She married Jimmie Lee Brooks on April 22, 1923 in Comanche. He died June 4, 1977.

Mrs. Brooks was a member of the Frio Baptist Church and was a former member of the Frio Homemakers Club.

Survivors include a daughter, Juanice (Tiny) Taylor of Friona; a brother, Earl McClennen of Comanche; four grandchildren; nine greatgrandchildren; and seven greatgreat-grandchildren.

## **James Swink**

James M. Swink, 68, of Shamrock, died Dec. 7, 1993.

Memorial services were Friday in Calvary Christian Fellowship Church with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor, officiating. Arrangements were by Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. Swink was born in Wheeler County and had been a resident of the county most of his life. He married Nina Marquis in 1983 in Shamrock. He was a veteran of the US Navy in World War II and in the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion, serving as district vice commander from 1985 to 1988 and district commander from 1988 to 1990. He was a member of the POW-MIA Committee, and was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Robert Jaru Swink of San

"South Plains Health Provider is planning to close its office here," Snell said.

TDH is currently housed in the same building with South Plains Health Provider, but the latter had told TDH it needed more room for its offices. TDH was being forced to look for other office space and had asked for the county's help.

But Snell said if South Plains Health Provider closes its Dimmitt office, then that location would be big enough for what TDH needs.

"We don't want to see South Plains Health Provider go," Snell said. "We're going to try and find a way to help them keep their clinic open. But if they do close, we need to pick up the slack somehow."

Snell said South Plains Health Provider would know for sure if the Dimmitt office would be closed by Friday.

Commissioners approved payment of overtime earned by employees in the sheriff's department during October and November.

The county paid 13 employees a combined \$1,432.97 (at half-time rate).

Merchants Committee.

A 47-year-old Dimmitt man was arrested for driving while intoxicated on Saturday night.

Dimmitt police reported they saw a man racing down N. Broadway at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was pulled over on the 100 block of W. Etter. Officers smelled alcohol on the man's breath, and the man allegedly failed all parts of a field sobriety test. The man was booked into Castro County Jail after he recorded a .15 on the Intoxilyzer test.

A Dimmitt woman told police she was struck in the face by a man in a family violence report early Sunday in the 200 block of NW Sixth.

far, along with the drawing dates, amounts and the stores in which the winners registered:

#### Nov. 18:

\$50—LUCILLE SCHACHER (Thriftway Supermarket) Nov. 29: \$50—ROSE SALAZAR (Lockhart Pharmacy) \$50—GENEVIA PHILLIPS

(Red X Travel Store) Dec. 6:

\$50—LUPE FLORES (IGA Foodliner) \$50—NANCY ROSS (Village Shop) Dec. 13:

#### \$50-M. L. CLINE

(Higginbotham-Bartlett Co.) \$50—SHELLY HANES

(C. R. Anthony Co.) Shoppers may register at any participating store until 3 p.m. Monday. Each participating store is denoted by a red-and-white striped cane on its door, along with a red, white and green poster. Drawings are held in the Chamber of Commerce office.

The Dimmitt Dollars may be redeemed at any Dimmitt store.

The drawings are part of the "Light Up Christmas - Dimmitt Style" campaign sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Retail

several livestock stalls which would be used by 4-H'ers with livestock projects.

He said the students would be allowed to keep their animals in the pens and each stall would include a locker in which feed and other supplies could be stored.

The building also would be used for other activities such as classes, meetings and other gatherings, he added.

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TURN OFF ALL LIGHTS BEFORE LEAVING or going to bed. You'll save money and be safer, too.

DON'T USE INDOOR LIGHTS OUTSIDE.

AVOID OUTDOOR ELECTRICAL LINES when hanging lights on the rooftop or in tall trees.

USE WATERPROOF LIGHTING EQUIPMENT OUTDOORS. Also, hang sockets downwards and don't leave a socket empty.

from the house, but it would cost

about \$150 to repair the door.

Officer Rudy DeLeon, on routine patrol Saturday night, discovered a beer bottle had been thrown through the front glass door at Ruskin Racquet Club.

The damage was about \$200, police said.

Two vehicles received minor damage in an accident Thursday afternoon at Grant and SW Sixth.

A 1990 Oldsmobile driven by Millicent Davis, 80, of Dimmitt, was traveling east on Grant when she collided with a 1997 Pontiac driven by Victor Hernandez, 16, of Dimmitt. Hernandez was going south on SW Sixth.



Angelo and James Michael Swink of Sacramento, Calif.; five daughters, Deborah Douglas of Pampa, Carla Belisle of Minnesota, Paula McMenamy of Amarillo, Rose Loudder of Dimmitt and Dana Linch of Glen Rose; his mother, Leola Wilkinson of Shamrock; a brother, Curtis Wilkinson of Alma, Ark.; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be either to the American Legion or the American Heart Association.

The woman said her common-law husband had been arguing about his brother interfering in their relationship, police reported. The victim said her common-law husband then hit her on the right side of the face with a closed fist.

A Dimmitt man said someone attempted to kick the front door of a rent house open in the 600 block of SW Third on Friday. The man said nothing was taken

Davis was ticketed for failure to yield right of way, and Hernandez was cited for no driver's license.

A 1982 Nissan 280ZX was struck by a vehicle which left the scene Monday at Dimmitt High School. The car was parked in the west parking lot of the high school. Police are still investigating the accident.

