

Pheasants to become fair fowl on Saturday

If you are an observant motorist, you have probably spotted a ring-neck pheasant or two searching for grain or other food in bardiches or gathering at the edges of a stubble field or Conservation Reserve Program lands. You've probably had to avoid hitting one as it ran or flew across the road in front of your moving vehicle.

But if the huge population of gamebirds are as "wily" as they are supposed to be, they will head for cover this weekend.

Hundreds of hunters are expected to converge on the Panhandle Saturday, each searching for their

limit of the wily ringneck pheasant. Pheasant season officially opens 30 minutes before sunrise Saturday and will continue through Dec. 27.

Legal hunting hours are 30 minutes before sunrise until 30 minutes after sunset each day. Bag limits are two cock pheasants daily, with four in possession, and one foot must remain attached to the carcass until it reaches its final destination. Only cock pheasants are open targets for hunters; hens are not "fair game." And Game Warden Jerry Stucki, who covers Castro County, said hunting from public roads is illegal.

He also wants to remind hunters that Texas hunters who were born Sept. 2, 1971 or later must complete a hunter education course to be licensed to hunt.

Pheasant hunting prospects on this year's leased tracts in the Panhandle are excellent, according to Gene Miller, technical guidance biologist in Amarillo.

"Timely moisture and excellent habitat conditions have yielded a strong crop of birds and these units reflect the general situation throughout the Panhandle," said Danny Swepston, wildlife district leader in Amarillo. He added that

regulatory counts show an overall increase of pheasants throughout the district.

Stucki said the bird numbers in Castro County look good.

"We had an excellent nesting season with up to three hatches, so there are a lot of birds out there," Stucki said. "I've heard this is the best crop in about seven years and the birds are pretty evenly scattered—they are everywhere. Anywhere you can find good cover and feed, that's where you'll find the most birds."

Stucki will have help patrolling during opening weekend, but he

also asks the public to help make it a safe season by following safe hunting guidelines and obeying all rules. If anyone has witnessed a violation, he asks that they report it by calling Operation Game Thief, toll-free, at 1-800-792-GAME.

Hunters' meals

DIMMITT — The Dimmitt Kiwanis Club will serve its annual Pheasant Hunters' Breakfast starting at 5:30 a.m. Saturday at the Castro County Expo Building in Dimmitt. For \$4.50, hunters can eat their fill of scrambled eggs, sau-

sage, biscuits, gravy, coffee, milk and orange juice. The meal is open to everyone — hunters and non-hunters alike. Baseball caps with pheasant emblems will be offered for sale.

HART—The Hart Lions Club will serve breakfast at the Hart High School Cafeteria Saturday morning at 5 a.m. The meal is free to those signed up for the club's organized pheasant hunt, but others will be charged \$3.50 per plate. The all-you-can-eat breakfast menu includes sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, biscuits, gravy, coffee, orange

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By Don Nelson

Thoughts on the just-completed high school football season:

I can't get over the nagging feeling that I may have jinxed Hart's Longhorns when I said in my column last week that their state quarterfinals game against Sudan "will probably be the last bad-weather game for the Longhorns. They'll play the rest of them in the milder climes of Central Texas."

In case you've just arrived from another planet and haven't heard yet, the result was Sudan 7, Hart 0 in one of the best-played defensive games I've ever watched.

The Longhorns can be proud of their record-setting season. They've set a new mark for future teams to shoot at.

I'd like to see Sudan win the rest of its playoff games by two touchdowns or more.

Coaches Alan Cherry of Hart, Rick Price of Nazareth and Bill Rogers of Dimmitt are to be commended for running classy programs. Their teams performed to the very best of their abilities; they always had good things to say about their competition; and — perhaps the best gauge of all — their teams earned the respect of opponents and fans alike.

You know how the trip home sometimes seems longer after your team has lost? Well, it was that way for Hart football fans Friday night. It took the usual hour-plus to drive to Levelland, and it took almost three hours to drive home. You'd think a snow-and-ice storm had hit, or something.

Pity our basketball teams. They had to go back out in it Saturday to finish tournaments—the Bobbies at Levelland, the Bobcats at Plainview and the Lady Longhorns at Anton. The Swiftettes and Clovis' Lady Wildcats mutually agreed to

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FOUNDLINGS—Seven newborn puppies were found in a dumpster in Dimmitt Nov. 30 by Paul Guzman. He took them home to his family, who have been feeding the pups (five males and two females) by dropper and bottle. Here, Aaron Guzman, 13, is feeding one of the puppies, while its siblings whimper in their basket. The puppies did not have their eyes open as of Friday afternoon, but Maria, Paul's wife, said they already had been gaining weight. She said they will not be able to keep the puppies, since they already have two dogs of their own. Anyone wanting a puppy can call 647-2073. Photo by Linda Maxwell

Nazareth to feature Christmas postmark

Thousands of Christmas cards and letters are expected to pour into the Nazareth Post Office this week as stamp enthusiasts and others request a 1992 commemorative Christmas postmark from the town which shares the biblical name of Jesus' hometown.

The post office has been approved to use a special pictorial cancellation on one day, Tuesday, Dec. 15, according to Postmaster Stephanie Dobmeier.

The 1992 commemorative cancellation features a nativity scene, the town's name and zip code along with the words "Love," "Peace," and "Christmas Station," and the date it will be used. It was designed by Rose Mary Wilhelm of Nazareth.

This will be the second year Nazareth will offer a holiday postmark. The first was two years ago, and Dobmeier said more than 5,000 requests for the cancellation were

received. And the requests came from every state in the United States and from several foreign countries.

She doesn't expect quite as many requests this year, but just to be safe, she will enlist the help of her one employee and a former Nazareth postmaster, Kathy Birkenfeld, to help hand-stamp Christmas mail with the cancellation.

Anyone who wants to receive the cancellation on their Christmas mail should bring the pieces to the post office by Dec. 15, or package the letters, mark "Postmark Request" in the lower left-hand corner, and mail to Nazareth Post Office, Nazareth, Texas 79063.

Dobmeier said the post office already has received several requests for this postmark, and she hopes to receive most of the requests prior to Tuesday. She said the early requests will be hand-stamped and held until Dec. 15.



Action may be filed in election lawsuit

Another action in a pending lawsuit may be filed soon against Castro County.

The action is proposed by Mexican-American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) lawyers on behalf of Joe Crespin and Emma Reyna as a civil action in the US District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Amarillo Division.

The filing would call for the "suggestion of contempt and motion to enforce judgment and for

sanctions against Castro County Defendants."

It would ask that the court find that the Castro County Commissioners' Court, County Judge Polly Simpson and individual Commissioners Dale Winders, Jeff Robertson, and Vincent Guggemos are in contempt of court. It also would ask that sanctions be assessed against the county, the commissioners' court, and the individual officials already named, along with Castro County Attorney Jimmy F. Davis.

The sanctions asked would include civil contempt and conditional coercive fines and plaintiffs' attorneys' costs and fees.

The proposed filing suggests that the county is in contempt of a ruling by the federal district court that invalidated the March 1992 Primary election for the commissioners' races for Precincts 1 and 3.

The proposed filing was delivered to the News by Pct. 1 Commissioner Harold Smith on Monday.

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Toys, food for needy

'Brown Bag' project begins

This Sunday will be "Brown Bag Sunday" at churches in Dimmitt and Hart.

"Brown Bag Sunday" is a tradition started several years ago by the Castro County Ministerial Alliance to gather food and toys for needy families at Christmastime.

Church-goers are asked to take brown grocery sacks (or boxes) filled with new toys and non-perishable foods to church when they attend Sunday's services. The collected items will be taken to the fire stations in Dimmitt and Hart for sorting and boxing by volunteers.

More than 100 needy families in the Dimmitt and Hart areas will face a bleak Christmas without help from the Brown Bag Project, a project spokesman said.

(In Nazareth, the Lions Club

conducts the community's Christmas benevolence project, mainly to benefit elderly and shut-in residents.)

After kicking off the Brown Bag Project Sunday, local churches will continue to accept donations through Sunday, Dec. 20. So if you can't make it to church this Sunday, you'll have five weekdays and one more Sunday in which to take your Brown Bag donation to your church.

Distribution day will be Tuesday, Dec. 22.

Specifically, what is needed in Brown Bag donations are family-size portions of canned, boxed or bagged foods (no perishables) and new toys for young children.

Donated foods can include such items as canned vegetables, fruits, pie fillings, etc.; boxed cake mixes,

cookie mixes, cookies, crackers, stuffing mixes, etc.; and bagged rice, candy, nuts, etc.

The Brown Bag Project cannot use home-canned foods because of

Weather

Readings recorded at 7 a.m. daily for the preceding 24 hours.

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Thursday	47	19	
Friday	53	22	
Saturday	25	17	.42
Sunday	22	14	.08
Monday	37	7	
Tuesday	36	6	
Wednesday	48	20	.01

December Moisture	0.51
1992 Moisture	22.76

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Holiday Calendar

TODAY: (Thursday) Dimmitt High School Choir will give a concert at the First United Methodist Church in Dimmitt, beginning at 7 p.m. The presentation of "music of the season" will include solos, ensembles and choral numbers. The public is invited.

SUNDAY: ROW rescheduled Holiday Tour of Homes from 1 to 4 p.m. at the homes of Jay and Reba Touchstone, Gary Thompson, and Scotty and Terrie Abbott. A bake sale also will be held at the Abbott home. Funds help send a girl to Girls' State.

SUNDAY: Dimmitt schools Christmas band concert, beginning at 2:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Playing will be the high school, junior high, sixth grade and fifth grade bands. The public is invited.

SUNDAY: Nazareth schools Christmas program at the cafeteria. Kindergarten through fourth grade program at 2:30 p.m., followed by a break and refreshments. At 4 p.m. the High School Band will perform. All are invited.

DEC. 17: Hart schools Christmas Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Performances by the fifth and sixth grade bands, as well as the junior high and high school bands. The public is invited.



A TREE OF HER OWN—Morgan Abbott, 2, looks at the musical, moving carousel horses under the Christmas tree set up in her bedroom. The decorations will be on view Sunday for the ROW Holiday Tour of Homes from 1 to 4 p.m. The Scotty and Terrie Abbott home is at 1620 Sunset Circle in

Dimmitt. Other homes open for the tour will be the Jay and Reba Touchstone home, sixth house west of Dimmitt on SH 86; and the home of Gary Thompson at 725 Maple. The tour was postponed from last week due to the weather.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

On the Go

Mary Edna Hendrix, 647-3343

Emily Ramey spent several days in Chicago during the Thanksgiving holidays. They celebrated birthdays for Edwin Ramey, 40, and Lenora Ramey, 21, while Emily was there. They served a huge birthday cake to 60 friends and relatives, and also had trays of pick-up foods. They rode the train to downtown Chicago and had lunch at the Board of Trade and Stock Market where Lenora works.

Several had to cook a turkey for the first time due to the big snow. Oleta Gollehon usually cooks the turkey for her family, but she didn't go to Paducah in time, so Ann Rodgers had to cook the big bird! Kyle and Flo Touchstone and boys, Tanner, Ty and Trey, of Lubbock made it to Paducah to enjoy Thanksgiving with Weldon and Ann Rodgers. Tricia Campbell and Angela Touchstone cooked a turkey for the first time, and Debbie Murdock Smith cooked the turkey they had planned to bring to Dimmitt. I am sure there are others!

Ruby Ramsey entertained relatives during the Thanksgiving season. Her daughter, Nancy Cranford, and her grandson, Justin, of Virginia Beach, Va., stayed two weeks. Richard and Sonya Cranford and children, Kinsey and Kit, of Tulsa, Okla., and Becky Andrews of Farmington, N.M. all went to Amarillo for Thanksgiving dinner with Charles Pitts and Jean Byrnes.

Bennie and Vee Gollehon are living in Dimmitt now, having moved here from Baytown. Bennie still goes to the Houston area for five or six months out of the year to judge the Interscholastic League participants in music.

A birthday party luncheon for Francesca Barillaro of Italy was held at K-Bob's in Dimmitt on a recent Saturday. Francesca has been in Dimmitt for several weeks and she is visiting Clara Vick, Rosetta Bellinghausen, Rose Acker, and friends in Canyon. Friends enjoying the luncheon were Rosetta Bellinghausen, Rosa Acker, Clara Vick and Jennifer and Jade Vick.

Edith Graef was hostess to the Thursday Bridge Club that met at the Senior Citizens Center. Dude McLaurin won high score and Louise Mears won second. Others playing were Alma Kenmore, Ina Rae Cates, Johnnie Vannoy, Emily Clingingsmith, Loranell Hamilton,

Cleo Forson, Ferne Dickey, Susie Reeves, Virginia Crider, Helen Braafladt, Gladys Benson, Bernice Hill, and Neva Hickey.

The Castro County Museum Association members held their monthly meeting last Thursday. A short business meeting was held, followed by a Christmas party. Rosetta Bellinghausen and Mary Edna Hendrix served tomato soup, sandwiches, chips, cookies and hot apple cider to Clara Vick, William Bellinghausen, Ralph Lambright, and guests Rose Acker and Mable Brock.

We received another letter from

Richard and Colletta Young, who are with the Driscoll Boulevard Baptist Church in Spokane, Wash. Richard said he stays busy with his choir and the many activities of the church. Colletta said she enjoys her work with the Spokane Falls Community College, where she is involved in counseling at Geiger Corrections. We are looking forward to seeing them during the Christmas holidays.

The Hereford Community Concert Association will present the New Christy Minstrels Monday at 8 p.m. at the Hereford High School auditorium.

City of Dimmitt plans to recycle Christmas trees

Disposing of Christmas trees after the holidays can be a problem for many people, but the City of Dimmitt hopes to alleviate that holiday worry this year.

City employees will be recycling Christmas trees from Dec. 26 to Jan. 10 at the vacant lot across from the Castro County Appraisal District office, which is located in the 200 block of E. Jones.

New environmental mandates prohibit the dumping of grass clippings, mulch, tree limbs and other natural waste in landfills "because it creates so much gas," according to James Killough, public works director for Dimmitt.

The city is planning this Christmas tree recycling project in an effort to reduce the volume in landfills and meet with environmental guidelines.

The program is partially funded by the Governor's Energy Office, according to Killough.

Recycling may extend the life of the city's landfill by reducing the amount of materials placed in it, according to Killough. Also, Christmas tree recycling provides residents with free tree mulch for landscaping purposes. Overall, recycling makes sense, Killough added.

Those who wish to have their trees recycled may bring them by the vacant lot anytime between Dec. 26 and Jan. 10, according to Killough. The trees will be recycled and you may bring along a container and keep the mulch created during the process for use in your own garden, flower beds, etc.

If you do not wish to keep the mulch, the city will use it around flower beds in the city's parks.

Flocked trees also may be recycled. City officials ask that all nails, ornaments and tinsel be removed from the trees.

Armed Forces Hometown News

Navy Seaman Recruit Jeffrey H. Long, son of James and Carlene Long of Dimmitt, has returned aboard the dock landing ship *USS Tortuga*, homeported in Norfolk, Va. after a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean as part of Mediterranean Amphibious Ready Group 2-92.

Elements of the ready group participated in several joint exercises including Display Determination-92, the largest combined NATO exercise in more than four years. Ships from the ready group also participated in Operation provide Promise, the United Nations' humanitarian relief effort in former Yugoslavia.

USS Tortuga's mission is to support amphibious operations including landings upon a hostile shore by landing craft and helicopters. The Navy and Marine Corps' "Sea-Air-Land" team is capable of a full range of action, from port visits and humanitarian relief to major offensive operations.

During the deployment, Long visited ports throughout the Mediterranean, including Casablanca, Morocco, where the ship will serve as host for a 50th anniversary commemoration of the Allied landings in North Africa during World War II. A detachment from the ship also assisted a local leper hospital by painting school rooms and installing laundry equipment.

Long is a 1991 graduate of Dimmitt High School and he joined the Navy in September 1991.

Brockman, Joiner honored

Jennifer Brockman of Nazareth and Cory Joiner of Dimmitt have been inducted into the Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi, a national honor scholarship society, during a special ceremony at West Texas State University on Nov. 19.

The two are students at WTSU. The induction ceremony included the annual Alpha Chi lecture by Dr. Arthur Johnson, professor of philosophy.

Membership in Alpha Chi, one of the highest academic honors at WTSU, is by invitation only and is limited to juniors and seniors who have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) and rank in the top 10% of their respective class.

The Texas Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi at WTSU is the sixth oldest chapter of Alpha Chi in the nation and traces its origins to the year 1923. Dr. Peter L. Petersen, professor of history, is the faculty advisor.

Brockman is a senior elementary education major and Joiner is a junior accounting/finance major.

THE DROPLETS in a cloud are so small that 200 million of them could fit into a teaspoon.



POW REUNION—Getting ready to cut the cake in Clara Vick, Ines Cataldi, and Professor Nino De Pesaro, Italy, are (from left) Aurelio Manzoni, Toto. Courtesy Photo

Vick attends Italian POW reunion

Clara Vick of Dimmitt recently returned from a trip to Italy, where she attended the annual reunion of the ex-POW's who were held at Hereford during World War II.

She reported that Valentino Barillaro and Armando Boscolo met her and Ines Cataldi at the Milan airport. Vick and Cataldi were guests of Armando Boscolo and his sisters, Anita and Adalberto, of Milan at their summer resort home on the Island of Chioggia, an ancient town near Venice that has some very old and beautiful churches and monuments, some dating from 1110.

"Chioggia's cuisine is first rate, with many choices of restaurants and trattorie. The selection of seafood is greater than most Texans have ever heard of," Vick said.

They toured Venice two days, going by ferryboat and returning by autobus. They also visited Murano, famous for its glass-works.

"Venice was so romantic and it was more beautiful than I ever dreamed it could be," Vick said.

After leaving Chioggia, Vick and Cataldi rode a bus to Padua, another ancient city. There they were met by Professor Alfredo Rizzon, who also had been a Prisoner of War at the Hereford Camp.

"He was very interesting, and gave a lecture on all the important churches, buildings and the university," Vick said. "He even introduced us to some of the students who were registering for the next semester. He said students come from all over the world to study at this fine university."

Continuing to Milan by train, the two women were met at the train by Leitizia Gambetti and her husband, Francesco. (She is the daughter of Dino Gambetti, one of the artists who decorated St. Mary's Church in Umberger.) Leitizia invited the women to stay at her home. Leitizia and Francesco met Vick last January while they were visiting Texas and the Umberger Church, and they stayed in Vick's home. While there, they invited Vick to come stay with them.

Vick and Cataldi met Mrs. Luisa Gambetti, wife of the late Dino Gambetti. She and Leitizia gave Vick a series of 12 paintings by Gambetti, "The Forts of Genova," to be placed in the Castro County Museum.

Vick said the family gave them a dinner at a restaurant specializing in seafood. The meal included many courses of fish, different kinds of vegetables, desserts, and wines special to that area.

The reunion was Sept. 18-20 at the Des Bains Hotel in Pesaro. Attendance was 166, the largest number ever to attend. Vick visited with Mrs. Dora Sannibale and her son, Roberto, of Rome. Vick also saw film producer Giorgio Serafini and his wife and baby daughter.

Vick said many of the ex-POW's were making plans to come to Texas for the "Landmark Distinction Medallion" dedication ceremonies planned for the Spring of 1993. The POW's also plan to go on to Hawaii, where some of them were transferred after leaving the Hereford camp.

Vick visited with Mario Benelli. He told her he had written to the Library of Congress about the camp in Hawaii and was told that a

chapel built at that camp had been torn down to build a highway.

Vick said this was the first year for Leitizia and her husband and Mrs. Luisa Gambetti to attend the reunion. Some of their friends from the Pesaro area also attended with them.

After the reunion, Vick and Cataldi traveled by train to Naples as a guest of Professor Gianni Roberti. He and his wife live in a beautiful English-style castle. The professor and a friend took the women to tour the Naples area, viewing castles on the mountain, by the sea and in downtown. Then Roberti drove them to Pompeii with the families of Rosetta Bellinghausen and Rosa Acker.

They stayed at a hotel owned by Rosa's family, and often ate meals with Rosetta's sister and her family. Rosetta's niece, Maria, was getting married the following month and Vick was able to see

some of the fittings for the wedding dress.

After leaving Pompeii, the women went to the Island of Ischia by ferry and toured there. In every direction large vines were in full bloom with Bouganvillea.

From Naples, the two took a train to Rome and then on to Florence, where they were met by Ezio Lucio of Arezzo. He drove them to Castiglioncello to the home of Piero Marzi. During the three-day visit, Lucio would come and take Marzi and the women on tours of the area, visiting Florence, Pisa, Siena and Lucca. At Pisa they saw the famous Leaning Tower.

From Castiglioncello, the women traveled by train to Milan and were met by Valentino and Armando and went to the home of Leitizia. They visited with Valentino's family and also with Armando and his sisters. Armando and Valentino, along with Aurelio Manzoni, sent Teeny Bowden a beautiful ship in a bottle.

We Salute 'Brown Bag Sunday'

This Sunday will be "Brown Bag Sunday" at Dimmitt and Hart.

When you go to church Sunday, please take a brown bag with you containing new toys and canned or boxed food to help make Christmas brighter for the poorest among us.

Specifically, what you're asked to put in the brown bags are family-size portions of canned, boxed or bagged foods (no perishables) and toys for small children.

The canned foods can include such items as green beans, sweet potatoes, peas, beets, fruits and pie fillings. Boxed foods can include cake or cookie mixes, cookies, crackers, stuffing mixes, etc. Bagged foods can include such items as rice, candies, etc.

(The Brown Bag project cannot handle fresh fruits and vegetables that require refrigeration, or bulk bags of potatoes that would have to be repackaged, etc.)

If you don't make it to church Sunday or if you forget to fill a brown bag, you may take your contributions to any church in Dimmitt or Hart within the next 10 days (through Sunday, Dec. 20). The ministers will see that your brown bag gets to the right place on time.

The Castro County Ministerial Alliance will buy Christmas hams and bread to go with the donated canned goods and toys. The hams and bread will be purchased with money donated at the recent Community Thanksgiving Service for this purpose.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 will be delivery day. And on that day, volunteers will be needed from all churches and service clubs to help deliver food to poor families throughout the county.

If you'd like to be a "Santa's helper" and help prepare and deliver boxes of food and toys in the Dimmitt area, contact Benny Baker at the Fourth and Bedford Church of Christ, 647-4435. If you'd be willing to deliver in the Hart area, contact Rev. Perry Hunsaker at the First United Methodist Church, 938-2462, or Rev. Gene Aalbers at the First Baptist Church, 938-2316.

Brown Bag Sunday is very important to more than 100 poor families who face a bleak Christmas without your help. Please help with this worthy project.



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Nazareth

By Uirgie Gerber, 945-2669

Lynette Kleman is reportedly doing well after having hip surgery last Thursday at the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas.

Alma Conrad is feeling better after a fall outside her home. She suffered a dislocated shoulder and broken arm. She is a patient at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt.

Meta Stork has been moved to Quail Creek Nursing Home in Amarillo where she will continue therapy. Her address is 5601 Plum Creek Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79124.

Lucille Drerup was honored on her 75th birthday with a dinner Saturday in the home of Dan and Ethel Schmucker. Attending were her children, Grace and Arthur DeCardenas and Nancy Drerup, all of Dallas; Evelyn and Jim Ball of Plainview, Carol and John Gary of Lubbock, Joe and Imogene Drerup of Nazareth; and most of her grandchildren.

Wade Drerup and his fiancée, Julie of Dallas, spent the weekend here with his parents, Joe and Imogene Drerup.

Dolly Schulte was honored on her birthday Sunday with a dinner at the home of Dan and Karen Gerber. Attending were family members Joe and Elaine Barnes of Plainview; Calvin and Leigh Schulte of Tulsa; and Doyle and Rosie Kleman, Dwayne and Jolene Schulte and Rodney and Mona Schulte, all of Nazareth.

The Nazareth Lions Club will conduct its annual pheasant hunt Saturday. Anyone who wishes to hunt should contact any Lions Club member.

Clarence Schulte is recuperating

from knee surgery at High Plains Baptist Hospital.

Tom and Jennifer Kern of Dallas and Kevin and Malinda Gerber

hosted their annual Christmas party at the Gerber home in Plainview on Saturday night. Family and friends enjoyed the get-together.

Nazareth students raise money for AHA

In November, students and faculty at Nazareth's Elementary School raised \$892 for the American Heart Association, Panhandle Region.

"Jump Rope for Heart" is the project the school participated in to promote physical fitness and raise money for the AHA. The project provided curriculum materials and jump ropes for the school in an effort to promote the importance of exercise.

The Nazareth Elementary event involved 28 students. Event coordinator was Ritchie Tarbet, who dedicated his time and support in making the project a huge success, an AHA spokesperson said.

Jumping rope is beneficial to the heart and also improves rhythm, agility and coordination. The students enjoy the jump rope curricu-

lum and receive prizes such as jump ropes and T-shirts as a reward for their volunteer efforts.

"The Nazareth Elementary students, faculty and community are to be commended on their success with Jump Rope for Heart. They have joined the ranks of volunteers eager to fight the number one killer, heart disease," the AHA spokesperson said. "This killer claimed the lives of 38 Castro County citizens last year, accounting for 54.3% of all Castro County deaths."

Funds raised for the project will support cardiovascular research and local AHA education and community programs, such as CPR and Schoolsite Curriculum kits that are provided to all schools in Texas in grades K-12.



UNBELIEVABLE LIGHTNESS AND BEAUTY—The home of Scotty and Terrie Abbott of Dimmitt features this large Christmas tree in the living room. Those participating in the ROW Holiday Tour of Homes Sunday will get to view the tree and

many other lovely decorations in the Abbott home, as well as touring two other homes in Dimmitt. The project will raise money for the ROW to send a student to Girls' State next summer.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

Home Tour set Sunday

The Castro County Republican Organization for Women will sponsor its annual Holiday Home Tour Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., after postponing it last week due to the weather.

Featured will be the homes of Jay and Reba Touchstone, sixth house west of Dimmitt on SH 86; Gary Thompson, 725 Maple; and Scotty and Terrie Abbott, 1620 Sunset Circle.

Admission for the tour may be purchased at any of the homes on the tour. Cost is \$4 per person, and everyone is invited to attend.

The decorating theme for the Touchstone home is "I Believe in Santa." Old fashioned "Father Christmas" and Saint Nicholas figurines are featured in several rooms.

In the den, a tall, narrow Christmas tree is decked with gold and red ornaments, accented with ribbons and sparkling strings of lights. A smaller tree carries out the theme in one of the bedrooms.

The dining room is the focal point of the decorations with evergreen garland festooning the ceiling. Swags of shimmering material are draped from each corner of the table, which is set with Christmas china and crystal. The centerpiece is a grouping of Santa figures and other figures interspersed with greenery and gold and brocade accents. Another centerpiece echoes the look on the sideboard.

Gingerbread houses will line the countertop in the kitchen, and other decorations complete the theme throughout the home.

"A Gentleman's Retreat" is the theme for the decorations at the home of Thompson. A masculine tone pervades throughout, from the Christmas tree to the various decor items featuring wildlife, ducks and carved birds.

The Christmas tree in the living

room features birds and ornaments of wood, copper and brass. There is even a deer reclining under the tree, with pine cones scattered around. The main tree is flanked by two "baby" trees. Other decorations include sweeping greenery accented with blocks and berries. A pair of camouflage boots stand near the tree with a scrawled plea, "Santa, stop by here," and an enticing array of outdoor magazines.

The decor throughout the house compliments the many antiques Thompson has, and things from nature supply a colorful accent. One bedroom that already features a display of mounted birds and other wildlife items will get a Christmas touch with a wreath decorated with a pheasant pelt.

A Christmas tree in the master bedroom has all natural decorations, including berries and pyracantha. The den has lots of greenery accented with berries and brownish-red leaves arranged across the mantel, along with an arrangement featuring a mallard nesting among golden twigs and greenery. Bowls of popcorn, nuts and apples add more natural color.

The Abbott home features the theme "A Victorian Christmas," with lots of lacy decor accenting colors of mauve, cranberry and ivory. The main Christmas tree in the dining room is decorated with ivory and mauve, and lace netting, along with iridescent accents.

Another Christmas tree in the master bedroom is decked with burgundy and gold ornaments, gold lattice cloth, and depictions of berries and grapes. A four-foot tree in the little girl's room holds carousel horses and candies.

The fireplace is draped with garlands of greenery interspersed with lights.

Also, a bake sale will be held in the sun room at the Abbott home.

Proceeds from the event will be used to send a local girl to Girls' State, a legislative learning experience for high school juniors. A club spokesperson emphasized that the fund-raising project is not politically oriented in any way, and benefits local students.

"This is the first time in 15 years of sponsoring the tour that it had to be cancelled because of the weather," a club spokesperson said. "It would be a shame for the public to be unable to see these homes after all the work that went into the preparations. That is why we rescheduled the tour."

If bad weather prohibits the showing on Sunday, it will not be rescheduled for this year.

"This may be the final Tour of Homes for the ROW, so people are urged to take advantage of this 'second-chance' showing," said Patsy Franks, ROW vice president.

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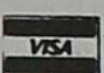
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juice and milk.

NAZARETH—Hunters who are signed up for the Nazareth Lions Club's organized pheasant hunt will be served a full breakfast and hot lunch on opening day.

EASTER — Coffee and doughnuts will be served Saturday morning at 6 in the Easter Community Building to hunters signed up in the Easter Lions Club's organized hunt.

Organized hunts

The Lions Clubs in Hart, Nazareth and Easter will sponsor organized hunts again this year.

The Hart Lions Club has hosted up to 300 hunters in the past, but that number has declined with the bird population in recent years.

This year the group expects 150 hunters for opening day Saturday, although only 125 have signed up so far.

Tony Leibel said anyone who wishes to reserve a spot on the Lions Club's list of hunters for opening day can contact him at 938-2191, days; or 938-2443, nights.

For a \$100-per-gun fee, a hunter will receive breakfast, a "Hart Lions Club Pheasant Hunt 1992" cap and exclusive rights to hunt the entire season on approved land in the area.

"We have about 70 different places (25,000 to 30,000 acres) for people to hunt," said Leibel, who added that the group expects hun-

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cancel their consolation game at Canyon, and the boys' tourney finals at Nazareth were cancelled.

Dimmitt lost three valuable old-timers during the past week—Clara Neumayer, Mayme Birdwell and Lester McDermitt.

I had known them nearly all my life, and grew up with their children. They were the salt of the earth.

Clara played the piano for our church when I was a kid, and also sang in the choir and taught Sunday school. Her daughter Nancy was in a great MYF group that Verbie and I sponsored the year after we got out of college.

Clara never lost her musical ear. While confined to a wheelchair in the nursing home during her later

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ters from across Texas, especially the Houston and Dallas areas. The Hart Lions also will be guiding Arkansas hunters on Saturday.

Leibel said the club has purchased 100 cock pheasants which will be released around Hart a "day or two before the season opens." He said each pheasant will be tagged and the club hopes to find out how many of the "transplanted" birds are bagged.

The Nazareth Lions Club has signed up an estimated 100 hunters for Saturday's organized hunt, but club member David Bownds says the group will accept reservations from about 10 additional hunters.

Hunters pay a \$100-per-gun fee to hunt on reserved land on opening day. They also will be served a breakfast and hot lunch at the Nazareth Community Hall on opening day.

Bownds said most of the hunters signed up for the Nazareth Lions Club's organized hunt are from the Houston and Dallas areas.

The Easter Lions Club has signed up 35 hunters for its organized hunt on opening day, but club member Eddie Matthews says the group is expecting about 50 to show up on opening day.

Anyone who wishes to sign up for the Easter Lions' guided hunt should call Matthews at 1-276-5255.



Hunters will pay a \$100-per-gun fee for coffee and doughnuts in the morning, guides to reserved hunting lands on opening day, and a barbecued lunch. Matthews said the hunters also may hunt the reserved land on Sunday, but guides won't be furnished.

Licenses & shells

Anyone who hunts in Texas must have a license.

If you want to purchase a hunting license in Castro County this year, you don't have a lot of choices on where you'll purchase it.

Licenses are available at three locations in the county—two in Dimmitt and one in Hart.

The county clerk's office in Dimmitt sells licenses during regular business hours Monday through Friday. Licenses also may be purchased at IGA Foodliner in Dimmitt or at Hart Auto and Farm Supply.

A resident hunting license is \$13 and a resident combination hunting

and fishing license is \$25. Those under 17 years of age or over 65 years of age are required to purchase a special resident hunting license, which is \$6. Non-resident hunters may purchase a year-long license for \$75 or a five-day permit for \$25.

Shotgun shells are a little easier to find.

Hunters in the Dimmitt area can stop in to purchase shotgun shells at IGA Foodliner or Hays Implementation/True Value Hardware in Dimmitt. Shells may be purchased in Nazareth at Joe's Beer and Wine (three miles north on FM 168) and Home Mercantile. In Hart, hunters may purchase ammunition at Ed Harris Lumber Co., Hart Auto and Farm Supply and Tole Auto Parts.

Type II hunting

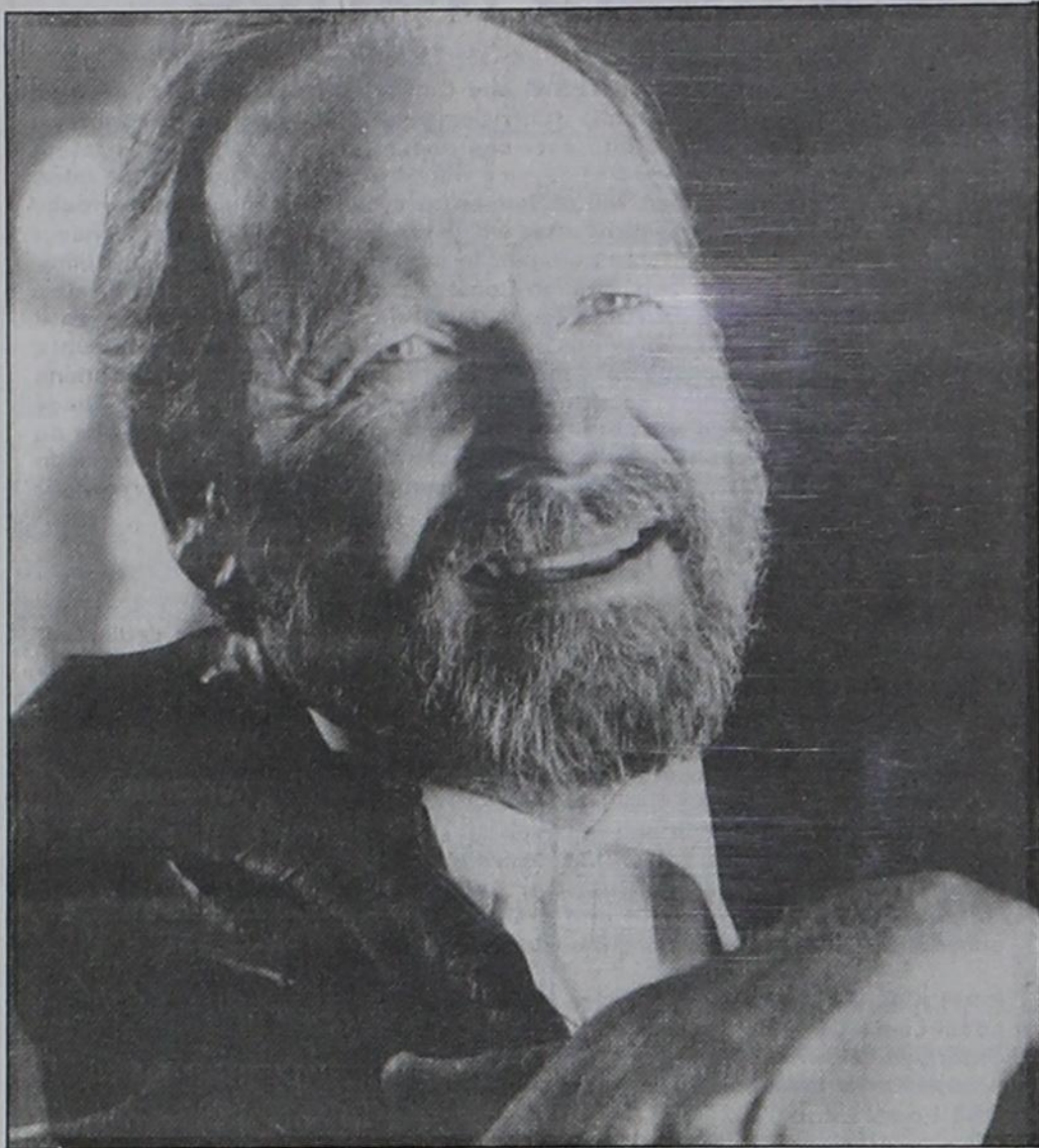
There is one Type II public hunting tract in Castro County, and permits to hunt on this land may be purchased for \$35 at Texas Parks and Wildlife law enforcement district offices throughout the state. A map also will be provided to those purchasing permits.

One tract (Unit #617) is a 305-acre tract of heavy cover surrounded by irrigated farmland southeast of Dimmitt on Highway 194. It features pheasants, rabbits and hares (during pheasant season only) as legal game. The use of dogs is recommended for hunting this tract because cover is "extremely rank," but the birds are there, according to TPWD officials.

Advertisement for Allsup's featuring 'Holiday Greetings' with various food items like chicken, potatoes, bread, and chips, along with contact information for 501 W. Bedford, Dimmitt.

PUBLIC NOTICE section containing GTE Southwest Incorporated and Contel of Texas Inc. information regarding utility services, rates, and regulations.

People



BARRY MCGUIRE and his group, the New Christy Minstrels, will perform Monday night at 8 for the Hereford Community Concert Association. The show will be held at the Hereford High School Auditorium and admission is by membership in the association.

Courtesy Photo

Community Concerts plan minstrel and variety show

A popular minstrel and variety show will be featured Monday night at 8 in Hereford's High School Auditorium when the New Christy Minstrels come to town.

This group will perform as part of the Hereford Community Concert series, and admission to the show is by membership in the Community Concert Association.

The Minstrels have been performing since 1961 and the group has surpassed virtually every major milestone of professional achievement and it continues to entertain audiences throughout the world.

Where did the group get its beginnings? Well, you have to go back to 1842 when lone minstrels were traveling the countryside performing the music of the day. A man by the name of Edwin "Pops" Christy believed folk music would

generate new excitement if it was performed with the harmony and variety of a group. He held to his belief and for 80 years the Christy Minstrels entertained throughout the US and abroad.

In late 1917 the Christy Minstrels continued to play on Broadway as the longest-running show in the history of show business and that record holds today.

The group disbanded in 1921, taking a back seat to the new music of the age—jazz, the big bands and rock and roll. But in the late 1950s people began to gain interest in the minstrel shows and the idea of the folk group was reborn. In 1961 the New Christy Minstrels performed its first show at the Troubadour in Los Angeles. Over the next decade the group recorded a single, *Green, Green*, which sold more than three million copies. Early recording success led the group to a weekly television show on NBC. That led to personal appearances in virtually every country of the world.

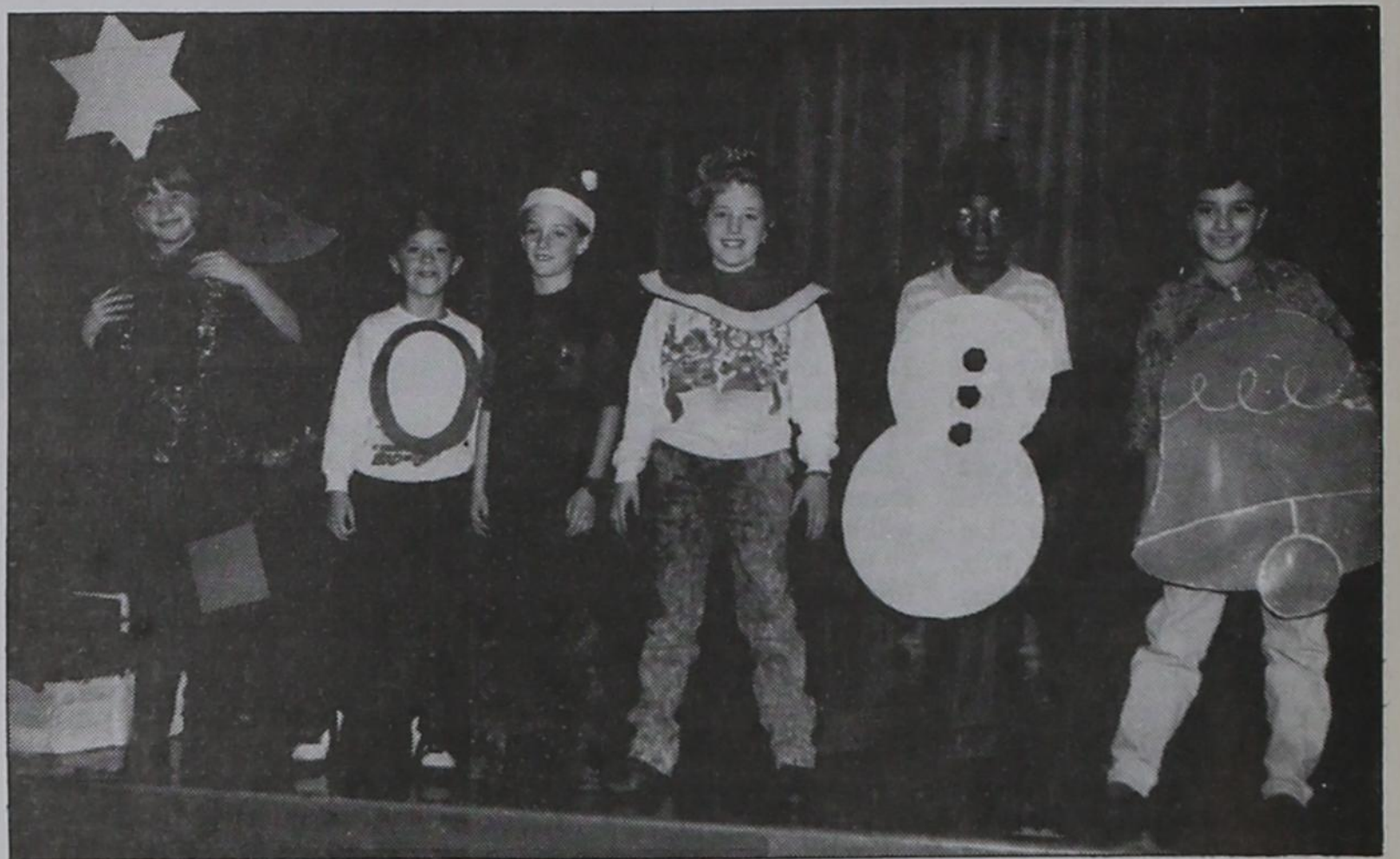
The New Christy Minstrels have performed at the White House for several presidents and also at several sporting events including the World Series and Super Bowl.

Each member of the group is a strong solo performer. One of the key performers of the current group is Barry McGuire, lead singer. He launched his musical career with the *Green, Green* album, which he wrote and recorded with the New Christy Minstrels.

Who's New?

Plains Memorial
Malt and Starla Kelley of Hart are the parents of a baby girl, Paige Lavonne, who was born at 12:34 p.m. on Dec. 1 at Plains Memorial Hospital in Dimmitt. Paige weighed 6 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 19 inches at birth. Her paternal grandparents are Don and Judy Kelley of Coldwater, Kan. Maternal grandparents are Jerry and Bonnie Haddock of Springfield, Colo. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Culligan, Mrs. Haddock and Mr. Johnson.

It's a boy, Kolby Micheal Perez, born Nov. 26 at 9:54 p.m., weighing 6 pounds and 6 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. The infant is the son of Micheal Perez and Danita Mirelez of Dimmitt. Grandparents are Carlos and Santos Mirelez and Domingo and Dulia Perez, all of Dimmitt. Great-grandparents are Manuela Perez, Pedro and Dulia Aranda, Pedro and Patsy Gonzales, and Martha Mirelez.



'CHRISTMAS... A MAGIC TIME' will be the theme of the Christmas program presented by Dimmitt's Richardson Elementary third graders today (Thursday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Dimmitt Middle School auditorium. The program, directed by elementary music teacher Margie Rogers, will feature costumes, singing, dancing and rap music.

Practicing for the program are (from left) "Christmas Tree" Kristi Campbell, "Reindeer" Ryan Hays, "Santa" Matthew Wright, "Mrs. Santa" Sharla Kenworthy, "Snowman" Ivan Glover, and "Bell" Jaci Correa. The public is invited to view the program.

Photo by Linda Maxwell

DATA donates cedar chest

The DATA Club of Dimmitt is raffling off a cedar chest, with proceeds to benefit the Shawn Cotter Medical Fund.

The drawing will be held Monday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5, or a book of 10 for \$15. For tickets, call Tammy Heard at 647-4592. Also participating in the raffle is the Dimmitt High School Technology Education Club.

The cedar chest is on display at the First State Bank of Dimmitt, and tickets also may be bought there. The chest measures 20x24x48 and is made of oak and walnut with full cedar lining.

LGA names officers

The Dimmitt Ladies' Golf Association installed new officers at the club's annual Christmas party Friday night at the Castro County Country Club.

Installed as president was Treene Matthews, with Kellie Proffitt as vice president, Betty McClure as secretary-treasurer, and Gay Holcomb as reporter. Out-going president was Jo Beth Mays, who served in the office for two years. Performing the installation was Mozelle Hall.

Kellie Proffitt served a dinner of turkey and dressing and all the trimmings, and Christmas gifts were exchanged.

All members are encouraged to attend the meetings of the association.

DHS Band pecans in

The pecans are in. The Dimmitt High School Band took orders recently for pecans, and they have arrived. The cost will be \$5.25 per bag.

Deliveries will be made as soon as possible. For more information contact any band member or call 647-3105.

Carolyn's Corner

By Carolyn Osborn
CEA-Home Economics

BRISK TEMPERATURES NIP RESISTANCE

Santa may bring many delightful gifts to people for Christmas, but unfortunately, he cannot deliver "good health."

That is a gift you can only give yourself.

And during the holiday season, it is important to take special precautions. People are out braving the elements to get last-minute shopping done. Winter storms and icy temperatures can bring with them the misery of cold and flu symptoms. leep is forsaken to finish "just a couple more things." The chances of letting your body run down are higher now than at any other time of year.

Holiday health tips:
 ♦ First, and perhaps most important, keep your body in excellent health at all times. It is not enough just to be concerned during the cold winter months. Care should be taken throughout the year to keep

the body's resistance built up.

♦ Dress appropriately for existing weather condition.

♦ Get plenty of rest.

♦ Allow yourself time to relax and enjoy life. Undue stress taxes the body severely. Learn to take a few deep breaths, close your eyes and relax.

♦ Engage in a regular exercise program which will help keep you physically and mentally fit. If overweight, use these winter months to your advantage and shape up for summer fun!

♦ Drink eight, 8-ounce glasses of water every day. Water composes up to 75% of your body and is involved in almost every bodily function. Without sufficient water, your organs and glands fail to function properly and waste pro-

ducts cannot be flushed out.

♦ Make sure you are eating a well-balanced diet. Don't skip breakfast. Eat three meals a day and include plenty of fruits and vegetables. Also of great importance is eating foods high in fiber, such as whole grain cereals and breads.

♦ When necessary, supplement your diet with vitamins. It may be difficult to get all the necessary vitamins and minerals from the foods eaten because so many are highly processed and refined. Check with your doctor for recommendations.

Evaluate your health practices and perhaps set new "good health" goals and resolutions for the coming new year. For more information, contact the Extension office, 647-4115.

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Church Happenings



BLESSING THE BUILDING — Msgr. Orville Blum (center) of St. Anthony's Church in Hereford blesses the new annex at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt Sunday while Pastor Norbert Choong (left) and Deacon Joe Ortega (right) look on. The parish's new activity center, which cost an estimated \$177,000 was dedicated during a special ceremony Sunday.

Photo by Art Ortega

Presbyterian Church

Presbyterians will observe Brown Bag Sunday this Sunday by bringing canned goods and non-perishable foods and toys for the Ministerial Alliance's Christmas baskets. Sunday school classes will meet Sunday morning at 10. "Patience" will be the subject of Pastor Edward D. Freeman's sermon at the Sunday morning worship service, which will begin at 11.

Ministerial Alliance

Sunday will be Brown Bag Sunday in all churches. People are asked to bring canned goods and non-perishable foods and toys to their churches Sunday for distribution in the Christmas baskets. Perry Hunsaker will lead the Castro County Ministerial Alliance in a study of Matthew 1:18-25 on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Hart. Ministers and their wives will have a covered dish Christmas dinner Saturday at the Presbyterian manse in Dimmitt. It will begin at 6 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Despite inclement weather, more than 500 parishioners were present Sunday for a four-event celebration at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt.

The church celebrated its parish feastday, an early Christmas, its 35th anniversary and dedicated its new community center. Msgr. Orville Blum from St. Anthony's Church in Hereford attended the celebration. Bishop LeRoy Mattheisen was expected, but he was unable to attend because of poor road conditions after the snow storm.

The Solemnity of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated at the 5:30 p.m. Eucharistic service Saturday. Patrice Schaaf will be gone from Dec. 14 to Jan. 4. We wish her a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Next Wednesday will be the last CCD class for students in the kindergarten through fifth grades in the present location. They will now study in the new parish hall.

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What's Cooking?

Here are the school lunch menus for Dimmitt, Hart and Nazareth from Dec. 10 to 18.

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THURSDAY: Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, pickles, onions, applesauce cake and milk.
FRIDAY: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, corn on the cob, fried okra, fruit and milk.
MONDAY: Chili dogs, French fries, dill relish, chocolate chip cookies, fruit and milk.
TUESDAY: Chicken pattie on a bun, corn on the cob, lettuce and tomato

salad, orange cake and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Pizza pockets, pinto beans, coleslaw, gelatin with fruit and milk.
THURSDAY: Barbecued turkey, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls, fruit salad and milk.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, potato chips, lettuce and pickles, apple and milk.

HART
THURSDAY: Pizza, corn, salad, fruit and milk.
FRIDAY: Nachos with meat, corn, pinto beans, rice krispie bars and milk.
MONDAY: Corn dogs, cheese wedge, pickles, French fries, pudding and milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey and dressing, Italian green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, sliced bread, applesauce cake and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Pizza, salad, carrot sticks, corn, cookies and milk.
THURSDAY: Enchilada casserole, corn, salad, tortillas, cake and milk.
FRIDAY: Ham sandwiches, lettuce, sliced tomatoes, potato chips, fruit and milk.

NAZARETH
THURSDAY: Tater tot casserole, broccoli, hot rolls, pears and milk.
FRIDAY: Pizza, corn, hot rolls, peaches and milk.
MONDAY: Tacos, corn, hot rolls, applesauce and milk.
TUESDAY: Turkey, dressing, gravy, green beans, hot rolls, peaches and milk.
WEDNESDAY: Hamburgers, French fries, chocolate chip cookies and milk.
THURSDAY: Frito pie, green beans, cornbread, pears and milk.
FRIDAY: Sandwiches, pickle spears, tater tots, oranges and milk.

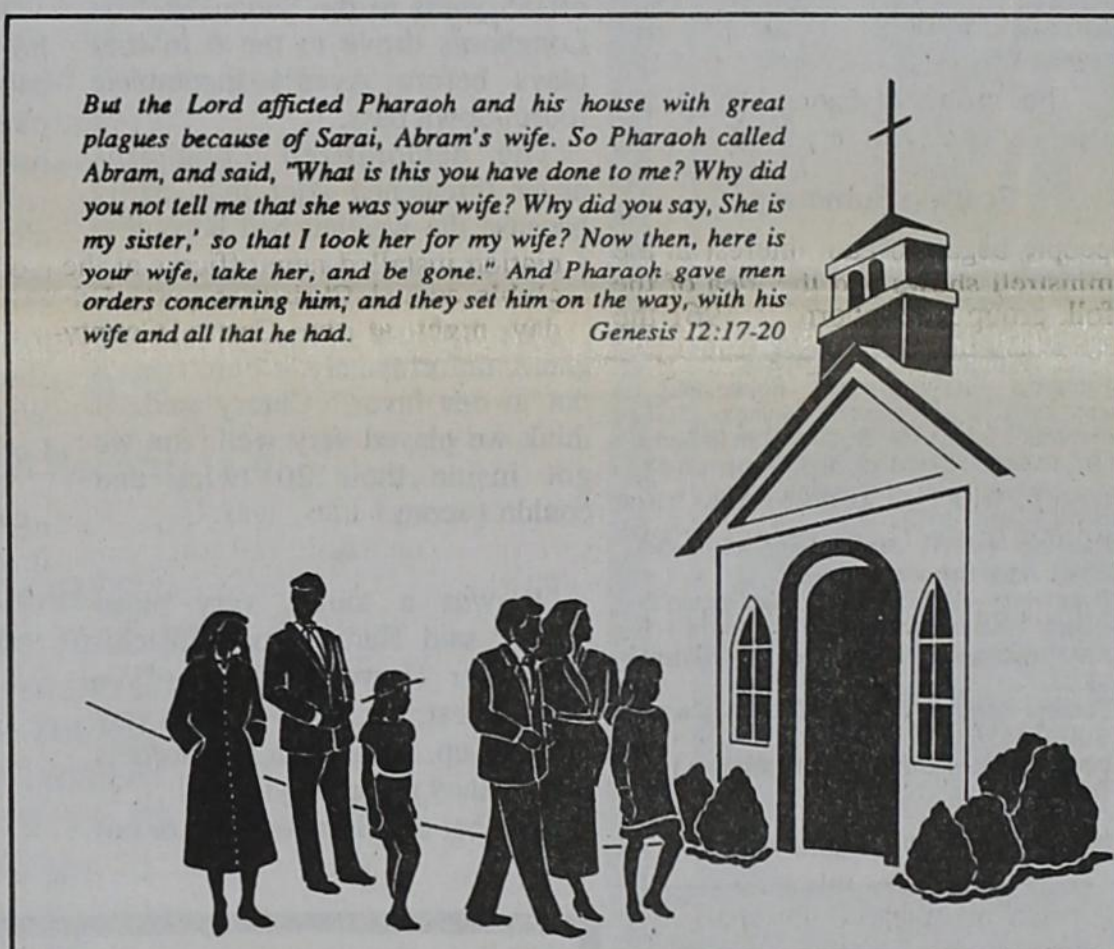
C of C plans annual meeting

The Dimmitt Chamber of Commerce's board of directors will hold its annual meeting today (Thursday) at 7 a.m. The annual meeting is normally held in the evening, but the board felt there would be fewer conflicts with a morning meeting. Four new directors will be elected to serve a three-year term at the meeting. Other items on the agenda will be a hearing committee and membership reports, a rundown on the 1992 financial statement and 1993 budget and to make plans for the 1993 program of work. One project being worked on currently is to attract the Rubinoff industry to Dimmitt. This will be discussed and questions will be answered about the upcoming bond election, which will be Jan. 9. Those who will retire from the board at the end of this year are Stan McDaniel and Richard Stahl, who have served two years apiece. A light breakfast will be served at the meeting and all members are urged to attend.

Shot clinic set

A special clinic which will offer child health exams immunizations against several diseases will be held on Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Azteca Complex in Dimmitt. Immunizations will be given on a first-come basis between the hours stated above. Exams will be performed by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment call 995-3638. All services are administered on a sliding scale basis, depending on family income and the number of people in the family. Parents are asked to bring along a copy of the child's immunization record and their social security number and Medicaid card.

Church Directory



But the Lord afflicted Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife. So Pharaoh called Abram, and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? Why did you say, 'She is my sister,' so that I took her for my wife? Now then, here is your wife, take her, and be gone." And Pharaoh gave men orders concerning him; and they set him on the way, with his wife and all that he had. Genesis 12:17-20

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Sports

Horns end best-ever season

Hart's dreams for a state championship in football came to an icy and abrupt end Friday night at the hands of District 2-A foe, Sudan.

For the second time this year the Hornets beat the Longhorns, but this time it was a 7-0 victory in the state quarterfinals.

District 2-A featured three of the top-ranked Class A teams in the state—Hart, Sudan and Nazareth. That trio ended district play in a three-way tie for the title and the Longhorns and Hornets advanced on a coin flip.

Friday night's Class A quarterfinal game between the two district rivals was a lot closer than the teams' first meeting, which Sudan won, 35-0.

The offensive stats reflect what a defensive battle the quarterfinal matchup was. Each team was held to about half of its usual offensive output. After watching the first quarter, visiting coaches commented that the team that scored first would win. Few of those in the stands expected a 7-0 game from these two teams, but that's what they witnessed.

Sudan scored with 8:21 left in the third period and that was all the Hornets needed to claim the victory.

That touchdown pass was one of only two completed, and one of only six attempted by the Hornets.

Sudan's big, fast Tim Williams won the rushing contest, gaining 97 yards on 28 carries. He was virtually the only offensive weapon that the Hornets used in the fourth quarter as they fought to retain possession of the ball.

"Sudan's got so much team speed, it's hard to stop them," said Hart Coach Alan Cherry. "Not just on offense, either. They're very quick on defense and that makes it hard to do things. You may think you've got a hole and can break for a long gain, but their guys are so fast, you're down before you know it."

Meanwhile, Cesar Salas finished with a net 27 yards on 13 carries and didn't carry the ball any more after the first series of plays in the third quarter. Barry Washington did a good job, gaining 38 yards on five carries.

"The game was close," said junior guard-cornerback Fred Reyna. "It just didn't turn out our way. Both teams played well. Sudan just got the breaks."

Hart ended its season with a 12-2 record, while Sudan improved to 12-2.

The weather at game-time was

miserable — temperatures in the 20s, with freezing drizzle starting in the second quarter—but both teams played their hearts out despite adverse playing conditions.

As the visiting school, Hart fans had the advantage of the solid east stands blocking the wind behind them, while it blew into the faces of the Sudan fans in the home stands. By halftime, the stadium seats were coated with ice; by the end of the game, so were the fans' clothing and hair.

A pair of penalties early in the game proved to be disastrous for the Longhorns.

After their first drive stalled at the Sudan 44, a Jason Aven punt was killed at Sudan's 1-yard line. On second-and-nine at the 2, Hart was penalized for offsides. Still, the Hart defense held and Sudan faced fourth-and-five at the 5-yard line. But on Sudan's punt play, Hart went for the block and drew a 15-yard roughing-the-punter penalty, letting Sudan out of the hole with a first down at the 20.

After holding and forcing Sudan to punt from its own 38, Hart drew a clipping penalty that nullified a 20-yard runback by Anthony Washington and added 15 yards to a 29-yard punt.

So after pinning Sudan at its own

Game at a Glance

	HRT	SDN
First Downs	8	13
Rushes-Yards	35-103	49-142
Passing Yards	34	29
Total Offense	137	171
Return Yards	72	76
Passes Comp/Att	4/9	2/6
Passes Intercepted by	0	1
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Punts-Avg.	4-32	5-39
Total Plays	48	59
Penalties-Yds	6-60	2-10

Hart	0	0	0	0	—	0
Sudan	0	0	7	0	—	7

Scoring Summary

Third quarter:
S—Michael Jefferson 16 pass from Andy Roberts (Ricky Weaver kick), 8:21

Individual Statistics

Rushing — HART: Cesar Salas 13-27, Jason Aven 12-2, Anthony Washington 5-36, Barry Washington 5-38; SUDAN: Tim Williams 28-97, Ricky Weaver 8-29, Andy Roberts 8-13, Gabe Narramore 3-11, Jason Bellar 1-2, Jerald Weaver 1(-10).

Passing—HART: Jason Aven 4/9-1-34; SUDAN: Andy Roberts 2/6-0-29.

Receiving—HART: Anthony Washington 2-19, Barry Washington 1-14, Israel Garcia 1-1; SUDAN: Michael Jefferson 1-16, Tim Williams 1-13.

Fumble Recoveries—HART: Israel Garcia 1; SUDAN: 1.

Interceptions—SUDAN: Ricky Weaver 1.

Tackles—
Records: HART 12-2; SUDAN 12-2.

1, the Longhorns got the ball back on their own 15.

Hart drew 35 of its 60 yards in penalties during that one Sudan drive, mainly from overly aggressive defense.

It was a dead-even ballgame in the first half. Each team had one penetration and five first downs at halftime. Hart led in total yardage, 98-48. The situation brought up questions of how the winner would be decided in case of a tie. The district rule, according to Nazareth's coaches, is that penetrations count first, then first downs, then total yardage gained, then a coin flip.

Fourth down conversions—or a lack of them—were the difference in the game. Hart was denied a touchdown late in the second quarter when Sudan's defense stopped the Longhorns on fourth-and-one at the Sudan 15, and another when Sudan's Ricky Weaver broke up an Aven pass on fourth-and-three from the Sudan 6 midway in the third.

Sudan muffed a field-goal attempt on fourth-and-12 from the Hart 15 early in the second quarter when a high snap killed the effort.

Sudan's winning touchdown came on a fourth-and-four play from the Hart 16 when quarterback Andy Roberts hit tight end Michael Jefferson in the end zone with a pass on Sudan's initial drive of the second half. The drive covered 58 yards in seven plays.

Cherry said the key during Sudan's scoring drive was a 24-yard gain by Weaver, giving Sudan a first down at Hart's 22.

Hart's third-quarter drive came right after the Sudan touchdown, after Cesar Salas returned the kickoff 55 yards to the Sudan 24. The Longhorns drove to the 6 in four plays before Aven's incomplete fourth-down pass.

The demoralized Longhorns never threatened after that, partly because the weather had become a major hindrance at that time, causing a wet ball and slick field.

"We had our chance to win the game, unfortunately it didn't work out in our favor," Cherry said. "I think we played very well. But we got inside their 20 twice and couldn't score."

"It was a tough, very close game," said Hart junior tailback/linebacker Harvey Robledo. "We did our best, but that's just the way it ended up. I just wish the Hornets luck as they go on playing."

Whether the Hornets use it or not



THIS FIRST-RATE EFFORT by Hart running-back Cesar Salas (30) led to a Longhorn first down inside Sudan territory in the third quarter of a Class A state quarterfinal football game at Level-land. Salas gained the yardage needed for a first

down before he's dragged down by Sudan's Ricky Weaver (15). The Longhorns' season ended with a 12-2 record as Sudan posted its second victory of Hart, 7-0.
Photo by Deana McLain

in the remainder of the playoffs, they have much more depth than either Hart or Nazareth had. Sudan suited up 37 players Friday night to Hart's 27.

It was a tough loss for the Longhorns, but the team has a lot to be proud of. They have won more playoff games than any other football team in the county's history.

Robledo and Cherry are quick to credit a lot of the Longhorns' success to "the strong senior leadership" of Bryan Welps, Daniel Berumen, Jayson Wilhelm, Jeremy Hawkins, Cody Upshaw, Anthony Washington, Chris Salinas, Juan Lopez and Jerry Moroles.

Moroles, a senior fullback-cornerback, suffered a left knee injury in the first half Friday, and will

undergo surgery at Lubbock Methodist Hospital Friday.

After Friday night's loss to Sudan, Moroles said "I'm going to miss playing football. We had the best season anyone in this county has had. We set a precedent for years to come."

"I think this team exceeded

people's expectations," Cherry said. "They played well all year. They just set their minds and went out and did what needed to be done (after earlier loss to Sudan). We won five games after that. The kids understood that they couldn't get down and expect to go anywhere. They overcame a lot of adversity to be successful."

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Season Records

Bobbies:

59, River Road 57
 46, Levelland 40

Queens Classic:

65, Randall 53
 39, Levelland 32
 46, Canyon 25
 (Championship)
 72, Coronado 32

Levelland Tournament:

63, Amarillo 57
 51, Abernathy 44
 76, El Paso Eastwood
 53
 45, Levelland 41
 (Championship)
 63, Monterey 49

Season Record: 11-0

Bobcats:

66, River Road 65
 43, Levelland 80

Borger Tournament:

41, Dumas 54
 46, Vernon 63
 54, Borger JV 34
 (Seventh Place)
 46, Brownfield 75

Plainview Tournament:

62, Estacado 82
 45, Hale Center 73
 49, Abernathy 54
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 47, Hereford 50

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Bobbies keep streak alive, win tough Levelland tourney

Amarillo High, Levelland and Abernathy are three of the best girls' basketball teams around, but each fell victim to the same foe in last weekend's Levelland Invitational.

That team was the red-hot, undefeated Dimmitt Bobbies.

The Bobbies were in the toughest — and longest — half of the bracket. They had to win three games to reach the finals while their championship game opponent, Levelland, just had to win two to claim the opposite berth.

Dimmitt opened the tournament last Thursday by posting a 63-57 victory over Class AAAAA Amarillo, then edged Abernathy 51-44 at 12 noon Friday. Later that day Dimmitt demolished El Paso Eastwood, 76-53, to earn a spot in the title game.

On Saturday, Dimmitt came from behind in the opening quarter to claim a seven-point halftime lead, then held off a fourth-quarter Levelland run to claim their second-straight tournament championship this year. Saturday's victory was also the Bobbies' third victory over Levelland this year. In the two previous outings, Dimmitt came out on top 39-32 and 46-40.

Halley Bradley was named the tournament's most valuable offensive player after she scored 53 points in the four games.

Bobbies 63, Amarillo 57

Dimmitt held an early lead over Amarillo last Thursday, but fell behind by eight points with under a minute to go in the opening stanza. The undefeated Bobbies put it all together down the stretch and pulled off a 63-57 win over the previously unbeaten Lady Sandies.

Dimmitt cut Amarillo's early lead to four points when Kim Thomas snared an offensive rebound and scored. Michelle Schumacher pulled the Bobbies to within a point after canning a three-pointer.

A trey by Wendi Ethridge tied the game at 25 early in the second stanza. Bradley picked up a basket with 4:58 left in the half to give Dimmitt its first lead since early in the game.

Rose Cruz scored, then hit a free throw to up the Bobbies' lead to five before Amarillo regrouped.

For the rest of the quarter, Dimmitt and Amarillo traded baskets, but neither team could manage to gain much of an advantage on the scoreboard. Thomas nailed a jumper at the buzzer to give the Bobbies a 36-33 halftime lead.

The lead see-sawed in the third quarter, and Dimmitt's shooting from the field turned cold, with the exception of Thomas'. She managed to score eight of Dimmitt's 13 third-quarter points and saved the Bobbies' lead headed into the final period.

Then Thomas hit three free throws at the start of the fourth period to expand her team's lead to 52-47 before Amarillo called a time out with 5:53 left in the game.

Amarillo's Traci Swayden caught fire after that and scored four unanswered points to tie the game at 52. A charity toss by Stephanie Andrus gave Amarillo a one-point lead with 4:56 left in the game. The teams traded leads before Dimmitt finally took over for good when Ethridge scored underneath for a 59-57 lead with a minute left.

Amarillo inbounded the ball with a minute left and worked for a shot to tie the game, but Stephanie Jones' jumper rimmed out and Thomas grabbed the rebound. Schumacher scored with 18 seconds left to give Dimmitt a four-point lead. Bradley hit a pair of free throws with six seconds left to ice the win.

Thomas finished with 18 points to lead the Bobbies while Bradley scored 14 and Ethridge added 12. Amarillo high was paced by Andrus' 15 points and Linden's 14.

Bobbies 51, Abernathy 44

Dimmitt faced its second toughest test of the tourney Friday at noon, but managed to choke out a seven-point win over Class AA power Abernathy.

The Lady Lopes stayed with Dimmitt most of the way, but never held a lead.

Dimmitt's balanced scoring, strong rebounding and sound man-to-man defense tipped the scales in the Bobbies favor, 17-10, in the opening stanza.

Dimmitt forced 10 turnovers in the first half and six players had

scored in the first 16 minutes of play.

After Abernathy's Elise Prather tied the score at four, Dimmitt ran off five consecutive points to gain control.

Cruz gave the Bobbies a nine-point lead when she scored after making an inside move that left her defender lost.

Abernathy kept Dimmitt guessing in the second quarter and even cut the lead to a point, 21-20, when Jennifer Williamson scored with four minutes left. But that was the last basket Abernathy would see until Prim Ryan hit a pair of free throws late in the quarter. Those shots cut Dimmitt's lead to five at halftime (27-22).

Prather nailed a three-pointer at the start of the second half, then added a basket at the five-minute point, but Dimmitt's defense and occasional full court press gradually took a toll on the Lady Lopes.

Ethridge put Dimmitt up by 10 — its biggest lead of the game — when she scored on an offensive rebound with three minutes left.

But Abernathy shut out the Bobbies for the rest of the stanza and managed to cut the lead to five.

Over the next four - and - a - half minutes, Dimmitt outscored Abernathy 10-4, then coasted to the win.

Bradley's 16 points were Dimmitt's best while Ethridge added 13. Prather was Abernathy's leading scorer with 20 points.

Bobbies 45, Levelland 41

If Levelland was hoping the third time would be the charm, they were disappointed Saturday.

They still couldn't pull off a victory over Dimmitt. But the Lady Lobos gave it a heck of a try.

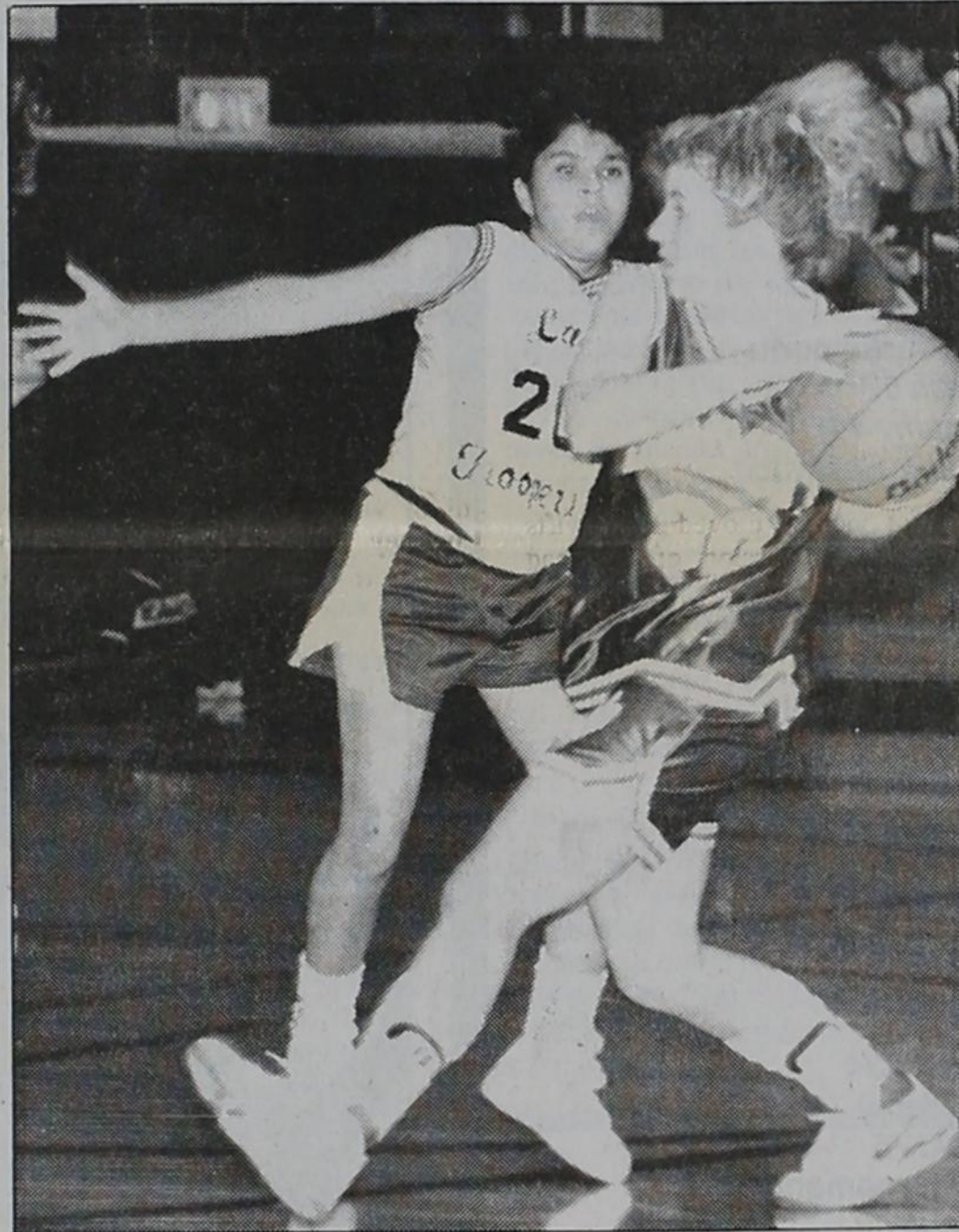
Levelland was on top after the first eight minutes, 10-6, but saw that lead evaporate as Dimmitt outscored the Lady Lobos 16-5 in the second stanza for a 22-15 halftime lead.

Levelland couldn't gain an advantage in the third quarter and even though the Lady Lobos managed to outscore Dimmitt, 14-11, in the final period, it wasn't enough for the win.

Bradley, Thomas and Ethridge each scored 10 points for the Bobbies. Dana Cunningham paced Levelland with 11 points and Emily Fowler scored 10.

Bobbies 76, El Paso Eastwood 53

Most teams who play one close, hard-fought game, then turn around



PUTTING ON THE BRAKES—Dimmitt point guard Michelle Schumacher (30) works the perimeter against El Paso Eastwood's Sandra Garcia (20) in the semifinals of the Levelland Invitational Tournament Friday night. Schumacher led the way with 16 points as the Bobbies won the game handily, 76-53. Dimmitt went on to defeat Levelland 45-41 Saturday night in the title game of the nine-team tourney.

Photo by Don Nelson



KIM THOMAS (27) sinks a short jumper to give Dimmitt a 14-6 first-quarter lead against El Paso Eastwood in the semifinals of the Levelland Invitational Tournament Friday night. Setting up to rebound are Dimmitt's Halley Bradley (21) and Tara Grand (42). The Bobbies won this game, 76-

53, and went on to defeat Levelland 45-41 in the title game Saturday. It was the second major tournament championship of the young season for the undefeated Bobbies, and included a 63-57 first-round victory over previously unbeaten Amarillo High.

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INSIDE MOVES—Nazareth's Melinda Schmucker scored from the inside, outside and free throw line against Tascosa last Thursday in the first round of the Canyon Classic, and she finished with 23 points in the game. But it wasn't enough, as the Swiftettes fell to the Class AAAAA Lady Rebels in double overtime. The Swiftettes defeated Palo Duro in the consolation semifinals, but their consolation championship game with Clovis, scheduled for Saturday, was cancelled because of bad weather. Schmucker was named to the all-tournament team.

Photo by Anne Acker

Naz teams to compete in Abernathy Tourney

Nazareth's girls will take on Vernon today (Thursday) at 1:40 p.m. and the boys will play Springlake-Earth at 3:05 in the opening rounds of the Abernathy Invitational Tournament.

Both first round games will be played at Abernathy High School, although some games will be played in New Deal's gymnasium.

The boys' and girls' divisions of the tournament each feature 16 teams.

In addition to the Swiftettes, the girls' tournament features New Deal, Meadow, Frenship, Ralls, Petersburg, Guthrie, Graham, Floydada, Tulia, Lockney, Lubbock Coronado, Crosbyton, Lubbock Roosevelt and Abernathy.

The boys' division includes the Swifts and Springlake-Earth, New Deal, Meadow, Estacado, Ralls, Petersburg, Denver City, Floydada, Sundown, Tulia, Lockney, Sudan, Crosbyton, Lubbock Roosevelt and Abernathy.

If the Swiftettes win their first-

round game today, they will meet either Petersburg or Guthrie Friday morning at 8. Should Nazareth lose its first game, it will take on the Guthrie-Petersburg loser Friday at 10:50 a.m.

Nazareth's boys' will play either Petersburg or Denver City in the second round. The winners will meet at 9:25 a.m. Friday while the losers will play at 12:15 p.m.

If the Nazareth teams advance into the championship rounds, they will play two games Friday—one in the morning and the other in the late afternoon or evening.

Saturday's final round opens with the girls' third- and fifth-place games at 12:30 a.m. (at Abernathy and New Deal); and the boy's third- and fifth-place contests at 2 p.m. The consolation championships will be played at 3:30 (girls) and 5 p.m. (boys). The girls' championship game will be played at 6:30 p.m., followed by the boys' title game at 8.

Swiftettes reach consolation final

After losing a double-overtime heartbreaker to Tascosa last Thursday in the first round of the Canyon Classic, Nazareth's Swiftettes bounced back to defeat Palo Duro and earn a spot in the consolation championship game.

But snow and ice prevented the Swiftettes from playing Clovis for the consolation title.

Nazareth Coach Ritchie Tarbet said the game would not be rescheduled.

Nazareth wing player Melinda Schmucker, a 5-10 freshman, earned all-tournament honors. Over two games, she scored 46 points to lead the Swiftettes.

foul as Owensby launched a desperation three-pointer with two seconds left. The official ruled Owensby's shot was a three-point attempt, and allowed her three free throws.

The junior sank the first two free throws, then Tarbet called a time out. But that didn't faze Owensby. She sank the final one to tie the game.

The Swiftettes started off hot, outscoring Tascosa 12-7 in the first seven minutes. But the Lady Rebels hit back-to-back three-pointers in the last 39 seconds of the period to claim a 13-12 lead.

Nazareth didn't let that lead stand for long. A basket by Melinda Schmucker and two by Jill Pohlmeier put the Swiftettes back in control, 18-13. Nazareth built its lead to six points, 42-36 by halftime and held that lead throughout the third stanza before things started going sour.

In the first overtime, the Swiftettes hit two field goals and Tascosa

nailed four charity tosses and the score was knotted at 51 with 1:03 left.

Tascosa turned the ball over on a inbounds play and the Swiftettes took over on their own end of the floor with 19 seconds left. Nazareth worked the clock, looking for a last-second shot, but Natalie Schmucker's attempted shot inside the lane bounced off the rim, forcing a second overtime.

Tascosa sealed the game in the next three-minute period by hitting 5-of-9 free throws while limiting Nazareth to one field goal.

Melinda Schmucker scored 23 points to lead the Swiftettes while

Jill Pohlmeier added 13.

Nazareth had an easier time handling Palo Duro in the consolation semifinal Friday.

Leading scorer for the Swiftettes was Melinda Schmucker, with Pohlmeier adding 16.

Palo Duro was never in the game after the first quarter.

The Swiftettes jumped out to an early 15-6 lead which they extended to 32-17 by halftime.

The Lady Dons made a run at Nazareth in the second half, but the Swiftettes managed to claim a 23-20 advantage—just enough to hold to the 55-37 victory.

Swifts rout opponents in Nazareth Tourney

The Nazareth Swifts were "leading the pack" in their round robin tournament before the tournament was cancelled because of an ice and snow storm Saturday.

The Swifts were the lone team in the four-team event to hold a 2-0 game record before the tourney was cancelled. Lockney had lost two games while Happy and Levelland Junior Varsity each held 1-1 records.

Saturday's schedule would have pitted Nazareth against Happy and Levelland against Lockney.

The Swifts' aggressive style of basketball was more than Lockney could handle last Thursday. Nazareth's defense dominated from the word go, and that forced several turnovers which resulted in points for the Swifts.

The 96-44 final score was Nazareth's biggest margin of victory so far this season.

The Swifts limited Lockney scorers to single-digit totals in the first and second quarters to claim a 45-15 lead.

In the third quarter, Lockney managed to double its score, but the Swifts added another 19 to their

total, nullifying Lockney's effort.

A 32-14 rout in the fourth quarter gave Nazareth its final 52-point win.

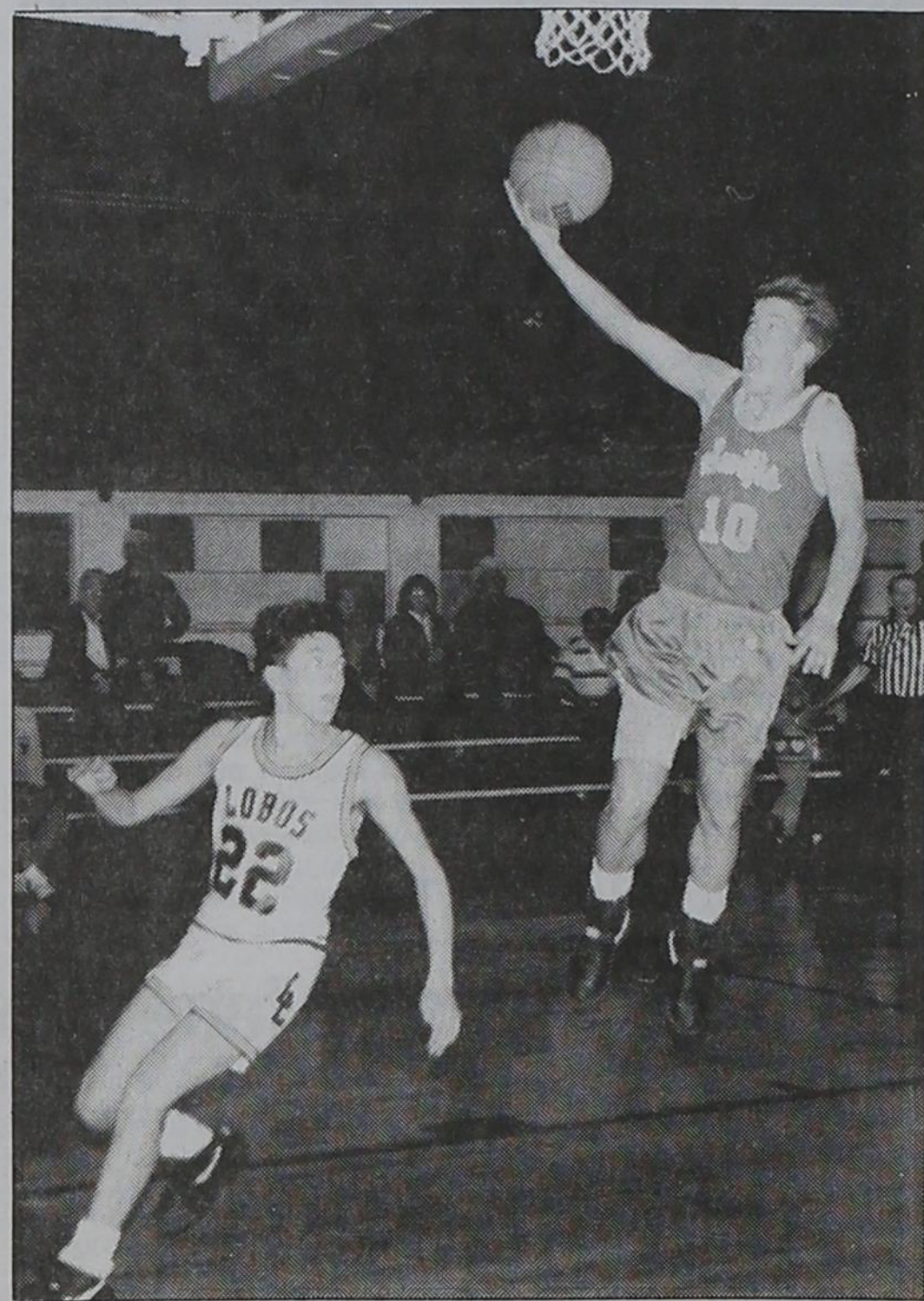
Adrian Farris' hot hand was responsible for 17 of the Swifts' points while teammates Justin Wethington and Scott Brockman added 16 each.

In the second game, the Swifts used a strong first-half showing to claim a 66-51 victory over Levelland.

Levelland couldn't stop Farris, who led all scorers with 29 points. Three other Swifts finished in double figures—Wethington had 13, Nick Johnson had 12 and Michael Schmucker added 10.

Nazareth didn't run a full-court press against Levelland, except for short intervals, but that didn't stop the Swifts from making steals and forcing turnovers — and Nazareth scored several of its points off of fast-break plays after Levelland turnovers.

That victory moved the Swifts into sole possession of the lead headed into the final round of the round robin tournament.

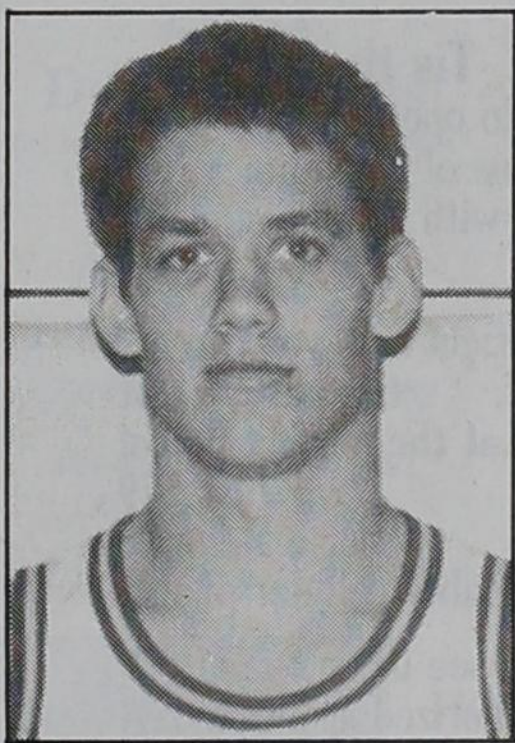


HIGH FLYING MOVES—Nazareth's Adrian Farris scores two of his game-high 29 points on this play—a one-on-one fast-break layup—during action in the second round of the Nazareth Round Robin Tournament Friday. Farris and the Swifts defeated Levelland's junior varsity 66-51. In the tourney's first round, the Swifts topped Lockney 96-44. The final game, which would have pitted Nazareth against Happy, was cancelled because of the snowy and icy weather conditions.

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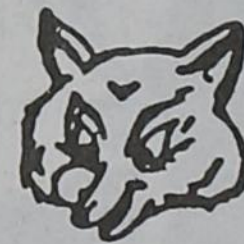


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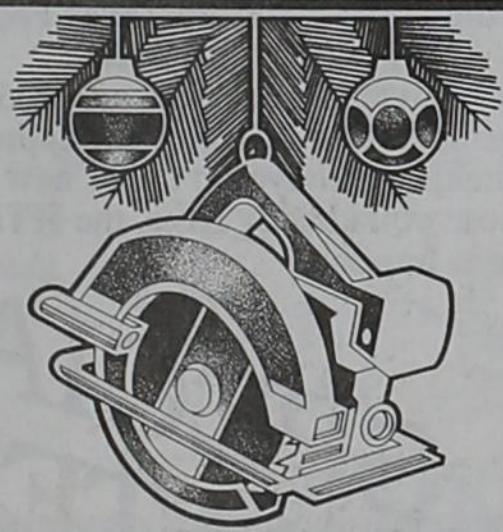
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Letter

Higgins urges local farmers to join TFU

Dear Editor:

For the past 12 years, Farmers Union and other progressive farm organizations have been on the outside looking in. With Bill Clinton's victory—having been members of the groups who helped elect him—we now have a "seat at the table" of agriculture policy.

We now have an opportunity for input to help rewrite the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) so that it is farmer-friendly for input that can help raise the loan rates and balance supply with demand.

Family farm history can only be changed with the involvement of

large farmers like ourselves. That is why we need local farmers' membership in Texas Farmers Union.

From the beginning, TFU has fought against the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). For 12 years, National Farmers Union has worked to bring profitability back to agriculture by raising the loan rates on our crops and balancing supply with demand. For the past three years, NFU has worked to dismantle NAFTA as it is currently written.

All our battles were waged against a hostile administration whose only input came from agri-

business and those so-called farm organizations that sold the producer out many years ago.

Now is NOT the time to sit on the sidelines; NOT the time to hope others will speak for us; NOT the time to allow agri-business to come knocking on President Clinton's door. Now IS the time to get involved and have a voice in OUR future.

Now IS the time to join TFU. We cannot do it alone, but side-by-side we can make a difference. Together we can win; we can make a life better for our families and the next generation of family farmers.

DOUG HIGGINS
Dist. 2 Director
Texas Farmers Union

Don Williams gets firearms certification

Cpt. Don Williams of the Castro County Sheriff's Dept. has been certified by the State of Texas as a firearms instructor.

Williams recently completed a semi-automatic pistol course in Lubbock. It was instructed by the Lubbock County Sheriff's Academy.

Instructors were Cpt. Alton Hobbs, National Rifle Association firearms instructor with the Lubbock County Sheriff's Office and Cpt. Danny Davis with the Texas Tech Police Dept.

In addition to firearms instruction, Williams also received basic instructor certification.

Williams now is certified to be a semi-automatic pistol instructor and is the firearms instructor for Castro County Sheriff's Office.

Williams won first place in his class in night shooting.

Each law enforcement agency in Texas is responsible for the training of its officers in the use of firearms.

Final drawing scheduled

Shoppers may still register for a chance to win Dimmitt Dollars in the final drawing sponsored by Dimmitt merchants.

The Chamber of Commerce Christmas promotion began Nov. 19 with the annual Christmas Open House and a visit from Santa.

Winners in the drawing held Monday were Jody Huseman, who

registered at the Sweet Shop, and Minnie Rivery, who registered at the First State Bank. They each won \$50 in Dimmitt Dollars.

The final drawing will be held Monday (Dec. 14). Two prizes will be awarded — one for \$100 in Dimmitt Dollars and one for \$200 in Dimmitt Dollars. The final drawing will include sign-up slips from all who have registered throughout the four-week period of the promotion.

Businesses participating in the drawings are displaying special red bows on their doors.

Participants include: Anthony's, Dairy Queen, El Sombrero, Harman's, Hays Implement/Tru-Value, Henderson's TV & Appliance/Ceramics, Kittrell's/Radio Shack, Lockhart Pharmacy, Maria's Mexican Food Restaurant, Perry's, Pizza Hut, Red X Travel Center, Seale Florist, Sears, Sheffy's Western & Casual, Tots & Teens, Village Shop, Coleman Pharmacy, Dimmitt Consumers, Dimmitt Office Supply, First State Bank, Headhunters, Hereford Texas Federal Credit Union, Higginbotham-Bartlett, IGA

Foodliner, Sweet Shop, The Place, Thriftway, and the Castro County News.

Five earn All-Region

Five members of the Dimmitt High School Bobcat Band have been selected as members of the Area I All-Region Band.*

The five qualified in try-outs held Monday night at Highland Park High School in Amarillo. They will perform with the All-Region Band in a concert to be scheduled later.

Those selected are Amanda Odom, flute; Katrina Vernon and Carrie Matthews, clarinets; Amy Smithson, French horn; and David West, percussion.

"Congratulations are due these band members for a job well done," said a Band Booster spokesperson. "We appreciate their hard work and dedication."

Greetings deadline is Monday

If you want to wish your friends and relatives a Merry Christmas through the community Christmas greetings projects in Dimmitt, Hart or Nazareth, you have until Monday, Dec. 14, to sign up.

Individuals are asked to donate the amount they normally would spend on sending Christmas greetings to local friends, and in return, their names will be listed on a community greeting card which will be published in the Dec. 24 Christmas edition of the News.

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

Hart's Hale County State Bank is the place for making donations to the Hart community greeting, with the funds designated for the Hart Cemetery Fund.

In Nazareth, the funds benefit the Holy Family Cemetery Fund and donations may be made in specially designated boxes at Home Mercantile in Nazareth, at the Nazareth Post Office or at Holy Family Church.

Those in charge of the community greetings projects must submit the list of names to the News by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

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This come-and-go luncheon is our way of saying "thank you—we appreciate you for being our friends and customers."

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Sunnyside

By Teeny Bowden, 647-5703

David Sadler went to the doctor in Amarillo Saturday and ended up having his gall bladder removed. He came through just fine without heart complications.

Ezell and Verba Sadler and Ruth King went up to be with Gay while she waited during the surgery.

James and Joan Norrell spent Thanksgiving day with both their parents.

Willie Mae and Embree Roy Sadler got a letter from Gale this week. Verna was doing the writing and she said it was so hot there now, they felt exhausted all the time, and couldn't get much work done during the hottest days.

Rev. John and Ginger Hazle spent Thanksgiving Day with their parents, who all live in Pampa.

Verna Thompson and her son, Luther, and his wife, Sherry, all of Hobbs, N.M., visited with Goldie Thompson last Thursday. Verna's husband and Goldie's husband were twins.

A.C. (Adrian) Bowden and his wife, Jo, of Lubbock visited Monday afternoon with Teeny Bowden and with his cousin, Goldie Bowden.

Melody and Walter Roye and children, Shaina, Samuel and Spencer, came for Thanksgiving and went back to Hobbs Friday. Karla Sadler came with them.

There was no church Sunday because of the sleet and drizzle and some snow, which left a coat of ice on the roads and walks.



This is no longer a working number. Designated for many years for reporting fires, this number has been disconnected.

To report a fire, use the shorter, easier to remember 9-1-1 system.

The old number is still listed in the front of phone directories and may be posted beside telephones in homes and businesses, but local firemen encourage the public to use the 9-1-1 system.

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Letter

Barefield addresses school finance issue

Why must we agonize ourselves with this charade to equalize school finance?

It doesn't take a genius to understand what the Texas Supreme Court meant when they said "...the consensus for at least two decades has been that systemic change is essential to correct the deficiencies in the school system."

"In Rodriguez, the US Supreme Court observed 'The need is apparent for reform in tax systems which may well have relied too long and too heavily on the local property tax. And certainly innovative thinking as to public education, its methods and its funding is necessary to assure both a higher level of quality and greater uniformity of opportunity. These matters merit the continued attention of the scholars who already have contributed much by their challenges. But the ultimate solutions must come from the lawmakers and from the Democratic pressures of those who elect them.'

"In Edgewood I, we stressed 'The system itself must be changed.' As long as our public school system consists of variations on the same theme, the problems inherent in the system cannot be expected to suddenly vanish."

The court further stated that "the Constitution prohibits, however, heavy reliance on grossly disparate local revenue to provide funding essential for public schools."

Edgewood II, 804 SW 2d at 496-97, 500. Were local revenue but an insubstantial part of the total funding, the disparities in school district property wealth might be inconsequential to the system as a whole. But when local revenue pays a very significant part of the cost of a fundamental education—now more than half—those disparities dominate the entire system."

Why do we continue to place such a tremendous burden of school finance on the local property tax? The current legislative proposals all seem to come from the same bag.

Please review how Texas compares with the nation in several areas:

- Local property tax increases over the last 10 years—first.
Local property tax for public education (1989)—seventh.
Total combined property tax (1989)—13th.
Total sales tax—third.
Per-capita local taxes (1989)—17th.
Per-capita state taxes (1989)—48th.
Average spent in education per pupil (1989)—36th.
Average teacher salary (1990-91)—34th.

As Bob Bullock was quoted, "Texas already has almost every tax known to mankind, and in most instances—such as our combined state and local sales tax—our rates are among the highest in the nation." ("Hand in Hand," Texas Lone Star, April/May 1991).

I truly do not believe our taxes have diminished since that statement was made. In fact, we have instituted bingo, parimutual racing and the great lottery on top of our already existing revenue sources. State leaders have led us along a rosy path peddling these wonderful solutions. All of our leading taxes are inequitable and falling heavily on poor and middle-income Texans.

Among businesses, the tax burden falls heavily on a handful of industries while other types of businesses escape state and local taxes almost entirely.

Why continue to rely on these inequitably regressive, saturated revenue sources instead of restructuring our revenue system to meet the needs of the 21st Century? We need a system that can expand, can reflect one's ability to contribute and can be flexible. As we consider such a system, we can reduce the tremendous burden of the sales and property taxes.

Texas has tremendous wealth. Some that have tremendous wealth are not carrying their proportionate share of the load. We need leadership to point out the inequities of the current system and to stir the masses instead of scaring them.

The argument that having no income tax helps the state business environment rings hollow as we hear Ted C. Jones, chief economist for the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University make the following statement in the Nov. 11 issue of the Amarillo Daily News:

"Manufacturing jobs are the most important jobs you have in the local economy because those dollars are spent here. We have lost the most important part of our work force.

"Is it going to continue? Yes, and it's going to accelerate.

"Jones said that businesses are choosing to expand or relocate new facilities elsewhere because of the state's current tax system which relies on corporate, franchise and property taxes. Businesspeople have complained, he said, that the current system forces them to pay

Disabled get new 'logos'

New parking insignia for disabled motorists are available at the Castro County Tax Assessor/Collector's office at the courthouse.

The State of Texas has issued new license plates featuring the wheelchair emblem, replacing the current license plates which display the wheelchair emblem on a sticker.

Also, the state has issued blue plastic placards that hang from the rearview mirror for disabled motorists. Paper placards are currently in use.

"People who have disabled placards need to come in and exchange them with us for the new plastic ones," said Tax Assessor/Collector Billy Hackleman. "Also, the regular license plates need to be exchanged for the new ones."

The exchange must be made by Dec. 31, Hackleman said. People who have the current identification can exchange the items at no charge.

The blue disabled placards are transportable with the user to any vehicle in which he or she travels. The cost is \$5 and the placard remains valid for five years. A red placard, which is for people who are temporarily disabled, also costs \$5 and is valid for six months.

Hackleman said the new placards bring Texas into compliance with federal disabled standards, so they should be acceptable anywhere in the US.

To obtain the license plates designated for the disabled, the applicant must fill out a form available in Hackleman's office. The form also requires the signature of the disabled person and that of a doctor. There is no fee for the plates beyond the normal vehicle registration fee.

Hackleman estimated that the county has 150 who are eligible for the special plates. He said 130 have been issued this year, along with 200 disabled placards.

"Only about 60 have been replaced with the new placards, and they need to be exchanged by Dec. 31," Hackleman said.

taxes whether or not they make money.

"He said that 'maybe' the state needs to develop a tax system that collects taxes on income, but not if it discourages people from being more productive."

Even Bob Bullock knows that we urgently need to restructure our tax system. Please review the Bullock article in the April/May 1991 edition of the Texas Lone Star. It makes even more sense today than at that time. We need some folks on the bandwagon and we need leadership.

School finance and our state revenue system are inextricably linked. The future progress of each must overcome the present political games that are occurring. We can kill two birds with one stone if we seize the moment.

Current school finance plans, as

a whole, contain features very detrimental to small schools. Within the existing state revenues, small schools will take it on the chin because large districts have the votes. I propose that we expand the revenue pool while continually seeking economy of operation. There is tremendous research that supports the effectiveness of small schools. However, much of the legislation would force many of these schools to close. One feature of such legislation would force local property taxes through the roof. School boards and administrators will not take the blame for this happening.

We need your assistance and leadership in proposing some new solutions to this financial quagmire. I hope we can count on you.

PHIL BAREFIELD Hart ISD Superintendent

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Obituaries



Mayme Birdwell

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Services for longtime Castro County resident Mayme Birdwell, 89, of Dimmitt, were held Wednesday afternoon in Dimmitt's First United Methodist Church with Rev. Johnny Robertson, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mrs. Birdwell died at 11:55 p.m. Sunday at Canterbury Villa Nursing Home after a lengthy illness.

She was born Mayme Evelyn Hawkins on Aug. 16, 1903, in Loving. She attended schools in Loving and taught school for two years in Young County.

On July 21, 1923, she married J.M. "Buddy" Birdwell in Young County. After their marriage, the couple lived on a farm near Graham. They moved to Castro County in October 1925. Mr. Birdwell died on July 12, 1970.

Mrs. Birdwell was a member of the Methodist Church, United Methodist Women, Fellowship Sunday School Class and the Rebekah Lodge. She was a housewife.

Survivors include two sons, Kent and Bill, both of Dimmitt; a daughter, Bobby Dodd of Dimmitt; two sisters, Joan Hamer of Melrose, N.M. and Wilda Hawkins of Dimmitt; nine grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

Pallbearers were Russel Birdwell, Kelly Birdwell, Jim Birdwell, Tommy Stanton, Ronnie Ballard and Larry Birdwell.

The family requests memorials be to the First United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.

Toribio Davila

Toribio Davila, 69, of Dimmitt, died at 12:30 a.m. Sunday at his home after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dimmitt with Fr. Norbert Choong, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed in Castro Memorial Gardens in Dimmitt under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. Davila was born in Austin and moved to Dimmitt in 1953 from Brownfield. He married Vicky on March 25, 1944, in Levelland. He was a carpenter and a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, T.D. Jr., John and Pete, all of Dimmitt, and Richard of Hereford; two daughters, Valentina Cantu of Grand Prairie and Bertha Melendrez of Denver, Colo.; six sisters, Paula Garcia of Grand Prairie, Mary Vasquez and Antonio Rolles, both of Dimmitt, Pefonia Constacio of Fresno, Calif. and Angie Vasquez and Olivia Rodriguez, both of Pomona, Calif.; three brothers, Trinidad Davila and Pete Davila, both of Dimmitt and Joe Davila of Pomona; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lazra Diaz

Lazra Diaz, 71, of Littlefield, brother of Vince Vasquez of Dimmitt, died at 6 a.m. Monday at her home after an illness.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Littlefield with Rev. Clarence Huber officiating.

Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home of Littlefield.

Mrs. Diaz was born in San Carlos, Mexico. She moved to Littlefield in 1960. She married Albino Diaz in 1963 in Littlefield. She was

a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband; three stepsons, Gilbert of Littlefield, Lutero of Weslaco and Jose of Hondo; three stepdaughters, Juanita of Michigan and Beva and Lupe, both of San Antonio; two brothers, Vasquez and Israel Gonzales of Piedras Negras, Mexico; four sisters, Orfa Chuey and Julia Josefa Vasquez, both of Piedras Negras, Josefa Vasquez of San Antonio and Ruth Gonzales of Houston; 36 grandchildren; and 72 great-grandchildren.

Tommy Ray Keener

Tommy Ray Keener, 58, of Tullia, former Dimmitt resident, died at 11:50 a.m. Friday at Lubbock's Methodist Hospital after a lengthy illness.

Services were held Monday morning at Tullia's First Baptist Church with Rev. Charles Davenport, pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. Gil Ramirez and Rev. Rex Clayton, both of the First Baptist Church in Sundown.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery at Tullia under the direction of Wallace Funeral Home of Tullia.

Mr. Keener was born April 9, 1934, in Pettus and he married Myrna Stokes on Aug. 5, 1956, in Sundown. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and directed the church's Silvertones Singers.

He was a retired school teacher and had taught at schools in Hart, Dimmitt and Tullia. He moved to Tullia in 1968 from Dimmitt.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Carey Keener of Sundown, Kevin Keener of Fritch, Lynn Keener of Hereford and Thannie Fuentes of Buena Park, Calif.; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Clyde Vaughn, E.W. Riley, O.B. Barnes, Julius Stevens, Tom Garrison and Jim Reynolds.

Lester McDermitt

Services for Lester McDermitt, 85, of Dimmitt, will be held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at the First Baptist Church in Dimmitt with Rev. Paul Kenley, pastor, officiating.

Burial will follow in Castro Memorial Gardens under the direction of Foskey Funeral Home of Dimmitt.

Mr. McDermitt died at 8 a.m. Tuesday after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Putnam, Okla., and had lived in Earth before mov-

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years, she couldn't remember the words to the old hymns, but by golly, she could whistle every one of them—which she did, happily and on key, at every hymn-singing session.

Mayme was in our church too—every time the doors opened. She never had much to say, but you could always depend on her being at her place in the church.

And in the gym, too. She saw her son Bill become Dimmitt's first all-stater in boys' basketball, and more than two decades later she saw her grandson Jim attain the same honor.

Lester was one of the fathers around town as I grew up, but he was more than that—he was a friend, too, to all of us of whatever age. He loved sports—especially baseball—and I always assumed (though he never said it) that he was a pretty fair baseball player in his day.

After Lester retired, if there was a baseball game going on—Little League, Pony League, a Sunday pick-up game or whatever—he would usually be there.

I'm glad Lester got to live long enough to see his grandson, Tracy Saul, break the Southwest Conference football record for interceptions and make all-conference and all-American at Tech. There again, he didn't toot his horn much about it, but you could tell how proud he was.

A town is people, and these three were part of the fabric of Dimmitt, and I'll miss them.

ing to Dimmitt in 1940. He married Ettie Hall on Jan. 28, 1933, in Clovis, N.M. She died on April 15, 1990.

Mr. McDermitt was a retired bookkeeper. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Castro Masonic Lodge 879 AF & AM.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth of Cortez, Colo.; four daughters,

Audrey Shottenkirk of Dimmitt, Betty Lassiter of Carrollton, Jane Walker of Amarillo and Doris Saul of Dalou; 13 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Toby Walker, Tracy Saul, Tony Fisher, Blake Ellis, Chad Ellis and Jay Lassiter.

The family suggests memorials be to the Ettie McDermitt Scholarship Fund, in care of the First State Bank of Dimmitt.

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