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## Voters will elect senator in Tuesday runoff

A runoff election on Tuesday will decide who will represent Texas Senate District 30 for the rest of the late Sen. Tom Haywood's term, and candidates are Republican Craig Estes and Democrat Greg Underwood.

A special election was held on Nov. 6 to elect a state senator to fill Haywood's unexpired term. Of the six candidates on the Nov. 6 ballot, Estes was favored with 49.3% of the vote while Underwood finished second with 20.9%.

During the Nov. 6 election in Castro County, voters favored Underwood over Estes by a 148-113 count.

Since no candidate won a majority in the special election, the top two vote-getters will square off in a runoff election on Tuesday. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day, and the polling places used for the Nov. 6 election will also be used Tuesday. Those

sites will be as follows:

**PRECINCT 1:**

101: Hart Golden Group Building  
205: Sunnyside Baptist Church

**PRECINCT 2:**

201: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Dimmitt  
206: Flagg Fertilizer

**PRECINCT 3:**

301: First Baptist Church, Dimmitt  
307: Easter Community Center

**PRECINCT 4:**

401: District Courtroom, Dimmitt  
408: Nazareth Community Hall

The winner of the special election will serve until January 2003, and a legislative session isn't planned, unless Gov. Rick Perry calls a special session.

Early voting for the runoff election will start Monday and will continue through Nov. 30 at the Castro County Clerk's Office, Room 101, at the county courthouse in Dimmitt. Early ballots may be cast between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

District 30 includes the counties of Archer, Armstrong, Baylor, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Clay, part of Collin, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, part of Denton, Dickens, Donley, Fisher, Floyd, Foard, Grayson, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jones, Kent, King, Knox, Montague, Motley, Scurry, Stonewall, Swisher, part of Taylor, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wichita and Wilbarger.

## Deputies, sheriff to get respirators

Castro County Commissioners agreed Monday to purchase six respirators with special filters for the five field deputies and Sheriff CD Fitzgearld.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and recent anthrax scares across the county prompted the request for respirators.

County Judge Irene Miller and Fitzgearld told commissioners the respirators were recommended by the county's emergency management coordinator Randy Griffitt.

Each of the units is expected to cost between \$250 and \$260, and if the price is higher than that, commissioners must approve the purchase again.

"There have been a couple of incidents in which respirators would have been nice," Fitzgearld said.

"I think it's something we need to have," said Pct. 1 Commissioner Newlon Rowland.

Pct. 2 Commissioner Clyde Damron agreed, adding, "I hope we never need to use them, but I feel like each deputy should have one. The sheriff needs one, too."

Commissioners authorized the 10 jailers currently on staff at the Castro County jail to apply to become notary publics.

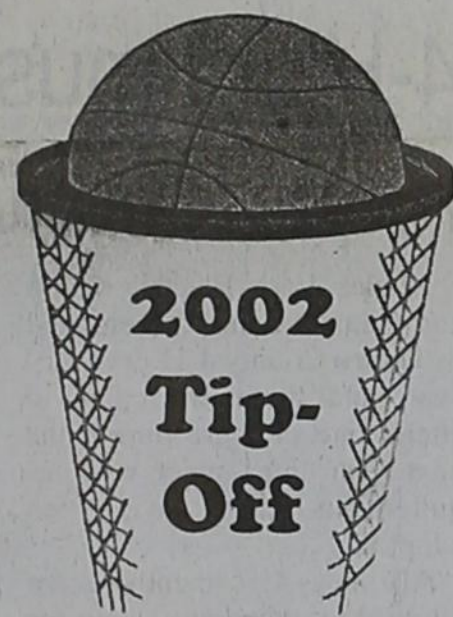
After Jan. 1, 2002, a notary public must be available at the



IT'S NOT A TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS cactus, but a blanket of snow turns this heat-loving plant into a holiday wonder. The county received its first snow of the season Tuesday,

with two inches of the white stuff covering the ground. Temperatures stayed below freezing Tuesday and Wednesday.

Photo by Paula Portwood



Bobcats, Longhorns are featured this week

## Ed Self announces for 242<sup>nd</sup> district court

Judge Ed Self has announced that he will seek re-election as judge for the 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court, subject to the March, 2002, Republican Primary.

The 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court serves Hale, Castro and Swisher counties.

Judge Self says he has worked hard the last four years to restore public trust in the judiciary.

"District judges work for the public, and a judge should go to work each day constantly aware of that fact, be on time, put in a full day's work—not waste juror's or litigant's time or the taxpayer's money—and be responsive to the needs of the citizens, within the bounds of



Judge Ed Self

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## Thieves abscond with welders and trailers

A pair of gas-powered welders and trailers were stolen in separate incidents over the last 20 days.

The first theft was reported by Ray Bermea on Nov. 8. Then on Nov. 19, Dale Wilhelm reported a similar theft.

Bermea told Castro County Sheriff's Deputy Billy Cox that his father's trailer-mounted welder was missing from an area one mile north of SH 86 on FM 2567.

Bermea told Cox the trailer and welder were last seen on Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. The combo was noticed missing on Nov. 8.

The gray Lincoln gas-powered welder was valued at \$1,000 by Bermea, who said it was mounted on a Ford pickup-bed trailer. He valued the trailer at \$200.

Cox investigated the scene where Bermea said the trailer had been parked, but no foot-

prints or tire tracks were observed on the loose dirt.

The items reported missing by Wilhelm were a Miller 225G bright blue gas-powered welder mounted on a red Lee utility trailer. The serial number on the welder is KK273170. The trailer has a "fold-up tailgate," according to Wilhelm.

Wilhelm said the welder and trailer had been parked two miles west of Nazareth on SH 86, and he last saw the items on Nov. 17. He noticed them missing in the morning on Nov. 18.

He told Cox that he had noticed tire tracks with unfamiliar treads in the driveway leading to where the welder and trailer had been parked.

Wilhelm valued the welder at \$2,600 and the trailer at \$600.

Anyone with information that may lead to an arrest in the thefts is urged to contact the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. at 647-3311.

## Swifts advance to regional semis

Shutting down a high-potential rushing attack by a herd of Buffaloes is the goal for the Nazareth Swifts this week as they enter the Region 1-A semifinal football playoffs.

The 10-2 Swifts will face the 11-1 Petersburg Buffaloes Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview.

Nazareth advanced to the regional round of the playoffs with a 20-14 overtime win over Springlake-Earth Friday. Petersburg reached the regional playoff with a 20-9 win over Wink.

Both teams have played Farwell and Hale Center this year. One of Nazareth's two losses was to Hale Center (29-19), and Petersburg edged the Owls 8-7. The Swifts and Buffaloes both beat Farwell.

Petersburg's only loss on the year was a 14-6 decision to New Deal in the second week of the season. The Buffaloes are on a nine-game winning streak since that loss.

Nazareth will be playing without two of its senior leaders—quarterback-safety Blake Birkenfeld and linebacker Jase Merritt. Both suffered broken collar bones last week.

"We've got to have some younger kids step up and pick up the slack this week," said Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock. "I think if we can overcome those injuries, we'll be okay."

"Petersburg is a tough team. Everybody we'll meet from now on, is going to be good. They've got 14 seniors on the roster and most of those guys start for them one way or the other. All of the offensive starters are seniors and only two juniors start on defense," said Peacock.

The Buffaloes run the football and they have reaped success with that attack all year.

Leading runners are backs Jeremy Campos and Miguel Vega, and Chance Willis will be called on for reverses and other plays. Quarterback is Josh Bright.

"Their offense is based out of the Wing T, but they line up with two tight ends and two wing backs. It's a formation that's a little different than you normally see," Peacock said.

He said Petersburg doesn't throw the ball a lot, but when Bright does drop back to pass, he's been effective. His favorite receiver is tight end Ryan Robertson.

The Buffaloes offensive line isn't huge, but they average around 180, according to Peacock.

"They're similar to Springlake-Earth. They line up a big wall of bodies and run at you," he said.

On defense, the Buffaloes prefer a 4-3 and the quickness of the team allows them to get to the ball fast.

"From what we've seen, they've always got five or six guys around the ball," Peacock said.



ONE OF THE COUNTY'S NEW DOCTORS, Dr. Greg Matos (center) and his wife, Liz, visit with Dr. Leon Joplin (left) during a reception for the Castro County Hospital District's staff

of physicians last week at Medical Center of Dimmitt. Dr. Matos and Dr. Skyler Bizzell recently joined the staff, and the reception was held to introduce the two to county residents.

Photo by Chris Bradford

## Santa letters are due today

Hey, kids!

It's time to tell Santa Claus what you would like for Christmas this year.

Your letters to Santa Claus will be printed in the Dec. 20 Christmas issue of the News, then will be forwarded to Santa at the North Pole.

The News will accept letters from students in pre-school through the third grade until 5 p.m. today (Thursday).

If you have a letter to Santa, drop it by the News' office at 108 W. Bedford St. in Dimmitt, mail it to PO Box 67, Dimmitt 79027, or e-mail it to [ccnews@castrocountynews.com](mailto:ccnews@castrocountynews.com).

## Repeat DWI offender gets probated term

Armando Mezo Medina has received a seven-year probated sentence after pleading guilty to his third offense driving while intoxicated.

Medina's case was heard by Judge Ed Self of the 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court on Nov. 13. Charges against Medina stemmed from an Oct. 27, 1997, offense.

The court ordered Medina to serve seven years in the Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, and that was reduced to seven years probation. He also was ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$316.25 in court costs, \$600 in attorney's fees and \$50 to the Castro County Crime Line.

## First Snow!

	High	Low	Prec.
Tuesday	47	... 27	
Wednesday	59	... 29	
Thursday	63	... 29	
Friday	66	... 31	
Saturday	58	... 34	0.05
Sunday	57	... 32	
Monday	66	... 35	
Tuesday	50	... 20	
Wednesday	25	... 15	0.10
2 inches of snow			

November Moisture ... 1.81  
2001 Moisture ... 18.05

# Applications due Dec. 7 for Project Angel Tree

Panhandle Community Services and Castro County Ministerial Alliance are coordinating Project Angel Tree again this year and for the program to be successful, generous community support is a must.

Project Angel Tree is designed to help families in financial need supplement their holiday season by providing a Christmas gift for their children. The goal of the project is to provide one Christmas gift for approximately 100 less fortunate children living in the county.

Applications are currently being accepted from families who wish to be included in the project, and application forms may be picked up at Panhandle Community Services at 108 SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Dimmitt. Completed applications must be returned to the PCS office before Dec. 7.

For families to qualify, there must be a financial need and the child must be under 10 years old. Christmas trees will be erected in each of the banks in Dimmitt, including First United Bank, First Bank—Dimmitt Branch and Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union.

Each tree will include an assortment of "angels," which will include a child's first name, age and the gift he or she desires.

Those interested in helping ensure that a child has a Merry Christmas may select one or more "angels" from the tree and purchase the requested gift, which will be within a \$20 price range.

The gifts should be wrapped and returned to Panhandle Community Services, along with the "angel" card, by Dec. 17. Families will pick up the gifts from PCS on Dec. 21.



**GOLDSTAR HONOREES**—Dimmitt's Jeremy Bishop (left) and Thomas Brockman, were among the Gold Star winners from around the area honored recently at a District 4-H Gold Star Banquet. Three other Castro County 4-H'ers, including Jaci Bishop, Whitney Mitchell and Rose Wilhelm, served as greeters at the banquet. They youngsters were accompanied by Extension Agents Suzanne Gibbs and Rick Auckerman, Mickey, Carole and Jeff Bishop, Shirley Brockman and Brent Gibbs.

Castro County 4-H Photo

# Community Greeting deadline is Dec. 10

Organizations in Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth are sponsoring Christmas greeting lists as fund raisers to benefit various projects this year.

Those participating are asked to donate what it would cost to send special greetings to local friends, and their names will be listed in the community greeting ads that will be published in the Dec. 20 Christmas issue of *The Castro County News*.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Dimmitt is accepting donations for Operation Christmas Greeting, and proceeds from the fund raiser help the group buy special items for the hospital each year.

Any auxiliary member can accept donations, or you may drop off your donation at First United Bank in Dimmitt.

The Hart community greeting will benefit the Hart Cemetery Fund. Donations may be made at Holy Family Church in Nazareth or by calling Vera Ramaekers at 945-2598.

The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in Dimmitt is accepting donations for Operation Christmas Greeting, and proceeds from the fund raiser help the group buy special items for the hospital each year.

## Naz News with Virgie Gerber, 945-2669

We are proud of our Nazareth Swifts football team, which met the Springlake-Earth team Friday and won the area championship, 20-14, at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. The Swifts will meet Petersburg Friday evening in Plainview in the regional semifinals.

We celebrated Rick's birthday with 54 candles on a pumpkin pie, although he insists it was 45! His classmates know better.

The "Home of Champions" reception honoring all former Nazareth High School basketball players and coaches, was held Saturday in the old Nazareth gym. A good crowd attended and then watched the JV Swiftettes and varsity girls play River Road in the school's new PE facility. Both of our teams won.

Teresa Wills, the oldest ex-Swiftette present, was given a season basketball pass. She is the great-grandmother of Stephanie and Jackie Thiel, two of the members of our varsity team.

We are thankful that so many of our young families come back to Nazareth for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Father Dennis Boylan celebrated mass Wednesday evening, Thursday morning, Saturday evening and Sunday morning in our new physical education facility because the church is still being renovated with new carpet, etc. A big thanks to Nazareth Supt. N. Dean Johnson for allowing us to use the facility.

Prayers are asked for Robert Verkamp, Greg Hoelting, John Schacher, Virgil Brockman, Anna Huseman Lee, Edith Huseman, Lori Huseman, Jerome Birkenfeld, Father Richard Scully and Father Jose Gomez.

Rick, Rob, Jessica and Nick Gerber of Austin; Jerry, Tricia and Andi Rose of Amarillo; and Kevin, Malinda, Miriah and Max Gerber of Plainview; gathered with their families in Nazareth at

# 4-H'ers must meet new requirements for camps

Leader Lab, Electric Camp and County Camp are enjoyed by Castro County 4-H'ers every year, and those who plan to attend one of these during the next year must meet new requirements that have been adopted.

you do not wish to compete in a district event, you can pay your own way.

"This means you have a great opportunity to participate in the fashion show, judging competitions, method demonstrations and quiz bowls," said Castro County 4-H Extension Agent Suzanne Gibbs.

All new 4-H members are allowed to attend any camp for the first year with no restrictions.

4-H veterans must compete in a district event in order to get half of their way paid by the Parent Leader Association. If

"If you plan to attend one of the great camps offered next summer, please let us know what you are interested in, so we can get you, set to win," said Gibbs.

# Olton sets home tour

The Sand Crawl Museum of Olton is sponsoring a holiday home tour on Sunday in Olton.

to 5 p.m. Cost for the tour is \$5 per person and tickets may be purchased the day of the tour at the Sand Crawl Museum in downtown Olton.

Homes to be featured are those of Gayle and Daryl Quigley, five miles north of Olton on FM 168 and 4-1/2 miles west on FM 1842; Deann and Jarrod McGill, 608 Avenue M; and Melissa and Chuck Harris, 1015 Seventh St. Visiting hours will be from 2

Refreshments will be served at the museum.

Proceeds from the event will go toward the expansion of an early Olton exhibit at the museum.

# Police Calls

Dimmitt Police located a Kenworth truck that had been reported missing on Nov. 21 by Coombs Trucking, Inc. of Pompano Beach, Fla.

bodily injury on Nov. 26.

According to reports, a representative with Coombs Trucking told police the truck's driver had refused to return the vehicle to the owner.

A theft-by-check warrant from Deaf Smith County landed a 29-year-old Hereford woman in the Castro County jail on Nov. 25.

The red 1999 Kenworth was recovered in the 600 block of SW 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Dimmitt.

A 38-year-old Earth man was charged with failure to provide child support on a Bailey County warrant.

Charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle were filed.

Other arrests during the past weeks included a 47-year-old Plainview woman for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility; a 47-year-old Clint man for driving with a suspended license; an Amarillo man for driving with a suspended license, failure to display a driver's license and speeding; and an 18-year-old Dimmitt man for driving without a license and violation of promise to appear.

Lisa Ramirez Jackson of Dimmitt told police someone had broken into her home in the 600 block of SW Third St. and took an Aiwa stereo and speakers, a Magnavox video cassette recorder and a Nintendo 64.

# Neal will offer tips for the holidays

The combined value of the items stolen was estimated at \$300 by Jackson, who reported the theft to police on Nov. 25.

It's that time again—the holidays are here, but never fear, help is on the way.

Police investigated a report of criminal mischief on Nov. 17.

Marilyn Neal, Texas Cooperative Extension Agent for Castro County, and Gail Gladden of Bailey County will present a workshop called "Holidays In a Hurry" on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Dimmitt.

Reports indicate a subject walked into a residence in the 900 block of E. Jones St. and broke two wooden end tables valued at \$700.

The workshop will be held at the Dimmitt Senior Citizens Center, located at 218 W. Jones St. in Dimmitt.

A bottle of Vicks Cholraseptic was shoplifted from Allsup's on Nov. 20.

Neal and Gladden will share tips on how to have a fun, inexpensive and easy holiday.

Law enforcement officers picked up five individuals on alcohol-related charges and another for possessing a controlled substance during the past two weeks.

Featured will be "Gifts from the Kitchen," "Healthy Food Alternatives" and "Easy Gifts That Won't Break Your Budget."

On Nov. 14, a 21-year-old Hereford man was stopped for speeding by a Dept. of Public Safety (DPS) trooper, and he was subsequently arrested for possessing under two ounces of marijuana.

The program will give you ideas, patterns and recipes, and you'll be able to taste several selected delights, according to Neal.

Those charged with driving while intoxicated were a 39-year-old Hereford man and a 40-year-old Dimmitt man, both on Nov. 18; a 48-year-old Hart man on Nov. 19; and a 26-year-old Dimmitt man on Nov. 26.

There is not cost to attend the program, but those planning to participate are asked to call the County Extension office at 647-4115 to let them know you are coming.

A 20-year-old man from Florence was charged with evading arrest after a Nov. 20 incident.

Several door prizes will be presented.

A 40-year-old Hart man was taken into custody and was charged with assault causing



**PLAINS MEMORIAL**  
Lewis Jurado and Mary Ann Martinez of Dimmitt are the parents of a baby boy, Lewis Matthew Jurado, who was born at 12:52 a.m. on Nov. 18 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. He weighed 8 lbs., 6.2 ozs., and was 20 inches long at birth. He has a big sister, Ashley Cotter. Paternal grandmother is Nancy Jurado of Dimmitt. Maternal grandparents are Jose Carlos and Margarita Martinez of Dimmitt.

**OUT OF TOWN**  
It's a boy for Joann Garcia of Canyon and Derek Carbajal of Hereford. Their son, Derek Steven Carbajal, was born Nov. 9 at Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo, weighing 6 lbs., 12 ozs., and measuring 18 inches. Grandparents are Steven and Odilia Garcia of Canyon and David and Sandra Carbajal of Hereford. Great-grandparents are Juan and Teresa Garcia of Dimmitt and Susie Duran of Arkansas.

*Our Father, I need to feel the joy of Your presence—Your gentle voice of assurance and the comfort of Your arms enfolding me. Be with me today. Amen*

Last Puzzle Solution  
A word search puzzle with letters arranged in a grid. The words found are: ROWIN, GILLEN, TIENN, SOBLE, CARSINEROS, TOSENAR, EARLE, PANOUT, HALL, HOTDOG, UPABEAR, STAINED, PPG, PANOUT, HALL, HOTDOG, DANGEROUS, MASA, LTO, HEDARB, ASANTISON, AN, CASH, LOTIA, ERIC, MARSH, EGG, REDHILLS, DEERIE, TWO, HEN, EDS.

The Original TEXAS CROSSWORD by Charley & Guy Orbison  
A crossword puzzle grid with numbered squares. The grid is shaped like the state of Texas. The clues are listed on the left and right sides of the grid.

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# On the Go with Dorothy Hopson, 647-4579

Several Dimmitt people attended the gospel music night at Branum's restaurant in Hereford. Kevin Spencer and Friends (Jimmy and James) of Ohio were the main attraction. We also enjoyed the local songs sung by Darla Stengel and Jeanette (Howard) Browning. Jeanette is a former Dimmitt girl. She is the daughter of the late Marie and Keith Howard.

Buddy Peeler of radio station KNNK was master of ceremony. He, in conjunction with Ken Branum, sponsored the show.

Some of the people from Dimmitt who attended were Alvin and Francis Frazier and Cara Frazier Dearing now of Hereford, Donna and Ricky Kuntz, Fred and Helen Kuntz, E.M. and Betty Jones and John Bailey. Former Dimmitt people, Clinton and Jimmie Glenn of Canyon, were there.

I've been taking a poll. My question has been: How did you

celebrate Thanksgiving? These are some of the replies.

Allena Nelson: "Jean Petty of Muleshoe, Gay Keaton of Canyon and I enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner at the big Texan restaurant and going to a movie."

George and Vickie Nelson were hosts to Vickie's parents, Edmond and Joyce Hunter of Roaring Springs. Also Vickie's brothers, Ricky (and his sons) from Nazareth and Scott of Round Rock were there. Vickie and Georges' children, Shawna Nelson of Amarillo and Lynn Nelson of Dimmitt, completed the guest list.

Elois McMasters: "I had lunch with my daughter, Tami, her husband, Randy Griffith, and their sons, Jared, Tanner and Kaden."

My daughter, Shirley, her husband, Jerry McDonald of Lubbock, came with their chil-

dren, Dustin and his friend Misty, Shirley's other son and his wife, Cody and Mercei from Hobbs, NM, were here.

Another daughter, Donna, her husband, Danny Cade of Lubbock and their son Brad from Amarillo joined the party.

My niece, Virginia Tiffin from Lubbock, completed the family members that celebrated with us."

Zelma Thomas: "I stayed at home. Shawn and Tara from Plainview and Heather, Justin and children, Matthew and Casson, came from Hereford."

Mary Edna Hendrix: "I celebrated with my daughter Sue and her husband of Dallas, Hale and Lauren Fbagle and three boys of Midland and Mary Lynn Lankford of Amarillo. We met in grandson Kevin and Nelly Lankford's home in Amarillo. Kevin and Nelly's children are Andria, Matt and David."

Sue and David came on to Dimmitt to celebrate with David's family. David's dad, Charles Vaughan, Vickie Vaughan James, her husband, Bob of Dallas, Vickie's son, Troy Don, his wife, Stacy and son, Dillon of Benbrook were guests of Sharri Vaughan Wilkerson, her husband, Mike, and daughter, Megan, for a fried turkey dinner.

The Vaughan family joined the Jerry Hellers' and their daughter, Mitzi Alexander of Levelland, Doris' brother, Harley Wilkie, his wife, Donna of Tyler and son, Jason Wilke for a musical fest for two nights during the holidays. Jerry played the keyboard and Troy's son, nine-year-old Dillon, entertained with a mini concert on his violin. The whole family sang a broad spectrum of songs, and they all sang whether they could sing or not."

Nell DiCuffa: "I spent the holiday at my granddaughter's home in Farwell. She and her husband, Pam and Weldon Ed-

wards, and their daughters, Tiffany and Danielle hosted a real old fashion traditional Thanksgiving. My daughter, Barbara of Amarillo, came by and we drove to Farwell for the day."

E.M. and Betty Jones took a preholiday trip in their recreational vehicle to Betty's sister and brother-in-laws home in Pittsburg. They attended an estate auction there, visited a while and drove on to Branson, MO. They attended many of the Branson shows including the Lennon Sisters, Barbara Fairchild, Larry King and everyone's all time favorite, Tabuchi.

E.M. and Betty came back to her sister and brother-in-laws, Mary and Jack Rowdon in Oklahoma City, OK. They toured the Oklahoma National Memorial and were greatly impressed with the videos taken the day prior to the tragedy of the children at the daycare center and many, many personal items of interest.

While still in Oklahoma City, Betty's daughter, Debbie Underwood, her husband, Danny (Dimmitt High School's new agriculture teacher) and sons, David and Dennis joined them there. Danny was looking for show pigs for the annual stock show.

Pre-Thanksgiving guests in the home of Loyd and Jane Vaughan were Laura and John Patterson of Irving and their daughter-in-law, Jeri Ann Hyson of Dallas.

Laura is Jane's daughter who, along with the two other Jones' daughters, attended Dimmitt Elementary School in the late 1950s.

Loyd's son and his wife, Gene and Carol, arrived for several days of visiting over the holidays with the Vaughan families.

Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed in the Earth home of Kent and Paula Vaughan. Attending were Paula's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Martin of Farwell,

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Breedlove of Littlefield, the Loyd Vaughans of Dimmitt and Jeff Vaughan, who is a freshman at Texas A&M University.

The Gene Vaughans departed for a safe journey home on Saturday.

Deanne Clark Sowder was guest speaker at the Republican Organization for Women. Deanne told about the book, *Grass Roots Woman*. This is a memoir of the Texas Republican Party by Meg McKain Grier. Meg had interviewed Deanne several times and quoted her often about her involvement in establishing political strongholds in Dimmitt and Lubbock. This book has a lot of historical facts in it. Deanne also shared some of the interesting parts of the Republican state convention in Waco and the national convention in San Antonio this fall. The club voted to buy copies of the book for the three schools and the Rhoads Memorial Library.

Special guests were bill Sowder and V.C. Hopson.

The staff of the Medical Center of Dimmitt and Plains Memorial Hospital honored two new doctors and their families with a reception at the clinic.

Those honored were Dr. Skyler Bizzell, his wife, Paige and daughter, Bliss. Dr. Gregorio Matos, his wife, Liz (daughter of Jerry Wilhelm of Nazareth) and children, Christopher and Alexandra.

Acting as hosts for the lovely occasion were Demita Crofford, LVN; Carole Hopson, LVN and

Jim Smith, clinic administrator.

Marka Dempsey, dietician at Plains Memorial Hospital, catered the social with a bountiful table of goodies. We are all thankful for the great medical staff and medical facilities we have.

Welcome to Dimmitt... we are so happy to have you.

Many friends of Ed and Betty Freeman asked about those who participated in Ed's memorial service on Saturday.

Those from the Ministerial Alliance were: Rusty Dickerson, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, welcomed the friends; Bruce Murphey, pastor of the First Christian Church, gave the obituary; Pedro Gonzalez, pastor of the Iglesia De Cristo; Tom Mullins, pastor of the Abundant Life Family Church; Chuck Ball, pastor of the Church of Christ and Hospice Chaplain and Jeff Addison, pastor of Lee Street Baptist Church.

Roger Malone and Dr. Joe Horn of Plainview spoke for the Gideon's prison work.

The musicians were Deanne Clark Sowder, organist; Beth Jones, Annie Freeman (Ed's granddaughter) and Bill Sava, soloists.

Ed Freeman had requested over 30 years ago to have *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, For All The Saints* and the *Hallelujah Chorus* to be sung by the congregation "up to temp and in a hearty manner".

Ed's two sons, Paul and Peter Freeman, gave remembrances of life with their father.

## PMHA continues to collect names for greeting card

Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is still collecting names for its Operation Christmas Greeting project.

Those interested in being listed on the greeting card in the Dec. 20 issue of the *Castro County News* may make their donation at First United Bank until Dec. 10.

The Auxiliary met on Nov. 14 in the Hospital Solarium and 10 members were present and recited the prayer. During that meeting, members made plans for the annual bazaar and turkey dinner, which was held Nov. 16 at the Expo Building.

"We appreciate everyone who came and ate, and shopped our craft and baked goods section," said a spokesperson for the group. "We had a great response

to the quilt raffle and thank everyone who participated."

Winner of the quilt, which was pieced and quilted by PMHA members, was Shirley Hollums.

## Moonlight Club slates bazaar

The Moonlight Extension Homemakers Club in Muleshoe will hold its annual Christmas bazaar on Dec. 8 at the Bailey County Civic Center and Coliseum in Muleshoe.

Applications for booth space will be accepted until Dec. 1.

To request an application, contact Linda Huckaby, 902 W. 8<sup>th</sup>, Muleshoe, 79347.

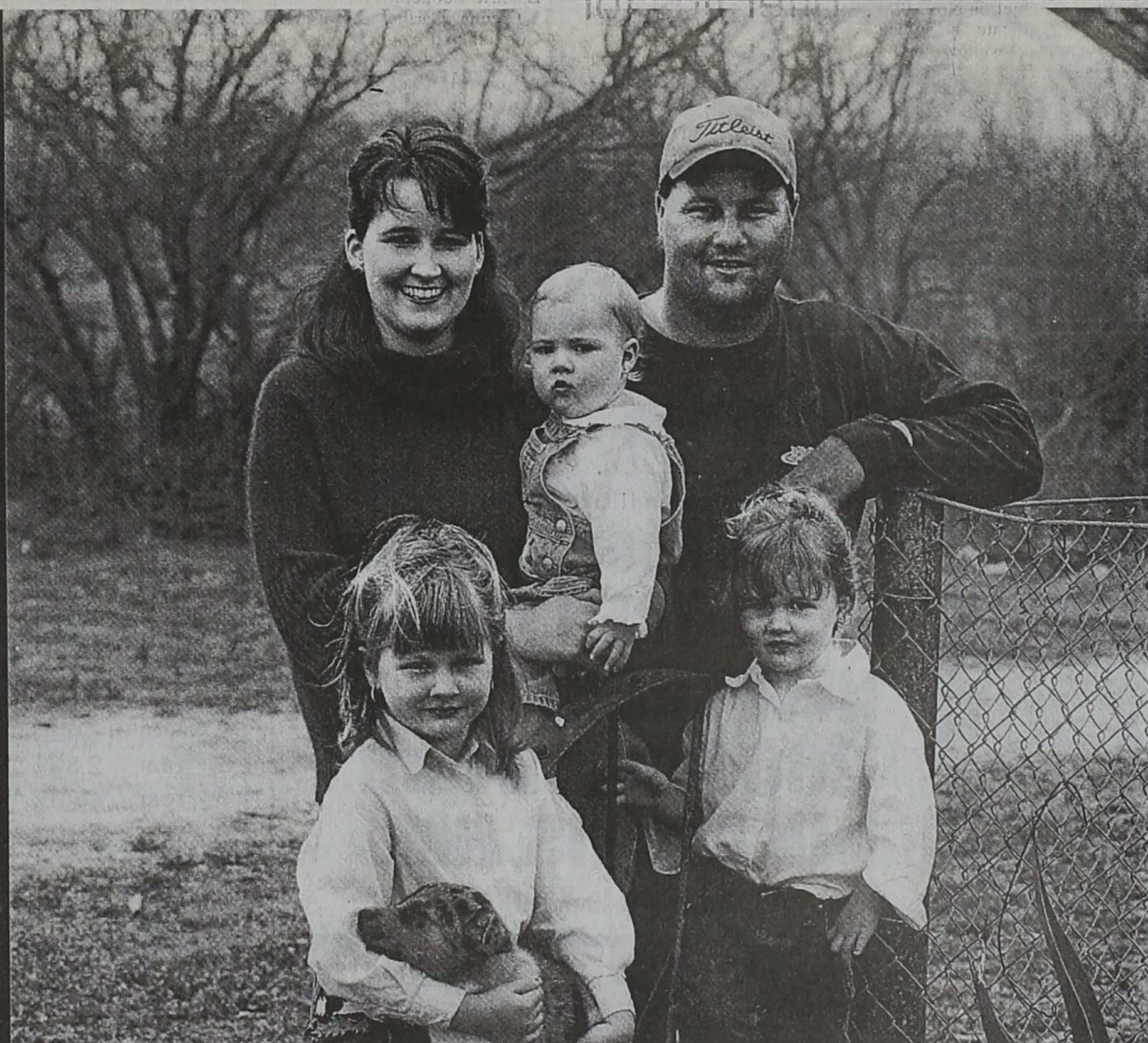
## "Every bell ain't the dinner bell."

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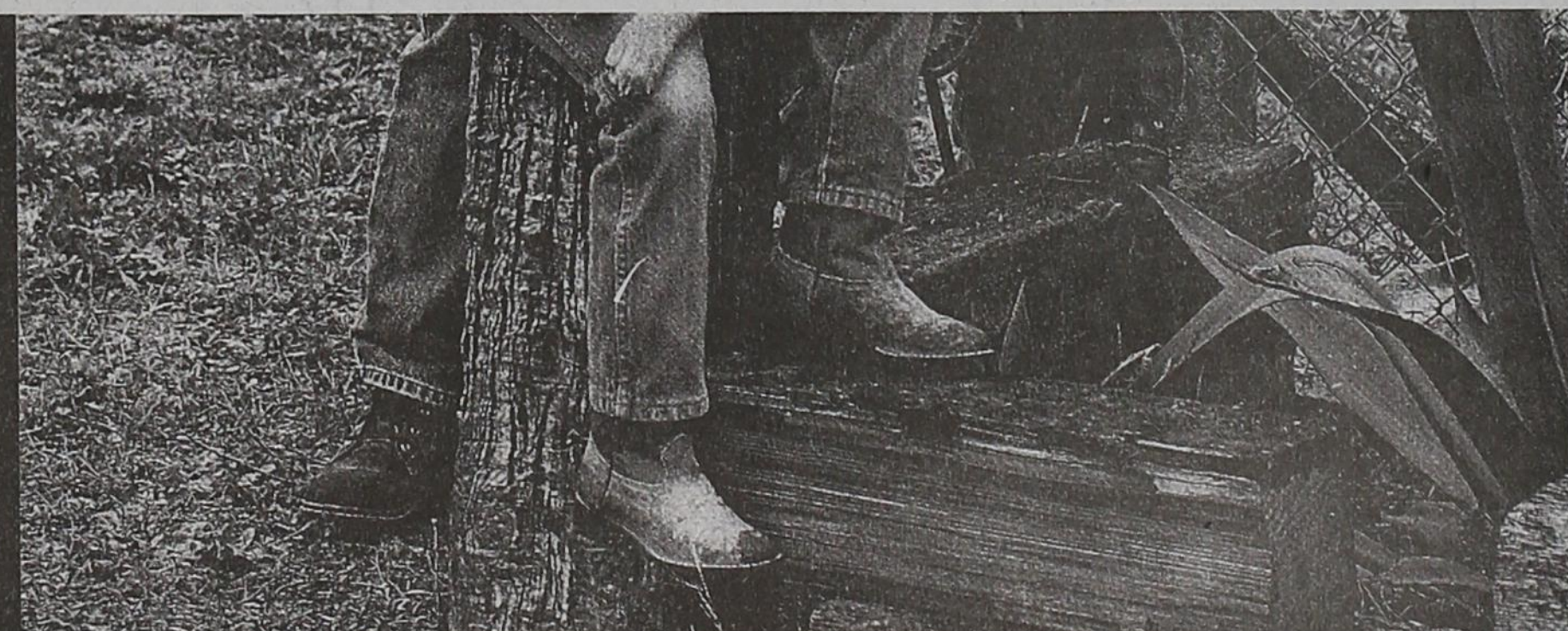
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# People



## Hart plans special promotion Saturday

Hart merchants and residents are planning a special event on Saturday that will include special sales for holiday shopping, drawings by merchants, a visit by Santa Claus and more.

Designated as "Let's Promote Hart" by Mayor Marguerite McLain, the day will include a parade, poker walk and more fun, food and games.

Horse and carriage rides will be sponsored by Hale County State Bank—Hart Branch.

Merchants will have special sales on Saturday, and will also contribute to a drawing for door prizes at 4 p.m. Winners must be present to win the gifts offered by the merchants.

Small carnival rides will be available for children.

Santa Claus will visit and has volunteered to spend some time in a special Santa's Photo Shop sponsored by The Hart Beat, so youngsters can have their picture made with him.

At Santa's Sweet Shop, individuals will be able to buy homemade cakes, cookies, candy and other holiday goodies, and Virginia Reed will be hostess for this event.

Organizers hope to have a children's parade with decorated floats resembling scenes from children's stories. If the parade can be organized, it will start at 1:30 p.m.

A poker walk is planned as a fundraiser for the Hart Centennial Pavilion, and it will start at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The first draw in the poker walk will be at 10 a.m. at Hart City Hall. The second draw will be at Ed Harris Lumber Co., the third will be at Longhorn Diner, the fourth at Hart Auto and the fifth at the Centennial Pavilion. All entries are due at the Centennial Pavilion by 2:15 p.m. Saturday.

Entry fee for the poker walk is \$15 per person. Those who wish to play an additional hand may do so for another \$5. You can sign up for the event at Hart City Hall or Ed Harris Lumber Co.

There will be \$75 prizes for the high hand and low hand. The high-hand card combinations are, in descending order, royal flush, four-of-a-kind, straight flush, full house, flush, three-of-a-kind, two pair and one pair. The best low-hand combination is 6-4-3-2-Ace.

## Medrano wins student honor

Irashema Medrano has been named the fourth grade student of the week at Dimmitt Middle School.

Medrano was born May 8, 1992, in Tulia to Juan and Julia Medrano.

Medrano's favorite subject is reading and a favorite book is *Once a Mouse*.

Medrano's favorite person is Ashley, favorite food is nachos and favorite animal is the rabbit. Medrano says it would be nice to have more playtime in the world.

For fun, Medrano enjoys puppet shows.

Medrano likes buying cokes and candy at Dimmitt Middle school.

Writing stories are among the things Medrano does well.

## Santa pictures are ready at Chamber office

If your child had his or her picture taken with Santa Claus during the "Home for the Holidays" event in Dimmitt on Nov. 12, your pictures are ready.

The photographs may be picked up at the Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce office during regular business hours, according to Chamber Executive Director Bill Sava.



Shirley Hollums (seated in the middle) displays the quilt she won at a recent fund raiser by The Plains Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. Members of the auxiliary, left to right, are Jackie Edwards, Sandra Bagwell, Lequetta West, Ethel Fry, Mattie Seale and Claudine Langford.

Photo by Chris Bradford

## What's Cooking

In the Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth Schools

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth for Nov. 23 to Dec. 7.

**DIMMITT**  
**Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> Grades**  
**Grab-and-go breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Banana mini loaf, fresh apples and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Cranberry muffin, orange wedges and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Apple cinnamon bars, apple juice and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Donut holes, orange wedges and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Smucker's peanut butter and jelly sandwich, orange juice and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Fruit Loops Cereal, peaches and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Pancake on a stick with sausage, fruit cocktail and milk.

**Lunch**  
**Pre-K to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**  
**THURSDAY:** Nachos with cheese, Mexpinto beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad and white milk or chocolate milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Barbecued beef on a bun, potato wedges, tossed salad, orange gelatin surprise, birthday cake and white milk or chocolate milk.  
**MONDAY:** Italian spaghetti, savory green beans, Chinese-style vegetables, haystack finger salad, garlic bread and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Fajitas with onions, Frijoles Refrito, taco condiment salad, watermelon, hot sauce and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Beef and bean burrito, parsley buttered potatoes, country rice dressing, taco condiment salad, hot sauce and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Chicken strips, French fries, orange fruit cup, hot cheese rolls and chocolate milk or white milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Hamburger, potato rounds, hamburger salad, peaches, and chocolate milk or white milk.

**2nd-12th Grades**  
**THURSDAY:** Choices of nachos with cheese, bologna and cheese sandwich or new Mexican enchiladas; Mexpinto beans, mixed vegetables or Spanish rice; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or broccoli and cauliflower; angel flake biscuits or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**FRIDAY:** Choices of barbecued beef on a bun, chicken and dumplings or beans and rice; potato wedges, southern collard greens or great northern beans; tossed salad, orange gelatin surprise or pasta salad; cornbread, birthday cake, assorted Danish or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**MONDAY:** Choices of Italian spaghetti, chicken taco or grilled cheese with chili; savory green beans, Chinese-style vegetables or seasoned black-eyed peas; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or haystack finger salad; garlic bread, hot cheese rolls or arroz Mexicano; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**TUESDAY:** Choices of fajitas with onions and peppers, Chinese egg roll or chicken and rice; savory peas, baked potatoes or frijoles refrito; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or watermelon; old fashioned cornbread, hot wheat rolls or crackers; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choices of beef and bean burrito, fried chicken or meat loaf with creole sauce; parsley buttered potatoes, country rice dressing or butter beans; tossed salad, taco condiment salad or broccoli and cauliflower; hot rolls, Cowboy bread or tortilla chips; and chocolate milk, white milk or punch.

**HART**  
**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Pancakes with syrup, sausage, variety of cereal, graham crackers, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, biscuits, hash brown potatoes, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**MONDAY:** Breakfast pizza, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice, graham crackers, raisins, sweetened applesauce and milk.  
**TUESDAY:** Biscuits, ham, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers, raisins and milk.  
**THURSDAY:** Cowboy bread, blueberry muffin, variety of cereal, assorted fruit juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Scrambled eggs, Canadian bacon, biscuits, assorted fruit juice, variety of cereal, graham crackers and milk.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple, and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of brisket, hamburger basket or baked potato with cheese; wheat rolls, butter, pinto beans, sour cream, sliced cheese, salad, brownie and milk, punch or tea.  
**MONDAY:** Choice of corn dog, hamburger with potato chips or chicken nuggets; rolls, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, green beans, apple cobbler, peach cobbler, cherry cobbler, assorted fruit juice, fresh fruit and milk, punch or tea.  
**TUESDAY:** Choice of hamburger basket, burrito or barbecued rib sandwich; pinto beans, lettuce, tomato and pickles, peaches, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies, ice cream and milk, punch or tea.  
**WEDNESDAY:** Choice of corn dog, burrito or sloppy Joe on bun, sliced pickle, potato wedge, whole wheat sugar cookies, ice cream, and milk, punch or tea.  
**THURSDAY:** Choice of burrito, chicken sandwich with chips or chicken fajitas; salad, refried beans, gelatin dessert, ice cream, royal brownies, pineapple, and milk, punch or tea.  
**FRIDAY:** Choice of chicken sandwich with chips, burrito or hamburger with potato chips, dill pickles, pinto beans, salad, gelatin dessert, ginger cookies and milk, punch or tea.

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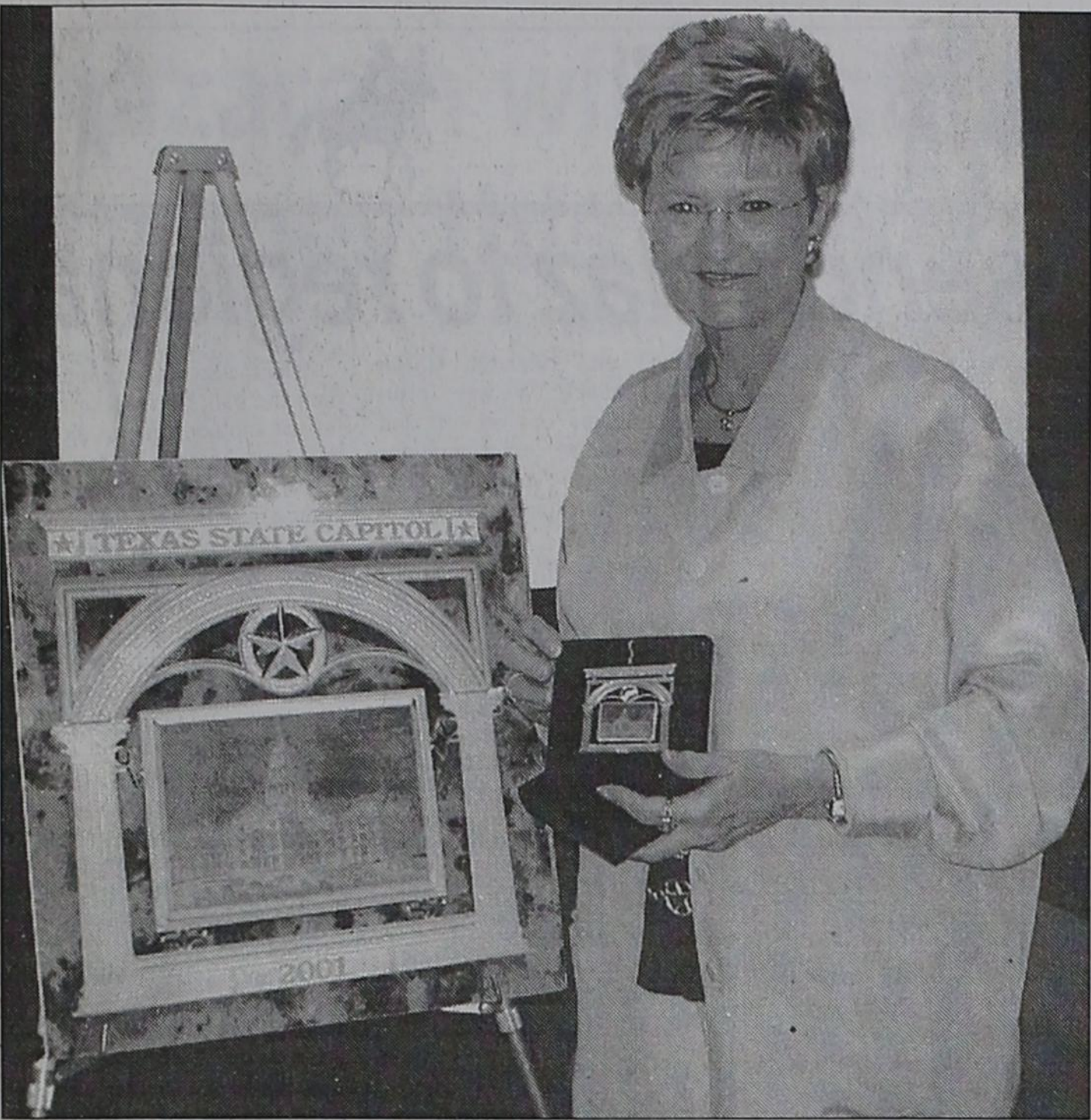
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**Breakfast**  
**THURSDAY:** Sausage and pancake on a stick, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**FRIDAY:** Sausage on a roll, cereal, orange juice and milk.  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY:** Not reported.

**Lunch**  
**THURSDAY:** \* Sliced turkey and bread or chef's salad, tossed salad, dressing, cranberry sauce, peaches, walnut bars and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Barbecued sandwich or hamburger, potato cubes, lettuce, pinto beans, applesauce, cookies and milk or juice.  
**MONDAY:** \* Chicken fried steak and rolls or pizza, tossed salad, potatoes and gravy, fruit, pudding and milk or juice.  
**TUESDAY:** \* Burritos or baked potato, tossed salad, Spanish rice, applesauce, S'mores and milk or juice.  
**WEDNESDAY:** \* Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, tossed salad, scalloped potatoes, pears, dessert and milk or juice.  
**THURSDAY:** \* Pizza or chicken stir fry, tossed salad, black-eyed peas, peaches, gingerbread and milk or juice.  
**FRIDAY:** \* Chicken pot pie or chef's salad, tossed salad, cooked carrots, apples, dessert and milk.



NELDA LANEY, wife of Texas House Speaker Pete Laney, shows off a 2001 Capitol Ornament which is part of a series she started a few years ago. Laney was in Dimmitt on Nov. 20 to speak

to the Dimmitt Association of Retired School Personnel. She showed off this year's ornament and told about the project, which raises funds for restoration of the state capitol.

Photo by Anne Acker

## DHS Art Club will show work

Student artists at Dimmitt High School will present their work in a special showcase at Rhoads Memorial Library beginning today (Thursday).

The DHS Art Club is sponsoring its seventh annual winter art show today (Thursday) through Tuesday.

The art work featured in the show includes student projects from the fall semester art classes at DHS.

The art work may be viewed during the library's regular business hours.

## Music show slated Dec. 1 in Littlefield

The West Texas Country, Wester, Gospel and Bluegrass Association will hold a jamboree Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Lamb County Ag and Community Center in Littlefield.

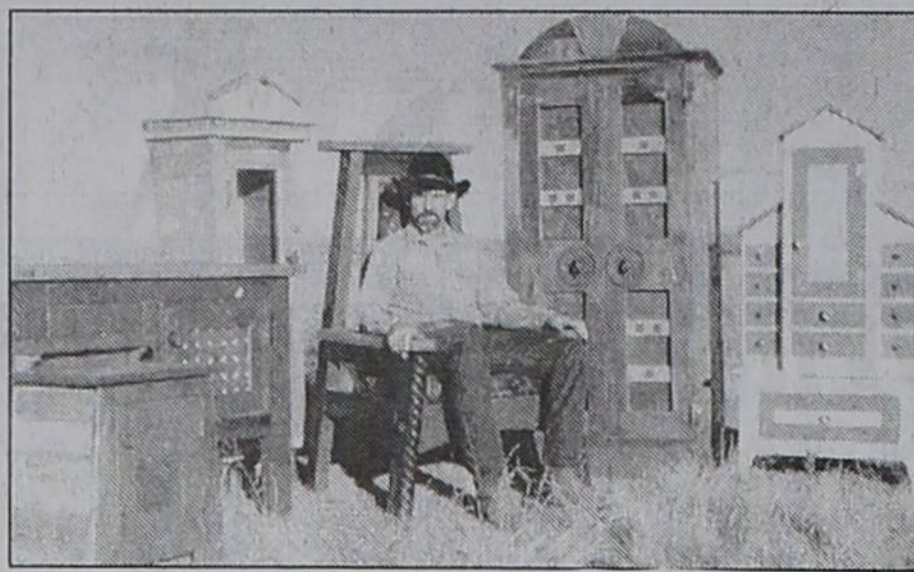
Music will start around 7 p.m. and several groups are expected to perform.

Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. A concession stand will be open during the show.

Before the jamboree, the Littlefield Arts and Heritage Committee will hold its 12th annual Christmas bazaar.

The bazaar will open at 9 a.m. in the Lamb County Ag and Community Center, and over 30 booths will feature a wide range of items.

Admission to the bazaar is \$1 per person.



WEATHERED WOOD FURNITURE CREATIONS ... Will be showcased by Doug Ricketts in Nazareth

## Home Mercantile will showcase Ricketts' work

Just in time to help folks think differently about the Christmas shopping season, veteran furniture maker Doug Ricketts will be giving a presentation of his unique work at the Home Mercantile in Nazareth on Sunday, Dec. 2, at 7pm.

The evening will begin with a potluck meal at 6, and refreshments will be provided.

Ricketts, owner of Prairie View Furniture, resides in the Rolling Plains near Lipscomb. There, he constructs quality furniture from old barns, windmills, farm equipment and houses, things he recovers at old farmsteads and ranches that people invite him to visit.

At his shows in places like Dripping Springs and Crestone, Colo., part of what draws people to Ricketts' furniture is the written history that he prepares himself, to accompany any piece that his customers purchase.

"Describing the buildings from which the wood, barn tin, or harness hardware come from, as well as the people who lived or worked in that place, gives the collector a personal link with the piece," Ricketts said. "I try to bring humor and a great deal of

reverence into the design of the furniture, and at the same time, let the surprising and varied parts go on working and being enjoyed in a second, recycled life."

Doug Ricketts grew up in New Mexico surrounded by a rich arts and crafts tradition. He attended the University of New Mexico, but received his bachelor of fine arts degree from Phillips University at Enid, Okla. While completing a degree in sculpture and ceramics, he worked as a carpenter and cabinetmaker.

Ricketts moved to the Texas Panhandle with his wife, Cathy, in 1977.

For his presentation at the Home Mercantile, Ricketts will bring two recently completed pieces of furniture to demonstrate his craft.

The public is cordially invited to come out and hear this wonderful artist's story. No admission will be charged, but donations will gladly be accepted to fund future programs.

The Home Mercantile is a nonprofit community resource for creative arts, located at the corner of Second and Leo Streets in Nazareth.

# Are you content?

By CHUCK BALL, Minister Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ

Are you content? Are you really and truly content with where you are in life? Are you satisfied with what you've accomplished as a person in this life? It is sad, but the truth is, many people wander through this life and never find real true contentment. It doesn't matter what they accomplish or what they achieve, they still are not content. Contentment is being satisfied, so satisfied that you enjoy a true peace of mind.

I'm afraid that many people believe that true contentment only comes as a result of physical possessions. Believe it or not, there are individuals who earn large sums of money and live very extravagant lifestyles and yet they are still not content. Some people get so caught up in making money and lots of it, because they truly believe that if they have a lot of money they can be content. Being content doesn't necessarily mean that you must have the biggest house, the best car and the most money. There are individuals who have all of those things, yet don't have a clue what it means to be content. I believe they would give it all up if they could just be content.

True lasting contentment will not be found in physical possessions. "So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." (II Corinthians 4:18) If one does find contentment in physical possessions it will be short lived, because our physical possessions are temporary. That makes most of us ask the question, can we really find true contentment and if so, where?

"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who

gives me strength." (Philippians 4:12-13) Paul certainly knows the secret of being content, it's having a relationship with the Lord. Paul basically said, it doesn't matter if I have food or not I will be content because of my relationship with Christ.

Truly being content comes as a result of knowing Christ. "What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things." (Philippians 3:8) Paul said, I have given everything up to know Christ and it's because of his relationship with Christ that he is content. "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Philippians 1:21) Paul was so content in his relationship with Christ that he said, if I die it's my gain.

How many of us are that content? Only a person who truly knows the Lord could say, I'm content with dying. I ask once again, are you content with your life? If you think you are, ask yourself, where does your con-

## Band Boosters to meet tonight

The Dimmitt High School Band Boosters have scheduled a meeting for tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the DHS Band Hall.

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tentment come from? True contentment only comes from having a relationship with Jesus. If you don't have a relationship with Him, then you don't know what it means to truly be content. I hope you will seek to be content and in so doing "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." (Matthew 6:33)

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# Sports



## Wilcox's overtime catch sends Naz to regional

**By MEGAN SCHULTE**  
There were two Springlake-Earth Wolverines standing between Kade Wilcox, the end zone and an overtime playoff win for the Nazareth Swifts on Friday night.

That didn't phase Nazareth's senior receiver. Wilcox ran a skinny post pattern, leaped high in the air and caught a pass from backup quarterback Jordy Rowland at the 2-yard line. Two Wolverine defenders were all over him the instant he caught the pass, but he was able to force his way across the goal line to give Nazareth a 20-14 win and the Class A area championship at

Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo.

Rowland was called into service as the Swifts' signal caller when starting quarterback and safety Blake Birkenfeld suffered a broken collar bone in the third quarter. Nazareth was already without one of its leading defensive players, linebacker Jase Merritt, who had suffered a broken collar bone in an accident the previous day (Thanksgiving).

With the win, Nazareth improved to 10-2 on the season and advances to the Region 1-A semifinals where they'll meet Petersburg Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Bulldog Stadium in Plainview.

Springlake-Earth ended its season with a 6-5 mark.

After spotting the Springlake-Earth Wolverines 14 points Friday night on a pair of touchdown runs by Colton Glasscock and two extra points by Pablo Castillo, Nazareth came back to tie the game by halftime on two runs by Trey Robb and kicks by Wilcox. Neither team scored in the second half, forcing the game into overtime.

Springlake-Earth won the overtime toss and elected to take the ball first, so Nazareth decided to make the Wolverines head into the strong, cold north

wind gusting to 40 miles per hour.

Springlake managed to pick up one first down, but failed to convert on a second third down play. The Wolverines went for it on fourth down, but the pass near the goal line was broken up by Wilcox, and the Swift defense held.

Nazareth got its shot at the end zone next, and they wasted little time. Rowland and Wilcox hooked up on the second play of the Swifts' overtime drive, sending the team and their fans into a frenzied celebration.

"This was an outstanding game between two fine football

teams," said Nazareth Coach Ricky Peacock. "We were fortunate to come out on top and bring home an area championship. We gave an outstanding effort for four quarters and beat a quality team in Springlake-Earth."

Leading Nazareth's defensive attack was senior Aaron Kern, with 17 tackles. Joining the force were teammates Daryl Pohlmeier and Garrett Klemm with 13 each. This defense allowed only 16 passing yards, and 250 rushing yards.

"Our defense played outstanding after allowing those two early touchdowns," Peacock said. "We were trying to give Springlake a different look on defense and to their credit they were able to make some plays with their option game and forced us to go back to our base defense. Our kids settled down and began to figure out their attack and we were able to shut them down in the second half," Peacock said.

Springlake-Earth's defense also played well, limiting Nazareth's leading rusher, Aaron Kern, to 37 yards and no touchdowns. Nazareth was held to 138 yards rushing and 87 yards passing.

Despite one of his worst rushing games of the season, Kern was still the Swifts' leading ground gainer with 37 yards. Nazareth's ground attack was bolstered by Robb and Wilcox, who had 27 yards each; Blake Birkenfeld, who had 32; and Brock Birkenfeld, who had 14.

Rowland completed six passes for 59 yards and the winning touchdown. Blake Birkenfeld connected on three passes for 38 yards before he was injured.

Leading the receiving attack was Wilcox, catching four passes for 43 yards. Kern who caught one pass for 23 yards and Brock Birkenfeld caught two passes for 15 yards.

"Offensively we played well, but we kept stopping ourselves on penalties and some missed blocking assignments," Peacock said.

"We had some chances in the third quarter to take the lead but could not sustain any drives into scoring position. Our defense gave us a chance to get into overtime and from there we finally made the big play we needed to get the win," he added.

Nazareth received the opening kick off but was unable to gain the first down and the ball was punted to Springlake.

The kick was tipped by the return man and it sailed over his head toward the goal line. He raced to retrieve the loose ball. He was dropped by Wilcox just inside the 1-yard line.

The Wolverines didn't let the poor field position bother them, though. It took Springlake just nine plays before Glasscock scored his first touchdown on a 31-yard run with 4:33 left in the first quarter. The extra point was booted by Pablo Castillo and Springlake took a 7-0 lead that held until the second quarter.

After the Swifts were forced to punt the ball, Springlake set up for yet another drive to the goal line, running only 3 plays in the second quarter before Glasscock cashed in with a six-yard touchdown plunge. The extra point was good, shocking the Swifts with a 14-0 Wolverine lead.

Nazareth couldn't get its offense untracked and was forced to punt again. This time, the Swifts got a big break and it changed the momentum of the game. The referees flagged Springlake for roughing the kicker, giving Nazareth an automatic first down. The penalty gave the Swifts the spark they needed and the rally began on the next play.

Nine plays later, the Swifts were knocking on the door, and Robb forced it open with a 14-yard run to pay dirt. Wilcox's kick made it a one-possession game, trimming Springlake's lead to a touchdown and PAT, 14-7.

The Wolverines ran just three plays before Schulte snuck up behind a Wolverine receiver, picking off a Chance pass.

The Swifts took over with good field position and capped a six-play drive with a one-yard high jump by Robb across the goal line. Wilcox knotted the game at 14 with the on-target extra point.

The ball changed possession six times in the third stanza, but neither team was able to set up for the score, and Nazareth controlled the ball as the fourth quarter started.

The Swifts enjoyed excellent field position for most of the second half, working from the Wolverine end for much of the final 24 minutes, but Springlake's defense never broke and the Swifts were forced into overtime.

"It was a great win for our players, and I am proud of them for fighting back and finding a way to win the game," Peacock said. "They never got down on themselves and kept competing as they have done all season. This was a total team effort."

### Game at a Glance

Swifts 20, S-E 14			
S-E	7	7	0-14
Nazareth	0	14	0-6-20

	NAZ	S-E
First Downs	11	14
Yards Rushing	138	250
Yards Passing	87	16
Total Yards	225	266
Comp-Att-Int	8-19-9	2-6-1
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Punts-Avg.	4-35	4-26
Penalties-Yards	4-30	5-28

### Scoring Summary

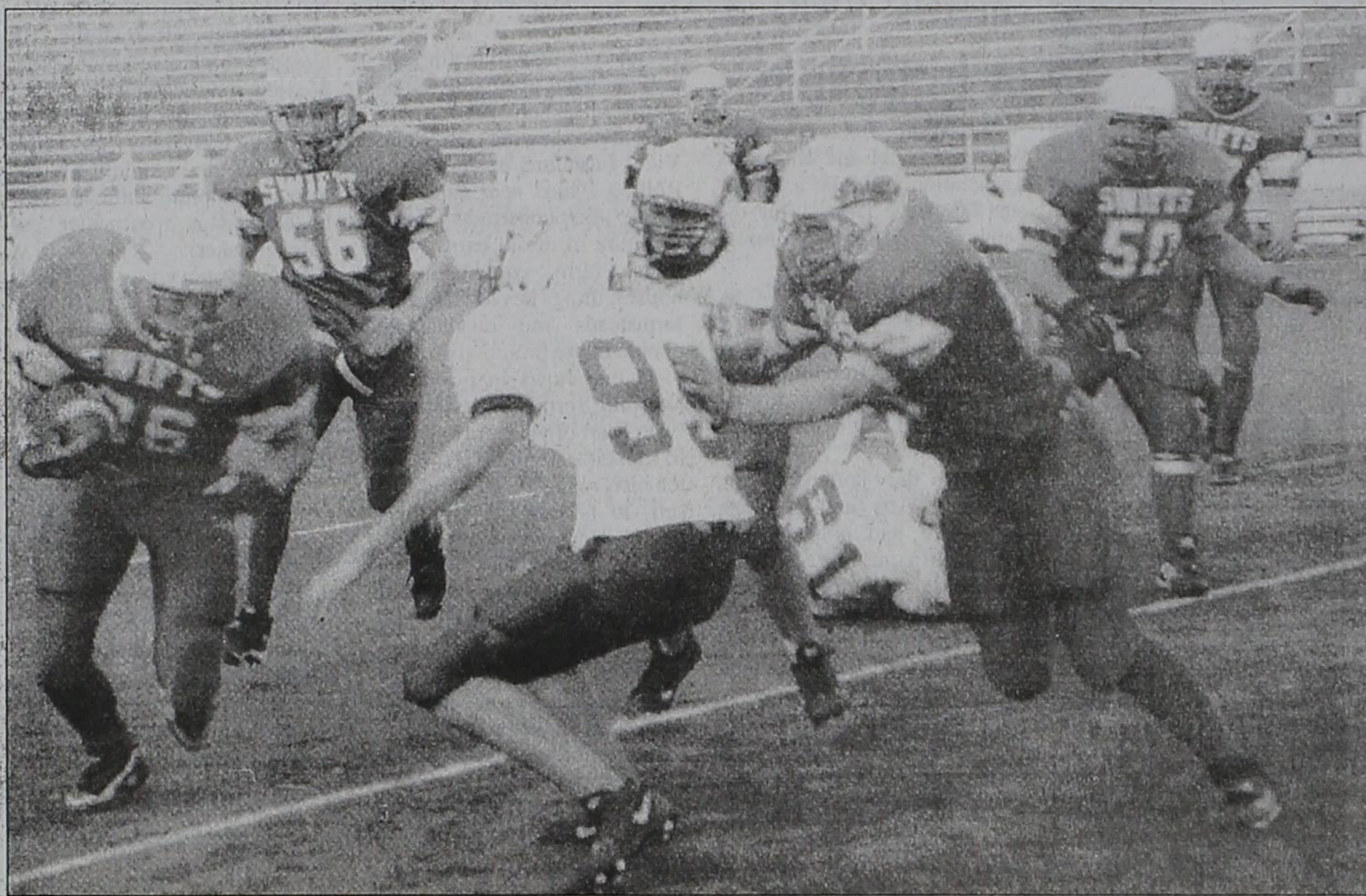
**First Quarter:**  
SPRINGLAKE-EARTH—Colton Glasscock 31 run (Pablo Castillo kick)

**Second Quarter:**  
SPRINGLAKE-EARTH—Glasscock 6 run (Castillo kick)

NAZARETH—Trey Robb 14 run (Kade Wilcox kick)

NAZARETH—Robb 1 run (Wilcox kick)

**OVERTIME:**  
NAZARETH—Wilcox 26 pass from Jordy Rowland



**MOVE IT!**—Nazareth's Aaron Kern (36) lowers his shoulders and barrels his way for extra yardage as teammate Ross Schulte executes a block on a would-be Springlake-Earth tackler Friday night in Amarillo. The Swifts and Wolverines squared off in a

Class A area playoff, and Nazareth won in overtime, 20-14. Also pictured are Nazareth's Daryl Pohlmeier (56) and Reece Hales (50).

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NAZARETH'S JORDY ROWLAND (14) fights to get past Springlake-Earth's Chance Furr (5) during third-quarter action of a Class A area playoff game at Dick Bivins Stadium Friday night. Rowland took over at quarterback for the Swifts in the third quarter when starter Blake Birkenfeld went down with a broken collarbone. Rowland threw a 26-yard touchdown pass to Kade Wilcox in overtime, propelling the Swifts to a 20-14 win and a berth in the regional semifinals.

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# Nazareth will host big tourney this weekend

Nazareth will christen its new physical education facility with a major tournament this season—the Northwest Texas Sports Medicine Invitational for varsity girls and boys.

The tournaments open today (Thursday) and continue through Saturday at the school, and four of the six county varsity squads will be competing.

The Nazareth Swiftettes will meet Dalhart at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) in the new gym.

Hart's Lady Horns will face Hale Center at 9 a.m. today (Thursday) in the old gym.

The Dimmitt Bobbies will meet Kopperl at 12 noon today (Thursday) in the new gym.

Hart's Longhorns will face Lockney at 1:30 p.m. today (Thursday) in the old gym.

The Nazareth Swifts were scheduled to play in the tournament, but since they are still in the football playoffs, they were forced to drop from the tournament.

The boys' tournament features

11 teams while the girls' tournament has 16 teams, and six of the schools participating will be traveling great distances to compete in the new tournament. Alvord, Godley, Hamilton, Kopperl, Lipan and Reagan County all will travel nearly 300 miles.

Other first-round games today (Thursday) in the girls' tournament include Muleshoe and Claude at 3 p.m., Sundown and Alvord at 3 p.m., Hamilton and White Deer at 12 noon, Reagan County and Farwell at 6 p.m., and Lockney and Godley at 6 p.m.

On the boys' bracket, other first-round games today (Thursday) will match Lipan and Sudan at 4:30 p.m., White Deer and Kopperl at 1:30 p.m., Farwell and Dalhart at 10:30 a.m. and Claude and Abernathy at 10:30 a.m.

If the Swiftettes and Lady Horns each win their first-round games, they'll meet in a champi-

onship quarterfinal game today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. in the new gym. The consolation quarterfinal for that portion of the bracket is also slated for 7:30 p.m. today (Thursday).

The Bobbies will play either Hamilton or White Deer for their second-round game, and both the championship quarterfinal and the consolation quarterfinal are slated for 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

If the Longhorns win, they'll meet River Road at 9 a.m. Friday. Should the Horns lose their first game, they'll have a second-round bye.

The girls' final round on Saturday includes the consolation final and third-place game at 3 p.m., with the championship slated for 6 p.m.

For the boys, final round games will include the consolation championship at 6 p.m., the third-place game at 4:30 p.m. and the championship at 7:30 p.m.

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### Tuesday:

6:30 p.m.....**Dimmitt Bobbies vs. Tulia**  
8:00 p.m.....**Dimmitt Bobcats vs. Tulia**



# Take it to the hoop, Bobbies and Bobcats!

**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Nazareth Tournament**

**FIRST GAME: Bobbies vs. Kopperl, Thursday, 12 p.m.**



**THURSDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY: Plainview Tournament**

**FIRST GAME: Bobcats vs. ??**



**TUESDAY: Bobbies & Bobcats  
vs. Tulia, Here, Starting at 6:30 p.m.**

## Schedule and Scores

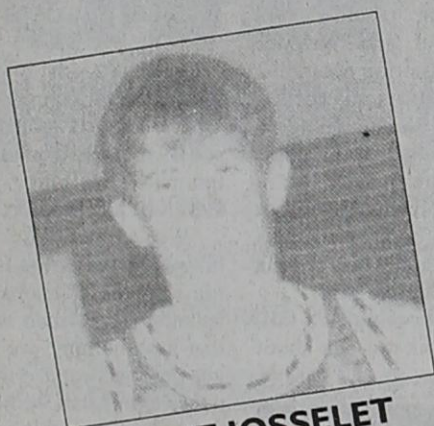
Nov. 29-Dec. 1—Nazareth Tournament (Girls), Nazareth  
Nov. 29-Dec. 1—Plainview Tournament (Boys), Plainview  
Dec. 4—Tulia, Here  
Dec. 6-8—Big Spring Tournament (Boys), Big Spring  
Dec. 7—Sudan (Girls), There  
Dec. 11—Abernathy, There  
Dec. 14—River Road (Girls), Caprock  
Dec. 14—Caprock (Boys), There  
Dec. 21—Dalhart, There  
Dec. 27-29—Caprock Tournament, Lubbock  
Dec. 31—Dalhart, Here  
Jan. 4—Tulia (Boys), There  
Jan. 4—\*Littlefield (Girls), There  
Jan. 8—\*Roosevelt (Girls), There  
Jan. 8—Amarillo (Boys), There  
Jan. 11—\*Shallowater, Here  
Jan. 15—\*Muleshoe, There  
Jan. 18—\*Cooper, Here  
Jan. 22—\*Littlefield, Here  
Jan. 25—\*Roosevelt, Here  
Jan. 29—\*Shallowater, There  
Feb. 1—\*Muleshoe, Here  
Feb. 5—\*Cooper, There  
Feb. 8—\*Littlefield (Boys), There  
Feb. 12—\*Roosevelt (Boys), There

### Bobbies

35, Randall 60  
30, Levelland 44  
29, Borger, 52  
QUEENS CLASSIC  
51, Hereford 45  
33, Plainview 71  
45, Levelland 67  
56, Hereford 58  
Season Record: 1-6

### Bobcats

49, Randall 51  
70, Levelland 62  
59, Borger 65  
74, Hereford 57  
Season Record: 2-2



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# Bobcats want return trip to state

Optimism is high at Kenneth Cleveland Gymnasium as the Dimmitt Bobcats embark upon what they hope will be a championship basketball season.

A year ago, the Bobcats shocked some of the state's best in the playoffs and ultimately found themselves boarding the bus for the state tournament in Austin.

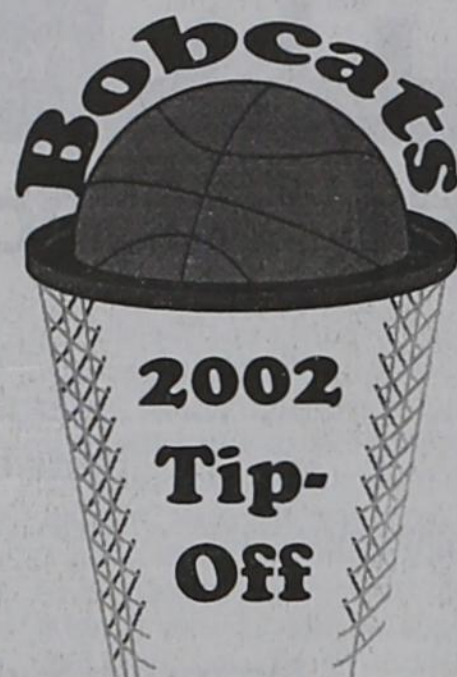
Dimmitt didn't come away with the championship trophy, but after losing in the state semifinal last March, a group of younger players vowed to lead the Bobcats back to The Drum in 2002.

"I'm very optimistic about our team this year," said Dimmitt Coach Alan Steinle. "We have a lot of good things going for us. There are also a lot of things we have to work on between now and district."

Dimmitt expected to have the majority of its offensive firepower back for the 2002 campaign, but an injury in October to leading scorer D Norman forced the Bobcats to adjust their game plan.

A year ago, Norman, a 6-3 senior wing, averaged 20.3 points, 8.9 rebounds and 3.2 assists per game, and he was an all-district, all-regional and all-state honoree in addition to earning many other player honors.

During a practice on Oct. 5,



Norman was going up for a layup when he broke a bone in his leg, just below the knee cap. Norman underwent surgery, and his return this season is questionable, according to Steinle.

Dimmitt does return several other talented players in addition to Norman, and they are honorable mention all-district selections Matthew Wright, a 6-0 senior wing; and Brent Josselet, a 5-10 senior guard.

Wright counted 10.1 points and 8.6 caroms per game while Josselet contributed 5.7 points and 2.5 assists.

Also back is 5-10 senior guard Austin Sherman.

Wright, Josselet and Sherman will be in the Bobcats' starting

lineup this year along with 5-10 junior wing Matthew Gauna and 6-2 sophomore post Nicky Gauna.

Other members of the Bobcat varsity expected to contribute this season are 5-8 junior guard Colby Williams, 5-10 junior wing Lee Brown, 6-0 sophomore wing Kenneth Worsham, 5-10 junior wing Brandon Furr, 6-1 junior post Patrick Hunter and 6-0 junior wing Ricky Ramirez.

Here's what Steinle expects each of those players to contribute this season:

**Matthew Wright:** "He's a battler and a leader by example. He works hard. He can play several positions. He's a smart player and he makes good choices."

**Brent Josselet:** "He has excellent quickness and is much improved from last year. He has the ability to be a great all-around player. He's a good spot-up shooter."

**Austin Sherman:** "He's best with his speed and quickness. He can play as a shooting guard or point guard. He's a good ballhandler."

**D Norman:** "D was all-everything last season. He will be missed by our team until he can return."

**Patrick Hunter:** "He's got a great touch. He's a good jumper and we'll need his rebounding and ability to score. He is becoming a better defender and all-around player."

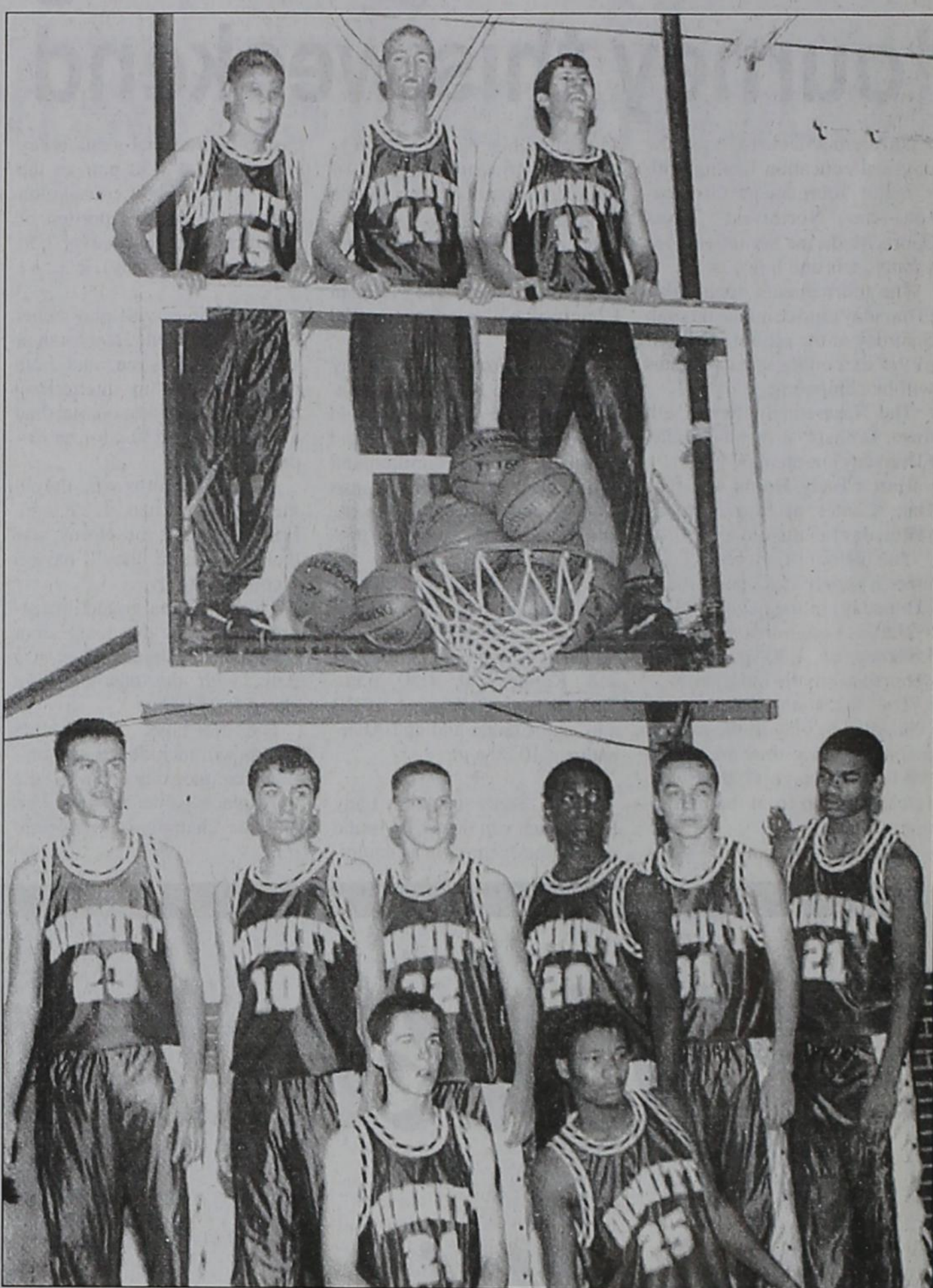
**Matthew Gauna:** "Matthew's a good defender and he can play inside or outside. He has the ability to penetrate or pull up from the perimeter."

**Lee Brown:** "Lee will provide us with depth at several positions. He's got good quickness and has a nose for the ball. He's also a battler."

**Brandon Furr:** "He has excellent quickness and he's a good jumper. He is improving his ability to make plays. He provides us with depth at the guard position."

**Colby Williams:** "Colby is a very intelligent player. He can knock down the open shot and has good instincts for the game. He's a point guard."

**Ricky Ramirez:** "Ricky is a good spot-up shooter. He can



NOTHING BUT NET, and nothing short of a return trip to the state tournament will satisfy the Dimmitt Bobcats this season. Team members are (top row, from left) Colby Williams, Matthew Wright and Brent Josselet; (middle row, from left) Nicky Gauna, Matthew Gauna, Brandon Furr, Lee Brown, Ricky Ramirez and Kenneth Worsham; and (bottom row, from left) Patrick Hunter and D Norman. Not pictured is Austin Sherman. Photo by Chris Bradford

play inside or outside and he does a good job around the basket despite his lack of size."

**Nicky Gauna:** "Nicky is an excellent rebounder and has a good touch around the basket. He can hit the 12 to 15-foot shot as well. He's a good jumper, has great timing and a great sense for the game."

**Kenneth Worsham:** "He also can play several positions. He's a good jumper and is quick. He is steadily improving and we'll need his help defensively and with rebounding."

Steinle has been encouraged by his team's performance early in the season.

"I see a lot of good things—a lot of positives, especially at this point in the season. Without D, we've had some of our younger kids step up and do a good job for us," Steinle said.

"We're back to the same old Dimmitt teams of the past—we're not real big."

"Offensively, we're going to have to rely a lot on fast breaks and an up-tempo style. Our defense is going to have to create some things for our offense. That's what the kids have done through the first few games."

Full-court pressure will be the name of the game for Dimmitt's defense.

"We're going to press teams

as much as we can," Steinle said. "We'll use a full-court press, half-court press and half-court trap. The kids have done a good job defensively. They're creating some pressure and that has helped us get our running game going. We're going to run a 1-2-1-1 press and a 2-3 half-court zone defense."

"We play our zone defense very aggressively and we expect the kids to pressure the ball while those off the ball help out. It's very similar to man principles. We'll have a lot of pressure on the ball. We'll double team and trap as much as we can while rotating to cover and protect the paint," he said.

The Bobcats have some talented shooters, and in early games, Steinle has been pleased with his post play, especially since Dimmitt doesn't have a lot of size inside the lane.

"We've had some good scoring from our post players (Gauna, Hunter and Wright). They've been scoring enough at the post position to keep defenses honest. We're going to attack the defense. If they are collapsing more inside, we're going to attack from the perimeter. And if they're pressuring us outside, we'll do the best we can to penetrate," Steinle said.

"As far as shooting, it's still early and I think we can shoot

the ball better than we have so far. I think we'll continue to improve and remain steady and consistent."

One of the disadvantages to a run-and-gun style of basketball is the tendency to turn over the ball, and Steinle said that's one area in which he would like to see improvement.

"Right now, I think one of the weaker areas of our game is that we turn the ball over too much. But we play an up-tempo style and we're going to have some of those turnovers. We feel like we need to do a better job of taking care of the basketball. The teams we'll be playing are going to be good enough to create some turnovers. What we need to do is cut down on unforced errors—making bad choices and bad passes. We turned it over 20 times against Randall and 23 times against Levelland. We'd like to see that number down to 12 or 14."

Dimmitt's schedule is tough, tough, tough.

The Bobcats opened the season by meeting a quad of AAAA teams—Levelland, Randall, Hereford and Borger.

"We sometimes take our lumps early in the season by playing these teams that are usually bigger than we are, but that's something we've got to get used to because there aren't many teams that will be smaller than us. If anything, we'll be tickled to play someone that's equal to our size," Steinle said.

Dimmitt will play in three grueling tournaments, too, including the Plainview Lions Tournament, Big Spring Tournament and always-tough Caprock ABC Holiday Tournament.

"We feel like our tough schedule helps us throughout the year, especially if we can hold our own against those teams," Steinle said. "We expect to be competitive against those teams."

The district race could be one of the toughest around, with Shallowater, Lubbock Cooper, Muleshoe, Littlefield and Lubbock Roosevelt.

"I think Shallowater is one of the favorites. Cooper, Muleshoe and Littlefield are always very competitive and right in the mix. Roosevelt has improved a lot. I think our district is going to be interesting," Steinle said.

## Meet the Bobcats

10—Matthew Gauna	5-10 Junior	Wing
12—Austin Sherman	5-10 Senior	Guard
13—Brent Josselet	5-10 Senior	Guard
14—Matthew Wright	6-0 Senior	Wing
15—Colby Williams	5-8 Junior	Guard
20—Lee Brown	5-10 Junior	Wing
21—Kenneth Worsham	5-7 Soph.	Wing
22—Brandon Furr	5-10 Junior	Wing
23—Nicky Gauna	6-2 Soph.	Wing
24—Patrick Hunter	6-1 Junior	Post
25—Michael D. Norman	6-3 Senior	Wing

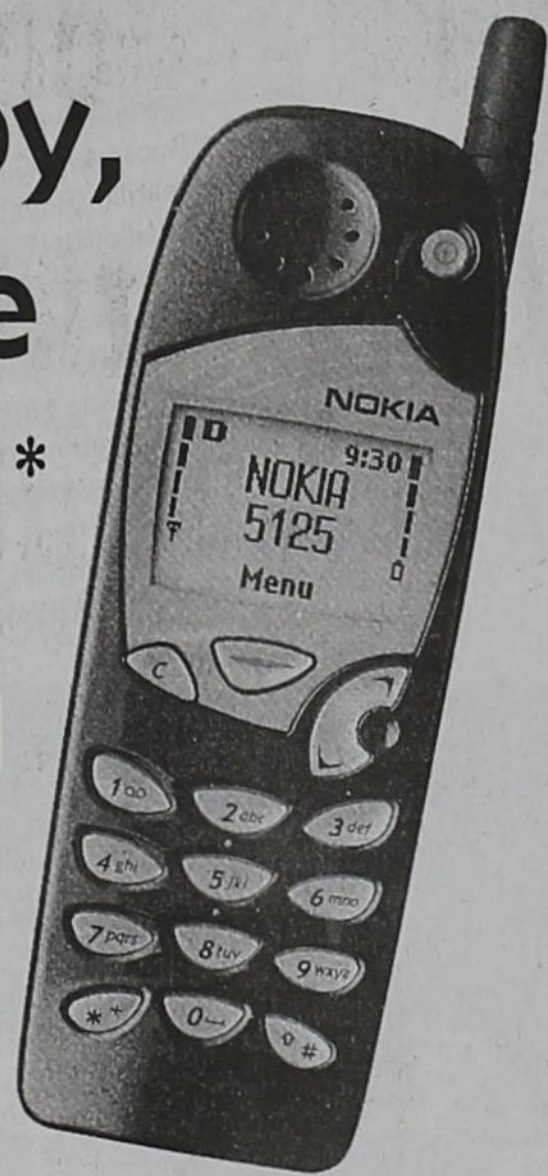
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# Longhorns are adjusting to new system

The Hart Longhorns are learning a new style of game under a new head coach, and if they can adjust early in the season, they could be a serious challenger for the district championship.

One of the most successful boys' coaches in the Texas Panhandle, Carl Irlbeck, has taken over the helm at Hart after enjoying a brief retirement.

Irlbeck's career has included successful stints at Abernathy and Plainview, and he coached the Bulldogs to a state championship during his tenure in Plainview.

Irlbeck has some talented athletes to work with in Hart, including two returning starters, 6-0 senior forward Keith Finch and 5-11 senior post Albert Velasquez.

Finch averaged 12 points per game last year and earned all-district honors. Irlbeck said Finch is the Longhorns' "utility man," playing both inside and outside.

Velasquez chipped in six points.

Those two are penciled in as starters this season, along with 6-2 junior post Corey Moore, 5-8 senior point guard Jacob Reyna and 5-9 senior guard Joel DeLaFuentes.

Irlbeck said that starting lineup may change as the season progresses. Eran Castillo, a 5-7 sophomore guard; and Joey Pantoja, a 6-2 senior post, could work their way into the first group.

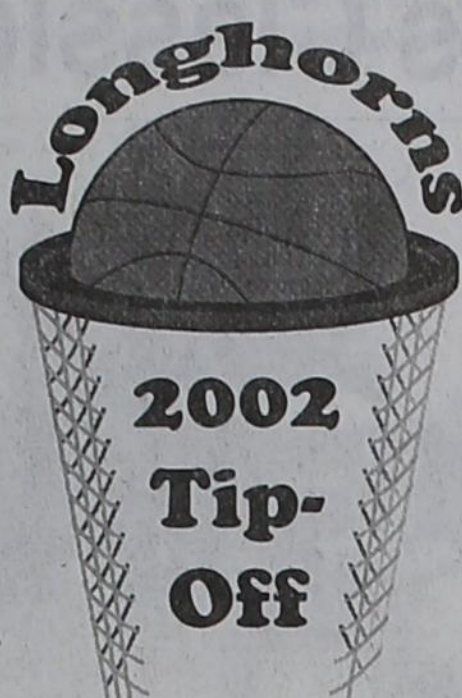
Hart's roster rounds out with a 5-10 junior guard, Jorge Marin; a 5-8 junior guard, Logan McLain; and a 5-9 sophomore guard, Roy Robledo.

"Joel and Logan came in off the bench and played well for us in our first game," Irlbeck said.

Hart will field a quick team that can run and run and run. Several of the players were on the Longhorns' state-qualifying cross country team. Irlbeck hopes to use that quickness to develop a successful transition game.

"We're going to be playing a transition game as much as possible," Irlbeck said. "We'll be going into a screen and give-and-go type of offense. Our defense will resemble a 2-3 zone," Irlbeck said.

"That's what I stress first—defense, then rebounding,



then the transition game and then offense. That's pretty much how I expect our young men to perform. We're going to make a lot of mistakes early in the year, but I think as the year goes along, we'll get pretty good.

"We've got some good athletes, and once they understand our defense, we can make things extremely tough on opposing teams."

The Longhorns will take advantage of their quickness by pressing opposing teams from one end of the court to the other.

"We're going to press 2-2-1 full court, we're going to use 1-2-1-1 and man-to-man full-court. We'll run some half-court presses. We'll do a lot of trapping on defense.

"They are still learning how to read offenses and defenses. Our offense is set to read the defense and our defense is set to read the offense," Irlbeck said. "They haven't been brought up

recognizing those things."

Irlbeck said he's still learning about his players and what they are capable of doing.

"We set our offense to our players' talents; consequently, you have to learn about your players before you set up your offense," Irlbeck said.

Hart opened the season with a loss to Hedley on Nov. 13, then turned around and handled the same team with ease on Nov. 16, posting a 76-59 victory.

"We were real erratic and nervous in our first game. I was pleased with our effort, though. We sputtered quite a bit on offense, but we'd only had one practice. Defensively, we're trying to run what I want to run and they're having to make a transition. We played with too much indecision. They were afraid to do the things they needed to do. They're still learning," Irlbeck said.

Irlbeck said the Longhorns have to improve their shooting from what they showed in early games, but with time in the gym, that will develop.

"One of the things they guys have to learn to do is play without the ball—posts as well as guards," he said.

The Longhorns want to improve on last year's 12-14 mark, and their eyes are focused on adding a piece of district hardware to the trophy case.

"I look for us to do really well in district. We have to overcome some attitude so that we can do well," Irlbeck said.

"This group has a good work ethic. They've tried to do everything that I've asked them to do. Sometimes that's caused confusion because it's different from what they've done in the past. It's not a great deal of difference, but enough to cause them to have a few problems."



THE HART LONGHORNS ARE PLANNING to dunk district opponents this year, and they'll do that under the guidance of new head coach, Carl Irlbeck (bottom right). Team members, starting from the top of the pyramid and working down, left to right, are Jacob Reyna (5), Joel DeLaFuentes (22), Keith Finch (21), Albert Velasquez (23), Eran Castillo (4), Corey Moore (33), Logan McLain (10), Jorge Marin (3), Joey Pantoja (30) and Roy Robledo (12).

Photo by Anne Acker

## Meet the Longhorns

3—Jorge Marin	5-10	Junior	Guard
4—Eran Castillo	5-7	Soph.	Guard
5—Jacob Reyna	5-8	Senior	Guard
10—Logan McLain	5-8	Junior	Guard
12—Roy Robledo	5-9	Soph.	Guard
21—Keith Finch	6-0	Senior	Forward
22—Joel DeLaFuentes	5-9	Senior	Guard
23—Albert Velasquez	5-11	Senior	Forward
30—Joey Pantoja	6-2	Senior	Post
33—Corey Moore	6-2	Junior	Post

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**THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY: Nazareth Tournament**

**GIRLS' FIRST GAME: Lady Horns vs. Hale Center, Thursday, 9 a.m.**

**BOY'S FIRST GAME: Longhorns vs. Lockney, Thursday, 4:30 p.m.**

**TUESDAY: Lady Horns and Longhorns vs. Happy, Here**



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KADE WILCOX (11) of Nazareth finds a little running room as he returns a kick near midfield Friday night in a Class A area playoff game in Amarillo. The Swifts spotted Springlake-Earth 14 points in the game, then came back to tie the game at 14 before

intermission. The score remained tied at the end of regulation, and in overtime, Wilcox broke up a Wolverine pass on fourth down, then caught the game-winning touchdown for the Swifts.

Photo by Dwayne Acker

# Bobbies down Hereford in Queens Classic opener

Dimmitt's Bobbies gathered for a Thanksgiving dessert of Lady Whiteface last Thursday, serving up a 51-45 victory in the first round of the Queens Classic tournament.

The Bobbies used a big second-half offensive display to down Hereford, but suffered back-to-back losses in the championship semis and third-place game.

After beating Hereford, Dimmitt was knocked off by Plainview, 71-33, in the semifinals. That set up a showdown with Levelland in the third-place game on Saturday. Dimmitt fell behind the Lady Lobos in the first half and never regained ground, losing the third-place contest, 67-45.

## Bobbies 51, Hereford 45

Every player on the Bobbies' roster contributed points in Dimmitt's victory over Hereford last Thursday, and Jenna Steinle led the way with 12 points.

Others scoring were Sharla Kenworthy with 9, Kelsey Welch with 8, Ashley Irons with 7, Caitlin Buckley and Sally Stahl with 5 each, and Jill Merritt and Lyndee Behrends with 2 each.

The Bobbies and Lady Whitefaces battled to an 11-point tie in the first quarter, and Hereford pulled ahead in the second by outscoring the Bobbies, 21-17.

Hereford saw its 32-28 lead dwindle away in the third quarter when Dimmitt's defense kicked in.

The Bobbies shut down Hereford's attack in the third, limiting the Lady Whitefaces to four points. Hereford managed just 13 second-half points.

Meanwhile, the Bobbies found their offensive niche, scoring 23 points in the second half to post the come-from-behind win, 51-45.

Steinle hit 50% of her shots from the field and counted one three-pointer among her five field goals made. She also pulled down six rebounds.

Welch led the Bobbies in rebounds with 13 while Irons had 10. Kenworthy, Stahl and Steinle all drained threes as the Bobbies connected on 33% of their long-range balls in the game. Hereford shot 29% from the field.

## Bobbies 33, Plainview 71



Kely Welch (facing), Sharla Kenworthy (23) and Caitlin Buckley (11) prepare to battle for a rebound against Plainview in action at the Queens Classic last weekend. Plainview won the contest 71-33.

Photo by Chris Bradford

Dimmitt couldn't get anything going on offense against the defending state champion Lady Bulldogs in Friday's championship semifinal, and Plainview came away with the win, 71-33.

Dimmitt scored just six points in the first two quarters and added another seven in the third before unleashing with 14 over the final eight minutes.

Plainview led 26-6 after the first quarter and 47-12 at the break. The Lady Bulldogs took a 63-19 lead after three quarters.

Kenworthy had eight points to lead the Bobbies while Merritt and Irons had six apiece.

Dimmitt hit 3-of-7 treys in the game, but only connected on 31.6% of its field goals for the game. Plainview made 52.3% of its shots from the field.

The Bobbies were led on the boards by Steinle, who pulled down seven rebounds.

## Bobbies 45, Levelland 67

Kenworthy contributed 13 points and Irons added 10 for the Bobbies Saturday in a 67-45 loss to Levelland.

The Lady Lobos jumped out to an early 20-13 lead in the first quarter and controlled the scoreboard at intermission, 48-20.

Dimmitt showed signs of life in the third quarter, outscoring Levelland, 15-9, to trim the deficit to 57-35.

Buckley and Merritt helped the Bobbies with seven points apiece while Welch added six and Steinle finished with two.

# Cats draw Clint, Hereford in Pioneer Classic games

The Dimmitt Bobcats will play Clint and Hereford today (Thursday) and Friday in the Lions Club Pioneer Classic in Plainview, and if their success in those games will determine who they'll meet on Saturday.

There are six high school teams in this year's tournament, and those teams are split into two pools.

Dimmitt is in Pool B with Hereford and Clint while Pool A includes Plainview, Muleshoe and Borger.

The Bobcats will play Clint at 6 p.m. today (Thursday).

On Friday, the Bobcats will meet Hereford at 4:30 p.m.

The winner from Pool B will play the runner-up from Pool A on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. At 12 noon Saturday, the Pool A winner will play the Pool B runner-up.

On Saturday, the consolation

final will start at 5:30 p.m., followed by the third-place game at

7 p.m. The championship game will start at 8:30 p.m.

# Freshman, JV Cats are in tournaments

Dimmitt's junior varsity and freshmen boys' basketball teams are gearing up for tournament action, with the JV slated to play in Plainview and the freshmen to suit up in Valley View.

The Freshman Cats will meet Valley View's B team Friday at 7 p.m. in first-round action of the Valley View Tourney. If they win, they'll face either Hereford or Canyon at 1:30 on Saturday. Losers of those two games will play at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Others in the Valley View Tourney are Trinity Fellowship,

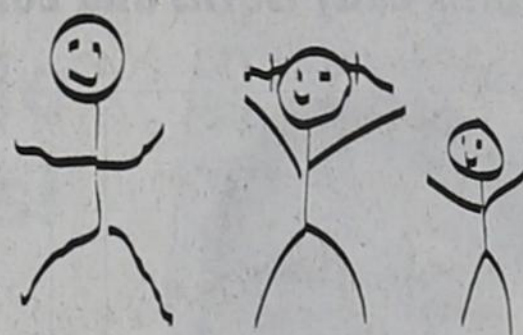
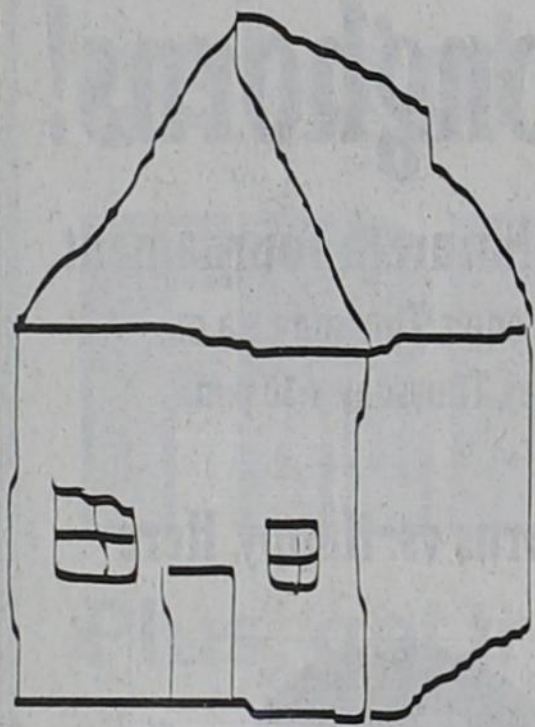
Valley View A team, Canyon B team and Hereford A team.

The JV Bobcats will meet either Lubbock Monterey or Canyon today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. at Plainview High School. The Plainview Tournament also features the host Bulldogs, Lubbock High, Lubbock Estacado, Hereford, Levelland, Lubbock Coronado, Canyon Randall and Frenship.

The Bobcats' second game will be at 6 p.m. Friday if they win, or at 11 a.m. Saturday if they lose.

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# SCOREBOARD

## NOV. 16

Swiftettes 64, Tulla 32
Tulia 6 5 12 9 —32
Nazareth 21 19 10 14 —64
<b>SCORING:</b> Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 26, Wendy Black 10; Tulla—Adams 8.

## NAZARETH JV TOURNEY

Nov. 15-17
First Round
JV Swiftettes 70, River Road 47
Nazareth 11 26 14 19 —70
River Road 11 15 5 16 —47
<b>SCORING:</b> Kristi Ramaekers and Jamie Birkenfeld 14, Jamie Black 10.

## Championship Semifinals

JV Swiftettes 40, JV Bobbies 29
Dimmitt 5 10 7 7 —29
Nazareth 10 13 7 10 —40
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Raynee Bradley 8; Nazareth—Jenna Acker and Tanya Herring 9.

## Championship

JV Swiftettes 54, Muleshoe 43
Nazareth 15 10 14 15 —43
Muleshoe 8 12 2 21 —43
<b>SCORING:</b> Nazareth—Tanya Herring and Jenna Braddock 14, Kristi Ramaekers 11.

## NOV. 19

9th Bobcats 59, Roosevelt 50
Dimmitt 17 16 12 14 —59
Roosevelt 17 7 16 10 —50
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Charley Saenz 24, Bruce Swain 13.

## NOV. 20

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## Bobcats 59, Borger 65

Borger 11 22 11 21 —65
Dimmitt 13 17 20 9 —59
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 18, Brent Josselet 16; Borger—Garcia 20, Dickson and Hughes 14.

## Bobbies 29, Borger 52

Borger 4 6 7 12 —29
Dimmitt 12 9 10 21 —52
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Jill Merritt 11, Sally Stahl 6; Borger—Looney 14, Tabor 12.

## JV Bobbies 36, Borger 39

JV Bobcats 48, Borger 47
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Jared Griffitt 11, Adam Wright and Matthew Sanders 8.

## Longhorns 61, New Deal 68

Hart 19 20 11 11 —61
New Deal 18 20 21 9 —68

**SCORING:** Hart—Keith Finch 13, Jacob Reyna 10; New Deal—Marco Arce 25, Brent Mullins 10.

## Lady Horns 40, New Deal 52

Hart 8 12 8 12 —40
New Deal 12 15 13 12 —52
<b>SCORING:</b> Hart—Crystal Diego 12, Lacie Curry 11; New Deal—Janet Womack 14, Michelle Nunez 13.

## Swiftettes 50, Muleshoe 54

Muleshoe 8 15 17 14 —54
Nazareth 22 4 4 20 —50
<b>SCORING:</b> Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 16, Wendy Black 15; Muleshoe—Brittany Gartin 14, Tiffany Flores 11.

## JV Swiftettes 45, Muleshoe 55

## QUEEN'S CLASSIC

First Round
Bobbies 51, Hereford 45
Dimmitt 11 17 11 12 —51
Hereford 11 21 4 9 —45
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Jenna Steinle 12, Sharla Kenworthy 9; Hereford—Carlie Henson 14, Sarah Griffitt 13.

## Championship Semifinals

Bobbies 33, Plainview 71
Dimmitt 6 6 7 14 —33
Plainview 26 21 16 8 —71
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Sharla Kenworthy 8, Jill Merritt and Ashley Irons 6; Plainview—Sara Houk 21, Chelsi Welch 19.

## Third Place

Bobbies 45, Levelland 67
Dimmitt 13 7 15 10 —45
Levelland 20 28 9 10 —67
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Sharla Kenworthy 13, Ashley Irons 10.

## SATURDAY

Swiftettes 70, River Road 55
Nazareth 9 15 25 21 —70
River Road 11 21 8 15 —55
<b>SCORING:</b> Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 26, Wendy Black 13, Jackie Thiel 11.

## MONDAY

9th Bobcats 40, Shallowater 43
Dimmitt 13 9 6 12 —40
Shallowater 10 12 8 13 —43
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Saenz 18.

## TUESDAY

Bobcats 74, Hereford 57
Dimmitt 18 18 11 27 —74
Hereford 13 13 10 21 —57
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Austin Sherman 23, Nicky Gauna 18.

Bobbies 56, Hereford 58
Dimmitt 16 11 11 18 —56
Hereford 11 13 15 19 —58
<b>SCORING:</b> Dimmitt—Jill Merritt 14, Jenna Steinle 13, Caitlin Buckley 12, Sharla Kenworthy 11.

Swiftettes 72, Midland Christian 36
Nazareth 27 19 7 19 —72
Midland 15 12 4 5 —36
<b>SCORING:</b> Nazareth—Stephanie Thiel 37, Lesley Brockman 8; Midland—West 10.

## Swiftettes 49, Midland Christian 34

JV Swiftettes 49, Midland Christian 34
Nazareth 10 6 21 12 —49
Midland 15 12 4 5 —34
<b>SCORING:</b> Nazareth—Tanya Herring 20.

# Farm Service Agency Notes

By FSA COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TRISH ELLIOTT

Emergency grazing authorization of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) acres has been extended in Castro County through Dec. 31.

This emergency authorization does not include haying of CRP land.

The required payment reduction is 25% of the per-acre annual rental payment rate multiplied by the number of acres actually grazed.

No additional payment reduction will be charged to participants who previously grazed CRP acres and incurred a 25% payment reduction, as long as the exact same acreage is being grazed.

If you are already grazing CRP acreage, please take measures to assure that this acreage is not over-grazed. Any re-seeding of grass will be at your own expense.

Emergency grazing is not authorized for temporary cover or dead or dry litter crops.

CRP participants must file a request to graze CRP acreage before grazing begins.

The deadline for submitting applications under the 2000 Quality Loss Program and 2000 Crop Disaster Program is Jan. 18, 2002.

If you think you qualify for either of these programs, please call 647-2153 to schedule an

appointment to sign-up.

Crops that cannot be insured by crop insurance companies may be considered NAP crops.

Policies for NAP crops cost \$100 per crop, not to exceed \$300 per person or \$900 for producers with interest in multiple counties.

These policies are similar to the catastrophic policies for insurable crops.

NAP coverage is computed at 50% of the yield and 55% of the rate with a \$100,000 payment limit.

To be eligible for NAP, a producer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

NAP crops include small grain grazing, grass, dual-purpose grain sorghum, forage sorghum, and fruits and vegetables.

Please call for an appointment to purchase a NAP policy. The \$100 per-person, per-crop fee is a small price to pay for protection on your non-insurable crops.

Remember, if a loss occurs, a notice of loss must be filed within 15 days of the date the loss becomes apparent.

Small grains grazing crops including wheat, oats, barley and

triticale, should be certified 15 days prior to grazing.

If you have a loss, are eligible for NAP, and haven't certified your acreage before grazing begins, you must file a late-filed report and pay the applicable late filing fee before the Farm Service Agency can take the acreage certification.

Year-round native and improved grass pastures should be certified by Dec. 17 if grazing will start on Jan. 1, 2002.

Acreage must be certified 15 days before grazing begins.

Farmers in the PFC, a seven-year program, recently received a multiple-page letter from the FSA office.

If your 2002 payment shares are listed as 0.0000, your contract needs to be updated before payment is issued.

Even if shares are updated, you need to send back the letter that tells us when you wish to receive your payment.

The letter will also answer questions you have concerning rented land, payments and changes in farming operations.

As harvest season wraps up, you may already be thinking about next year. Take the time this winter to notify the FSA office of changes in your farming operation.

These modifications may include adding or removing individuals from the operation, purchasing or selling land, or renting new land or dropping rented land.

These alterations generate changes in paperwork and can affect contracts. Notifying the FSA office now will save you time next year when you need to be in the fields.

All producers receiving FSA benefits subject to the payment eligibility and limitation rules must report any change in their farming operation as soon as possible.

Dodd Gin has been added to the list of cotton gins operating in Castro County that have certified to the Commodity Credit Corp., that all bagging and tie specifications have been met.



RIBBON CUTTING ceremonies were held at Dimmitt Pharmacy (formerly Coleman Pharmacy) on Nov. 20, and wielding the scissors are the new owners, Jon Riddle (holding scissors) and his wife, Niki. Others on hand for the ceremony were (back row, from left) James

Baker, Jo Ann Pena, Mary Ann Rodriguez, Betty Acker and June Ewing; and (front row, from left) Dimmitt Mayor Wayne Collins, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bill Sava, Evelyn Noble, Jon and Niki Riddle, Suzan Sanders, Stan Byrnes and Gary Langford.

Photo by Paula Portwood



THE DIMMITT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE officially welcomed Malone's Donut Shoppe on Nov. 20 with a ribbon cutting. The business's owners, David and Pam Malone (holding scissors) cut the ribbon. Also on hand for the ceremony are Paul Rios, Max Swinburn, Evelyn

Noble, Kenneth Malone, Carla Wooten, Doris Swinburn, Mary Nell Malone, Mandy Aleman, Wayne Collins, Sarah Malone, Gary Langford, Will Malone, Linda Langford, Matthew Malone, Stan Byrnes, Suzan Sanders, Bill Sava and James Baker.

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## County Committee election is underway

The County Committee election for LAA-1 is currently being held, and producers must return completed ballots to the Farm Service Agency by Monday.

Candidates appearing on the ballot are Kenneth Frye, Bill Potts, Bryan Reinart and Greg Sides.

Producers should sign their

name on the address label, located on the outside of the return envelope, or the vote will be invalid and won't be counted, according to FSA County Executive Director Trish Elliott.

"We encourage all producers to exercise their right to vote, but we especially urge females, minorities and members of other under-represented groups to participate in the committee process," Elliott said.

Elected members of the County Committee and alternates will take office on Jan. 2, 2002.

## Marnell's pig is judged grand champ

Katie Marnell drove her Yorkshire to the grand championship in the First Out of the Box Show Pig Jackpot Sunday in Dimmitt.

The annual show was held in the hog quonset barn adjacent to the Expo Building in Dimmitt. Judge for the show was Cody Hill.

Marnell's Yorkshire was the show's best pig while reserve grand champion honors went to runner-up in the Yorkshire class, Leatt Roberson.

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**Hampshire:** Kalena Rice, breed champion; Brady Askew, reserve breed champion.

**Poland:** Kevin Prisk, breed champion; Samantha Favreau, reserve breed champion.

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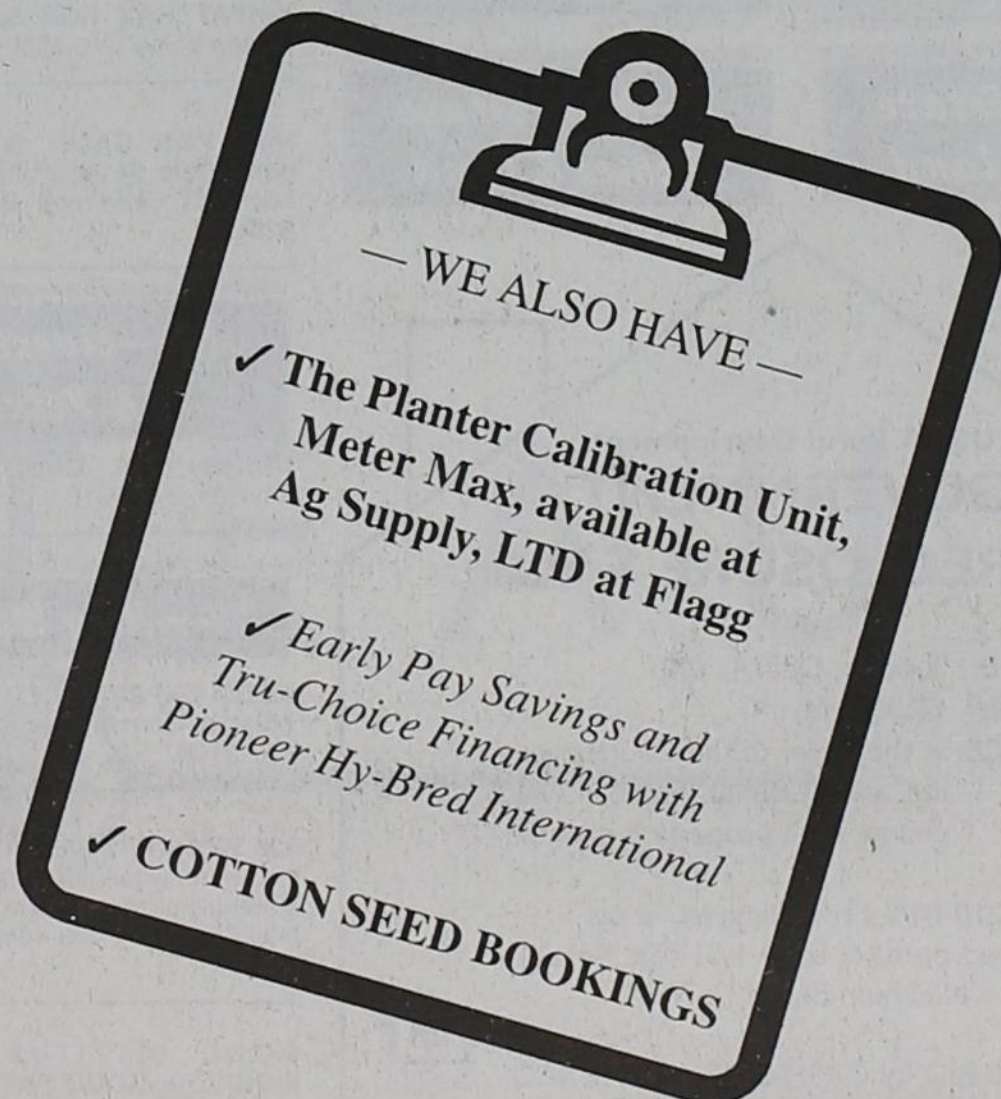
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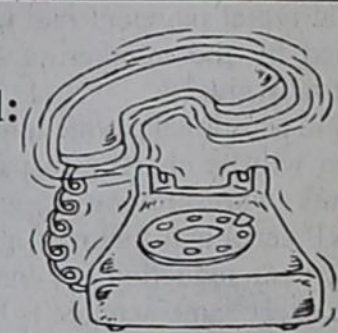
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## Pesticide applicators must obtain CEUs

Pesticide applicators must obtain the necessary continuing education units (CEUs) to renew their licenses.

Many private applicators, as well as all commercial and non-commercial applicators, face a Feb. 28, 2002, renewal date. Private certificate holders face a Dec. 31 deadline.

Applicators should be sure the Texas Dept. of Agriculture has their correct address to avoid a delay in receiving their renewal on time and keeping their license current. Call 1-800-TELL-TDA or e-mail changes to randy.rivera@agr.state.tx.us.

"There are many options for obtaining the required CEUs," said Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs. "Applicators can attend CEU courses, complete a self-study course at home or even obtain CEUs over the Internet.

"The information provided in the CEU classes helps applicators stay informed of changing regulations as well as new products and new application methods. Education is vital for proper and safe pesticide use," Combs said.

Applicators can receive a certificate of completion at the end of each course. They should hold on to these for a year after they have renewed their license. The certificate contains the course number and CEU hours completed. The applicator transfers this information to the renewal form he or she receives in the mail in December or January.

"Private applicators must renew their license every five years and obtain 15 CEUs during that period. Two credits must be in integrated pest management and

two in laws and regulations.

All private applicators may earn the required credits by passing a comprehensive recertification exam. This test costs \$50 for each attempt. After passing, an applicator will receive a certificate of completion for 15 CEUs.

Licensed private applicators cannot retake the private applicator training course and test to renew their license in place of getting the CEUs. A license must have been expired for a year before an applicator can retake the private applicator training test.

Private certificate holders must obtain 15 CEUs to keep their certificate current. While the certificate never expires, an applicator cannot purchase or apply restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides or regular herbicides unless the CEUs are kept up-to-date. A certificate holder who has never obtained a private applicator license may take the private applicator training and obtain a private applicator license instead of earning the CEUs; however, they will be required to earn 15 CEUs over the next five-year cycle.

Commercial and non-commercial applicators must earn five CEUs annually, including one CEU in each of the following categories: laws and regulations, integrated pest management and drift minimization.

Applicators can obtain a list of approved courses and other information on CEU courses by calling 1-800-TELL-TDA or (512) 463-7622, or by logging on to TDA's web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceu/pes\\_cEUhome.htm](http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide/ceu/pes_cEUhome.htm)

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# Farm Bureau sets state convention

Texas Farm Bureau will hold its 68<sup>th</sup> annual meeting Sunday through Wednesday in Waco, and the event is expected to draw farmers and ranchers from across the state.

The event will be held at the Waco Convention Center, and those attending will be seeking solutions for troubling times in agriculture.

"We meet in Waco at a difficult time for the farm and ranch families of Texas," said Texas Farm Bureau President Donald Patman. "As always, we will attend to the business of our organization and lay the policy foundations for a profitable agriculture in Texas."

"Waco, like so many other cities in our state, was founded and has prospered on a strong agricultural base. What we do in Waco during our convention will have a profound impact on the future of agriculture and rural Texas," Patman said.

This year's convention will include a candidate forum for the offices of the US Senate, Texas governor and lieutenant governor to give the candidates the chance to explain their background, qualifications and reasons for seeking office. The forum will be held on Monday.

Those invited for the forum are John Cornyn of San Antonio, Kent Bentsen of Houston, Ron Kirk of Dallas, Dan Morales of San Antonio and Ed Cunningham of Austin for US Senate; Gov. Rick Perry of Paint Creek, Tony Sanchez of Laredo and John Worldpeace of Houston for governor; and David Dewhurst of Houston, John Sharp of Placedo and Gil Conrado of San Antonio for lieutenant governor.

Also on Monday, US Rep. Larry Combest, chairman of the US House Agriculture Committee, will provide an assessment of the future of farm programs and farm policy. Combest was instrumental in the passage of House Resolution 2646, the US House version of the farm bill, in October.

Tuesday afternoon will be the start of the business session, where convention delegates will discuss and debate policy for the Texas Farm Bureau organization to follow in the year 2002.

Farm programs will likely be a hot topic on the national level. On the state level, financing of public schools is expected to captivate the attention of the farm leaders as the 2003 Texas Legislature is expected to take a hard look at options other than property tax as a source of

address on Monday morning during the general session.

Other issues to be considered include international trade, animal health, plant disease impacts such as Karnal bunt, private property rights and numerous other issues affecting agriculture.

Adopted state resolutions become official policy of Texas Farm Bureau. Adopted national resolutions will be sent to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting in January for consideration.

Other convention highlights will include:

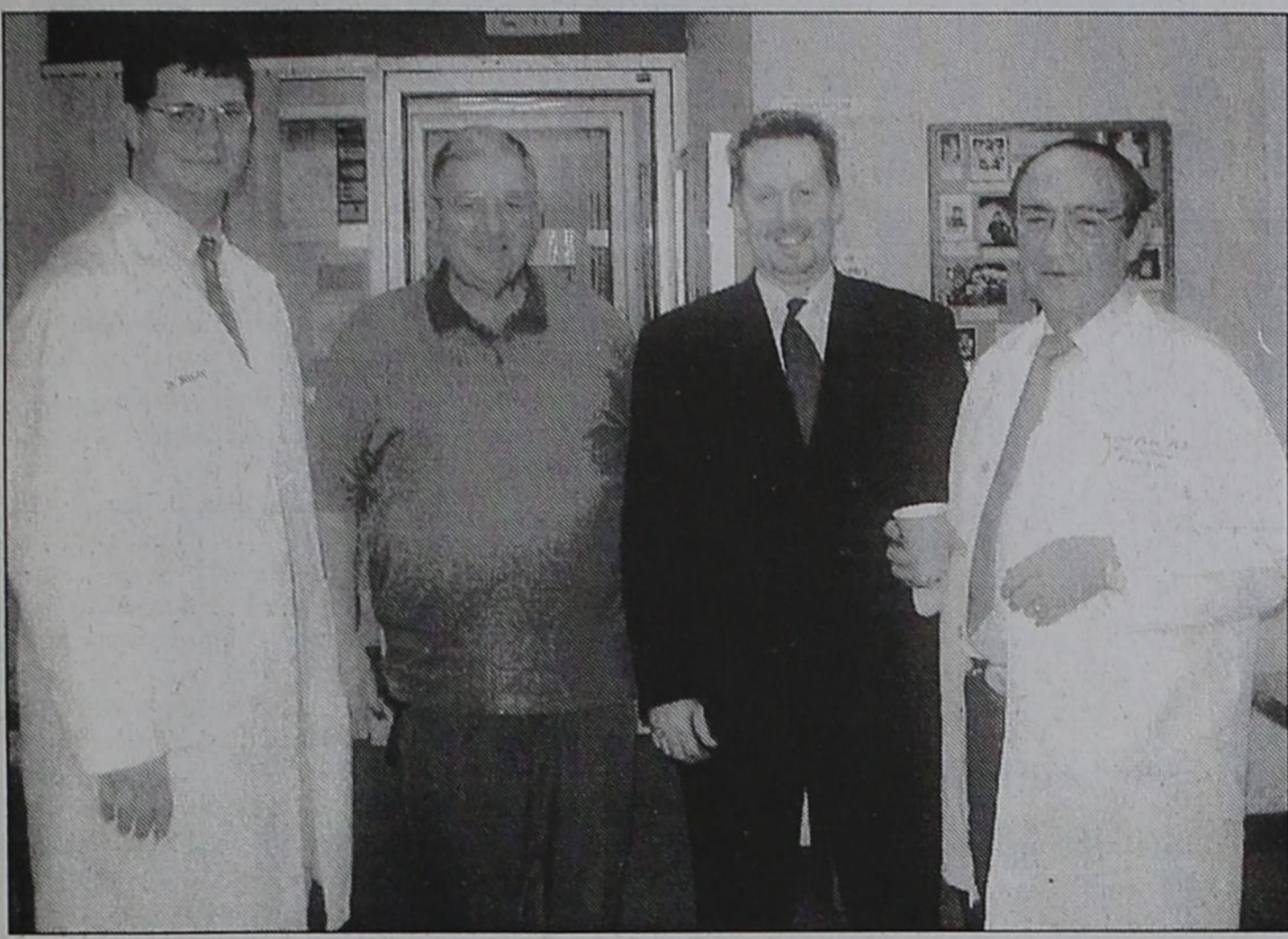
♦ Patman will give his annual

address on Monday morning during the general session.

♦ US Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Texas Ag Commissioner Susan Combs are expected to make guest appearances at this year's convention.

♦ Youth contests, including the Free Enterprise Speech, Talent Find and Miss Texas Farm Bureau pageant will be held Sunday afternoon.

♦ Doc Blakely, a Texas humorist, will speak at the general session on Monday, and the topic of his address will be "Don't Mess With America."



Doctor Skyler Bizzell (far left) and Doctor Greg Matos (far right) were honored at a recent reception presented by Plains Memorial Hospital. Between the two doctors is (left) Joe Sloan, Hospital Administrator and Jim Smith (right) who is the Clinic Supervisor. Castro County residents as well as out of town family members dropped by to meet the most recent additions to the hospital staff.

Photo by Chris Bradford

## Hectic schedules can exhaust families

By RON TRUSLER

I believe many families are exhausted with hectic schedules and demands. The family is the shock absorber for our society. The family is the place where all members return with all the bruises from doing "battle" at work, school and play.

Families have many pressures on them. Many people are scared and fearful about their safety and future. The family faces endless demands that rob us of time, pulls us apart and gives us concern about our stability.

The events and warnings of recent weeks place more strain on families. No wonder with the combination of normal daily problems and the recent events that some reports say that marital satisfaction is down.

Fewer people see themselves as "happily married." (In fact, fewer people are married). For many it is normal for the quality of marriage to go down after "I do" is said until about four years later. I am not sure what happens after four years, except a couple

may realize what has happened and they work on the relationship again.

It is believed that each child born extends the length of the marriage, but marital satisfaction may go down until the kids leave. It is important that couples with children at home continue to work on the relationship as much as possible. If they don't, there may not be anything left to work on after the children are gone.

Another factor in lower marital satisfaction is work.

Two-thirds of all employees who work at night or on weekends have very little personal contact with their kids. The risk of divorce increases six times when one of the spouses works midnight to 6 a.m.

I used to hear that it was "quality time" that counted. I am not so sure that it is better to have "quantity time." Maybe it is time we became less concerned about what we do for our families, and more concerned with what we do with our families.

The sad part is when the family is also a battle zone, there is no safety or shelter to go to when the family is worse than

society.

The family that is a shelter for each other has a big advantage. Everyone needs a safe place where they can go and find strength.

*Editor's Note: Ron Trusler is chief executive officer of Central Plains Center. He can be reached at (806) 293-2636 or by e-mail at ron@clplains.org.*

## Santa party planned at Brockmans

Santa Claus will be visiting with children today (Thursday) beginning at 5 p.m. at the home of Cyril Brockman south of Nazareth on FM 168.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Santa party at the Brockman home, and Rosemary Ramaekers is serving as hostess for the event.

At the party, donations may be made to the Holy Family Charity Fund in memory of Leonard and Alma Conrad and Cecilia Herzog.

## More about Self . . .

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law and judicial ethics," Self said.

Over the last four years, Self said he has made many improvements.

"A large backlog of criminal cases has been eliminated and the court has been brought into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with the addition of computers and a court web page (242ndcourt.com) to improve service to the public and to lawyers appearing before the court," Self said.

"I re-wrote the local administrative rules and put standard orders in place to insure consistency and efficiency. I was instrumental in starting a children's interest seminar, attendance at which is now required in all family law cases involving children. At the seminar, parents gain an understanding of what their children are feeling and are then better able to deal with family issues," he continued.

"I look forward to continuing to make improvements in the operation of the 242<sup>nd</sup> District Court during the next term."

Self is a graduate of Plainview High School, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas School of Law.

He and his wife, Mary Ann, have lived in Plainview for 29 years and have two sons, Mark, who is a graduate student at the University of Texas at Austin; and Mitchell, a senior at Texas Tech University.

Self is a past governor of Rotary International, a Paul Harris Fellow, and a beneficiary of the Rotary Foundation.

Mrs. Self is a realtor and office manager at Billington Real Estate. She is a past president of Plainview Soroptomist, past president and current secretary of the Hale County Crisis Center and past curriculum director of Leadership Plainview.

The couple are members and have served on the Session at First Presbyterian Church of Plainview.

## Harris Picks

Here are Jon Harris's playoff picks for area teams this week.

**Region 1-A**  
Nazareth 7 over Petersburg  
Stratford 9 over Iraan

**Region 2-A**  
Roscoe 17 over Celeste  
Petrolia 6 over Menard

**Region 3-A**  
Bremond 7 over Tenaha  
Chilton 17 over James Bowie

**Region 4-A**  
Burkeville 7 over Shiner  
Falls City 10 over West Sabine

**Region I-AAAA**  
Division I  
Fossil Ridge 7 over Midland Lee

**Division II**  
Eules Trinity 8 over Lubbock Monterey

DeSoto 10 over El Paso Del Valle

**Region I-AAAA**  
Division I  
Palo Duro pick vs. Burleson

**Division II**  
Southlake Carroll 6 over Andrews  
Frenship pick vs. Boswell

**Region I-AAA**  
Division I  
Vernon 7 over Perryton

**Division II**  
Bridgeport 3 over Crane  
Kennedale 7 over Alpine

**Region I-AA**  
Division I  
Holliday 3 over Post

**Division II**  
Coahoma 6 over Quanah  
Spearman 3 over Sonora

## Game night set Friday at Senior Center

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

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

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

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# Obituaries



**Rev. Edward Dewitt Freeman**

Memorial services for the Rev. Edward Dewitt Freeman, 86, of Dimmitt, were held Saturday afternoon at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt with members of the Castro County Ministerial Alliance officiating. His body has been donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center of Scientific Research. Arrangements were handled by Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Freeman died last Wednesday, Nov. 21.

He was born March 16, 1915, at Chisholm, Minn., and he grew up in Virginia, Minn. He married Betty Schultz on Nov. 30, 1939, at Minneapolis. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1936, and from MacPhail College of Music in 1938. He taught school for two years before moving to Omaha, Neb. He attended Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Omaha, graduating in 1943.

He had served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt from 1981 until his retirement in 1995. After his retirement, he continued to be active in the community. He was to be honored as a pastor emeritus on Dec. 16.

Prior to serving at the Presbyterian Church in Dimmitt, Rev. Freeman also served churches in the following areas: Fairview Church and Trinity Church in Omaha; Ketchikan, Alaska; Tacoma, Wash.; Roscoe, S.D.;

Elbow Lake, Minn.; Tulsa and Hominy in Oklahoma; and Spearman.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Susan Gose of Huron, S.D., Sally Ortiz of Denver, Colo., and Carol Walker of St. Paul, Minn.; two sons, Peter Freeman of Wildomar, Calif., and Paul Freeman of Portland, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

**Joe Lopez**

A chapel service for Joe Lopez, 40, of Muleshoe, brother of a Dimmitt man, was held Saturday morning at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Muleshoe with the Rev. Jack Stone and Father Joe Augustine, both of Muleshoe, officiating. Burial followed in Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Lopez died Nov. 21 at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

He was born Jan. 25, 1961, in Harlingen. He was a member of Richland Hills Baptist Church in Muleshoe and worked as a truck driver for the Robert Heath Company in Lubbock.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Sipriana Lopez, on Jan. 24.

Survivors include two sons, Justin and Travis Lopez, both of Muleshoe; his father and stepmother, Pilar and Tina Lopez of Friona; six sisters, Janie Rodriguez of Imperial, Kan., Ninfa Lopez of Lansing, Mich., Elizabeth Lopez, Maggie Lopez and Rita Lopez, all of Friona, and Josie Villereal of Muleshoe; two brothers, Robert Lopez of Dimmitt and Ruben Lopez of Muleshoe; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

*O Lord, don't let me be too busy to love—show me how to encourage those who are discouraged and crying out to You. Amen*

**Wendell M. "Ike" Moore**

Memorial services for Wendell M. "Ike" Moore, 74, of Abilene, former Dimmitt resident, were held last Wednesday, Nov. 21, at Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene with Bob Martin, Bill Luttrell and Ronnie Parker officiating. Arrangements were handled by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Moore died Nov. 19. He was born Feb. 27, 1927, in Seagraves, where he graduated from high school. He graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor's degree and from Texas Tech University with a master's degree.

He married Joan Kendrick in 1951 in Abilene. He was a US Army veteran and he served in World War II.

He was a school administrator and had worked at McLennon Community College for eight years, at Bosque County School Co-op in Valley Mills for two years, at Dimmitt Independent School District for 15 years and at Seagraves Independent School District for nine years. He moved to Abilene from Valley Mills in September of 2000.

He was a past-president of the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club in Seagraves and Dimmitt. He was in the Lions Club in Valley Mills and was a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Association and Texas Retired Teachers Association.

Survivors include his wife; a son, Kelly Moore of Abilene; two daughters, Melissa Barrow of Colleville and Melynn Parrott of Arlington; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Zambia Medical Mission, in care of Hillcrest Church of Christ, 650 East Ambler, Abilene 79601.

*Treat your family like friends and your friends like family.*



**Juanita Minerva 'Minnie' Ortiz**

Juanita Minerva "Minnie" Ortiz, 47, of Canyon, formerly of Dimmitt, died Saturday in Amarillo.

A rosary was recited Sunday evening at Brooks Chapel in Canyon with Deacon Gabriel Rivas officiating.

Funeral services were held Monday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Pat Carathers, pastor of St. Hyacinth Catholic Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial followed in Dreamland Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon.

Mrs. Ortiz was born Aug. 12, 1954, in Reynosa, Mexico, to Sebastian and Marcelina Garcia Acevedo. She graduated from Dimmitt High School in 1974 and attended Plains Memorial Hospital's LVN School of Nursing in Dimmitt. She married Chevo Ortiz in 1982 in Dimmitt. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and was active in her children's school activities.

She was preceded in death by her father, Sebastian Acevedo; and a sister, Maria Teresa Longoria.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Daniel Ortiz of the home; two daughters, Diana Ortiz and Debra Ortiz; four brothers, George Acevedo, Lupe Acevedo and Luis Acevedo, all of Dimmitt, and Miguel Angel Acevedo of Utah; and her mother, Marcelina

Acevedo of Dimmitt.

The family requests memorials be to Baptist/St. Anthony's Hospice, PO Box 950, Amarillo 79176.

**Daniel Salinas**

Daniel Salinas, 42, of Amarillo, formerly of Dimmitt, died Tuesday.

Services were held Saturday morning in Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors' Martin Road Chapel with the Rev. Alvino Alvarez officiating. Burial followed in Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Mr. Salinas was born in Dimmitt and he married Teresa Adame on Nov. 30, 1981, in Dimmitt. He had lived in Amarillo for 10 years. He was a truck driver and an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Survivors include his wife; five sisters, Esther, Minnie and Janie, all of Dimmitt, Rosa of Amarillo and Noelia of Harlingen; two brothers, Ricky and Donato Jr., both of Dimmitt; and numerous nieces and nephews.

*Mother-daughter dresses are cute—for about 10 minutes.*

*Lord, sometimes I have compared my lot with others. Help me to remember that every life has its drawbacks and burdens. I know that no one has everything and neither will I. Amen*

*In this world it rains on the Just and the Unjust alike, but the Unjust have the Just's umbrellas.*

**More about Deputies . . .**

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sheriff's office 24 hours a day, seven days a week, according to Fitzgearld.

That's when a new law will take effect, mandating that a form be notarized before any suspect can be jailed.

An interagency agreement between the county and the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force was discussed by commissioners, and they agreed to renew the contract, pending approval by County Attorney James Horton.

In the past, a narcotics agent has worked in the county, but there is no agent here now. Fitzgearld told commissioner he hopes to have another agent working in the county soon.

In other action, commissioners studied a draft job description for the courthouse custodian, and approved it with minor changes; and adopted a blood-borne pathogen exposure control plan for the county.

Commissioners tabled several items from Monday's agenda, including TLET'S satellite conversion and terminal in the sheriff's office, acquiring the Dimmitt Rodeo Arena, purchasing chairs for the district courtroom, and acknowledging Hillcrest Road on the north side of Hart as a county road.

*Father, help me not to put too much importance in possessions. Let me never forget that possessions are meant to enhance life, not be the focal part of living. Amen*

*If it goes without saying, let it.*

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